MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
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TERM 3 2026



STRIVING FOR GREATNESS: HOUSE SPIRIT IN ACTION

Our annual House Athletics Carnival was held on Tuesday 25 August at Hamer Park, bringing students together for a day of competition, participation and House spirit.

Students competed across a full program of track and field events, with fantastic conditions helping create an energetic atmosphere throughout the day.

From sprints and relays to field events, students challenged themselves, supported their teammates and proudly represented their Houses. The carnival was also a day of outstanding achievement, with six new school records set across the competition. Beyond the results, the enthusiasm and encouragement shown by students throughout the day highlighted the strong sense of community and camaraderie that makes House events such an important part of school life.

Congratulations to all students who competed and contributed to their Houses. A special thank you to our Physical Education staff, whose planning, organisation and dedication helped make the carnival such a successful day, along with our staff, officials and volunteers who supported the event.

The Overall House Athletics Shield was awarded to Murdoch, with O'Connor taking the Middle School Shield, Forrest the Upper School Shield and Murdoch the Senior School Shield.

The 2026 House Athletics Carnival was a celebration of perseverance, teamwork and school spirit, with every student playing a part in making the day memorable.

The results are in! Turn to page 4 to discover this year's individual champions and runners-up across every year level.

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES
GOOD TO GREAT



LAWLEY LIFE

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Principal's Report

As we reflect on Term 3, it has been another busy and successful term at Mount Lawley Senior High School, marked by achievement, creativity, community and opportunity.

Our students continued to excel across academic, sporting and cultural pursuits, with individual achievements celebrated through our Student Success stories, Honours Society Assembly, Whole School Awards and High Achievers Breakfast.

The arts continued to thrive, with students performing in our Musical Theatre Showcase, Contemporary Music Concert, Jazz Music Concert and Year 12 Recital Night. Our visual artists were recognised through Young Originals, while Media students explored industry pathways during a visit to Perth Film Studios.

Students embraced diverse learning and cultural experiences through Science Week, Book Week, Languages Week, the French Dinner Excursion, Million Moves Challenge and Japanese cultural activities. We also welcomed students from Kogyokusha Boys High School and the Governor of Hyogo Prefecture, strengthening our international connections.

Respect, community and service remained central to the term, with students participating in the Korean War Commemorative Service, Wear It Purple Day and the World's Greatest Shave. Our Year 8 students challenged themselves at camp, while the House Athletics Carnival brought the school together through participation, teamwork and friendly competition.

This term also saw the launch of our new school website, while our Public School Review recognised the school's performance as exceptional. Our communications work was also recognised externally, with Media and Communications Officer Owen Briffa receiving the 2026 educate+ Newcomer Award.

Our Year 12 students also celebrated Leavers Week and completed their final school examinations, marking an important milestone before they return next term for their WACE examinations. We look forward to welcoming the Class of 2026 back for their Final School Assembly, Final Dinner and Year 12 Awards Night as they celebrate the conclusion of their time at Mount Lawley.

As Term 3 comes to a close, I thank our staff, students, families, volunteers and community partners for their continued contribution to the life of our school. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday break and look forward to Term 4 as we continue our journey from Good to Great.

Lesley Street

Lesley Street
Principal

LAWLEY **EVENTS HUB**

The **Lawley Events Hub** is your one-stop destination to buy tickets, reserve your place, and stay informed about a wide range of school events throughout the year.

Visit: **community.lawley.wa.edu.au**

Upcoming Events



Media Night 2026
14 October 2026



Strings Concert
20 October 2026



Classical Guitar Concert
20 October 2026

Gifted and Talented

GAT Parent Info Evening
17 November 2026

View the full calendar of events, excursions, and activities on the school website.

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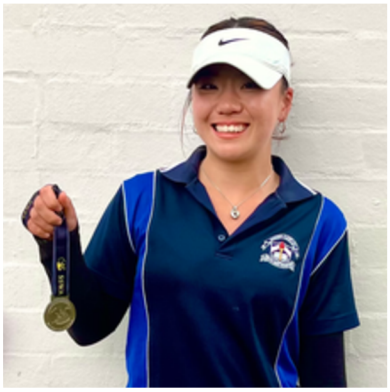
https://www.lawley.wa.edu.au/information/calendar/



Ruby (10M2)
competed at the SSWA Secondary Golf Championships at Meadow Springs Golf Club on Monday 17 August, achieving an outstanding result in the Year 9 and 10 Girls' Gross competition. She finished as the Year 9 and 10 Girls' Gross winner with an excellent score of 72 (nett 68).



Shea (9H1)
competed at the 2026 National Indoor Archery Championships at Kingsway Indoor Stadium, competing across two days against archers from across Australia. Competing in the U16 Recurve Female category, Shea achieved an outstanding result, winning Gold and 1st place in WA, as well as 1st overall in Australia.



