



Marden Matters

From the Principal



This term has proven to be both busy and productive for the College. I have been visiting classrooms and observed students actively engaged in learning and consolidating important skills, capabilities and competencies that will support final SACE/VET submissions and exams. Within this context our site improvement priorities to strengthen effective pedagogies, differentiation and literacy have remained at the forefront, and continue to be integral in supporting individual student outcomes.

Term 3 reports are now available online from Daymap and are an important source of information for parents/carers and students to better understand progress and to determine strategies to finish each subject successfully. The counselling team, subject teachers and mentors are available to address any concerns and parents/carers and students are encouraged to make contact sooner rather than later.

The College also participated in a Department for Education, External School Review (ESR) on Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 August. The two day visit included a review officer and review principal visiting classrooms, engaging in discussions with students, teachers, leaders, governing council members and learning support staff regarding our site improvement priorities. The review team acknowledged the commitment, care and expertise of staff in

supporting our students to be successful. In particular they highlighted that 'we know our students' and teachers 'go above and beyond to support the students they are teaching' and 'students speak positively about the College and appreciate the support they get from teachers, SSOs, wellbeing leaders and the leadership team'. It is really pleasing that the College and our work is held in high regard and the recommendations in the report align with our quality improvement planning and provides a positive blueprint for the future. Please see link for website report summary:

www.msc.sa.edu.au/site-improvement/

There has been plenty of activity and success in a range of areas across the College this term ranging from the very successful 2023 Marden Career Expo, well attended SATAC presentation and the Career Advice Workshop where students worked with a career consultant to map out career pathways. Students interested in VET pathways had the opportunity to attend a Come and Try Early Childhood & Education Care 'taster' day, Certificate III Screen and Media Industry Immersion Night and a Cyber Security Information Night. These events showcased these highly regarded programs and the expertise of our staff. Parent, student and industry feedback has been very positive and the College looks forward to holding similar events in the future. Added to this, the SGA organised a BBQ to celebrate 'Wear it Purple Day' and the Stage 1 Health and Wellbeing class promoted R U OK? Day with a range of engaging and fun activities.

Student Services is now busy with enrolments for 2024 as well as supporting our current students in making subject choices for next year. The success of the sold-out Principal Tours held this term is an indication that classes will be filling up fast and prospective parents are encouraged to call 8366 2800 to make an appointment to discuss study options for their student.

As the school year draws to a close, it is important to remember that success and hard work take on distinct forms for each student.

With this in mind, I am confident that students will persevere and meet the challenge of completing their final VET/SACE assignments and exams to achieve their individual goals and preferred pathways. As a community we look forward to acknowledging and celebrating student success and the school year at Marden Senior College's Annual Presentation Night, to be held at the Norwood Town Hall, on Monday 27 November at 7.30pm. Booking and organisational details will be published early next term.

Nikki Kotrotsos
Principal

SSO Week

In week 5 we celebrated SSO week. We are most appreciative of the excellent work, commitment and support our SSOs do every day. Thank you for making things simply better and our school a welcoming place for all.

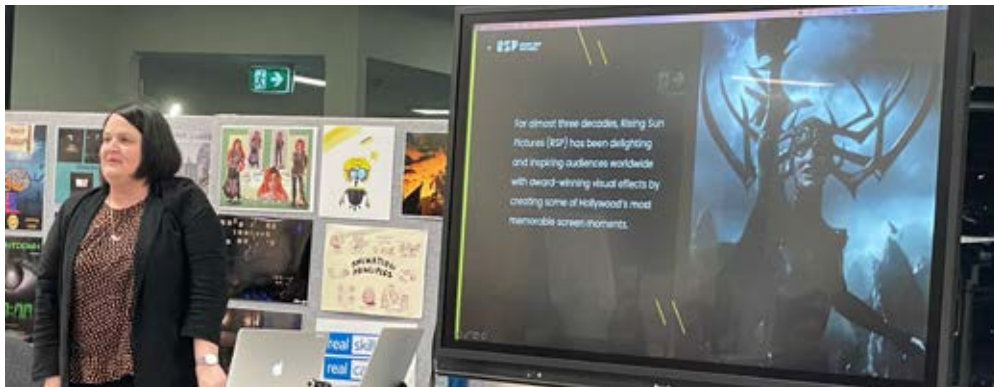
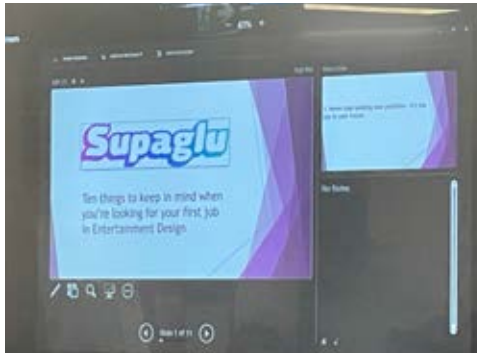


