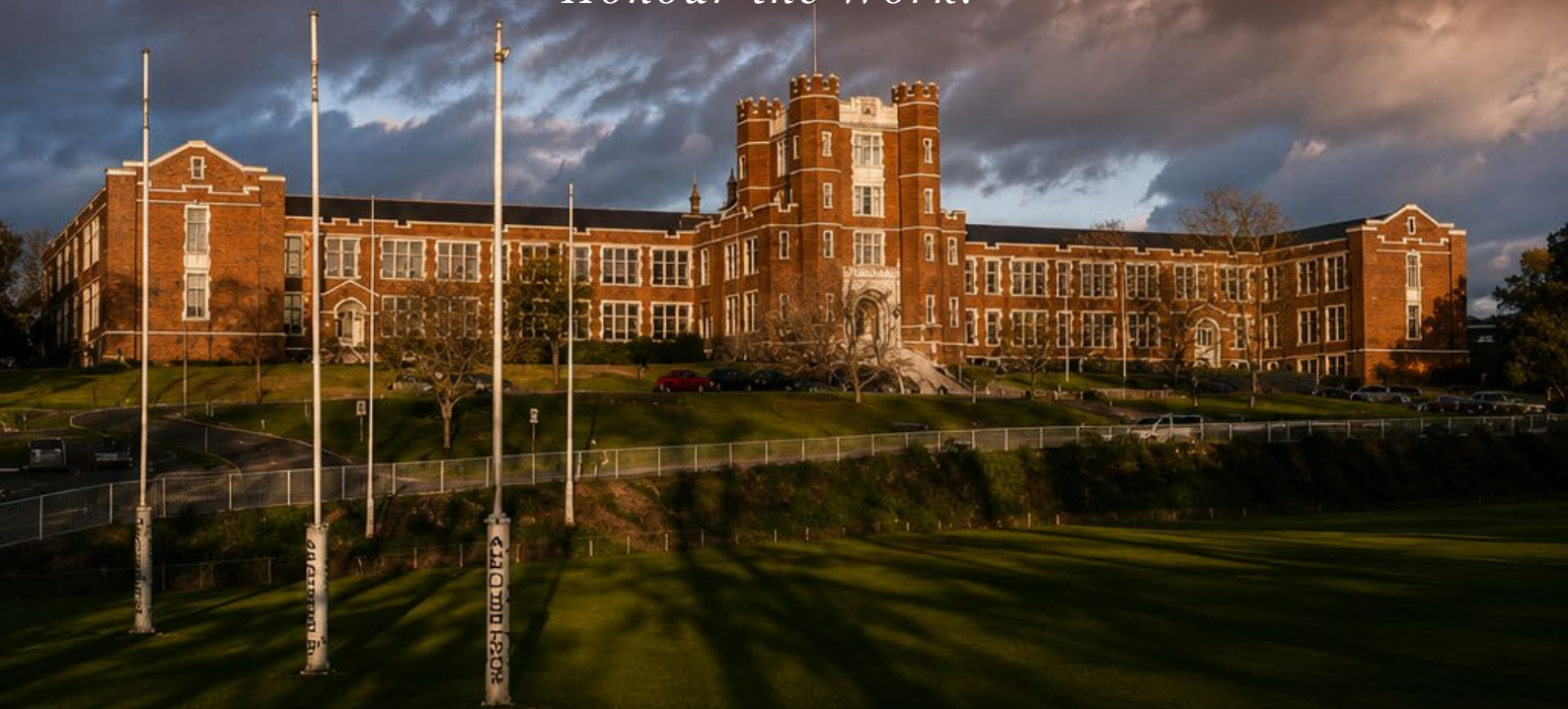


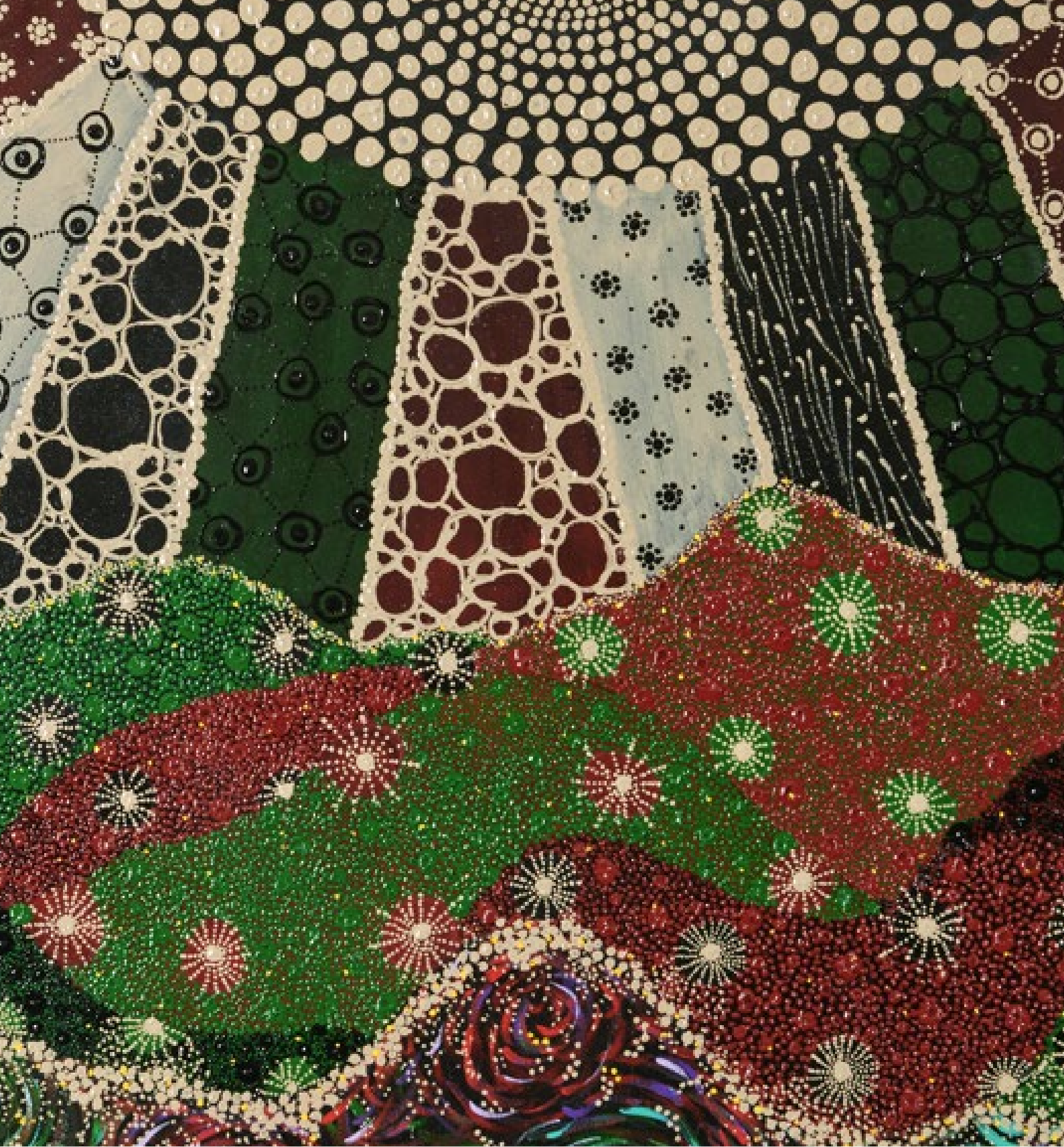
# Melbourne High School

**NEWSLETTER**

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*Honour the Work.*





*Tied to Country – Layers of Country – Janine Godwin-Thompson 2025*

*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation as the traditional owners of this land on which we learn, and their enduring connections to Country. Melbourne High School is grateful for the ongoing leadership of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities in Australian education. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded. We are thankful that we can develop respect and understanding for cultural diversity and enrich our appreciation of Indigenous history and culture.*



*Honour the work.*

# This Is What It Feels Like to Become

*Every school newsletter tells the story of what happened. This publication attempts something different. It asks what those moments mean.*

Across these pages, you will find students crossing finish lines, performing on stage, exploring new technologies, contributing to their communities and being recognised for their achievements. At first glance, these may appear to be very different stories.

