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Thurs April 1st

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Mac.Rob in 2021

Welcome to a new school year! As always, our new year has started with a bang, and there's been plenty happening to keep us all busy!

We have been delighted to welcome our Year 9 students who have settled into 'Mac.Robbian life' with enthusiasm and ease. **Year 9 Camp** was enormous fun, as you'll see later in the newsletter, and we were pleased to see our students return just hours before our first 'snap' lockdown! We've also had our first whole school House event, our **Swimming Carnival**, and it was terrific to see so many students get involved with all the activities and enjoy this important day together.

We have a lot planned for this year, including progression of our Lakeside upgrade, and completing the final stages of our **International Baccalaureate** authorisation. Alongside these big and very visible initiatives, we also have some key learning and engagement work occurring amongst our staff and students, and this forms the basis of our school's **Annual Implementation Plan for 2021**. This year, our focus is on improving engagement and student agency in learning, and we'll be working closely with students to build their confidence and skills to develop them into strong, agentic learners. We know that good learning involves struggle and challenge at the appropriate

level, so it is important in our classrooms that our students engage with the deep and rich problem-solving struggles that will help them retain information and apply their learning in new contexts. Our teachers are working towards a more consistent approach to learning, making visible the **High Impact Teaching Strategies** that we know make a difference in learning, so that we have a shared understanding of what good learning and teaching looks like.

We are also revisiting our approach to **Wellbeing and support** across the school, to ensure that our programs, practices, and procedures support students at all points of need. Like good physical health, good mental health is vital to personal development, and building excellent mental health practices into our day to day school activities will help our students flourish. As a school community, we will be talking more openly about healthy mental practices, and looking at what we can do to build an even stronger, more holistic learning culture where connections between personal, social, and mental health and learning are clearer.

I'm optimistic that this year will be far less uncertain than 2020, but we also know that we need to be prepared for changes to our program from time to time. I'd like to reassure families that our staff have this in mind and, should we need to make adjustments to our school program again, we are well prepared to do so. I've been impressed with the manner in which our staff and students seamlessly transitioned to online learning, so whatever comes our way, we can be confident we're ready for it!

Finally, to stay up to date with all that's happening in our school, families are encouraged to subscribe to our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) channel, where our 'Mac.Rob in a Week' videos will continue each week. I'll also be posting a weekly wrap-up each Friday on Compass to share our successes and highlights from the week.

Here's to another great year ahead!

Anne Stout, Principal



What's on at Mac.Rob

International Baccalaureate Information Session

Existing students and families of Mac.Rob are invited to attend an information session about the International Baccalaureate program in development at Mac.Rob.

Thursday, March 4th @ 5:00pm

Year 9 Enrolment 2022 Information Night

Prospective students and families looking to enrol at Mac.Rob in 2022 are invited to attend the Information Night. The Info Night will run in two sessions, and is an invaluable opportunity to learn more about the enrolment process and school programs of Mac.Rob. Bookings are essential. [Click here to book.](#)

Tuesday, March 9th @ 5:00pm and 6:30pm

International Women's Day Breakfast

We are excited to invite our parents, students, and community members to our International Women's Day Breakfast on Friday, March 26th, featuring three inspiring women. Mac.Rob Alumnae panellists include Ann Nicholson, Esther Erlich and Sarah Davidson. Bookings are essential. [Click here to book.](#)

Friday, March 29th @ 7:30am



"Neapolitan" by Esther Erlich, Mac.Rob alumni panellist at the IWD Breakfast 2021.

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VCE Results in 2020

We offer our sincere congratulations to the graduating Class of 2020! We are proud not only of their outstanding achievements but of their resilience, determination, and positive approach in a year that has been truly unique!

Congratulations to our Dux of the School, Celina Chear, who achieved an ATAR of 99.95.

Our Year 12 students achieved a median Study Score of 37, with 16 students obtaining a perfect Study Score of 50 across a range of subjects.

