

Melbourne High School

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School in Melbourne, VICMelbourne High School (MHS) is the only selective State School in Victoria for boys only in Years 9–12. The School continues to maintain its standing as one of the finest schools in Australia and develops the finest thinkers and leaders in Australia. Melbourne High School is committed to providing a safe, secure and stimulating learning environment in which students can reach their full educational potential in a positive school culture that engages and supports them in their learning. Student well-being and student learning outcomes are inextricably linked, and MHS aims to promote an understanding of this link in both the School environment and in the classroom. It is recognized that all teachers are vital sources of support and are determinant in the success of their students. The School motto was derived spontaneously from an eloquent address given to the assembled school by the late Mr Frank Tate ISO MA, a former Director of Education. In the course of his speech, he quoted the words of Edward Thring: “Honour the work and the work will honour you,” and it is recorded that these inspiring words were at once recognised as most appropriate for the School Motto. For the purpose of sporting and cultural competitions, the School is divided into four Houses, namely, Como (yellow), Forrest (Blue), Waterloo (Green) and Yarra (Red), each under the control of a House Co-ordinator, four Assistant House Co-ordinators, a House Captain, a House Vice-Captain and House Age Group Captains. The Houses take their names from local history – Captain John Forrest settled in Waterloo Cottage (the present site of the school), on Como Estate, near the Yarra River.

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