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DATES/EVENTS

Wed 30 Dec

VCE Results Released

Wed 27 Jan

Term 1 Starts - Staff Return

Thurs 28 Jan

Year 9 Day 1 Orientation

Fri 29 Jan

Year 9 Day 2 Orientation

Class Photos Year 9

Year 12 Conference

Mon 1 Feb

Whole School Assembly

First Day of Classes

Tues 2 - Fri 5 Feb

Year 9 A-F Camp

Year 9 G-L LRC Literacy

Tues 9 - Fri 12 Feb

Year 9 G-L Camp

Year 9 A-F LRC Literacy

Fri 12 Feb

Senior Sport Day

Mon 22 Feb

House Swimming 9am - 2.30pm



Year 9's Time to Shine!

Last week our annual Battle of the Forms took place; the competition was fun and fierce, and our Year 9s had a terrific week celebrating together. Being able to dance, debate, draw and create has given our Year 9 students a chance to enjoy time with their forms and friends before we break for the summer, and we've certainly seen some hidden talents emerge!

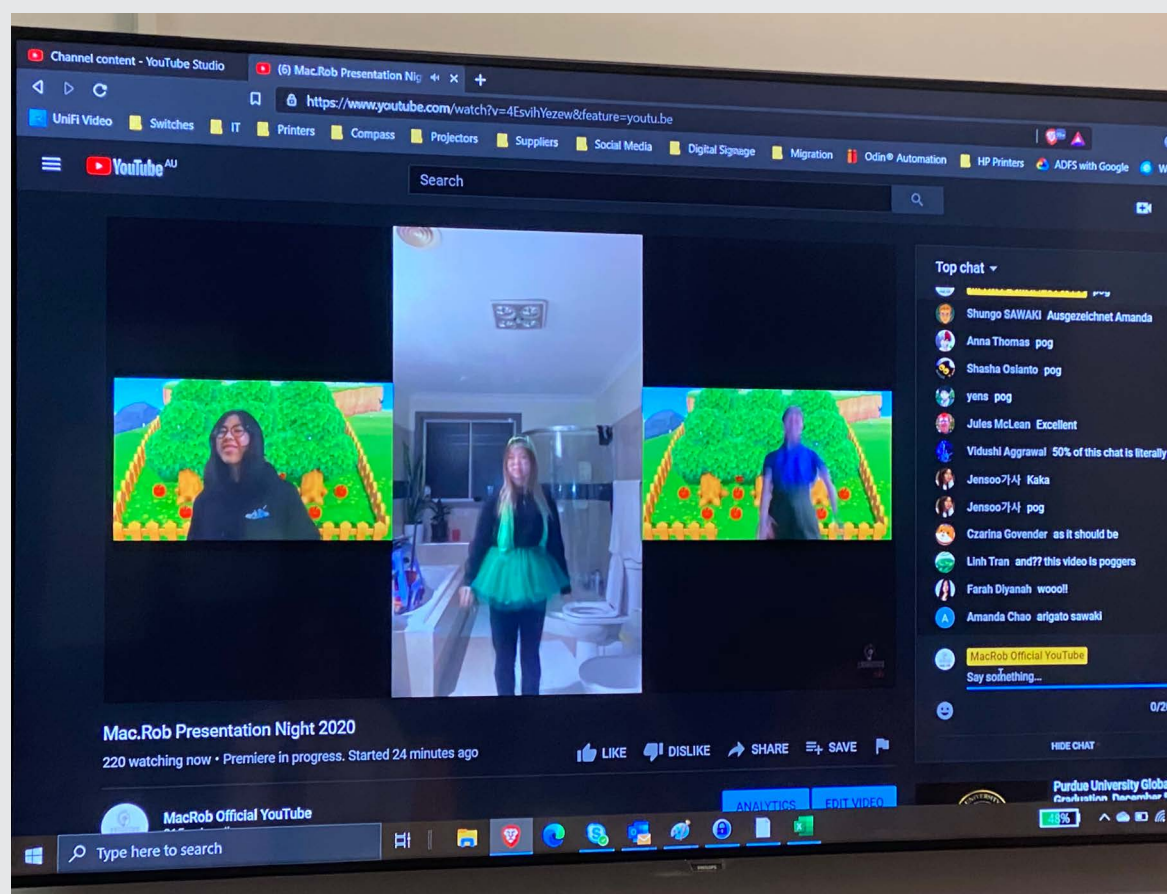
Following the government's announcement in November of a \$4m co-contribution to our planned upgrade, I am delighted to say that our planning work is already underway. I recently undertook my first training session with the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA), and our first planning documents have been submitted to the DET. These early documents provide background information that will help the VSBA, and later our architects, understand who we are and what our needs might be as we begin the design phase, scheduled for term 2 2021. Next year all members of our community will have the chance to provide feedback and input to our design team. Our SRC AT are already thinking about effective ways to liaise with interested student groups so that efficient feedback loops can be established; it promises to be a very exciting time for our community!

