

TERM 2, 2025:

WRAP-UP

MOB
ACADEMY



AS WE BRING TERM 2 TO A CLOSE, I'VE BEEN REFLECTING ON THE SHARED WINS ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY, THE GROWTH WE'VE SEEN IN OUR BOYS AND THE CONSISTENT EFFORT FROM OUR TEAM.

I've always believed that when we focus on improvement, achievement follows, and this term, we've seen that in action. Every day, our young men are turning up engaged and motivated, building strong routines, and finding a clearer sense of direction. For every team member here, these are the moments that matter. The ones we celebrate and keep building on, as each young man works towards something better. Here's a look at what's been happening across the academy:

- Cliff Powys, Academy Manager



MOB METRICS

Stats, Strategy & Real-World Skills

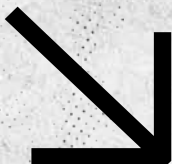
This term, Year 12 put their stats knowledge to the test - on the basketball court. They tracked their own shooting data to explore averages and distributions, blending movement and maths to prepare for their CIA exam. Year 11 shifted gears into financial literacy: pay, super, tax, budgeting, and the cost of moving out. Real-life maths for life after school.

MOB SUCCESS

Money, Identity & Creative Expression

Year 12s unpacked their relationship with money - how they earn it, use it, and plan for what's next. The goal wasn't perfection, it was ownership. Year 11s explored the link between art and identity, experimenting with music and visual storytelling. Whether painting or producing, they were encouraged to choose a medium that felt true to them.





MOB ADVENTURE

Real Skills, Real Qualifications

Our Year 11 Adventure boys are earning real-world qualifications through their Certificate III in Sport, Rec and Aquatics. They are learning skills like CPR, First Aid, and what it means to show up for your mates. Thank you to AMPD Academy for the hands-on learning!

Year 12 took their learning to the water, diving into fishing skills and environmental awareness on the Broadwater and The Spit. A few first catches and plenty of good yarns along the way.

MOB LIFE

The Long Game of Growing Up

MOB Life is where we slow things down and look at the bigger picture. This term was about resilience, empathy, and self-discipline - not just talking about them, but practicing them. Whether it was through group challenges, honest conversations or quiet reflection, the boys were asked to think about how they carry themselves and how that impacts the people around them.

One of the standout moments was our walk for Domestic Violence Prevention Month. Year 11 and 12 boys walked more than 250km as a show of awareness. We spoke plainly about the reality that many of our students have seen or experienced violence, and about the fact that, as men, we sit in most of those statistics. The walk was a chance to reckon with that truth and to talk about what accountability and care can look like going forward.

We also celebrated a big milestone with our Year 12s: senior jerseys. These aren't just handed out. They're earned. A marker of how far each young man has come, and what he's overcome to still be standing. Thank you to Team Alpha for bringing the jerseys to life, and to our MOB community for covering the cost - ensuring every young man received one, no matter his circumstances.





SPORTS

More Than a Game

Our Rugby, Basketball, and Futsal teams kicked off the term with a joint Sports Camp at Runaway Bay Performance Centre. The focus of this camp was to build their skills, grow stronger bonds, on and off the field.

Basketball: The boys gave it everything at the CBSQ Wildcard Tournament - two wins, one loss, and a stronger sense of team.

Futsal: Undefeated at the U19 South Brisbane Championships. Straight through to the State Titles. Big effort well earned! The way they back each other in every game is what makes them hard to beat.

Rugby: This term, the real wins have been in effort and teamwork - sticking together and showing up, even when we're behind. The boys came away with one win from three games and showed solid growth along the way.

Volleyball: Stepped into the Independent Schools Cup with zero prep and walked away as champions with the shield in hand. A massive result and one they should be proud of.

INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVE

Reckoning with Our History

This term, we created space for our young men to reflect on our shared history and the deep impact of colonisation. We talked about what "sorry" really means, how it's not just a word, and what reconciliation looks like when it's lived, not just said.

The boys were challenged to think about their own role in that future. How they listen. How they lead. How they can help build a culture that holds truth, respect, and unity at its core.



PATHWAYS

Careers, Certs & Conversations That Matter

Careers. Uni. Work. Trades. For a lot of young men, those words feel big and far away. This term, we made them real.

One-on-one career interviews with MEGT - Every Year 11 student sat down for a practical, no-fluff session to map out their strengths, interests, and next steps. They left with a career action plan, interview practice, and a clearer sense of direction.

