Ode to Year 9

As a year group, Year 9 is blessed with a great number of talented leaders, debaters, athletes and artists. Students have represented MFHS at a number of events and festivals around the state such as Premiers Debating, Public Speaking, Zone Athletics, Regional Music Camp, West Sydney Region Dance and Drama Festivals just to name a few. A number of students have also received School Citizenship Awards acknowledging their hard work and efforts in and around our school and local community.

As a year group students lunged into their first year of elective study with much success. Our artists have had their creative minds expanded, historians, scientists, carpenters, linguists, athletes, mathematicians and writers all emerged and have produced some stunning results as we tackled both the Half Yearly and Yearly examinations, cracking the spines of seemingly ‘unused’ textbooks.

As a year group we witnessed clowning first hand with the Solid State Circus as they came and entertained students with acrobatics, circus skills and the strong message of team work and success; We were inspired by Curtis Palmer, former four time Paralympic athlete encouraging student to succeed and the importance of goals; And we came together to discuss a number of significant issues affecting our time at the Farms.

As a year group our performers were in high demand at this year’s Fame at the Farms. The red carpet was rolled out and the lights hit the stage for our gifted musicians and performers: Nikita Cillero, Jessica Rookeward, Tom Steller, Emily Taylor, the Year 9 Dance and music elective classes all engaged and inspired audiences with their passion for performance. The Year 9 artistic flair did not end with Fame, we were fortunate to have several of our students attend the Regional
**Musical Camp**: Josie Rizko, Cory Robinson and Clare Campbell, refining their instrumental skills. The Year 9 Drama class has also wowed audiences with stunning productions and were lucky enough to attend performance to enhance their appreciation of theatre and the arts throughout the year.

As a year group we have supported our sports stars: Mackenzie Bohan, Wade Buhler, Lara Grzechnik, Kelsey Griffen, to name just a few, have each represented the school with their outstanding sporting abilities.

As a year group we embarked on the Year 9 Camp to Collaroy, an opportunity for the year group to continue team building and to acknowledge the hard work and effort they have put into their subjects throughout the year.

I am extremely proud to be the Year Adviser of a year group that are able to show respect to their teachers, their peers and their studies. As a year group they have proven that they are a talented and inspirational cohort with room to grow and develop new skills in the years ahead. I look forward to the challenges, achievements and journey that await these them as they ascend into Year 10 in 2013. Enjoy the Christmas break,

Year 9, and well done on a successful 2012.