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Class of 2008 Our Achievements



"In dreams begins vesponsibility" William Butler Yeats

Message from the Acting College Principal

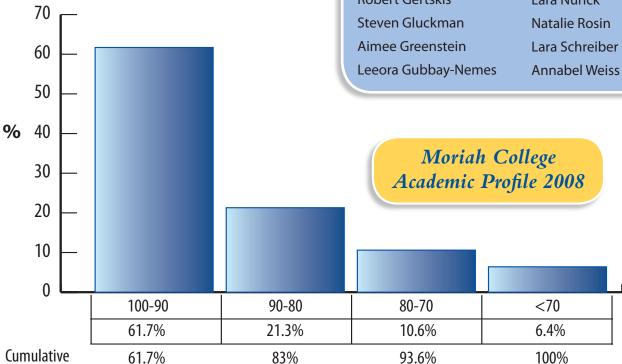
The College has a long and proud tradition of achieving the highest of academic standards. The class of 2008 continues this tradition with many students achieving beyond their expectations. The very depth and breadth of results achieved by our students in secular and Jewish studies, in arts and sciences, in life skills and extension courses attests to the richness of learning and teaching that takes place at Moriah College.

Whilst academic excellence is a hallmark of the College, the contribution of our graduating class beyond just academic pursuits is evident – as role models to younger students, as charity workers, as leaders, as musicians, as sportsmen and women, and as friends. Their presence in the College grounds will be missed but we can be confident that they now step out into the community as proud Jews ready to embrace what life offers beyond Moriah.

We acknowledge the significant contribution of the teachers, Transition to Year 12, in the formation of these young men and women. Our students readily give praise to their teachers and speak warmly of their relationships with them; characterised by mutual respect, humour, honesty and diligence.

To the parents of the Class of 2008, we extend our appreciation for entrusting your son or daughter in our care during these formative years. Their success is testimony to your great care, encouragement and support.

As alumni of the College we look forward to their ongoing contributions to the community and wish them well in all their future pursuits.





Donna Delbaere Acting College Principal

Dux 2008

Mazal Tov to
Liron Hayman on
achieving a UAI of
100, two Firsts in
Subject and a place
on the Honour Roll.

State Honour Roll

score greater than 90 in at least 10 units of study

Monica Baird Liron Hayman Sarah Brenner **Raphael Hodes** Cayley Cohn **David Kave** Johanna Deutsch Yaacov Klein Moshe Engelman Joel Larish Debra Foyer Rachel Levy Talia Fuchs Gabrielle Metz Simon Gardner Simon Moses **Robert Gertskis** Lara Nurick

UAI

Year Coordinator Report Assunta Di Gregorio

The class of 2008 has distinguished itself as a dynamic yet compassionate and caring group of young men and women who have embraced all that Moriah has to offer. It is with pride that I reflect on the wonderful contributions that they have made to the College. While students pursued their individual academic interests with vigour this did not deter their enthusiastic participation in



leadership, House activities, carnivals and fundraising at various events.

Throughout the year many individuals within committees emerged as excellent organisers and collaborators whose forward thinking, vision and maturity enabled them to action a number of student initiatives. This notable ability to role model and harness the collective and positive energy of the group has been a tremendous asset.

As the Class of 2008 leaves the security of Moriah, the students take with them an excellent education that is firmly embedded within the values of their Jewish identity. What they leave behind is an excellent example of how to act with integrity, social awareness and respect for others. I wish them every success for the future.

UAI of 99 or greater

They include:	
Liron Hayman	100
Steven Gluckman	99.95
Joel Larish	99.90
Lara Nurick	99.90
Rachel Levy	99.75
Robert Gertskis	99.70
Cayley Cohn	99.55
David Kaye	99.45
Raphael Hodes	99.30
Simon Gardner	99.25
Moshe Engelman	99.15
Johanna Deutch	99.10
Annabel Weiss	99.00



How You See Me Jordana Dostalek



Words Are Inadequate Lara Nurick

Jordana Dostalek

ArtExpress

ArtExpress is a series of prestigious exhibitions showcasing excellence in Visual Arts in relation to Body of Work submissions for the HSC. Three outstanding Moriah students have had their work nominated for exhibition in ArtExpress; Leeora Gubbay-Nemes, Lara Nurick and Jordana Dostalek.

