

Year 7 Reflection

Ada: Hi everyone, my name is Ada

Kelly: and my name is Kelly. We are the SRC's for Year 7.

Ada: This year has offered a wealth of new experiences and personal growth for all the year 7s. It has been a rewarding journey filled with fun and memorable experiences. One of my highlights was definitely House Dance. Being able to perform with my peers and contributing to the energy of the event was both exciting and unforgettable.

Another truly unforgettable experience was immersing myself in the world of House Music. I'd been curious about this event since I heard of it and finally joining in was both exciting and rewarding. I have always loved being able to participate in house events even in Junior School, but Middle School has offered an even more diverse selection of events and being able to meet other students.

Kelly: Another standout moment was the Middle School Production which was just last week. We had 25 Year 7s participating. The Middle School production was very fun and I really enjoyed it because you get to act and meet students from other year levels.

Year 7 has been a big year of learning. At the start I thought math was really hard but with the help of my teachers, my maths has grown more and more. At the start of the year, we learnt how to move around to our classes and unlock our lockers. It's so crazy that now we feel so comfortable at the school.

Ada: We also enjoyed year 7 camp at Phillip Island. Some of the activities included surfing, high ropes, canoeing, and even NAPLAN. Although it was a new experience for most of the year 7s, everyone took on the challenge with courage and positivity. It was enjoyable to spend the week away with the whole year level and make new friends. I will cherish this memory forever.

Kelly: This year, we have also been able to try lots of different sports through GSV. This year I tried Athletics and Cross Country, and it was fun, especially the GSV Carnival days.

Year 7 has been very fun and successful in every way possible, we can't wait to see what happens in Year 8! Thankyou

Year 8 Reflection

Mia: Good afternoon everyone,

Rachel: I'm Rachel and we have been the SRC representatives for Year 8 this year.

Mia: As the summer holidays near, and we 'wrap up' the year, we would like to reflect on some of the highlights we experienced this year as Year 8s. Through our theme of self-discovery, the whole cohort embarked on an exciting journey together, completing challenges of all kinds and gaining valuable skills we will carry into the future.

Rachel: A significant event we experienced was Year 8 Camp at the start of term three, where the year level travelled down to Merrick's Lodge in the Mornington Peninsula for five days. It was both an exciting and challenging experience, encouraging us to step out of our comfort zone, helping us to grow as a community.

Mia: From exploring the area to weighing up whether to wait for our macaroni to soften during our camp out, each moment taught us patience, critical thinking and collaboration. Walking along the beach at nighttime, looking out at the city lights which seemed so far away, was magical, and reminded us of how far we have come as a cohort and what we can achieve through the power of teamwork and independence, as we enter Year 9.

Rachel: Throughout the year, we were not only swept into becoming reluctant outdoor enthusiasts, but entrepreneurs. The Opportunity Challenge fete, a partnership with Camberwell Grammar School gave us the chance to raise money for the Opportunity Challenge Organisation, which provides loans for families living in poverty to start their own businesses.

Mia: In groups with Camberwell Grammar students, the Year 8 cohort became the innovators, creators and even marketers of forty stalls selling food, drinks and games to the Camberwell Grammar community. The day of the fete was highly anticipated, and the outcome was tremendous raising over \$4000 in just one lunchtime, all going towards charity.

This was a new experience for most of us and gave us insight into the amount of planning it takes to run a fully operating business and the importance of working with others to contribute to a final product.

Rachel: Apart from these events, the day-to-day life of a Year 8 student this Year has been fun-filled, exciting and full of opportunities. Whether it's taking part in GSV matches, music ensembles, House events, or Year Level challenges, our cohort has proudly represented Year 8 across many areas of co-curricular.

As they believe "Co-curricular activities aren't just extras, they're where confidence grows, passions spark, and where students discover who they are and who they can become." A quote from one of our Year 8s, Roxana.

Mia: It has been an eventful year of accomplishments for the whole Year 8 cohort, whether on a large scale or something as simple as mastering a difficult maths problem. As our year level become the leaders of Middle School, we reflect on all the unique pathways that have shaped us into the people we are today and will carry these memories and skills with us into our future learning experiences.

Rachel: As the school year draws to a close, we wish you all a "tree-mendous" Christmas holiday and New Year. May the break be a chance to relax, reset and prepare for the endeavours the new year may bring. Thank you!