Apprenticeship & traineeship workshops with ASA and CWBTS - Focused on what actually matters: how to get a job, how to build a portfolio, and how to find a path that fits.

Workplace tours to Geofabrics, Struddy's, Aussie Switchboards and Crest Joinery - Real workplaces, real people, real expectations. Actual on-the-ground insight into what different industries look and feel like.

Gold Coast Careers Festival - Year 12 students spent the day meeting with universities, employers, and training providers. Some walked in unsure. Most walked out with new ideas, clear goals, and a fresh sense of motivation.





SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Michael – Juggling school, sport, and a job isn't easy, but Michael's been making it work. He's gaining real-world experience at Simple Coffee House while staying steady with his studies. Big thanks to Simon and the team for backing him - solid effort, mate.

Khalani – Khalani represented the Cook Islands at the Australian Youth Pacific Touch Cup this term, bringing ten years of footy experience and deep pride in his culture. His team placed third, and he's now prepping for the state champs with South Coast. A proud moment well earned.

Lachie – A big shoutout to Lachie for completing work experience with Cycling Without Age - an organisation that takes elderly Australians on bike rides to help them reconnect with their community. A thoughtful and meaningful placement. Proud of you, Lachie.

Cooper S – Congratulations to Cooper for earning his full licence through the MOB Driving School Program. Another big step forward and a win worth celebrating!

EVENTS & COMMUNITY

MOB Academy turned 5!

This term, we hit a major milestone - five years of walking alongside young men at our Academy. What started as a bold idea has grown into a school, a community, and a movement that's changed the course of hundreds of lives. It's not always been easy, but the impact speaks for itself - in the way our boys show up, in the stories they tell, and in the futures they're building.

Here's to the past five years and to what's still to come!

EVENTS & COMMUNITY

Mother's Day Movie Night

We took a moment to thank the wonderful women in our community. Mums, aunties, sisters, nans, and mentors were invited to a night at Dendy Cinemas for some well-earned downtime. A simple way to show our appreciation for the care and quiet strength they bring to this community every day.

Murra Pathways Industry Event

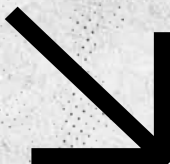
We teamed up with the crew at Murra Pathways to bring real job opportunities directly to our young men. The day was packed with info, connection, and practical support - with partners like Woolworths, Big W, and ADF Careers on hand to share what entry-level roles, apprenticeships, and traineeships could look like. Huge thanks to Andy, Selwyn and the Murra team for showing up with care, intent, and belief in what our boys are capable of.

Industry Breakfast

This term, we hosted our annual Industry Breakfast - a space to bring educators, employers and training providers together to plan for what 2026 and beyond could look like for our young men. With strong input from partners like ASA, MEGT, CWETS and CSQ, we explored where the opportunities are growing and how we can keep building pathways that are practical, purposeful, and built around our students' needs.

Alumni Catch Up

We say it often - school ends, but brotherhood doesn't. This term, we welcomed back past students for a low-key catchup. Connection, respect, and the reminder that MOB doesn't disappear after graduation. Once a Mobster, always a Mobster.



BETTER MEN BUILDING



STAFF WELLBEING

Every term at MOB, we press pause for our mid-term Staff Wellness reset - a small but important reminder to take care of the people who care for our boys.

Term 2's wellness reset included massages from Palm Spa and take-home care kits. Small things, but they matter. You can't pour from an empty cup, and we don't take our team for granted.



TERM 3 KEY DATES:

Events & Excursions

From camps and incursions to guest visits, all events will appear in your MOB app calendar!

Academic & Reporting Dates

Family Catch Up - Term 3, Week 4

Monday 4 August (2:00 - 6:00pm)

Tuesday 5 August (1:00 - 4:00pm)

Student Free Day - Monday 8 September

Reports will be released Week 2, 25 July in Parent Lounge/Student Café.

As we bring Term 2 to a close, I am reminded of a great piece of advice when it comes to relaxing and recharging. 'Remember to balance the Nourishing with the Numbing' so, find things that nourish you, that feed your soul and uplift you. On the other hand, find some things that are a type of escapism. Watch some pointless show or eat some comfort food. Zone out to some music or a bit of doom scrolling.

I look forward to welcoming our new boys to MOB in term 3 as well as seeing all our familiar faces. I had the privilege of chatting to some of our parents at the Gold Coast Fundraising Ball, I enjoyed this immensely, so please, don't be shy.

Come and say hello if you're in the area. Stay safe and enjoy the winter break.

- Cliff Powys, Academy Manager

See you NEXT TERM!