



## MELANIE HALL

Alto and Baritone Saxophones

Hi, my name's Mel and I'm 14 in year 9 at Ringwood. When I'm not at school I participate in a lot of basketball 6 days a week. I also enjoy reading, singing, travelling, eating and listening to music. Some of my favourite artists and bands include The 1975, The Doobie Brothers, Earth, Wind and Fire, Stevie Wonder, Billy Joel and Bombay Bicycle Club. I have travelled to Vietnam and Malaysia and they were some of the best experiences of my life. I'm quite an active person and I like to be out exploring and having fun.

[Favourite place in Australia: Broome, Western Australia](#)

## IMOGEN HANSEN

Violin

Hi, my name is Imogen Eleanor Hansen and I'm 14 years old, turning 15 in 2016. I have a pet dog (spoodle), one bunny and two blue tongue lizards. I'm a very adventurous, curious and outgoing person who is easy to talk to. I'm friendly and caring to everyone! I live in a double story house with two sisters (I'm the middle child) and my loving parents. I'm not fussy and I love to try unfamiliar things. I have green eyes, blonde hair, a small build and I'm 168cm tall. I love soccer and aerobics, but I also enjoy playing violin, especially in my intermediate strings orchestra.

[Favourite place in Australia: Darwin, Northern Territory](#)



## TEGAN HASS

Trombone

Hi, I am Tegan in 2016 I will be 16 years old and be completing year 11. Some of the things that keep me entertained when I am not completing my homework include playing and listening to music, cooking in the kitchen, playing netball, taking photos and hanging out with friends. I am looking forward to this trip very much because it will allow me to step out of my comfort zone. Meeting all these new people and learning about their culture really excites me and I cannot wait.

[Favourite place in Australia: Halls Gap, Victoria](#)

## STEPHANIE HENRY

Clarinet | Dancing

I was born in Melbourne and have lived my whole life in Ringwood. I am the eldest of 3 children and we live with our mum & dad. I went to Great Ryrie Primary School for 7 years before attending RSC. My passion is dancing and I have danced for 10 years. I also love to sing, act, write and read. I like to bake cakes and muffins with mum and enjoy spending time at the beach. I really enjoy travelling and am very lucky to have been to many places around the world with my family.

[Favourite place in Australia: Torquay, Victoria and Bright, Victoria](#)







## BEN HOLLAND

Flute | Piccolo

My name is Ben. I am 15 years old and live with my Mum & Dad and my 13 year old brother in Heathmont. I am currently in Year 10 and my passion is music. I play the flute/piccolo, the clarinet and the saxophone. I started playing the flute in Grade 2 at Primary School and have played ever since. I really enjoy school and would like to study Medicine when I finish Year 12. As well as music, I am also studying French. Outside of school, I learned Karate for a number of years and achieved my brown belt. I hope to go back and complete my black belt when I have the time. I spend time playing computer games and I also enjoy riding on the back of my Dad's Harley motorbike.

[Favourite place in Australia:](#)  
[Melbourne, Victoria](#)



## KEVIN HONG

Clarinet

I am a Chinese born in Australia. I am currently 15 years old and in Year 10. I am diligent, creative and quiet (but I tend to come out of my shell once you get to know me). I am also an aspiring writer.

[Favourite place in Australia:](#)  
[Sydney, New South Wales](#)



## ABBY JAMES

Flute | Singing

Hi, my name is Abby. I love all different aspects of performing arts. I have been performing since I was five, doing things such as dancing, drama and singing and I started playing flute when I was 10. I play netball every week and I love it, I also enjoy photography and making YouTube videos for my channel. I live in Ringwood North with my parents which is in the east of Melbourne. I am an only child and I do not have any pets.

[Favourite place in Australia:](#)  
[Eden, New South Wales](#)



## KAYLA JENKINS

Clarinet | Singing | Dancing

Hello, my name is Kayla Jenkins. I was born on the 9th of July, 2001 in Mitcham, Victoria, Australia. I grew up in the Basin and went to Billanook Primary School until year six and am now enrolled at Ringwood Secondary College in year nine. I am involved in The Young Australia Broadway Chorus, receive singing lessons, am a part of the leadership program at Ringwood Secondary College, have achieved high academic results throughout my schooling and I am a very driven person to achieve the best at everything that I do.

[Favourite place in Australia:](#) Port Douglas, Queensland





## DYLAN KANE

Singing | Tenor Saxophone

I enjoy playing basketball, football, boxing and love riding bikes. I am very interested in things like cars, drawing and architecture. I am active, have dog and am in a family of 4 with one other younger sister.

[Favourite place in Australia: Cairns, Queensland](#)



## LIZZIE LEGEZA

Violin

I was born in the Philippines in 2000. I moved to Australia when I was 10 years old. I am the only child. I didn't speak English then, but now I am fluent. I play tennis and learn taekwondo outside of school. I play various instruments like violin, piano, ukelele and drums. I like to travel and go on adventures. I studied modelling at Tanya Powell modeling school. Love taking on new adventures and art and design.

