



Principal's Report

Lesley Street

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of our beloved Lawley Legend, Arthur Leggett, at the age of 106. Arthur has been an integral part of our school community since 1997 and has inspired thousands of students with his wisdom, humility, and unwavering commitment to remembering his fellow POWs. We extend our sincere condolences to his daughters, Maureen and Sue, and his extended family. A full tribute to Arthur's extraordinary life and legacy is included later in this newsletter.

Planning is underway for our 70th anniversary celebrations, with several events scheduled throughout the year, including a music concert, staff reunion, sundowner, book launch and our Legends Induction. Details will be shared once the program is finalised.

The Year 12 School Ball was held in February at the Westin Hotel and was a truly memorable evening. Our students arrived in style and celebrated with elegance, energy and plenty of dancing. The venue provided a perfect backdrop for what was a night of fun, friendship, and lasting memories. A big thank you to the Year 12 Coordinator and all staff involved in planning and supporting the event.

During the recent 90s Club Induction Assembly, we recognised the academic achievements of 56 students who attained ATAR scores in the 90s in 2024. It was a proud moment for the school community as we celebrated their hard work, perseverance, and commitment to excellence.

Our House Swimming Carnival on Friday 7 March at Stirling Leisure Centre was a fantastic day, with perfect weather and exceptional student participation. House captains did a brilliant job decorating the venue, and our students represented the school with pride. Congratulations to Hackett for winning the Shield, and thank you to all staff and students for making it such a positive event.

On Thursday 3 April, students from Years 7 to 12 represented Mount Lawley at the Division 2 Swimming Carnival. With strong performances across the board, we finished second overall—beating John Curtin by 15 points and securing promotion to Division 1 for next year. An outstanding result!

We're also thrilled that our Music Department was the recipient of a baby grand piano, generously donated by Mr David Young. A passionate supporter of the arts and community theatre, Mr Young's gift is a wonderful addition to our program. You can read more about his contribution later in this newsletter.

Finally, our Languages and Arts Festival on Friday 4 April was a colourful and energetic celebration of cultural diversity and creativity. With over 50 stalls and performances, students fully embraced the festivities—rain and all—making it a truly memorable afternoon. Thank you to everyone involved in bringing this event to life.

Voluntary Contributions & Compulsory Charges

Thank you to those families who have made payment or entered into a payment plan. The school relies on parents paying the contribution and charges associated with your child's schooling.

Payment deadline is Monday 28 April 2025 and can be made by cash, direct deposit, Bpoint, EFT or credit card (Mastercard or Visa only). Families wishing to set up a payment plan can do so by contacting the Finance Desk on 9265 1504.

Should you wish to pay your account electronically, please use the school's bank details below:

Commonwealth Bank
BSB: 066-118
Account No: 00900116

Please include your child's surname, initial, form and description of payment (e.g. Smith J 10M C&C).

Host Family Wanted – Rotary Exchange

We are seeking **one host family** for an exchange student arriving in 2026. Hosting is a rewarding opportunity to share Australian culture while learning about another country.

If you're interested in hosting for approximately three months, please contact Rotary Coordinator **Astrid Mitchell** – aymitchell19@gmail.com for more information.

Student Success



Ava (1103) won bronze at the Oceania Junior Sprint Triathlon Championships in Devonport, Tasmania in mid-March. She then Captained the WA team at the School Sport Nationals (24–27 March), where she claimed gold in the Senior Female category.



Lucy (903) represented MLSHS and Western Australia as part of the Triathlon team at the School Sport National Championships in Rockingham from 24–27 March.



Heidi (12S1) was named one of 13 finalists in the 2025 AACTA Young Stars National Youth Casting Call after auditioning before top casting directors and actors at the AACTA Festival on the Gold Coast. Her short film Grounding was also a finalist in the Get Smart competition at the WA Made Film Festival.



Heidi (705) also represented MLSHS and Western Australia at the Championships, captaining the Aquathlon team during the four-day event.



Hayden (9H3) recently competed at the 2025 Oceania Karate Open in Sydney, where he placed first in his division. Hayden is now a four-time National Karate Champion—an outstanding achievement.



Jeremy (8A3) recently competed in the Chinese Background Storytelling Competition, earning 5th place in the Age 12–13 category with his story 《后羿射日》 (Hou Yi Shoots the Suns).

