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DATES/EVENTS

Tuesday 5 March

School Tour for prospective parents/students, 9.20am

Monday 11 March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Thurs 14 and Fri 15 March

Grand Prix – student-free days

Tuesday 19 March

German Tour parent/student information session, 5.30pm

Thursday 21 March

School Tour for prospective parents/students, 12.40pm

Friday 22 March

School Tour for prospective parents/students, 10.55am

Wednesday 27 March

House Chorals

Friday 29 March

School Tour for prospective parents/students, 10.55am

Sun 31 March – 18 April

Students depart on Study Tour to Germany

Wednesday 3 April

Music Summer Concert, 6.30pm

Friday 5 April

Last day Term 1

Building on a fantastic start to the year

Welcome to 2019 and our new look 'mac.rob news'.

Returning to the school as Acting Principal, I have been delighted to experience the warm and welcoming atmosphere that is Mac.Rob, and to see that while some things have changed in the years I have been away, the passionate spirit of Mac.Rob is as strong as ever.

In a school as vibrant as Mac.Rob, it is no surprise that our first month has been a very busy one! Year 12s began the year with a Leadership Day, full of fun activities to help them reconnect after the summer, and our new Year 9s quickly oriented themselves to the school before heading north to camp, beginning the important work of establishing new relationships with staff and fellow students.

From Myrtleford one week to Mars the next, Year 9s returned to school to welcome *Mars One* candidate Dianne McGrath to Mac.Rob. Launching our 2019 *Mission to Mars* program, Dianne provided us with a fascinating insight into the training, thinking and mindset of a potential Mars expeditioner; that we had the chance to eat crickets was an additional, if somewhat surprising, bonus!

Our 2019 student leaders have been appointed, and are well underway in their work, planning and initiating exciting projects designed to improve the school, and representing Mac.Rob in various forums in the wider educational community. Balancing leadership and study commitments is at times a juggle, but our leaders are ready for that challenge, and I thank them for their commitment to Mac.Rob's growth and development.

February has also seen us enjoy our first whole school event, our wonderful swimming carnival at MSAC. Participation levels were high, and House spirit was on full display, making the day one of celebration, fun and positivity. As with all they do, our students embraced the event with enthusiasm, humour and good cheer... and a healthy dose of water inflatables!

Beyond our student endeavours, I am delighted to announce that our former Assistant Principal Margaret Akins, AOM, was in January awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for her service to education. Margaret has been a proud and strong advocate for girls' education throughout her career, and her service to Mac.Rob has been, and continues to be, outstanding. We look forward to more formally acknowledging Margaret's award later this term.

Finally, many of you will have noticed that this year we have dispensed with our annual parent mail out, a deliberate effort to reduce our environmental footprint and model responsible use of resources. Our community has very successfully transitioned to digital communication platforms in recent times, including our extensive use of Compass and Google Classroom, and we will continue to adopt these more sustainable practices as we move forward.

As we settle into the term, I look forward to building on the fantastic start we have had to 2019.

Anne Stout

Acting Principal





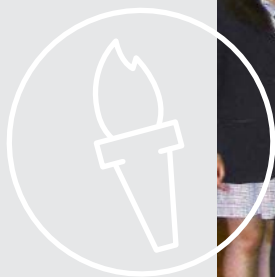
Welcome to 2019

This is Chelsea and Sinali here, and we are honoured to be your school captains this year. To us, being the school captains means the opportunity to give back to the community that has done so much for us. We truly value each and every MacRobbian, whether you are a student, a staff member, a parent or a Palladian because each and everyone of you contributes to what Mac.Rob is and how special Mac.Rob is to us all.

To those who are new, we'd like to welcome you to the Mac.Rob Community and wish for you to have a spectacular year as a member of this community that we like to call home. Mac.Rob is many things to many people. To us, Mac.Rob is an opportunity for growth; an opportunity for each and everyone one of us to become better versions of ourselves. It not only provides us with opportunities of leadership, sport, and academia but more importantly, it provides us with challenges. These challenges push us out of our comfort zone and force us to experience things that we might not want to. It might be trying out for a sport you don't believe you are good at or it might be getting lost in the city, trying to get to school. But these challenges are what help us to grow and flourish as young people with young minds. They cause us to be more independent, to be more confident and to be proud of ourselves and our accomplishments. So Mac.Robbian, we urge you to do something that challenges you, find something that you don't feel comfortable doing, because that is what allows you to flourish and grow.

