



MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

2025 Year in Review



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From the President – Colin Axup

As we begin a new year, it is worth pausing to reflect on a period that has tested, refined, and ultimately strengthened our Association. The past twelve months have demanded adaptability as we navigated shifting economic conditions, the continued complexities of volunteer governance, and the challenge of sustaining connection in an increasingly fragmented world. Yet, in true Melbourne High School fashion, our community has responded with resolve, generosity, and a clear understanding that our shared heritage carries both privilege and responsibility.

The work of the Association is never the product of one individual; it is the collective effort of many. I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the members of the Executive, in particular immediate past president Peter Stathopoulos, whose commitment has been steadfast. Their willingness to lead, to listen, and to engage thoughtfully with the issues before us has ensured that the Association remains not only active but vibrant. Whether stewarding our finances, nurturing alumni engagement, or shaping the strategic direction of our work, each has contributed with integrity and purpose.

To our wider membership, thank you for your continued loyalty to MHSOBA. The Association thrives because Old Boys continue to turn up to events, to reunions, to moments of mentoring and service and in doing so reaffirm the enduring spirit of camaraderie that defines Melbourne High School. Your support ensures that we can honour our traditions while preparing for the future with confidence.

As we look ahead to the coming year, may we carry forward the resilience we have built, the friendships we have strengthened, and the pride we share in our school and its legacy. I wish you all a fulfilling start to the new year.

Honour The Work



Colin Axup (MHS 1984)
President, MHSOBA

Principal's Message – Dr Tony Mordini

A new academic year brings renewed focus, high expectations, and a clear sense of purpose at Melbourne High School.



As we begin 2026, I have taken the opportunity to refine our school vision. At our first staff meeting and year-level assemblies I stated:

Melbourne High School aims to be the State's highest performing school – and a Lighthouse School for public education.

This is an ambitious vision, but certainly not an unattainable one. Our students are highly capable and our community is aspirational. Our results in recent years demonstrate that Melbourne High School is among the top-performing schools in the country. This was echoed in several recent press articles, including *The Age* on 2 February, which featured three of our Year 11 students pictured above — Daniel Wanglikitkoon, Louis Mulet, and Hamish Fraser who achieved outstanding Unit 3/4 Biology results.

Principal's Message

Congratulations
MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2025

MEDIAN ATAR 95.8	THREE STUDENTS ACHIEVED A PERFECT ATAR OF 99.95	68 STUDENTS ACHIEVED AN ATAR OF 99 OR HIGHER
74.93% OF STUDENTS ACHIEVED AN ATAR OF 90 OR ABOVE	AVERAGE ATAR 92.74	MEDIAN STUDY SCORE 36

Melbourne High School is an aspirational community committed to providing a learning environment that supports students to be the best version of themselves that they can be.

Our students are capable, eager to succeed and immerse themselves in all aspects of school life. They work hard academically but also engage in the rich co-curricular and extracurricular life of the school to ensure they have balance, remain healthy and graduate as well-rounded global citizens. Their efforts are reflected in their personal and academic achievements.

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Importantly, this vision extends well beyond academic achievement alone. As our motto reminds us, we are more than just marks. Through high-quality teaching and learning, our expectation is that we graduate students who are well equipped for further education, employment, and community service. As a lighthouse school, however, we aim to go further deliberately developing the personal and character strengths that enable our students to become good global citizens: well-rounded, resilient, and principled young men.

This philosophy underpins the emphasis we place on our co-curricular programs, arts initiatives, cultural activities, study tours, and sport. To remain “**match fit**” and at the top of our game, to borrow a sporting metaphor, requires investment of body, mind, and spirit. Melbourne High School therefore offers an extensive and carefully considered educational experience.

Principal's Message

We develop our students physically through sport, camps, and health and physical education programs, ensuring they can fully engage in their studies and manage the pressures of a selective-entry environment. As I reminded the boys in our first-week assemblies, I begin my day in the gym or at my local pool, **not** at my desk. Regular physical activity improves oxygenated blood flow to the brain, particularly the prefrontal cortex and hippocampus. These two parts of the brain do most of the 'heavy lifting' when it comes to learning.

Intellectual curiosity and capability are nurtured through daily lessons and assessments involving independent study, research, reading of source materials, group discussion, team challenges, and Socratic dialogue where learning is achieved through purposeful questions, not answers. Questions that challenge assumptions, test ideas, and push thinking further.

Finally, we work deliberately to build students' self-belief and general capabilities. When challenges arise as they inevitably will, our students must have the grit, conviction, and determination to persevere.

I look forward to seeing our students thrive in 2026, and I thank you, our alumni, for your ongoing support as we partner together to support our current students throughout their journey at Melbourne High School.



Dr. Tony Mordini

Principal

Remembering Colin Green OAM

Colin Charles Green OAM, B.A., Dip.Ed.