Yet each reflects the same underlying journey.

## The journey of becoming.

Becoming more knowledgeable. More capable. More resilient. More thoughtful. More connected to others and more aware of the responsibilities that come with opportunity.

At Melbourne High School, learning extends beyond the classroom. Character is formed through challenge. Community is strengthened through participation. Curiosity grows through inquiry. Achievement matters, but what matters most is who our students are becoming in the process.

The stories in this edition remind us that while the world around us continues to change, the qualities that enable young people to flourish remain remarkably constant: curiosity, integrity, perseverance, creativity and a willingness to contribute to something larger than themselves.

“ Achievement matters, but what matters most is who our students are becoming in the process. ”



This is what it feels like to become. Thank you for taking the time to share in these stories.

*Anthony Mordini*

Dr. Tony Mordini  
Principal



# The Human Edge

## SCHOOL NEWS

*Why your future career needs more than just AI.*

“ AI is not a competitor. It is a collaborator.”

”  
— Dr Eduardo Oliveira  
Keynote Speaker

As artificial intelligence continues to reshape the world around us, students and families are asking important questions about the future of work, study and career pathways.

These questions formed the focus of this year’s MHS & MHSOBA Careers Evening, where keynote speaker Dr Eduardo Oliveira from the University of Melbourne challenged attendees to consider not only what AI can do, but also the uniquely human qualities that will remain essential in an increasingly technological world.

Speaking on the theme *The Human Edge: Why Your Future Career Needs More Than Just AI*, Dr Oliveira encouraged students to view AI not as a competitor, but as a collaborator.

Drawing on his expertise in artificial intelligence and education, he explored how emerging technologies are transforming the way we learn, work and solve problems.

Rather than replacing human capability, he suggested that the greatest opportunities may lie in learning how humans and AI can work together, combining technological power with human judgement, creativity and ethical decision-making.

Following the keynote, students had the opportunity to engage with an impressive range of presenters representing medicine, engineering, law, business, science, information technology, education, public service, the arts and many other professions.

As students moved between sessions and engaged with presenters from a wide range of professions, one message emerged consistently: while technology will continue to transform the workplace, intellectual curiosity, adaptability, integrity and a commitment to lifelong learning will remain at the heart of meaningful careers.

In an age of rapid technological change, the evening served as a timely reminder that the future is unlikely to be shaped by humans or AI alone, but by the powerful collaboration between the two.



### KEY IDEAS



#### AI as collaborator

The greatest opportunities come when humans and AI work together.



#### Human judgement

Critical thinking and sound judgement will guide how we use technology.



#### Creativity

Original ideas, imagination and innovation remain essentially human.



#### Ethical decision-making

Human values and ethics must shape the responsible use of AI.



#### Adaptability

The ability to learn, unlearn and adapt will define future career success.



#### Lifelong learning

Curiosity and a commitment to continuous learning open the door to future possibilities.



Melbourne High School extends its sincere thanks to **Dr Theodoropoulos**, Careers and Pathways Co-ordinator, for his vision and tireless organisation of this outstanding event. We also thank **Eamon Tarr**, School Captain, and **Jet Cheung**, Vice School Captain, our staff, presenters, alumni and student volunteers whose enthusiasm and professionalism created a valuable and inspiring experience for our community.

# AI AND YOU

A practical introduction to Artificial Intelligence and how it is shaping the future. Exploring real-world applications, opportunities and the skills you'll need to thrive.