Our Presentation Night was a great success and, although in a different format than usual, it was wonderful to reflect on the year we have had and to see the highlights of our students' experiences and achievements. The night showcased just a few of the things that have made our year so special, and was a reminder of just how positive and interesting our year has been. In 2021, Presentation Night will return in its face to face format, but will move venues, from Melbourne Town Hall to Hamer Hall. As our school community grows, this change will accommodate more guests, and I know our team is already planning to make the night even bigger and better than ever!

As we head into the holidays, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our community for the hard work, support and care we have received this year. I know that our staff and students are ready for a very well-deserved holiday, and I hope that all of you have the chance to spend time over the summer enjoying our wonderful state in the company of friends and family. However you spend the summer, have fun and stay safe.

See you in 2021!

Anne Stout Principal





Captains update

Hi Mac.Rob! We're Alexa and Krish, your 2021 School Captains.



We'd like to firstly commend all of our resilient students, teachers, parents and wider school community in making it through this difficult year. Through these uncertain times, Mac.Rob has consistently been a space of positivity, vibrancy, and hope for the future; and we hope to continue to foster this.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our 2020 Student Leadership Team, for their ongoing commitment and dedication to bringing Mac.Rob together in dynamic, creative new ways that overcame the limitations of physical distancing. They have left us with their wisdom and guidance, we certainly have big shoes to fill.

We are so excited to be stepping into our roles for next year, and are thankful for all the support and advice we've received so far. In 2021 we hope to bring back a stronger sense of connection to our Mac.Rob community, and as restrictions continue to ease, we can't wait to see the Mac.Rob spirit shine through our usual events, such as house athletics, school plays and the annual Adelaide Exchange!

To all our current students: as your Captains, we acknowledge how important feeling connected with your school community is, and we are committed to ensuring greater communication and transparency between the student body and teachers, as well as other students in leadership.

The 2021 Student Leadership Team as a whole is looking forward to next year as a fresh start, and a chance to take in even more community input to make the upcoming year as amazing as possible.

We cannot wait to work closely with the rest of the student body, staff and community.

Alexa Kalathoor, Captain and Krish Rajavel, Vice Captain



Year 9 Battle of the Forms and last day



A world without Water

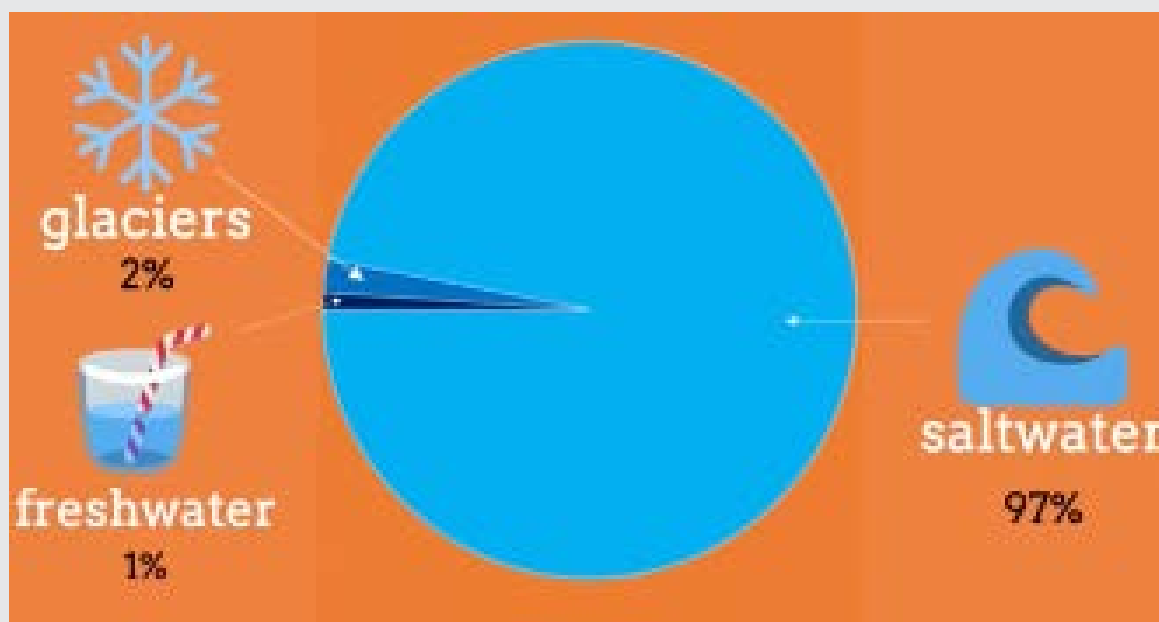
AWA Short Film Comp Winner

**AUSTRALIAN
WATER**
ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to Cherry (Chaitanya) Arora from Year 9, whos entry into [Australian Water Association](#), AWA's Short Film Competition has won the High Commendation Award.

The competition was run as part of 'National Water Week' where both primary and high school students were invited to submit a two-minute video addressing the theme 'How can we reimagine our water future? What actions can we take towards a more sustainable water future?' https://www.awa.asn.au/AWA_MBRR/About_AWA/National_Water_Week.aspx

A national level award for high school students, Cherry was one of only two high school students to win awards. Well done Cherry! Watch Cherry's award winning film [here](#).