3 May 1945 – 14 May 2025

MHS 1959-1962, MHS Staff 1967-1992



Colin Green was the only child of Lilah Halmshaw (1910-2008) and Harold Philip Green (1908-1971) who married in 1934. Harold was a primary school teacher who after 6 months at Trentham East in 1928 was transferred to the Deaf and Dumb Institute in 1929, where he remained for the remainder of his teaching career. He served during WWII in the 2nd A.I.F., with the 2 A.A.S.C. Section A.A Regiment, he was discharged in February 1944 after serving in the Middle East. The family lived at 12 Yarra Street in Hawthorn and Colin attended Hawthorn West Central School, before attending MHS in 1959. His uncle, Frederick Green had attended MHS 1934-1936.

A noted athlete and a good scholar, Colin was in the Cadets, rising to C.U.O. in fifth form, subsequently being awarded the Speech Night Prize for Cadets in 1961 and 1962. He played football in the under 15's in 1960, the year he also made the School's 1st XVIII, which he played in for three years. He was also in the School's Athletics Team (1960-1961) and played cricket in the School's 2nd XI in 1961 and 1st XI in 1962. In Fourth Form he was noted as being 'remarkably mature' by Brian Corless, and in Sixth Form as a 'person of rock-like dependability who uses his talents wisely'. He was awarded School Colours for Athletics and Football in 1961, Forrest House Colours in Cricket in 1962, and at Speech night in 1962 he won the Geography and Cadet prizes.

Awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship, Colin completed his Bachelor of Arts and Diploma of Education. During this time, he returned to MHS as Lieutenant Green in the Cadets, Commanding B Company and then as Adjutant/Training Officer, he organised Cadet training camps at Tecoma. He would formally join the staff as a teacher of Geography in 1967, as well as coaching the 1st XVIII. He wrote the notable textbook, The Water Cycle in 1970, and with fellow teacher Gordon Lowing, Practical Geography in 1972 as well as several books and atlases.

Remembering Colin Green OAM

Colin, Gordon and fellow teacher Norton Hobson completed an aerial photography trip around Australia in 1970, creating a collection of photos that could be used to teach geography.

Colin was called into the Principal's Office early one year, being told he would be taking on Geology. When Colin explained that Geology and Geography are different subjects, he was told that they were close enough. Rather than bluff his way, Colin told the Matriculation Geology class that he knew no more than them, but that together, and with the textbook, they would all learn.

By 1969 he was House Coordinator of Forrest, Deputy QM for the cadets (promoted to Captain in 1969) and coaching the junior MHSOB Football Club Team. In 1973 he was appointed Sports Coordinator. Colin was one of several influential teachers who set the direction for the School in the 1970's, with a focus on sport, cadets and co-curricular involvement.

In 1976, Colin took a year's leave to travel, ending his tenure as Football Coach and Sports Coordinator. On his return in 1977, he ran the Jubilee Appeal, which aimed to raise money for a new building on the Chapel Street site. A great year was enjoyed by many at various Jubilee events (facilitated by plenty of Jubilee wine). Colin continued as Appeal Director, organising the Spring Fair. Various stalls, events and happenings were held each year.

By 1981, Activities Week was added to his organising schedule. Coordinating multiple events within the school, excursions across Victoria and interstate, as well as work experience programmes, Activities Week was a major logistics challenge in an era of limited computers. Its effective and smooth operation was a tribute to Colin's skills.

Colin and his first wife Grace, share three children: Scott, Claire and Adam. Scott (MHS 1981-1984) and Adam (MHS 1986-1989) would both attend MHS.



Adam was an outstanding cricketer and footballer, playing in the 1st teams whilst still in Fourth Form, and was an excellent rower.

Remembering Colin Green OAM

In 1983, Colin married fellow teacher Barbara Moore. Barbara's father, Tom, was a noted educationalist, Inspector of Schools (he officially opened the History Room at Melbourne High School), and later Deputy Director-General of Education. Barbara was a teacher at MHS from 1978 including time as House Coordinator of Waterloo. In 1993 she transferred to Mac.Robertson Girls' High School, and in 2000 was appointed Principal of St Hilda's College, Melbourne University. Colin loved his time attending College functions and driving Barbara on various outreach tours.

In 1985 Colin was elected as President of the MHS Old Boys' Association, taking over from Campbell Bearlin. It was during Colin's time that the Old Boys' pavilion was extensively rebuilt, creating the Unicorn Club, allowing the MHSOBA and its affiliated sporting clubs to hold social events in their own building. He was made a Life Member in 1989 and in later years was a recipient of the John Elden medal in recognition of his distinguished service.

In 1990 he was seconded and became Director of the Building Fund, tasked with raising two million dollars to cover the School's contribution to the twelve million dollar 'new building' on Chapel Street. This would mark a major change, ending his 23-year teaching career, and extending his heavy involvement with the Old Boys' community. In 1993 Colin retired as Executive Director but did not return to teaching.



Retiring as MHSOBA President in 1991, he became Registrar of the Association, a role he combined with Administrator from 1996. It was during this time that the reunion programme was developed. Initially named Back to School and part of the Building Fund programme, by 1994 this initiative had evolved into regular year group reunions that continue today. Reunions consist of a tour of the School, followed by a reception at the Unicorn Club with a speech by the Principal or an Assistant Principal. For many Old Boys, these events continue to be their main contact with the School.