Screen and Media - Industry Immersion Night

On 2 August we hosted our second annual Screen and Media - Industry Immersion Night. Potential students and their parents were invited from all around the North Eastern Suburbs to attend Marden for an information session about the pathways and job opportunities in areas like Visual Effects (VFX), 3D Modelling, 3D Animation and Gaming.

We were lucky to have UniSA, Rising Sun Pictures, MiniMammoth Games and Supaglu Recruiting come and talk about the job roles, educational pathways, soft skills, preparing for industry and more. Students and parents were also able to walk around, see students work and talk with each of the presenters before and after the presentations. As quoted by Kirsty from Supaglu - "It has never been a better time to get a job in the creative industries".

If you or you know someone that would be interested in applying for the Certificate III in Screen and Media to start the pathway to these amazing industries contact rto@msc.sa.edu.au.



Oakbank Career Expo



Amanda Vernik represented the Marden Senior College RTO at the Oakbank Career Expo for Year 10s in the Hills secondary schools on Friday 28 July.

This year Marden Senior College RTO VET Trainer Amanda has been running a Certificate III Screen and Media course at Birdwood HS for students in The Hills Alliance, and we are hoping to run another course there in 2024.

James Stevens MP Visit

James visited Marden on Wednesday 23 August to talk with interested students on a range of topics such as environment, the voice referendum, tertiary education, defence, inflation, climate change and international relations. The session was well attended and students took the opportunity to ask well considered and thought provoking questions.



Careers Information

Career Pathways

The 2024 SATAC guides, along with the various University and TAFESA booklets are available at student services. These can be really helpful when checking prerequisites for courses and to help with subject selection if enrolling at Marden in 2024.

University/TAFESA Applications

We had SATAC visit us in Week 2 and those students interested in going on to tertiary studies have been busily completing their SATAC applications. A reminder that late fees are applied after Sept 29 and the fee jumps from \$60 to \$210. Course preferences can still be changed after this time so it's a good idea to apply and pay before the fee increase even if unsure of course preferences. TAFESA applications are free. See www.satac.edu.au and contact me in student services should you have questions.

Marden Career Expo

Term 3 has been an exciting time for students looking at their future career options. In week 4 we were lucky enough to have the Universities, TAFE and several other RTOs, job providers and apprenticeship agencies visit Marden during our Careers Expo. Many students took advantage of this opportunity to gather information and speak to various agencies to help in their decision making.



Alternative entry - STAT test

The Special Tertiary Admissions Test is an alternative entry pathway for those who do not gain an ATAR or may not get the ATAR they were hoping for. Bookings to sit the test are done via acer at <https://stat.acer.org/au>

This website also has a wealth of information about the test along with fees and practice questions.

Job Seekers and Planning Ahead

If you are looking for work post-school, there are a range of resources available for school leavers via the new **MyCareer Portal** that are free for students via www.studentpathways.sa.edu.au or your Apps dashboard on EdPass. Check out the range of resources and advice on this portal, including cover letter and resume templates, gap year guides, preparing for work courses, and post school options and planning.

