



**MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
An Independent Public School

# LAWLEY LIFE

TERM 4 2025



## A SCHOOL UNITED, 70 YEARS STRONG

On Friday 17 October, more than 2,000 students and staff gathered on the school oval to create a giant "70," marking a major milestone in Mount Lawley Senior High School's 70th anniversary celebrations.

The atmosphere was electric as the entire school came together for a moment that symbolised unity, pride, and the strength of the Lawley community. The formation was a spectacular sight from the ground and even more breathtaking from above.

The aerial photographs captured the scale and spirit of the event, showcasing a powerful visual reminder of our proud history and bright future as we continue 'The Journey from Good to Great'.

Moments like these highlight what makes Mount Lawley Senior High School such a special place, shared purpose, shared achievement, and a deep connection that spans generations.

A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone involved in bringing this vision to life, including Owen Briffa, Andrew Paul, and Eric Tang, whose support helped make the occasion seamless and memorable.

Most importantly, we acknowledge our incredible students and staff, whose enthusiasm and school pride turned a simple idea into a defining moment. The resulting images stand as a celebration of 70 years of excellence, creativity, and connection at Mount Lawley Senior High School.

A short video of the visit is available to watch on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/reel/808036225319682>

## THE JOURNEY CONTINUES GOOD TO GREAT





# LAWLEY LIFE

## Lawley Life | Edition 2 – Term 4 2025

Lawley Life is the official school magazine of Mount Lawley Senior High School, celebrating the achievements, stories and spirit of the Mount Lawley community. This publication showcases the talents, efforts and successes of our students, staff, and wider community.

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## Principal's Report

**As we reflect on Term 4 at Mount Lawley Senior High School, it is clear that our students, staff, and community have experienced a term full of achievement, celebration, and inspiration.**

The term began with the Final Assembly for Year 12s, the Final Dinner, and the spectacular 70th Anniversary aerial photo. This year also saw the commencement of a new tradition, with our Middle School students forming a Guard of Honour to celebrate and farewell the graduating Year 12 cohort.

Students embraced opportunities to learn, explore, and connect across all year levels. Our Year 6 and GAT Orientation Days welcomed the next generation of Mount Lawley students, while the Gifted and Talented students explored Ancient China at the WA Museum Boola Bardip.

Celebrations of achievement continued throughout the term. Graduates of the SVAPA, GAT Languages, Aboriginal Excellence, and Follow the Dream programs were recognised for their talent and dedication. Students shone in the Classical Guitar Concert, Strings Concert, TinyWorks 2025, Media Night, and Mindscape exhibition, while our sports teams dominated at the B Division Interschool Athletics Carnival.

Five of our alumni were formally celebrated for their significant contribution to society at the Lawley Legends Induction Ceremony.

Term 4 also emphasised respect, community, and cultural engagement. We observed Remembrance Day and celebrated World Teachers' Day. Special farewells were held for long-serving staff Carole Winkler and Anne Tumak, and we remembered our valued colleague Siobhan Galavan. Community initiatives such as Loud Shirt Day, EdConnect partnerships, and the Share the Dignity Drive highlighted the compassion and generosity of our school community.

As the year concludes, I congratulate our students, staff, and wider school community for a remarkable Term 4. Your dedication, creativity, and perseverance continue to build a school environment where every individual can thrive. I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas break and look forward to the continued journey from good to great in 2026.

*Lesley Street*

Lesley Street  
Principal

# 2026 Contributions, Charges & Booklists

The 2026 Information Pack is now available online at:

<https://www.lawley.wa.edu.au/view/information/booklist>

This pack contains essential information for all year groups and includes information on:

- Voluntary Contributions and Compulsory Charges
- Secondary Assistance Scheme
- Attendance
- Insurance
- School Programs
- Parents & Citizens Association
- Uniforms

An estimate statement for your child's 2026 Contributions & Charges has been sent out electronically. Please note this is an estimate based on currently timetabled subjects. Actual charges will be processed in March 2026.

**Full payment of this account is due on 20 April 2026** unless a Payment Plan is in place. Please contact Accounts or the Manager Corporate Services with any queries you may have on this advice.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and students.

**Julie Moxey**  
Manager Corporate Services



## Season's Greetings

**We wish all students, families, and staff a safe and happy Christmas break.**

Please note that the school administration will be closed from Friday 19 December 2025 and will reopen on Tuesday 27 January 2026.

