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90s CLUB

57 students Inducted

Since 2009, the 90s Club has been a proud tradition at Mount Lawley Senior High School, honouring graduates who achieve an ATAR of 90 or above and exemplify academic excellence.



THE CLASS OF 2025 SETS THE BAR HIGH

Mount Lawley Senior High School proudly celebrates the outstanding achievements of the Class of 2025, whose results have once again reinforced the school's long-standing tradition of academic excellence.

With the highest ATAR score being 99.75, this year's cohort has delivered exceptional outcomes across the board. Three students achieved an ATAR of 99 and above, while 13 students attained an ATAR of 98 or higher, an extraordinary reflection of both individual dedication and the strength of teaching and learning at Mount Lawley. A total of 57 ATAR students ranked in the top 10% of the state, earning their place in the prestigious 90s Club.

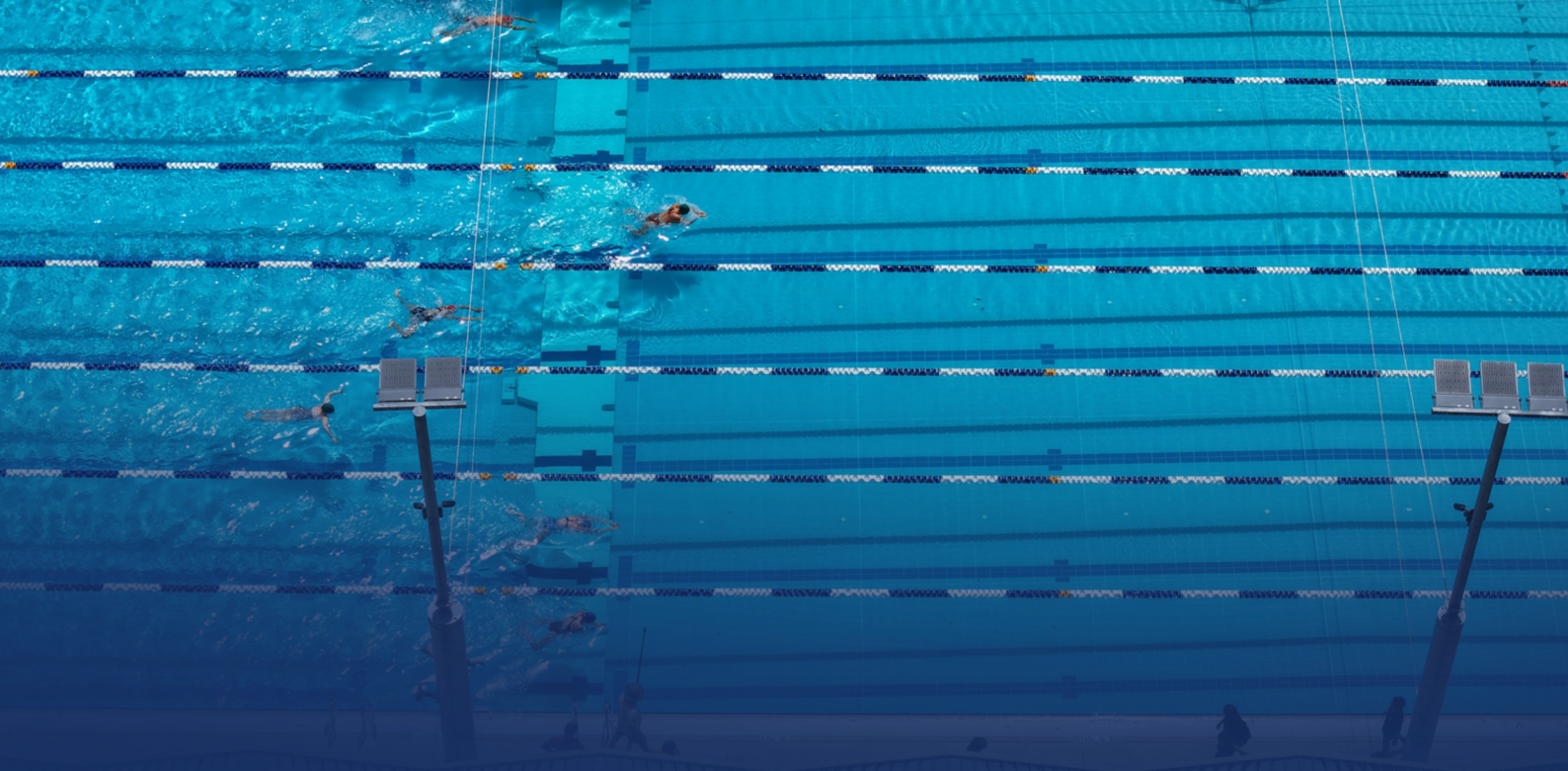
These high-achieving graduates were formally recognised at a special school assembly on Friday 13 February, where they were welcomed back to join this esteemed group of Mount Lawley alumni.

