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### A Message from the Principals

Congratulations on the completion of Year 6 at Melrose Primary School. Some of you have been at Melrose since Foundation, whilst many of you have been welcomed from different places over the past 7 years. Our school vision is to educate hearts and minds. Throughout your Melrose journey we have encouraged you to KNOW YOURSELF, TO CHOOSE YOURSELF and to GIVE OF YOURSELF.

You have been guided towards developing greater self-awareness, self-control, consequential thinking and resilience. We have valued you for the virtues you have shown: those of courage, empathy, motivation, thinking and the pursuit of excellence. These are the things that make you a person of good character and constitute the pathway to health, happiness and success.

Now is your chance to take these skills, go out there and stand up for what you believe in. Make strong choices. Accept that you are not perfect and sometimes you will get it wrong. Try your best, make mistakes – and then learn from them. Care for others, even if they are unlike you. Find happiness in the small things, continue to learn mindfulness and practice gratitude...and dare to dream.As your education at Melrose Primary School has finished, our final message for you is this: Carry the Melrose Child with you wherever you go. Use your EQ skills to go on to fulfill the best and truest version of yourselves. You can do it....and with effort, you will!



Principal Mr Ben Slocombe



Assistant Principal Mr Darren Clough



Assistant Principal Mrs Heidi McKay





GO INTO THE WORLD AND DO WELL. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, GO INTO THE WORLD AND DO GOOD.

MINOR MYERS JR.

#### EQ Executive 2020



Our fabulous EQ Executive team for 2020



**Rosie Wright - A17** 



**Bethany Collins - A2** 



Sophie Tatam - A17



#### **Toby Haebich - A2**



Nicholas Dunstall - A2



**Scarlett Gilbertson - A3** 



Myles Hardge - A3



Sielle Gibson - A3



**Biraj Pokhrel - A1** 



Oceana Dodd - A2



Lilly Inglis



#### Annabelle Olney

#### House Captains 2020

## CHISHOLM



#### Sarah Rowbottom



Max Barker

## PATERSON



#### Molly McMahon



Cameron Blunden



#### AJ Wilson



Matisse Shanahan

## BRADMAN

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## **SUID** ARNIV

### Our Zone Trialists



## ZONE SHIRNG

In term 1, Annabelle Olney (A3), Sarah Rowbottom (A17) and Rosie Wright (A17) competed at the Zone level for swimming. The girls represented the school with great pride.















#### **YEAR 6 REFLECTIONS**

Being a student at Melrose has taught me that a Melrose child grows their brain. Something I will never forget are the teachers and friends I have made. My favourite memory of Melrose is when I got to participate in the State School Spectacular. Thank you to my teachers and friends who have got me through my years at Primary School.

**Molly McMahon - Area 17** 

I will never forget my friends and my teachers. Being a student at Melrose has taught me a lot, especially Maths. My favourite memory is hanging out with my friends. Nagito Komade on the Nintendo DS.

Charlotte Tanner - Area 1

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G'day! Things I will never forget are the friendships I've made and Daisy. Being a student at Melrose has taught me a lot about EQ and how to manage my emotions better. My favourite memories are when I was elected to be an EQ executive twice, meeting and giving the Premier of Victoria a school tour and also being chosen to represent the school at State School Spectacular. I'll see you all at the end! **Bethany Collins - Area 2**  Being a student at Melrose has taught me a lot about emotions, how to recognise and deal with these. My favourite memory is on my first day of school in Prep, this girl (Annabelle Olney) came up to me and asked if I wanted to be friends (I thought she was a boy at first) but I said yes, and by the end of the year she became my best friend. Things I will never forget are all the friends I have made, the teachers who have had guided me in the right direction and guided me to achieve high standards of work and the ability to have fun in all areas of class time.

Rosie Wright - Area 17



My favourite memory of Melrose is being able to work with Kimmie. Melrose has taught me to be a kind and caring person. Also to be respectful of others. I will not forget all of the teachers and aides.