Eric (11H3)
performed as a soloist with Allegri at their annual Youth Showcase on Sunday 13 September, playing the first movement of Vanhal's Bass Concerto in C Major on double bass. Conducted by Grace Ah-quee, the showcase featured talented young musicians performing alongside Allegri's string ensemble repertoire.



Charlie (12H3)
competed for the Western Australian State Team at the Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships from 25–27 June 2026. She won gold in the U19 Women's 100m Manikin Carry, silver in the 200m Obstacles and CPR, and bronze in the Line Throw, finishing 3rd overall in the U19 Women's Individual Championship.

2026 House Athletics Carnival Champions

Middle School				Upper School				Senior School			
		Champion	Runner Up			Champion	Runner Up			Champion	Runner Up
7	Girls	Astrid	Sienna	9	Girls	Kenzie	Evelyn	11	Girls	Asha	Anouk
	Boys	Anirudh & Miles	Sebastian		Boys	Harry	Jack		Boys	Nicholas	Noah
8	Girls	Hannah	Heidi	10	Girls	Jessica	Ruby	12	Girls	Tayla	Scarlet
	Boys	Owen	Kynan		Boys	Riley	Zach		Boys	Jarvis	Matthew

Student Success – Celebrating Lawley Achievements

At Mount Lawley Senior High School, we love celebrating the achievements of our students both in and out of school. From sporting excellence to creative and academic success, our students continue to shine across a wide range of fields.

If your child has achieved something noteworthy, we'd love to hear about it!
Please email details and photos to: mountlawley.shs.media@education.wa.edu.au

young ORIGINALS

WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S FINEST PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT ARTWORK







Four Way Speaking Test Competition

On Monday 10 August, Year 10 students Georgie and Luke represented Mount Lawley Senior High School at the Mount Lawley Rotary Club Heat of the Four Way Speaking Test Competition.

Students were required to address the Four Way Test: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Georgie spoke about the importance and responsibility of political literacy, while Luke explored how political promises can sometimes be equated to scams.

Both students demonstrated impressive poise, enthusiasm and maturity of thought. Although Perth College progressed to the semi-final, Georgie and Luke represented our school with pride. Congratulations to both students on their excellent efforts.

Alice Basini
Teacher - English



Young Originals

Congratulations to five Mount Lawley Senior High School students whose artworks were selected for Young Originals 2026, a prestigious exhibition showcasing outstanding secondary student artwork from across Western Australia.

Selected students were Elise (Flowers), Aarshiya (Goldfish), Addison (Self Portrait), Tyzen (Niche Eagle) and Tyler (Two of a Kind). This outstanding achievement recognises their creativity, technical skill and dedication, supported by the guidance of our Visual Arts staff. The exhibition was held at Gallery Central, North Metropolitan TAFE from 14–25 August, with the Opening Night on Thursday 13 August.

Lynda Kuntyj
Program Coordinator – Visual Arts (Media and Visual Arts)



Rock the Boat Film Festival

On Tuesday 30 June, Yash, Filip and Boggi represented Mount Lawley Senior High School at the Brain Bee Challenge at the The University of Western Australia.

The students delivered an impressive performance while exploring the fascinating world of neuroscience through a series of interactive activities and experiments. Highlights included investigating how the nervous system works by observing nerve stimulation demonstrations and taking part in hands-on scientific investigations.



Term 3 Assembly Awards

Our Term 3 Whole School Assembly provided an opportunity to recognise and celebrate students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement, commitment and contribution across the school community.

Congratulations to the following award winners: Ginger (Gold - Arts), Scarlett (Gold- Service, Sport & House), Ava (Gold - Sport & House), Rebekah (Gold - Service & House), Imogen (Academic & House), Emily (Arts), Maisie (Academic, Arts, Service & Sport), Avantika (Arts) and Maya (Academic) and Angela (Academic).

Honours Society 2026

On Thursday 27 August, we proudly welcomed 20 outstanding Year 12 students into the Mount Lawley Senior High School Honours Society, recognising their exemplary academic achievement across both ATAR and General pathways.

Established in 1982, the Honours Society has become a prestigious and enduring tradition for the last 44 years at Mount Lawley, celebrating students who demonstrate an exceptional commitment to their studies and academic excellence.

The induction of our 20 new members in 2026 brings the cumulative membership of the Honours Society to 894 students. Congratulations to our newest members on this significant achievement.

Congratulations to our newest members on this significant achievement. Your dedication, perseverance and pursuit of excellence are an inspiration to our school community.

We are proud to celebrate your success and look forward to seeing where your achievements take you next.





Student Recognition Breakfasts

Mount Lawley Senior High School hosted two recognition breakfasts during Term 3, bringing together students, staff and alumni to celebrate achievement and explore future pathways.

The Year 12 High Achievers Breakfast, held on Wednesday 5 August, recognised students for their academic achievement and provided an opportunity to hear about their experiences beyond school. The Year 10 Skills Breakfast, held on Wednesday 26 August, gave students an insight into future study and career pathways, with alumni sharing their experiences and advice.

