

BEHIND THE SCENES



What is it like to apply for a leadership position:

Madison Hodder:



"Should I be funny? Who am I kidding I'm not funny!!" I said to my fellow candidates. I felt intimidated by their intelligent and witty speeches, mine serious and possibly sleep inducing. This is probably not a question I should be asking two minutes before I deliver my speech. I hear my name and slowly creep towards the centre of the crowd. All eyes are on me. *Time to shine*, I thought to myself. I start to speak, my voice shakes, and I grip the podium for support. It was then that I realised, *I can do this!* My nerves slowly leave me and I even get the confidence to look people in the eye! All in all it was a positive moment for me. And it will be for you too, eventually! If you're striving to be a leader of this school, I encourage you to participate in school events and activities. It will be a highlight of your schooling career to be involved in the college leadership team! It was a fun and inspiring moment and it will definitely be a tough pick for the Senior Council Panel of 2017.

Natasha Favaloro:



Why did you apply for this leadership position?

I applied for Senior Council because I wanted to be a leader in the school, be a role model for the younger students and show responsibility.

What did you find most daunting?

I was worried about the large crowd and stuffing up during my speech and getting laughed at. Standing in front of such a large group is really scary!

Knowing what you know now, would you still apply and what would you do differently?

Yes, I would definitely still go for Senior Council, although I would change my speech and make it more serious rather than funny.

What it's like to apply for a leadership position?

The very concept of applying for a leadership position is scary, those thoughts and second thoughts about whether or not you will be elected, if you're up for the job, and the terrifying thought of saying a speech! Even those with the gift of appearing cool, calm and collected when standing in front of a large group of peers are violently quaking on the inside. A step-by-step guide of exactly what you need to do to survive this ordeal:

- Step 1. Stand up with knocking knees and try not to fall over! You succeeded? Great!
- Step 2. Now try not to have a cardiac seizure while you say your speech.
- Step 3. Well done! Now calmly walk back to your seat and BREATHE. It's over, now put a #1 next to your name and you're set, one vote already! At the end of the day, applying for a leadership position is a whole lot of terrifying but also a whole lot of worthwhile. It's an experience and at the end of the day, there is always someone out there rooting for you!

Erin Cobcroft:

Running for leadership was an enriching experience for me as it allowed me to express my enthusiasm for this school. Securing a leadership position is a great opportunity to give back to MacKillop College in all the many aspects of daily school life. Overall a nerve racking but enjoyable experience!

Shannon O'Shannessy:



Why did you apply for this leadership position?

To make the most of my last year, to gain experience and give back to the College.

What did you find most daunting?

Writing a speech that would differentiate me from others.

Knowing what you know now would you still apply?

Absolutely. If there's an opportunity, you should take it.

Jamilia Gibson:



Why did you apply for this leadership position?

To try something new, because I haven't been involved in much and I wanted to give back to the school.

What did you find most daunting?

Standing up in front of everyone and saying why you are worthy of the position

Knowing what you know now would you still apply?

Most definitely, it gives a different perspective of the school. I would also recommend it to girls in younger years' as it is really important to put yourself out there.

Student of the Week:

Ella Collins



In just the short amount of time that Ella has been at MacKillop, she has been involved in many events around the school. She has participated in the activities on her Year 7 camp where she explained that she met many of her friends and learnt to be herself around her peers. She has been elected to be 7G's class councilor for this semester and is currently participating in the preparation for the Tournament of the Minds, also referred to as TOM, and will soon be competing against other schools in this event. Earlier this term Ella came up with the idea of hosting a fundraiser selling baked goods to support Type 1 diabetes. Overall she raised \$475.00 for the Junior Diabetes Research Fund.

Ella hasn't just shown support throughout the college, she's also shown a lot of support throughout the Bathurst community. She sings in the Mitchell Conservatorium's choir and sang in the previous performance of the 'Marriage of Figaro' at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre.

Ella says that she enjoys Design Technology as it allows her to be creative. She looks up to her parents and her sister Lily (Year 9). Ella also enjoys singing, gymnastics and horses, all of which have made her who she is today.

Well done Ella for your brilliant efforts and work throughout MacKillop. We know that she will keep up the great involvement in the future and help encourage the next generation of MacKillop students!

Fossil Museum:

On the 28th of July and the 11th of August the Year 10 science classes ventured to the Bathurst Fossil and Mineral Museum. The excursion assisted us with our current topic; Geological Time. We thought it was a much more exciting alternative to double science in the lab, until we were handed a 12 page booklet to complete whilst at the museum...much to our disappointment. In the museum we explored different eras, time periods and forms of ancient life, specifically the dinosaurs. There were interesting displays of real fossils that we were able to view in order to increase our understanding of the topic.

It was a new and helpful experience to learn from a different perspective. Many students hadn't visited the museum before even though it is a local attraction. You could say that the Dinosaur Museum was a roaring success!

Bad Joke of the Week:

Q. Why are there old dinosaur bones in a museum?

A. *Because they can't afford new ones!*

Teacher of the week - Mrs Bowman



What led you to become a teacher?

I've always wanted to teach as long as I can remember. My favorite teacher in primary school was the one who inspired me to teach the most!

What do you enjoy the most about teaching?

Working with students and helping people out whenever I can.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love reading, watching movies, and spending time with my nieces and nephews.

Name three people who have influenced you.

My favorite teacher in primary school Mr Gough, my parents, and my husband.

What is your favorite movie/book/TV series?

My favorite movie is Pride and Prejudice, my favorite book is The Bronze Horseman and my favorite TV series would have to be The Walking Dead.

What is your most memorable moment at this school?

I LOVED the swimming carnival this year, it was awesome! I also love the House Music Festivals!

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