



Marden Matters

From the Principal



Wow, what a term! I take this opportunity to congratulate staff, students and families for the way we have navigated through pandemic uncertainties together. Understanding, goodwill and good lines of communication have proven crucial. Positive feedback and expressions of gratitude from students and parents are appreciated and have helped 'fuel' staff to work toward our common goal - successful achievement and wellbeing outcomes for students. We have much to be grateful for at Marden, including our calm, inclusive and purposeful learning environment.

Term 2 student achievement and attendance data confirms successful student outcomes across the college. Students and parents can now access student reports from Daymap and Daymap Connect respectively.

Semester 2 is now underway and we welcome approximately 50 new students to Marden Senior College. These students understand the opportunities on offer as a member of a purposeful adult learning environment. All the best to these students and their families for this new phase in their education.

With the shortest day for the year now behind us (Winter Solstice, 21st June), there is a real sense of progress amongst our students with the completion of semester 1 10-credit subjects, a number of assessments finished in full year SACE subjects and VET courses. Fun fact - students studying year long courses are now 2/3rds of the way through the academic year.

Speaking of progress and things to look forward to, it was great to learn that the recent lifting of some restrictions enabling the school formal to proceed on the first Friday night in August. With delivery of the 2020 jumpers at the end of Term 2, and the end of year presentation night at the Norwood Town Hall now confirmed (Tuesday evening, 24 November), it is great to see aspects of the 'senior school' student experience playing out.



With the end of the year light beginning to flicker, now is the time for students to reflect on achievements so far and to re-visit those personal goals. Energy and motivation can flag at this time of the year and it can be a good time to re-consider what motivates you to strive to do your best at school for your plans. Part of this process is accessing future pathway information on the college website (including university promotional podcasts and information on special university entry arrangements). Students (and parents) are also encouraged to attend the East Adelaide Career Expo we are hosting at Marden and the SATAC application process seminar, both scheduled for early next term.

There is no single recipe or secret to academic success, however, research and experience show a strong link between success and:

- enjoying the feeling of progress and achievement through setting and re-setting short term goals
- studying for short, high-intensity bursts – quality of study is more important than quantity
- being prepared to take risks with your learning, try creative directions and learn from your mistakes
- seeking enjoyment and finding things of interest in your studies helps - be curious
- committing to your study, attend classes, meet deadlines and persist
- networking with other students – socially and for study support
- looking after yourself – sleeping, eating, exercising and balancing other commitments are all important.

There are many different ways of achieving personal goals. The trick is to find what works for you. If you need any support to re-assess your goals, a conversation with your teacher or mentor is a good place to begin, as is making an appointment with one of the counsellors in Student Services.

So in conclusion, keep an eye on that light at the end of the tunnel and remember that study may stretch you, but it can and should also be enjoyable and personally rewarding.

I leave you with this quote from famous physicist Albert Einstein (1879-1955):
 "It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer."

Stephen Inglis



Student Government Association (SGA)

Your SGA members have been working hard over the last few weeks to plan events to support the Marden Senior College community.

The SGA urges all students to please partake in our fundraisers, not only are we raising funds for the senior formal, we are also working very hard to design events and activities that the student body will enjoy. For each fundraiser a lot of hard work is put in by the SGA and corresponding staff. We hope that the students will get involved and also have fun themselves. Together we have come up with many wonderful ideas to help keep Marden Senior College a fun, safe and positive environment.

The first round of senior jumpers have been delivered and if you would like to order one, check your student email for the link to buy one. Orders close 5 July.

Planning is now under way for August 7 for this year's MSC senior formal which is open to ALL students. Please help reduce the price of formal tickets by buying the chocolates in the library and supporting our fundraising events. [Tickets are on sale at the bookroom or on 8366 2889.](#)

The SGA are working hard every week to bring new, fun ideas to the different events we are planning and we are very excited to share them with the rest of the school. Please join us – application forms in library and bookroom.
SGA



Date: Friday 7th August

Location: Hotel Grand Chancellor
65 Hindley St, Adelaide SA 5000

Time: 6pm - 10:30pm

Celebration Formal 2020



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Marden Education Centre

The Library continues to be a great place for students, particularly during these colder days. The online learning platforms have seen an increase in use of the many resources available to students to help them with their assignments. It's been wonderful to watch students come in and complete their learning tasks, work together on an assignment and study for a test. However after such an extended period of uncertainty, it has been fantastic to watch students socialise with one another, form stronger friendships and really appreciate the company of each other.

These last few weeks, we have been getting some lunchtime activities organised and have had a few activities around for students to engage in. We are also thrilled to be able to showcase student works: jewellery and art. Thanks to Suzanne Gummow and her students for their displays and inspiring others.