Together, the breakfasts celebrated student success while strengthening connections between current students and our alumni community, highlighting the many pathways that can begin at Mount Lawley Senior High School.













Year 11 & 12 Recital Night

On Wednesday 2 September, Mount Lawley Senior High School's talented Year 11 and 12 music students took to the stage for the 2026 Year 11 & 12 Recital.

The recital showcased a diverse range of performances, highlighting the students' musicianship, preparation and confidence as they performed for an appreciative audience.

The evening provided our senior music students with an opportunity to share their talent and celebrate their development throughout their musical journey at Mount Lawley.

Jazz Music Concert

On Monday 31 August, Mount Lawley Senior High School's talented jazz musicians took to the Tricycle Theatre stage for the 2026 Jazz Music Concert.

The evening featured performances from two Big Bands and two Jazz Combos, showcasing the students' musicianship, collaboration and confidence. The program included a diverse range of jazz classics, contemporary arrangements and original compositions by Jazz Combo 1.

Four students also stepped into the spotlight, with Conrad, Dashiell, Jacob and Oleg showcasing their skills as soloists.

Thank you to Dijon Summers, Benn Hodgkin and Nami Cheng, along with our students, staff, parents and Music Support Committee, for their contribution to another outstanding evening of music.





Music Theatre Showcase

On Monday 17 August, Mount Lawley Senior High School's Music Department hosted the 2026 Music Theatre Showcase, featuring talented vocalists from Year 7 through to Year 12.

The evening showcased performances from much-loved musicals including The Sound of Music, Singin' in the Rain, Beauty and the Beast, Little Shop of Horrors, Heathers and Six. The school choir brought the evening to a spectacular close with highlights from Hamilton, The Greatest Showman and The Little Mermaid.

A special congratulations to Maisie, Lana, Sienna, Ginger, Nina and Rebekah, whose performance of Ex-Wives was a standout.

Thank you to Victoria O'Neil and Nami Cheng, along with our Music and Drama staff, students, Music Parent Support Group and technical team, for their support in bringing this fantastic evening to life.

Contemporary Music Concert

On Monday 24 August, Mount Lawley Senior High School's contemporary musicians took to the Tricycle Theatre stage for the 2026 Contemporary Music Concert.

The evening featured four Contemporary Ensembles, alongside student-led groups The Sentinels and Birdland. Birdland also performed three original compositions, showcasing the creativity and independence of our student musicians.



educate+ Award

Congratulations to our Media and Communications Officer, Owen Briffa, who has been awarded the 2026 educate+ Newcomer Award!

educate+ is a professional association supporting advancement, engagement, development and communications professionals working across the education sector throughout Australia, New Zealand and Asia.

Owen was unable to attend the recent educate+ Conference and Award Ceremony in Brisbane, so it was wonderful to welcome Mandy McFarland, CEO of educate+, to Mount Lawley Senior High School on Friday 18 September to present him with the award.

The moment was made especially meaningful with Principal Lesley Street, who nominated Owen for the award, there to present the award alongside Mandy.

The award recognises Owen's work across strategic communications and community engagement. He was selected as the Newcomer Award recipient from many nominations, as part of more than 300 submissions received across Australia, New Zealand and Asia.

At just 20 years old, Owen is an outstanding example of the contribution that young professionals can make within their chosen field of work.

We are incredibly proud to see Owen receive this recognition and congratulate him on this well-deserved achievement!



New School Website

Mount Lawley Senior High School is pleased to announce the launch of our new school website, following a comprehensive redevelopment to create a more modern, accessible and user-friendly platform.

The new website features refreshed content, improved navigation, enhanced accessibility and a contemporary design that better reflects our school's identity, strategic direction and the opportunities available to our students and community.

The project was led by Owen Briffa, Media and Communications Officer, who managed the planning, design, content development, coordination and implementation from start to finish. Thank you also to Michael Camilleri, Ainsley Bakitch and Andrew Paul for their valuable contribution as members of the Website Redevelopment Committee, and to everyone who provided content and feedback throughout the project.

The new website is now available at **www.lawley.wa.edu.au** and will continue to evolve as we refine and update information for our school community.





School Given the Tick of Approval

Mount Lawley Senior High School is pleased to share the outcome of our recent Public School Review, with the Department of Education confirming that the school's performance has been assessed as exceptional.

The review recognised our consistently high levels of student achievement across measures including NAPLAN, WACE and ATAR, as well as our commitment to providing a safe, engaging and responsive learning environment that embraces diversity and inclusion.

The review also acknowledged the strength of our leadership, collaborative approach to school improvement, and strong culture of communication and community, including our commitment to celebrating past students and staff.

As a result of the exceptional outcome, our next Public School Review will take place in 2031.