The School's median ATAR was 95.53, with 23.8% of students achieving an ATAR of 98 or above. Almost 80% (79.8%) of graduating students achieved an ATAR of 90 or above.

In 2020, Mac.Rob ranked as the highest performing all-girls school (out of both Government and Non-Government high schools), and was the highest performing Government high school.

Well done on these outstanding results, Year 12 class of 2020!





Captain Updates

Hi, everyone! I'm Alexa, your School Captain for 2021! This year, in usual Mac.Rob fashion, has kicked off with an incredible start, full of promise, hope, and positive energy. It is clear that so many students have already been embodying our vision, 'Elevate Your Journey,' by participating in events like Swimming Carnival, signing up for leadership positions, and being engaged within our school community. The Year 9s, in particular, have been amazing at settling into school and taking up all the opportunities that have come their way.



This year has also already presented its own set of challenges with the snap lockdown, but Mac.Rob has been resilient and flexible, proving that we are prepared for anything that is thrown our way in 2021. As a big believer in the importance of mindset and individual growth, I am so excited to watch us be intentional about making the most of this year and becoming better people through every single one of our actions. Personally, this year I want to try new things and keep educating myself, both in and out of the classroom, to make sure that I have no regrets at the end of Year 12. I would love for every single member of our community to approach their year with a similar attitude, ensuring that we stop to admire the world, and support those around us as we grow together.

Alexa, School Captain

Hi, Mac.Rob! I'm Krish, and I'm honoured to be your School Vice Captain for 2021. All of your student leaders are thrilled to face this year, and we hope you are as well! A little about me personally: I love running, particularly sprinting, and I've been lucky enough to compete at a State level before. I also love meeting new people, and I'm always happy to have a chat, especially if you're in Year 9 and would like some advice - we're all here to support you!

For me, walking through Mac.Rob everyday with the knowledge of our shared mutual respect and our security in taking risks in front of one another, makes our school a place where you're truly able to 'master yourself'. It's our aim, as a Student Leadership Team, to continue to foster this environment of compassion and self-growth through our collective vision of 'Elevate Your Journey'. We hope to continue to see our values shine through this year, and it's our ambition to see all of you taking risks, even in the smallest of ways! As always, continue to bring each other up, be respectful, keep your infectious smiles going, and enjoy all the golden opportunities Mac.Rob has to offer - because in a short time, you too will be in your last year of school!

Krish, Vice Captain



SRC Update

Hi Mac.Rob! The Student Representative Council (SRC) is extremely excited to work with students and teachers this year to achieve our vision: GLUE (Grit, Listening, Unity and Enjoyment).



What have we done this month?

- Celebrated Galentine's Day (February 13th), which is a fantastic celebration of friendship among women.
- Held a two-part VCE workshop and invited Aayushi Khillan, is a Mac.Rob graduate from 2018 (current student representative on the VCAA board), to present about the logistics of VCE.
- Released the new SRC Portal, which will be a central hub for all SRC information.
- Reintroduced the SRC Network; 171 girls have signed up to express their student voice, which will be important for future initiatives, focus groups, and surveys.

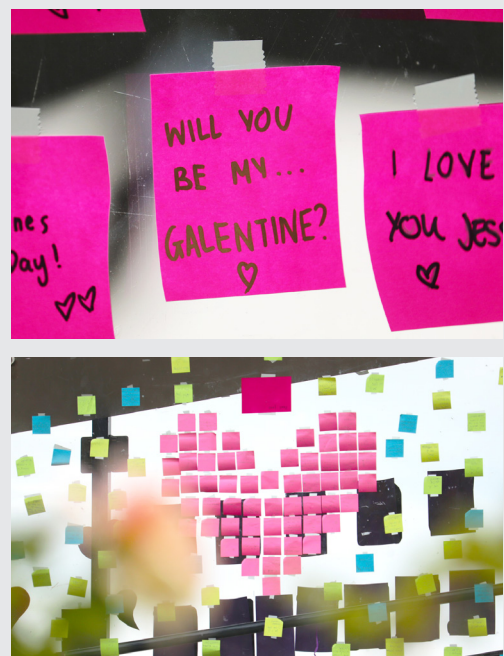
What will we do?