Semester change has seen us welcome a number of new students and the library is buzzing with the excitement a fresh new beginning brings. Looking forward to helping students make the most of their learning journey here at Marden Senior College...and if you haven't visited the library in a while, you don't know what you're missing. See you soon!



My name is Aaron Opperman and I have been undertaking volunteer work in the school library for my Workplace Practices subject. One of my first jobs was to set up an activity at lunch for entertainment. I was in charge of choosing the activity, advertising, and setting up the area. I settled on board games and proceeded to begin the tasks. The event went well and I am happy with the outcome.

This whole assignment took place to make lunch a little more enjoyable during the rainy days like we're having now, and you may see some other events happening so be sure to keep an eye out. If you would like to see any other activities at lunchtime please be sure to let me or the Library staff know!



Career Information

Tertiary Education EXPO at Marden

As part of our service to students we have organised for the three universities and many other training organisations to come to Marden Senior College on Thursday 13 August, 2020 from 11:30am until 1:30pm. This visit will provide students with an opportunity to:

- speak with advisors from the tertiary education sector
- gather information about courses
- enquire about alternative entry pathways into university.

This event will be held upstairs in the 600 building. See more info overleaf.

Adelaide Careers and Employment Expo 2020 (POSTPONED)

Typically this event runs in May, but has been moved to 16 and 17 October pending National and State Government health advice at the time.

Adelaide Showground, Goodwood Road

Friday 16 Oct, 9am – 3pm

Saturday 17 Oct, 10am – 4pm

FREE ADMISSION

More information is available at:

careersemploymentexpo.com.au/adelaide

MHS Careers produce weekly bulletins that are packed full of valuable information about careers and tertiary education. This service is completely free for Marden Senior College students as you and your parents have access under our subscription. To gain access to all of the career resources on the website, go to Study Work Grow and start exploring your options. You will need to enter our school code: Marden19 It's case sensitive so use a capital M.

Also www.myfuture.edu.au has been updated significantly and is now an even better resource. This is available for South Australian students and is a great replacement for the old "Job Guides" and bullseye posters, neither of which are being produced in hard copy any more.

www.skillsroad.com.au/home is a completely free resource that is also extremely good to help students find their feet in the world of work. Like the myfuture website, skills road has a test that you can do to identify jobs that may suit your interests.

For more info or a tour through these resources, feel free to drop into Student Services and speak with a counsellor.

Uni and TAFE Entry

Term 3 is a very busy time for all students who are intending to study at university or TAFE in 2021. Not only are your subjects in full swing, but TAFE and all three universities, Flinders, Adelaide and the University of South Australia are holding their Open Days for prospective students. These are excellent opportunities for students to gather information about various courses in the lead up to making applications through SATAC for tertiary study in 2021.

Due to the potential disruption of Covid-19 this year, the universities have implemented alternative entry methods that are not ATAR dependent. For full details, watch this video: www.msc.sa.edu.au/university-contacts

This year, Adelaide University are having their open day on Sunday 16 August. Uni SA and Flinders are also having open days in August but are taking registration of interest and plan to hold the event over multiple days to help ease congestion. See their respective websites for details.

Uni Guides will be distributed as soon as they become available in early Term 3. Counsellors are able to provide one on one support to students who need assistance in making a TAFE / Uni application during Term 3.

uniTEST for Flinders University

Are you keen to enhance your opportunity to attend university? Do you wish to increase your options to gain a place in the course you want? Are you looking at a way to show the university that you have the ability to succeed at university study? Then uniTEST is your chance to impress! uniTEST is an aptitude test that has been designed to assess the kinds of generic reasoning and thinking skills that underpin studies at higher education and that are needed for students to be successful. uniTEST assess this reasoning and thinking across the broad domains of mathematics, science, humanities and social sciences.

Flinders is offering uniTEST to any eligible applicant wishing to enhance their opportunity to attend university. This year only, Flinders will select students based either, on an applicant's Year 12 results (ATAR) or 100% of their test result, whichever is better.

Marden Senior College is a test centre for uniTEST. Please visit Student Services for a registration of interest form.

Additional information can be found at

www.flinders.edu.au/future-students/how-to-apply/special-entry/unitest.cfm

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Four Square Lunchtime Tournament



Writers Block - Student article

Writers block is something most people have heard of or experienced. It comes in many forms of the arts, from creative writing, painting, dance, sculpture, photography, film, music and the list goes on. I have experienced creative block in my vocal studies when emotional/social stress affected my vocal folds.

I decided to write a magazine article for a few reasons. One being my teacher Josh who teaches Community Studies suggested that an article could be a good way to present my Community Activity. I also chose to write and publish an article because it could help young people like me who have also experienced a creative block, not just in one area like I have but in any areas of the arts to open up and think about where their creative block is within themselves. Realising and accepting where this is coming from is really important, trying to accept why it's happening and what you can do to try and keep going.

