



Mercedes College Alumni

MCA President Report

Yet another year has passed and 2017 has almost ended! The past year has been productive for the MCA.

In February we hosted our MCA 'All Years Reunion' attended by over 300 past students of the College. This event was a huge success, with former students attending from a range of years and decades. The afternoon tea was a wonderful opportunity for past students to reconnect with the College and each other. The champagne on arrival proved especially popular with guests!

The MCA Facebook page has grown 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 1878 likes!

MCA Certificates continued to be awarded throughout the year to one student in each year group per term. The Certificates recognised students who 'Live 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 2017.

In August, 15 members of the Alumni sat down with the Year 12 students to discuss 'life after school' and what that looked like, in terms of career, life choices, and general direction. The feedback from students was very positive and MCA welcomed the opportunity to engage with the current Year 12 students in such a practical way. 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 gift and excited to be joining the MCA.

MCA congratulates the winners for the 2017 Year 7 MCA Scholarships, Inika Laurent and Kate Bourne. 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 2017, Emily Roberts. 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 to College life during her time at Mercedes. All three students were presented with their awards by MCA at the College Presentation Evening in October.

Our wonderful Vice President, Lucy Fitzsimons, is moving for work in 2018 and will be unable to continue in her current role with the MCA. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank Lucy for her hard work, positivity, enthusiasm and energy. Lucy will be sorely missed. We wish her all of God's blessings in her future endeavours.

We would like to thank Kerrie Fraser for her ongoing support and encouragement of



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MCA in 2017 and Joanna Creighton, Alumni Officer, for her proficiency, assistance and energy during 2017. The MCA sincerely appreciates the support and assistance provided by both Kerrie and Joanna.

In closing, 2018 will see the MCA work with the College for an event to celebrate Mercy Day, and for the planning of the 175 Year Celebration in 2021. 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 2018!

God bless,
Justine Howard (Class of 1994)
President