New Staff



Mount Lawley Senior High School is thrilled to welcome several new staff members to our school community in 2025. Each brings a wealth of experience, enthusiasm, and innovative ideas to their roles, and we are excited about the positive impact they will have on our students' learning journeys.

As these new staff members settle into their positions, we encourage both students and staff to extend a warm welcome and offer support. We are confident that their skills and fresh perspectives will enhance our school environment and enrich the educational experience for all.

Nami Cheng	Teacher Music
Rachel Donnelly	Teacher Science
Kamill Jinzarli	Teacher Science
Georgia Quin	Teacher Science
Marie Molloy	Teacher Visual Arts
Vanessa Hollis	Teacher English
Nadia Cuthbertson	Teacher Science
Belinda Peck	Teacher Maths
Louise Kirkby	Program Coordinator – Student Services
Owen Briffa	Media and Communications Officer

Vale Lawley Legend Arthur Leggett, OAM



Our wonderful Lawley Legend Arthur Leggett, aged 106 passed away peacefully yesterday afternoon. Arthur has been associated with the school since 1997 when the school adopted the Ex-Prisoner of War Memorial in Kings Park. He was such a very important part of our school, and he will be sorely missed.

He loved talking to our students and over the years he has inspired thousands of young people, at many assemblies. He was a major part of the annual May Ex-POW service in Kings Park and in his speeches, he always focused on remembering his former comrades.

Associate Principal Michael Camilleri and I visited him at his home a few weeks ago and he was very keen to hear all about what was happening at school, and he wanted to pass on his best wishes to the staff and students.

We extend our condolences to his daughters Maureen and Sue and his extended family.

The school will continue to honour his memory and the memory of all POW's by hosting the Ex-POW service in May each year.

We were delighted to hear that the Premier of WA Hon. Roger Cook has offered his family a state funeral. As soon as we have details we will let the community know.

**Lesley Street
Principal**



Donation of baby grand piano



L-R: Mr David Young playing a tune on the baby grand piano; Lesley Street with the donated Beethoven bust.

The school is delighted to share the news that in Week 8, the Music Department received a generous donation of a baby grand piano. This valuable gift was kindly donated by Mr David Young, former President of Playlovers Theatre and a dedicated supporter of community theatre in Western Australia.

We are incredibly grateful for Mr Young's generosity, as this piano will enrich our Music students' learning experience for years to come. On behalf of the school community, Principal Lesley Street has personally written to Mr Young to express our heartfelt appreciation. Mr Young also visited the school for a morning tea with our Music staff, Lesley Street – Principal and Renae Hill – Associate Principal, where he had the chance to see the piano in its new home and share in the joy of the occasion.

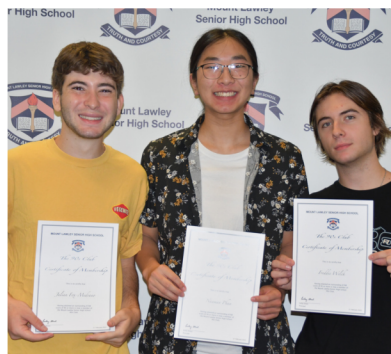
90s Club



On Wednesday 21 February, the school held its first assembly of the year, which was also broadcast live to classrooms across the school to ensure all students could be part of the occasion.

A highlight of the assembly was the formal induction of 56 students who achieved outstanding academic results and were inducted into the prestigious 90s Club. These high achievers were recognised and celebrated for their exceptional dedication and performance. Following the assembly, students and their families were invited to a morning tea to mark the occasion, which concluded with a formal group photograph to commemorate this significant achievement.

Term 1 Assembly: 90s Club



Term 1 Assembly: Awards & Scholarships



Peter Sparbier Mathematics Scholarship
Nancy - Year 11
Presented by Joyce Lim Mah, Program Coordinator - Maths



Rotary Club of Heirisson Science Scholarship
Garance - Year 11
Presented by Ms Bronwyn Denman, Rotary of Heirisson



International Chemistry Quiz Award
Darcy and **Michael**
Presented by Mat Winter, Program Coordinator - Science



Campion Book Scholarships
Jade - Year 7, **Blake** - Year 9, **Hanna** - Year 9, **Isabella** - Year 7, **Hritika** - Year 7, **Ethan** (Absent) - Year 8, **Aaron** - Year 8.
Presented by Steven Raphael, Associate Principal - Middle School



Korean Association of WA Scholarships
Ilymaan - Year 11 and **Daisy** - Year 11
Presented by Louise Chapman, Program Coordinator - Languages
| Gifted and Talented Education Coordinator