The girls pay tribute to their teachers Julian Wrigley and Rosemary Gorman and attribute a large part of their success to their teachers' unwavering support and enthusiastic commitment.



Lara Nurick and Leeora Gubbay-Nemes



(D) Void (Pre) Sense Leeora Gubbay-Nemes

Moshe Engelman and Daniella Phillips



As College captains Daniella and Moshe have exercised excellent leadership and initiative which have earned them the respect and admiration of their peers and teachers. They have both attended Moriah since Preschool and involved

themselves fully in the life of the College. Daniella believes that "the Jewish spirit and inherent nature of its students to look out for each other" is what makes Moriah special and Moshe cautions future Year 12 students to "place everything in perspective". Both within and outside the school Daniella and Moshe have been positive role models and exemplify what it is to be a "Moriah mensch".

Candice Burg

Candice's advice to future Year 12 students is to "get involved in all that is offered to you" and that is certainly the approach Candice has taken at Moriah College. Her involvement in College activities has included Music and Drama festivals, the Interstate Sports Tours, and Duke of Edinburgh. Candice has



also travelled with the College participating in the Israel Study Tour and the March of the Living. She has held numerous leadership positions in the College, including Sports Convenor and Camp Sababa counsellor (for children with intellectual and physical disabilities), culminating in her election to House captain in her final year.

Fact File

First in Subject in the State

Liron Hayman

Classical Hebrew Continuers Classical Hebrew Extension 1

Simon Gardner English (Standard)

Top 1% of the State

Of the 141 Moriah HSC students who received a UAI, 16 gained a Rank of 99 or over, placing them in the top 1% of the State. This equates to 11.3% of our candidates.

Top 5% of the State

A further 41 students gained a UAI Rank over 95 which means that 57 HSC students or 40.4% gained a place in the top 5% of the State.

Top 10% of the State

A total 87 students gained a UAI of 90 or over, placing them in the top 10% of the State. This represents 61.7% of the cohort.

Simon Gardner



Upon hearing that he had come first in the State in English (Standard) and listed on the State Honour Roll, Simon was effusive in his praise of his teachers. "Such an achievement wouldn't have been possible without my teacher Mr Montefiore.

Before Year 12, English was my least favourite subject and probably the subject I was likely to do worst in, but having Monty teach me completely changed that around. Without Monty I would never have received such an achievement and I owe it all to him."

Monica Baird



Monica has certainly had a positive influence on numerous aspects of College life. In addition to receiving a prize for Academic Excellence Across the Curriculum every year of High School she has also been involved in Mock Trials, Debating, and organising the Year 12 Graduation dinner.

Monica has been chosen to represent Moriah in the Poet's Picnic Poetry

reading at Woollahra Library and at the NSW Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women's ANZAC Day service. Monica reflected that "The College is not merely a learning institution, it is a family".

HSC Courses of Study

COURSE	Number of students in Band 5/6	Number of students in course	Moriah % Band 5/6	State % Band 5/6
2 UNIT COURSES				
Ancient History	16	24	66.66	37.32
Biology	31	39	79.48	31.52
Business Studies	32	47	68.08	31.72
Chemistry	11	15	73.32	38.29
Classical Hebrew Continuers	18	27	66.66	64.28
Design & Technology	6	10	60	35.17
Drama	9	9	100	48.42
Earth & Environmental Science	9	10	90	45.83
Economics	18	22	81.80	47.22
English Advanced	88	91	96.69	49.39
English Standard	37	52	71.15	5.950
Geography	12	17	70.17	47.88
Hospitality	2	6	33.33	23.50
Information Processes & Technology	12	15	79.99	30.99
Legal Studies	12	14	85.71	41.89
Mathematics	58	69	84.05	44.81
Mathematics General	12	24	50	25.67
Modern Hebrew Continuers	26	28	93.84	92.10
Modern History	19	21	90.47	41.60
Music Course 1	5	5	100	53.94
Music Course 2	4	4	100	78.60
Personal Development, Health & Physical Education	27	39	69.22	32.22
Physics	7	12	58.32	32.78
Senior Science	10	11	90.90	38.86
Society & Culture	18	21	85.70	36.50
Software Design & Development	9	9	100	39.60
Studies of Religion	25	29	86.20	48.66
Visual Art	16	17	94.11	61.03
EXTENSION COURSES				
Classical Hebrew Extension 1	17	19	89.46	89.46
English Extension 1	27	27	100	83.91
English Extension 2	14	14	100	87.97
History Extension 1	13	14	92.84	73.19
Mathematics Extension 1	50	51	98.03	81.61
Mathematics Extension 2	22	22	100	90.39