This achievement reflects the dedication of our entire school community. Thank you to our students, staff, parents and carers for your ongoing contribution to the success of Mount Lawley Senior High School as we continue our journey from Good to Great.

Year 12's Re-design Cafe

Year 12 Dimensional Design students have been reimagining the school cafeteria as part of their Unit 3–4 General course requirements.

As part of their final task, students developed detailed models and design proposals focused on improving the space, including ideas for efficiently moving large numbers of students through the cafeteria and creating a dedicated Year 12 area.

Students presented their designs and justifications to a stakeholder panel during Week 7, showcasing their impressive models and thoughtful ideas for the future of the cafeteria space.

Nickie Summers
Teacher - Design & Technology





Japanese Cultural Visit

Mount Lawley Senior High School welcomed 20 students from Kogyokusha Boys High School in Japan for a four-day cultural and educational visit from 3–6 August.

Organised in partnership with Gold Educational Tours, the visit provided the Japanese students with an opportunity to experience Australian school life and connect with students from Mount Lawley.

Selected MLSHS students acted as buddies, welcoming their Japanese counterparts into their classes and helping them experience a typical school day. The visit also included opportunities for the students to participate in Japanese classes and other lessons.

The program concluded with a farewell function in the Library, bringing students and their buddies together to celebrate the friendships and connections made throughout the visit.



Hyogo Prefecture Visit

Mount Lawley Senior High School was pleased to welcome Mr Motohiko Saito, Governor of Hyogo Prefecture, Japan, on Thursday 27 August as part of a visit celebrating the 45th anniversary of the sister-state relationship between Hyogo and Western Australia.

The Governor was accompanied by a delegation of Hyogo government officials, who visited the school to learn more about public education in Western Australia and experience our school community.

During their visit, the delegation toured the school and met with staff and students, gaining an insight into teaching and learning at Mount Lawley. The visit also provided an opportunity to strengthen the cultural and educational connections between Western Australia and Hyogo Prefecture.

The Governor's visit was a wonderful opportunity for our students to engage with international visitors and celebrate the longstanding relationship between Western Australia and Japan.





World's Greatest Shave

On Wednesday 19 August, five courageous Mount Lawley Senior High School Middle School students took the plunge during the World's Greatest Shave, shaving their heads to support people impacted by blood cancer.

Congratulations to Year 7 student Joseph and Year 8 students Lewis, Tyler, Ayrton and Maliykh for showing incredible courage, generosity and community spirit. Together, the students helped raise an incredible $7,029, making a meaningful contribution to this important cause. We are incredibly proud of our students for their commitment and willingness to make a difference in the community.







EA Appreciation Week

During Education Assistant Appreciation Week, we took the opportunity to celebrate our incredible team of 22 dedicated Education Assistants with a morning tea on Friday 4 September.

Our EAs play an important role in the life of Mount Lawley Senior High School, supporting students and working alongside teachers and staff to help create an environment where every student feels known, connected and supported.

Their patience, care and commitment make a genuine difference to our students and school community every day. Thank you to our wonderful EA team for everything you do. We are incredibly grateful to have you as part of the Mount Lawley family!





Wear It Purple Fundraiser

On Thursday 3 September, Mount Lawley Senior High School joined schools across Australia in recognising Wear It Purple Day, promoting safer, more inclusive and empowering environments for LGBTQIA+SB young people.

Run by our Year 9 Councillors, the day included a purple-themed free dress day and a bake sale outside Student Services at lunchtime.

Students and staff showed their support by wearing purple, with gold coin donations supporting a charity selected by the Student Council.

The initiative provided an opportunity for our school community to show support, celebrate diversity and help foster a welcoming and inclusive environment for everyone.

Steven Bereczky
Year 9 Coordinator

Korean War Commemorative Service

On Monday 27 July, Mount Lawley Senior High School was privileged to attend the annual Korean War Commemorative Service at the Korean War Memorial in Kings Park, hosted by the Royal Australian Regiment Association WA.

The service marked the 73rd anniversary of the Korean War Armistice Agreement and honoured the courage, service and sacrifice of the Australians who served during the Korean War. It was a meaningful opportunity to remember those who gave so much and to reflect on the importance of preserving their legacy for future generations.

Mount Lawley Senior High School was proud to once again play a significant role in the ceremony, representing not only our school community but also the young people of Western Australia.

This year's service was held under clear blue skies and warm sunshine, providing beautiful weather for the occasion.

Principal Ms Street, Program Coordinator - Languages Ms Chapman, Media and Communications Officer Mr Briffa, Korean Teacher Ms Ahn, and our Year 11 and 12 Korean ATAR students proudly attended the service.

Hyojeong Ahn
Korean Teacher





Leavers Week 2026

Leavers Week 2026 was a fantastic celebration of our Year 12 students as they wrapped up their final term at Mount Lawley Senior High School.

