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# Alumni News

*Empowering every student to aspire and achieve*



Year 12 camp at Feathertop (1993)

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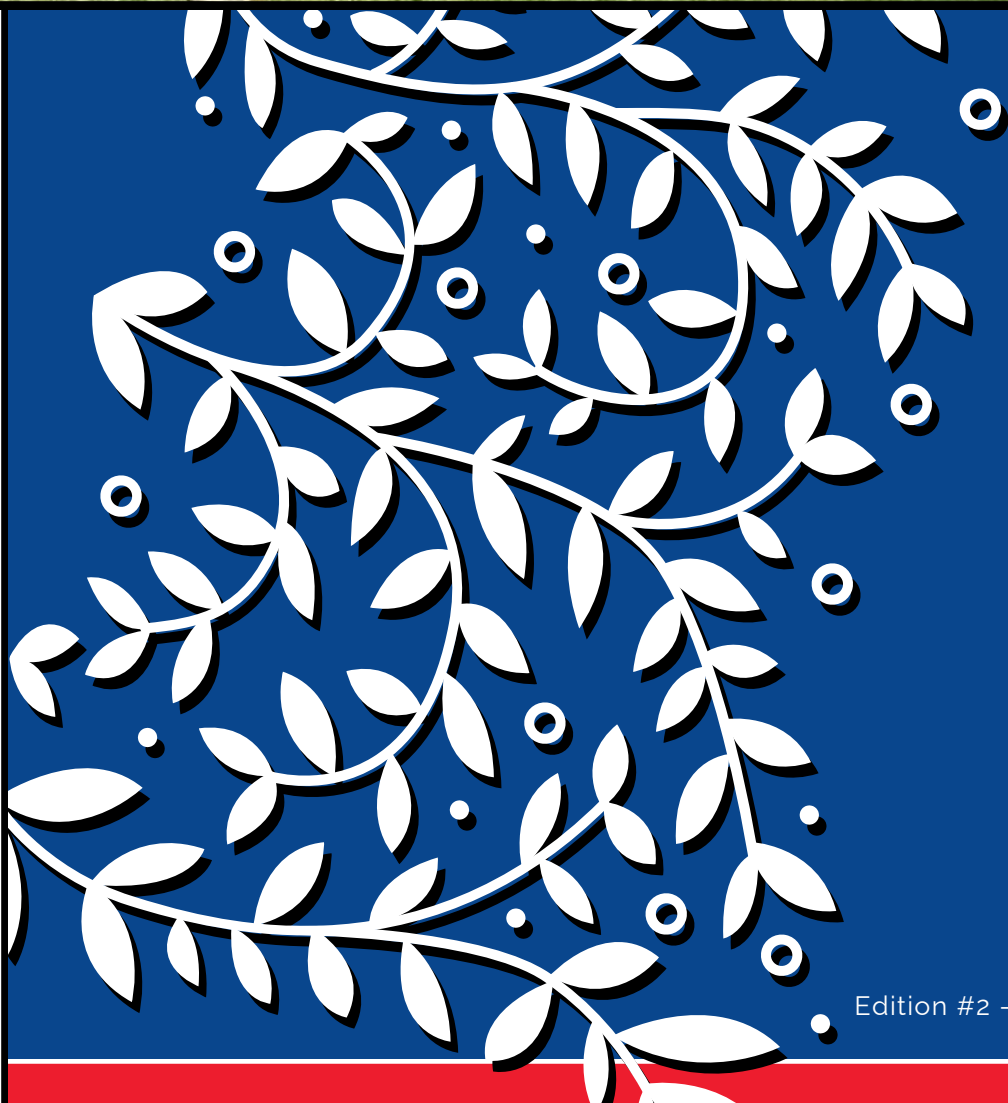
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# ***CLASS OF 2025!***

## **Join the Copperfield College Alumni Program**

### **Inspire the next generation.**

Whether it's through social media, school events, newsletters, or other channels, we're creating a space for Alumni to stay involved, share their achievements, and give back to the community.

