



Future Families

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Mount Carmel College's twice yearly update for future enrolled families



Welcome to our Community

Dear Future Families

Welcome to the first edition of Future Families for 2025, one of our communications to keep in touch with you as a future student and family of the College.

Fantastic Year 12 SACE Results for 2024

On behalf of the College community, we congratulate the Year 12 Class of 2024 on their excellent South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) results.

We again had 100% South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) completion rate, as has been the case for many years at Mount Carmel College. More than 99% of all grades awarded were C- or higher and there were no E grades at all.

Special congratulations to our Dux of 2024, Astin Lu.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved a Merit and will be presented with it in a ceremony at Government House: Benjamin Khuu (Integrated Learning), Zack Nghiem (Research Project), Josipa Pavlovic (Research Project), Sarah Rayan (Research Project).

100% of our students who applied for university received an offer in the first round and of these, just over 83% were offered their first preference.

We are very proud of the outstanding results achieved by our Year 12 students. We know that excellent academic achievements are the result of a lot of hard work and the wonderful partnership in learning between the student, parents, teachers, support staff and the College. Our Year 12 students enthusiastically participated in the many different opportunities open to them through Mount Carmel College.

Building Projects

The Opening of the Carmelite Centre and the Western Technical College Expansion was a very proud day for the College. We were delighted with the number of guests and VIPs who attended including Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, Minister Blair Boyer MP and Dr Neil McGoran, Executive Director of Catholic Education SA. Our students were outstanding as they made visitors feel welcome, the choir were excellent and our student body listened intently to the excellent messages from the speakers. Our Carmelite Centre is a brilliant multi-purpose airconditioned space, for learning, play and recreation. The Expansion of the Western Technical College keeps us at the forefront as the outstanding technical college in the region. The Western Technical College, a campus of Mount Carmel College and located across the street from our Secondary Campus at Rosewater, offers a wide range of courses. Newer courses such as electrotechnology, automotive servicing and plumbing are very popular, whilst traditional favourites such as

building and construction, carpentry, hair and beauty and metal engineering continue to attract strong enrolments.

Meanwhile our next two major building projects are well underway.

On the Primary Campus the construction of a new, state of the art double storey classroom building, with additional toilets and a new canteen is progressing extremely well. On the Secondary Campus work is also well underway on the new senior secondary centre and the bridge across the road linking our buildings at first floor level.

These projects are part of our ongoing plan to provide our students with an excellent environment for learning.

Grasp the Opportunities

The evidence clearly supports the theory that the students who get the most out of schools such as Mount Carmel College are those who enthusiastically embrace the educational, cultural, sporting and social justice offerings available.

Students at our College have the opportunity to participate in a number of voluntary activities including inter-school sports competitions, debating, a school Musical every two years and an Expressive arts Showcase I the intervening years, Pedal Prix and STEM MAD, to name a few.

Follow us

If you have not done so already, I would encourage you to sign up on our website in the Newsletter section so that you receive our fortnightly Newsletter automatically via email. Our Facebook page is another excellent way to keep informed about our College community life. You can find us at www.facebook.com/mccadelade

Best wishes

John Konopka, Principal

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Balaklava Eisteddfod

In August, Mount Carmel College made a return to Balaklava to once again take part in the Balaklava Eisteddfod. The Eisteddfod is a music competition which takes place in August each year and sees hundreds of students from all over South Australia travel to the little town to perform in a variety of music competitions.

Our Choir took to the stage first, and it was fantastic to see our students shine as they performed 'California Dreamin' by the Mommas and the Pappas and 'When I Grow Up' from the hit musical Matilda. All students did a great job receiving some very

positive feedback from the adjudicators.



The Senior Rock Band were next in a packed lineup that included over 20 schools. They opened their performance with a great rendition 'In The Summertime' by Australian band Thirsty Merc before closing out their set with the super popular 'Mr Brightside' by The Killers. Again the students delivered a great performance with some positive feedback from the adjudicators but more importantly the vocal crowd in the room.

Pedro Ferreira
R-12 Arts Coordinator



Oliphant Science Awards



Congratulations to our students who attended the Oliphant Science Awards. There were over 3600 project entries for these awards and we had some students who won awards on the night. Sukhman Sandhu (Year 8), was awarded 2nd place in the Programs, Apps and Robotics section. Katie Footner and Christos Walker (Year 11) received two awards. They placed 3rd within the Models and Intervention Category and 1st place with a Science and Engineering Category. Congratulations to everyone who submitted entries. A special thanks to Mr Tran who puts in so much time to support the students. It was wonderful to see the end product.

Harmony Day - Primary Campus



Harmony Week is a celebration of Australia's cultural diversity, promoting inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for all. At Mount Carmel College, the Primary Campus celebrated Harmony Week during Week 8 (Monday 18 March – Friday 22 March) with a range of engaging activities.