- The Student Action Team will be hosting a series of "adulting" workshops targeting life beyond school.
- We will host our traditional SRC Week (May 17th - 21st) to celebrate diversity at Mac.Rob.

The SRC is here to support all students and optimise your experience at Mac.Rob. If you have any questions or concerns, to would just like to get in touch, please email us.

You speak, we listen!

Chanelle & Sharanaa, SRC Co-Presidents



House Captain Introductions



Nereids

“Welcome to 2021, Mac.Rob community, and we send an extra warm welcome to those lucky enough to be sorted into Nereids! We are so excited to make our House as fun and inclusive as possible, and to win as many events as we can (hopefully!)”

Amanda & Vishi, Nereids Captains



Oreads

“Hi, we’re Guncha and Erica, and we’re here to make sure that House is enjoyable for every single student at Mac.Rob. This year, we really want to emphasise the idea of unity, so we’ve organised many inter-house activities that everyone can enjoy. We want to emphasise that no matter how “good” or “bad” you feel you are at something, you should always give it a go. Step outside your comfort zone and get involved, because Oreads will always be there for you, ready to cheer you on and support you. This year, we’re really hoping that Oread’s is not just a House, but also a home.”

Guncha & Erica, Oreads Captains



Naiads

“Hi! We’re Kousitha and Pahanmie (aka Kou Sizzle and Pahan Diggle) and we are so excited to be this year’s Naiads House Captains! After an *interesting* 2020, we hope to boost our amazing House spirit through several extraordinary events, awesome assemblies, dazzling dances, and much more! We’re ready to make a splash in 2021!”

Kousitha & Pahanmie, Naiads Captains



Dryads

“Hi everyone! It’s Dehansa and Thao here, and we’re the 2021 Captains of the cutest, greenest, and loveliest house: Dryads! We’re still learning how to lead an entire House but we hope our spirit will be able to grow and spread to every single sapling! It is so exciting to be able to connect with everyone and encourage them to get involved in House, because Mac.Rob is so much more than just academics. It is an incredible, welcoming community, and House is a big part of it. From swimming to athletics to drama, we cannot wait to see everyone getting involved!”

Dehansa & Thao, Dryads Captains

Student Leader Introductions

Debating & Public Speaking Captains

“Inclusivity. Growth. Practicality. As your DPS Captains for 2021, we aim to provide all of Mac.Rob with a welcoming and beneficial journey in our portfolio. This year will be jam packed with fun and casual debating and public speaking events that you can get involved in. We hope to embed a platform for every student to speak up and hone their skills, building a gateway for you to use these speaking tools beyond school as a successful young person.”

Sophia & Esha, DPS Captains

Drama Captains

“Hello! We’re Olivia and Jade, the Drama Captains for 2021. After being deprived of in-person performances last year, we’re aiming to make up for that and more in 2021! Our goals are to bring back drama to its former glory, starting with House Drama in the last week of Term 1. We also have other exciting things planned, such as theatresports and combined productions, so keep an eye out for more news coming soon to your inbox!”

Olivia & Jade, Drama Captains

Environment Captains

“Hey! We’re Catherine and Imandie, and we’re super excited to be the Environment Captains for 2021. Our goal this year is to squeeze out as much participation from *everyone* as possible. We want to emphasise the importance of the environment and how being sustainable and eco-friendly is super easy and rewarding!”