If you have any questions, pop into student services to make a time to have a chat. – Michelle van Wyk



Come and Try Day – Screen and Media

On 15 September Marden Senior College hosted an engaging Come and Try Day for students interested in applying to enrol here in 2024 to do Certificate III in Screen and Media.

John Kameron, VET Trainer led the students through activities and gave them industry information about careers.

Students came from a range of schools including Glenunga International High School, Charles Campbell College, Adelaide High School, Open Access College and Marryatville High School.

The students worked through an introduction to Maya, 3D software which has been used to create characters for movies. In particular students created a 3D rocket of a cartoon design, which could be modified by students to suit many different styles of drawing. The rocket could even be animated by students, using Maya at a later date.

Students received a certificate of participation that they can use for VET evidence to apply to do the course through their home school VET Leader.

Heather Thomas, VET Leader



Wear it Purple Day

The SGA organised a BBQ and activities outside the canteen on Wednesday 23 August to celebrate Wear it Purple Day! A successful event highlighting the importance of diversity, equity and inclusion at Marden Senior College.

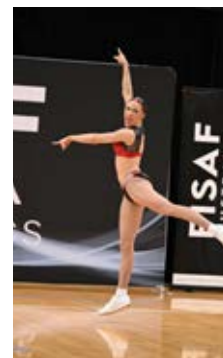


Student Success

Lily Goerner

Congratulations to Lily on placing third (bronze medal winner) in the National Sport Aerobics Competition (FISAF) held in Queensland.

Lily choreographed a two minute routine combining traditional aerobics with fitness and dance skills set to compilation of high energy music tracks.



Cyber Security Meet the Industry Night



The Stage 1 & 2 Cyber Security students organised a Cyber Security Meet the Industry event. This was a student led initiative and they did a fantastic job in the planning, marketing and hosting this well attended event.

Presentations from CISCO, Office of the Chief Information, DfE and Fortinet highlighted the range of training and career pathways available to students in the Cyber Security Industry.

A very successful event showcasing our highly regarded Cyber Security course, the commitment and expertise of our staff and students.

VET Trainer of the Year Finalist – Amanda Vernik

We are proud to announce that Amanda Vernik, one of our Certificate III in Screen and Media VET Trainers has been announced as a VET Trainer of the Year Finalist for the SA Skills Commission 2023 SA Training Awards.

Amanda teaches the Certificate III in Screen and Media here at Marden SC as well as being an Animation Lecturer at SAE Creative Industries. She also delivers the Certificate III in Screen and Media for Marden SC Registered Training Organisation at Parafield Gardens HS and Birdwood HS for local secondary school students.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree from UniSA. She has worked at an advertising agency, delivered Certificate III in Design Fundamentals, Certificate IV in Graphic Design and has led a team of designers, software implementers and project managers as a social commerce company in London. Amanda has also delivered an online Certificate III in Screen and Media at Open Access College and supported staff in the delivery of the Certificate III in Screen and Media at Hamilton Secondary College.

Selected as a Skills SA 2022 Accelerate Scholar, Amanda studies a Double Diploma in VET, and Training Design and Development. She is an engaging, inclusive and relevant instructor who has also taken the lead in organising many industry immersion events at Marden Senior College featuring a range of industry partners including Rising Sun Pictures, Mini Mammoth Games, UniSA and Supaglu. – Well done Amanda!



From the SACE Coordinator

Students' Stage 1 and Stage 2 mid-year results were made available, **Tuesday 25 July, 2023** through the SACE website Students Online at <https://apps.sace.sa.edu.au/students-online/login.do>.

The college has also completed enrolments of students in SACE classes for Semester 2. It is important that you check your enrolments and registration details in the SACE Board's Students Online system and let the College know if there are any errors in your enrolments or details.

Information regarding students online can be found at www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/your-sace/what-is-students-online or through the Marden Senior College website, <https://www.msc.sa.edu.au/sace-information/>.

To help you access Students Online, a Daymap record with your SACE registered name and SACE registration number has been created for you to access from school. This record is for Marden based students only and students from other education providers must contact their home school for their SACE registration number.