Year 9 Reflection

Vincy – Hi, we are the Year 9 SRC's Vincy and Niyati. As the SRC'S we have the opportunity to reflect to you all about our experiences of being in Year 9. 2025 has been an eventful year which was filled with opportunities and some challenges, such as the refurbishment of Barbara Sutton Hall which is why we are giving this speech in the gym! However, despite the challenges, we can both confidently say that we have built so many great memories that we want to share with you today!

Niyati - One of the biggest highlights this year has been our wonderfully crafted upskill program, where we were able to broaden our life skills. We participated in activities such as the amazing race which was a series of practical challenges that teams had to complete in the city, and a service-learning day where we had the opportunity to serve our community. We got to choose if we went to Salvation army, St Hilarys

Church or Big group Hug. At St Hilary's Church we created coconut chocolate balls* for the (), sewed felt hearts for prisoners alongside numerous other things.

Vincy - Another standout moment of this year was the arrival of House Cinema due to the refurbishment of the hall. House Cinema was one of the most memorable events this year and I learnt many new skills alongside my friends. As someone who had previously performed in House Drama, acting for a camera felt very different from performing for a live audience. Watching everyone's films together was thrilling! Seeing our hard work displayed on the big screen was something the whole cohort was proud of. The atmosphere was vibrant, and although seeing myself on screen was... interesting, it was definitely one of the highlights of our year.

Niyati - Of course, we can't forget about camp, where all the year nines were able to choose which camp trail they wanted to participate in based of their preferences. Vincy and I, not being the most adventurous of the Year level, chose the Artisan trail, where we learnt to make pizzas entirely from scratch. From mixing the dough to chopping the vegetables, the whole process was hands-on and fun, but the best part was eating the pizza at the end.

Vincy - Another memorable camp experience was our visit to Rayners Orchard, where we were allowed to pick unlimited fruit to take home. There were so many varieties, from exotic Brazilian fruits to sweet, crisp apples. My group made the most of the "unlimited" rule and stuffed fruit into every pocket we had! We also made our own preserved pears by slicing the fruit and adding sugary syrup. It was a sticky process, but the delicious end result made it worth it.

Niyati - As we look back on the year, we are incredibly grateful for the opportunities, friendships, and memories we've created as we move into the Senior School, thank you.

Year 10 Reflection

Aathana:

Hi everyone! I'm Aathana and this is Sammy and we are here to reflect on the many highlights the year 10 cohort has shared together. To kick off the year, we had House dance, which I'm sure was a highlight for many of us, especially those in Lawrence. In March, we had camp, where we had three trails to potentially take part in: a service-learning endeavour in the city, a water – based camp and then the Duke of Edenborough camp. A handful of our year 10 cohort also attended the annual Music Camp, where students played music with friends and teachers and had fun dressing up in different costumes. House Athletics and House Cross – Country were also huge highlights, as each one of us were able to showcase our house spirit and wear our best house colours.

In term 2, we attended our first HEXcursion at Melbourne University, a business – aligned course where we learn to create our own business and work collaboratively with others. A highlight for many of us was also visiting the Holocaust Museum, where we learnt more about World War 2 and even got to experience a talk with Holocaust survivor Joe, who recounted his story and experience from moving from war and conflict to surviving in Australia. In mid-term 2, we completed our work experience, where many of us worked in a variety of workplaces, including hospitals, offices, libraries, vets, science labs, law firms and so much more. It was a rewarding experience to be able to reenact what it would be like to partake in the work force. Overall, the start of year 10 was filled with amazing highlights and memories and we couldn't wait to make even better ones in the months to come.

Sammy:

To begin Semester 2, we participated in a student-led trivia afternoon where each team got to dress up – among us were characters from Little Lunch, Mario Kart, Mamma Mia, Disney and more. We also had the opportunity to participate in House Drama and House Music events this year, celebrating the various achievements of our friends in the performing arts sector. Soon after, Year 10s went through the nerve-wracking experience of applying for Year 11 captaincies, something that felt surreal but exciting to many of us.

During the Term 3 holidays, some of us got the amazing opportunity to travel to Timor Leste on the Service Learning Immersion Tour. There, they had the opportunity to meet primary school students and war survivors, learn about the local culture, and participate in volunteering projects, an overall eye-opening and fulfilling experience. During Term 4, around 30 Year 10 students attended the second HEXcursion at RMIT University, where they were tasked with creating their own charity to pitch to a panel of judges. This allowed us to develop skills from a business perspective and build useful life skills. Overall, 2025 has been a truly amazing year, in which our cohort has undoubtedly grown stronger together.