Catherine & Imandie, Environment Captains

FAM Captains

“Hey Mac.Rob! We’re Jasmine and Jakiah, and we’re honoured to be your FAM Captains for 2021! This year, one of our core values as a committee is to create a vibrant environment to ensure everyone can take risks and be the best versions of themselves! As your Year 12 wellbeing team, we endeavour to strengthen camaraderie across all students through activities such as FAM Fridays, toilet teasers and RUOK day! With your active participation, we can’t wait for you to see what’s in store!

Jasmine & Jakiah, FAM Captains



GIV Captains

“Hi, we’re Nina and Nicky – the GIV leaders for 2021! We have lots of volunteering events planned for the year and can’t wait for you to get involved. GIV is an amazing opportunity to help out our community, make new memories, and meet new people! Some events to look out for include: Homeless Hampers, Volunteering Workshops, Student 2 Student reading programs, and many more! We cannot wait for another amazing year of GIVing!”

Nina & Nicky, GIV Captains



ICT Captains

“Hey! We’re Alicia and Le-Ann, the ICT Captains for 2021! Our focus this year is to enhance the technological experience for both students and teachers around the school. Technology is a vital part of Mac.Rob and we work with our ICT committee to connect the school through the use of IT. Our aim is to help everyone use technology to its full potential! We can’t wait to take on 2021 with all of you beside us!”

Alicia & Le-Ann, ICT Captains



Music Captains

“Hey, it’s your Music Captains for 2021, Chen and Anj! Music at Mac.Rob is a welcoming and enjoyable community which is full of incredibly exciting events for you all to become involved in throughout the year. Our aim is to bring everyone together to build and extend the music community into the masterpiece it is at MacRob. Don’t hesitate to approach us, and stay tuned for amazing opportunities coming your way!”

Chen & Anjali, Music Captains



Pallas Editors

“Hey there! We’re Hiru and Eliana – your Pallas Editors for 2021. Pallas is Mac.Rob’s official yearbook and is a beautiful encapsulation of the school year. Our aim is to provide a vivid recount of all of Mac.Rob’s moments. Pallas is ready to create a yearbook that represents you!”

Hiru & Eliana, Pallas Editors



Social Service Captains

“Hey! We’re Ivy and Selini – your Social Service Captains for 2021! This year, Social Service aims to connect our school with the wider community by bringing awareness to current local and global issues. We hope all of the Mac.Rob community takes the opportunity to get involved in the events we run throughout the year, such as Live Below the Line, Social Service Week, September, bake stalls, and much more!”

Ivy & Selini, Social Services Captains



Sports Captains

“Hey! We’re Emma and Clodagh - your Sport Captains for 2021! This year, we are excited to bring sport back to Mac.Rob with a bang, and can’t wait to see everyone having fun and getting involved. We are excited to help run all the sports events, House Carnivals, and most of all, the Adelaide Exchange, as well as bring to life our new ideas in 2021!”

Emma & Clodagh, Sports Captains



Stage Managers

“Hey Mac.Rob! We’re Elisa and Natasha, your 2021 Stage Managers! We are so excited for all of the fun ahead of us for this year. We hope to see all of you getting involved in Stage Crew, whether it be through crew for House Drama, Music Concerts, the Combined Productions or any other school events!”

Elisa & Natasha, Stage Managers



School Captains and Leaders for 2021.

Year 9 Camp Reflection

Bam! From the minute our feet touched Valley Homestead, we were ready to go! The first night of Camp provided us with the opportunity to connect with our peers and allowed us to make bonds in a friendly environment.

On the second day, we woke with an energetic start, tackling the vertical challenges, vertical drop, power pole, flying fox, and the Aerial Obstacle Course. You can be reassured that the Camp was buzzing with shouts of encouragement (even when we weren't supposed to clap them on!). Even though many of us felt frightened, we gave all the activities a go and the words of encouragement from our classmates and teachers strengthened the bond between the Year 9 cohort, and motivated us to step out of our comfort zones. Another highlight was Trivia Night; questions were thrown around and yells of triumph filled our hall with support and encouragement coming from every direction!