That 1%

7.8 BILLION PEOPLE

Seven white human icons (four men and three women) are arranged in a row below the text '7.8 BILLION PEOPLE'. A thick red horizontal bar is positioned above the icons.

Pieces of Us . . . What Makes You Happy?

'Pieces of Us' is a community art work made by the Mac.Rob student and staff cohort in 2020 to celebrate what has been a tremendous year for us all. Over 800 students and staff submitted either a handmade or digital 'square' responding to the theme of 'what made you happy in 2020?'. All the squares come together to create one huge artwork, just like the way we came together as a community this year - without each individual square the art work would not be the impressive visual sight it is.

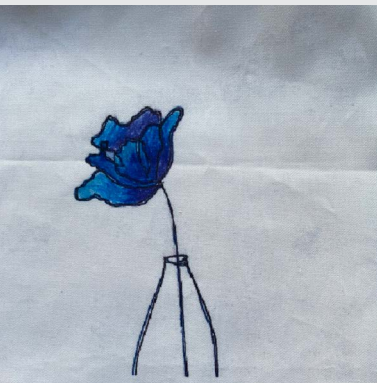
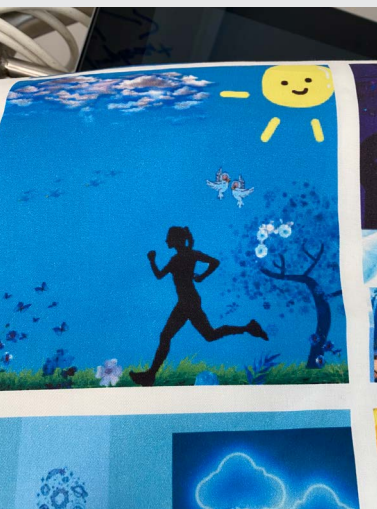
Each square represents an individual member of our community, and gives us insight into our lives during the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown. While there were a few common themes, the sheer variety of imagery submitted also attests to the individuality of Mac.Robbiens. The four large banners, in Mac.Rob's house colours, include themes which range from pets, nature, books, and cooking, to television shows, music and online games played remotely with friends.

The variety of mediums was also diverse. The majority of the pieces submitted digitally had been either hand made and photographed or created in design software, contrasting well with hand painted or hand made craft pieces such as a beautiful crocheted piece in wool.

Next year these banners will be hung at the school and we anticipate them brightening up the walls of our new building when it is built. Thank-you to every single student and staff member for contributing a 'piece of you', I really appreciated the support of this project, and enjoyed working on it immensely. The "Pieces of Us" project is a reminder that even in challenging times we can find things to make us happy. It exhibits the strength, positivity and creativity of our community which we demonstrated during such a challenging year, and that when we come together we can create something spectacular.

Michaela McMahon, School Captain 2020





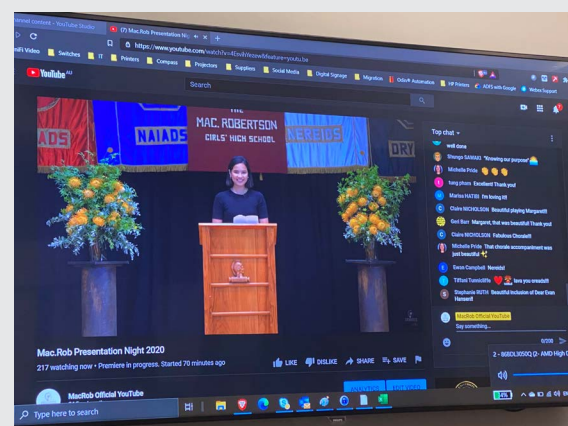
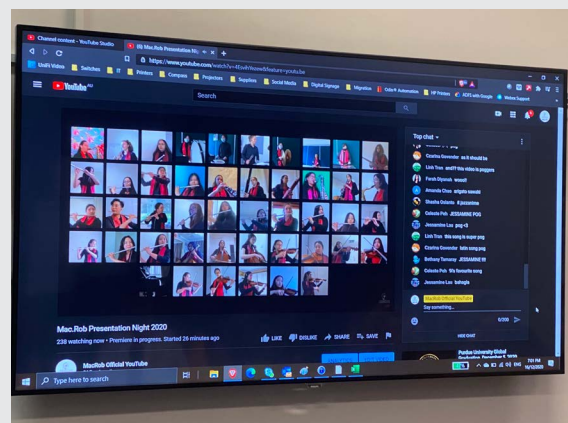
Presentation Night 2020 - WOW!

We hope you enjoyed our very special Presentation Night 2020, thank you for joining us! Special thanks to our guest speaker, Mac.Robbian Priya Serreo, who spoke honestly about her 10 years since graduating from Mac.Rob. Inspiring us with her considered and candid speech, Priya shared how her failing ultimately led to her success, adding “failing doesn’t define you, instead, it can give you the necessary perspective to move on”. As a result, Priya advises us to “fail often” and embrace it! Thank you Priya, for your words of advice and wisdom.

