As the year draws to a close we have the opportunity as a College to reflect on our Vision, Values and Strategic Plan. It has been an exciting year with strong enrolments particularly in the 16 – 23 age range. We remain committed to nurturing a specialist Senior Secondary learning community with an adult ethos. We value diversity, support students to achieve personal success and provide the foundation for multiple pathways and on-going learning. To achieve this, one of our commitments is to supporting student success through high quality teaching.

The end of 2012 sees the retirement of four such high quality Marden teachers: Andis Berzins, Gary Little, David Steele and Robyn Wilkins. Each of these professionals embodies a belief in the value of education and a commitment to life-long learning that remains as strong as ever. In this year leading up to their retirement, for example, David's work has taken him back to China to teach, Robyn has re-focussed on her educational counselling skills, Gary refined his excellent landscape painting and Andis continued his committed leadership in both our school and in the Latvian community. All have also maintained involvement in assessment practices with the SACE Board of South Australia.

With over 150 years of outstanding service to public education between them, these three teachers are the embodiment of quality and as a community we offer our thanks for their contribution. I would also like to acknowledge teacher Mark Blackburn who is to be congratulated on his selection for an on-going teaching role. All have worked hard to make the Marden experience unique and rewarding for as many students as possible.

Next year is looking great for Marden Senior College. Our student numbers are already strong with enrolment appointments filling steadily, and so I invite you and any other prospective students to call the College soon on 8366 2800 to take best advantage of our services. Have a safe and happy Festive season. Best wishes for 2013.

Brenda Harris
Principal
Some readers of this edition of Marden Matters will be leaving the College. I hope your pathway to success has been made a little straighter; that some of the bumps and barriers have been smoothed out for you. Your participation in the community of Marden has certainly made me a little better for knowing you.

I have enjoyed the Trash and Treasures stalls, the barbeques and especially the Formal! I have delighted in your achievements in the Pedal Prix, in Photography exhibitions and Art exhibitions. I remain in awe of the number of trees that can be planted in just a few hours on one single day. I have watched as you present yourselves for examination. I have appreciated you sharing your stories and your studies with me, over this year. For all this, I am better than I was.

With this in mind then, I hope you too can reflect upon your time at Marden and feel the depth of support and the warmth of a caring community that has been with you every step of your recent journey. Look upon your time at Marden and be thankful.

Others will be reading this for the first time. Welcome. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to share with you all the depth of support and the warmth of our community. You now become the most important part of this. We cannot know what the coming year holds for us but we can be assured that our Community is united in its commitment to you. Allow yourself to enjoy the journey, with all its bumps and turns. I look forward to being part of your journey in 2013.

My genuine thanks go to Marden Senior College staff and students alike. Thank you for your commitment to community, to fellowship and your compassion for those less fortunate.

Sentiments such as these come easily at the end of a year. The extraordinary strength of Marden is that these sentiments can be expressed throughout the year. As I have stated before; words and phrases such as dedication, commitment to excellence, diligence etc; lose their traction with over use and become just words you might expect on any resume. At Marden they are not words, they are the structure upon which hangs the ‘soul’ of Marden. These words are at the core; at the heart of Marden. Without them, the heart stops beating. Everything that happens in the broader community of Marden reflects these attitudes.

Those who are commencing at Marden, this is what you have to look forward to. To those continuing, thank you. To those leaving, thank you too, and to borrow from that iconic TV series MASH; “Goodbye, Farewell, Amen.”

Tim Wells

On Thursday 15 November over 40 students participated in a series of activities to make a start with their Research Project for 2013. Students included current Year 11 students and those starting afresh at Marden in 2013. Led by a group of Research Project teachers, students developed an understanding of the subject and considered how they can best build their own project.

Highlights included inspiring video clips of two students who made the most of the subject’s potential this year, and the ideas generated by participants throughout the day. Teachers involved were impressed by the diverse range of research topic ideas, and potential research processes and products to emerge from student brainstorming.

As a result of the day many students are now well underway with their project planning for 2013 and now have access the Marden Senior College Research Project Moodle to assist ongoing project development.

Finally, I wish to thank the students for their involvement on the day. As an additional activity, students were asked to complete an online survey to provide feedback on Marden Senior College’s Student Reports. The well-considered responses and thoughtful feedback provided will contribute significantly to the review of our reporting format and processes.

Stephen Inglis
On Monday 17 September we were invited to Government House to meet the Governor; His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, and his wife Mrs Liz Scarce.