Camp Reflection by Form Group 9L







Production Rehearsal Update

Rehearsals for the combined school Production, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, are well underway, having already begun over the summer. Some cast members – new students this year at Melbourne High and Mac.Rob – hadn't yet attended a single class at their new school, but despite everything going on, students showed up bright-eyed and ready to go in the middle of their holidays.

Unlike previous years, both 2021 combined productions will be plays, in order to reduce the cast size and comply with government regulations regarding COVID-19. In an inspired move, director Mr. Wegner (Wegs) decided the play would be performed on the grounds of Mac.Rob rather than in an enclosed theatre, to better allow social distancing. This idea gels easily with the selected play as it takes place in the woods of Athens and a fairy kingdom.

Despite some breaks with tradition, it's certainly going to be an experience to remember! Saturday themed rehearsals have been a staple of the combined productions for as long as we can remember; for our first full cast rehearsal on January 30th, our theme was "fairies". Cast members showed up in pink fairy wings and taped-on elf ears, or borrowed a silk scarf from the costume department to use as "wings".

Another tradition included cast-bonding activities, where the seniors taught new students, and those who missed out on productions last year, some of our favourite warm-up games to help break the ice. It felt amazing to connect with each other across Year levels and schools for the first time in so long, and we're eagerly looking forward to being able to rehearse again – be that in person, or over a conference call with dodgy internet!

Olivia (Titania) & Carrie (Hermia)





Junior Leadership Program 2021

Last week we attended the first Junior Leadership session at Melbourne High School. The goal of the Program is for us to understand the fundamental knowledge required to be a good leader. In the next session, we're learning a repertoire of leadership skills. After this session, I had the opportunity to meet new people from both Melbourne High School and Mac.Rob.

Cheryl (Year 10)

I really enjoyed the Junior Leadership Program. The focus of this first session was an initial introduction to leadership. Our group talked about the qualities that leaders have, as well as discussing examples of leaders that we knew. I learned that not all leaders have good qualities and that leaders aren't either fully bad/good - they have a part to both sides. Other things that I learned from this lesson was some general knowledge on historical and present figures. I found it quite fascinating.

Our group mentor was Ms. Faith Bui. I found it inspiring to see how she progressed to her role in her University's Vietnamese group. The Junior Leadership Program is not only teaching and helping me to understand what leadership truly is, but also enabling me to socialize with many new people. I thoroughly enjoyed this session and look forward to attending the next session soon.

Anika (Year 10)

I enjoyed my time at session one of the Junior Leadership Program. In our first session, my group and I discussed the actions of past and present leaders, ranging from Daniel Andrews to Emma Watson, and the qualities that we believe all good leaders have. We also analysed the reasons for why we determine leaders to be 'good' or 'bad'. Near the end of class, we were given a short reflection period, where we thought about the ways in which we could implement such qualities into our own lives. I met some new people at the program and I learned a lot about what it means to be a leader.

Gaia (Year 10)

The Junior Leadership Program is attended by a combination of Melbourne High School and Mac.Rob students. The goal of the Program is to learn more about leadership - what makes a good or bad leader, what qualities a leader should possess, and more - all while having fun, enjoying new experiences, and meeting new people. During the first session, I learned new things and listened to my group members' opinions of what makes a good and bad leader, and we sorted well-known people in today's society into those two categories through group discussions. I found the session very engaging, interesting and fun.

Genevieve (Year 10)

Student Artwork Reflection

Mixed-Media Portraiture Work

Portraits have always been a passion of mine, and when presented the opportunity to create three portraits of our choice in an assignment for Art last year, I made sure to pour all of that passion into my works. In the woodblock painting, I painted my younger brother. It is painted on the board I broke myself, for my own Taekwondo grading. I hoped to represent the strength that I felt in him, and show my support in his growth through this piece.