# Creating What's Next

SCHOOL NEWS

*Partnering for innovation. Preparing for tomorrow.*

“What happens when artificial intelligence meets entrepreneurial thinking?”

Melbourne High School students are exploring that question through a new partnership with La Trobe University, designed to develop their understanding of emerging technologies while fostering innovation, creativity and enterprise skills.

On Monday 1 June, Year 10 students participated in the first session of the program, led by AI specialists Daswin De Silva and Nishan Mills from La Trobe University.

Students were introduced to the growth of AI, its current uses and the ways it is already transforming workplaces and industries around the world.

Importantly, the session encouraged students to think beyond simply using technology and instead consider how emerging technologies can be applied to identify opportunities, solve problems and create value.

A highlight of the session was the opportunity for students to work with Comet, an AI-powered platform that enabled them to develop and refine ideas for potential business ventures. Through this hands-on experience, students explored the entrepreneurial process while gaining practical insight into how AI can support innovation, decision-making and creative problem-solving.

The enthusiasm, curiosity and engagement displayed by students throughout the session demonstrated the enormous potential of this new partnership.

Future workshops will build on these foundations, providing students with deeper knowledge, practical experience and further opportunities to explore the intersection of artificial intelligence and entrepreneurship.

## HONOURING THE WORK

Every partnership begins with someone willing to open a door.

Melbourne High School extends its sincere thanks to **Joseph Marotta, Head of Commerce**, for establishing the partnership with La Trobe University and organising the inaugural session.

Through his initiative and leadership, students were able to engage directly with industry experts and begin exploring the intersection of artificial intelligence, innovation and entrepreneurship.

His efforts have created valuable opportunities for students to develop the knowledge, skills and curiosity needed to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

## STUDENTS EXPLORED



**Artificial Intelligence**  
Understanding AI and its real-world applications.



**Entrepreneurship**  
Developing ideas and identifying opportunities.



**Innovation**  
Using creativity to solve problems and create value.



**Problem Solving**  
Applying technology to real-world challenges.



**Business Creation**  
Exploring how AI can support new ventures.



**Emerging Technologies**  
Discovering the future of work and industry.

## IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



**LA TROBE UNIVERSITY**



**Daswin De Silva**  
AI Specialist



**Nishan Mills**  
AI Specialist



LEARNING

Preparing our students for a world of opportunity, where ideas, skills and values create a better future.

STRIVE • ACHIEVE • LEAD





“  
A fantastic reflection of the dedication, effort and time Harry has put into his sailing.

— BLACK ROCK YACHT CLUB

# The Work Beyond the Shore

## STUDENTS NEWS

From local regattas to international competition, Melbourne High School student Harry Schlager has enjoyed an outstanding sailing season, culminating in recognition from Black Rock Yacht Club with the Jack Page Award for Best Cadet Result Outside of the Club.

For many sailors, success is measured over years rather than weeks. It is built through experience, technical skill, judgement and a willingness to continually learn from changing conditions on the water.

This season, Harry Schlager has enjoyed remarkable success across state, national and international competition, establishing himself as one of Australia’s leading young sailors.

Among his achievements were a first-place finish in the Under 16 division of the WASZP World Games in the United Kingdom, victory in the Under 21 division of the Victorian WASZP Sprint Championships at Black Rock Yacht Club, a State Sabre Championship title and multiple podium finishes across national competition.

In recognition of these achievements, Black Rock Yacht Club presented Harry with the Jack Page Award for Best Cadet Result Outside of the Club at its End of Season Presentation.

The award acknowledges not only Harry’s impressive results, but also the dedication and commitment required to compete at the highest levels of the sport.

While sailing is often seen as an individual sport, achievements such as these are rarely achieved alone. Harry’s success reflects the support of coaches, volunteers, teammates, family members and the wider sailing community at Black Rock Yacht Club, who have provided opportunities to learn, compete and grow.

### SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



**1<sup>st</sup>** UNDER 16  
WASZP World Games  
(United Kingdom)



**1<sup>st</sup>** UNDER 21  
Victorian WASZP  
Sprint Championships



**1<sup>st</sup>** UNDER 18  
State Sabre  
Championships



**2<sup>nd</sup>** OVERALL  
VX One State  
Championships



**3<sup>rd</sup>** JUNIOR  
WASZP Nationals



Congratulations to Harry on an outstanding season and on representing both Melbourne High School and Black Rock Yacht Club with distinction.



BLACK ROCK YACHT CLUB

STRIVE • ACHIEVE • LEAD

# Every Step Earned.

## CO-CURRICULAR NEWS

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*The finish line is just the moment. The work is everything.*

On a cold, blustery Tuesday 9 June, 22 Melbourne High School students took on the challenge of the Southern Metro Regional Cross Country Championships at Hastings Foreshore.

The winds off Western Port Bay were sharp and the course demanding. But our boys met the challenge with determination, discipline and teamwork.

The Boys 15 team stormed to first place, the Boys 16 team finished second and the Boys 17–20 team secured third place.

Among the individual highlights, Willem Duncan ran a superb race to finish second in the Boys 17–20 age group.

These results reflect more than athletic ability. They reflect early mornings, consistent training, resilience and the character to keep going when it gets hard.

**Well done to all 22 boys who represented Melbourne High School with pride.**

**Best wishes to our qualifiers for the All Highs Finals on 16 July.**

“ The race is measured in minutes. The preparation is measured in months. ”



CHARACTER



### THE RESULTS

#### BOYS 15 TEAM – 1ST



- 10th Nicholas Malliaras
- 13th Radesheh Hatharasinghe
- 19th Andy Yu
- 26th Noah D'Souza

#### BOYS 16 TEAM – 2ND



- 8th Thej Vinodkumar
- 13th River La
- 14th Marius Dekterev

#### BOYS 17–20 TEAM – 3RD



- 2nd Willem Duncan
- 20th Armeet Dhaliwal
- 26th Tejbeer Singh
- 27th Harry Marr



#### INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS

- Hayden Wong (42nd)
- Pak To Fung (49th)
- Jisan Park (57th)
- Pierce Russou (24th)
- Oliver Chutla (32nd)
- Ario Sakhaie (25th)
- Adam D'Souza (35th)
- Ranu Samarathe (54th)



#### ALL HIGHS FINALS

Yarra Glen Racecourse  
Wednesday 16 July

# Finding a Common Voice

For one evening, the voices of Melbourne High School and Mac.Robertson Girls' High School came together as one.

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*It was a fantastic experience and an amazing night.”*

— KAIDIN HO  
CHORALE CAPTAIN



On Thursday 4 June, Melbourne High School Chorale travelled to Mac.Robertson Girls' High School to participate in the third annual Combined Big Sing, a much-anticipated event that brings students from both schools together through a shared love of music.

Hosted by Mac.Robertson Girls' High School, the afternoon began with a large combined rehearsal as students worked together to prepare for the evening performance. As the rehearsal progressed, individual voices blended into a shared musical experience built on listening, collaboration and commitment.

The time between rehearsal and concert provided students from both schools with the opportunity to enjoy pizza, meet new people and strengthen the connections that have become an important part of the Big Sing tradition.

Chorale Captain Kaidin Ho described the event as “a fantastic experience and an amazing night,” congratulating all participants for the commitment and enthusiasm they brought to the performance.

The evening concert showcased the work of both chorales and celebrated the power of music to connect people. Whether performing together or supporting one another from the audience, students experienced first-hand how music can build community and create lasting memories.

Special thanks go to Mr McNeal for his leadership and support, and to Mac.Robertson Girls' High School for once again opening its doors and hosting an event that continues to strengthen the connection between our two school communities.