The William Tucker Memorial Fund Award
Khyati - Year 11
Presented by Louise Chapman, Program Coordinator -
Languages | Gifted and Talented Education Coordinator



Zishan (Jade) Wei Award for International Students
Trini - Year 12
Presented by Ms Jacqui Johnstone, Manager, Student Services and
Compliance - Education and Training International



Zishan (Jade) Wei Award for International Students
Anjali - Year 12 and **Riana** - Year 12
Presented by Louise Chapman, Program Coordinator - Languages
| Gifted and Talented Education Coordinator



Michael Sutherland Scholarship for Humanities
Ginevra - Year 11
Presented by Michael Sutherland, OAM

Languages and Arts Festival

On Friday, April 4th, the school hosted its annual Languages and Arts Festival, showcasing student talent across various artistic fields. The event featured live performances, art exhibitions, and interactive workshops, giving students the chance to present their work and connect with the community.

It was a wonderful celebration of creativity, highlighting the skills of our students in language, music, visual arts, and drama. The festival was a great success, fostering a deeper appreciation for the arts in our school.





ATAR Dux
Scutt, Molly



VET Dux
Bhatti, Akhil



Runner Up ATAR Dux
Scutt, Rosie



General Studies Dux
Millar, Harriet

Certificates of Excellence

Scutt, Rosalie (Accent History)
Del Casale, Jessica (English)
Scutt, Molly (Human Biology)

Certificates of Excellence

Abordi, Joshua	Lu, Kiet
Alteruthemeyer, Sophie	Moran, Mallissaa
Bui, Thompson	Phan, Kevin
Burns, Chloe	Scutt, Molly
Del Casale, Jessica	Scutt, Rosalie
Dickie, Rosa	Taylor, Zoe
Ellery, Angus	Welch, Freddie
Jones, Stephanie	Windhofer, Eric
Kwang, Shirin	Zachariassen-Baro, Aika
Le, Angela	

Certificates of Merit

Allen, Ashanti	Lippiatt, Isobel	Rucci, Poppy
Amin Dehghan, Fatemah	Not for Publication	Sakane-McClelland, Hana
Bahn, Nico	Mayaluri, Naga	Stevanovic, Aleksej
Brassier, Hannah	Moghimizadeh, Behrooz	Not for Publication
Cameron, Declan	Mohammad Amani, Oktay	Syme, Jasper
Not for Publication	Mulvey, Taig	Tabi, Alyssa
Cornelius, Chezlina	Murphy, Amelia	Teasdale, Luka
Crockford, Amy	Muthumani Arachchige, Nilani	Thomas, Georgia
Foster, Charlie	Nishi, Nayonika	Tsocas, Stella
Greay, Adam	Paila, Kalliopi	Wallbridge, Fletcher
Henwood, Xavier	Phan, Naaman	Widderick, Elizabeth
Hughes, Charlie	Prasil, Lukas	Williams, Sebastian
Ilic, Elena	Rennick, Simon	Witton, Helene
Keane, Chelsea	Rigby, Gracie	Zatuchny, Alon
Kegg, Joshua		



The annual House Swimming Carnival has been swum and won for another year. We returned to Stirling Leisure Centre Inglewood with the entire Middle School along with nominated athletes from the remaining years. The weather turned it on for us as usual, in fact the only thing better than the weather was the performance and behaviour of our amazing students. The House captains did an amazing job decorating the venue, with staff at the venue stating that we were the best group they've had.

It was a fantastic day that showcased Mount Lawley Senior High Schools swimming talent, participation and school spirit to the community. I would personally like to thank all the staff and students involved for making the day such a positive one and big congratulations to Hackett for winning the overall House Shield.

Adam Zen
Program Coordinator - Health and Physical Education

MIDDLE SCHOOL

		Champion	Runner Up
7	Girls	Mila	Cerys
7	Boys	Zachary	Sora
8	Girls	Nina	Monna
8	Boys	Lucas	Harry

	House	Points
1	Hackett	926
2	Forrest	801
3	O'Connor	692
4	Murdoch	444

UPPER SCHOOL

		Champion	Runner Up
9	Girls	Clara	Lucy
9	Boys	Finn	Rio
10	Girls	Holly	Fuji
10	Boys	Adam	Sebastian