As Alumni, your stories and insights help light the way for the next generation of students exploring what their future could look like.

### **Your story could be the motivation someone needs to pursue their dreams.**

Joining the Alumni program means joining a legacy of lifelong learning and community at Copperfield College.



**YEAR 12S!  
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# Alumni Event Highlights

Term 3 & 4  
2025



## Classroom Visits

Top (L-R): Alam Singh (2024), Dr Firas Hasan (1998)

Middle (L-R): Alysha Anwar (2023), Isabelle Dalli (2022), Angelica Castillo (2018)



## Health, Wellbeing & Resilience

A special lunchtime panel event at Sydenham library, featuring health industry professionals.

Top (L-R): Dylan D'Roza (2013), Amber Portelli (2019), Piera Ibrahim





## Alumni Feature

# Kuba Turan

Class of 2012

We asked Kuba Turan, Specialist Family Violence Practitioner at GenWest and class of 2012 Copperfield College, about why she loves the work she does, how she takes care of herself while taking care of others, and what drives her social spirit.

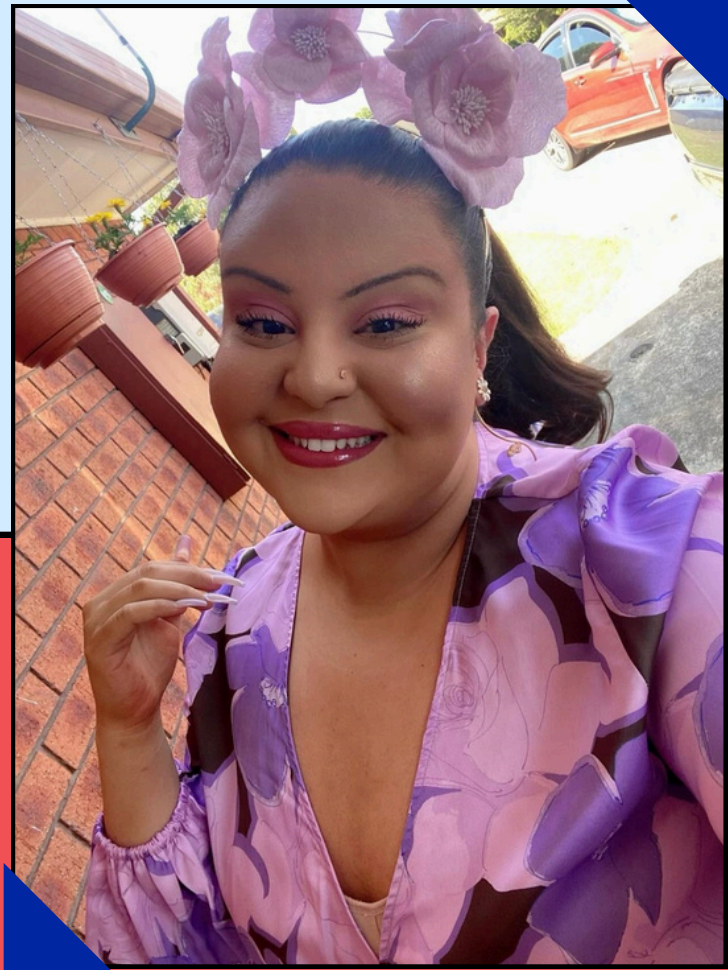
"I love being able to support women and children, ensuring that they are safe and able to live independently," Kuba says.

Working for GenWest, a family violence support service, for the past two years, Kuba has found an organisation whose values align with her own, and whose colleagues share the same vision to continue to support her in being the best practitioner possible.

Over the years, she has worked across a range of specialist organisations, including Catholic Care Victoria, Victorian Aboriginal Child and Community Agency (VACCA), Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand Community House, and Child Protection.

"Work-life balance took me a long time to work out," says Kuba. "When I first started it was very hard for me to switch from work, as I would often think about the families that I was supporting because I wanted to make sure they were safe.

"But I was taught very early on and make the conscious effort to practice self-care."