In the lead-up to Harmony Week, each year level created banners representing the different cultures within our school community. These banners were proudly displayed around the school boundary, showcasing our commitment to the message that 'Everyone belongs' at Mount Carmel College.

Throughout the week, students enjoyed a variety of lunchtime activities held in the Hall. A beautiful

Harmony Day Mural was also created and is now on display for everyone to enjoy.

On Friday 22 March, students were encouraged to celebrate their heritage by wearing cultural dress, an orange top, or a splash of orange – the official colour of Harmony Day. That same day, the Year 4 students hosted an assembly, which included a special moment where students in cultural dress walked the MCC Catwalk.

Harmony Week also gave students the chance to connect with a buddy to complete activities focused on sharing and celebrating culture. To finish the week, staff and students gathered on the oval for a shared picnic lunch, bringing everyone together in celebration of our rich cultural diversity.

Deb Casburn
Cultural Inclusion Coordinator



Year 12 Food & Hospitality



The Year 12 Food and Hospitality class finished their course on a high note, designing and producing contemporary

celebration cakes. Students stepped out of their comfort zone to learn about different cake decorating styles and techniques, specialized tools and equipment. They used a combination of visually pleasing elements, well-thought-out designs, complementary colours and textures to produce classic chocolate ganache drip cakes, chocolate shard cakes and more trendy beach inspired cakes, burning cakes, and rice paper sail decoration cakes. Overall, a highly successful and enjoyable practical! Well done!

Ingrid Howard, Food & Fabric Teacher



Holocaust Incursion Year 10 History



As part of the 10 History curriculum students study World War II.

A new museum was opened in 2020 in Wakefield Street around

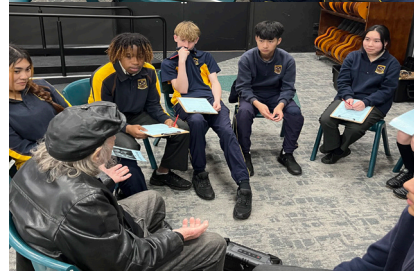
the Holocaust, which unfortunately is closed for renovations at the moment. We were lucky enough that Tamas who is the Education Coordinator brought the museum and the volunteers to us on Wednesday 21 August so that all Year 10 students were able to participate.

The day started with listening to Tamas the Education Coordinator explaining a few key things about the Holocaust, doing some primary source analysis activities and questions. The students worked collaboratively to find information and answer questions related to each of the six South Australian Survivors. Then they heard from Andrew Steiner himself who spoke and answered questions about his experience as a survivor.

The students really enjoyed hearing about the stories of the Holocaust survivors and the lesson learnt was that the prejudice and discrimination of the past should help us today and, in the future, to try and prevent some of these things happening again.

Adelaide Holocaust Museum and Andrew Steiner Education Centre (<https://ahmsec.org.au>)