The week was filled with fun, laughter and friendly competition, beginning with a Staff vs Students AFL match at Hamer Park and continuing with a volleyball showdown and the "When I Grow Up" dress-up day.

Wednesday brought another energetic Staff vs Students Netball match, followed by the creative "Anything But a Bag" day on Thursday.

The celebrations wrapped up on Friday 11 September with the Leavers Lunch and Year 12 Awards, where students dressed as "anything in the whole wide world" and celebrated their final days together.

With plenty of school spirit, creativity and friendly rivalry throughout the week, Leavers Week provided a memorable farewell for the Class of 2026 as they look towards their next chapter.

Year 11 Mocktail Party

On Monday 14 September, our Year 11 students gathered at Perth City Farm for the annual Mocktail Party, a highlight of the school year.

Students enjoyed colourful mocktails, music and plenty of dancing, creating a vibrant atmosphere and a memorable evening shared with friends and staff.

A special thank you to Year Coordinator Mr Denis O'Donovan and all the staff who attended and helped make the evening such a wonderful celebration for our Year 11 students.





SVAPA Workshop

Every Thursday morning, our SVAPA students take part in an early morning Visual Arts workshop with artist Trenton Harris.

Students have been working with clay to create figurative sculptures, developing their understanding of form, proportion and three-dimensional modelling. The workshops provide a valuable opportunity for students to learn from a practising artist and further develop their creative skills.

Aboriginal Cultural Experience

On Thursday 27 August, our international students took part in a special Noongar cultural experience at Mount Lawley Senior High School, generously funded by StudyPerth.

The program provided an engaging introduction to Australia's First Nations culture, with a focus on Noongar knowledge, traditions and connection to Country. Students participated in a range of hands-on activities, including storytelling, visual art and sensory experiences.

The experience gave students an opportunity to learn about and engage respectfully with Noongar culture through interactive and meaningful activities.













Library Buzz

Term 3 has been another busy and exciting one in the Library, with plenty of activities, competitions and opportunities for students to get involved.

We started the term by celebrating Harry Potter's birthday on 31 July, with students invited to create their very own magic wands. It was wonderful to see so many imaginative designs taking shape throughout the day.

In Week 3, the Library joined in the celebrations for Languages Week with a special Countries and Languages Quiz. Students were challenged with quirky and lesser-known facts about the five languages studied at our school and the countries associated with them. Congratulations to Jhan from Year 7, who was the lucky winner and received a lucky bamboo building block kit.

Book Week arrived in Week 6 with this year's theme, Symphony of Stories. Students could create their own bookmarks and book-themed badges, as well as test their literary knowledge in our "Guess the Book" competition. With only a small section of each book cover provided as a clue, the competition prompted plenty of fierce debate between friends! Congratulations to Alexa from Year 7, Ayrton from Year 8, Milo from Year 10 and Aqilla from Year 11, who each received a book-themed tote bag.

The following week saw the return of our much-anticipated annual Second-Hand Book Sale. Thanks to the wonderful support of our school community, students and staff were able to pick up some great bargains while supporting a very worthwhile cause. This year, we were delighted to raise $705 for Telethon.

Term 3 also provided an opportunity to develop an important academic skill for our Year 7 students. Teacher Librarian Ainsley Bakitch visited every Year 7 HASS class to introduce students to referencing, explain why acknowledging sources is so important and guide them through creating their very first bibliography. It was a valuable introduction to a skill students will continue to use throughout their secondary schooling and an important foundation for future research.

Ainsley Bakitch
Teacher Librarian



Year 11 & 12 French Dinner Excursion

In Week 1 of Term 3, our Year 11 and 12 French students enjoyed an evening at Joie Café Bistro in West Perth, experiencing French food and culture in a lively restaurant setting.

Students enjoyed a selection of French dishes, including cheese soufflé, Boeuf Bourguignon, Poulet au Poivre, Gnocchi au Fromage, and desserts of Crêpe Suzette and Fondant au Chocolat.

Throughout the evening, students played games and quizzes with Mme Lucas and Mme Pedretti, practised their French through conversations and enjoyed getting to know students from the other year group.

It was a wonderful evening of food, friendship and French culture, creating memories that students will remember for years to come.

Evie
Year 11 French Languages Student

Gifted and Talented Club Laguna Veneto Social & Bocce

Our Years 7–10 Gifted and Talented students enjoyed a fantastic excursion to the Laguna Veneto Social and Bocce Club, learning about Italian culture, traditions and the history of the club, which was established in 1961 by Italian migrants from Venice.

Students were welcomed by experienced club members, some of whom have played bocce for more than 20 years! They were split into teams and taught how to play this traditional Italian game, with plenty of friendly competition along the way.

The day also included a delicious Italian lunch of bread and cheese, farfalle pasta with tomato sauce, ice cream and drinks, with some students even taking up the offer of a second helping!