Cayley Cohn

Chosen by her teachers to receive an award for "Most Outstanding Ambassador for Moriah College to the



World at Large" Cayley's time at Moriah has been a busy and rewarding one. She describes her approach to school as "what you put in is what you get out" and has provided leadership in diverse areas of the school from sport to prayer to social action. A highlight of

this activity was Cayley's selection to be a member of the Youth Roundtable Forum in 2007 and being awarded the Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award.

Simon Moses

Simon credits Moriah with having provided him with "a brilliant support network and every opportunity to succeed". Whilst at Moriah Simon received numerous awards for service to both the school and the community at large. Simon's tenacity and willingness to give 100% is evidenced by his ongoing involvement with two



autistic children that he met while working as a volunteer at Camp Sababa. His community spirit and unflagging work on numerous school projects such as the Spring Fair, Moriah

Mural, and captaincy of the SRC serves as an inspiration to those around him.

Scholarship

Simon Moses and Robert Gertskis have been pre-selected for a scholarship from Sydney University.

Distinguished Achievers in a Course

Best in the State by Place

Classical Hebrew Continuers

Liron Hayman	1st
Talia Fuchs	2nd
Joshua Garber	3rd
Yaacov Klein	4th
Aaron Bernstein	5th

Classical Hebrew Extension 1

LIIOITTiayittatt	131
Talia Fuchs	2nd
Aaron Bernstein	3rd
Rachel Levy	4th
Yaacov Klein	5th

English Advanced

Steven Gluckman 11th

English Standard

Simon Gardner 1st Leeora Gubbay-Nemes 6th Kobie Bloomfield 9th Micaella Gogoski 14th

English Extension 1

Steven Gluckman 10th

Mathematics

Daniel Berger (Year 11) 12th

Modern Hebrew Continuers

Rachel Levy 3rd
Talia Fuchs 4th
Avital Olshansky (Year 11) 5th



Melissa Cohen

Throughout her time at Moriah Melissa has participated fully in all areas of College life excelling in Athletics. Dubbed 'Moriah's Cathy Freeman' she

has represented the College at State level and has given the school something to look forward to at every Athletics Carnival. She has involved herself enthusiastically in House events and fundraising and a significant experience for Melissa was her participation in the March of the Living.

Michael Horrowitz

Throughout his 13 years at the school Michael has shown amazing tenacity to overcome obstacles. He has held a part-time position in the print room which will stand him in good stead for his upcoming job at Print 35. Michael's honesty, integrity, and sensitivity towards others has enabled



him to leave his mark at Moriah College and on all of those students fortunate enough to have spent time with him. Michael said what he valued most was "the Home Room, my teachers and my friends".

Moriah College's HSC Honour Roll

of students achieving in the top band within particular courses of study

The student(s) listed first is the highest Moriah College performer in the course and the score is given. The remainder are listed alphabetically.

Ancient History

Sami-Jo Adelman (95) Debra Foyer (95) Michale Altit Amanda Arbib Monica Baird (2007) Adam Chalmers (Year 11) Jamie Marcuson Simon Moses

Biology

David Binetter (93)
Rebecca Jacobs (93)
Johanna Deutsch
Daniel Diamond
David Galombik
Natalie Glaser
Gabrielle Metz
Lara Schreiber
Keren Small
Annabel Weiss

Business Studies

David Kaye (92)
Jonathan Morris (92)
Lara Schreiber (92)
Debra Foyer
Daniel Hareb
Jason Rubenstein
Yaron Rudman

Chemistry

Talia Fuchs (94) Simon Gardner (94) Nicole Gluckman Daniella Phillips

Classical Hebrew Continuers

Liron Hayman (97)
Aaron Bernstein
Cayley Cohn
Talia Fuchs
Joshua Garber
Aimee Greenstein
Adam Hyman
Yaacov Klein
Rachel Levy
Lara Nurick (2007)

Classical Hebrew Ext 1

Liron Hayman (48) Talia Fuchs (48) Aaron Bernstein Aimee Greenstein Yaacov Klein Rachel Levy Lara Nurick (2007)