	House	Points
1	Forrest	356
2	O'Connor	340
3	Hackett	286
4	Murdoch	260

SENIOR SCHOOL

		Champion	Runner Up
11	Girls	Charlie	Ava
11	Boys	Amren	Laleih
12	Girls	Jovana	Hana
12	Boys	Jack	Connor

	House	Points
1	Murdoch	517
2	Hackett	505
3	O'Connor	493
4	Forrest	116

RECORDS

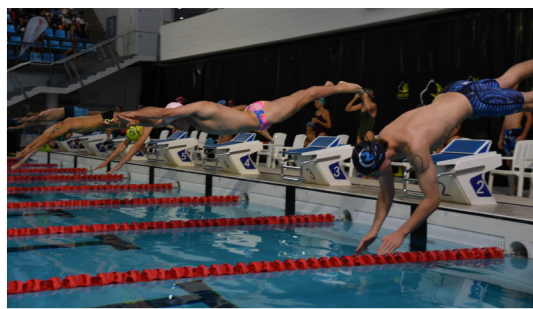
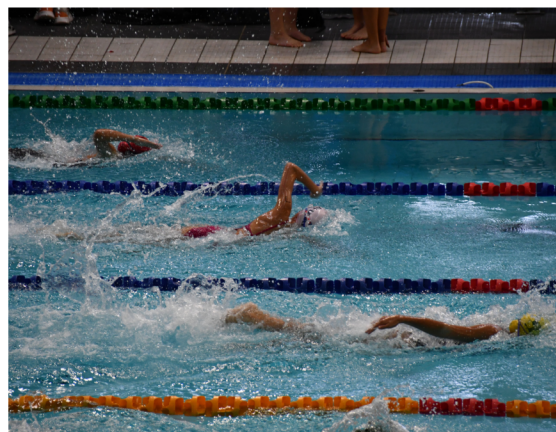
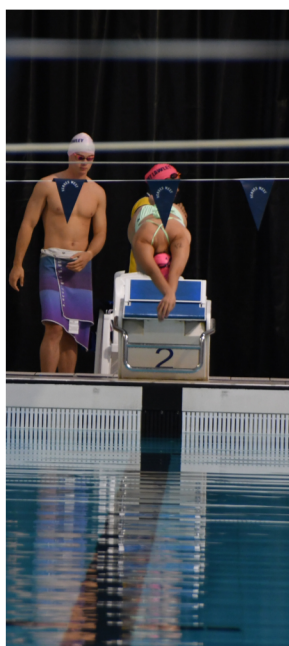
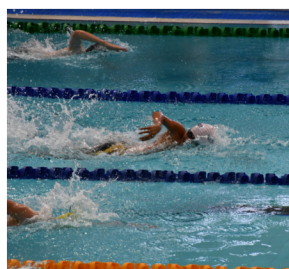
7	Male 50m Freestyle	Zachary	(O) 30.39s
7	Male 50m Breaststroke	Sora	(M) 41.50s
7	Male 50m Backstroke	Zachary	(O) 36.45s
11	Female 50m Backstroke	Charlie	(H) 33.45s
12	Male 50m Freestyle	Jack	(O) 26.14s

OVERALL

	House	Points
1	Hackett	1837
2	O'Connor	1615
3	Forrest	1403
4	Murdoch	1281

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all students who were selected to attend the B Division Interschool Swimming Carnival at HBF Stadium on Thursday 3 April. Special congratulations to Jack, Connor, Jovana and Hana, who were selected as Swimming Captains for this event.



Photos taken by Sunny, Year 11

Mount Lawley Senior High School hosted 30 exhibitors from education, training, employment, and government sectors for the MLSHS Careers Expo. Held alongside the Semester 1 Reporting Evening, the event ensured students and their families had the opportunity to connect with recruiters and industry experts. The evening was a great success, with exhibitors praising the students for their engagement, curiosity, and genuine interest in exploring future pathways.

David Toothill
Program Coordinator - VET



Aboriginal Excellence Program Excursion



AEP students visited ECU's Kurungkurl Katitjin on Wednesday 3 April, to learn from Noongar Elder Aunty Roma Winmar. She shared stories about local history, explained family connections, and introduced students to Noongar language. It was a valuable opportunity to learn directly from community and connect classroom learning to real-world knowledge.

Joshua Carnovale
Aboriginal Excellence Program Coordinator

Health

P.A.R.T.Y. Program



On Wednesday 2 April, Year 11 students from Mount Lawley Senior High School took part in the P.A.R.T.Y (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-related Trauma in Youth) Program at Royal Perth Hospital. The program aims to educate youth on the risks of unsafe behaviors. Students toured the emergency department and ICU, learning about the impacts of trauma.

