

TERM 2, 2026:

WRAP UP

MOB
ACADEMY



WHEN PEOPLE ASK WHAT MAKES MOB DIFFERENT, I OFTEN FIND MYSELF TALKING ABOUT COMMUNITY.

This term provided countless examples of that community in action.

We saw businesses open their doors to our students. We saw industry professionals share their knowledge and experiences. We saw supporters rally behind our young men through initiatives such as the MOB hoodie program and the final Gold Coast Fundraising Ball. Most importantly, we saw our students continue to support one another.

At MOB, we know that young men thrive when they feel connected, valued and surrounded by people who genuinely care about their future.

As you read through the stories in this newsletter, I hope you see more than activities and achievements. I hope you see a community working together to create opportunities, build confidence and help young men discover what they're capable of.

Thank you for being part of that community.

– Cliff Powys, Principal

THANK YOU





YEAR 7

BUILDING FOUNDATIONS

For our newest young men, Term 2 has been all about finding their feet and embracing life at MOB.

Through MOB Life, students have explored what it means to understand themselves, recognise emotions, build healthy habits and contribute positively to the community around them.

Weekly MOB Circles continue to provide opportunities for reflection, connection and meaningful conversations as students begin their journey towards becoming the men they want to be.

Learning has also been hands-on and engaging across the curriculum.

In Visual Arts, students designed and sculpted their own plasticine crews, transforming ideas into unique creations that reflected their interests, humour and imagination. The project provided opportunities for creativity, problem-solving and self-expression, while allowing many students to experience success in ways that traditional learning environments don't always provide.

This term also saw the introduction of Year 7 electives, providing students with new opportunities to explore their interests, challenge themselves and connect with their peers. Students could choose from Brick Lab, where creativity and problem-solving came to life through LEGO challenges, Challenge Club, featuring activities such as table tennis, pool, esports and board games, and Game On, which focused on fitness, movement and building confidence in the gym.

Year 7 students also participated in our "How to Hustle" panel, hearing from MOB alumni Rob W and local entrepreneur Adrian about resilience, initiative and taking opportunities when they present themselves.



PATHWAYS

EXPLORING THE FUTURE

One of the strengths of a MOB education is ensuring every young man leaves with a pathway, a plan and a sense of direction.

Throughout Term 2, our Year 11 students participated in the Tech Taster Program, spending eight weeks exploring industries including cyber security, game development, entrepreneurship, film and television, drones, networking and emerging technologies. Working alongside industry professionals gave students valuable insight into careers they may never have previously considered.

Every Year 11 student also completed a one-on-one career development interview with MEGT, helping them identify strengths, interests and practical next steps towards future employment, training and education opportunities.

Our senior students attended the Gold Coast Career Festival, connecting with employers, training organisations, universities and industry representatives while exploring a broad range of post-school pathways.

Across our vocational education programs, students continued to excel through partnerships with Gold Coast Trades College and other training providers. Whether studying Automotive, Plumbing, Construction or Electrotechnology, our young men continue to demonstrate positive attitudes, strong work ethics and a willingness to learn.



BETTER MEN BUILD



MOB LIFE

GROWTH, REFLECTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MOB Life remains at the heart of what we do.

Throughout Term 2, Year 11 students focused on self-reflection, resilience, respectful relationships and future planning through Passion Packages and pathway conversations. These sessions challenged students to think critically about who they are becoming and the opportunities available to them.

For Year 12 students, much of the term centred around the concept of "The Gap and The Gain". Through smaller MOB Circles and meaningful discussions, students explored the importance of recognising progress rather than focusing solely on what they have not yet achieved.

As our senior boys prepare for life beyond school, these conversations continue to build confidence, perspective, accountability and self-awareness.

Across every year level, MOB Circles remain one of the most powerful parts of our culture, creating opportunities for connection, reflection and brotherhood.

The values and lessons explored through MOB Life were also evident during our senior students' Metrics exams this term. For many young men, exams can test confidence, resilience and self-belief. We were proud to see our boys continue to show up, seek support when needed and give their best effort. The determination and maturity they demonstrated throughout the process is something worth celebrating.

SPORT & ADVENTURE

Our students proudly represented the Academy across a range of sporting opportunities throughout the term.