[Favourite place in Australia: Queensland](#)

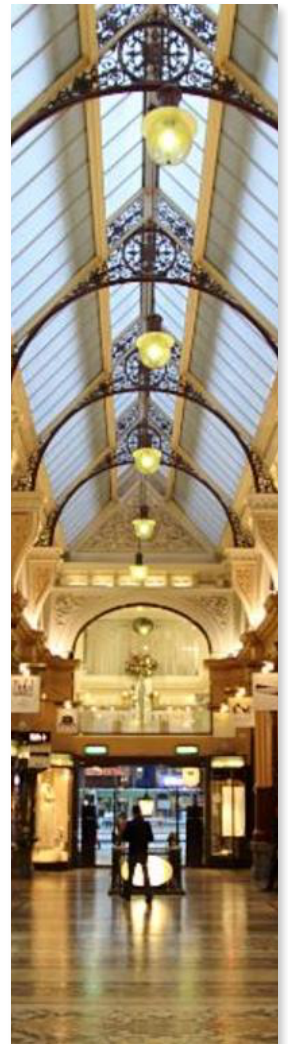


## WILLOW LINDNER

Clarinet | Piano

My name is Willow. I am currently 14 but by the end of world tour 2016 I will be 15. I have many hobbies such as Dancing and Drama. I have been playing the piano since I was six but I am no concert pianist yet. I also play the clarinet but my favourite music is Aussie hip-hop. I have 2 dogs, a cat and a bird at home. My family owns a holiday house where animals such as kangaroos, echidnas and snakes roam. I love to eat, especially ice-cream but mushrooms are my worst enemy.

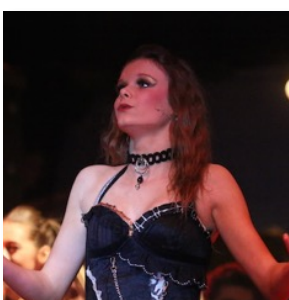
[Favourite place in Australia: Anywhere by the beach](#)



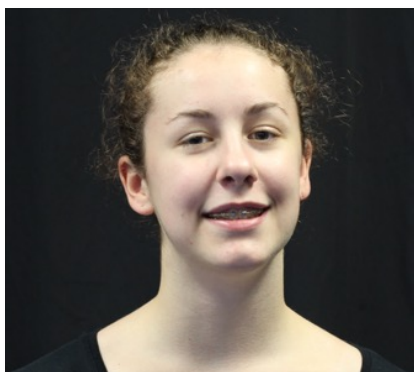
## EMILY LODGE

Singing | Dancing

Hi my name is Emily Lodge. I am 16 years old and I live in Melbourne, Australia. I describe myself as a creative, bubbly, funny person who loves to perform. I love to express myself through dancing, singing and performing because it fills me with joy. I also love to explore and visit great historical landmarks of the world. It is one of the reasons I'm going on World Tour with my school because I love to experience different cultures and different parts of the world. I very much look forward to meeting you.







## CERRITA LOUW

Bass

My name is Cerrita (Cha-ri-ta) Louw. I'm a klutz with a love for music and the natural world. I love movies, books, music, food and possess a particular talent of falling over my own feet. I'm delighted to have this opportunity and look forward to making new experiences and meeting new people, plus tasting the new foods!

**Favourite place in Australia:**  
The Dandenong Ranges, Victoria



## COURTNEY LUCAS-EVANS

Keyboard | Dancing

I love to dance, I danced for Yarra Heights Dance Academy for 4 years and I did 3 classes there, they were Hip-Hop, jazz and contemporary. A few years before that I did ballet classes as well. I am a very loud and bubbly person and I hope to meet fun people I can become great friends with when I am traveling! In my spare time I am both listening to music and singing along or out seeing my friends. I am excited to try new things and get out of my comfort zone on World Tour!

**Favourite place in Australia:**  
Melbourne, Victoria



## SAMANTHA MIKULANDRA

Oboe

I am Sam, and so of my crazy friends call me 'Sam Mik'. My friends describe me as bubbly and funny person. I would say to myself that I am very talkative. I love most types of music and having a good sing a long session with family and friends. I love getting to meet new people and calling them a friend. I always like to try hard in everything. Travelling across the world is one of my major goals and now it is being accomplished. I love to live life to the fullest and make the most out of everything!

**Favourite place in Australia:**  
Melbourne, Australia



## PATRICK MASTALERZ

Tenor Saxophone | Keyboard

Hi! I'm Patrick, one of the Year 11 students on the trip. I'm always positive, energetic and am excited to easily slip in as a family member during my stay with you. At home, you will always see me doing gymnastics or media things, as they are some of my passions. I'm pretty carefree and not picky about anything in particular, so I'm sure I won't be a burden to you and your family. I can't wait to meet you and make memories together that will last a lifetime.

