



Principal's Report

Mr Aaron Sykes

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, Staff and Community members

As we come to the end of another exciting term at Melba College, let's take a moment to reflect on the many memorable experiences and achievements that have taken place over the past few months.

Camps

Our students in Years 7, 10 and 12 have had the opportunity to embark on enriching and adventurous camps this term. Our Year 7s enjoyed a thrilling outdoor adventure camp where they conquered high swings, challenging courses and tested their teamwork skills. The Year 10s were speed boating and snorkelling, canoeing and sharing various adventures and our Year 12s, amidst studying in targeted sessions were busy conquering high rope courses, archery, rafting and a variety of other challenges.

Carnivals

The swimming and athletic carnivals were a highlight of the term, with students showcasing their skills and sportsmanship. It was heartening to witness the competitive spirit and camaraderie on display as students cheered for their houses and gave their all in the various events. There is a list of our Age Group Champions later in the newsletter. Congratulations to all our winners and participants for their dedication and commitment to their sporting endeavours.

Open Night

We had a fantastic turnout at our Open Night, where prospective students and their families had the opportunity to tour our school and learn about our diverse academic and extracurricular offerings. There were over 350 people through the school, and it was a pleasure to showcase the talents and achievements of our students. We look forward to welcoming new members to the Melba College community in the future.

7/8 'This Is Me Breakfast'

Close to 100 parents joined the school for breakfast before heading out to look at the various projects year 7 and 8 students were showcasing. Our students did themselves proud with their efforts and presentations and had it reinforced that the school community values the work that they do and the effort they put in. We look forward to another of these events for both Mother's Day and Father's Day a little later in the year.

School facilities

The carpark opposite the school gym is now complete and able to be used.

In addition, the new grass has been established on the old school site and should consolidate over the holiday period. All going well, students will be able to access a large portion of this space early in Term 2.

Throughout the term, our students have been engaged in a range of exciting events. From guest speakers and workshops to cultural celebrations and performances, there has been no shortage of opportunities for students to learn, grow and thrive and demonstrate our school values of STRIVE. I am proud of the active participation and enthusiasm displayed by our students, and we commend their efforts in making these events a success. I am equally proud of the collective efforts of our dedicated staff over the course of the term, our supportive parents and enthusiastic students for making this term a memorable one.

As we head towards the end of term, I take the opportunity to remind our students of the importance of upholding the Melba College school values and respect. All students have a responsibility to demonstrate positive behaviour and maintaining a safe and inclusive environment for all. To support our school community, achieve this, I remind all of the following;

- **Mobile phones.** These are not permitted to be used at school. If they are seen by a staff member, they will be asked for. If a student refuses to hand it over, they will be suspended and/ or a parent meeting arranged.
- **Uniform.** The majority of students are presenting appropriately to school, and I thank them for this. The school changed the uniform to better reflect the interests of students which led to the PE uniform being acceptable attire to wear at school. There are three important reminders for families regarding school uniform:
 1. **Short 'shorts'** are not permitted as part of either the PE or academic uniform. School Council is in the process of amending the wording of the school uniform policy but in the interim, mid-thigh length will be enforced. Students who do not adhere to or meet this requirement will be sent home.
 2. **Hair colour** must be natural. Blue, Green, Pink are not reflective of the school uniform policy. Students who do not meet this requirement will be sent home.
 3. **Hoodies and non-school jumpers** are not allowed. Even if they are stuffed under a school shirt, they are non-uniform items. Students who do not comply with an instruction to either remove or hand over the non-uniform item will be issued a relevant consequence which may include suspension and/ or family meetings.

Principal

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(24 hour number)

Important dates

Year 8 Camp – 1-3 May

Year 11 Camp – 5- 7 June

Vocal Concert – 31 May

FONO – 14 June

GAT – 15 June

Year 10 Work Experience

19-23 June

Student Free dates

ANZAC Day 25/4

Curriculum Day 9/6

King's Birthday Holiday 12/6

School Term dates 2023

Term 2 24/4 -23/6

Term 3 10/7 -15/9

Term 4 2/10 -20/12

Thank you to families for your support with the above student reminders. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday break and I look forward to another successful term ahead.

Best wishes,

Aaron Sykes
Principal

Meet our Student Leaders



We would like to introduce two of our College Captains.

Name: Holly Hansen **Year Level:** 12

Time you have been at Melba College: End of year 7 till now.

The subjects you will be completing in 2023:

Further mathematics, english, food studies and health and human development

Aspirations for 2023:

My aspirations of 2023 are to work hard academically and try to produce the best possible scores I can, and to create an environment for all of our year levels to feel welcome and happy at school.

Interests/hobbies (sport, music, extra curricula activities):

Interests and hobbies I enjoy are being a member of a sprinting team in which I compete all year round, spending time with those I appreciate in life, trying new things and going to new places.