In her self-care practice, Kuba ensures she takes time off work, and switches off.

As burnout is common in the field of social work, Kuba makes the most of her weekends and time outside of work, spending time with friends, and reading books on feminism and true crime/thrillers.

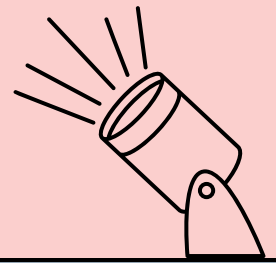
"If I was not in case management - I would've definitely taken the path of being a make-up artist."

**Thank you, Kuba, for sharing your story with us!**

***Kuba fondly remembers  
highschool teachers saying that  
she used to talk too much in  
class... turns out that chatter  
became her superpower, as every  
job has required Kuba to talk  
quite a lot!***



# Alumni Spotlights



*What are they up to now?*



## Yen Siow

A graduate of 1994 Kings Park, Yen Siow is a dynamic leader in education and social impact whose career spans Australia and Southeast Asia. With Masters degrees in Teaching and Economics from Monash, Yen has championed STEAM education through initiatives like Discovering Without Borders, delivering workshops to displaced and vulnerable communities worldwide. Most recently, she represented Australia in the 2025 ASEAN Emerging Leaders program.

## Bukhosi Masango

Earlier this year, alum Bukhosi Masango was admitted as an Australian Solicitor in the Supreme Court of Victoria. Working as a paralegal at Inner Melbourne Community Legal, Bukhosi is also Non Executive Board Director at Voices of Influence Australia, Human Rights, and volunteers his time across mentorship, education, fundraising, and youth and community engagement.



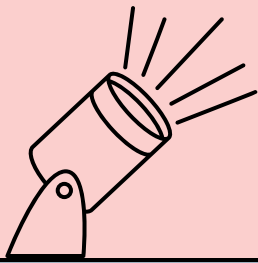
## Leonie Tran

A passionate former SRC member, 2024 graduate Leonie Tran achieved the highest score in Computing: Software Development and credits the encouragement of teachers and peers for her success in a male-dominated subject. Currently, she is pursuing a double degree in Business (Human Resources) and Arts (Psychology and Social Behaviour) at Monash University while working part-time and building her own business.

## Philip Vukovic

Study Coordinator and Business Analyst at Northern Health, MBA Candidate at Melbourne Business School and Honorary Research Associate at MCRI, proud alum Philip Vukovic has been soaring since graduating from Copperfield College. Pictured right is Philip at the International Astronautical Congress in Sydney recently.





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## Lauren Caruso, Dr.

Dr Lauren Caruso's journey since graduating in 2017 has been a vibrant and successful one. A doctor in Osteopathy, Lauren has also gone from cheering on Richmond to dominating the VFLW. Lauren's adaptability and leadership on the field reflect the same drive she showed as a student. We're proud to celebrate her achievements and cheer her on as she continues to make her mark in the game she loves.

## Mandy El Ali, Dr.

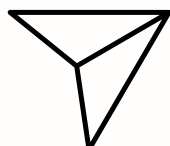
Coming from a multi-generational Copperfield College family, Dr Mandy El Ali was working as a nurse when a former lecturer contacted her and encouraged her to pursue further studies. Here she is at her PhD graduation ceremony, one of the happiest days of her life. Proud alum Dr El Ali attributes her success to a positive attitude, and credits the mentorship at highschool for being given opportunities to succeed and grow.



## Todd Truong

College Captain in 2023 and awarded Academic Excellence and Student Leadership accolades, Todd Truong is now studying Environmental Law and Human Rights at Monash University. Passionate about climate change action, Todd was also named Young Ambassador by the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) Australia. His life-long goal is to become the first Vietnamese judge in Australia.