Student leaders

We'd like to start of this year by congratulating the fellow student leaders of the school. These students have nominated themselves, possibly out of their comfort zone, for key roles in the school to help enhance the experience of Mac.Rob for other students. Most are in Year 12 and we commend their dedication to the school and to the students of the school.





Vinuthi + Lakni — Social Service Captains

Hi! We're Lakni and Vinuthi - the 2019 Social Service Captains :) This year, we hope to empower all Mac.Robbians to get involved in fighting for positive change, giving back to our community, taking responsibility for our actions and giving a helping hand to those in need.



Hannah + Christina — Music Captains

Hello! Your favourite musos Hannah and Christina here!

This year, we have tonnes of fun and quirky events throughout, as well as many official music concerts and events to plan. We're super duper pumped for the year ahead, and are looking forward to see lots of student involvement and enjoyment in music at Mac.Rob!



Zofia + Matt — Debating and Public Speaking Captains

Hey! We're Zofia and Matt, and we organise Debating and Public Speaking. We're excited to continue Mac.Rob's strong DPS tradition and add a ton of new programs like Model UN and a Debating Conference. We hope to show people that speaking up of all kinds is really fun, and a great skill to learn.



Rose + Isabelle — Environment Captains

Hi! We're Rose and Isabelle, your Environment captains this year! Our main goal for 2019 is to get as many people involved as possible. We are also super excited to implement new initiatives/events (eg. Earth Hour) and help our school be more sustainable (eg. installing solar panels).



Radhika + Lia — Sports Captains

Hello gorgeous ladies! We're Radhika and Lia, your Sports Captains! SportsAtMacroB has heaps in store for 2019 including increasing participation and showing you that sport is for everyone! With so many opportunities to get involved, we promise that every moment will be a blast and we are always open to hearing your ideas. Always come and say hello, we would love to meet you!



Carol + Lucy — IT Captains

Hi everyone! We're Carol and Lucy, this year's IT Captains! We're so excited to show you guys what's coming to IT@Mac.Rob in 2019 - we're electrified! We want to increase the efficiency in the use of IT in not just learning, but also in our day-to-day lives. The year will be filled with heaps of events and chances to get to know IT more, so we can take control of this constantly evolving phenomenon!



Jennifer + Justina — GIV Leaders

We're Jennifer and Justina, your GIV Leaders (Girls In Volunteering). As usual, we are knee-deep in emails, Google spreadsheets and a whole lot of enthusiasm for all things volunteering! We hope to increase opportunity, participation and look forward to seeing more Mac.Robbians volunteering in 2019.



Michelle + Jenny — Naiads Captains

It's Michelle and Jenny your Naiads co-captains here! We are extremely motivated and excited to make house 2019 as enjoyable as possible and feel like home, a place where you belong. This year we encourage everyone to try new things (even if it makes you the slightest bit uncomfortable) as it is through these experiences that you will make life-long memories and friends.



Kam + Khue — Oreads Captains

Little lit literal Oreads oriented around house power louder, louder, OREADS! Goal for fire nation is participation, and friends, fun! and sweet and spice and everything in between.



Bianca + Adhithi — Dryads Captains

Hey, we're Bianca and Adhithi and we're the House Captains of the leafiest and greenest nymphs of the forest - Dryads! This year, we want to maximise participation from every sapling, from Year 9 through to Year 12, so we can grow our forest family into something even more special where everyone can gain confidence and make a bunch of new friends along the way!



Abiramy + Lavra — Nereids Captains

Hey we're Abi and Lavra, and not only are we the Captains of the legendary Nezza Foamies this year, BUT we're also BEST FRIENDS! Together you'll either find us fun, loud, embarrassing or really annoying! How to spot us: look for the skyscraper and the tater tot.



Nina + Sarah — Drama Captains

Hello everyone! We're Nina and Sarah and we are your 2019 Drama Captains! I guess you could say we have changed over the years. We've gone from princesses out of a story book to operatic farmers to exotic ladies from the 50s. Life is crazy! Can't wait to show you what MR drama has in store for this year.



