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Term 4 – Week 2



From the Principal

Thank you to everyone who has made my first couple of weeks at Melbourne High so welcoming. Students, staff, families and Old Boys have been generous with their time, and I've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the school and its community.

What has struck me most is how much this place means to people. You hear it in the way students talk about their school, see it in the commitment of staff, and feel it when Old Boys speak about their time here. There is a strong sense of history and tradition, alongside the energy of a school where there is always something happening.

I've enjoyed visiting classes, chatting with students and staff, and meeting people from across the broader community. Those conversations are helping me understand what makes MHS special, what we need to look after, and where we can keep improving.

There is plenty still to learn, and listening will remain an important part of my work over the months ahead.

Our recent Open Morning brought many of those strengths together. It was terrific to welcome prospective students and families and see our students and staff share the opportunities on offer here. Thank you to everyone who gave their time to make the morning such a success. The pride and enthusiasm you brought to it said a great deal about the school.

For our Year 12 students, these weeks mark a much bigger milestone. Although I've only known them briefly, I'm incredibly proud of what they have achieved and of the positive and responsible way they have approached their final days at MHS. They have much to be proud of, and I wish them every success in their upcoming exams and in whatever comes next.

I also hope they take the time to appreciate what they have contributed to this community and the friendships and experiences they will carry with them. One thing I've quickly learnt is that the connection to Melbourne High lasts well beyond the final day of Year 12. Whatever they go on to do, and wherever life takes them, there will always be friendly faces here to welcome them back.

Alongside the usual activity of Term 4, we are preparing for the move into our temporary modular facilities. This is a significant undertaking, and staff are putting considerable thought and effort into the preparations. We are working closely with the Department and the Victorian School Building Authority, with a clear focus on supporting teaching, learning and school life through the transition. We will keep families informed as arrangements are confirmed.

It has been a busy and rewarding start. Thank you again for the welcome, the conversations and the willingness to help me settle in. I'm delighted to be here and look forward to being part of what comes next for MHS.

Tom Cain

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2027 Combined Schools' Musical

We are delighted to reveal the 2027 Combined Schools' Musical: *Chicago*!

Never before staged by our schools, *Chicago* is a staple of the Broadway canon and the longest-running American musical in Broadway history. It is the ultimate tale of murder, betrayal, and media manipulation.

This production will be the highlight of our schools' performing arts calendar, with exciting opportunities for singers, actors, dancers, musicians, and Stage Crew and Theatre Studies design students.

Plot Summary

In roaring twenties Chicago, chorine Roxie Hart murders a faithless lover and convinces her hapless husband, Amos, to take the rap... until he finds out he's been duped and turns on Roxie. Convicted and sent to death row, Roxie meets the infamous vaudeville performer Velma Kelly. The two vie for the spotlight and the headlines, meeting several unscrupulous figures along the way including the corrupt Matron Mama Morton and the silver-tongued prince of the courtroom, Billy Flynn. Ultimately Velma and Roxie join forces in search of the "American Dream": fame, fortune, and acquittal.

In this gritty tale, all characters are exposed as charlatans. Justice is revealed to be far from impartial, and the media is shown to have an insidious influence over the legal process.

Release of Further Information

More information, including audition materials and rehearsal schedules, will be posted in Week 6.

Mr Howie

Head of Theatre Studies

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A Sizzling Success for MHS Friends of Music!

What do you get when you combine 490 sausages, a string quartet and a team of enthusiastic volunteers? A fantastic day at Bunnings and \$1,768.90 raised for MHS Friends of Music!

With 490 sausages sold, 15 kg of onions, 26 loaves of bread and around 90 cans and bottles of drinks served, there was certainly plenty happening at the BBQ!

The Chai family, Alice, William, Braydon and Marvin, got the day underway alongside Friends of Music President Paul Cabrera, with Junko and Vice President Andrew Harrison also lending a hand.

Music was, of course, part of the occasion, with our Year 10 string quartet delighting visitors during the morning. Five student helpers then kept things running throughout the day, confidently taking orders, processing payments and handing over meals. Their enthusiasm, initiative and willingness to pitch in were wonderful to see.

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and energy. From the music to the last sausage served, it was a brilliant example of the MHS community coming together to support our musicians. And with **\$1,768.90 raised, there is plenty to celebrate!**



String Quartett: Andy Huang, Zachary Wang, Samuel Lin and Austin Lee
Under the Marquee: Finn Haines, Braydon Chai, Benjamin Harrison and our President, Paul Cabrera.



Information



Skills Group

ADHD for TEENS

Build practical skills to better manage ADHD, build confidence and navigate study, work and everyday life.

FOUR KEY OUTCOMES

- Manage study & workload
- Build organisation & time management
- Improve focus & motivation
- Develop confidence & life skills

COGNITIVE BEHAVIOURAL THERAPY (CBT) SKILLS FOR YOUNG ADULT ADHD

A practical group using CBT-based strategies to help young adults with ADHD better understand and manage challenges in study, work and everyday life.

ABOUT THE GROUP

For Teens aged 13–17 years. This group focuses on practical skills for managing everyday challenges.

Participants will learn strategies for organisation, time management, focus, motivation, problem-solving and building confidence.

The group provides a supportive environment to share experiences, practise new skills and find strategies that work for you.

INTERESTED IN JOINING?

Visit www.isnclinic.com.au to enquire and book an intake.



GROUP DETAILS

CLOSED GROUP

- The same participants attend throughout the program.

DELIVERY

- Online via Telehealth

DURATION

- 6 Sessions

COST

- FREE OF COST