They also heard from Will Terry, a Perth teenager who suffered a spinal injury and now advocates for safety. The event was informative, engaging, and left a lasting impact. Thank you to all participants! For more information, visit - <https://www.rph.health.wa.gov.au/Services/PARTY-Program>





On 20 February, four Year 12 SVAPA Alumni, currently completing the Certificate in Creative Industries, were invited to observe the tech rehearsal for *Legends (of the Golden Arches)*, a performance commissioned by the Perth Festival.

Sienna shared her thoughts on the experience:

"Watching the tech rehearsal gave us an incredible insight into the industry. From set design to sound, lighting, and stage management, we saw firsthand how each department works together to create a production. The opportunity to ask questions and observe the professionals was invaluable, inspiring us to develop similar skills and work ethic for our future careers in the creative industries."

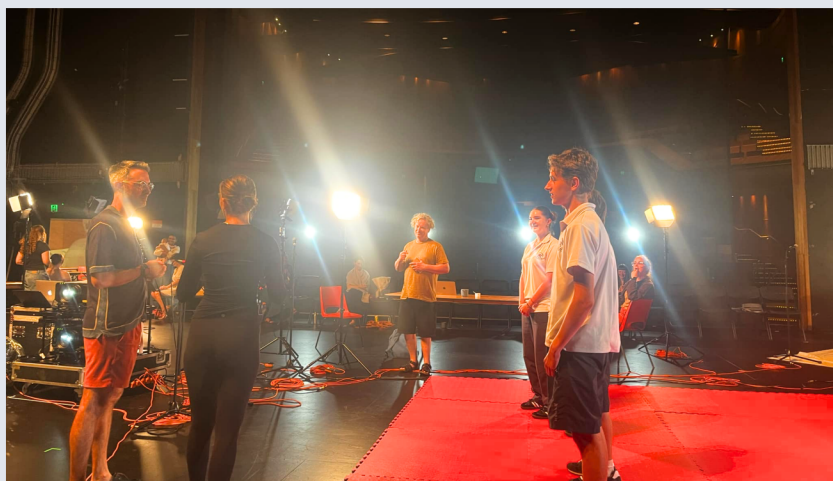
Is This A Room



On February 15th, Year 12 Drama and Creative Industries students attended the Perth Festival production of *Is This A Room* at the State Theatre.

Genie, Creative Industries student and 2025 Drama Captain, shared her thoughts:

"As part of the Perth Festival, the Year 12 Drama and Creative Industries classes were lucky to attend *Is This A Room*, which dramatizes the FBI interrogation of Reality Winner, a former Air Force linguist accused of leaking a classified document. The performance blends key drama skills like blocking, puppetry, and mime, creating an immersive experience enhanced by technical elements. The show skillfully uses LEDs and sound to highlight Winner's discomfort and the chaos of the FBI search. It was a fantastic opportunity to see live performance in action and understand the skills required to bring characters to life."