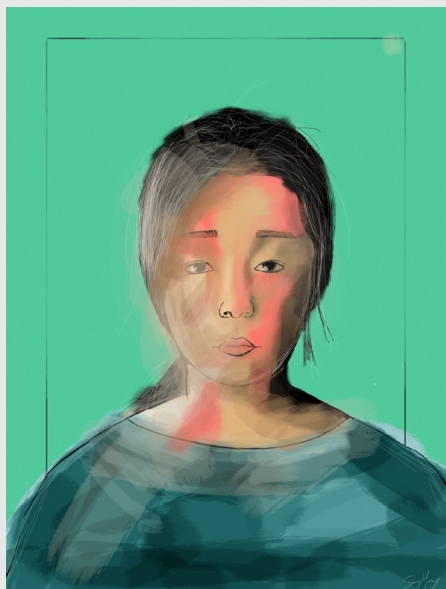
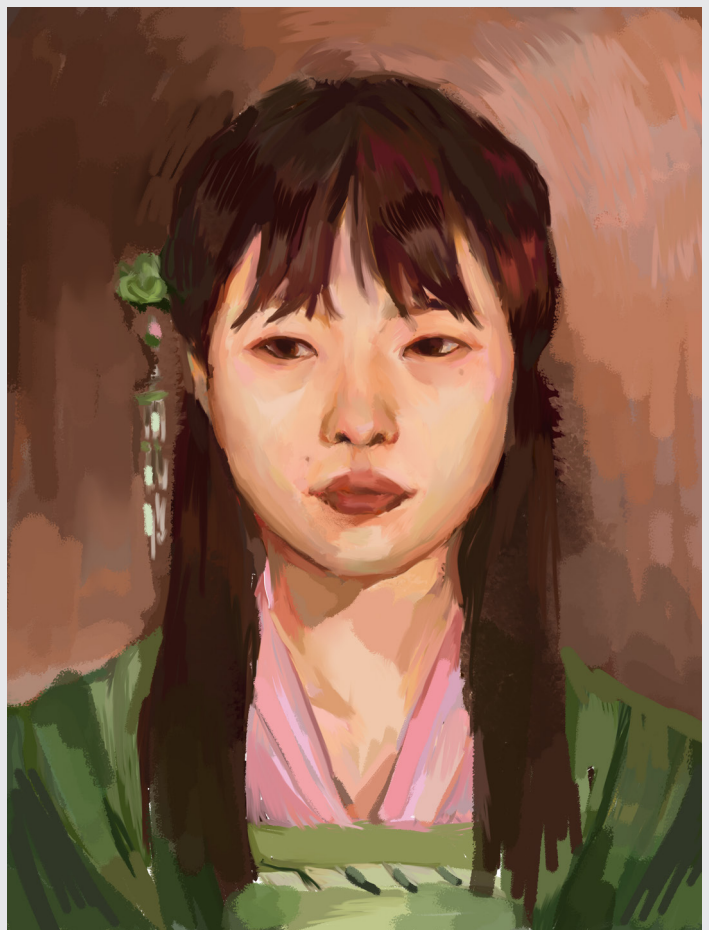
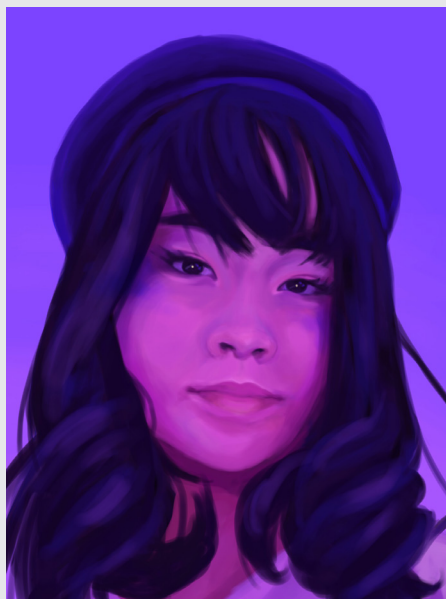
In the pencil drawing, I drew my best friend. She is quite the aloof and dreamy character, and I hoped to capture that through her expression in this piece. Art at MacroB has been a wonderful experience for me, and this assignment helped me all throughout lockdown last year. When I felt hopeless and unable to create, I simply turned back to this project and poured my soul into the details of the portraits. I feel the best when I am creating art, and I am grateful to have chosen visual arts at MacroB.