Upon our arrival, students from a variety of other schools were meeting and lining up waiting to enter Government House. As we entered the front doors, we were amazed at the sheer size and quality of the rooms. In the dining room, we had the pleasure of being introduced to the Governor and his wife with a handshake and a slight bow of the head.

Afterwards we were taken to the magnificent ballroom, where we were served cold beverages while waiting for the Governor. He gave a strong and powerful speech about leadership, and our life journeys that are only just beginning.

After the speech, we were taken on a grand tour of the house and given a brief explanation and history of each of the rooms. We had the pleasure of interacting with Mrs Scarce in her favourite part of the house, the morning room; a room designed to capture the morning sun through the windows.

Nearing the end of the event, we were given the incredible chance to have a personal picture taken with the Governor and to say our goodbyes. All in all, the evening at Government House was filled with excitement and enthusiasm. An occasion we will never forget.

We would like to thank the Principal, Brenda Harris, for selecting us to represent Marden Senior College. It was truly an honour.

Nathan Borg and Emma Lowe

The emerging Australian Curriculum: Science requires students to be aware that Science is a human endeavour that influences the development of practices in industry and terrestrial resource management. Students should learn that people use understanding and skills from across the disciplines of science in their work, such as in the variety of occupations found in a mine-site and a mineral processing plant.

The curriculum also calls for a priority to teaching and learning about sustainability, by providing authentic contexts for exploring, investigating and understanding. Students learn to appreciate that science provides the basis for decision making in many areas of society and that these decisions can impact on the Earth. They should understand the importance of using science to predict possible effects of human activity, and to develop management plans that minimise these effects.
As the 2012 school year is drawing to a close, it only seems like yesterday that we were strangers gathering out the front of Student Services waiting nervously for the tour of the campus to start and then get into lessons. That was nearly 11 months ago.

These months provided opportunity for new friendships to be forged and camaraderie between students, teachers and staff at Marden Senior College to be developed. This has grown stronger as the school year progressed, and is evident at all of the College functions and Events.

Marden has a wide and diverse group of students and that makes the College develop into a close knit community to study and make friends in. We are proud to say that this makes us unique. When we take a look back at some of the school community achievements’ for this year there is no way that anyone can say that they were achieved single handedly.

Some of the achievements for this year include:

- Two successful Trash and Treasure sales
- Art students having excellent reviews from their exhibitions
- Successful BBQ’s that the SGA put on
- Chaplin Tim’s famous bread handouts each Wednesday
- Tree planting day
- ANZAC Day Service
- Harmony Day celebrations
- Defending our title in Adult Re Entry school tournament. Unfortunately not retain the shield, but still play with pride and keep our heads high knowing we gave our all
- Pedal Prix was a great atmosphere and day for all involved

And to everyone who set their own goals for the 2012 school year and reached these individual goals I would like to personally say congratulations and well done.

At the beginning of the 2012 school year the newly elected members of the Student Government Association set goals for each term and a major goal for the end of the year. The end of the year event was our successful School Formal. This was a fantastic night enjoyed by everyone who attended. For the people who have never had an opportunity to attend such an event, they finally reached a dream. From the start of the organisation process the one aim that we had was to make it as enjoyable as possible for people and make it a night that they would be talking about for a long time . From the reports and thankyous I have received in the campus grounds we certainly have achieved our goal and raised the bar for the future years.

We are here tonight to celebrate the success of the students who have put in the hard yards with their SACE or Certificate courses but we all need to remember that that the learning does not stop now. This is the start of a whole new road. We now are at a round-about in our lives. You can continue to further your education, or obtain an apprenticeship or traineeship or you can take your own working path in life. Whichever direction you take, always remember the time that you have had at Marden. This is a time that lifelong friendships were forged.

As another successful year at Marden is closing and there are some people leaving us, The Student Government Association would like to wish you all the very best in whatever avenue in life you choose, and a happy and enjoyable time in your chosen career path. To the people who are staying to complete their SACE or Certificate courses in 2013, we wish you all the very best of luck with your studies.

On behalf of the SGA, I would like to thank Erin Cooper for her support, and from all the students of Marden Senior College we would like to personally thank all the teachers and staff at Marden for their hard work, dedication, professionalism and respect shown to us over 2012.

Thank you.
Michael Coburn
President
EXHIBITION 2012

Featuring the work of Year 12 students from both the Open Access and Marden Senior colleges the appreciative crowd was wooed by art, photography and digital graphics of the highest order on Thursday 8 November for our annual art exhibition.