## PERFORMED

### COMBINED CHORALES



#### *Found/Tonight*

Lin-Manuel Miranda  
& Ben Platt



#### *Roads*

Steve Dobrogosz

### MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL CHORALE



#### *Shenandoah*

Traditional,  
arr. Dillworth



#### *Mr Blue Sky*

Electric Light  
Orchestra

♥ Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the Big Sing such a memorable and joyful celebration of music and friendship. Special thanks to Mr McNeal, Gareth De Korte, Yu-Tien Lin and Joy Lee, whose leadership, support and dedication helped create an experience that students will remember.

# One Voice

## JUNIOR SCHOOL SINGING ASSEMBLY

For many mornings, the sounds of Year 9 students singing drifted through T Building.

Under the guidance of Mr Todd McNeal, students gathered to rehearse for the Junior School Singing Assembly. For the fortunate staff who worked nearby, there was an unexpected gift in hearing those rehearsals unfold day after day.

At first, the songs sounded exactly as you might expect. Individual voices searched for notes, harmonies occasionally wandered, and confidence was still finding its feet.

*But then something began to happen.*

Morning after morning, the voices grew stronger. Students listened more carefully to one another. The rough edges softened. What had begun as a group of individual singers slowly became something unified.

By the time the Singing Assembly arrived, the transformation was unmistakable.

The audience heard four songs.

Those who had followed the journey heard something more.

They heard the result of persistence, trust, patience and practice.

Most of all, they heard what can happen when young people commit themselves to creating something together.

For a few minutes, hundreds of students sat and listened. And from the stage came a sound that had taken weeks to build.

*Not many voices. One voice.*

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What had begun as a group of individual singers slowly became something unified.

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PERSISTENCE.

TRUST.

PATIENCE.

PRACTICE.

TOGETHER.



### REPERTOIRE

Year 9 students performed a diverse repertoire that took the audience on a musical journey.



*You've Got a Friend in Me*  
Randy Newman



*She's Leaving Home*  
The Beatles



*25 O'Clock*  
The Dukes of StratospHERE



*The Bonny Ship The Diamond*  
Traditional



Melbourne High School extends its sincere thanks to the Year 9 students whose commitment and enthusiasm brought the performance to life, and to Mr Todd McNeal, Gareth De Korte, Yu-Tien Lin and Joy Lee, whose skill, support, patience and encouragement guided the journey from the first tentative rehearsals to a memorable performance.

Together, they reminded us that some of the most rewarding moments in school life are not simply performed on a stage, but built gradually through dedication, trust and shared effort.



# Community Connections

*The relationships that remind us we belong.*

## The Return of Trivia Night

Do you remember those school trivia nights from your children's primary school years? We do too. And they're back.

Join us for an evening of friendly competition, laughter and nostalgia as we raise funds to support the learning and wellbeing of our boys. Form a table with friends, challenge your rivals and enjoy great food, drinks and prizes.

-  **Saturday 18 July 2026**
-  **6.30pm for a 7.00pm start**
-  **Memorial Hall  
Melbourne High School**
-  **Tables of 8-10**  
All parents, carers and Old Melburnians welcome



### GET INVOLVED



#### DONATE

We welcome donations of prizes or experiences for our trivia auction and raffle.



#### VOLUNTEER

Help us make the night a success. We'd love your time on the night or in the lead-up.



#### BUY TICKETS

Tickets on sale now. Book your table or individual seats via TryBooking.



SCAN TO BOOK  
[trybooking.com/DBMBP](https://trybooking.com/DBMBP)

## Futsal Fever in Brunswick

Come and play, compete and connect.

Our community futsal program is in full swing this term. All skill levels welcome – whether you're in it for the competition or just for fun.

-  **Sunday 21 June 2026**
-  **12.00pm – 2.00pm**
-  **Futsal Oz Brunswick  
4/91 Moreland Road, Brunswick**
-  **Registration required**  
All boys, parents and friends welcome



No registration required. Just turn up and play.

Questions? Contact [community@mhs.vic.edu.au](mailto:community@mhs.vic.edu.au)





One school.  
Many generations.  
*The work continues.*

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