A wonderful day of learning, culture, food and connection. A big thank you to the Laguna Veneto club members for their warm welcome, patience and generosity in sharing their knowledge with our students.

Mellina
Year 8 GAT Student









Year 8 Japanese – Kendama Activity

Our Year 8 Japanese students had the opportunity to discover and play Kendama, a traditional Japanese skill toy that combines concentration, coordination and persistence.

Students explored how Kendama is played and practised a range of basic techniques, from catching the ball in the different cups to attempting the challenging spike. The hands-on activity provided a fun and engaging way for students to experience an aspect of Japanese culture while developing new skills.

There was plenty of friendly competition as students challenged themselves and their classmates to master different tricks!

A fantastic way to combine cultural learning with an active and engaging classroom experience.

Lesley Liu
Teacher - Mandarin and Japanese Languages

Languages Week

In Week 3, Mount Lawley Senior High School celebrated Languages Week, with students invited to take part in a range of activities celebrating the languages and cultures represented across our school.

Students enjoyed activities including a House Languages' Spelling Bee, Italian bocce, Chinese chess and hacky sack, Japanese origami and games, Korean traditional games and K-pop dancing, as well as the French game L'Escargotand Italian card game Scopa.

The Library also hosted a special Languages' Week display and quiz, curated by Teacher Librarian Ainsley Bakitch, giving students another opportunity to explore the languages and cultures studied at Mount Lawley.









Science Week

Mount Lawley Senior High School celebrated Science Week in week 5, with this year's theme, Seeds of Science, inspiring a week of hands-on activities and scientific exploration.

Students took part in a range of activities across the school, including rocket launches, hydrogen balloon pops, giant bubbles, seed pod design, iodine reactions, skill challenges and stargazing with telescopes.

The activities provided students with fun and engaging opportunities to explore science beyond the classroom and celebrate their curiosity, creativity and problem-solving skills.

Rachel Donnelly
Science Teacher

Perth Film Studios Visit

On Friday 11 September, a select group of Year 10 and 11 Media students had the opportunity to visit the newly opened Perth Film Studios, gaining an insight into the professional world of film and media production.

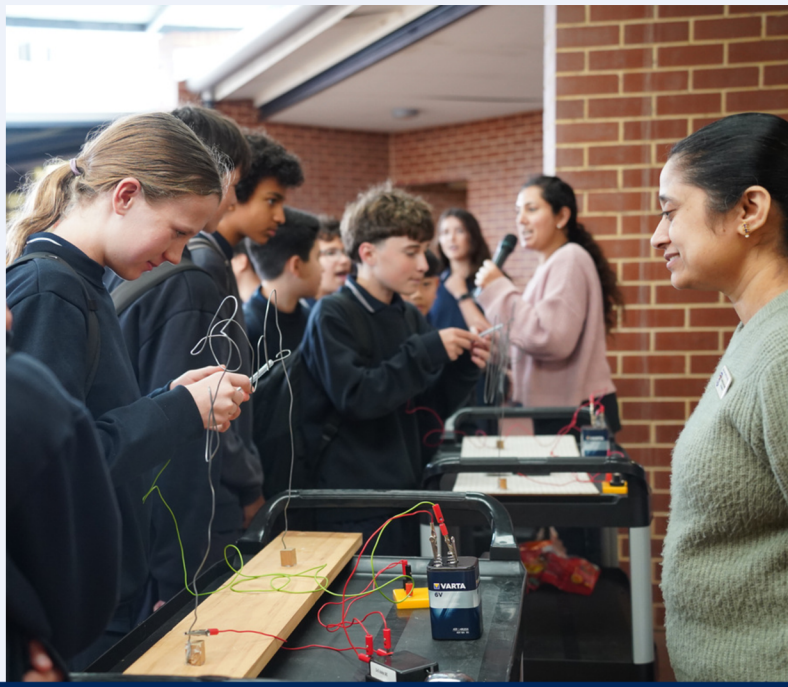
Students and staff met industry professionals working across film production, editing, costume design, sound and makeup, learning more about the range of roles involved in bringing productions to life.

Students were also excited to see our own Birdland producing a music video at the studios, providing an opportunity to see their peers making use of the professional facilities.

The visit gave students valuable insight into potential pathways in the media industry and an inspiring glimpse of where their own skills could take them in the future.

Deb Edwards and Matt Langfield
Teachers - Media







Supporting Healthy, Connected Students

We're pleased to announce that Mount Lawley Senior High School has received a $5,000 Healthway Healthy Schools Grant to support our project, Embedding Student Wellbeing.

The grant was presented to Principal Lesley Street by our local Member for Mount Lawley, Frank Paolino MLA, at our Term 3 whole-school Honours Society Assembly.

The project will support our ongoing focus on student health and wellbeing, creating opportunities that strengthen resilience, connection, belonging, and positive wellbeing across our school community.