Remembering Colin Green OAM

Colin established the Winemakers Dinners and continued the Luncheon Club started by Campbell Bearlin. He facilitated the Annual Founders Dinners, as well as sporting events such as the Mulgrave Bowls Day and annual dinners in Sydney. He also oversaw a further development of the Old Boys' pavilion, including upstairs toilets and a lift.

Colin also made a superb contribution to the GM&B over many years in his role as the Executive Officer from 1995 through to 2022. Melbourne High School students benefitted back in the 1990s and still benefit now from Leadership, Mentoring, Heritage and Transition programs that have been staffed and facilitated by members of the GM&B over the last 31 years.

Colin also performed a key role with the MHSOBFC where his tenure as President commenced in 1997 where his quality leadership and strategic approach had an immediate impact. The senior team had struggled to survive in B Grade prior to 1997 but by 2000 they had been promoted to A Grade. His outstanding contribution during those 11 years as President of MHSOBFC was duly recognised with Honorary Life Membership.

Colin remained at the school he loved, passing up opportunities for promotion that would have been available at other schools, though he did act as Deputy Principal for a time. Following Barbara's retirement in 2018, they both spent their time travelling and at their holiday home in Balnarring.



Colin is survived by his wife, children and grandchildren, and leaves a substantial legacy at the School and Old Boys Association.

A celebration of Colin's life was held on 21 May 2025, attended by family, friends, and the MHS Old Boy community.

A tribute speech delivered by Warren Fall, Vice President, MSHOBA, can be read here - [Colin Green Tribute Speech - Warren Fall](#).

Luke Savage, Honorary School Archivist

2025 Reunions

The 2025 reunion season held at the Unicorn Club across November and December, collectively brought over 300 Old Boys from across the decades back to the Castle on the Hill. From milestone 20, 30 and 40-year reunions through to our Golden Years gathering, each event affirmed what continues to bind our Old Boys community: shared history, enduring friendship, and a deep connection to Melbourne High School.

All reunions were preceded by a tour of the School with Honorary Archivist, Luke Savage, each event hosted by an MHSOBA Committee member and speeches from Principal Dr Tony Mordini and various Old Boys. MHSOBA extends sincere thanks to all who attended, particularly those who travelled from interstate or overseas.

The **Class of 2005 20-Year Reunion** was a particularly meaningful occasion, following the cohort's missed 15-year gathering during the COVID pandemic. Hosted by Warren Fall, MHSOBA Vice President and former teacher of the 2005 cohort, nearly 100 Old Boys returned to the School in late November.

Mario Matchado, 2005 School Captain, reflected on the night, explaining 'the experience of reconnecting felt immediate and authentic. Our night kicked off with an entertaining tour of the school and quickly brought back memories of particular classes and teachers, as we walked through the building. The tour concluded on the roof overlooking the sweeping Melbourne skyline & flicking through our 2002 - 2005 yearbooks.'

'Although it's been 20 years and many of us haven't seen each other in decades, the shared bonds, friendly banter and laughs all came flowing back very quickly - almost as if it was only a few years ago that we'd all said goodbye after our last VCE exam.'



2025 Reunions

That same spirit was present at the **Class of 1995 30-Year Reunion**, where classmates gathered to celebrate three decades since their time at the School, sharing stories of life, career and family while reaffirming the bonds forged in their formative years.



2025 Reunions

Meanwhile, the **Class of 1985** marked their **40-Year Reunion** with outstanding attendance and enthusiasm by over 80 Old Boys.

As summarised by Dechlan Ellis, 'guests enjoyed an illuminating tour of the School, with an opportunity to view curated memorabilia and photos from the archives in the tower. This was followed by an evening of fellowship in the Unicorn Club. Stirring renditions of "Honour the Work" and "Forty Years On" captured the emotion of the occasion, with overwhelming sentiments of fun, reflection and gratitude and a strong sense that no one wanted the night to end.'

'The Class of 1985 maintains an active connection via its own (banter-filled) WhatsApp group and annual "unofficial" reunions. The key to the success of this 40-year reunion was tapping into that existing network and connecting it back to the School.'



2025 Reunions

Finally, our **Golden Years** lunch welcomed Old Boys who graduated from the School more than **50 years ago**. This has become a favourite on the reunion calendar, celebrating the lifelong affiliation of those who have carried the values of MHS across generations.



A special thanks must be made to MHSOBA Committee members Warren Fall, Peter Stathopoulos and Ted Goldstein, for their wonderful hosting efforts and memorable storytelling across the events.

MHSOBA would also like to acknowledge and thank Grace and Ted Goldstein, who worked tirelessly to ensure our 2025 reunions were delivered successfully.

2026 Reunion Dates

Please keep an eye on our website, social media channels and in our next newsletter for further details and dates to save for the following 2026 reunions:

- **Class of 2016 10 Year Reunion**
- **Class of 2006 20 Year Reunion**
- **Class of 1996 30 Year Reunion**
- **Class of 1986 40 Year Reunion**
- **Golden Years Reunion** – open to any Old Boy who graduated over 50 years ago.