Alkira Konieczny - Area 3

I will never forget being in Mr Quines class because I had such a great time. Being a student at Melrose has taught me how to problem solve. My favourite memory is making all of my friends. Jackson Dent - Area 3





Being a student at Melrose has taught me to always follow the golden rule and to never give up on what you are doing and wanting to achieve. My favourite memory is when I was in A7 playing rugby, a big huge guy was running at me so I threw away the ball and tackled him instead. I will never forget all of the friends I have made and all of my teachers. My favourite memory is when I was up on stage receiving my badge for becoming an EQ executive, I was lucky to be an executive for both year 5 and 6 which has never been done before. Being a student at Melrose has taught me how to control my emotions with EQ. Something I will never forget the teachers and staff here, my friends and the structure of the school because I have never been to a school like this.

Sophie Tatam - Area 17

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**Charlie Marrs - Area 17** 

Being at student at Melrose has taught me how to control my emotions properly and how to solve problems peacefully. My favourite memory was this year when I made new friends who I love hanging out with. I will never foget 2020 as it was both horrible and great all at the same time. **Piper Reed - Area 1** 





My favourite memory was when I first did my EQ class assembly because it was the first assembly I had ever done. Being a student at Melrose has taught me to treat others the way I want to be treated and to give of myself. I will never forget when I accidently drank out of Jake's drink bottle instead of my own.







I will never forget being a Prep because it was just fun, I didn't need to worry about work as we got to play. Being a student at Melrose has taught me EQ. My favourite memory was when I was in Area 6 because I had a lot of fun, I first met my good friends Tyson and Jake. **Drew Patterson - Area 1** 

My favourite memory was playing league tag last year when we got to go to Wagga. Being a student at Melrose has taught me how to read other peoples body language, recognise emotions and be persistent and never give up. I will never forget the teachers and how much time they put into our learning and the fun excursions. Thank you to all the teachers who put time and care into my learning.

**Cameron Blunden - Area 3** 



My favourite memory is when I was in prep I got to have Mr Quine for sport, it was pretty fun. I also enjoyed having Mrs Sutton as a teacher. Being a student at Melrose has taught me to look up to the other students as role models and also to be a role model. I will never forget getting Henry out in down ball, and down ball in general. Goodbye Melrose! **Nate Simpson - Area 2** 





My favourite memory was Canberra Camp because there was a large variety of things we did and I got a chance to hang out with my peers in a completely different location. Ironically, my favourite place was the AIS Sport Centre. Being a student at Melrose has taught me to put yourself in the other people's shoes. I will never forget my experience in Area 8 because the people and the teacher were fun to hang around, they were kind and generous. My experience at Melrose has changed me as a person so much and I want to thank everyone. **Toby Haebich - Area 2** 

My favourite memory is when I was first in Area 8 because I was excited to be in a class with Mr Quine as he was my favourite teacher. I also met some of my best friends such as Jackson and James. Being a student at Melrose has taught me to respect people as I want to be respected, help other people when they are feeling sad and down, it's taught me many things I will need in life as I will need respect when I'm getting a job. It's taught me a lot about writing, it's been one of the biggest skills it's taught me. I will never forget the day I was told I would be in Area 2, I was initially worried but soon discovered that Mr Patton is a wonderful teacher who really helps you with lots of things. Tate Judge - Area 2



2020 was a year in which you have lived a part of history... You had to make the best of a bad situation and learn from home due to COVID-19, and a lot of fun was had too!

## Remote Learning







Being a student at Melrose has taught me to be kind and respectful as it wasn't something we really did at my old school. Something I will never forget are all the friends I have made. My favourite memory was being selected for Somers Camp. **Mitch Boon - Area 17** 



My favourite memory is going to Wagga for league tag because I was with all my friends and we got McDonalds afterwards. Being a student at Melrose has taught me how to play league tag. Something I will never forget are my friends, especially Rosie Wright. Thank you to all of the teachers. Lilly Inglis - Area 1 I will never forget the cross country when I was in year 5 because all of my friends where there, it was a super fun and silly day. Being a student at Melrose has taught me how to share and make friends really easily. My favourite memory is when I got to go to Borambola for year 3/4 camp. **Bradley Thomas - Area 3** 