We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 2 February 2026 for the first day of Term 1.



**Ava (1103)** delivered an impressive performance at the 2025 World Triathlon Championship, finishing 23rd in the Junior Women's race and crossing the line as the second Australian female junior.



**Shea (8H3)** has excelled in competitive Recurve Archery, holding the title of WA State Champion for two consecutive years and now competing in the Under 16 division. Her outstanding performance includes breaking more than 20 state records, highlighting her dedication, skill and remarkable achievement in the sport.



**Ilymaan (12H3)** has been named the 2025 winner of the Sangora Education Foundation Asian Languages Student Award, receiving \$15,000 to support in-country language placement opportunities in recognition of her excellence and dedication to Korean studies.



**Lucy (903)** has been selected as one of 10 students across Western Australia to join the Premiers ANZAC Tour 2026. This involves a 10 day tour during the April school holidays to Darwin and Singapore to learn about ANZAC history.



**Joseph (12S1)** has been accepted into the Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS) in Sydney, one of Australia's most prestigious and highly competitive creative institutions. His acceptance is a testament to his talent, dedication and passion for storytelling and screen production.



**Oscar (11M3)** has begun the second half of his WAATI Italian Exchange Program, departing with other WA students for an eight-week immersive experience in Veneto, Northern Italy, where he will live with a host family, attend school and strengthen his Italian language skills.

*Student Success – Celebrating Lawley Achievements*

At Mount Lawley Senior High School, we love celebrating the achievements of our students both in and out of school. From sporting excellence to creative and academic success, our students continue to shine across a wide range of fields.

If your child has achieved something noteworthy, we'd love to hear about it!  
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## Farewell to the Class of 2025

Mount Lawley Senior High School proudly farewelled the Class of 2025, celebrating their achievements, dedication, and contributions to our school community.

The farewell events began on Friday 17 October with the Final Assembly, where students were honoured in front of their peers, staff, and families. This year, a new tradition was introduced as our Middle School students formed a Guard of Honour, recognising the graduating cohort and marking their final steps through the school with pride and celebration.

The celebrations continued on Monday 20 October with the Final Dinner at Burswood on Swan. Students, staff, and families came together to reflect on the memories, achievements, and friendships that have defined their time at Mount Lawley Senior High School. It was an evening of elegance, laughter, and lasting memories, providing a fitting send-off for the graduating students.

The term concluded with the Awards Night on Friday 21 November at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. The night celebrated the Class of 2025's exceptional accomplishments across academics, arts, sports, and leadership. Awards recognised students' hard work, perseverance, and contributions to the school community, highlighting the talent, determination, and school spirit of this remarkable cohort.





# Mindscape Winners

Mount Lawley Senior High School has once again demonstrated its artistic strength at Mindscapes 2025, with Chloe (Year 12) winning First Prize and Cara awarded Second Prize.

The exhibition celebrated Surrealism and Fantasy and featured 28 student artworks, including pieces by Ava Torrachio and Gemma Alexander.

MLSHS was also named Most Successful Contributing School, receiving a hand-sculpted trophy by WA artist Jana Vodesil Baruffi, a recognition of our students' creativity and the dedication of our Arts staff. Special thanks to Charles Warren for supporting his students' work.

This is the third consecutive year MLSHS has claimed First Prize, reflecting the strength and vibrancy of our Visual Arts program.

Lynda Kuntjy  
Program Coordinator – Visual Arts



# Celebrating Our 2026 Student Leaders

Our new Year 12 Prefects and School Captains for 2026 have been officially announced, marking an exciting next chapter in student leadership at Mount Lawley Senior High School.

We are proud to congratulate James and Twyla, who will serve as our 2026 School Captains, leading with integrity, enthusiasm and a commitment to our school values.

Alongside them, sixteen outstanding students have been appointed as Prefects for the coming year: Charli, Scarlet, Edison, Rebekah, Erik, Lana, Tayla, Ava, Hannah, Aja, Lucy, Marley-Moana, Sunny, Amelia, Oliver, and Keegen. Each of these students has demonstrated leadership potential, a strong work ethic, and a willingness to contribute positively to school life.

To celebrate their appointment, the newly selected Prefects and their families joined the Executive Team for the New Prefect Afternoon Tea on Thursday 6 November. Principal Lesley Street spoke about the importance of leadership, balance and integrity, while Mrs Maria Camilleri, Mrs Madeline Morskate and Mrs Lou Kirkby were introduced as the leadership support team who will guide and mentor the Prefects throughout 2026. Congratulations to all our new student leaders, our journey from good to great continues!