Mary + Cindy — Stage Managers

Hey y'all, we're your Stage Managers for 2019 – Mary and Cindy! Stage Crew is involved with all the behind the scenes of our school's rad musicals, plays and concerts. Crew is a fun and wholesome co-curricular to be a part of, with a lovely bunch of new friends to make. We hope to see more of you crewlings this year.



Elaine and Catherine — FAM Leaders

Hey! We're Catherine and Elaine, your FAM Captains for 2019! Friends At Macrob is a group of lovely year 12 students dedicated to spreading positivity and mental health awareness in Macrob through our delightful toilet teasers, our private Tumblr forum and our massive, annual *RUOK Day* event. Feeling safe, secure, and loved is so important to our journey through school – this is why FAM exists.



Kamalinee and Avia — Pallas Leaders

Hiya everyone! We're Avia and Kamalinee, your 2019 Pallas Editors. We are so unbelievably excited to create yet another beautiful yearbook that shows off all the best parts of Mac.Rob! This year, we hope to immortalise the memories of 2019 and engage with more people than ever.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS CONCLUSION

We wish every member of the Mac.Rob community: students, staff, parents, Palladians and the wider community, the very best heading into 2019. We would also like to encourage all of you to keep up to date via these newsletters and our Instagram account [@macrob2k19](https://www.instagram.com/macrob2k19) so you can see what is going on on a daily and weekly basis. On an ending note, we wish to welcome you all again to Mac.Rob 2019 and wish you the very best this year.

Chelsea Truong and Sinali Ratanayake

Mission to Mars

A visit from *Mars One* candidate Dianne McGrath on Tuesday 19 February was enough to spark enthusiasm in students and teachers alike as we began our Year 9 *Mission to Mars (M2M)* program for the 2019.

Dianne's story of deciding to potentially sacrifice her rich and fulfilling life here on Earth for the unknowns of space travel is one of adventure, resilience, mental and physical strength, sustainability, and continual curiosity and learning. After enjoying Dianne's presentation and asking her some excellent questions, students took the opportunity to meet Dianne in person, take some selfies, and try some roasted crickets and cricket-based protein bars (a very sustainable protein choice both on Earth and in space).

After recess the Year 9 form teams prepared debate arguments for numerous ethical and moral questions related to a Mars mission. Teachers noted how wonderful it was to be able to witness high levels of engagement in the ethical thinking challenge and enjoyed assisting students with building strong cases for their position.

Our 2019 Year 9 students approached their first *M2M* challenge with energy and enthusiasm, demonstrating their willingness to stretch their thinking in new ways and to work collaboratively. We encourage students and parents alike to discuss the premise of our 'mission' – what would a successful colony on Mars look like? The *Mission to Mars* Team is very excited to hear the ideas that the students come up with and are looking forward to our next challenge, which is focused on creative and critical thinking, novel problem-solving, teamwork, and some robotic helpers – stay tuned!



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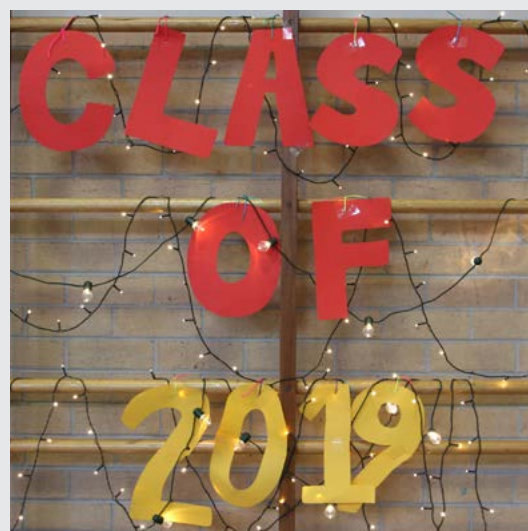


Year 12 Leadership Day

SRC kicked off 2019 with us, the Presidents, organising the *Year 12 Conference Day* alongside the School Captains. Through thorough planning which began at the end of last year, we were able to organise a day filled with fun, light-hearted activities that allowed for a stress-free first day back as well as a chance to bond with our fellow peers. We had trivia with fun challenges in between rounds; a wonderful guest speaker who took us through some guided meditations and relaxation strategies; and we ended with each student writing a letter to their future self which will be opened at Valedictory.