All our students who performed for the event ensured it was as vibrant and meaningful as ever and it was fantastic to watch comments pop up on the conversation bar which added a fun interactive element to the presentation.

If you missed the event, or would like to watch it again, you can view it on our Official Mac.Rob YouTube Channel [here](#). Click subscribe while you are on our YouTube Channel, and click notifications to get updates on new events and videos as soon as they become available. For those of you who’d like to view the Presentation Night 2020 Program, please [click this link](#) for access.

Next year we look forward to welcoming you in the handsome Hamer Hall in the Arts Centre of Melbourne for Presentation Night 2021. This majestic hall will not only enable more of our community to attend, but greatly enhance the performances of our talented students with it’s world renowned acoustics. We look forward to greeting you in person next year for another celebration of Mac.Rob performances and talents.



Online in 2020: Musical performance and guest speaker, Priya Serreo, on the big screen.



Hamer Hall

Goldie in Lock-Down, the book!

Goldie in Lock-Down is centred around a dog's perspective of the recent lock-down due to COVID-19. The events that take place in my novel are inspired by adventures and accidents I've had with my own Golden Retriever, Louis. As I wanted my novel to reach a broad audience, I published it as an ebook through Kindle. The process is long but highly rewarding! All the profits I receive will be going towards the Manasha Foundation, an organisation that aims to raise awareness surrounding Asthma and its management and was established in honour of my cousin, Manasha.

Here is a snippet from my novel:

Excerpt from Goldie in Lock-Down

"Goldie knows the rules.

Rule 1: No muddy paws on the carpet.

Rule 2: No eating socks or shoes.

Rule 3: Not disturbing Sissy while she is talking to the lady on her computer.

Goldie finds Rule 3 very hard. He loves Sissy a lot. So, when Mum isn't looking, he whimpers and scratches on his sister's door until she opens it."

Esandi Iddagoda 9B

Manasha Foundation

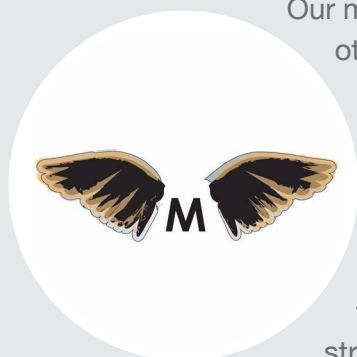
An excerpt from the Manasha Foundation website:

The Manasha Foundation is guided by a core belief: That in moments of hopelessness, ordinary people can come together to make a difference.

Our mission is to raise awareness, empower and provide aid to those with asthma and other respiratory diseases.

After the passing of our friend Manasha, we founded the group to bring people together to make a difference for asthma and respiratory issues, both locally and globally. The work we do today is testament to Manasha's character and the ethos she chose to live by. When we seek change, we do it together. That approach extends to all our work, whether that be donating resources to hospitals or raising asthma awareness and providing medical supplies to struggling schools.

For more information, please [click here](#)



German Winners of Writing Comp

Year 10 German students were state finalists in the Association of German Teachers Victoria (AGTV) writing competition, with Chau Dang winning in her category for her Diary Entry.

“Participating in this competition was a real challenge for me, but I enjoyed every part of it! It pushed me to practice using the skills and grammar that we were taught in class, but for something that was for myself rather than an assessment. It was quite difficult to express myself at first, but I eventually started to get into the habit of thinking how I could say what I wanted with the content I already knew. The topic for the competition was ‘What is your future dream?’, which is already a hard topic to talk about in English, however, I found that it gave me the chance to connect with myself and see what I really wanted to do. I’m really grateful for the opportunity to be involved in this competition as it helped give me a glimpse of what my future might look like.”



Sunfeier (Selina) Chen (Left) and Chau Dang (Right)

Chau Dang Year 10D

EXTRACT OF DIARY ENTRY, SUNFIEFER CHEN

Montag den 13 September 2020

“Was für ein Tag! Ich hatte heute zwei Prüfungen und drei Hausaufgaben in der Schule. Ich bin fix und fertig! Schule wird niemals enden. An diesem Ort verstehe ich nur Bahnhof. Die Hausaufgaben von jeder Stunde lösen in mir Angst aus. Während andere Leute sehr gut und gut bekommen, gibt es für mich nur ausreichend oder zufriedenstellend. Ich schlage keine zwei Fliegen mit einer Klappe, nicht wie Leute an meiner Schule. Sie bekommen immer gute Noten und sind immer die Lieblingspersonen der Lehrer und Lehrerinnen und so weiter. Um vor den Strapazen des Alltags zu flüchten, habe ich oft Tagträume über meine Zukunftsträume. Heute hatte ich eine schöne Träumerei. Ich schreibe es hier, bevor ich es vergesse. Mein Gedächtnis ist so schlecht wie das eines Goldfischs. . . .