The success of the cohort extends beyond ATAR performance, with 98% of Year 12 students achieving their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). There was a strong commitment to vocational pathways, with 134 students completing a VET Certificate II or higher, resulting in a total of 189 qualifications attained. In recognition of academic excellence at a state level, students were awarded 1 Certificate of Excellence, 18 Certificates of Distinction, and 36 Certificates of Merit.

Mount Lawley also demonstrated strong subject performance, with five courses placing in the top 15% in Western Australia: Health Studies, Human Biology, Italian: Second Language, Media Production and Analysis, and Modern History.

Continue on page 5 for the full list of Certificate of Excellence, Distinction and Merit recipients, along with the announcement of the Class of 2025 ATAR Dux, Runner-Up ATAR Dux, VET Dux and General Studies Dux.

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES
GOOD TO GREAT



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Principal's Report

As we reflect on Term 1, it has been a vibrant start to the school year at Mount Lawley Senior High School, full of learning, creativity, sport, and community engagement.

We warmly welcomed the Class of 2031 to Middle School at the Year 7 Welcome BBQ on Tuesday 24 February. Students and families enjoyed meeting staff and connecting with peers, and the Year 7 Disco on Thursday 5 March provided another fun opportunity for students to settle in.

Our international student community was celebrated at the International Students' Welcome Tea on Friday 20 February, where new and returning IFPS students received badges. The Jade Zi Shan Wei Award was presented to Zoe Dinh at the Term 1 Assembly, recognising excellence, commitment, and mentorship among international students.

Term 1 included a variety of academic and cultural experiences: the Careers Expo, two Japanese cultural visits, Chinese New Year activities and the Languages & Arts Festival. Our graduates from the Class of 2025 were recognised for achievement, with 57 being inducted into the 90s Club.

Our performing arts program shone through Year 11 Monologue Night and the interschool Drama Camp, with workshops in voice, movement, directing, and monologue development.

Sporting and outdoor programs were lively and engaging this term. Students competed in the House Swimming Carnival and Interschool Swimming Carnival, while the Volleyball Team prepared for Nationals. Two school camps, Cadet Camp at Wellington Dam and Rottnest Camp, provided opportunities to build resilience, teamwork, and personal growth.

Other highlights included the AEP and Follow the Dream Welcome BBQs, Year 12 Ball, distribution of Leavers Jackets, and the Premier's ANZAC Tour Presentation, all reinforcing the strong sense of community and school spirit at Mount Lawley SHS.

Term 1 has been a positive and energetic start to 2026. I thank staff, students, and families for their commitment and support, and I look forward to continuing this momentum in Term 2.

Lesley Street

Lesley Street
Principal

Voluntary **Contributions & Compulsory Charges**

Thank you to those families who have made payment or entered into a payment plan.

The school relies on parents paying the contributions and charges associated with your child's schooling.

Payment deadline is Monday 20 April 2026 and can be made by cash, direct deposit, Bpoint, EFT or credit card (Mastercard or Visa only). Families wishing to set up a payment plan can do so by contacting the Finance Desk on 9265 1504.

Should you wish to pay your account electronically, please use the school's bank details below:

Commonwealth Bank
BSB: 066-118
Account No: 00900116

Please include your child's surname, initial, form and description of payment (e.g. Smith J 10M C&C).

Julie Moxey
Manager Corporate Services

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



School Tours

Tuesday 19 May
Wednesday 17 June
Thursday 6 August
Tuesday 18 August
Thursday 22 October
Wednesday 25 November



Eloise (11F2)
attended the Motorsport Australia Awards Dinner in February. Competing in the WA Motorkhana State Championship, she won the Junior title, placed 2nd in Open Female and 2nd outright in Production Car. She now prepares for the 2026 state titles in her Mazda MX-5.



Hannah (8S5)
won Gold in the Under-14 Girls 3000m Walk at the State Championships on 22 February, showcasing her endurance, determination, and athletic excellence.



Ruby (10M2)
competed in the 2026 Amateur Golf Championships of Western Australia from 17–19 February. Her participation in this prestigious state event reflects her dedication to the sport and continued development as a competitive golfer.



Austen Wilmot (Class of 2025)
had his film Bogart featured in the premiere screening of Media Perspectives 2026, showcased to a sold-out audience. His selection from over 50 entries highlights the outstanding creativity and talent of Mount Lawley SHS media students.