MHSOBA Scholarship Program

The MHSOBA Scholarship Program continued in 2025, supporting current MHS students and Old Boys completing tertiary studies.

The Program would not be possible without our sponsors. We gratefully acknowledge the contribution of the following Old Boys and their families in support of our students' academic pursuits and extracurricular activities.

We also acknowledge Mr Goro Gupta (MHS 2000), who MHSOBA welcomed as a sponsor to the 2025 Program on behalf of the Gupta Family Scholarship.

The Bluey Truscott Scholarship	Mr Steve Pilmore OAM	MHS 1966
The Leslie Innes Scholarship	Mr Leslie Innes	MHS 1970
The Peter Ivany AO Scholarship	Mr Peter Ivany AO	MHS 1971
The John Ly (Nguyen) Trust Scholarship	Mr John Ly	MHS 2002
The Mahoney Family Scholarship	Mr Ben Mahoney	MHS 1991
The Webber Family Scholarship	Mr Greg Webber	MHS 1993
The "Men For All Seasons" Scholarship	Mr Peter Day	MHS 1983
	Mr Anthony Watkins	MHS 1983
The Verma Family Scholarship	Dr Abhishek Verma	MHS 2001
	Dr Amit Verma	MHS 2003
	Dr Ajai Verma	MHS 2006
The Ronald Dodge Scholarship	Mr Ronald Dodge	MHS 1965
The Paris and Paula Kritharides Scholarship	Dr Paris Kritharides	MHS 1982
The Alan Schwartz and David Teitelbaum Scholarship in Memory of Mr Barrie Meagher	Mr Alan Schwartz AO	MHS 1970
	Mr David Teitelbaum	MHS 1970
The Speros Beasley Scholarship	MHSOBA Inc.	
The Lambis Englezos Scholarship	Mr. Lambis Englezos	MHS 1971
The Gupta Family Scholarship	Mr Guro Gupta	MHS 2000

MHSOBA Scholarship Program

The MHSOBA Scholarship Program drew strong interest in 2025, with applications of an exceptionally high standard. We wish to extend our appreciation to all applicants for their time and effort in preparing their submissions.

We congratulate the following Old Boys who were awarded an MHSOBA Scholarship in 2025.

John Ly (Nguyen) Scholarship



Daniel Liang

Like many other students at MHS, I often feel cornered by familial expectations into pursuing a medicine-related career for the sole purpose of making money. What parents often overlook is what career fields their child is interested in – it doesn't always have to be 'Doctor, Lawyer or Engineer'! I have always aspired to have a career in the biology field, marine biology specifically. To have received this Scholarship in response to my confession of this goal in my written application, I really feel like my voice has been heard.

As the recipient of the 2025 **John Ly (Nguyen) Scholarship**, I am incredibly grateful to Mr. John Ly and the MHSOBA Foundation for supporting my future endeavours and dreams.

The Ronald Dodge Scholarship



Bohdan Lobodan,

Being awarded the **Ronald Dodge Scholarship** has been a great honour and serves to encourage me as I continue my all too fast journey at our beloved Castle on the Hill. This Scholarship stands as a testament to the importance of Honouring The Work as I have done throughout my time at MHS, as well as participating in a variety of STEM related extra curriculums, as that's where my passion lies.

MHS truly is about 'more than just marks', but about involvement in the many opportunities offered here. I would like to give my utmost thanks to Mr Ronald Dodge for his generosity and MHSOBA for helping build the thriving community and culture that makes The Castle on the Hill so special.

MHSOBA Scholarship Program

The Leslie Innes Scholarship



Elliot Hannan

I am very grateful to receive the **Leslie Innes Scholarship**. This Scholarship means a lot to me, rewarding my dedication to many different disciplines of sport at MHS. It shows that hard work and dedication are noticed, encouraging me to continue my engagement with sport across MHS in Year 12 and into the future.

I received half colours for Como, recognising my commitment to my house. I ran in the 400m and 3k races, swam in the A relay, played footy, basketball, and water polo, and took a leadership role. One of my proudest moments was coaching the Como Junior Footy Team to a comeback victory over Forrest.

As a member of the footy team, I travelled to Adelaide for the prefects' cup and represented MHS with pride. Playing water polo for MHS, I have learned the value of dedication and commitment, training three days a week since year nine, and winning the interschool sport grand final this year.



Henry Lake

Being a recipient of the **Leslie Innes Scholarship** is truly a great honour. I'm incredibly grateful for the support it provides me as I step into life beyond Melbourne High.

My experiences in both football and basketball have formed many of my most treasured memories, not only at MHS, but in life. This support will make a significant difference as I continue to pursue my sporting goals and ease the financial burdens that come with them.

I'm immensely thankful for this opportunity, and I hope to one day give back to the Melbourne High community that has so generously supported me.