My favourite memory is getting to work with Ray and when Damian was running at break and the security tape got him by the neck and he fell over. Something I will never forget are my friends, especially Tasman, Damian and Jaydon. **Ryan Myers - Area 17** 





I will never forget making my very first friends. Being a student at Melrose has taught me how to behave. My favourite memory was my very first camp at Borambola, I remember canoeing, camping in log cabins and playing. It is really nice to graduate at Melrose as I have been here for a very long time. **Stanley Greenfield - Area One** 





My favourite memory is making friends with Krystal and Bethany. Being a student at Melrose has taught me that there are late passes here, they weren't at my old school. It's also taught me that there can be heaps of kids and taught me to adapt to more kids in a class. I will never forget the teachers and also how big the school is but most importantly the friends I've met here. I want to say thank you to all the teachers for allowing me to be here and to the students for welcoming me and not being mean. I also want to say goodbye to everyone I won't see in high school or when I am older.

Samantha Condon - Area 2

My favourite memory was in prep where it was break time, Rosie spotted a grasshopper on the roof, Rosie was scared of the grasshopper so I had to grab it, we then fought over who got to name and keep it. Being a Melrose student has taught me to be more kind and watch what you are saying. I will never forget all the sporting events with my friends and all the teachers who have helped me. Thank you Melrose for making me who I am today. **Annabelle Olney - Area 3** 

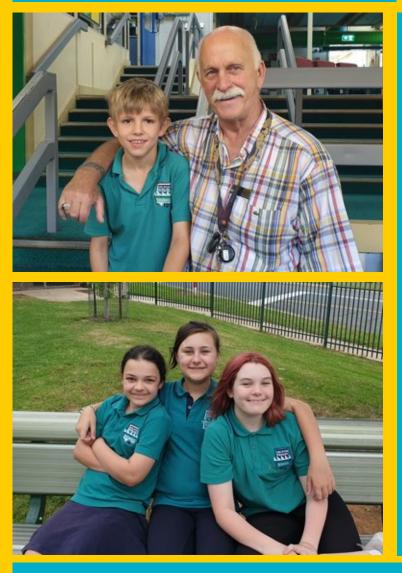




My favourite memory was Canberra Camp when we all freaked out in my cabin when we thought there was blood on the wall. Being a student at Melrose has taught me how to do art better and made me a better person. I will never forget my friends and Daisy and the teachers. Thank you Melrose!

#### Jasmine Easy - Area 1





I will never forget when I was emotionally hijacked in year 2, I had all of my friends come over to make sure I was ok. Being a student at Melrose has taught me emotional strength, cooperative behaviour, Math and reading because mum used struggle to get me to read but Melrose has helped me to rise up much higher in the reading ranks. My favourite memory was as a year 6 student, trying to nutmeg as many people in the yard as I could with my soccer ball without being caught, I managed to get most teachers at least once. I want to say goodbye to all the teachers who have helped me and my friends. Lachlan Messenger - Area 1

Being a student at Melrose has taught me a lot of things such as how to be your best self and how to help other people. My favourite memory was when I first started at Melrose. I remember how excited I was to start school. I will never forget the teachers at Melrose and how they are so kind. Thank you for all the teachers and staff who have been here the whole way and I am really going to miss Melrose.

Krystal Walley - Area 2

My favourite memory is starting school in Prep. Being a student at Melrose has taught me to learn and grow and be compassionate. I will never forget all my teachers and my friends. Thank you to all my teachers and friends for helping me along the way.

**Charlotte-Rose Belt - Area 2** 



My favourite memory is when I met Lachlan Messenger, I tried to one vs one him in a soccer match and I lost. Being a student at Melrose has taught me how to be kind and respectful. I will never forget when Mrs Forrest came, we didn't act the best and were quite silly but it turned out she was a really nice teacher. I like the magpies.