Trotz meiner derzeitigen Reinfälle, meiner Makel und meiner unzähligen Fehler, gibt Krummes Holz auch gerades Feuer. Meine Zukunft scheint hell. Jetzt ist es Zeit, zum Äußersten zu schreiten. Es ist null Uhr. Die Zeit vergeht so schnell. Ich sollte schlafen.

Gute Nacht.

Sunfiefer (Selina) Chen Year 10G



VCE Top Arts

Congratulations to our VCE Studio Arts student, Ananya Shaw, for being shortlisted in VCE Top Arts!

ARTIST STATEMENT USED FOR TOP ARTS:

The overarching concept in my work is insomnia and parasomnias. Sleep paralysis, recurring nightmares and night terrors and the effects of sleep deprivation are all prominent ideas in my piece Deprivation Realm. I have used nightmare creatures, sleep paralysis demons, fae folklore, the etymology of 'nightmare' and sleep deprivation to express my ideas. I roughly painted using acrylic and an encrusted brush to create a lined texture, adding scratchy figures en masse over the top in gel liner.

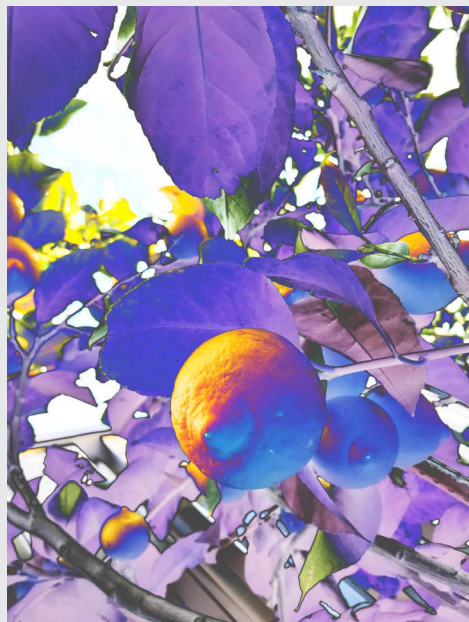
The more you look, the more details that are seen that are graphic and disturbing with notions of fears and nightmare creatures standing out. Further details are added in the depiction of the divide between the nightmare realm and the waking world, the stringy lines that hold the worlds together having small nightmare creatures overlapping, adding to the depth of the piece. The resulting effect disorients the viewer and as they look closer the details strike a fear response with the purpose of overwhelming.