MHSOBA Scholarship Program

The Mahoney Family Scholarship



Adam Yee, BMus
(Perf), GradDipEd,
MIndDes

This Scholarship will enable me to present the findings of my PhD research at the Media Ecology Association Conference (University of Winnipeg) in June 2026. Sharing my work at this conference will allow me to refine and publicise my research, which has the potential to challenge and improve current practices in secondary music education.

The Scholarship is also supporting the development of a published book version of my thesis, written specifically for practitioners. As an active member of my subject associations and an assessor and curriculum writer for the VCAA, I am well-positioned to ensure this work is accessible and impactful across the sector.

As a career secondary teacher, international travel would otherwise have been financially difficult, and I am deeply appreciative that this support is making these opportunities possible.

The Speros Beasley Scholarship



Eeshan Karra

Receiving the **Speros Beasley Scholarship** is an incredible honour that connects my university journey back to my formative years at MHS. My involvement in football, rugby, baseball, and other sports programs has shaped my resilience, teamwork, and discipline, qualities that I now rely on as a Commerce student at the University of Melbourne.

This Scholarship inspires me to embody the values and legacy of Speros Beasley, whose commitment to excellence and community impact I deeply admire. I am grateful for this support and motivated to uphold the high standards set by MHS alumni.

MHSOBA Scholarship Program

The Peter Ivany AO Scholarship



Rajendran Ishan
Venkat

The **Peter Ivany AO Scholarship** is an honour that extends far beyond an award. It is a vote of confidence for any student in what hard work and dedication can earn. It is a symbol of belief in the potential of any MHS student.

To me, receiving this scholarship provides a significant sense of validation and encouragement during my final year of VCE. This award will be used to purchase textbooks and other resources for various subjects.

Scholarships like this sustain the MHS values of respect, integrity, courage and compassion. I am truly grateful for this incredible support from Mr Ivany and I encourage all students to give every opportunity their best effort. Honour The Work.

The Webber Family Scholarship



Ernest Lin

Receiving the **Webber Family Scholarship** is an incredible honour that I will cherish during & beyond my time at Melbourne High School. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to MHSOBA & Mr Greg Webber for recognising my passions & achievements.

The Scholarship motivates me to continue striving for the best in all aspects of life. I promise to live up to the expectations of this honour, remaining as a forthright, committed, and inspiring member of the MHS community.

I extend this passion by continuing to serve the community around me, no matter now or in the future through pursuing a fulfilling career in STEM & medical sciences.

MHSOBA Scholarship Program

The Terry Smith Arts and Humanities Scholarship



Ko Blake

I am very fortunate to have been a recipient of the **Terry Smith Arts and Humanities Scholarship**. In a world where AI is becoming normalised, ignoring the way in which it scrapes artists' original works without consent or even knowledge of its use, the continued support of the Arts and Humanities students is vital to continue to have creatives in the world.

This Scholarship allows me to create while thinking less about the cost of my materials, but also reminds me that there are people who support real artists and want to see human-made art.

To any MHS students who have had an interest in art at all, please continue to study it, enjoy art making, don't stop creating, because there are people who will see your art, relate to it, or support you along the way. I suggest that anyone taking Arts or Humanities subjects apply for this Scholarship in future.

The Men For All Seasons Scholarship



Arjun Shokeen

The **Men For All Seasons Scholarship (MFAS)** means a lot to me, and it is an honour for my academic and co-curricular efforts to be recognised by this award. The opportunities now available to me as a recipient of this Scholarship allow me to explore various pathways as the Scholarship assists me in my academics and outside of school throughout the next year. I look forward to upholding the legacy of this scholarship and continuing to achieve new heights in the years to come.

MHSOBA Scholarship Program

The Verma Family Scholarship



Mark Liu

It is a distinct honour to receive the 2025 **Verma Family Scholarship**. Since entering medical school, I've continued to be guided by Melbourne High's ethos for community service.

My experiences in tutoring, policy advisory and healthcare consulting have allowed me to truly recognise the importance of patient-centred care and education in driving better health outcomes. These are fundamental values of the Verma family that I hope to emulate across my career.

I sincerely thank the Verma family for empowering me to pursue my goal of becoming a clinician-educator that drives meaningful impact at the bedside and beyond.

The Paris and Paula Kritharides Scholarship



Zayan Rahman

The Paris and Paula Kritharides Scholarship is a recognition of hard work undertaken across all areas of the school life and a student's environment and community. It is also a token of my admiration for the school community who continue to contribute to current and future students' efforts.

Hard work is the cornerstone of the school, and this scholarship presents an opportunity to grow and a motivation to extend the work I participate in across several communities.

I thank both Mr Paris and Mrs Paula Karithedes for this Scholarship as it has strengthened my confidence in continuing to honour the work in my remaining years at the Castle on the Hill

MHSOBA Scholarship Program

The Lambis Englezos Scholarship



Xavier Brenton

I am honoured to be the 2025 recipient of the **Lambis Englezos Scholarship**. When I graduated from MHS in 2020, I felt lost and unsure of my place in the world following a COVID-affected Year 12. What followed was throwing myself head-on into every pursuit I thought I might've been interested in; hospitality, retail, psychology studies, outdoor education, and finally found a calling for working in the youth welfare sector.