#### AJ Wilson - Area 3

My favourite memory is down ball Henry and I were playing a game, he was trying hard to get me out but instead I got him out. He told me I was going well because last time I was bad but now I am the best at down ball. Being a student at Melrose has taught me Maths, writing, reading, Ms Johns helped me to understand things in class and now I understand more as well as Mrs Forrest, she taught me to work hard and focus. I will never forget my friends because they help me learn and we have a heap of fun together. Thank you for everyone treating me nice and encouraging me to work hard. **Saleh Ibanda Salim - Area 3** 





# **MEMORIES**











Being a student at Melrose has taught me EQ because in Africa we never learnt this but here I have learnt about reading other people's emotions. My favourite memory is when I won the rugby ball in our class spinning prize wheel. I will never forget the people who I have played with, especially the people at Down-ball. Goodbye Melrose or as we would say in South Africa, totsiens! **Amber Forbes – Area 17** 





My favourite memory is sport and playing with my friends. Being a student at Melrose has taught me to be a nice and kind person, and knowing that I can help people rather than hurt them. I will never forget my friends that I have made at this school, the sports we have done here and the teachers that were here. Jensen Joly – Area One

I will never forget the teachers because they always help me. My favourite memory is when my friends and I got to throw slime at Mr Quine at the school fair. Being a student at Melrose has taught me to treat everyone the way they want to be treated. I love Melrose! Bradley Bamford – Area One











I will never forget a lot of things, I remember my first day of school, all of the names of my teachers and I cannot forget most of my friends. Being a student at Melrose has taught me a lot of things, such as division, multiplication and fractions. My favourite memory is too hard to choose because I will leave with so many great memories. Haste La Vista, Baby! **Tayte Harniman - Area 3** 

Something I will never forget was the colour run because it was fun and made everyone smile. Being a student at Melrose has taught me a lot about EQ, when I first arrived I thought what is EQ? Thank you for helping me to grow as a person and I will miss all of my friends.

#### Tylara Kennedy - Area 17

My favourite memory of Melrose was getting to travel to Melbourne to go and watch the State School Spectacular performance. Being a student at Melrose has taught me EQ as I have never had it before, such as treat others the way you want to be treated. There is so much about my time at Melrose that I will never forget. Melrose has given me a lot of opportunities. It is a good school. I will always remember Mr Quine. May the Gods bless you all, and I hope there is never another Pandemic.

Harry Goldie - Area 17

Something I will never forget is the colour run because my mum took loads of photos of me, it was like it was raining different colours. Being a student at Melrose has taught me a lot of things like EQ and how to get over things without losing control. My favourite memory is at leadership camp we were going on a bushwalk using a map and compass and we found a red belly black snake lying down on the ground, it's something I will never forget! I have learnt a lot from this school.

**Tasman Sullivan-Smith - Area 17** 



My favourite memory is making friends with Saleh. Being a student at Melrose has taught me fractions. I will never forget the teachers for teaching me lots of things.

#### Ezell Khoo - Area 3



Something I will never forget are my friends, especially Charli, Jaydon, Matisse and Bridie and everyone in my class. Being a student at Melrose has taught me EQ which you cannot get at a lot of other schools. My favourite memory was when I met my friend Charli as I only met her this year. I want to say thank you to Charli and Bridie because whenever I needed their help, they were there to support me.

Maddy Stevenson-Butler - Area 17



My favourite memory was when I shaved my head for the World's Greatest Shave. Being a student at Melrose has taught me how to be kinder and to be more grateful for others. I will never forget Canberra Camp as it was fun and I will probably never forget 2020. Lexie Follett - Area 2

Being a student at Melrose has taught me how to control my emotions better. My favourite memory is Canberra Camp because I was able to spend a lot more time with my friends. Something I will never forget was my first day at Melrose because I made new friends. Thank you to all of the teachers who have taught me, I will never forget you!

Sarah Rowbottom - Area 17







My favourite memory is going to Canberra Camp because I had never been to Canberra and it was nice! I had always wanted to go to a big city. Being a student at Melrose has taught me to take responsibility for your actions and to respect other people's opinions. I will never forget going to the Melbourne Zoo, it was fun!

Damian Cullen – Area Two





My favourite memory was the first time I came to Melrose because at the time i was new, Melrose was the only school I had been to. Knowing I was wanted here and seeing people being nice, I made friends and had the support of the teachers, it made me feel so happy and welcomed. Being a student at Melrose has taught me a lot of things. I have learnt how to control my emotions and that the things I do can affect the people around me and to always keep going when times get tough. I will never forget all the help I got from the teachers as if it wasn't for them I wouldn't know anything as when I first came here I didn't know any English and if it wasn't for them I wouldn't know what I know today. Thank you for helping me get through all these situations, I've learnt so much and are so grateful for all the help I have gotten from Melrose.