SRC's vision this year entails empowering students and building school pride based on the principles of open and effective communication as well as engaging the student body with tangible events. To do this our first initiative was to distribute personalised letters to the Year 9 cohort from the Year 12 student leaders, detailing helpful advice and establishing a support network which would enable the year 9's to navigate their first year through Mac.Rob but also allow them to reach out for help when in need.

To introduce our new principal to the student body, we decided to film a 73 Questions video with Ms Stout, which was played at a whole school assembly, and was well received by the students who loved hearing a bit more about Ms Stout and connecting with her at a more personal level.



We have also been busy interviewing applicants and reading countless applications for our cabinet positions and year level engagement committees composed of year level executives and representatives. On this note we would like to congratulate everyone who put their hand up for one or more of these roles. We absolutely loved your enthusiasm and passion for SRC and we hope you continue to part-take and contribute to the school culture.

So that's it for us. We hope you're all FIRED UP READY TO GO for this year because it's going to be amazing!

Thanks,
Izza and Prasadi

Learning Resource Centre (LRC) Digital & Information Literacy Program 2019

Learning for the 21st Century involves developing skills in Information Literacy and ICT Literacy. This month each Year 9 form participated in the LRC's Digital and Information Literacy program for a full day, which forms part of the transition program into Mac.Rob and provides a comprehensive introduction to the learning resources held in the LRC.

Students took part in a number of workshops aimed to develop their understanding and skills in Information and IT Literacy, higher order thinking and team approach to problem solving. Some of the skills include accessing and evaluating a range of information from both traditional and online resources, organising and synthesising selected information, and considering how to most effectively communicate and present the knowledge in a diverse and multimedia environment.

The skills obtained during these sessions can be utilised across the students' time at Mac.Rob and will assist them to become independent learners and researchers into the future.

The 2019 IT Captains, Lucy Brignall and Carol Meng, presented IT sessions ensuring that Year 9 students can effectively access and use IT at Mac.Rob, covering areas such as the BYOD program, Google classroom, IT committee and various other IT protocols, series and processes.

A Premiers' Reading Challenge (PRC) captain was elected for the soon to be launched Year 9 PRC challenge. More information on this literacy initiative will be available once the challenge has been launched statewide.

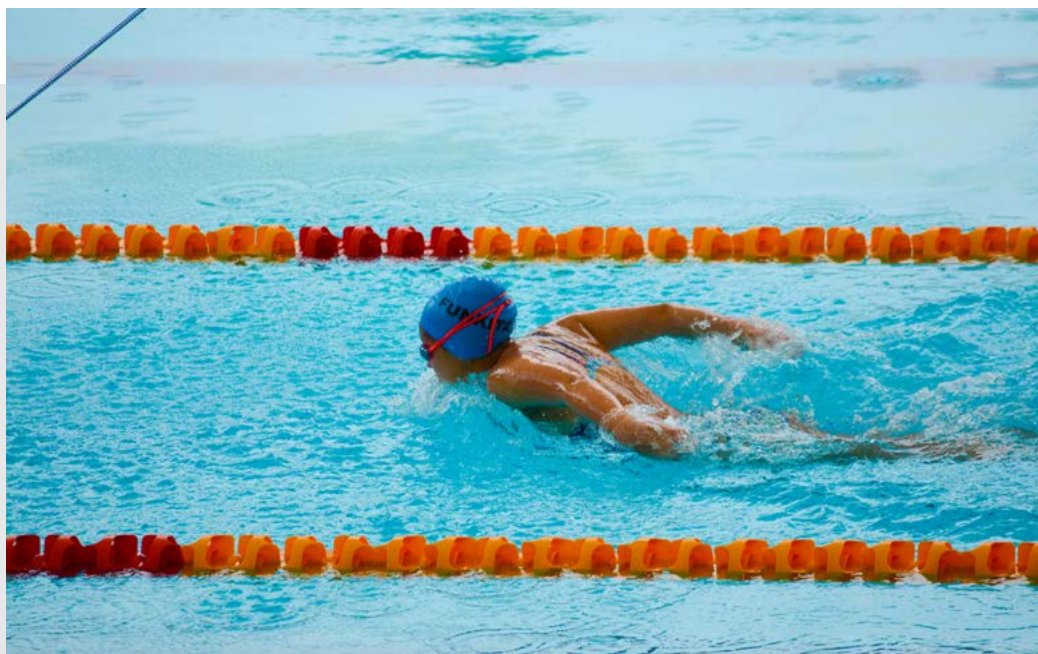
The LRC team wishes all Year 9 students a great first year at the school.