Highlight a positive/memorable moment you've had at Melba:

A positive memorable moment I've experienced at Melba was winning the mixed hockey interschool sports team and then having to push the bus back because it broke down, I love this memory as even when off the field all of my peers and teachers still worked together as a team to continue our victory.

Why do you want to be a leader in 2023 and what are your leadership goals?:

My leadership goals this year are to be as approachable and as helpful as I can to my teachers and peers, be supportive and brainstorm new ideas to help our college excel as much as possible.

Message to the college community: My message to the college is to never give up hope and always have faith. School can be tough at times but the outcomes and memories you will make will be with you for a long time. keep working and keep pushing yourself academically and socially.



Name: Jordan Shanks **Year Level:** 12

Time you have been at Melba College: since 2022, I came during year 11.

The subjects you will be completing in 2023: I will be doing english, methods, biology, psychology and a Deakin University subject

Aspirations for 2023: I want to be more organised with my study and work hard to achieve an 85+ ATAR

Interests/hobbies (sport, music, extra curricula activities): I am a member of Melbourne Taekwondo Centre and just graded to black belt at the end of 2022.

Highlight a positive/memorable moment you've had at Melba: Being a new student in year 11 was hard and scary, but the most positive moment I had that made me feel so welcomed was in one of my classes when my classmates included me in the conversation and treated me as if I had been at Melba since year 7. It made transitioning so much easier for me.

Why do you want to be a leader in 2023 and what are your leadership goals?: I love being a leader and helping people be the best they can be, and I'm very passionate about helping the school be as inviting and supportive so students can achieve their full potential.

My goals include; ensuring that there are sufficient possibilities for students to get help if they need mentally, and academically. Create more interlevel relationships, possibly through tutoring of younger year levels by older ones or study sessions with multiple levels.

Message to the college community: High School, whilst being tough, fun, exciting, scary, are some of the most memorable years of your life, and as my time here comes to an end, some of you are just beginning, or still going. You need to know that study is essential, but so is fun. Don't miss out on opportunities to have fun with your year level and your school community, because those memories will stick with you. Still study but leave some time to enjoy your teenage years.



Swimming & Athletics Carnivals



Congratulations to the overall swimming champions Waratah, 2nd place Wattle, 3rd Banksia and 4th place Bluegum.

Congratulations to the overall athletics champions Banksia on 1077 points, 2nd place Bluegum on 981 points, 3rd place Waratah on 913 points and 4th place Wattle with 789 points.

A special mention goes out to each male and female age group champion.



Swimming Champions

13 Yr Female Champion
Isabelle Brueckner
13 Yr Male Champion
William Loci
14yr Female Champion
Holliava McCorvell
14yr Male Champion
Zac Warburton
15yr Female Champion
Sarah Flewellen
15yr Male Champion
Declan Fitzgerald
16yr Female Champion
Jasmyn Hall
16yr Male Champion
Nash Childs
17yr Female Champion
Eleanor Hill
17yr Male Champion
Benjamin Taylor
20yr Female Champion
Skyla Jones
20yr Male Champion
Jack Lindner

Athletics Champions

13yr Female Champion
Isabelle Brueckner
13yr Male Champion
Ryder Kiss
14yr Female Champion
Olivia Hunt
14yr Male Champion
Zac Warburton
Kobey Jones
15yr Female Champion
Emily Blackmur
15yr Male Champion
Hugh Gionfriddo
16yr Female Champion
Tabatha Hargreaves
Inga Jones
16yr Male Champion
Bailey Sharp
17yr Female Champion
Emily Kirwan
17yr Male Champion
Ben Taylor
20yr Female Champion
Holly Hansen
20yr Male Champion
Jack Lindner

Library and Research Centre



Highlights Term 1

Orientation for year 7's went really well with classes completing the activities related to 'Getting to know your Library.' It is great to see so many of the Year 7's as familiar faces in the library whether through timetabled classes or joining in activities at recess and lunchtime.

CF11 is now the Senior Study Centre and is regularly used as a quiet reading and research area at recess and lunchtime. It has been wonderful becoming re-acquainted with our fabulous group of Year 11 and 12 students.

CF08 is now known as the Club Room and for good reason.

Tuesday Book Club is enthusiastically run by year 11 students, Anna, Eleanor and Brianna with members ranging from Year 7 to year 11. A wonderful way for students to connect with students from other year levels who share similar interests.

Wednesday Anime Club co-ordinated by Ms Bianca Inoue and Mr Robin Ren attracts a dedicated bunch of Anime fans. Quite a shock for first timers to see that the films are in Japanese with English sub-titles but what a great way to familiarise students with the Japanese Language.

