



## Mercedes College Alumni

### MCA President Report

It is hard to believe 2016 is nearly at an end! The past 12 months have certainly been busy for MCA, especially behind the scenes.

This year has seen the rebranding of the Mercedes Ex Student's Association (MESA) to Mercedes College Alumni (MCA). This name change developed after consultation with members and consideration over a number of years. The Committee is excited to be moving forward with the refreshed name and logo.

Over the course of this year MCA has purchased and implemented 'Potentiality' software (with the support of the College). Potentiality is assisting us in developing and strengthening our database of former College students, whilst reaching out to those past students who have been 'lost' in their inevitable passage through life. Now that Potentiality is 'up and running' we anticipate this will positively impact the growth of our database and the engagement of its members with each other and with the College.

The MCA Facebook page has continued to grow from strength to strength. The Facebook page is an ideal way of keeping abreast of MCA events and activities. Please take the time to visit the page and 'like' it: *'Victoria Square Alumni, Mercedes College'*. At the time of writing this report the Facebook page has 1645 likes!

MCA Certificates were awarded throughout 2016 to one student in each year group per term. The Certificates recognised students who were 'Living the Mercy Values'. MCA considers the award of these certificates an important step in acknowledging those students who sought to live out the Gospel through the embodiment of Mercy values within their lives. Congratulations to all the recipients throughout 2016.

Year 12 students (who were joining MCA upon graduation) were presented with their MCA pendants at the Graduation Dinner by our Vice President, Lucy Fitzsimons. From all reports, the girls were thrilled with their pendants and were excited to be joining the MCA.

MCA also congratulates the winners for the 2017 Year 7 MCA Scholarships, Amelia Anderson and Ellouise Panebianco. The Scholarship winners must be a daughter or grand-daughter of the Victoria Square Alumni member. In addition, MCA similarly congratulates the recipient for the MCA Year 12 Award 'Living the Mercy Values' for 2016, Monica Gallante. This award acknowledges a Year 12 student who is recognised by her peers and endorsed by teachers and members of the College executive as contributing selflessly during her time at Mercedes. All three students were presented with their awards by MCA at the Presentation Evening in October.

During the course of the year the MCA Committee met up with the wonderful ladies from St Joseph's. It allowed the two bodies representing former students of these two



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great Colleges to form stronger bonds and friendships with one another, given our shared history.

We would like to thank Kerrie Fraser for her ongoing enthusiasm, warmth, encouragement and support of MCA in 2016. The MCA Committee would also like to thank Joanna Creighton, Alumni Officer, for her enthusiasm, energy, professionalism and assistance throughout the year. The MCA is very grateful for the support and assistance provided by both Kerrie and Joanna.

In closing, 2017 is going to be an exciting year as we celebrate the MCA 'All Years Reunion' on Saturday 11 February 2017 from 2-5pm at the College. We would love as many past students of the College to attend as possible in what promises to be a wonderful chance to reconnect with your school. Even more of a reason to 'like' our Facebook page to stay on top of coming events!

Have a happy and Holy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you at our events in 2017!

God bless,  
Justine Howard (Class of 1994)  
President