Oscar, Conrad and Francis (12F3)
are making their mark on Perth's music scene through their band Birdland. Oscar has also developed Powerhouse, a project supporting emerging artists. The trio performed at Perth Festival, showcasing their creativity, collaboration and passion for music.

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



Certificate of **Excellence**

Isla Wilke - Economics

Certificates of **Distinction**

Riannah Allen
Not For Publication
Poppy Fletcher
Rowen Gage
Gloria Kong
Daryl Lau
Frankie Lawson
Sayid Muaadh Mohamed Zoofer
Vincent Moreau-Barrett
Vanessa Nguyen
Lotte Ozolins
Tumali Senanayake
Rajveer Singh
Riana Tan
Pero Tomic
Pippa Turnbull
Michael Wang
Lucia Wright

Certificates of **Merit**

Lorena Alvarez
Piper Anderson
Anjali Banerjee
Kenzie Barnet
Angus Boss
Charlotte Bradley
Audrey Brown
Not For Publication
Matilda Burath
Mikayla Camilleri
Lee Clarke
Sophie Coffey
Cooper Dadleff
Joseph Davey
Darcy DeGois-Bullen
Jack Dickie
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Rose Kitching
Ming Li
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Not For Publication
Vienna Overholt
Not For Publication
Sean Richardson
Not For Publication
Isla Wilke
Austen Wilmot
Evania Yiannakis
Waitana Zachariassen-Baro

Median ATAR **84.75**

Congratulations to the Class of 2025



ATAR DUX

Trini Leung



ATAR RUNNER-UP DUX

Michael Wang



GENERAL STUDIES DUX

Quynh Thy Nguyen



VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING DUX

Heidi Drouin



Congratulations Louise

Mount Lawley Senior High School proudly congratulates our Program Coordinator – Languages and GAT Languages, Louise Chapman, on receiving the prestigious Western Australian Association of Teachers of Italian (WAATI) Exemplary Teacher Award 2025.

With nearly two decades of dedication to languages education, Louise has become a highly respected and valued member of WAATI. Her passion for the Italian language and culture, combined with her professionalism and leadership, has inspired countless students, colleagues and members of the wider community.

Through her commitment to excellence in teaching and learning, Louise has made a significant and lasting contribution to the advancement of languages education in Western Australia.

We are incredibly proud to celebrate this well-deserved recognition of her outstanding dedication and impact.



OzCLO Competition

On Wednesday 4 March, GAT Languages students participated in the OzCLO competition, a national linguistics Olympiad that challenges students to solve complex language puzzles.

Held in the school library, the event brought together students from Years 7 to 10. Following a preparation session exploring past papers, teams of four undertook the two-hour competition, working through five sections featuring a range of languages, including endangered languages. Students were required to identify patterns, decode meaning, and apply critical thinking skills.

The competition provided a valuable opportunity for students to collaborate, problem-solve, and engage with the diversity of languages from around the world. OzCLO was both a challenging and rewarding experience, strengthening students' analytical skills and appreciation for linguistics.

Louise Chapman
Program Coordinator – Languages and GAT - Languages





Volleyball Program Reaches New Heights

2025 saw the rebirth of the Mount Lawley SHS Volleyball Squad. Our Year 9–12 squad of approximately 40 students trained throughout the year on Thursday mornings before school, competed in inter-school volleyball competitions, and hosted Perth Modern School for scratch-match games in our Sport and Fitness Centre.

Our highlight was the Year 11 Girls' Team winning the A-Grade Volleyball WA Schools' Cup competition.

2026 has seen a surge of interest and participation, with up to 60 Year 9–12 students training on Wednesday mornings and Monday afternoons. We also have approximately 75 Year 7–8 students training on Wednesday afternoons this term, with our senior players assisting with coaching.

Due to the squad's popularity and success, Mount Lawley has registered two senior teams (Year 11 Boys and Year 12 Girls) to travel to the Gold Coast in December to compete in the Australian Schools Volleyball Cup (ASVC). These are very exciting times, as we haven't competed at Nationals since 2011.

Competing at the national level requires substantial funding from parents and the school, and we are very grateful for sponsorship of the program, thank you to Pacific Automation.

If you know of any local businesses interested in sponsoring us for the national event, please contact me via the email below.

Thanks also to all school staff who have supported our program so far; your volunteered time is greatly appreciated.

Steve Tipping
Volleyball Coordinator
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Zi Shan (Jade) Wei Award

The Annual Zi Shan (Jade) Wei Award recognises an international student who has demonstrated outstanding academic excellence in Year 11 courses.

The 2025 award was presented to Zoe at the Honours Assembly on 13 February (Term 1, 2026). The award commemorates Zi Shan (Jade) Wei, a Class of 2016 student who tragically passed away at 17.

