

THE VCE EXPERIENCE

The greatest indicator of the quality of a Mount Waverley Secondary College education is illustrated in the success of our students - both in their academic and personal achievements. Their futures are varied and exciting and as a college, we celebrate their success and marvel at their opportunities.



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University of Melbourne - *Bachelor of Commerce*

Hello Mount Waverley students, parents, staff and potentially relatives and friends of those three categories. It took me a little while to figure out what to say today as most of the thoughts that occurred to me have been done to death by both teachers and in previous Dux speeches. But eventually I did figure out what I wanted to say, I want to talk about teachers.

Students, we need to be better at utilising teachers. Teachers are incredible resources, far better than any textbook, and this is because they can tailor the learning directly for you. Now that might not always happen in a lesson, after-all a teacher has to cater to the needs of the whole class. But if you don't get something or you need help, ask. Questions are so important, don't feel bad as if you are imposing on your teacher they are there to teach you; that is why they are in the classroom. It doesn't matter if you didn't understand a single thing the teacher said in class, or if you need clarification only on a single point or if you have a question on something beyond what was covered, ask it. If you have to ask lots of questions it doesn't matter, go for it and ask away. This is how you will learn, it gives you access to a personalised and individual explanation of whatever you need and from a person who is qualified and practised in doing so. And if you need more explanation, ask again or go ask a different teacher who might be able to explain it a different way. Actively seeking help and guidance from your teachers is the best way to learn something thoroughly and then be able to apply that knowledge in an assessment.

The reality is that teachers have chosen to teach, they want you to ask questions, they want you to gain a

better understanding, I imagine it brings them great satisfaction and joy to see students learn and grow.

Additionally, there is a side effect of all this interaction with teachers, all these questions you've asked: you get to know them. Building a relationship with your teachers is invaluable. Make sure you talk to your teachers, interact with them and get to know them. You're going to be stuck with your teachers for hours every week and as such having a good relationship with them makes school more enjoyable. This applies to every year level. Take part in class discussion, say hello to your teacher, ask them how their day is going. A good relationship not only makes your class time more enjoyable it means the teacher gets to know you and can as such tailor lessons to you better. Additionally, having an enjoyable classroom environment means you are more likely to enjoy the subject and as such find it easier to learn the content and study for it. And I know not every student gets along with every teacher. I myself was fortunate enough to have teachers that I loved all through VCE, but just try to get along with your teachers even if it is hard, it will improve your high school career massively.

So simply put, what I wanted to say is engage with your teachers, ask questions, build rapport with them and establish a good relationship. Not only will this make school infinitely more enjoyable it will enable you to do far better in any subject than you otherwise would. The wonderful relationships I had with my teachers allowed me to love Year 12 and all of school and as a result achieve what I did. So I want to thank my teachers for everything and encourage you all to form a strong connection with your teachers as well.

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VCE Achievers 2022



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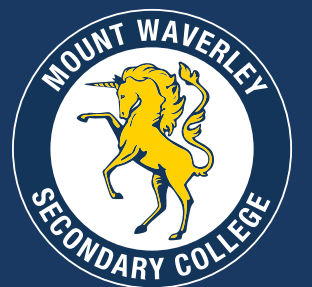
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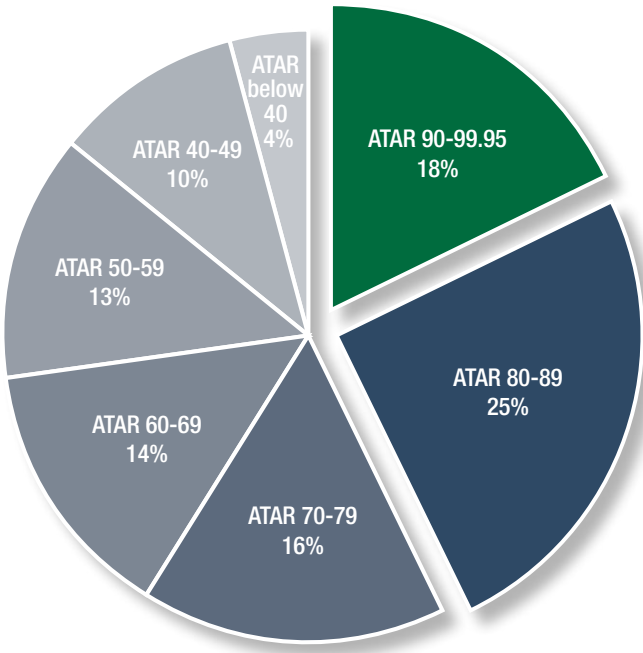
2022 ATAR RESULTS - *Not your average school*

Mount Waverley Secondary College is a traditional, non-select entry, co-educational government school. The success of our students is the culmination of a comprehensive Year 7 to 12 curriculum supported by high quality, dedicated teachers and support staff. Our students are taught the skills to succeed as independent learners. They work together as a team and with their teachers in a partnership. They know that they can only achieve their individual personal best when everyone has high expectations and is working together whether it is in class, in study periods or at home. In 2017 our college enhanced our VCE programs with the introduction of the Northern Hemisphere Timetable. Our Northern Hemisphere Enhancement Program and VCE curriculum has given our students more opportunities and we are very proud of the broad curriculum program we offer.