#### Lydia Habimana - Area 3



My favourite memory was going to the rugby tackle day because I got to tackle other kids and got to run a lot, as I love running. Being a student at Melrose has taught me to be kind and share. I will never forget all the teachers that have taught me the right way from the wrong way.

#### Jackson Thomas - Area 17



My favourite memory is the year <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> school camp because it was really fun and everyone there was really nice so it made it even better. Being a student at Melrose has taught me to be really respectful and nice and caring. I will never forget all the beautiful and respectful teachers. Thank you for all the teachers and students who have been here for all the fun memories.



#### Jorjah Bragge - Area 2



I will never forget my friends because they played a big part in helping me do my work. Being a student at Melrose has taught me emotional intelligence. My favourite memory is the year 3/4 camp to Borambola as it was fun.

James Carter - Area 3

My favourite memory is getting to school and being introduced to all of the nice teachers. Being a student at Melrose has taught me how to control my anger issues when I get home and how to do what I want and know how to do it properly. I will never forget coming here and learning all of this and seeing everyone and making so many friends. I leave this school in hope that if I have a son or daughter that I hope they will come here also as it is such a good school.

#### Nathan Enever - Area 3



My favourite memory is when I first came here I didn't have any friends, two random kids came up and asked if I wanted to be friends so I said yes and they became my friends. Being a student at Melrose has taught that treating others the way you want to be treated is the way we need to work in life, it is our Melrose Primary school golden rule. I will never forget Mrs Scott and Mr Patton, Mrs Scott was the kindness teacher I have had at Melrose and Mr Patton created my Gmail account and he taught me a lot of stuff that I will never forget. Be grateful for the teachers and kids at the school as everyone is full of kindness, even when you have a bad day or someone picks on you, there will always be someone there to cheer you up and fill you bucket.



**Dennis Morgan - Area Three** 



My favourite memory was when Tyson drank Jasmine's drink bottle by mistake. Being a student at Melrose has taught me there's good and bad people and it's important to make friends with good people. I will never forget trying giving Mrs Clarke a hard time because I know she can take a joke. Beware Mrs Clarke Jake Hyatt - Area One

Being a student at Melrose has taught me how to read and write and think before I do, which sometimes still forget. My favourite memory was when I went up a bunch of levels in reading, it made me feel great. I will never forget the time I made a cardboard axe without any paper or glue, it lasted a long time which very was impressive.

Kevin Kuschert – Area One



THIS IS THE BEGINNING, of Anything You Want.



My favourite memory is the year 3/4 camp to Borambola because we did rock climbing. Being a student at Melrose has taught me to respect others. I will never forget my friends because they have taught me a lot. **Tom Nelder - Area 2** 

#### The Melrose Child Written by Melrose Children 2018

I am a Melrose child. I am ready to start each new day with a positive attitude. I know myself. I tune into my feelings and know how to manage difficult emotions. I am a learner. I grow my brain and work hard.

I come to school to better myself, not to be better than others.

I am resilient. I get back up when I fall.

I am persistent. I know that mistakes are a part of learning and that challenges stretch my thinking.

I am motivated. I set learning goals to challenge myself so I can achieve my personal best.

I am strong. I make strong choices and encourage those around me to make strong choices too. Sometimes I need to change my thinking patterns to keep me on track.

I belong to a safe and caring school community. I am surrounded by teachers and students who care about me and are always ready to help.

I follow The Golden Rule. I treat others the way I want to be treated. I think about how my actions affect others. I give of myself.

I am a peacemaker. I solve my problems with other people peacefully.

I wear my uniform with pride and I am grateful to be a Melrose Child.

I respect my teachers because I know they are here to guide and to help me. I am mindful. I am present in the moment.

I choose myself. I am proud.

I am practising skills to prepare me for my future.

I am a Melrose Child.

I dare to dream.