Natalie (Year 11)

Unit 1 Studio Art

Digitally Documented Paintings

Students were inspired by British artist, David Hockney and his exhibition “Current”, as curated by the National Gallery of Victoria. Hockney uses the drawing application Brushes on iPhone and iPads to record each mark made in the production of his work. In this project students record their stroke-by-stroke marks to create animations. Students digitally documented all aspects of their progress until the final image comes to life.



Clockwise from above: Artwork by Zhenyi, Sunny, Callie.



Sport Captain Updates

The start of 2021 has been packed full with sports events, including Intermediate and Senior SSV competitions, and the annual whole school Swimming Carnival. It has been great to see so many MacRobbians getting involved and displaying our outstanding school spirit.

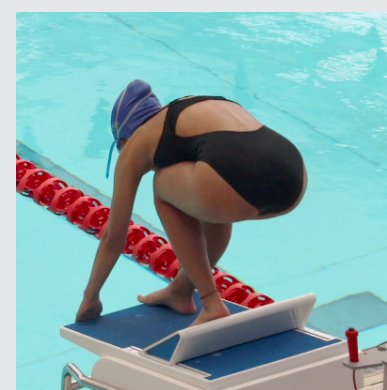
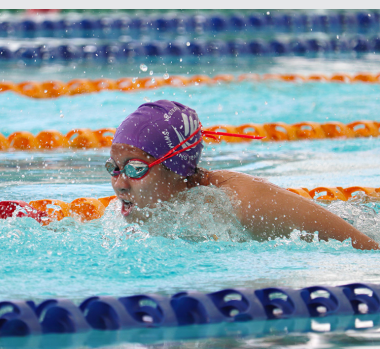
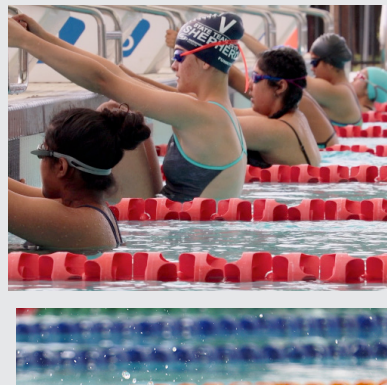
The House Swimming Carnival, held on Monday, February 22nd, was our first whole-school carnival for the year. The vibrant day was filled with house spirit, friendly competition, and great costumes, and our students created an amazingly encouraging and energetic atmosphere! A massive thank-you to all the staff who helped the day run so smoothly, as well as all the participants and supporters. It was great to see so many new students getting involved, whether that be by dressing up, cheering on their friends, or participating in the novelty events. Exceptional effort was displayed by all the swimmers. Congratulations to the winning house, Dryads, who took home the title of House Swimming Champions 2021!

Both Senior and Intermediate sports teams recently participated in Term 1 interschool sports, including tennis, volleyball, lawn bowls, cricket, and softball. The students all showed excellent sportspersonship! Special congratulations to the Senior A volleyball team, Senior cricket team, Intermediate A tennis team, and Intermediate cricket teams, who are through to the next round!

We have had an awesome start to the year, and can't wait for what's to come!

Clodagh & Emma, Sports Captains





Sport Results

Division Tennis

On Monday, two teams consisting of 5 students each represented Mac.Rob in the Beachside Tennis Division Competition. Both teams played exceptionally well and their efforts paid off, with Team A (pictured below) taking the win and Team B taking runners up. Congratulations to both teams, and good luck to Team A as they advance into the next round.