# Media Night 2025

The 2025 Media Night at Luna Cinemas, was another awesome success showcasing an impressive range of films from our very talented Media students.

The quality and creativity of the films was outstanding, a true credit to both the students and Media Department.

A HUGE thankyou to attendees as well as all of our sponsors and supporters - see you next year!

Deb Edwards  
Media Teacher



# Dominating B Division

On Tuesday 21 October, 106 of our students represented Mount Lawley Senior High School at the B Division Interschool Athletics Carnival, and we're thrilled to announce that we won!

This incredible team effort means we're officially back in A Division next year!

### Highlights:

- Outstanding performances across all events
- Relay teams won 6 out of 10 races
- Our Year 11/12 Girls 4x100m team - Ronia, Charli, Tayla, and Summer, made history, breaking a 46-year-old state record!

A huge thank you to our Athletics Coordinators Lauren Wright, Madeline Morskate, and Steven Berezcky, with Hannah Piesse and David Washbourne assisting on the day.

What a fantastic achievement, congratulations!





*Excellence*

**Dr. Narelle Hadlow**

Specialist Pathologist

**Bob Massie**

Cricketer

**Nadia Mitsopoulos**

Journalist and Broadcaster

**Natalie Whitby**

Supreme Court Justice

## Lawley Legends Induction

On Friday, 24 October, we proudly hosted the 5th Lawley Legends Induction Ceremony, celebrating the outstanding achievements of our alumni. This year's event was especially meaningful as we mark Mount Lawley Senior High School's 70th Anniversary.

It was wonderful to welcome back many of our previously inducted Legends who joined us for this special occasion, a true reflection of our school's enduring legacy and spirit.

Congratulations to our 2025 inductees:

- James Christou — Class of 1970 Architect
- Dr. Narelle Hadlow — Class of 1982 Specialist Pathologist
- Bob Massie — Class of 1965 Test Cricketer and Commentator
- Nadia Mitsopoulos — Class of 1988 Journalist and Broadcaster
- Natalie Whitby — Class of 1988 Supreme Court Justice

They are true exemplars of the Mount Lawley spirit as the journey continues from good to great. We honour their remarkable contributions to their fields and communities. What they learned at Mount Lawley SHS continue to shape futures long after graduation.





## SVAPA Graduation

The Specialist Visual and Performing Arts Program (SVAPA) Graduation was held on Tuesday 16 December.

We were delighted to have SVAPA alumni Ella Monaghan as guest speaker, sharing her insights and inspiring the students. Special thanks to Arts Captains Kloe McGaw, Francis Cvitan and Ginger Thomson for giving up their holidays to assist on the day, and to Hana Hendrawn (9SVAPA) for her thoughtful words as class representative.

This year's cohort has consistently represented Mount Lawley Senior High School with creativity, maturity and pride across multiple school events.

## Year 10 GAT Languages Farewell Ceremony & Breakfast

On Tuesday 9 December, our Year 10 Gifted and Talented Languages students and their families came together to celebrate the end of four incredible years in the program.

Students were recognised with certificates and a commemorative pen, honouring their commitment from Year 7 to Year 10. Language Captains, staff, Principal Ms Lesley Street, and the Program Coordinator - Languages shared heartfelt messages, congratulating students on their achievements and encouraging them as they take their next steps beyond the program.

After years of learning, laughing, and growing together, the farewell was an emotional moment for many. The morning concluded with a beautifully prepared breakfast, where families and students reflected, celebrated, and looked forward to the future.

**Louise Chapman**  
Program Coordinator – Languages



Excellence

# Strings Concert

On Tuesday 21 October 2025, our Junior and Senior Strings Orchestras performed a spectacular concert under IMSS specialist Jade Martin.

Year 7, 9, and 10 soloists shone alongside the orchestras, with students demonstrating outstanding skill and stage presence.

The finale saw the Senior Strings combine with the Senior Guitar Ensemble to perform Viking Dance; Ride to Valhalla, a first for Mount Lawley. Cert II and III Creative Industries students worked tirelessly backstage, ensuring the performance ran flawlessly.

Michelle deRozario  
Program Coordinator -  
Performing Arts



# Classical Guitar Concert

On Tuesday 21 October 2025, the Classical Guitar Ensembles performed under Karl Hiller. Soloists from Years 7, 8, and 9 kicked off the night, followed by Year 12 student George Biggins-Leahy in his final school concert.