Thursday Chess Club is the official Club Day, but students play chess every recess and lunchtime. Big thank you to Mr Nathan Reeve who is co-ordinating Chess Club and who recently purchased Chess Timers, which have been a big hit with our students.

Thursday After School Homework Club is an opportunity to catch up on Homework, receive assistance from a teacher or just get ahead of the game. Afternoon tea provided.

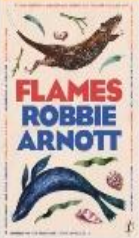
Friday Lego Club – So popular, thanks to an enthusiastic group of year 7s who wanted to get this Club up and running. Students from various year levels now participate and it is wonderful to see them working collaboratively to produce some amazing Lego models.

A huge thank you goes to the Cantelmi family who donated a big box of Lego to our Lego Club.

If you do have any Lego lying around the house, the Lego Club are more than happy to take it off your hands. It doesn't matter if they are not complete Lego sets because our club members are right into Free Form. Can organise pick up if required. Contact Mrs Lobato on 99555732.

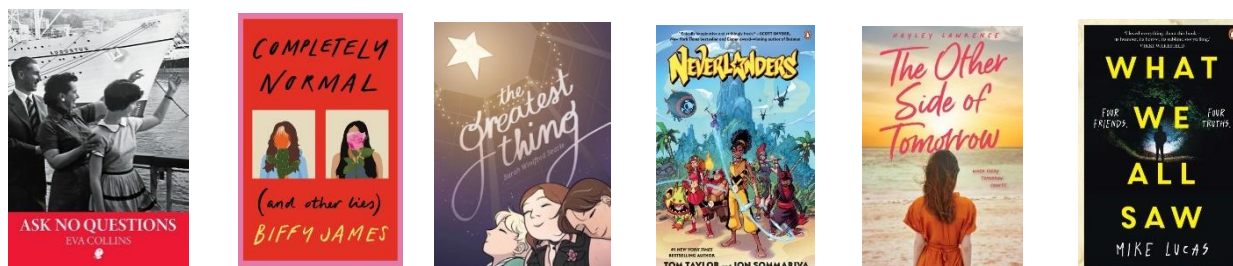
Students can utilise these games and many more during recess and lunchtime. UNO and regular card games are popular as are many of our board games.

LearnPath is a recent addition to support the curriculum. LearnPath can be accessed through Oliver our Library Management System. The Library is in the process of developing LearnPaths for many of our units of study for all year levels. Below is an example of a LearnPath recently created for the Year 12 study of *Flames*.

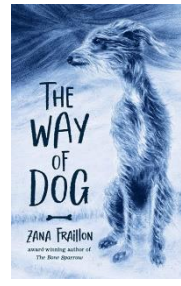
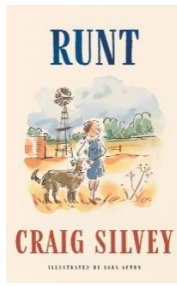
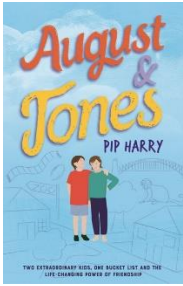
FLAMES  In Robbie Arnott's witty, acerbic and much-loved first novel, a young man named Levi McAllister decides to build a coffin for his dying, Charlotie, who promptly runs for her life. A writer sat seems upriver in quest of the cloud goat. A Bohemian hunk for time in partnership with a seal. And a letter takes form from the The answers to these riddles are to be found in this tale of grief and love and the bonds of family, tracing a journey across the southern island, Utterly original in conception, spellbinding in its descriptions of nature and celebration of language, <i>Flames</i> is one of the most exciting debuts of recent years.	ABOUT THE AUTHOR  Robbie Arnott's acclaimed debut, <i>Flames</i> (2018), won a Sydney Morning Herald Best Young Novelist award and a Tasmanian Premier's Literary Prize, and was shortlisted for a Victorian Premier's Literary Award, a New South Wales Premier's Literary Award, a Queensland Literary Award, the Rounding Prize for New Australian Fiction and the New York Book Prize. His follow-up, <i>The Rain Horse</i> (2020), won the Age Book of the Year award, and was shortlisted for the Miles Franklin Literary Award, the AS Book Award, the Wood I. Mackay Prize and an Adelaide Festival Award. He lives in Hobart.	TEACHER NOTES AND STUDY GUIDES Text Publishing Teaching Notes NEAP VCE Study guide: Flames - abbreviated version WEBSITES Text Publishing: Flames - Includes links to interviews, book reviews etc. VCEStudyguides.com Insight Publications: Flames Goodreads - see what others have to say about <i>Flames</i> . LibraryThing - more reviews on <i>Flames</i>
INTERVIEWS WITH ROBBIE ARNOTT  A Chat with Robbie Arnott Click on the cover image to listen to a conversation with Robbie Arnott on SoundCloud. Only accessible at home.	AUDIOBOOK, EBOOK AND BOOK  Click on the Libby app/platform icon to borrow the <i>Flames</i> audiobook. To sign in, use the same username and password you use for Compass.  Eastern Regional Libraries has <i>Flames</i> available to members as an eBook, audiobook and hard copy book. If you are not a member you can join online. Click on the Eastern Regional Libraries image to borrow and join.	SIGNIFICANT LOCATIONS MENTIONED IN FLAMES 

CBCA – shortlisted books have recently been announced and the library has many of these books on display.