Ananya Shaw

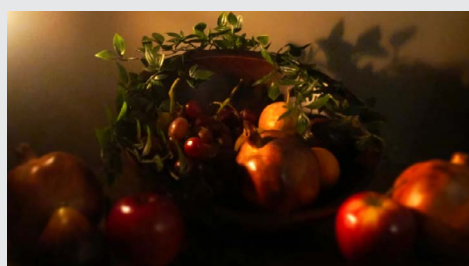


Art and Design

Year 9 Photography

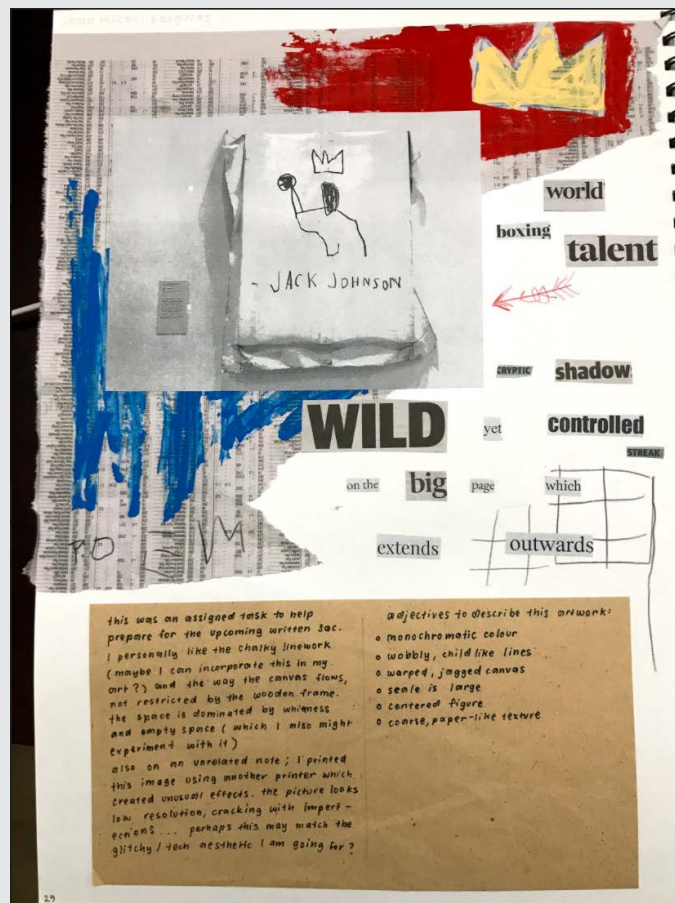


Solarisation by Zara Taqvi Yr 9J



Chiaroscuro Still Life by Onelli Peiris 9K

Response to Jean-Michel Basquiat exhibition



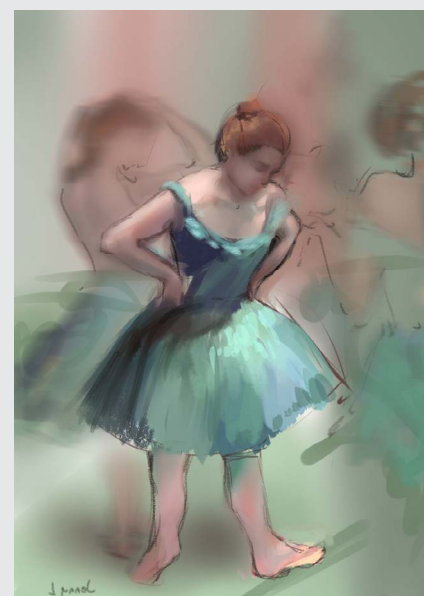
Xuan Thai Hang (Caitlyn) Nguyen 12H

Learning from the Masters

"As we were in lock down, we were limited in traditional art resources such as paint and brush, pastel etc, so instead, we had many online digital drawing tasks. This one was an inspired redraw of Edgar Degas, Dancers, Pink and Green ca. 1890 on Wacom tablet.

I attempted using digital apps to recreate the impressionism style, using rough brushstrokes and blurring tools, it was a really new and interesting experience!"

Tzen Nee (Jenny) Lim 10B



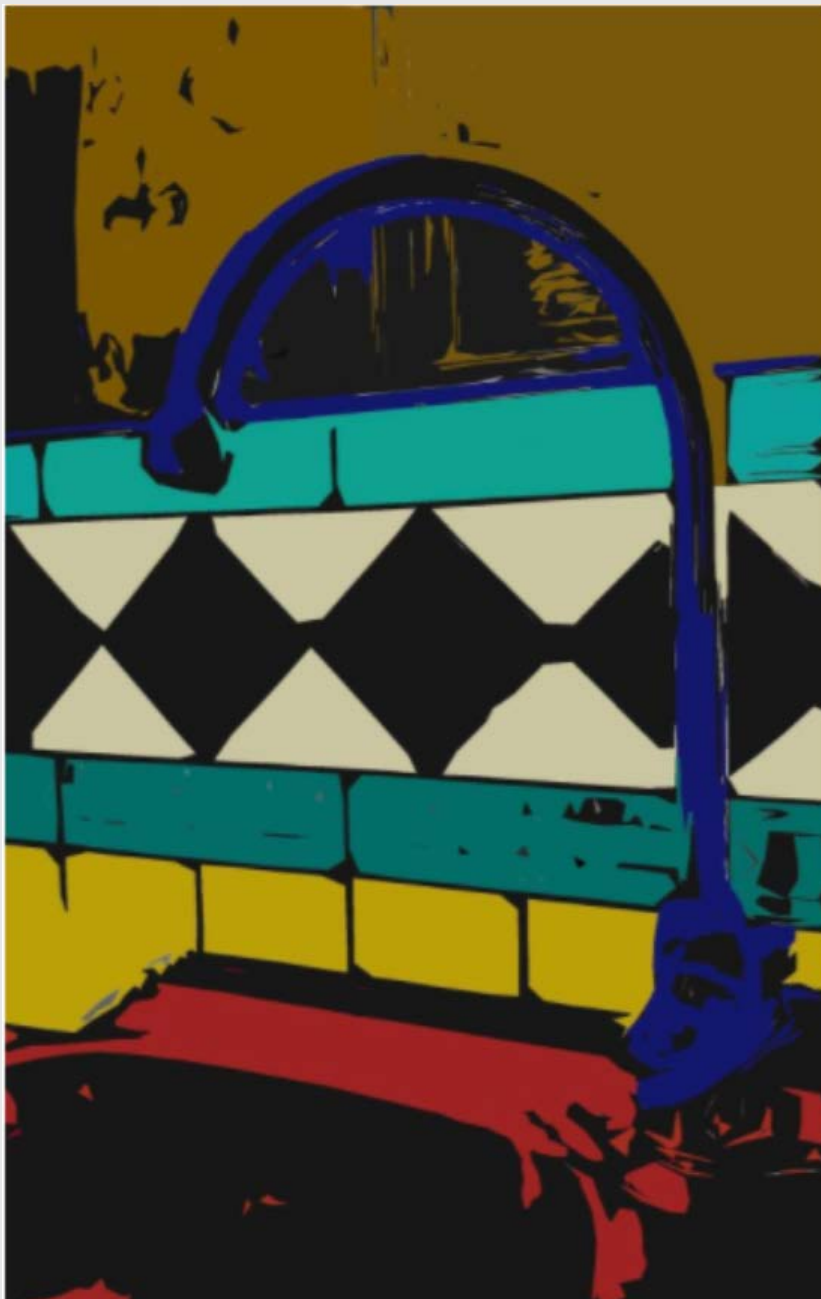
Tzen Nee (Jenny) Lim 10B, inspired by "Dancers, Pink and Green", Edgar Degas

The Art of Dishwashing

Year 9 Photography 'Home' Series

"I used the Adobe Capture to vectorise my image, and the Adobe Photoshop to enhance the image. In Photoshop, I used three primary tools to edit my image, those being: the magnetic lasso tool, the eyedropper tool and the paint bucket tool. These functions I found very helpful as they allowed me to select a particular space and colour it in the desired colour I wanted. The final image of my sink follows a "retro" colour palette with earthy reds, blues and yellows, to instil a vivid 1980's feeling."