To access this record, log into Daymap through the Marden website and select:

1. Daymap (Student Portal)
2. My Portfolio
3. HomeSACE
4. Registration Record

Please use your SACE registration number to access Students Online here: <https://apps.sace.sa.edu.au/students-online/login.do> and update and view your SACE information by following the instructions below.

SATAC Presentation

SATAC presentation held on Thursday 3 August. The event was well attended and students were provided with latest updates regarding courses and important information on how to submit their SATAC applications using the new SATAC application portal.



For students new to the SACE:

1. Students should watch the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7P0Fs7S8e24> explaining what they need to do, including becoming familiar with the rules of the SACE, setting their sharing preferences (eg. SATAC permissions), and providing background information.
2. Log into Students Online <https://apps.sace.sa.edu.au/students-online/login.do>.
3. Log in by entering your SACE Registration number. This should be on your timetable and is 6 numbers and 1 letter. If you are unsure of your SACE number, contact Marden Senior College's Student Services.
4. If you are logging in for the first time, your PIN is your day and month of birth: for example, 7 of November is 0711.
5. You will be prompted to change your password.
6. Update your details as requested.

For existing SACE students:

1. Students should watch the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7P0Fs7S8e24>.
2. Log into Students Online <https://apps.sace.sa.edu.au/students-online/login.do> to update their user accounts, including setting a stronger password for their account than the previous four-digit code (PIN).
3. Update your details as requested.

Please note, students will be prompted to update their password the next time they log into Students Online if they have not done so previously.

If you have any issues accessing Students Online, contact the SACE Board directly on the details below:

Email: askSACE@sa.gov.au

Phone: +61 8 8115 4712 from 8.30 am to 5 pm (Australian Central Daylight Time) Monday to Friday

Freecall for SA country students: 1800 652 230

If there are any problems with your enrolments or your registration details, please inform Student Services 8366 2800 or email info@msc.sa.edu.au.

Brennan Dimmell
SACE Co-ordinator

Student Voice

External School Review 'Student Voice'

During the External School Review our students confidently spoke to the review team about the support and genuine care they receive from their teachers, SSOs, leaders, learning support and counsellors. In particular, students noted the flexibility and choice that is available in their learning and assignments and that this supported their engagement and individual success. All students who participated have been acknowledged with a certificate of appreciation.



From the Pastoral Care Worker

I am not sure about you but, to me, this Term has flown by. As a child, I remember thinking how long a year was. After my birthday or after Christmas, I would often think how long I would have to wait until I could once again enjoy these special times. Now, considerably older, time to me seems so fleeting. In a blink, we are at the end of Term 3, Daylight Saving commences in a few days – will have commenced by the time this offering is published. Perhaps the most obvious and cliché evidence is the fact I have seen Christmas decorations for sale in stores.

Perhaps this perception of time flying can be explained by how busy we are and, how 'immediate' life has become. When I was young – in the olden days, one would wait until after 9.00pm before making an interstate phone call because it was cheaper. A postcard from a friend overseas took ages to arrive, the friend often returning home before the postcard arrived. Now our communication is instant. A phone call interstate is no different from a local call! Time and information flies.

Carpe Diem – "Seize the Day," refers to us taking the opportunity to fulfil something while we are able. (the actual translation is closer to 'enjoy the day' or 'harvest' or 'pluck the day') With the busyness of Term 3, time has flown and we must now seize the day!

A Career Expo, Screen and Media days, Cyber Security days, Wear it Purple Day, RUOK Day, BBQs and other activity, accompanying the busy weeks of learning, final assignments etc., has all taken our focus off time and thus, in a blink, we find ourselves at the end of Term 3, facing the finality and assessment of Term 4! Again! Now is the time to 'seize the day,' not out of any sense of panic nor fear but rather, out of recognising the opportunity to focus on all that has made Marden meaningful; learning and educational outcomes that pave a way forward. I wrote of time flying in the first issue of Marden matters, I wrote of having a 'fast start,' of 'enjoyment' and '22 Weeks.' Now I write of 2 weeks for some of 5 or 6 weeks for others!