BOOK OF THE YEAR FOR OLDER READERS



BOOK OF THE YEAR FOR YOUNGER READERS



Click here to access the full list of winners and notables.

<https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2023>

Wheelers e-Platform

Thank you to the staff who have been promoting this database. Our usage statistics have just come in and they show a huge increase in the number of patrons using this service to access e-books and audio books.

Access is via the Melba College Portal > Melba College Library Resource icon, then click on the Melba e-Platform by Wheelers Books. Log in using your Compass credentials.

The Library continues to promote literacy through its wide range of Fiction and Non-Fiction titles. We continue to introduce students to new books as well as purchasing recommendations from students.

The focus for this year will be building up our Non-Fiction collection due to the increased interest in reading factual books.

For those who love to write there are several organisations that offer writing competitions throughout the year.

Check out the following:

<https://www.write4fun.net/>

<https://ozkids.com.au/>

<https://www.insightpublications.com.au/insight-writing-competition-2023/>

It would be great to see some Melba College students enter and maybe there will be a winner in our midst!



Year 10 Camp



Year 12 Camp



Multicultural Day



Swimming Carnival

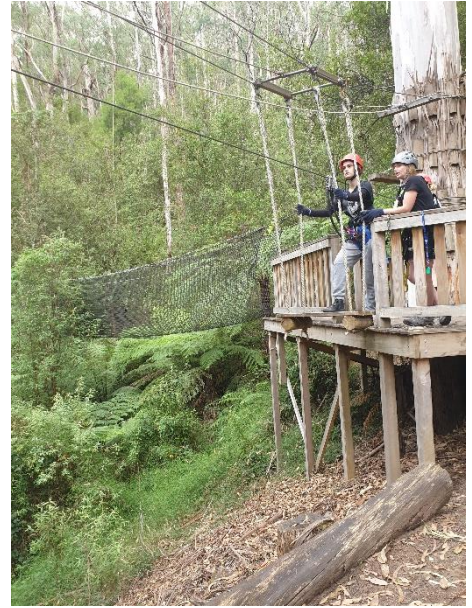




Athletics Carnival



Outdoor Education



Year 7 & 8 'This is Me' Breakfast



2023 College Musical

August 16-19

Tickets available next term!!



Production Captain



Jordi Shanks

Dance Captain



Chloe MacLaren

Dancestors:



Ashlee Aekland



Erica Clark



Lani Newton



James Kavenagh



Charlie Shanks



Ayda Haughey



Polly Anders



Sienna Soutter



Lilly Sharp

Little Wednesday (Double cast)



Polly Anders



Sienna Soutter



Logan McGrath

Thing

The Addams Ancestors

Alex Bartlett
Riley Morrison
Sarah Flewelling
Robbie Stacey
Anna Selford
Jiya Sharma
Jaz Hall

Stephanie Lowe
Lizzie Sampson
Penny Portlock
Olivia King
Georgia Juniper
Lucy Baade
Taya Pretty

Kate Kirwin
Nat Vondrej
Elise Morgan
Laura Wilson
Jordana Scott
Abby Clark

Grace Wilson
Jade Mason
Ruby Ryan
Kiara Harris
Gemma King
Kathy Dang
Akira Frazer

Pre-show Mini Ensemble

Ky Smith
Gray Reynolds
Alice Merri
Jazlyn Carroll
Chloe Bowman
Alana Mitchell

Grace Worley
Maddison Macpherson
Dakota Macpherson
Ava Emmett
Alisha Patel
Autumn Doehner

Cienna Grieco
Billy Luci
Heidi Portlock
Teagan King
Louise Edwards
Jack Worland

Melba College Chaplaincy Support Group

Trivia NIGHT

28th April, 2023

Come along have fun and support our
chaplains

Great prizes, raffle, games & auction

\$20.00 pp – 7pm for 7.30 pm start

Croydon North Uniting Church

389 Maroondah Hwy, Croydon North VIC 3136

Supper, tea & coffee supplied

**Bring your own glass, nibbles & non-alcoholic drinks
and lots of dollar coins**

Soft drinks & lollies for sale

TO BOOK A TABLE PLEASE CONTACT

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