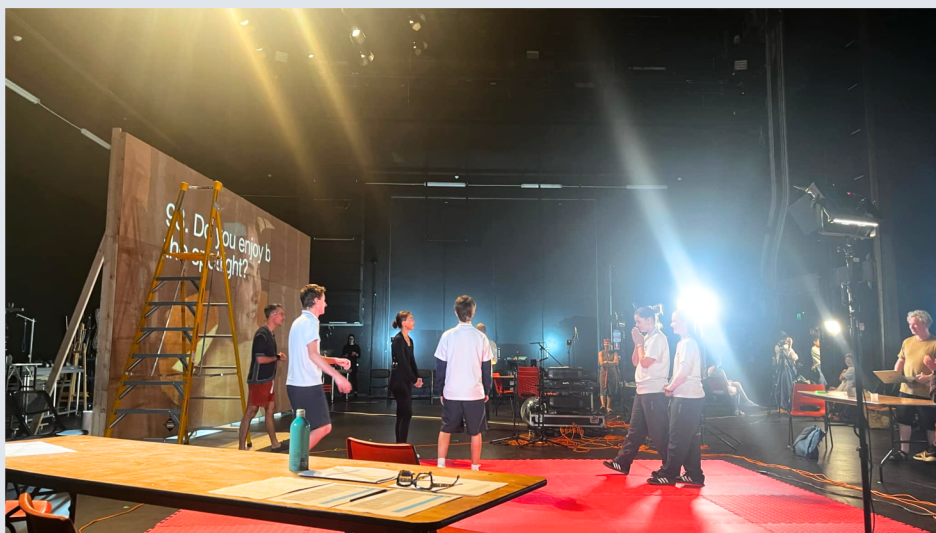


On 13 February, five Year 11 SVAPA alumni in the Certificate II in Creative Industries were invited to attend a technical rehearsal for *12 Last Songs*, a production by the UK-based company 'Quarantine,' commissioned by the Perth Festival. This marks the first event of the SVAPA Program & Perth Festival Creative Pathways partnership, aimed at supporting SVAPA graduates entering the arts industry.

Kloe, one of the students who attended, shared her experience:

"The excursion to the *12 Last Songs* tech rehearsal was incredible. We gained access to behind-the-scenes areas and observed the technical elements like lighting, sound, and staging that we wouldn't typically see as audience members. We also learned about the unique format of the show, which involves 35 workers who perform their jobs on stage, showing what makes 'Perth work.' It was a fantastic opportunity to gain hands-on insight into the production process and what to expect in the industry."

Additionally, Year 11 student Oscar Cvitan has been invited to pitch his own 'battle of the bands' idea for the East Perth Power Station, a project sparked by discussions with the festival's Creative Learning Coordinator.



2025 Lawley Art Auction



A letter from our Chairs.

The Lawley Art Auction (LAA) celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2024. As newly appointed Chairs and newcomers to the Mount Lawley Senior High School community, it was a daunting task to take on such a historic milestone. Reflecting on the whirlwind event that was 2024's Art Auction, we were elated by the result and couldn't be prouder of the team that put it all together!

The auction night was action-packed with new and engaging pre-auction activities. Our auction room was the highlight, where the competitive spirit of our patrons was alive and well. As a result, **2024 was a record-breaking year** for the committee, with \$44,000 being allocated to the SVAPA and Music programs.

We would like to remind you that **parent support of this event is critical** to providing quality extracurricular experiences to your children, including workshops, excursions and incursions, and keeping the cost of these programs to a minimum. **This includes volunteering at or attending the event with family and friends.** Every little bit counts and contributes to student experiences at MLSHS.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 21 June 2025

This year, we're excited to showcase over 140 incredible artworks, including sculptures, glassworks, and ceramics – with a record number of new artists joining us! Stay tuned for our Term 2 raffle – we've got some amazing prizes from local businesses up for grabs, and we'd love to give back to our Mount Lawley families.

As our 2025 event plans get into full swing, we would like to say thank you to all of our current 2025 LAA event sponsors, who have committed to supporting the P&C. A special mention to our platinum sponsors Wanneroo Mazda, Luna Palace Cinemas, Frank Paolino and Red Fox Property Group, and our gold sponsors, NTY Property Group, Allsett Property Settlements, Trio Homes, Peninsula Personal Injury Lawyers, Schumi showcase boxes, Amanda Humphries Photography and Simon Walters Solicitor.

Finally, a big congratulations to Natalia A., the winner of our No Fuss Fundraiser! We hope those Woolworths vouchers come in handy as you prepare for Easter. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the fundraiser – your contributions will help towards our catering and event costs.

Louise Aston and Monique Herbst
Co-chairs – Lawley Art Auction Committee

Check out Lawley Art Auction on Facebook @MlshsArtAuction, Instagram @lawley_art_auction or via our website: www.lawleyarts.com

Have questions? Email our Co-Chairs Louise and Monique: chair@lawleyarts.com

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Host a Japanese Student and Win a Trip to Japan!



We're excited to announce that another group Japanese students will be coming to Mount Lawley SHS from **August 8 – August 16, 2025**.

We want every student to feel welcomed and immersed in our culture, and your support makes that possible. Would your family be able to host these exceptional kids?

As a host, you'll get:

- The chance to expand your child's perspective
- A \$495 host payment
- 24/7 bilingual support
- 1 entry in the draw to **Win a \$10,000 Trip to Japan!**

If you're interested in helping create a memorable experience for these students, **sign up now** at goldeducationaltours.com.au/schoolcommunity

We'd really appreciate your help to make this exchange special for everyone!

Best regards,

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In **August**, Mount Lawley SHS will be welcoming Japanese students from Shimodate Daiichi SHS. We invite all families in the school community to host a visiting Japanese student!

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