

Marden Matters

From the Principal



As the year draws to a close it is an opportunity to reflect on what has been achieved this year and contemplate future directions.

Marden's improvement journey has been defined by a collective commitment from all staff to 'inspire and empower students to develop capabilities for personal excellence and successful futures'. This shared vision and purpose is embedded in our MSC Strategic Plan and its priorities: enhancing teaching and learning, fostering inclusivity and wellbeing and strengthening ties with community. The Site Learning Plan is a framework that identifies key priorities, actions and success indicators and seamlessly aligns with our MSC Strategic Plan to ensure continuous development and growth:

- teachers have been involved in the ongoing development of high impact differentiation and literacy strategies (recount to reflection and the use of innovative IT editing tools) as well as regular interrogation of data sets to inform curriculum, task design and pedagogical and reflective practice
- on-going familiarisation with the new Strategy for Public Education to inform site priorities
- a responsive orientation and mentoring program promoting to support student transition

- increased parent communication and participation in college events including the 'Building Relationships with Young People' parent workshops.
- Increased student participation in the Student Life program, career workshops, student-led activities, excursions, and co-curricular opportunities.

Staff met on December 4 to work on college, learning area and individual teacher priorities and requirements in readiness for the 2025 school year. These common understandings will progress strategic, organisational and educational priorities.

Marden Senior College is committed to maintaining its reputation as a high performing innovative college that champions equity and success for all learners as reflected in our motto, 'Your Pathway to Success'. We are very proud that the college's values of excellence, respect and diversity through the lens of a success orientated community, differentiates our uniqueness. As a quality public education provider, we offer a broad range of SACE subjects and VET courses in the context of success for all, facilitated by a flexible learning environment and committed and passionate staff. Extending this is an ongoing and rewarding challenge that requires continual analysis, review and reflection.

To all students who have experienced the highs and lows of learning and planning post school pathways, well done for your commitment, persistence and resilience. These are valuable life-long skills that you will need to draw on as you face life's many challenges.

To the students who are completing their SACE or a VET Certificate, this term probably marks the end of your secondary schooling and the beginning of a range of new and exciting possibilities and directions. The college recognised the successes of our students at our recently held Presentation Night and RTO Graduation Ceremony. Both events highlighted the achievements

of our students and were a heartfelt and fitting acknowledgment and farewell.

On behalf of the Marden Senior College staff, I wish all of you every success in whatever pathway you choose over the coming years. Thank you for your contribution to Marden Senior College. For the many students returning to study in 2025, we look forward to building upon your successes this year and helping you realise your goals and pathways.

Parents and carers form a significant partner in the learning experience for many of our students and we value this partnership and thank you for your positive support and ongoing communications with teachers and mentors. We look forward to further building these relationships with parents/carers of students continuing with us next year. Vacancies exist for parents/carers to join our Governing Council in 2025. Further information is available from our website under the 'School and Community' tab.

I thank the Marden Senior College staff for their efforts in providing students with the best environment and learning opportunities throughout the year. Their expertise and commitment to support individual student success has been particularly evident this year, but even more so over the course of Term 4 with final SACE and VET assessments and exams. At the end of the year, we farewell the following staff members: Michelle Cordera, Robyn Hearl, Zoe Elliot, Haylee Farnden, Rachel Moore and John Kameron. Thank you for your commitment to high quality public education and to the Marden community over the years and all the best with your new schools and directions.

The college opens again on January 13 in order to accept enrolments. Please encourage anyone who might be interested in Marden's offerings to visit the college website at msc.sa.edu.au/enrol and submit an enrolment enquiry.

Finally, I wish you all a safe and enjoyable break and Festive Season and I look forward to seeing you in 2025.

Presentation Night 2024

The 2024 Marden Senior College Presentation Night was celebrated in grand style on Tuesday 26 November at the Norwood Concert Hall. It was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of our students and celebrate their success at the end of the school year.

The evening was made especially memorable by the acknowledgement of country delivered by graduating Aboriginal student Tahlayah Holden and the musical performance sung by graduating student Lilah Sabey.

Jing Yee Fong spoke on behalf of the SGA, and she spoke wonderfully about her experience at Marden and wished all her peers the best for the future.

The 2024 Ampol Best All Rounder Award winner was Diya Mathew. She expressed her appreciation to her teachers for their ongoing support throughout her schooling journey. Diya was also the recipient of the Muriel Matters award for 2024.