Jade was known for her determination, strong work ethic, and willingness to support fellow international students. Established in her memory, the award honours students who reflect her dedication, resilience, and passion for learning. Mount Lawley SHS congratulates Zoe on this achievement and wishes her continued success in Year 12.

Lynn Sawchuk
Program Coordinator - EAL/D and International Students



High Achievers Breakfast

On Wednesday 4 March, Mount Lawley Senior High School held the Semester 1 Year 12 High Achievers Breakfast in the Hospitality Rooms. The event celebrated students who have demonstrated outstanding academic performance and commitment to their studies.

Our guest speaker, Erica Wood (Class of 2008), shared her inspiring journey from studying Exercise Physiology (Bachelor of Science) to her current role as Data Project Officer at the Kids Research Institute Australia. Erica highlighted how her training in Data Analytics and her background in Medical & Allied Health have enabled her to optimise workflows, design and implement technology for better data management, and support researchers and clinicians at Perth Children's Hospital to improve patient outcomes.

Her insights provided students with valuable guidance on pursuing their own academic and career goals, demonstrating how dedication, learning, and innovation can create real-world impact.





Japanese Cultural Visits

On 16 February 2026, we were delighted to welcome Year 10 students from Konko Gakuen High School to Mount Lawley Senior High School.

Located in Okayama, Japan, Konko Gakuen High School is renowned for its strong commitment to international exchange programs, particularly with Australian schools, fostering cultural understanding and developing students' language skills.
During their visit, the Japanese students were especially fascinated by the Australian tradition of eating lunch outdoors, a contrast to Japan, where students typically eat inside their classrooms or in the canteen.

Our Year 10.1 Japanese class proudly acted as buddies, following their regular timetable and giving our visitors an authentic experience of Australian classroom life. The day was a rewarding and memorable experience for all involved, strengthening international friendships and enriching the ongoing connection between our two school communities.

Louise Chapman
Program Coordinator – Languages

In Week 4, we were delighted to host students from Chikuyo Gakuen Junior High School for a week-long visit.

Our Japanese guests experienced Australian school life, shared insights about Japan, and engaged with Year 10 Japanese students through language, quizzes, and conversation.

Creativity and collaboration shone in drama, music, and media lessons, while friendships formed across classrooms.

It was a week of laughter, learning, and cultural exchange, highlighting the value of international connections.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this exchange so memorable.

Sanja Hogarth
Japanese Teacher





Year 11 Monologue Night

On Friday 6 March, Year 11 Drama students performed 16 solo works for Monologue Night, drawn from classics such as The Godfather, Juno, and The Breakfast Club.

Performing solo is challenging, yet each student delivered confident and engaging performances, showcasing the talent and dedication of the Year 11 Drama cohort.

Creative Industries students supported the event as ushers and technical crew, thank you to Natalie Diggins for guiding the Certificate students.

Congratulations to Tomas Mawer on a successful evening, and to Drama Captain Kloe for her backstage support. Audience feedback was overwhelmingly positive, reflecting the commitment of all involved.

Michelle deRozario
Program Coordinator - Performing Arts



Welcome to the Class of 2031

Mount Lawley Senior High School proudly welcomed the Class of 2031 as our newest Year 7 students began their Middle School journey. Starting high school is an exciting milestone, and it has been wonderful to see our newest students settle in with enthusiasm, confidence, and a strong sense of belonging.

A highlight of the term was the Year 7 Welcome BBQ, held on Tuesday 24 February in the Middle School Quadrangle. The event provided a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to connect with staff and each other, strengthening the sense of community that defines Mount Lawley Senior High School.

The evening was a resounding success, with many families expressing their appreciation for the warm welcome and the outstanding support provided by staff. It was a relaxed and enjoyable occasion, reflecting the positive culture of the school and the strong partnerships between home and school.

We look forward to supporting the Class of 2031 as they grow, learn, and thrive over the coming years at Mount Lawley Senior High School.





Year 7 Gifted and Talented Celebrate Chinese New Year

The Year 7 Chinese GAT class celebrated Chinese New Year, welcoming the Year of the Horse with enthusiasm and curiosity.

Students learned about the rich traditions, cultural practices, and the significance of the Chinese zodiac, gaining insight into the meaning behind the festival and the qualities associated with the Year of the Horse.

To make the celebration memorable, Ms Lesley Liu presented each student with a red envelope, a traditional symbol of good luck, happiness, and prosperity for the year ahead. The activities provided an enjoyable and engaging way for students to connect with Chinese culture, fostering appreciation, curiosity, and respect for global traditions.

Careers Expo

On Tuesday 31 March, Mount Lawley SHS hosted over 20 exhibitors from education, training, employment, and government for our annual Careers Expo.