*Felicity Daviess
HASS Coordinator (7-12)*

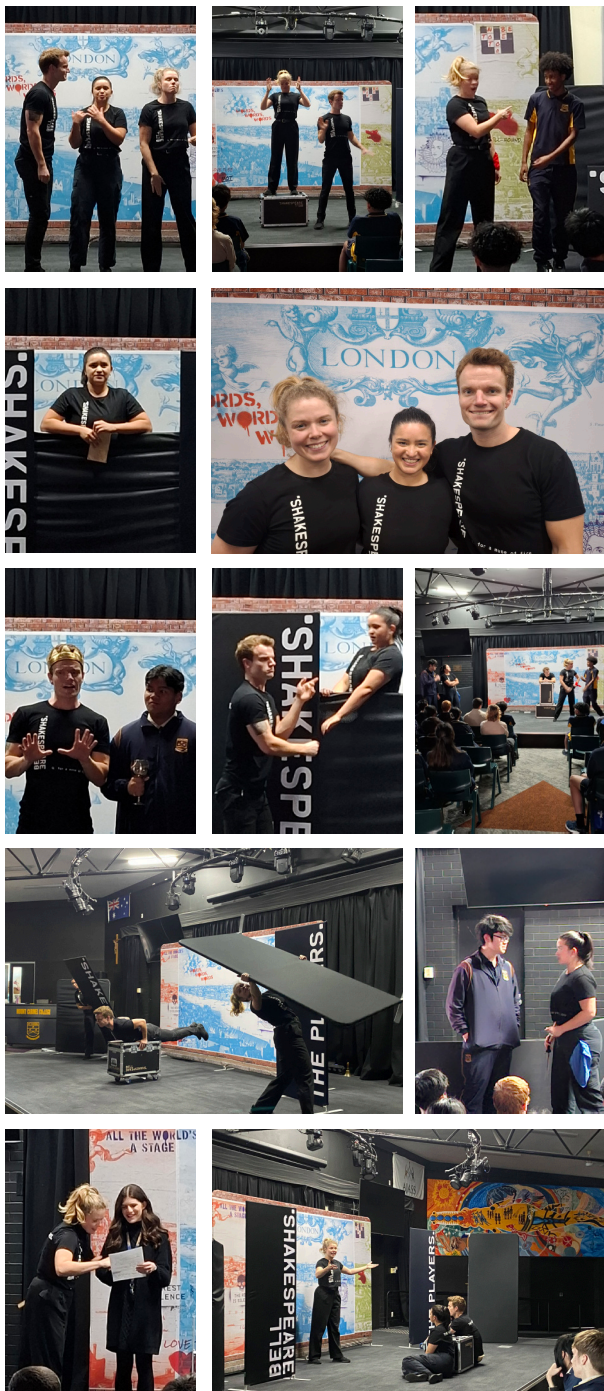


Captains Represent MCC at Government House



Recently our Year 12 College Captains, along with Year 12 leaders from other schools, were invited to Government House. Angela Shaju and Steven Ward, as always, represented us so proudly, and we are proud of them. Dr Jill Gowdie, Director Catholic Education SA, graciously sought out our leaders at the event. Dr Jill inspired our students at our Dux Assembly earlier in the year.

Shakespeare Performance



On Friday 16 August, the Year 10 English classes and the Year 9 Drama class were fortunate to see a wonderful live performance by the Bell Shakespeare Company. We had three actors come to perform their rendition of Shakespeare's life and work in the form of a compilation play titled "Shakespeare is Dead!" Triona, Meghan and Joshua are the "The Players" of the Bell Shakespeare company and they put on a sometimes hilarious, sometimes poignant, but always highly engaging performance. "The Players" called upon audience volunteers, who did an amazing job in front of the well-behaved Year 10 cohort. Congratulations, therefore, go to Lamek Russom, Lorenzo Del Mundo, Minh Quan Tran and Stephanie Kyriacou for their impromptu and fine acting performances.



Steve Jelonek
English Coordinator

Year 3



Year 3 have made a great start to the 2025 school year.

We have enjoyed week 1-2 as establishments weeks, getting to know our new class environment, routines and expectations. We have made written class agreements, acknowledgements of country and goals for the 2025 school year. During our establishment weeks we have behaviours and dispositions that help us be ready to learn, strategies for dealing with difficult tasks and cooperative teamwork. Year 3 are working towards building their work focus skills and cooperative behaviours. 3H week 2 we celebrated Lunar New Year by learning about the customs and making paper twirl snakes for Year of the Snake 2025. We learnt that a snake traits are: wisdom, knowledge, intelligence, intuition, and creativity.

In the first few weeks of the year in 3S, we have been busy thinking about our goals for 2025. With excitement and determination, each student wrote down their aspirations for the year ahead. From improving reading skills to mastering maths, and even exploring new hobbies, our Year 3s are ready to take on the challenges of the year. We can't wait to see all the amazing things our Year 3 students will achieve in 2025!

Rosy Hevko & Isobel Scott
Year 3 Teachers



Year 5 & 6 Sports Day Awards

Congratulations to the following Primary Campus students for their outstanding achievement during our 5-12 Sports Day:

U11 B James Dell (MacKillop)
U11 G Tayah Hammond (Agius)
U12 B Noel Kadisha (Joseph)

During the week a Year 5 & 6 Assembly was held where students were presented with a medal by John Konopka. The winning House for 2025 was Joseph who was overdue for a win as it has been 16 years since they last received the Trophy!

Primary Campus students were presented with the winning Trophy by Student Leaders from our Secondary Campus. Well done to all students and their fantastic contribution on the Day.



Year 4s in Term 4

This term in Visual Art, Year 4 students have been busy exploring both Symmetry and Rotational Symmetry, creating some truly impressive artwork along the way! The students have learned how to carefully plan and practice their ideas, experimenting with colours and shapes to create vibrant, balanced pieces that demonstrate their growing artistic skills.

As part of their studies, the students have also been delving into the fascinating world of 3D shapes. They've been learning about the properties of different 3D objects, such as cubes, spheres, and pyramids. After discussing these shapes, they used their knowledge to draw them and then applied techniques like shading and shadowing to bring their drawings to life. The results are beautiful, detailed pieces that showcase their understanding of light, shadow, and form.

All this hard work has culminated in some incredible displays that are now proudly on show in the front office and around the classrooms. These pieces highlight the creativity and dedication of our Year 4 students and are a wonderful reflection of their growing confidence in visual arts.

We are so proud of the amazing effort and talent shown by the Year 4 artists this term, and we can't wait to see where their creativity takes them next!