Folarin Ogunsile was the recipient of the 2024 Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award. Judy Kumar was the recipient of the 2024 Future Innovators Award.



Student Success

Congratulations to Diya Mathew for receiving the Muriel Matters Award in 2024 for Marden Senior College.

This is a very prestigious award and recognises students qualities of self-initiative, determination to make difference in their school community. Diya attended Parliament House on Thursday 14 November and was presented with the Muriel's Matters Medallion by the Speaker of the House of Assembly, the Hon Leon Bignell MP and the Hon Blair Boyer MP, Minister for Education, Training and Skills.



2025 Enrolments

Students are reminded that if you are intending to continue studies at Marden Senior College in 2025 you are required to enrol via our course counselling interview process.

Bookings are now open and we encourage parents to be a part of this process if appropriate.

To make an appointment please call the College on 8366 2800 or visit msc.sa.edu.au/enrol



SACE Information



STUDENTS ONLINE

ACCESSING YOUR SACE RESULTS:

Your end of year SACE results will be available on Monday 16 December 2024 from 8.30am through the SACE website Students Online at <https://apps.sace.sa.edu.au/students-online/login.do>.

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, www.msc.sa.edu.au/sace-information.

It is important that you check to ensure that you have access to Students Online before results are published on Students Online.

When logging into Students Online, your username is your SACE Registration Number and your Password is your day and month of birth in DDMM format.

If you are a Marden student and cannot find your SACE Registration Number you may contact Student Services on 8366 2800 or email info@msc.sa.edu.au.

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

Email: askSACE@sa.gov.au

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

Freecall for SA country students: 1800 652 230

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Facebook

A Facebook advertisement for Marden Senior College. The top part features the college's logo and tagline 'your pathway to success' and 'Specialist Senior Secondary Education'. Below this is a call to action: 'Like us on Facebook / Marden Senior College'. A list of benefits includes 'College news & updates', 'Events', 'Course information', and 'Achievements'. At the bottom, the college's values are listed: 'Excellence • Respectful Relationships • Diversity'.

From the Pastoral Care Worker

The Campus is quiet now. The students of 2024 have left us. A few pensive young people are on campus as they arrive with parents and caregivers to enquire about next year. Staff move from meeting to meeting, from planning session to reflection debriefings. So, what of 2024?

Our Presentation Night at Norwood Town Hall reflected well our achievements over the year. Some excelled, some simply graduated, but all succeeded.

My daughter is 31 years old. In a few days, I will be with her in Brisbane as she graduates from the University of Queensland as an archaeologist. 14 years ago, she was where so many of our students are now, 'simply graduated.' She took a gap year that lasted a bit longer, she studied interior architecture for a while; worked in a record shop, ran a Collette store, moved with Collette to Melbourne; escaped the Covid lockdown of Melbourne moving to Brisbane. Managed a Forever New store, whilst enrolling and studying at UQ. Yesterday, Tuesday 10 December, she received acknowledgement of her acceptance into an Honours Degree. Yes, of course, I'm proud, biased and unashamedly, boasting about her achievement but, 14 years ago, she 'simply graduated' and that was brilliant! I can only be in awe of those who have been awarded Merits and subject prizes, congratulations to you all!

As I write, I give thought to the SACE Results, the 'ATARs' and the University/TAFE offers and job opportunities that will be forthcoming. Much might be read into them. Fair enough, so many of you, worked so very hard for them, whatever your result, it does not define you now, nor who you are to become. After all Colonel Sanders initiated his first KFC franchise at 62! Age is a number and time has no limit.

Each of you has completed a pathway to success at Marden. All of you are yet to complete your journey. There will be twists and turns; hills and valleys; lumps, bumps and even total changes of direction. There might be jobs in between; further study; self-employment and even then, more changes, more twists. Your results do not define you. The decisions you make, the consequences you take, the life lessons you learn and the experience you earn, will define you.

Over the few months of 2024, we have journeyed together; Regardless of what your journey might be from here into the future; think on Marden. If someone is thirsty, give them a drink, if hungry, something to eat – (even if it's just toast or some Fruit Loops.) Greet people with genuine joy; this is what will define you.