Nuccio Gurciullo

Head of Library / LRC

Yr 9s find creative ways to learn about learning.

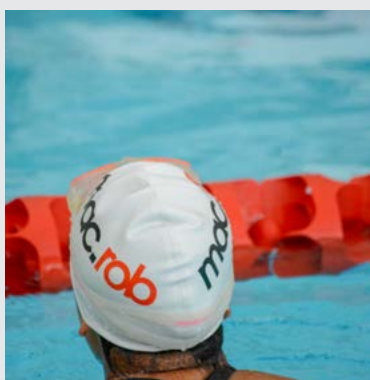




Sports report

Sport has begun strongly this term with Mac.Rob involved in many sporting events, including intermediate and senior SSV competitions, and the annual whole school Swimming Carnival.

The House Swimming Carnival of 2019 was an amazing start to the year. The vibrant day filled with house spirit, friendly competition, and phenomenal costumes helped to create an encouraging atmosphere! A massive thank you to the staff who helped the day run so smoothly, as well as all the participants and supporters. Exceptional effort was displayed by all the swimmers and participation rates were high. Congratulations to the winning house Naiads, who took home the title of 2019 Swimming Champions!



The Seniors kicked off the SSV Inter School competitions this year, with teams competing in cricket, volleyball, tennis, softball, and lawn bowls. Our girls played amazingly well in all of their sports, with the Volleyball A and Cricket teams progressing to the next round and lawn bowls making the finals. A fantastic effort to all the girls who competed and represented our school with pride.

The Intermediate SSV Competition was held on Monday, with teams participating in volleyball, cricket, tennis, lawn bowls and softball. All our girls played exceptionally well with softball and tennis coming out on top and progressing to regionals, and Volleyball A making it all the way to finals in a close match and coming runners up overall. All the teams showed great sportsmanship and pushed through the heat to make the day a spectacular one.





Year 9 Camp

by **Elisa Scholast** (9H) and **Sarah Sun** (9D)

The start of a new year can be daunting, especially when starting at a new school. This made camp the perfect time for us to create bonds with the girls we will get to know over the next four years. Whether it was at the enjoyable activities, or at the table at our meals, conversations were exchanged, friendships formed and memories made. Following camp, we are no longer the same strangers who started at school, but are now friends who have shared jokes and have made lifelong memories.

Activities were designed so most of us were pushed out of our comfort zones, giving us the opportunity to develop and overcome our fears. On the first day, we were all a little shy and nervous, but as the day progressed, everyone turned out to be extremely friendly and nice. We had the whole day as free time, so it was a great chance for everyone to meet and bond. The most memorable activity for us would be the last night's talent show. From dancing to acting to singing as a form, many people in the year level got up and performed something. Everyone who performed were all really talented and brave, and the rest of the year level were also very encouraging and enthusiastic. The talent show was a showcase of some of the year level, as well as a memorable performance from the teachers. A highlight of the talent show for both of us would have to be performing with our friends. The whole experience was so much fun. With our amazing MC's, the night was full of many laughs in between the amazing performances.

Another highlight was spending time with our forms and making strong friendships. As the A-E camp was in week 2, and the F-J camp in week 3, we hadn't really got to know many people in our year level so we had the opportunity to meet many people that we didn't know were in our classes until camp. Returning from camp into my normal classes, there were many confused exclamations of "Wait! Since when were you in my class?!"

Camp was a great experience, a time where we took chances, grew as people and made many memories. We can't wait to spend the next four years with our year level!



Congratulations class of 2018!