The MOB Rugby League team commenced its Titans Cup campaign, continuing to build strong connections and camaraderie following their team camp at the end of Term 1.

Our Basketball program competed in both school competitions and the CBSQ Wildcard Tournament, with students demonstrating resilience, teamwork and determination throughout every contest.

One of the standout achievements of the term came through our Futsal program, with the team finishing undefeated at the Australian Futsal Association South Brisbane Regional Titles and being crowned Regional Champions. The result has secured their place at the Queensland State Titles next term.

MOB Adventure also continued to challenge students outside their comfort zones, with Year 12 students participating in aquatic activities and snorkeling experiences along the Gold Coast coastline.

Students undertaking the Certificate III in Sport, Recreation and Aquatics also achieved important industry qualifications throughout the term. Year 11 students completed their First Aid and CPR competencies, while Year 12 students worked towards pool lifeguard qualifications.





CREATIVITY, CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY

This term, our Year 11 students took part in MOB Success workshops facilitated by MOB staff member and professional mural artist Smalls.

Drawing on his own journey, Smalls shared how creativity became a positive outlet, a career pathway and a way to find purpose. Through art workshops, discussions and a guided public art tour through Southport, students explored the connection between identity, self-expression and creativity.

Students are now creating their own canvas artworks, using art as a way to tell their stories, communicate ideas and explore who they are becoming.

Programs like MOB Success provide young men with opportunities to engage in learning differently, develop confidence and discover strengths they may not have previously recognised.

For many students, some of the most meaningful growth happens when they are given the chance to create, reflect and express themselves in their own way.



BELONGING & MILESTONES

This term, every student at MOB Academy received a MOB hoodie thanks to the generosity of our incredible community.

More than just a uniform item, the hoodies represent belonging, brotherhood and pride in being part of the MOB family.

To everyone who donated, sponsored or contributed, thank you for backing our boys.

This term also saw our Year 12 students receive their senior jerseys, marking an important milestone as they move closer towards graduation and life beyond school.

It was a proud moment for students, families and staff, and a reminder of how far these young men have come throughout their time at MOB Academy.

GOLD COAST FUNDRAISING BALL

Term 2 concluded with the final Gold Coast Fundraising Ball, bringing to a close an event that has made an extraordinary impact across our community for many years.

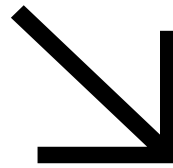
We were honoured to once again be named as one of the beneficiary charities and to stand alongside a number of incredible organisations dedicated to supporting those who need it most.

The Ball has raised millions of dollars for local charities over its lifetime, creating opportunities, funding vital programs and changing countless lives along the way.

To the Gold Coast Fundraising Ball Committee, sponsors, volunteers, donors and supporters who have contributed over the years, thank you. Whether through financial contributions, donated auction items, sponsorship, volunteering your time or simply showing up to support the cause, your generosity has helped create lasting change across our community.



BETTER MEN BUILDING



KEY DATES

Reports will be released by the
end of Term 3, Week 1

REMINDER STUDENT FREE DAYS
YEAR 7, 11 & 12

- Wednesday 12 August
- Wednesday 4 November

SHOWING UP MATTERS

At MOB Academy, every day counts. When a young man is at school, he isn't just attending classes. He's building relationships, learning new skills, strengthening routines and taking steps towards his future.

We know that consistency creates progress. Whether it's in the classroom, on the basketball court, in MOB Success or through everyday conversations with staff and mates, showing up matters.

We encourage all families to make school attendance a priority wherever possible. If your young man is experiencing challenges with attendance, please reach out to our team. We're here to work alongside families and support every student to stay connected, engaged and moving forward.

See you next term!

As another term ends, I would like to thank our staff, families, volunteers, supporters and community partners for the role you play in the lives of our young men.

These opportunities are only possible because of the people who continue to invest their time, knowledge, resources and encouragement into our Academy.

Most importantly, I would like to acknowledge our students. Every day, they continue to show up, challenge themselves, support one another and take steps forward in their own unique way. It is a privilege to watch their growth and to be part of their journey.

We wish all students and families a safe and enjoyable holiday break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 3.

Cliff Powys, Principal