To those students arriving at Marden; Lets have some fun. Let's commit to college life, to the opportunities that arise; to learning from amazing dedicated teachers. Let us journey together the pathway to success as your peers have done before you and make 2025 a year like 2024, one to remember. I look forward to welcoming you. I will urge you to have a snag off the BBQ, to join in school leadership activity, to participate in school events and if nothing else, to simply say 'Hi' as I greet you each morning on Campus

To the Class of 2024, I wish you all the best for life beyond Marden; to the Class of 2025, be reassured, we are all here for you. After Marden, many things can happen – for my 31-Year-old daughter, she is still on her journey – it has taken 14 years thus far but life is a journey. Let's do life and be happy!

Tim Wells

Completed masterpiece in the new Wellbeing Space!



Student Success

Year 11 student Kaylie Yen has been chosen as this year's language award recipient for Korean at the 2024 School of Languages Celebration of Achievement. Kaylie received this achievement on Tuesday 3 December at the Eagles Function Centre.

Congratulations Kaylie!

SSO Team Spirit Tuesdays

On Tuesdays the SSO team get dressed up in theme for Team Spirit Tuesday! Here are some good ones from this year:

Term 1 Week 8 - Harmony Day



Term 2 Week 10 - Funky Hats



Term 3 Week 6 - Checks



Term 3 Week 9 - Talk like a pirate day



Finance Matters

Results of Poll: Materials and Services Charges 2025 for Marden Senior College

In November 2024, a Poll was undertaken in accordance with The Education and Children's Services Act 2019 and the Materials and Services charges Administrative Instructions and Guidelines, regarding the legal collection of the Materials and Services Charge for 2025.

The results of the Poll are as follows:
YES - 80 NO - 20 NOT APPLICABLE - 0

The Principal has reviewed the Poll results on behalf of the Chief Executive, Department for Education, and approved the proposed charge to be the legally recoverable amount for 2025.

APPROVED CHARGE:
\$130.00 + subject charges

Governing Council 2025

Vacancies exist for parents/carers to join our Governing Council in 2025. The purpose of these meetings is to oversee the school budget and site improvement plan, as well as to discuss any other college matters.

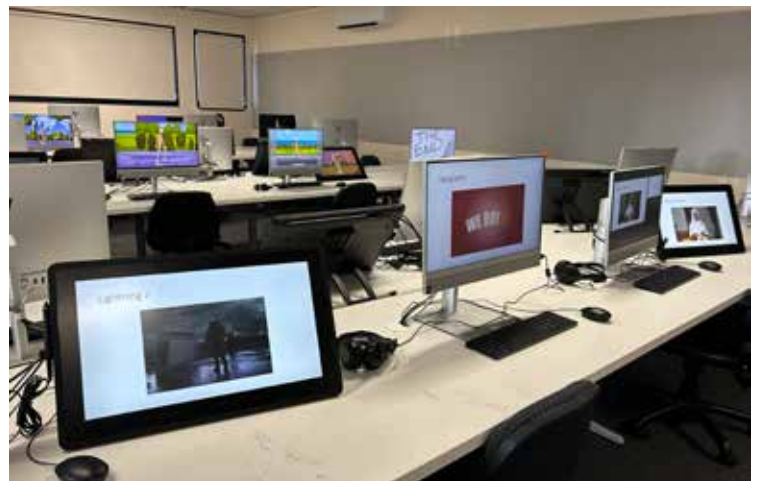
Further information and how to apply is available from our website here:
www.msc.sa.edu.au/governing-council/

RTO Graduation Ceremony

The RTO Graduation Ceremony was held on Tuesday 10 December at the OAC Hall. Graduates of Marden Senior College Registered Training Organisation were presented with their certificates. Our guest speaker for the evening was Alwyn Hunt, Head of Education Partnerships 3D division at Adobe & Co-founder of The Rookies. Student speaker, Lachlan Brogan talked about his wonderful experience at Marden and how he enjoyed learning about 3D Modelling, 3D Animation, the principles of Game design and working with a diverse group of talented people who collaborated well. We also wished Screen and Media trainer, John Kameron, all the best for his retirement. We congratulate students on their success and wish them all the best for their future careers.



MSC Arts Exhibition - Wednesday 13 November



Marden Education Centre Library

Library move update

During Term 4 it's been all hands-on deck for our upcoming library renovation. Our initial timeline was to move the entire library to G3 in Term 4 after exams, so we started off strong boxing up books and moving resources to other locations on campus. Just as we were getting ready, we got the news that the move has been delayed until 2025! We had to pivot quickly and decided to use the time and free space in the library to move around some of our collections to better suit student and staff use, and to help us pack up and store some of our resources better when we move to a smaller location.