Highlights included The Last of Us by Gustavo Santaololla and the Reggae Suite by the Senior Classical Guitar Ensemble. Students impressed with skill, expression, and confidence, showcasing the dedication of both performers and teachers in bringing these pieces to life.

Dijon Summers  
Teacher In Charge Of Music





## Follow the Dream Awards Night

On Monday 8 December, Aboriginal students attended the Polly Farmer Foundation's Follow the Dream Jinjeejerdup end-of-year presentation ceremony, alongside students from several metropolitan secondary schools.

The celebration was attended by more than 160 family members and friends, reflecting the strong community support for the program.

A highlight of the event was the Dance Jinjeejerdup Mob performance, marking the first public performance for many of our students.

Their strength, courage, and pride shone through as they connected with culture and stood together with confidence.

**Tina Deegan**  
Follow the Dream Outreach Coordinator

## Aboriginal Excellence Program Awards Night

The 2025 Aboriginal Excellence Program (AEP) Awards Night at the Mount Lawley Bowling Club celebrated the accomplishments of AEP students throughout the year.

It was also an opportunity to farewell the 2025 graduates, acknowledging their contributions and achievements, while simultaneously welcoming the incoming 2026 inductees into the program.

### CULTURAL AWARDS

- Ellashaye
- Hammad

### KATITJIN AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- Year 7 - Edward
- Year 8 - Jacob
- Year 9 - Indi

### ATTENDANCE AWARDS

- Year 7 - Bradley
- Year 8 - Rodney
- Year 9 - Leyla

### KOORLINY AWARD FOR IMPROVEMENT

- Zachery

### MOORDITJ ALL ROUNDER AWARD

- Cyanne

**Joshua Carnovale**  
Program Coordinator – Aboriginal Excellence Program



Respect

## Celebrating Our Partnership with EdConnect

Mount Lawley Senior High School was proud to be recognised alongside 14 other schools at EdConnect Australia's Inaugural School Coordinator Thank You Event in November, celebrating the educators who make this wonderful program possible in schools across Western Australia.

We're honoured to have been part of the EdConnect program since 2005, supporting students through mentorship, learning support, and care.

Our Principal, Lesley Street, attended the event to represent our school community and acknowledge the important contribution EdConnect volunteers make every day.

Thank you to EdConnect Australia, the Department of Education, and Sabine Winton MLA - Minister for Education, for recognising the dedication of coordinators and schools who help every student thrive, a partnership that continues to take our journey from good to great.



## Remembrance Day 2025

Mount Lawley Senior High School was proud to be represented at both the State Remembrance Day Service at the State War Memorial in Kings Park and the Mount Lawley RSL Sub-Branch Service at Queens Memorial Reserve.

Mr Michael Camilleri, Associate Principal – Operations and Development, represented the school at the State Service in Kings Park, paying tribute to the courage and sacrifice of those who served.

At the Mount Lawley service, our Year 10 Student Councillors represented the school with great pride and respect:

- Nya recited In Flanders Fields and helped prepare the wreath
- Harrison performed the Requiem
- Mackenzie laid the wreath on behalf of the school
- Chloe and Tanmay carried the flags with pride

A special thank you to Mr Denis O'Donovan (Year 10 Coordinator) and Mr Andrew Paul (School Chaplain), who supported our students and community on this important occasion. Mr Paul also delivered The Lord's Prayer, contributing to the service's atmosphere of reflection and respect.

Mr Mark Mackin, President of the Mount Lawley RSL Sub-Branch, shared how impressed he was with our students' participation and presentation, another proud moment in our journey from good to great.



Respect



# World Teachers' Day

## Loud Shirt Day 2025

On Friday 31 October, Mount Lawley Senior High School turned up the colour and celebrated Loud Shirt Day, raising an incredible \$862 for Teach, Hear, Speak, a fantastic charity supporting children with hearing loss and speech and language delays.

Students showed off their most vibrant shirts and donated gold coins in form classes, while our Year 10 Councillors hosted an enticing bake sale that drew massive crowds eager to grab rocky road, jelly cups, and take a guess at the lolly jar!

A huge congratulations to our students for baking up a storm and showing such amazing support.

Funds raised will help provide speech therapy, audiology, early intervention, and family support, giving kids with hearing loss the tools they need to thrive.