Supplementing the Year 12 work were displays by the MSC Textiles students along with those of the Cert III Painting and Drawing, Cert IV Design classes as well as the SACE Stage 1 Painting, Drawing and Sculpture students.

The exhibition was formally opened by Gerry McMahon, a contemporary visual artist and sculptor who complimented the College on such a fantastic display of art, photography and textiles. He was extremely impressed by the high standard of work displayed.

It truly was a remarkable celebration of artistic endeavour. Well done to all and and thanks particularly to the teachers whose professionalism and commitment has guided the students throughout the year.

Also a first for this year was the display of art and photography by staff in the staffroom. This was greatly appreciated by the students who commented on the calibre of work displayed.

Anne Johnson

The library was open for one week during the term 3 holidays and many students took advantage of this to spend time working on assignments and making time to do valuable revision for the upcoming exams.

A reminder to students who still have items out from the Library or the Bookroom to please return them by 14 December. If you need a list of items out in your name, please let us know.

We take this opportunity to thank the staff and volunteers who have worked in the library during 2012 and wish them all the best for next year and beyond.

The library staff look forward to working with those students who are returning to Marden in 2013 and wish those who are leaving all the best for the future – we have enjoyed working with you in the library this year!!

Sue Johnston
Library Manager
Have you applied for uni or TAFE?

We would like to wish all our applicants for courses at university or TAFE every success and hope that you achieve your goal.

There are some important dates that you should keep in mind in the lead-up to offers being made by SATAC. The time line below is the latest information we have for each sector.

**UNIVERSITY**

3 December  Equal consideration closing date for late applicants. New applications after this date are not guaranteed equal consideration.

20 December (Approx) Results available from SACE Board. Now that you have your results, you may wish to change your preferences to ensure a better chance of getting into a course. You can also add new courses to your list and take out preferences that you are certain cannot be achieved.

Don’t forget to ring the universities to check your ATAR with any bonus points you are eligible for once you have your results from the SACE Board.

7 January  Deadline for change of preferences.

17 January  Main round of offers to courses posted to students. Offer information is available on UniWeb from 6.00pm. [www.satac.edu.au](http://www.satac.edu.au)

30 January  Late January offer round letters posted. Offer information available on UniWeb after 6.00pm.

5 February  Second round offers of places to courses posted to students. Offer information is available on UniWeb.

**TAFE**

16 November  Equal consideration closing date for late applicants. The late fee no longer applies but equal consideration for your application is not guaranteed.

14 December  Last day to undertake the TABS test for consideration in the January round of offers.

4 January  Deadline for change of preferences for Main offer round.

14 January  Main round of offers to courses posted to students and available online from 9.00am at [www.satac.edu.au](http://www.satac.edu.au)

20 January  Main round offers response deadline.

25 January  Further offers made to some courses from this date.

Counsellors are on site from the Thursday 10 January 2013 to provide information and support to you regarding how best to pursue any opportunities that may be available.

Good luck to all applicants.

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**FROM THE COUNSELLORS**

After our Stage 1 ESL lesson on Friday 9 November 2012 we had a farewell party.

Our ESL teacher Anita and our Maths teacher Vimal attended the event. We spent the time saying goodbye to each other, especially to Farzad. He is a young man who started his studies at Marden Senior College in 2012 and he is leaving us to move interstate.

We love Farzad a lot. He is the best of the best and he knows how to make people laugh. He helped people a lot. At the beginning of our celebration some classmates made a short speech for Farzad and we all prayed for Farzad and asked God to bless him and his family.

Everyone brought some snacks and drinks to share. Suraya brought her camera and she took some pictures of everyone. Also, Manijeh put some music on and Bosco surprised us with his dancing - he is an excellent dancer.

We had a wonderful time being with all classmates, enjoying each other’s company for one last time.
Day Classes

Accounting
Biology
Business and Enterprise*
Chemistry
Child Studies*
Classical Studies
Community Studies*
Creative Arts - Art*
Creative Arts - Design*
Creative Arts - Photography*
Digital Media
Economics
English Communications*
English Studies
English as a Second Language
Environmental Studies*
Geography
Health*
Information Processing and Publishing*
Information Technology
Mathematical Applications*
Mathematical Methods
Mathematical Studies
Mathematics Specialist
Media Studies*
Modern History
Nutrition*

Evening Classes

Biology
Child Studies*
Classical Studies
Creative Arts - Art / Design
Creative Arts - Photography*
Geology
Legal Studies
Mathematical Studies
Nutrition
Psychology
Research Project
Visual Arts - Art / Design
Women’s Studies

*Available as 20 or 10 Credit Options