***Do you have a story to tell?***



Whether you've reached career milestones, started your own business, or simply want to share what you've been up to, email **[alumni@copperfieldcollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:alumni@copperfieldcollege.vic.edu.au)**

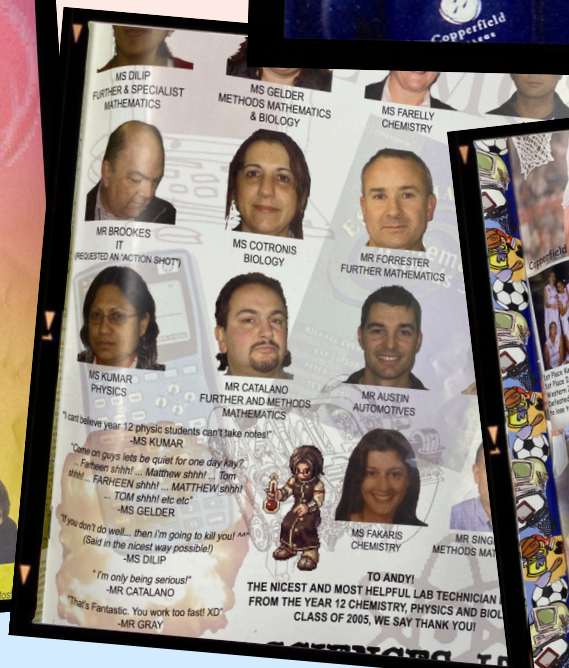
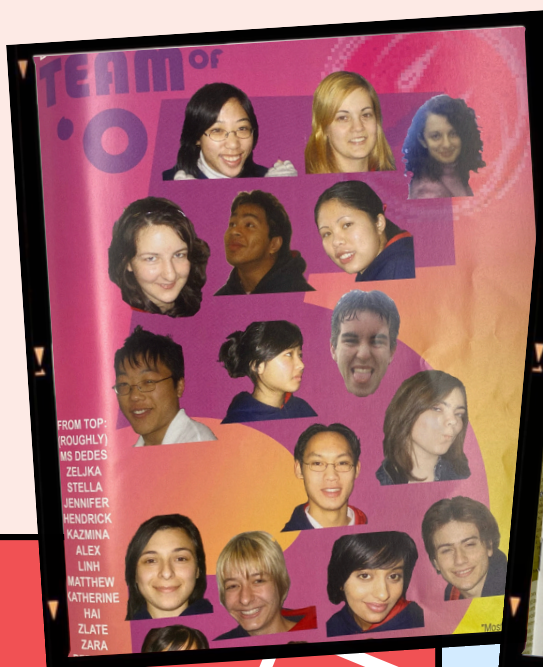


# 20 years ago *memories*

As our graduating year of 2025 are celebrating the end of highschool, we're reflecting on the class of 2005, and sharing inspiring words from the year's school captains, Zeljka Sabo & Hai Nguyen (pictured right).

"This year has proved to be challenging at times, yet I was ultimately Granted with life lessons and moments that will forever be cherished." Zeljka Sabo

"I hope the dreams that you aspired to were or are being fulfilled. And I also hope you were able to keep the previous friendships carried on from Year 12." Hai Nguyen



If you have memorable stories or photos to share with other Alumni, email us at [alumni@copperfieldcollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:alumni@copperfieldcollege.vic.edu.au)

# Alumni program impact

*Data from 2025*

**247**



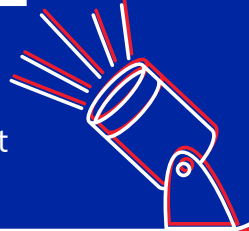
Copperfield College  
students attended  
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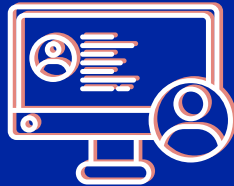
Alumni facilitated  
sessions at the school

**32**



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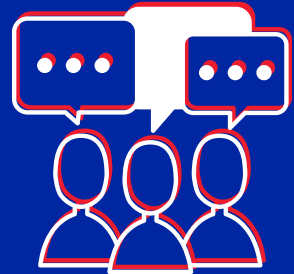
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Alumni on the  
database

**445**

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Alumni and networks  
following social pages



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