**Denis O'Donovan**  
Year 10 Coordinator

On Friday 31 October, we celebrated the incredible teachers at Mount Lawley Senior High School as part of World Teachers' Day.

All teachers were treated to a cupcake and coffee in recognition of their dedication and commitment.

These educators inspire, challenge and support our students every single day. From the classroom to the stage, the workshop to the oval, their passion and professionalism were evident across all areas of school life.

Their dedication, creativity and care continue to shape our school community and support our journey from good to great.

We thank our amazing teachers and acknowledge the difference they make every day.



Respect



## Recognising Our Science Technicians

In Week 4, we celebrated STARweek (Science Technician Appreciation and Recognition), a time to acknowledge the incredible work of our science laboratory technicians!

Our wonderful technicians, Suzette Rudrum, Carole Winkler, Riya Rajput and Saranya Selvakumar (not pictured) were recognised for their dedication, expertise, and the vital role they play in supporting our Science program every day, at a morning tea this morning.



## Share the Dignity Drive Success

Ms Wright's Year 11 Health Studies General class would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed to our Share the Dignity Drive.

Thanks to your generosity, we collected over 1,000 products and created 68 donation bags that will directly support women and young girls experiencing homelessness, escaping domestic violence, or facing financial hardship.

This initiative is not only about collecting products, but also about showing kindness, compassion, and community spirit. Thanks to your support, we've helped ensure that those doing it tough don't have to go without these essential items.

Together, we have made a real difference, and we are proud of what our school community has achieved, continuing the journey - good to great.





## Korean Cultural Activities

During Term Four, students participated in a range of engaging Korean cultural activities designed to deepen their understanding and appreciation of Korean culture.

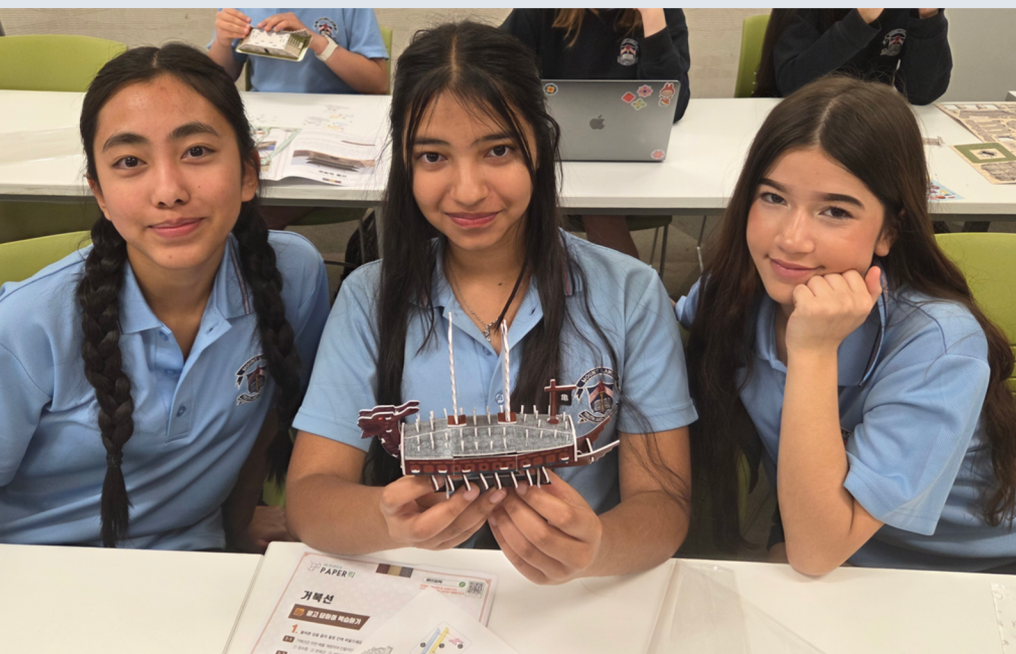
Students particularly enjoyed jegichagi, a traditional game where players kick a shuttlecock-like object called a jegi without letting it touch the ground, and gonggi, a game involving the throwing and catching of five small objects.

One Year 7 student even achieved an impressive record by kicking the jegi ten times in a row. Year 7 students also learned Korean vocabulary in a fun and interactive way through a magnetic word-building activity.

Older students took part in Korean traditional model-making, an activity that proved challenging at first but was met with great enthusiasm. The board-decorating activity encouraged collaboration and creativity, with students working together to create displays featuring symbols of Korean culture such as the Taegeukgi and Hanbok.