The event was held alongside the Semester 1 Reporting Day, giving all students and guardians the opportunity to engage with recruiters and industry experts.

The Expo was a great success, with exhibitors noting that students were engaged, curious, and genuinely interested in exploring their future pathways.

David Toothill
Program Coordinator - VET & Careers













Languages and Arts Festival

On Friday 27 March, Mount Lawley Senior High School hosted its annual Languages and Arts Festival, a vibrant celebration of culture, creativity, and community. Led by Program Coordinators Louise Chapman (Languages) and Lynda Kuntyj (The Arts), the event transformed the school into a dynamic showcase of artistic and cultural expression.

The festival was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the whole school. We sincerely thank our dedicated staff, business traders, and Certificate II in Creative Industries students for their support, as well as our music students and staff who delivered an engaging program of live performances. Special thanks also go to the Languages Department for providing interactive cultural activities that brought the school community together.

We also acknowledge the valuable contributions of the Parent Support Group, volunteers, and external arts and language providers, whose involvement enriched the experience for all attendees.

More than just an event, the festival celebrated unity, creativity, and community spirit. From cultural foods to performances and hands-on activities, the day showcased the talent, energy, and collaboration of our students and staff, highlighting the strength and vibrancy of our school community.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to making the festival a success. The memories created during this celebration will remain a cherished part of the 2026 school year.

Lynda Kuntyj & Louise Chapman
Festival Event Coordinators





Library Buzz

The beginning of the school year is always an exciting time as we welcome back returning students and greet those new to our community - especially our Year 7s.

To help them settle in, students took part in a Library scavenger hunt. With a sweet treat as a reward, they enthusiastically explored the space and quickly became familiar with their new library.

One of the highlights of Term 1 is our "Blind Date with a Book" activity, held as part of Library Lovers' Day (Valentine's Day). Students selected mystery books based on genre and teaser summaries, encouraging them to step outside their usual preferences and discover new authors and stories. The excitement around this activity was fantastic, with many students eager to try something new.

As part of the celebrations, staff and students shared what they love about the library for a chance to win a $20 QBD Books voucher. The responses were heartwarming, highlighting the important role the library plays in our school community. Congratulations to Regina (Year 8) and Grace Willshire (HASS teacher), our lucky winners.

Towards the end of the term, students enjoyed decorating Easter eggs, showcasing their creativity through colourful and imaginative designs.

We also celebrated our annual Languages & Arts Festival, where students transformed old books into decorative vases or pen caddies. While challenging at times, the activity helped develop new skills, and students were delighted with their creations.

It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm, creativity, and engagement in the library throughout Term 1. We look forward to continuing this in Term 2.

Ainsley Bakitch
Teacher Librarian



Drama Camp

In Week 6, our Year 12 Drama Students joined an interschool Drama camp, where students participated in workshops on voice, movement, monologue development, and directing.

Evenings featured performances by professional Perth theatre companies. Students took part in specialised workshops tailored to their courses, with ATAR students refining exam skills and General students exploring theatre approaches such as Playback Theatre and stage combat.

Held at the Point Walter Recreation and Conference Centre, the camp provided a valuable opportunity for students to connect with like-minded peers and learn from other Perth schools.







Identity Tapestry Project Begins

We are excited to announce the official launch of our Artist in Residence face-to-face workshops at Mount Lawley Senior High School.

Titled 'Identity Tapestry: A Whole School Endeavour', this creative residency led by artist Steven Buckles invites both students and staff to contribute to a large-scale mural across the campus.

More than just an artwork, this project is a powerful pedagogical inquiry into identity, symbolism and visual storytelling, encouraging our school community to reflect on who we are and how we express it.

Workshops will continue into Week 1 next term, stay tuned as this exciting whole-school endeavour continues to take shape.





SVAPA Students Backstage at Perth Festival

On Wednesday 18 February 2026, selected SVAPA alumni and Certificate II Creative Industries students attended a backstage rehearsal of Promises & Wild Beasts as part of Mount Lawley SHS's partnership with Perth Festival.

The work, by Mama Kin Spender, blends song, performance, and storytelling, exploring human desire, love, and redemption through music drawn from an ARIA-nominated concept album.

Students gained behind-the-scenes insight into rehearsal processes, technical preparation, and performance staging, experiencing professional creative collaboration firsthand.

Year 11 Certificate II student Hillevi Kristoffersen-Jewell said: *"Perth Festival's Promises & Wild Beasts was an amazing performance, and it was a great opportunity to see how theatres rehearse for performances. I liked how unique the music was and the performers playing their instruments whilst singing along was so cool to see. Overall, it was a great show and thankyou to Ms Gallagher for taking us!"*



▲ Year 8 SVAPA Perth Festival excursion to see Scenes From the Climate Era.