Drama

Rachel Levy (96) Sami-Jo Adelman Nicole Bentley Hannah Blumgart Natalie Horowitz Megan Hosiosky Ashleigh Levett Jenna Segall

Earth & Environmental Science

Natalie Glaser (95) Simon Gardner Leeora Gubbay-Nemes Natalie Rosin

Economics

Robert Gertskis (97)
Cayley Cohn
Moshe Engelman
Ricki Friede
Steven Gluckman
Raphael Hodes
Rebecca Jacobs
David Kaye
Joel Larish

English Advanced

Steven Gluckman (98)
Sami-Jo Adelman
Michael Altit
Monica Baird
Georgia Bart
Erica Berki
Aaron Bernstein
David Binetter
Nathalie Blanket
Gabrielle Bobrovizki
Lori Bolon

Jenna Bome

Sarah Brenner Candice Burg Dylain Cohen Cayley Cohn Johanna Deutsch **Daniel Diamond** Moshe Engelman Debra Foyer Jonathan Foyer Joel Freiberg Ricki Friede Talia Frisch Talia Fuchs David Galombik Joshua Garber **Robert Gertskis** Natalie Glaser Nicole Gluckman Aimee Greenstein Liron Havman Daniel Hareb Raphael Hodes Natalie Horowitz Nicole Hurwitz Rebecca Jacobs David Kaye Yaacov Klein Michael Landis Joel Larish Ashleiah Levett Rachel Levy Tasha Levy Alice Lewin Matthew Loewy Marissa Mallach **Emily Mendelevich** Gabrielle Metz Simon Moses Lara Nurick Daniella Phillips Natalie Rosin Jesse Schneider Lara Scheiber Jenna Segall Anna Skalsky Jessica Wasilewsky **Annabel Weiss** Anna Zabow

English Standard

Simon Gardner (96) Amanda Arbib Jarrod Basger Kobie Bloomfield Hannah Blumgart Nicki Ehrlich Micaella Gogoski Leeora Gubbay-Nemes Daniel Hareb Andy Kanchik Jason Rubenstein Dana Small Keren Small

English Ext 1

Steven Gluckman (49) Michael Altit Erica Berki **David Binetter** Sarah Brenner Johanna Deutsch Talia Frisch Robert Gertskis **Raphael Hodes** Michael Landis Joel Larish Tasha Levy Lindsay Meltz **Emmily Mendelevich** Gabrielle Metz Simon Moses Daniella Phillips Ariel Turkia **Annabel Weiss**

English Ext 2

Steven Gluckman (50)
Raphael Hodes (50)
Michael Altit
David Binetter
Gabrielle Bobrovizki
Talia Frisch
Robert Gertskis
Nicole Hurwitz
Michael Landis
Lindsay Meltz
Gabrielle Metz
Simon Moses
Annabel Weiss

Geography

Steven Gluckman (93) Rebecca Jacobs (93) Leeora Gubbay-Nemes Daniel Hendler Jason Rubenstein

History Ext 1

Robert Gertskis (46) Simon Moses Lara Schreiber

Moriah College's HSC Honour Roll cont.

Information Processes & Technology

Massimo Pakula (93) Jessica Wasilewsky (93) Jarrod Basger Nathalie Blanket Dylain Cohen Dylan Rabie Adam Sharon-Zipser **Elliot Smith**

Legal Studies

Johanna Deutsch (95) Simon Moses (95) Monica Baird Erica Berki **David Binetter** David Galombik Matthew Loewy Ariel Turkia

Mathematics General

Talia Frisch (90)

Mathematics

Daniel Berger (99) (Year 11) Adam Kupferman (99) (Year 11) Kobie Bloomfield Sarah Brenner Candice Burg Kelly Chait Cayley Cohn (2007) **Daniel Diamond** Moshe Engelman (2007) Sean Fleischer (Year 11) Debra Foyer

Jonathan Foyer Joel Freibera David Galombik Joshua Garber Simon Gardner Sara Gentin Robert Gertskis Nicole Gluckman (2007)

Joshua Gottlieb (Year 11)

Aimee Greenstein

Raphael Grossman (Year 11)

Leeora Gubbay-Nemes **Raphael Hodes** Adam Hyman

Andy Kanchick (2007) David Kaye (2007)