These activities provided a meaningful opportunity for students to connect with Korean culture and further develop their interest and understanding.

**Hyojeong Ahn**  
Korean/Japanese Teacher



## Japanese School Visit

On Friday, 21 November, Mount Lawley Senior High School welcomed 20 students from Toyota Technical High School.

Our visitors experienced life in an Australian school while sharing fascinating stories about their work as apprentices in Japan.

Students enjoyed a fun language exchange, practicing Japanese, and joined a drama lesson with Mr Mawer, making the day both educational and enjoyable.

The visit was also about building connections and friendships, bridging cultures and creating lasting memories. A day full of laughter, learning, and international camaraderie!

**Louise Chapman**  
Program Coordinator - Languages



*Respect*



*Vale  
Siobhan Galavan*

**26.7.1975 – 14.11.2025**  
**MLSHS Teacher 2008–2025**

**The Mount Lawley Senior High School community deeply mourns the loss of our esteemed colleague, Siobhan Galavan.**

For sixteen years, Siobhan was a dedicated and valued member of the Humanities and Social Sciences Department, inspiring students through her passion, care and commitment both in and beyond the classroom. Deeply respected by students and colleagues alike, Siobhan's kindness, professionalism and impact will be long remembered.

She will be greatly missed by the entire Mount Lawley Senior High School community.

*Staff and Students  
Mount Lawley Senior High School*



## *Thank you and Farewell*

**Over the past few weeks, Mount Lawley Senior High School farewelled two highly valued and long-serving staff members whose contributions have left a lasting impact on our school community.**

Carole Winkler, Laboratory Technician, holds the distinction of being the school's longest-serving staff member. Carole began her career at Mount Lawley Senior High School in 1975, joining the school fresh out of high school at just 19 years of age. Over five decades, her dedication, expertise and unwavering commitment have supported generations of students and staff in the science laboratories, making her an integral part of school life.

Anne Tumak joined Mount Lawley Senior High School in 2006 as a Humanities and Social Sciences teacher and went on to become the school's Publications Coordinator in 2008. Through this role, Anne played a key part in shaping the school's publications, all while remaining a passionate and respected educator.

Both Carole and Anne were honoured at farewell functions held in recent weeks. We thank them sincerely for their outstanding service and dedication to Mount Lawley Senior High School and wish them every happiness in their next chapter.





Learning

## Exploring Ancient China

In Term 4, our Year 7–10 GAT Language students immersed themselves in the history and culture of Ancient China at the WA Museum Boola Bardip's Chinese Culture Immersion Day.

They enjoyed hands-on activities including traditional games, calligraphy, art and crafts, cultural dance, and exploring traditional dress.

A major highlight was visiting the Terracotta Warriors: Legacy of the First Emperor exhibition, where students discovered stories behind more than 225 artefacts, from the iconic warriors to newly unearthed treasures.

This experience offered a vivid connection to one of the world's oldest civilisations and provided a memorable day of learning, discovery, and cultural appreciation.

**Louise Chapman**  
Program Coordinator - GAT Languages



## Building Futures in Construction

Selected Year 10 students took part in the Multiplex Excursion Program, an inspiring opportunity that introduced them to the many pathways available within the construction and design industries.

As part of the MULTIPLEX Jumpstart Program, the girls experienced four specialised workshops, Introduction to the Built Environment, Design & Planning, Trades & Apprenticeships, and Engineering, held at the Multiplex offices in the city. They also toured the ECU WAAPA construction site at Yagan Square, gaining real-world insight into major project development.

Today, students visited the near-complete ECU site, witnessing first-hand how the space has evolved into vibrant new learning and performance areas. The scale, creativity and innovation on display were truly inspiring, encouraging students to imagine exciting futures in this dynamic industry.

A fantastic experience that continues our journey from good to great.

**Lauren Cooper**  
Career Link Coordinator



Learning

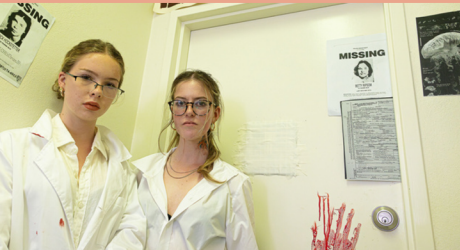
# Tiny Works 2025

Every year, the Year 9 SVAPA students create a series of site-specific performances designed for an audience of one.