I started noticing my creative block about a year ago and it progressively continued to get worse when things got really tough with my social life and mental health. I am working through it as best I can and I can feel the anxiety out of it start to break away. For me it really felt as though I couldn't create a sound which produced beauty and I didn't feel as though I could express myself the way I used

to through my voice previous to my "creative block." I felt as though I would lose something which I always felt I was good at.

I am working with my singing teacher to continue my vocal learning and she gives me exercises to practice and gain strength in. I am seeing a counsellor to help me work through things which I need to and I am practicing meditation and self reflection as another way of working through it.

As part of my Community Activity I researched three artists who struggled with their own creative blocks. I started with Kate Miller-Heidke who is a beautiful singer who struggled with an emotional block. She was battling Postnatal Depression after her child was born. She says in an interview she always retreated into music when upset. She physically ended up being too tired to sing and felt as though her muscles were "broken" and was terrified her voice would never come back. Kate did seek professional help and says that her husband was wonderfully supportive and helped her meet deadlines. Her song Zero Gravity for Eurovision came out of this period in her life.

I also read about Archie Roach, an Aboriginal singer/ songwriter. His story expresses a social struggle to creativity. Archie started off being a child of the stolen generation and ended up

homeless on the streets. Although he loved to sing he was very shy and had to overcome this with help from his wife Ruby Hunter. Archie went on to become a very successful singer. His most well known song is "They Took The Children Away".

My last artist I looked into was Billie Eilish. Billie Eilish is an extremely successful singer/ songwriter. As a young child Billie was a good dancer and was nearly ready to compete at a higher level when she suffered serious injury. This caused grief and could have caused a very bad block to her creativity. However Billie was lucky because she had another way of expressing her creativity through her singing and song writing.

Talking about your own creative block can really help you to work through it. People you are close to like family and friends can help and you can get professional help as well. Remembering that how ever you need to work through them is okay, do what you need as an individual and give yourselves some time and let yourself slowly overcome them.

Article by MSC student
Issy Mudge-Baldock



From the Pastoral Care Worker

I saw a meme on Facebook recently that had Marty McFly and Dr Emmet Brown – (“Doc”) from ‘Back to the Future,’ standing over the DeLorean time machine, with Doc saying to Marty;

“Marty, whatever you do, don’t set it to 2020!”

With hindsight, who would want to! It started with uncontrolled bushfires across much of the nation; loss of life, property, livelihood and as this came under control and we moved from ‘relief’ to ‘recovery’ this virus came along. All the memes then were about Corona – the beer but way too quickly, life as we knew it changed. All of a sudden, schools were closing, shops shutting, borders closing and in this surreal environment, the jokes stopped as reality began to hit – hard. Now, as we start semester two – , in July, just as we begin to get on top of it, there are ‘hotspot’ outbreaks.

For many, it is very hard to be cheerful and positive. (Try being a Crows supporter!!) Yet, as I look around our campus each day, there is a sense that all this negative ‘stuff’ is happening somewhere else, because the mood on campus is generally very positive. Students are enjoying the Marden Community, they are cheerful and as excited as you might expect any student to be at any time during a school term.

Every member of the Marden Senior College staff, from leadership, administration, teaching, teacher support, wellbeing/counselling and grounds staff have worked tirelessly, in the most challenging of times and circumstances; – (and remember they too have lives beyond our gates) to ensure our students have the very best opportunities for educational outcomes in 2020. This is NOT unprecedented!! Our staff – all of our staff - all of the time, whatever the circumstances, always strive to support students in achieving the best possible outcomes. So in this, 2020 is no different!

South Australia especially has enjoyed solid rain, helping farmers sow and look forward to record harvests. Australia is being lauded around the planet as a leader in our management of Covid and of the economy – believe it or not. South Australia is being held up as one of; if not the best manager of Covid. Nature is curing the scars of summer fires. Wildlife is returning, green is replacing the black. Restrictions are being lifted as I write, allowing South Australia to return to near normality – in advance of many states and countries and significantly – really safely!

When I look out my window, the sky is the deepest blue and not blemished with a single cloud; sure, its only 6 degrees but it’s winter... it’s normal! It’s precedent! Our teachers especially, do not miss a beat, their focus remains locked on ensuring the best outcomes.

Therefore, despite 2020 being this strange, surreal moment in our lives, we can and should legitimately and genuinely focus on the positive aspects of our lives; on the positive opportunities that 2020 offers. The daylight hours are becoming longer and 6 weeks into next term it’s Spring!!

We have much to be grateful for; much to look forward to with hope and the time is now, to have the courage to move on. Yes, we can really start to be pleased with ourselves; (Try being a Power supporter!)

Tim Wells
Pastoral Care Worker



AN INVITATION



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11:30AM – 1:30PM

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- ✓ Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)
- ✓ Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation
- ✓ CDW Studios
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- ✓ International College of Hotel Management (ICHM)
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