Class of 2022 - An Outstanding Performance

- Our college DUX Ewan Burgess received an ATAR score of 99.85.
- 276 students received their VCE Certificate. All of our students participated in a scored VCE.
- 24 students scored over 95
- 19% of our students scored 90 or more
- 168 students scored 70 or more
- Median ATAR Score was 77.25
- 2 students achieved a perfect Study Score of 50 in: Legal Studies and Further Mathematics (Northern Hemisphere)
- 99 students achieved study scores over 40

2022 ATAR Results



Total percentage of students who achieved an A+, A, B+ or B on final exam

UNIT NAME	%
English - NHT**	99%
Japanese Second Language	89%
Music Performance	86%
Further Mathematics - NHT**	76%
Biology - NHT**	71%
Outdoor and Environmental Studies	66%
Biology	64%
Literature	62%
Psychology	58%
Mathematical Methods	53%
Legal Studies	53%
English as an Additional Language (EAL)	53%
Accounting	52%
German	50%

** NHT – Northern Hemisphere Timetable

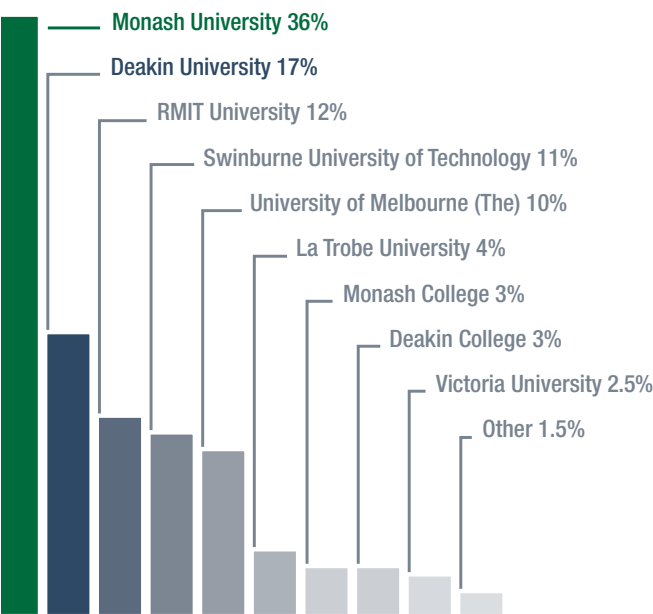
Destinations of our Year 12 students

The students of the Class of 2022 have embarked on the next stage of their journey of lifelong learning. In applying for entry to tertiary study, our students are encouraged to aim high and the destinations of our Class of 2022 shows a commitment to ongoing learning at a range of tertiary institutions. 252 of our students received tertiary offers, which was a wonderful achievement after the challenges of the last two years.

Top three courses accepted

Across all Universities
(inclusive of double degrees)

- Business
- Engineering
- Arts



Alisha Gray
Valedictorian 2022
RMIT
Bachelor of Communication Design

I cannot express enough how grateful I am to have been nominated for Valedictorian for this class of 2022. I am so proud to be a part of this cohort so I would like to extend a thank you and congratulations to all of you who have walked in similar shoes for the past 6 years. This school has been an environment where we have been nurtured to learn and develop fundamental skills. Like when we see a shadow of a building on the ground, we'll now know how to measure the height of that building using the pythagoras theorem, or when we meet Shakespeare one day, as a ghost of course, we can recite quotes from Macbeth to him.

All these useful skills and lessons can only be learnt through high school. Now, a throwback to the forgotten years of 2020 and 2021, when we were all initially excited to attend classes in the comfort of our own beds in our pjs, but that novelty began to wear off pretty fast. In the end, I couldn't wait to get back to school and see my friends again. Our return was a gentle reminder of the vibrant chaos that is only found in the schoolyard, treasured by us all. The main takeaway I took from remote learning was that I'd never had to do that much small talk with any teacher before the class started in my life.

Ultimately, in the wise words of Bob Ross, who's up there with my favourite artists, "you have to have dark in order to show some light," which is most definitely a phrase that applies to our

high-school journey but to life in general. From madly texting our friends at 2am about the folio that is due at 9:15am that day, to walking out of a SAC confirming the answers with each other, not realising you skipped the back page that your friends were discussing the answer to. We all have demonstrated resilience to push through our personal and school related struggles to make it here, at this graduation ceremony, so congratulations everyone, I'm so proud of you guys and honestly proud of myself. When we reflect back in 20 years time we will remember the memories made at Mount waverley Secondary College. We have the college to thank for the wonderful opportunities that were offered to us and the reason why such fond memories were made. Opportunities like the Year 9 explore program, the Year 11 and 12 formals and this year's surf camp will remain in my memory. Even in the simpler everyday settings of the classroom there was such an element of brightness and engagement that engendered key moments.

So, to end this, I would like give a massive thanks to my wonderful teachers who always inspired and pushed me to do my best, the coordinators for displaying such benevolence towards us students, always providing nurturing support when we need it most, to my awesome cohort who are always fun and full of life, to my close friends for sticking by me and to my mum, dad and brother. Lastly, I couldn't pass up the opportunity of quoting one of my favourite movies, High School Musical, so here it is, "We're all in this together" and I expect to see big things from you all in the future.