As I begin a Master of Social Work in 2026, the Lambis Englezos Scholarship will support my studies and career goal of improving welfare services for young people in Australia.

The Alan Schwartz and David Teitelbaum Scholarship In Memory of Mr Barrie Meagher, MHS Staff 1956 – 1977



Archit Kannan

I am extremely grateful for receiving the **Alan Schwartz and David Teitelbaum Scholarship**, which is allocated to students with a vested interest in the field of commerce.

I have truly enjoyed my time this year spent on studying economics and this Scholarship provides an opportunity to expand my engagement with this discipline. I intend to use this scholarship to further my study of economics beyond Year 12 and to participate in university-level economics courses. This opportunity to go beyond the classroom is rare and I am extremely keen to do so.

MHSOBA Scholarship Program

The Gupta Family Scholarship



Isaac Lau

It is an absolute privilege to have been awarded the **Gupta Family Scholarship**. This award recognises the time and effort I have put into building this business. This scholarship enables me to continue pursuing my business endeavours while also studying, which is something I am extremely appreciative of. I believe that under Mr Gupta's guidance, I will be able to strengthen and develop skills that can be transferable to every aspect of life, helping me grow as a person. I would like to thank MHSOBA and Mr Gupta for generously sponsoring this Scholarship.

MHSOBA also acknowledges and congratulates the 2025 recipients of the **Bluey Truscott Scholarship**, Shantan RS and Damien Hau.

Become a Scholarship Sponsor

Funding an MHSOBA Scholarship is a practical and meaningful way to give back to MHS and our community. As a sponsor, you determine the selection criteria and value of your Scholarship which is fully tax-deductible.

You or your family are recognised for your support on our website, in Scholarship documentation, in the MHSOBA Newsletter, and at our annual Appreciation Evening.

To sponsor a new Scholarship, or if you have any questions, please contact [Dr Peter Douros](#) (MHS 1984), Chair, Scholarships Sub-Committee or the [MHSOBA team](#)

You may also [make a single or recurring tax-deductible donation](#) to the MHSOBA Scholarship Fund.

MHSOBA will advise when **2026 Scholarship** applications are open via email, on our website and social media channels.

GM&B Patrons Club

The GM&B's success over the past 30 years has been due in no small part to the wisdom, generosity and kindness of our Patrons, but none more so than one of our founders, Colin Green OAM, who sadly passed away in May last year. It is an opportune time to reflect upon the remarkable contribution he made to our Club, Melbourne High School and the MHSOBA. In recognition of Colin, we have established a new Speech Night Prize for community service in his honour.

Our three primary programs have continued with great success and are in a good position going forward.

Our **Junior Leadership Program** delivered a basic leadership course to 100 MHS and MacRob students earlier this year - a record number made possible by 25 volunteer Group Leaders drawn from our younger alumni. This year we have made a special effort to increase the number of female group leaders, and I am pleased to report that we have succeeded with a much more balanced gender ratio. I would like to thank Shiji Ma, Faith Bui and Camy Wong for their great work in delivering this important program.

Our **Mentoring and Transition Program** delivered four fantastic sessions held on a Friday evening at the Unicorn Club. It was gratifying to see so many young alumni from both MHS and MacRob come along on cold, wet evenings during the depths of winter! This is a testament to the hard work of Wayne Chow, Camy Wong and their team, who were also successful in raising significant sponsorship this year, ensuring the continuation of this important program.

Our **Heritage Program** is being revitalised following a challenging period post Covid and Robin Tuckerman's retirement in 2019. Daryl Brooks is consulting with the school to establish an enduring heritage experience for new families, students, returning alumni and visitors. We continue to benefit from Honorary Archivist Luke Savage's encyclopaedic knowledge of Melbourne High School's History and Heritage. With the Centenary Year rapidly approaching, we are very ably represented on the Centenary Committee by Steve Pilmore.

GM&B Patrons Club

On October 7, we held a very well-attended and successful Forum in the private dining room of the Prince Alfred Hotel. Dr Tony Mordini, Principal of Melbourne High School, was our guest speaker. We are deeply grateful to Tony for his generosity in sharing his time and wisdom, and for his steady leadership of Melbourne High School.

Finally, I would like to make special mention of our Executive Committee: Deputy PIC Damian Powell, Former PIC David Saul, Executive Officer Simon Bowen, Secretary Lewis Shobrook, Heritage Daryl Brooks, Treasurer Maxim Mattvey, M&T Wayne Chow, Membership Nic Psychogios, OBA President Colin Axup and Deniz Atakan. Their tireless dedication, expertise and sage advice make leading the GM&B Patrons a true pleasure!

Gavan Scott, Patron-in-Chief, [Green Maroon and Black Patrons' Club](#)



MHSOB Football Club

The Melbourne High School Old Boys Football Club was represented in 2025 by four teams in the Victorian Amateur Football Association. The Senior and Reserve sides played in Division 2, and we also fielded two Thirds teams in Division 4 and Division 5 respectively. The addition of a second Thirds team in Division 5 was at the expense of an Under 19 team this year, having identified through the pre-season that we were unlikely to be able to consistently field an Under 19 team given low numbers of age eligible players. As such, our second Thirds side was entered with the intent of this being an Under 23 team and Development Squad to continue to foster young player development.