International Women's Day

On Thursday 5 March, our Year 12 Prefects attended the Department of Education International Women's Day Breakfast at Optus Stadium, featuring guest speaker Liz Ellis AO. This year's event welcomed a record number of attendees.

Our Year 12 Prefects attended alongside Associate Principal – Senior School Maria Camilleri, Year 12 Coordinator Maddie Morskate, Follow the Dream Coordinator Tina Deegan, HPE Teacher Brittany Henry, Program Coordinator - Maths Eric Tang, and School Chaplain Andrew Paul.

We are proud that 12 of our 18 Year 12 Prefects are female, reflecting the strong leadership of young women within our school community.

Students also had the opportunity to meet Department of Education Director General Jay Peckitt during the morning.

A special thank you to our local Member of Parliament Frank Paolino MLA, who sponsored the school's attendance and joined us at the event.



Pi Day

On Friday 13 March, Mount Lawley Senior High School celebrated Pi Day with a fun and engaging challenge for students.

The Mathematics Department organised a special activity where students took part in a Pi-themed quiz and were rewarded with delicious pies for their participation.

The event was a fantastic way to combine learning with a little bit of friendly competition, encouraging students to engage with mathematics in a creative and memorable way.

A big thank you to our Mathematics Department for organising this enjoyable celebration and making Pi Day a highlight of Term 1.







Year 7 Disco

On Thursday 5 March, Mount Lawley Senior High School's Year 7 students enjoyed a lively and fun-filled disco in the Middle School.

Students danced, socialised, and celebrated the start of their high school journey in a safe and welcoming environment.

The event was a fantastic way for the Class of 2031 to connect with peers and enjoy the vibrant school community.





2026 Premier's ANZAC Student Tour

Mount Lawley Senior High School congratulates Year 10 student Lucy on being selected for the 2026 Premier's ANZAC Student Tour.

On Thursday 5 March, School Principal Lesley Street and Year 10 Coordinator Sam Glass attended the official Presentation Ceremony at the Australian War Widows (WA) Inc. Centre in Menora, where Lucy received her certificate from the Hon. Paul Papalia, Minister for Defence Industries and Veterans, and Department of Education Director General Jay Peckitt.

The 2026 Premier's ANZAC Student Tour will see a group of ten Western Australian students travel to Darwin and Singapore from 10–18 April 2026. The tour commemorates the 81st anniversary of the end of World War II, as well as the 84th anniversaries of the bombing of Darwin and the fall of Singapore.

Students selected for the program demonstrate a strong interest in Australian history and a deep understanding of the ANZAC legacy through a competitive application process involving writing an essay on a specific ANZAC topic, a personal biography outlining why they should be selected, and an interview with a panel.

This unique experience provides students with the opportunity to explore Australia's wartime history, honour the service and sacrifice of those who served, and represent Western Australia as ambassadors of remembrance.

A special thank you to Kieren Pearce and the HASS team for their guidance and encouragement in supporting Lucy's application.

Congratulations Lucy on this fantastic achievement.







Thank You and Farewell

This term, our school community came together to honour the achievements of two much-loved long-serving staff members.

On Friday 2 April, we farewelled **Sunila Singh**, who began at Mount Lawley Senior High School in 2004. She leaves us to join the Schools Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) as Principal Consultant (Economics). Her departure is both a celebration and a bittersweet moment for our community.

Sunila's remarkable career spans from her early teaching years in India to more than two decades here at Mount Lawley. Her impact extends far beyond academic achievement; she has touched the lives of countless students and colleagues with her passion, knowledge, and commitment to excellence.

Renowned for her kindness, patience, and mentorship, Sunila has nurtured not only strong learners but a connected, supportive staff community. While we are sad to see Sunila leave, we are proud of her accomplishments and excited for the contributions she will make at SCSA.

Earlier in the term, we celebrated the retirement of **Vick Lazarov**, who began his career at Mount Lawley Senior High School in 2011. Vick's outstanding service to secondary education in Western Australia has left a lasting legacy. As a Senior Teacher of ATAR Chemistry and Physics, he consistently demonstrated exceptional subject expertise and an unwavering commitment to student achievement. Beyond the classroom, Vick contributed as an ATAR marker and led revision programs, Homework Club, and holiday courses. His work as a Year Coordinator in Student Services exemplified his capacity for leadership, ensuring the wellbeing and progress of his cohort.