In 2025, Tiny Works returned with a full takeover of the Upper School building and surrounding spaces. Inspired by theatre makers and visual artists such as Katie Mitchell, Marina Abramović, and Kip Williams, students explored the stimulus Swimming Versus Drowning by Sihle Ntuli, developing bold and imaginative pieces.

They were mentored by local contemporary theatre makers Hannah Davidson, Jono Battista, Will Gammell, and Delaney Brooklyn. Tiny Works continues to be proudly supported by the Lawley Art Auction.

Mitch Whelan  
Drama Teacher



# Library Buzz

Term 4 has been another busy and exciting term in the library, filled with creativity, celebrations, and plenty of reading!

Students enjoyed getting hands-on with a range of fun craft activities, including making their very own trick-or-treat pumpkins just in time for Halloween. As the festive season approached, students also created Christmas decorations to take home, such as colourful candy canes and sparkling diamond art ornaments.

We were also delighted to welcome our incoming Year 6 students during their orientation day. It was wonderful to see them exploring the space and becoming familiar with all that the library has to offer. By far the most popular part of their visit was exploring our large graphic novel collection, which continues to be a favourite with students of all ages.

Thank you to everyone who helped make Term 4 such a vibrant and enjoyable time in the library. We look forward to even more reading and creativity in 2026!

Ainsley Bakitch  
Teacher Librarian





# Welcome to the Class of 2031

On Thursday 11 December, we were thrilled to welcome our incoming Year 7s for Orientation Day, an exciting first step in their journey as Lawley students in 2026.

Our Student Councillors welcomed Year 7s, helping them find their houses and guiding them through fun activities to explore the campus and meet their form teachers. Associate Principal Mr Steve Raphael introduced parents to the 2026 School Captains, and families enjoyed an information session and morning tea.

Orientation Day was a positive start to high school, with students already feeling connected and excited. We look forward to welcoming the Class of 2031 back in February to continue the journey from good to great!

## GAT Orientation Day

Our future Gifted and Talented students enjoyed a fun-filled orientation as they explored Mount Lawley Senior High School for the first time.

Activities included making mooncakes, playing bocce, and testing their knowledge with trivia, all while learning about the school's values and opportunities.

The day helped students build new friendships, skills, and excitement for their journey in the Gifted and Talented Languages Program. They also got a glimpse of the many academic and cultural pathways available, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm for the years ahead.

The orientation set a positive tone, helping students feel welcomed and ready to embrace life at their new school.

Louise Chapman  
Program Coordinator - GAT Languages



Perseverance



## Bush Ranger Cadets Head North

During Week 10, our Year 11 Bush Ranger Cadets departed bright and early for a 7-day expedition to Cape Range National Park and Ningaloo Marine Park near Exmouth.

The expedition focused on leadership, teamwork and environmental conservation, with cadets working alongside Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) staff to learn about turtle monitoring and ethically observe Green Turtle nesting, much of which occurred at night.

Alongside this unique conservation experience, cadets participated in bush camping, hiking, snorkelling, canoeing and ecosystem studies across the region.

The experience provided a rewarding opportunity for cadets to learn, lead and connect with one of Western Australia's most remarkable environments.

**Andrew Paul**  
School Chaplain and  
Mount Lawley Bush Ranger Cadets Unit Leader



**Lawley  
alumni**

Remembering the past - Advancing the future

## Where are they now?

**Josh Pedlow - Class of 2024**

At just 19, Josh Pedlow is making waves as a WA multisport athlete, excelling in triathlon and off-road racing.

In 2025, Josh claimed 1st in his age group at Xterra Dunsborough, 3rd at the WA State Championships, and won the inaugural World's Tallest Bridge Triathlon in China, also competing at the XTERRA World Championship in Italy.

Josh began his journey at age nine in the TRYstars program, guided by his father and the Exceed Triathlon Clubcommunity. He trains full-time in China, mentors younger athletes, and continues to give back to the sport in WA. Looking ahead, Josh aims for the EXSS Cross Triathlon State Championships and future elite XTERRA events, while studying Computer Science. His advice to aspiring triathletes: "Consistency is key – just show up, and the results will follow."

We love celebrating the achievements of our past students! If you know of a Mount Lawley SHS alumni, we'd love to hear about it. Please email details and photos to: [mountlawley.shs.media@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:mountlawley.shs.media@education.wa.edu.au)