*Deb Casburn, Luke Teakle,
Jodi Giancaspro & Anastasia Capurro
Year 4 Teachers*



Years 7 & 8 Basketball Carnival



On 19 February a group of 40 enthusiastic Year 7 and Year 8 students took part in the 5 v 5 basketball carnival at St Clair. The event saw fierce yet friendly competition between four schools: Woodville High, Pinnacle College, Findon, and our own team's. Three boys teams a Div 1 and two Div 2 teams along with one girls team played a total of six games each throughout the day. The atmosphere was filled with energy as the teams showcased their skills and sportsmanship, making for a thrilling and fun-filled experience. After an intense day of games, the girls' team proudly secured 3rd place overall, while the boys' teams also delivered impressive performances, securing their overall places of third, fifth and seventh overall.

Hanna Watkins
SportsReady Trainee



Receptions in 2025



What an exciting start to the school year we have had in Reception! Over the past few weeks, we have enjoyed getting to know one another, building friendships within our class and across all four Reception classes, and settling into our new routines. The children have been learning each other's names, exploring their new environment, establishing ourselves as professional Reception students and developing confidence in their new school setting.

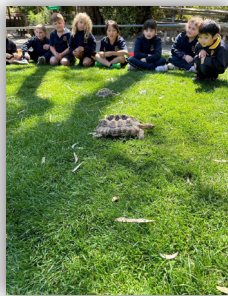
A special highlight has been our buddy class with the Year 6 students. To celebrate Lunar New Year, we worked together to create beautiful rainbow snakes, symbolising good luck and new beginnings. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to form connections with their older buddies, who will support and guide them throughout the year.

We are so proud of how well the children have embraced this new adventure, and we look forward to many more fun and meaningful learning experiences ahead!

Daina Peric, Reception Teacher



Year 2 Excursion: Gorge Wildlife Park



As part of our Science unit last term, the Year 2 students went on an excursion to Gorge Wildlife Park. We had been learning about how animals change and grow and looked at different animals life cycles. Upon our arrival at the park, we had the opportunity to see up close and learn about a koala named Bingo, a python, some tortoises and some ducklings. After our education session, we went in small groups and explored the park. It was a fantastic day out and lots of fun was had by all.

Ashleigh Taplin, Year 2 Teacher

Congratulations to Year 8 Student Andrew Brown



Congratulations to Year 8 student Andrew Brown who recently sold his artwork, following the display of his work in the local ASAP (Adelaide Schools Art Prize) Youth Exhibition held in Hart's Mill in Port Adelaide.

SA Swimming Championships



Keeley Koznedev and Zoe Gibbens from Year 8 showed their dedication and talent at the School Sport SA Swimming Championship, with some fantastic results and personal bests achieved! Zoe had an exceptional day in the pool, securing multiple top three finishes.

She placed 3rd overall in the butterfly (32.40s), 4th in the backstroke (37.48s), a commendable 2nd in the breaststroke (41.92s), and another 3rd in the freestyle (29.88s). Even more impressive, Zoe achieved personal bests in both the freestyle and butterfly events! Well done, Zoe!

Keeley also had a successful day, achieving personal best times in all her races. She placed 3rd in her freestyle heat, 6th in her breaststroke heat, and 4th in her butterfly heat. Keeley's hard work and improvement are truly commendable.

Congratulations to both students on their amazing achievements in the pool!



Finally, a bit of interesting swimming history that was sent through! Did you know that the boys 15yrs and under breaststroke record, set by D. Pregarz from Mount Carmel in 1994, remains unbroken to this day? His time of 32.11s is significantly faster than the standard time of 37s. It's a testament to his incredible talent and a challenging record for future swimmers to aim for at the College!

Thank you to the families of both Keeley and Zoe for sending in their results and the interesting swimming history involving a past Mount Carmel College student.

Jocelyn Teggerth
Sports Coordinator - Secondary

Class of 2024 DUX Assembly Awards

Highest Achieving Students in 2024



ASTIN LU
2024 College Dux

Bachelor of Health & Medical Sciences



ANGELA SHAJU

*Bachelor of Nursing (Preregistration),
Adelaide University*



MINH BUI

*Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science
(Medical Imaging),*



KATHRYN HILL

Bachelor of Science (Biomedical Science),



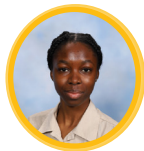
OWEN CASKEY

Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary) Math,



SARAH RAYAN

*Bachelor of Veterinary Technology,
Adelaide University*



SOLANGE GAKERA

Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours),



MIA NGO

Bachelor of Laws (Honours) Double,



JAMES BOYD-NORMAN

*Bachelor of Engineering (Honours),
(Electrical & Electronic) Double*



MELODY XIA

Bachelor of Psychology,

Vocational Education & Training (VET) 2024



LEILA IAMAN

Certificate III Individual Support



DANIELLE ROSITANO

*Certificate III Early Childhood Education
& Care*



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HANNA WATKINS

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