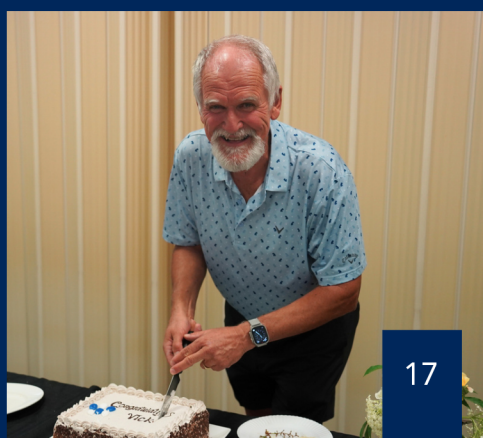
Vick's tireless support of the Bush Ranger Cadet Unit over more than 30 expeditions provided students with invaluable opportunities to develop resilience, independence, and a meaningful connection to the natural environment. Colleagues also benefited from his mentorship and characteristic wit, strengthening professional practice across the school. Vick's presence will be greatly missed, and we extend our heartfelt thanks for his dedication and lasting contribution to our community.

Mount Lawley Senior High School thanks Vick Lazarov and Sunila Singh for their extraordinary dedication and the positive difference they have made. Their outstanding contributions will be remembered and celebrated for many years to come.



















Year 12 Ball

On Friday 30 January, our Year 12 students gathered for their annual Ball, a highlight event marking the culmination of their secondary school journey.

Held in the elegant Crown Ballroom, the evening provided a memorable setting for students to celebrate alongside their peers in a formal and festive atmosphere. Students began arriving from 6.30pm, with the event officially commencing at 7.00pm.

The ballroom was filled with excitement as students embraced the opportunity to dress formally, connect with friends, and reflect on their time at Mount Lawley SHS. The evening was characterised by a strong sense of pride, community, and celebration, as students created lasting memories at this significant milestone event.

The success of the evening was made possible through the support and dedication of staff, whose presence ensured a safe, enjoyable, and well-organised event for all involved. In particular, sincere thanks are extended to Year 12 Coordinator Maddie Morskate, Maria Camilleri, Associate Principal Senior School, and Luke Crick, Assistant Associate Principal Senior School, for their leadership and commitment in supporting the cohort.

The Year 12 Ball remains a cherished tradition at Mount Lawley Senior High School, providing students with a meaningful opportunity to celebrate their achievements and the conclusion of an important chapter in their education.





Year 12 Leavers' Jackets

The wait is over, and our Year 12s are absolutely loving their 2026 Leavers' Jackets! Our Year 12 Prefects proudly modelled the jackets earlier this term, showcasing a very special feature unique to this cohort.

This year, we invited Year 12 student Cleo to create an original artwork to be featured inside the numbers on the back of every jacket. For those who may not know Cleo, she is a Mount Lawley SHS Year 12 student in the Follow the Dream program and an ATAR Visual Art student, and her design beautifully captures the spirit of the Class of 2026.

Cleo's artwork reflects the journey from primary school to high school, crossing the bridge into new beginnings, facing challenges, forming friendships, finding community, and ultimately standing together at graduation, ready for the next chapter. It's a powerful reminder that while the journey may be individual, our students take the next step together.

We are incredibly proud of Cleo's creativity and of our Year 12 cohort as they wear a design that truly represents their shared story.



AEP & FTD Welcome

On 18 February, we hosted our Aboriginal Excellence Program and Follow the Dream Welcome Barbecue, bringing together students and families for an afternoon of connection and community.

It was wonderful to see such strong participation, reflecting the pride and unity within our school.

Student leaders James, Cleo and Miles delivered a confident Acknowledgement of Country and spoke about the supports available to students, including academic mentoring and cultural opportunities.

The event was a meaningful celebration of Aboriginal excellence, culture and achievement.

Tina Deegan
Follow the Dream Jinjeejerdup Coordinator





Clean Up Australia Day

Mount Lawley Senior High School's Middle School students proudly took part in Clean Up Australia Day, demonstrating their commitment to environmental responsibility and community care.

During the morning, students worked together around the school and Hamer Park, collecting litter and helping to create a cleaner, safer environment for all. The initiative provided a valuable opportunity for students to take action, reinforcing the importance of sustainability and the role individuals can play in protecting our natural environment.

We commend our Middle School students for their efforts and thank the staff who supported this worthwhile initiative.





International Students' Welcome Tea

On Friday 20 February, Mount Lawley Senior High School celebrated diversity and inclusion at the International Students' Welcome Tea.

The event marked the presentation of International Student badges to 15 newly arrived students, who were warmly welcomed by the current cohort of 44 International Full Fee Paying Students (IFPS).

For many students, the occasion provided a valuable opportunity to connect with peers who share similar experiences. It also acknowledged the courage required to leave behind family, culture, and familiar environments to pursue education in a new country. The event fostered a strong sense of belonging and community among students.