What to expect in 2025: New non-fiction areas

Before our nonfiction area snaked around half of the library, but we've now split the collection up into two areas! We had a wide range of non-fiction books from primary to senior, and now the resources for senior students has its own space!

Genre-fy fiction collection

Many libraries are transitioning to organising their fiction collections by genre instead of a general collection, and this is an idea that has been strongly supported by the Marden English faculty. We've chosen popular genres: Action & Adventure, Science-Fiction, Historical, and everything in between. While this process won't be completely finished by Term 1, 2025, the books will be sorted into their approximate genre shelves and we welcome your feedback, so come in and browse the new collections!

Free books to give away

While sorting books this term, we've made the decision to allow for space for new books bought during the renovation process. There's giveaways in Term 1, so keep your eyes peeled for that!

Same great service!

If there's one thing you can rely on, it is friendly staff that are here to help students with their learning journey. So, although the space may seem different, the goal is always the same – to make students feel supported throughout their time here at Marden.

Goodbye

It is with some sadness that this is the last Marden Matters for me here at Marden Senior College. I have been the Library Manager for 5 years and have enjoyed creating a space for all staff, students and the wider school community. I have accepted a position at Urrbrae Agricultural High School but will keep in contact, checking in to see the great work happening here at Marden. This year, the library was nominated for the Public Education Awards which is a fitting reflection of the wonderful work that goes on behind the scenes in the library. Here is some of the team enjoying the night:



L-R: Brenda George, Zoe Elliott, Jodie Zajac, Joyce Lin.
Absent: Cate Telfer, Carmen Giffen and Karin Peters.

Remember: "Your education is a dress rehearsal for a life that is yours to lead." — Nora Ephron

Zoe Elliott

Farewell Breakfast

Tim Wells, Pastoral Care Worker hosted a breakfast for our students. Students enjoyed a delicious cooked breakfast (eggs, bacon, smashed avocado and grilled tomato on toast) and they really appreciated the gesture and the opportunity to connect with their peers and teachers in this setting. A big thank you to Tim an staff who helped serve the breakfast.



Stage 1 (Year 11)

Accounting	Earth & Environmental Science	Legal Studies
Ancient Studies	English	Life Skills IL
Biology	Essential English	Medicine & Dentistry Pathways IL
Business Innovation	Essential Maths	Modern History
Chemistry	General Maths	Nutrition
Child Studies	Mathematical Methods	Photography Black & White
Community Studies	Exploring Identities & Futures	Photography Digital
Creative Arts 2D	Fashion Make it Wear It IL	Physics
Creative Arts 3D	Fashion Design Wearable Art IL	Psychology
Cyber Security IL (Tu 1:30-4:30)	Health & Wellbeing	Society & Culture
Digital Art	Industry Connections (Food)	Sport & Recreation IL

Stage 2 (Year 12 & 13)

Activating Identities & Futures	Essential English	Nutrition ^^
Ancient Studies ^	Essential Maths	Photography Digital
Biology ^^	General Maths	Physics
Business Innovation	Maths Methods	Politics, People & Power
Chemistry	Specialist Maths	Psychology ^^
Child Studies	Health & Wellbeing	Psychology and Wellbeing for the Care and Support Industry
Community Studies (non-TAS)	Industry Connections (Food) (non-TAS)	Sport & Recreation IL
Creative Arts 2D/3D Art	Jewellery & Fashion IL (Tu 1:30-4:30)	Women's Studies ^
Cyber Security IL (Tu 1:30-4:30)	Media Studies	Workplace Practices
Digital Art	Medicine & Dentistry	Workplace Practices (Athletes) Online
English	Preparation IL ^^^	
English Literary Studies	Modern History	

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 (Both courses run on Wednesday evenings & Thursday all day)

CUA31020 Certificate III in Screen and Media – Visual Effects (VFX)

[Visit our website to view other certificate courses available to students.](#)

Enrol now for 2025!

msc.sa.edu.au/enrol or 8366 2800

KEY

- ^ = Evening class
- ^^ = Evening or day option
- ^^^ = Day, evening or online option
- IL = Integrated Learning Subject
- non-TAS = Does not attribute to ATAR