Now is the opportunity to finalise and perfect assignments; to focus on study for final exams, to clarify, revise and submit. 'Seize the Day!' Grasp the opportunity to make these next few weeks those weeks where we do all we can to ensure our best outcomes for this academic year.

Time does indeed fly when we are focussed on activity; ensure you take this opportunity to make that activity a focus on academic outcomes – for just a few weeks. Enjoy this time, do not fear it. Make your focus profitable. Harvest the crop that is your learning, pluck the achievements and outcomes.

In the busyness that is Term 4, time will once again fly so, 'Seize the day'. Carpe Diem!

Tim Wells
Pastoral Care Worker

Library News

One of the highlights on the Library Calendar is Bookweek and there was much to celebrate here in the library. Students have the opportunities to view the latest released titles and prize winning authors. We even had a visit from the Library Storydog, Charlie.

The Library offers you so much:

- A place to study
- A place to socialise
- A place to learn new activities
- A place to read
- A place to relax
- A place to prepare
- A place just for **you**

Let us know how we can make the library even greater.

Happy holidays to all students and staff.

You are welcome to pop in and borrow some books for some holiday relaxation.

Zoe Elliott



RUOK? Day – 2023 Theme: 'I'm here to hear'

R U OK? Day inspires and empowers everyone to connect with others around them and start a conversation with those in their world who might be experiencing personal difficulties. This year's RUOK? Day theme 'I am here to hear', is a reminder that every day is the day to start a conversation that could change a life.

The Stage 1 Health and Wellbeing class admirably organised a variety of activities for staff and students to get involved with as part of RUOK? Day? Students worked in groups and co-designed and facilitated wellbeing activities that were engaging and fun for all.

The SGA ran a free BBQ and a food drive to collect food for those in need. They also provided RUOK? Day resources for students.





2024 Courses

Stage 1 (Year 11)

Accounting
Ancient Studies
Biology
Business Innovation
Chemistry
Child Studies
Community Studies
Creative Arts 2D

Creative Arts 3D
Cyber Security *IL* (Tu 1:30-4:30)
Digital Art
English
• English
• Essential English
Exploring Identities & Futures
Fashion Make it Wear It *IL*

Health & Wellbeing
Fashion Design Wearable Art *IL*
Legal Studies
Mathematics
• Essential Maths
• General Maths
• Mathematics
Modern History

Nutrition
Photography
• Black & White
• Digital
Physics
Psychology
Society & Culture
Sport & Recreation *IL*

Stage 2 (Year 12)

Activating Identities & Futures ^^
Ancient Studies ^
Biology ^^
Business Innovation
Chemistry
Child Studies
Community Studies
Creative Arts 2D/3D Art

Cyber Security *IL* (Tu 1:30-4:30)
Digital Art
English
• English
• English Literary Studies
• Essential English
Health & Wellbeing
Jewellery & Fashion *IL* (Tu 1:30-4:30)

Mathematics
• Essential Maths
• General Maths
• Maths Methods
• Specialist Maths
Media Studies
Medicine & Dentistry Preparation^{^^^}
Modern History
Nutrition ^^

Photography
• Digital
• Fine Art ^
Physics
Politics, People & Power
Psychology ^^
Sport & Recreation *IL*
Women's Studies ^
Workplace Practices^{^^^}

VET Certificate Courses

Courses are offered by Marden Senior College (RTO 40046) scope of registration:

CUA31020 Certificate III in Screen and Media – Virtual Reality & Game Design
CUA31020 Certificate III in Screen and Media – Visual Effects (VFX)
FBP20122 Certificate II in Food Processing

Courses that are not on the Marden Senior College RTO scope of registration and are offered by other providers are:

UEE22020 Certificate II in Electrotechnology PEER (RTO 45744)
CHC30121 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care MADEC (TOID 3957)

Enrol now for 2024!

*All courses run subject to enrolment numbers

^^ = Evening class

^^^ = Day or online option

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IL = Integrated Learning Subject