Bernard Pretty continued as Senior Coach in 2025, his sixth season in the role, albeit with notification prior to the commencement of the season that this would be his final season before stepping down from the role. Club Treasurer and Reserves player, Nicholas Campbell was appointed as the Reserves coach. Kevin Pious, formerly the Assistant Coach of the U/19s was appointed as Coach of the Development Squad team, and the Thirds this year were coached by the collective effort of James Yucel, Pat Bulford and Albert Kuang.

Prior to the season commencing, the off-season was filled with significant work and investment in the facilities at the Club. A restoration of the Club's Scoreboard, renovation of the club timekeepers box including a new handrail to ensure the area was safe, as well as a full refurbishment of the canteen were all completed in time for the launch of the football season. These investments demonstrate an ongoing commitment to deliver enhanced facilities to ensure the long-term sustainability and success of the club.

We officially launched the football season with a memorable Season Launch Dinner on Friday 21st March where Roger McIntyre was inducted as a Life Member of MHSOBFC. Roger's distinguished playing career speaks for itself, and it was fabulous to recognise Roger's achievements with so many friends and former teammates.

The Senior team finished the year in 5th position on the ladder with a 9-9 record. It was encouraging to see the debuts of several young players – Yonal Gunawardena and Noah Peterson, both of whom were completing their Year 12 studies at Melbourne High School.

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The Reserves team reached finals, although unfortunately lost to St Mary's Salesian in an elimination final. Our Thirds team had a tough season, finishing the season 10th on the ladder with only two wins for the season. Our 'Development Squad' was the highlight of the season – finishing on top of the ladder and coming away with the club's first Premiership since the Reserves triumph in 2016.

I want to specifically thank Bernie Pretty (MHS exit 2004), our Senior Coach role who has led our club in a coaching capacity for the past six years, through the COVID period and beyond. I wish him many happy Saturdays with a little bit more family time in the coming years.

Other season highlights this year included our first ever Domestic & Family Violence Prevention Round, raising \$1,400 for The Queen's Fund and educating our playing group, as well as the unveiling of our first ever Indigenous jumper in support of reconciliation.

I wish to express gratitude to our Sponsors, many of whom are connected to the club by being Old Boys. Oscar Hunt (Chris Edwards, MHS exit 2003), Podium Money (Sean Lester, MHS exit 2009), Stokes Pretty (Bernie Pretty, MHS exit 2004), Claremont Financial (James Tran, MHS exit 2007), Tonic Technologies (Michael Manteit, MHS exit 2013), P Smith Plumbing (Peter Smith, MHS exit 1977), Union House, and CoLab Wines.

Finally, thank you to Kylie da Fonte (Secretary), Nick Campbell (Treasurer), our entire committee, and our fabulous volunteers. Without their ongoing support, the club would be unable to operate.

Kane Smith-Bahn, President, [MHSOBFC](#)



MHSOB Cricket Club

The Melbourne High School Old Boy's Cricket Club entered the 2024/25 season with three teams. The 1st and Second XI remained in the Melbourne Cricket Club XI competition, where they have played for the last few years with considerable success. Meanwhile, the Third XI began their second season in the Mercantile Cricket Association.

The First XI is being led by premiership winning captain Swapnil Challa, looking to get vengeance after losing in the semi-finals last season. Despite a strong batting line up highlighted by club talisman Dhruv Redhu the bowlers have set themselves apart with some great performances. In just six games, veteran quick Vinuga Caldera leads the league wicket-taking with 17, ahead of the next best by six. With 10 wickets himself, Thenuka Perera has proven himself a worthy sidekick.

Having fallen one game short of the flag last season, the youthful Second XI are on a quest to go one step further to win it all. They are ready to make a charge in the new year, sitting just outside the top four going into the Christmas break. Standout performers include Krit Darji, a wily leg spinning all-rounder who has taken 11 wickets at 14.27, and the explosive Priyansh Chokshi, whose impressive showings at the top of the order have seen him quickly progress into the 1s.

Allen Joseph, the Shohei Ohtani of the MCA (minus the 700 million dollars) has led the often shorthanded Third XI with gusto and has found themselves in a little purple patch heading into Christmas. The team's highlights include Allen "Shohei" Joseph showing his two-way power, making a 50 and taking four wickets in the same game. Also, in perhaps the most heartwarming moment of the season, lifelong friends Rivi De Alwis and Ananya Goswami built a 278 run partnership, both scoring centuries to propel their team to their first win of the season.

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We are proud to have inducted two new life members, Duminda Weerasooriya and Yomitha Navaratne to MHSOBCC. Duminda Weerasooriya was the president of the club for a number of years, leaving a lasting legacy that includes introducing many current players to the club and establishing the Third XI. Yomitha Navaratne brought up 100 games for the club last year, the first to do so since the club entered the MCC competition. His contribution is recognised through his years of seasoned captaincy, his sage advice and his ever-reliable service to the club.