We're proud to receive this support as part of our ongoing journey from Good to Great, continuing to invest in our students and build a school environment where every young person is known, connected, supported and inspired to aspire.

Thank you to Healthway and Frank Paolino MLA for supporting Mount Lawley Senior High School and helping us put student wellbeing at the heart of our school community.

Book Week

In Week 6, students celebrated Book Week and this year's theme, Symphony of Stories, with a week of activities designed to bring books and storytelling to life.

The Library hosted competitions, craft activities and a photobooth, while students also took part in music-themed quizzes, Quidditch and other activities throughout the week.

The celebrations concluded with Costume Day, when students dressed as their favourite book characters.

It was a fun-filled celebration of reading, creativity and the stories that inspire us.

Rebecca Davis
Program Coordinator English











Year 8 Camp at Forest Edge

In Week 8, our Year 8 students headed to Forest Edge for two action-packed camps filled with adventure, teamwork and new experiences.

Students challenged themselves through activities including flying fox, abseiling and kayaking, while also stepping outside their comfort zones, meeting new people and developing their teamwork skills.

A huge thank you to Queenie Wan, Terry Doyle, Nicola Bower, Dom Letch-Fanciulli and Kate Field, along with the many staff who gave their time and supported the camps behind the scenes.

The camps provided students with a memorable opportunity to challenge themselves, build friendships and create lasting memories beyond the classroom.

Raise Mentor Graduation

This year, I was invited to join the Raise mentoring program at Mount Lawley Senior High School. Raise is a mentoring program that brings together Year 8 students and volunteer mentors, giving us a safe and supportive space to talk, learn and develop new skills.

Each week, we met with our mentors and worked through a workbook covering a range of topics, including courage, self-talk, confidence and building positive relationships. Two topics that particularly stood out to me were courage and self-talk, as I feel these are areas I have struggled with in the past.

The sessions gave me the opportunity to think about how I approach challenges and the way I speak to myself. Each session also included nurture time, where mentees and mentors could talk, share experiences and get to know one another. This helped create a welcoming environment where everyone could feel comfortable being themselves.

Now that the program is coming to a close, it feels bittersweet. I am sad that the weekly sessions are ending, but I am grateful for the friendships, support and lessons I have gained from being part of Raise. The program has helped me throughout the year and given me skills and confidence that I can continue to use in the future.

Cienna
Year 8 Student









Year 8 Road Smart Kickstart

On Friday 11 September, Year 8 students who did not attend camp took part in Road Smart KickStart, an interactive road safety education program delivered at school.

Through five hands-on learning stations, students explored key road safety topics including speed, distractions, fatigue, peer pressure and safety gear.

The program provided students with a valuable opportunity to build their road safety awareness and consider how they can make safer choices on the road.

Thank you to the Road Smart team for visiting Mount Lawley Senior High School.



SVAPA Excursion

Our Year 9 SVAPA students enjoyed an inspiring day at the Perth Cultural Centre on Wednesday 9 September, exploring a range of contemporary and emerging art.

Students visited the Art Gallery of Western Australia to experience The West Australian Pulse 2026 and Stormie Mills' All the secrets are buried between the oceans and the mountains, before heading to PICA to explore Hatched: National Graduate Show 2026.

Seeing selected Year 12 artworks alongside work by university graduates gave students valuable insight into what is possible at ATAR level and beyond, while encouraging them to consider future pathways for their own art practice.

A special thank you to Marcos Prado and Charles Warren for sharing their expertise and supporting our students throughout the day

Shahna Gallagher
SVAPA Coordinator



Cadets at Coolbinia

After school, on Monday 24 August 2026, our Bush Ranger Cadet Unit travelled to the bushland conservation area next to Coolbinia Primary School to work with the Friends of the Coolbinia Bushland.

After several attempts that had been cancelled due to rain, it was great to finally get there. The Cadets were shown around the area, which, due to the weather, was suffering from a large infestation of weeds, and then set themselves the task of trying to remove as many of those weeds as we possibly could before we had to return to school.

Small groups worked in various areas pulling weeds and bagging them before transporting the bags over to an area at the primary school for disposal.

Our great thanks to the members of the Friends of the Coolbinia Bushland for the opportunity, and in particular, Dr Elaine Lewis, who for many years worked at Coolbinia Primary School. Many of the Cadets loved catching up with her again.We hope to return soon and continue.

Andrew Paul
School Chaplain & Bush Ranger Cadet Unit Leader











Notices



MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

2027 Scholarships Now Open

Students interested in applying are to submit:

- Application form.
- Statement addressing the selection criteria (maximum one typed page).

Application forms are available from the Main Administration Office and are also on our website.