Perlie (Year 10)



Top: Tennis teams; Bottom: Softball team.

Mac.Rob Community

The School Council - Welcome Message

The School Council met (virtually) for the first time this year on February 16th, 2021.

We welcomed new student leaders to the Council, Alexa K and Sharanaa J. Student representatives on the Council enjoy full membership, participate in all discussions, and are able to contribute students' critically important voice to our discussions.

We were pleased to hear that Mac.Rob was able to welcome 298 new Year 9 students—a full cohort—following COVID delays in the entrance examinations. Successful students only received their good news late in 2020, which meant we were not able to offer Year 9 electives in the first term. However, the cohort were quick to accept their offers and have been enthusiastically participating in the February camps.

Council discussed the mentoring and leadership programs organized by the Palladians, including ways to encourage more students to take advantage of the great mentoring opportunity. Students are paired with two Palladians or parents with relevant career experience who share a goal of helping students navigate their futures.

We also heard about some of the challenges that the Parents Association is having in organizing events, such as the International Ball, which have high fees in the event of a COVID-related cancellation. However, some events are still being planned and going ahead as possible, such as the uniform sale (successful!), and upcoming community gatherings in Melbourne's Southeast (Jells Park) and Northwest (Bundoora Park). Making such community events happen will be easier this year, thanks to the help of Rose Shamoail, who is a Leading Teacher at Mac.Rob and our new Community Engagement and Partnerships leader.

One of the functions of the Council is to approve policies for the school, most of which need to be reviewed and approved on an annual basis. We focus this activity at the beginning of the year and this meeting we reviewed and approved several financial policies including in relation to bank accounts, delegations, cash handling and payments.

Lastly, and importantly, Council elections are currently underway. Nominations have closed, but please vote by Friday, March 12th.

As always, Council welcomes your questions or feedback at schoolcouncil@macrob.vic.edu.au.

Ruth Murphy and Ivor Frischknecht, School Council



The Palladians Association - Welcome Message

On behalf of the Palladians Association, we extend a warm welcome to you as the school year commences for 2021. Access and membership to the Palladians Association has been continuously available to all current students, past students and staff of Mac.Rob for many years.

This year, we will continue with the mentoring program and we are pleased to welcome our Year 11 students to participate. The junior leadership program with Melbourne High School is also currently underway with many of our Palladians Association alumni volunteering as group leaders to share their leadership experiences with the Year 10 students across both schools.

Each of our career circles have also planned a number of professional development and social events throughout the year, and our podcast team is working hard to ensure that we have a range of guest alumni speakers to cover topics that range from the history of our mural to the journey of vaccine development.

Additionally, the association supports the school with career symposiums, barbeques and speech night prizes. Maintaining our strong membership base is vital for ensuring the longevity of our vibrant association for future generations of women with connections to Mac.Rob.

We encourage all students to sign up for membership via Compass, which will provide access to lifetime membership with the association and many benefits including events, reunions, annual dinners, group outings and the mentoring program.

We hope to see you at some of our events in the near future.

The Palladians Association



Reminders from the Department of Education

Privacy Collection Statement

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to effectively collect and manage information about your child for teaching and learning purposes, parent communication and engagement; student administration; and school management purposes. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us.

School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy please see the Department's website [here](#).

Mobile Phones In Schools

During the period of learning from home, students may have become used to using mobile phones during the school day. The Department's Students Using Mobile Phones Policy remains in place to ensure appropriate use of technology.

The policy helps create a safe environment for students to learn without distractions as well as greater opportunities for social interaction and physical activity during recess and lunchtime.

As part of COVID-safe practices, schools are managed environments that include records of student, staff and visitor attendance, which can support contact tracing. Phones can be turned on before and after school, with the COVIDSafe app activated when school finishes.

Staff and students should clean their phones regularly.