In other club news, we are hoping to host an exhibition cricket match with the MHSOB football club, strengthening our relationship with our brothers, with whom we share the Woodfull-Miller.

We are grateful towards our premium sponsor, Clayton Capital, who provide tailored financial solutions, expert finance brokering guidance, and unwavering support to see their clients succeed. We have also welcomed The Jerk to our sponsorship family, keeping us nourished after many a training session with delicious Jamaican style cuisine. We also recognise and appreciate the long-standing support of Oscar Hunt, who specialise in made-to-measure tailoring, SenSen Networks, who are at the forefront of developing cutting-edge AI, and ProxMed, who are doing great work in the data management space.

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MHSOB Hockey Club

We continue to punch well above our weight, fielding teams across men's, women's, veterans' and junior competitions, all united by a strong culture and a genuine love of the game. On the field, the season delivered plenty to celebrate, with three senior and master's teams qualifying for finals and our Women's Seconds producing an outstanding campaign that culminated in a Grand Final appearance.

Behind these results sits an enormous amount of commitment and generosity. We're incredibly grateful to our dedicated Committee and volunteers, who continue to give their time freely to support players, teams and club operations. From administration and umpiring to fundraising, coaching and player engagement, the behind-the-scenes effort is what allows the Club to thrive. Special thanks are owed to those who stepped into demanding leadership roles this year and to our coaches, whose time and energy underpin the development and enjoyment of players across all levels.

Equally encouraging has been the continued growth of our junior program, with new players and families becoming part of the broader MHSOB community. Junior development remains central to the long-term health of the Club, and the enthusiasm and momentum in this space is something we can all be proud of. As we look ahead to 2026, our focus remains on welcoming new players, strengthening our foundations, and nurturing the inclusive, community-focused culture that makes MHSOB such a special club. We're extremely grateful to our major sponsor Brady Tiling, the tiling company that services residential, commercial and industrial jobs across Melbourne and surrounding areas.

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Congratulations to members of the Old Boys community who were recognised in the Australia Day and King's Birthday 2025 Honours List for their outstanding contributions across their various fields. For further details, please click [here](#).

Australia Day 2025 Honours



**Companion of the Order of Australia
Professor Allen Cheuk-Seng Cheng AC
M.B., B.S., M.Bio.Stats., M.P.H., Ph.D.
MHS 1984-1987**

For eminent service to medicine as an epidemiologist, to infectious and communicable disease research and education, and to national and international public health policy.

King's Birthday 2025 Honours



**Companion of the Order of Australia
Justice Mark Samuel Weinberg AC, LL.B., B.A.,
B.C.L., K.C.
MHS 1962-1965**

For eminent service to the law, to the judiciary, to legal education, and as a mentor to juristic practitioners and academics.



**Member of the Order of Australia
Charles Macek AM, B.Ec., M.Admin.
MHS 1961-1964**

For significant service to corporate governance and to the financial services industry.

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Member of the Order of Australia
Professor Alistair George Royse AM, B.S., M.D.,
F.R.A.C.S., F.C.S.A.N.Z
MHS 1978-1979

For significant service to medicine as a cardiothoracic surgeon, researcher, educator, and trainer.



Member of the Order of Australia
David John Zerman AM
MHS 1965-1969

For eminent service to the law, to the judiciary, to legal education, and as a mentor to juristic practitioners and academics.



Medal of the Order of Australia
John Alexander Hearsch OAM, B.Com.
MHS 1956-1958

For service to the rail industry.

For further information on our previous Honours recipients, please visit our [website](#).

Our special thanks to Luke Savage, Honorary School Archivist, for his advice and assistance regarding these awards.

Tributes

The MHSOBA acknowledges members of our Old Boys community who we farewelled in 2025 and extends condolences to family, friends, former colleagues and all who were touched by their lives.



Robert John Starkie
26.07.1952 – 29.11.2025
MHS 1966-1970



Dr John Douglas Taylor
28.1.1938–11.2025
MHS 1952–1955



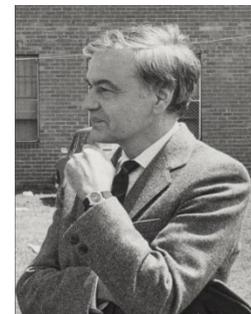
Petro Georgiou AO
30.11.1947 – 04.04.2025
MHS 1962 – 1965



Michael Peter 'Mick'
Constable
4.12.1933 – 17.06.2025
MHS Staff 1974



Brian James Dixon
20 May 1936 – 9.07.2025
MHS 1950-1953



Ronald Crisp "Ron"
Seaman
4.06.1936 - 28.03.2025
MHS 1950 - 1953

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MHSOBA Membership includes:

- Member-only ticket prices to reunions and events
- Member-only Unicorn Club venue hire fees for business and private events
- For Students
 - Access to MHSOBA Scholarships
 - Access to Vocational and Exam Preparation Seminars

Most importantly, your support enables us to deliver programs and events for current students, Old Boys and the wider MHS community.

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