Yaacov Klein

Michael Landis Joel Larish (2007) Rachel Levy

Tasha Levy Marissa Mallach Gabrielle Metz

Jonathan Morris Aaron Muller (Year 11)

Lara Nurick Massimo Pakula David Pollak (2007)

Amy Sentis (Year 11) Michael Sherman

Keren Small

Rebecca Smith (2007)

Samuel Swiss **Annabel Weiss** Shayna Wolman

Mathematics Ext1

Daniel Berger (49) (Year 11) Liron Hayman (49) Adam Kupferman (49) (Year 11) Andrew Akman

Jarrod Basger Aaron Bernstein

Candice Burg Cayley Cohn (2007)

Daniel Diamond Moshe Engelman (2007)

Sean Fleischer (Year 11)

Ricki Friede David Galombik Simon Gardner

Nicole Gluckman (2007)

Steven Gluckman Joshua Gottlieb (Year 11)

Raphael Grossman (Year 11) Andy Kanchick (2007)

David Kaye (2007) Yaacov Klein

Joel Larish (2007) Jamie Marcuson

Aaron Muller (Year 11)

Lara Nurick Olea Peselzon Daniella Phillips David Pollak (2007)

Natalie Rosin Amy Sentis (Year 11)

Elliot Smith

Rebecca Smith (2007)

Mathematics Ext 2 Joel Larish (98) Cayley Cohn Moshe Engelman Talia Fuchs Steven Gluckman Liron Hayman **Andy Kanchick** David Kave Oleg Peselzon Daniella Phillips David Pollack

Natalie Rosin

Rebecca Smith

Modern Hebrew Continuers

Talia Fuchs (98) Rachel levy (98) Avital Olshansky (98) (Year 11) Amanda Arbib Aaron Bernstein Kobie Bloomfield Gabrielle Bobrovizki Nicki Ehrlich

Moshe Engelman Joshua Garber

Nicole Gluckman Aimee Greenstein

Liron Hayman (2007) Yaacov Klein

Ilan Lavan (Year 11)

Tasha Levy Alice Lewin

Nadav Michael (Year 11) Lara Nurick (2007)

Ron Schwarzmann (Year 11)

Eli Segall

Tiffany Stoliar (Year 11)

Modern History

Robert Gertskis (94) Sami-Jo Adelman Monica Baird Johanna Deutsch Joel Freibera Jamie Marcuson Simon Moses Lara Schreiber

Music Course 1

Nicole Bentley (91) Dylan Rabie (91) Andrew Akman

Music Course 2

David Pollack (96)

Annabel Weiss (97)

PDHPE

Sarah Brenner Candice Burg Moshe Engelman Debra Foyer Joel Freiberg Sara Gentin Aimee Greenstein Gabrielle Metz Jonathan Morris Jason Rubenstein Anna Skalsky Dana Small Keren Small

Physics

Raphael Hodes (92) Joel Larish

Senior Science

Natalie Glaser (96) Simon Gardner Elle Matula

Society & Culture

Michael Altit (94) Erica Berki Nicole Hurwitz Natalie Rosin

Software Design & Development

David Pollack (95) **Daniel Diamond** Ricki Friede Adam Hyman Daniel Milech Massimo Pakula Jesse Schneider Samuel Swiss

Studies of Religion

Monica Baird (96) Hannah Blumgart Gabrielle Bobrovizki Sarah Brenner Johanna Deutsch Natalie Horowitz Alice Lewin Lara Schreiber Jenna Segall Ariel Turkia

Visual Art

Lara Nurick (98) Amanda Arbib Hannah Blumgart Sarah Brenner Candice Burg Leeora Gubbay-Nemes Nicole Hurwitz Lindsav Meltz Natalie Rosin **Nadia Surtees**

Courses External to Moriah

French

Michaela Resnick (96) (Year 11) (Open High School)

Philosophy Distinction Course

Doron Shmilovits (Distinction) (Year 11) Matityahu Zinn (Distinction) (Year 11)



Dylan Rabie and Massimo Pakula

Dylan and Massimo have contributed to most of the performance-related activities at the College either on stage, in Dylan's case, or behind the scenes in the case of Massimo. Dylan has participated in all levels of the Music Program including The Training Band, Symphonic Winds, Jazz Ensembles, Symphony Orchestra, Brass Ensemble, and The International Band Tour. Meanwhile, Massimo's technical expertise has enhanced virtually every conceivable event at Moriah. They have served as role models to younger students in the Music Programs and technical crew and made outstanding contributions in their service to the College.