For more information visit www.lawley.wa.edu.au or phone 9265 1511

CLOSING 3:30pm Friday, 23 October 2026

The following scholarships are available for students attending Mount Lawley Senior High School in 2027:

Peter Sparbier Perpetual Mathematics Scholarship	Rotary Club of Heirisson Science Scholarship	Campion Academic and Financial Equity Scholarships
Year 11 in 2027	Year 11 in 2027	Two in each of Years 7 to 12 in 2027
Valued up to $1,500	Valued at $350	Valued between $75 - $150

Michael Sutherland OAM Scholarship for Humanities	Rotary Club of Mount Lawley Music Scholarship	Gold Educational Tours Scholarships	Korean Association of WA Scholarships
Year 11 in 2027	Year 11 in 2027	ATAR Japanese Student: One Year 11 in 2027 & One Year 12 in 2027	Upper School in 2027 Senior School in 2027
Valued at $150	Valued at $350	Valued at $250 x 2	Valued at $200 x 2



Smart Glasses – New School Rule

From Term 4, smart glasses will not be permitted at Mount Lawley Senior High School or at school-run events. This applies to everyone in our school community.

What are smart glasses?
Smart glasses may contain cameras, microphones or built-in displays that can record or capture information.

Why do we have this rule?
Smart glasses can take photos and videos without people being aware. The rule helps protect privacy, safety and wellbeing across our school community.

What should you do?
Please do not bring or wear smart glasses at school or school events.
Normal reading glasses, sunglasses and prescription glasses are permitted.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and respectful school environment.

Notices

Uniform Concepts



Uniform Shop – Term 4

New students – book your uniform fitting early!

We welcome families to the Uniform Concepts Inglewood Super Store, conveniently located at 832 Beaufort Street, Inglewood WA 6052. The store is a one-stop shop for all your school uniform requirements, with friendly and experienced staff available to assist.

New students are encouraged to book a uniform fitting during Term 4 to avoid long queues in January. Appointments can be made by scanning the QR code or calling 08 9270 4658. The most popular appointment times are after 3pm on weekdays and Saturday mornings, so families are encouraged to book early.

Families can also take advantage of the $20 layby service. Visit the store during Term 4, secure your Back-to-School uniform order with a $20 deposit, pay the balance and collect your order before 23 January 2027.

Opening hours
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 9am–5pm
Thursday: 9am–6pm
Saturday: 9am–1pm
Closed Sundays, public holidays and partly during term breaks. Please call for details.

Term 3 break: Closed from 5pm Friday 25 September 2026 until 9am Monday 5 October 2026.
Festive season: Closed from 6pm Thursday 17 December 2026 until 9am Monday 4 January 2027.

Order online: uniformconcepts.au
Contact: 08 9270 4658 | inglewood@uniformconcepts.au

VacSwim

Fun swimming lessons over the school holidays. Enrol now!

Families can register children aged 5–17 for school holiday swimming and water safety programs, catering for all skill levels across Western Australia.

Enrolments close Wednesday 14 October. Register now to secure your child's place and help them build confidence and stay safe around water.

Register now: https://www.education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

Community *Notices*

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Girls' Social Tennis

Calling all Year 7 and 8 girls! Former Mount Lawley Senior High School student Riana Tan (2025 graduate) is running a new Girls' Social Tennis program at Mount Lawley Tennis Club during the school holidays.

The program is designed to be fun, friendly and welcoming, giving girls the opportunity to make friends, stay active and try tennis, regardless of their experience level.

The first session takes place during the upcoming school holidays, with further sessions continuing into Term 4.
Register: https://events.humanitix.com/girls-junior-social-tennis

Year 12 students: A separate Women's Social Tennis program is also available for those interested in giving tennis a try.
Register: https://events.humanitix.com/women-s-social-tennis-mltc





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North Perth Dynamites High School Netball Pregrading – 2027 Season

Is your child moving into high school next year and looking to continue their netball journey?

The North Perth Dynamites Netball Club is welcoming new players for its 2027 High School Pre-grading, open to students entering Year 7 and students in Years 8–12. New players are welcome, whether they are experienced netballers or looking to develop their skills in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Details
Thursday 15 October 2026
📍 Matthews Netball Centre, Wembley

- Students entering Year 7 and Years 8–12
- New players welcome

The club provides a fun and inclusive environment where young netballers can develop their skills, build confidence and make new friendships.
Register: https://dynamitesnetballclub.com.au



Free Tennis Open Morning

Everyone is invited to join us on Saturday 10 October for a fun morning of free tennis, games, prizes and plenty of community spirit!

Whether you are completely new to tennis or an experienced player, there will be something for everyone. The morning will include a range of tennis activities and games suitable for all ages and abilities, so come along, have a hit and give tennis a try.

There will also be prizes, our popular sausage sizzle and morning tea for parents and spectators, making it a great opportunity to enjoy a morning at the club with family and friends. We encourage you to bring your friends along and introduce them to the club.

To help the club prepare and cater for everyone, please let Club Coach Travis Weir know if you are planning to attend.

Contact Travis:
Email: Travisweir@hotmail.com
Phone: 0410 391 275