Violet Nguyen 9J



The Art of Dishwashing by Violet Nguyen 9J

Mac.Rob Historians

The National History Challenge is a history competition that enables students to explore a historical topic they are passionate about, and relate to the yearly theme, which this year was titled, "Contested Histories".

MAC.ROB'S SILVER HISTORIANS, WHO WERE IN THE TOP THREE FOR THEIR CATEGORY IN VICTORIA:

- Minseo Kim (11F) in the category Australian Wartime Experiences
- Selina Chen (10G) and Christina Quan (10G) in the category Asia and Australia

MAC.ROB'S BRONZE HISTORIANS:

- Year 12: Rebecca Wei (12C)
- Year 11: Tram Anh Pham Ho (11C)
- Year 10: Evonne Lu (10G), Jessica Oon (10B), Elisa Scholast (10H)
- Year 9: Aaditri Bhan (9B), Amani Chadna (9C), Madison Greco (9F), Sydney Lay (9C), Sanaaya Ranasinghe (9I), Rianna Yu (9C)

Congratulations to all these students who explored their love of history and the significance of many contested histories, including the controversy of Australia Day, commemoration of the Anzac Legend, communism in China and the division of Korea.

You can watch a short 5 minute virtual presentation for Mac.Rob here.

Stay tuned for details about all the incredible history competitions on offer for 2021, including the NHC which will be themed... Significance: History Matters.



2020 Young Historian Silver

Sunfeier (Selina) Chen
Tongyue (Christina) Quan
Australia-Asia Relations

Minseo Kim
Australian Wartime Experiences

The Mac.
Robertson
Girls' High
School

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Thank you
for entering
into the
competition!

Tram Anh (Annie) Pham Ho
Minseo Kim
Rebecca Wei
Sunfeier (Selina) Chen
Grace Wang
Evonne Lu
Madison Greco
Rianna Yu
Aaditri Bhan
Sydney Lay
Tongyue (Christina) Quan
Diemmy Pham
Jessica Oon
Elisa Scholast
Amani Chandna
Sanaaya Ranasinghe

2020 Young Historian Bronze

Mac.Rob Community

The Mac.Rob Foundation

This year has been a challenging one for all of us. A year when life as we knew it changed in a matter of weeks and we all had to adapt quickly to new ways of doing things – working, learning and socializing with family and friends. It's been a year when community has been more important than ever – to keep us safe and to carry us through the difficult time.

It has been heartening to see how the Mac.Rob community came together during this time, adapted quickly to operating and connecting in a virtual world and worked hard to ensure that the students would receive the best education and support possible in this changed world. The adaptability and resilience displayed by both the students and their teachers has been extraordinary. And I was amazed to see the creative ways in which the girls continued to connect with each other and have fun while in lockdown.

The Mac.Rob Foundation aims to support students to make the most of their educational opportunities, while at the School and beyond, so that they can achieve their goals and follow their dreams. The impact of the pandemic and the consequent lockdowns changed the educational experience for all students and caused financial difficulty for many families. The Foundation responded to this dramatic change in circumstances and focused its 2020 grants on bursaries to assist students suffering financial hardship.

In addition to the annual Helen Turner Bursary (which was established in memory of former student Helen Roberta Turner (nee Bates) with the intent of assisting students whose families are in genuine financial need), the Foundation granted 9 COVID-19 Hardship Bursaries. Each of these bursaries assisted students in need to have a full Mac.Rob experience. We couldn't have done this without the generosity of our donors and we'd like to thank all our donors for their continued support during this very challenging time. In particular, we gratefully acknowledge the following 2020 donors for their contributions:

Audrey Alway	Nawaar Hassan	Ann Nicholson
Xavier Brouwer	James Jing	Adeline Ooi
Katja Bizilj	Siddharth Kumar	V L Pendyala
Luke Francis	Wendy Lake	Lesley Richardson
Susan Gilbert	Cherry Lau	Ammu Ruby
Mary Grant	Kitty Lau	Karin Tiedemann
Barbara Green	Toni Meath	David Turner
Diane Harari	Samantha McNeil	Rosalie Whalen

As we return to a “new normal” in 2021 and opportunities open up for students to participate in extra curricular activities and extend their learning, we will return to offering Academic Excellence and Graduate/Postgraduate Scholarships to assist high achieving students to take up these opportunities.

We also look forward to once again partnering with the School and the Palladians to host an International Women’s Day breakfast. In 2019 the guest speaker at the breakfast was the CEO of the Arts Centre Melbourne, Claire Spencer. When Claire shared her insights on leadership she certainly had no expectation that within weeks the Centre would be closed and she would be leading the organisation through the most challenging period of its history.