2nd in the State in English

Moriah College placed 2nd in the State in English – Advanced, Standard and Extension courses included.

Liron Hayman

Liron joined Moriah College in Year 7 and since that time has received numerous awards for both Modern and Classical Hebrew. Liron completed Extension 2 Mathematics and Modern Hebrew as an accelerated student at a level placing him among the top students in the State. In addition to distinguishing

himself academically Liron has proven himself to be a man of integrity, a leader and mentor, who has a consistently positive impact on those around him. According to Liron, "the school's 'specialness' lies in the fact that regardless of religious affiliation, personal tendencies, individual talents and weaknesses, each student manages to fit in with ease and excel at what they desire to pursue".





Nicole Gluckman, Steve Gluckman and Joel Larish

Receiving awards for Academic Excellence Across the Curriculum is a testament to but one of the many strengths these three students have shown during their time at the College. True all-rounders Joel, Steve and Nicole have participated and achieved in Debating, Sports, Charity, Music, and Duke of Edinburgh. They have held positions of leadership in the school and have earned the respect of teachers and students alike. Steve, Joel and Nicole have valued the emphasis placed on the College's link to Israel, the sense of family and community and the opportunities that Moriah offers up for all students to excel.

Kelly Chait



Kelly has been a talented member of the Moriah Community since Preschool. She participated in the Music Program from 1999-2008 and has also excelled in photography during her time at the College. Always thinking of others Kelly has been involved with the Home Room as well as volunteering to work with our senior citizens at the Montefiore Home during her school holidays.

The most valuable lesson that Kelly has learned during her time at Moriah is that "the way in which we help our community and lead our lives will directly influence the world in which we live".

Student Testimonial

The beauty about Moriah is that you can walk into school knowing that your teachers have put in their all to make the lessons possible.

Michael Sack

David Kaye



"Students are overwhelmingly decent human beings" - such is David's reflection on what makes Moriah special, after spending his entire school career at the College. During this time, David has brought kudos to himself and the College by his outstanding performance in nationwide Maths and Business

Studies competitions. In addition to his sporting prowess on the basketball court, David also held positions of leadership, culminating in his role as Captain of the SRC in Year 12.



Sara Gentin

During her 13 years at the College, Sara has achieved success in a wide variety of sports. This has been recognised by a number of sporting awards and representation at CIS and State level. Sara excelled as a swimmer,

consistently winning the College School Champion Award and currently holds a number of College records. In addition to her academic and athletic contribution to Moriah, Sara has found the time to be an enthusiastic volunteer member of the Surf Lifesaving team at Bondi Beach and a member of the UNSW swim club. Sara continues her involvement at the College coaching Touch Football and Swimming. She quotes as her favourite "never say never".

Ariel Turkia



Ariel describes Moriah as "a place which allows every person to excel" and that's what Ariel has done during his 13 years at the College. Juggling twin leadership roles in spirituality and sport Ariel proved an ideal House Captain and a worthy recipient of the Prize for School Service.

David Pollack

David's contribution to the Music Program at Moriah College has encompassed membership in the College Strings, Jazz and Vocal Ensembles. As a man with many strings to his bow David has consistently achieved

strong academic results, being awarded prizes for Academic Excellence Across the Curriculum within the school as well as distinguishing himself in statewide Maths, Science, Geography, and Informatics competitions. He cites the key to surviving the HSC as "keeping the end in sight, solving the Rubik's cube was also a great distraction".



OnStage

Hannah Blumgart was nominated for OnStage with her monologue called 'Normal Jean'.



Robert Gertskis, Emma Levy, Lindsay Meltz

Embodying the words of the College anthem "we are not just individuals" are these three individuals who have balanced their HSC commitments with a social conscience to help those around them. Robert, Emma and Lindsay have worked tirelessly to support the Moriah community, the Jewish community, and the broader Australian community. With Robert as the College Charity Captain and Lindsay as Ezra House Captain their portfolios were incredibly wide-ranging, incorporating Interfaith Dialogue, Duke of Edinburgh, Children's Books for Africa, and the Cheese on Toast Program. And while doing all of this Emma was also involved in the Music Program! The world is truly a better place with people like Robert, Emma and Lindsay leading by example.



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