The Principal, Assistant Principals, Student Services Program Coordinator, EAL/D teachers, and the EAL/D and International Student Coordinator were all in attendance, demonstrating the school's commitment to supporting and valuing every student.

The presentation of International Student badges symbolised more than identification, it recognised the unique perspectives and contributions international students bring to Mount Lawley SHS. These students continue to enrich the cultural fabric of the school, strengthening its vibrant and inclusive community.

Lynn Sawchuk
Program Coordinator - EAL/D and International Students





Year 10 – 12 Cricket Team

Mount Lawley Senior High School is proudly represented in the Graeme Wood Shield, a second-tier T20 cricket competition open to secondary schools across Western Australia.

Held over six weeks in Term 1, the competition features Year 10–12 students and is divided into A and B Divisions. Our squad of 16 players competed in four matches across four weeks, demonstrating strong teamwork, commitment, and sportsmanship.

The Graeme Wood Shield provides a valuable opportunity for students to develop their skills in a competitive environment while representing the school with pride. Teams compete for a championship shield and medallions, adding to the excitement and prestige of the competition.

We congratulate all players involved for their dedication throughout the season and their efforts in representing Mount Lawley SHS.

David Turnbull
Health and Physical Education Teacher





















House Swimming Carnival

On Thursday 26 February, despite a challenging start with heavy rain, thunder, and lightning, the 2026 House Swimming Carnival at Stirling Leisure – Inglewood transformed into a day of clear skies and sunshine, a true reflection of the resilience and spirit of our school community.

Students demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, determination, and House pride throughout the day. Congratulations to all students, staff, and organisers who contributed to the carnival's success. Your flexibility, teamwork, and positive attitude made the day a true celebration of the Mount Lawley spirit.

	Middle School	Upper School	Senior School	Overall
Hackett	384	388	**492**	1264
Murdoch	561	269	433	1263
O'Connor	**811**	326	258	1395
Forrest	732	**639**	246	**1617**





Interschool Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 10 March, Mount Lawley Senior High School competed in the A Division Interschool Swimming Carnival at the High Performance Centre in Mount Claremont, finishing the day in 8th place.

While it wasn't the result we had hoped for, the effort, teamwork and sportsmanship shown by our students throughout the day was outstanding. With several late withdrawals leading into the carnival, it was fantastic to see many students step up at the last minute to fill races and support the team.

Due to our smaller team, a number of Middle School students also stepped up to compete in events above their year level, demonstrating great courage and school spirit.

A special congratulations to Zachary (Year 8) and Charlie (Year 12) who were both named Individual Champions in their respective year groups, an outstanding achievement and a testament to their hard work and commitment.

A special thank you to Adam Zen and our Health and Physical Education staff for their organisation, support, and encouragement of our students throughout the day. Please join us in congratulating all students who represented the school.













Bush Ranger Cadets Head South

From 22–24 March 2026, our Bush Ranger Cadets attended their first camp of the year at Wellington Dam, beginning with an early start as students gathered to prepare and load equipment before heading to camp.

After weeks of hot weather, the group had hoped for clear skies and calm conditions, but instead were met with wind and rain that changed some of the planned activities. Despite this, cadets embraced the experience with positivity and resilience. They explored bush trails, including those previously built by the unit, visited the dam and its striking mural, and took part in creative challenges such as building and racing small boats from natural materials. Camp highlights also included cooking scones, sharing stories, and enjoying time together outdoors.

The camp was filled with teamwork, laughter and perseverance, particularly from our new cadets who approached their first experience with great enthusiasm and good humour. Thank you to our instructors and cadet leaders for their support—an excellent start to the year, and we are already looking forward to the next adventure.

Andrew Paul
School Chaplain and
Mount Lawley Bush Ranger Cadets Unit Leader









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A Message from The Community Nurse

My name is Mary Keeley and my work days at Mount Lawley Senior High School are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays during the School term.

I work for The WA Health Department for School Health Services.

School Health Services are an easy way for secondary students to access health care and health information for issues such as:

- Healthy eating and nutrition
- Coping with illness
- Feeling anxious stressed or unhappy
- Mental Health and Well being
- Loss and Grief
- Relationships
- Sexual Health
- Smoking, Vaping, Alcohol and other drug use
- Other adolescent health concerns

The School Health Service is free and confidential. Students can make an appointment to see the School Nurse before school and during lunch breaks.

The School Health Nurse is also her to help assist families when health care plans for students are more complex.

The Community Nurse can refer students to other appropriate services and Health professionals as appropriate.

The Community Nurse can provide support and researched based information for parenting teenagers. (Triple P Teenage Parenting)

I hope everyone has a happy and successful year

Warm regards,

Mary Keeley
School Community Nurse

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