In closing, I’d like to thank my fellow directors, who all volunteer their time for the Foundation. In 2020 we welcomed alumnus Carmen Lau to the Board of the Foundation. Under Carmen’s guidance we redesigned our website to better engage with our community and we look forward to doing more in 2021. I’d also like to congratulate the Class of 2020 and all students for not only getting through the year, but thriving and having fun along the way. The resilience, adaptability, creativity and positivity you have shown this year will hold you in very good stead for the future.

Lynne Jensen, Chair, Mac.Rob Foundation



Year in Review

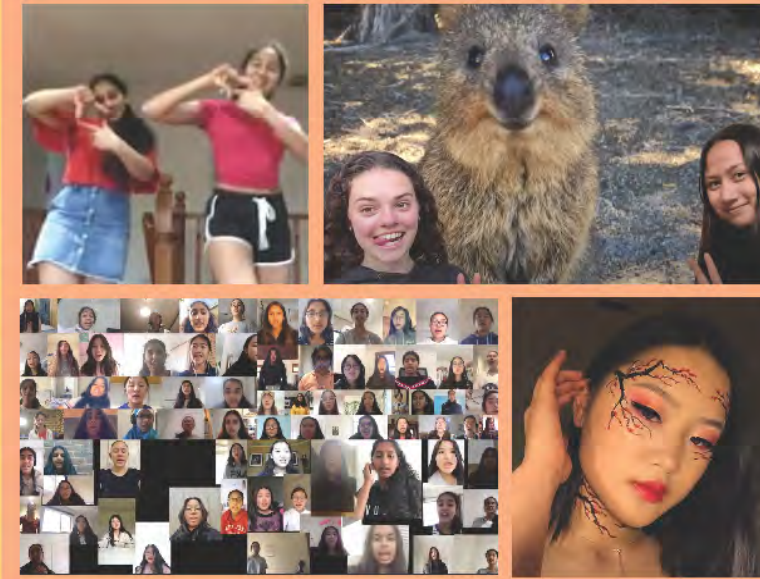


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"From adversity comes opportunity ...



... an overview of our ever-changing year!"



Mac.Rob 2020



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30 Jan Start Term 1	26 Feb Swimming Carnival Naiads for the win!	4-14 Feb Year 9 Camp	26 Feb Swimming Carnival	30 Jan Start Term 1
28 Feb International Woman's Day Breakfast	3 Mar Parents' Association BBQ to welcome new families	28 Feb International Woman's Day Breakfast	3 Mar Parents' Association Welcome BBQ	28 Feb International Woman's Day Breakfast
20 March Advice of Global Pandemic school to close 27 March	25 Mar House Chorals	25 Mar House Chorals	25 Mar House Chorals	25 Mar House Chorals

Term 1

14 Apr Start Term 2 Online Learning	15 Apr Launch of TRIBE Online Community connecting students	14 Apr Virtual Athletics Carnival Oreads for the win!	1 May Athletics Carnival	19-21 Apr Duke of Edinburgh Camp	14 Apr Start Term 2
4-8 May Social Service Week	8 May Feel Good Friday!	26 May Years 11 & 12 returned to school	20 May Mac.Rob Foundation Oration	15 May Year 12 Formal	4-8 May Social Service Week
Year 12s Meet for massive online party!	June House Art Comp	17 June House Drama	17 June House Drama	17 June House Drama	17 June House Drama

Term 2

13 Jul Start Term 3 Online Learning Vic in stage 4 restrictions	20 Jul Online Music Lessons	24 Jul RUOK Day Online	18 Sept Virtual Multi-cultural Week	13 Jul Start Term 3
16-19 Aug Adelaide Exchange Virtual Race Around Australia	31 Aug - 4 Sept Mac.Rob Week Online	3 Sept Mac.Rob MHS Concert	31 Aug - 4 Sept Mac.Rob Week	16-19 Aug Adelaide Exchange
Virtual Massed Choir 72 student choristers	Palladians Wellbeing package for students	12 Sept TEDx Mac.Rob online	18 Sept Virtual Lip-synching	10, 11, 12 Sept Mac.Rob MHS Combined Play "Legally Blonde"

Term 3

5-9 Oct Extra week added to school holidays	12 Oct Year 11 & 12 Back at school	20 Oct Year 12 Celebration Day	22 Oct Validictory Evening bento box picnic in the grounds	23 Oct Valedictory Evening	20 Oct Year 12 Celebration Day
23 Oct Year 9 & 10's Returned	10 Nov VCAA written exams commence	7-11 Dec Year 9 Battle of the Forms	16 Dec Presentation Night Virtual - celebrating an incredible year together!	24 Nov Presentation Night	7-11 Dec Year 9 Battle of the Forms
5 Oct Start Term 4	28 Oct VCAA Written Exams Commence	28 Oct VCAA Written Exams Commence	28 Oct VCAA Written Exams Commence	28 Oct VCAA Written Exams Commence	28 Oct VCAA Written Exams Commence

Term 4