239 of 240 students from Mac.Rob's class of 2018 received a first round offer from a Victorian university. Here is a snapshot of where these first round offers came from:

2019 University offers

Deakin University	2	Swinburne University of Technology	2
La Trobe University	27	The University of Melbourne	75
Monash University	125	William Angliss Institute	1
RMIT University	7		

In addition, 25 offers were given to Mac.Rob students from universities in Queensland, 6 of which were accepted. 23 offers were made to Mac.Rob students from the ACT's Australian National University and 18 offers were made from universities in NSW.

A smaller percentage of the graduating class of 2018 have been made offers from international universities, predominantly those in the USA and UK and some students are still in the process of making their international applications.

Jane Hedley and **Tarsha Mautone**,
Careers



'Ladies' dresses

Rehearsals for the musical are well underway at Mac.Rob and MHS, with a very enthusiastic and talented cast, orchestra and production team creating magic.

The costume crew are on the hunt for **1950's cocktail dresses**. As well as being worn by the cast, they will be required by the props department as clothing on the racks of the 'Goodes' department store.

Please contact Ms Stephanie Rowston at RLN@macrob.vic.edu.au if you can help.

School tours and information night

School tours and Information Night for prospective students and parents.

School Tours

A number of school tours will be conducted throughout Terms 1 and 2 for students and parents who are considering an education at Mac.Rob. These tours are held during school hours and show a typical school day at Mac.Rob.

TERM 1

Tuesday 5 March	9.30 – 10.30am
Thursday 21 March	1.00 – 2.00pm
Friday 29 March	11.00 – 12noon

TERM 2

Tuesday 23 April	1.00 – 2.00pm
Thursday 2 May	9.30 – 10.30am

Information Night

Wednesday 3 April, 7.00pm in the school hall

The audience will be addressed by a number of students and staff who will give their perspectives on life at Mac.Rob and information about curriculum, the co-curricular program and wellbeing.

Bookings for School Tours and the Information Night are essential and can be made here: [Bookings: School Tours and Information Night](#)

Many thanks to our tour guides who assisted with our first School Tour on February 25.



Back: Aishah, Genny, Christine, Emily, Dilanka
Front: Laura, Natalie Amogha

Music Concerts

Here are the dates for Mac.Rob's 2019 Seasonal Concerts.

Summer Concert	4 April	Winter Concert	24 July
Autumn Concert	6 June	Spring Concert	19 September

Palladians

2019 REUNION DATES

Place the following dates in your diary and let all your class mates know.

5 and 10 Year Reunion Classes of 2014 and 2009

Friday, 5 April 2019

Windsor Alehouse Brew Room

20, 30 and 40 Year Reunion Classes of 1999, 1989, 1979

Friday, 14 June 2019

Venue TBA

50 and 55+ Year Reunion Classes of 1969, 1964 and before

Wednesday, 22 May 2019

Royce Hotel

Register at www.palladians.com/events

School Council Elections

Voting in the 2019 School Council Election is now open. For the 2019 election, there are five positions vacant:

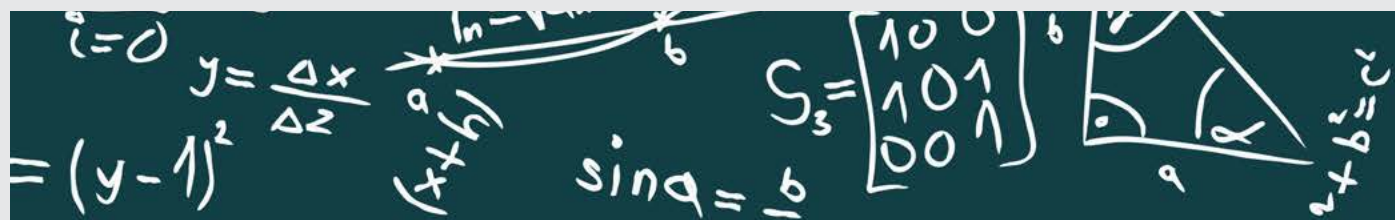
- 3 vacancies at 2 years
- 2 vacancies at 1 year

Ballot papers are available on Compass, and each parent/guardian has one vote. If you are unable to obtain one please contact the school on 9864 7700.

Nominations must be received by the school by Wednesday 6 March, 4pm along with a 200 word synopsis and photo.

Voting closes on Wednesday 20 March, 4pm.

Newly elected council members are required to attend their first council meeting on Tuesday 26 March, 6pm.



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