**Favourite place in Australia:**  
Eden, New South Wales



## ALICE MATANISIGA

Oboe | Singing

Hi, I'm Alice. I'm 16 years old and I have a 11 year old brother. I'm half Fijian but was born in Australia, so I don't really speak any Fijian. I love the snow and wish I learned French throughout my school years. I played Jazz Piano from the ages of 4 – 14 and I love pop music. I'm interested in Japanese culture and love Manga and Anime. I look forward to meeting you!

**Favourite place in Australia:**  
Falls Creek, Victoria







## SARAH MONTEAU

Alto Saxophone | Singing | Dancing

Hello! I love to perform and so I am so excited to be able to perform with my school for you, your families and your friends. I love to dance and have been dancing for 10 years in 5 different styles. I also play the alto saxophone and have been doing so for many years. I have a younger brother called Will who is 13, and an older sister called Emily who is 18 and who went on the last world tour, so you may know her! I have a little dog called Polly, 3 horses named Milo, Kate and Brandy and a chicken named Elmo, so it's safe to say that I love animals. I love to cook, especially cakes as I have a bit of a sweet tooth. I also enjoy reading and watching movies. I am so excited to meet you and your family!

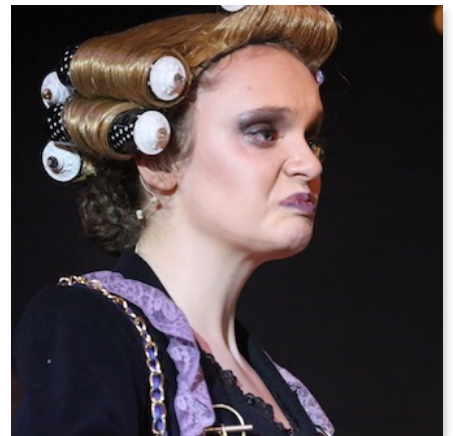
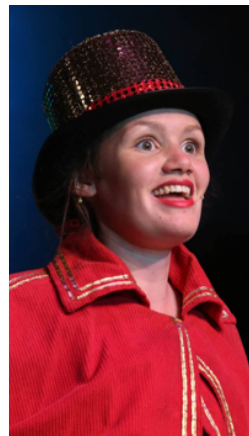
[Favourite place in Australia: Waratah Bay, Victoria](#)

## LEAH NICHOL

Violin | Singing

I am thrilled to be a part of RSC's 2016 World Tour, and will be 16 by the time the tour commences. I have loved music and performing for most of my life, having played violin in school orchestras for several years and singing, acting and dancing somewhat questionably in various school productions also. My interests stem outside of the arts to include sports (particularly netball and Australian rules football), reading, social justice issues and travel.

[Favourite place in Australia: Wilson's Promontory, Victoria](#)



## COURTNEY NORTH

Tenor Saxophone

My name is Courtney North and I am 15 years old, I love playing the tenor saxophone and I work hard at school. I like spending time with family and friends. Previously, I have won a bronze medal in state for race walking. Up until about 5 years ago, I was a dancer. I did jazz, tap, contemporary, brake, hip hop and ballroom. I have always been a high achiever and continue to strive for my personal best!

[Favourite place in Australia: Cairns, Queensland](#)

## ZACHARY PITTS

Bass Guitar | Drums

I was born in Fremantle, Western Australia, then lived in the UK for 6 years and now live in Melbourne with my parents and little sister Claudia (8yrs) and our cat, Mojo. We live in the Dandenong Ranges just outside of the city, in the middle of the national park. I broke my arm really badly when I was eight and started playing the piano as part of my physiotherapy. I loved music and then moved to drums and double bass in primary school.

[Favourite place in Australia: Mosman Gorge, Queensland](#)







## DYLAN SMITH

Alto Saxophone

My name is Dylan Thomas Smith and I am 15 years old. I work at McDonalds and play basketball in my spare time. I love dinosaurs, music and dogs and love playing the sax.

**Favourite place in Australia:**  
The beach



## CAROLINE SUTTON

Clarinet | Singing

My name is Caroline. I have a unique personality. I love having fun but there is a serious side to me as well. I live with my family, Mum, Dad, older brother James and twin sister Victoria, in a small town called Monbulk, about 30kms from school. James performed in the 2013 World Tour and Victoria will be in the 2016 touring group with me. I'd love to have had a younger sibling, but instead I have 2 wonderful little kitties named Misty & Leo. I love them to bits. I love music and performing, but I get very nervous! I am actively seeking out places to 'practice' public performing to help me get over my nerves. I started to learn the clarinet 6 years ago and am in 2 ensembles in school and 1 outside of school. In 2014 I started having singing lessons and love being in the school choir. I recently entered a school talent quest as part of learning to overcome my nerves..

**Favourite place in Australia:**  
My Great Uncle's House, Queensland



## DANIEL ROBERTS

Trumpet | Guitar

I am 14 and will be in Year 9 in 2016. I come from Melbourne's outer suburbs. I am touring because I love performing and playing guitar and trumpet. I enjoy travelling and seeing famous landmarks in other parts of the world. I have been to four countries (Vietnam, Italy, France and Spain) with my family and am very excited to travel again and learn about different cultures. I love playing and watching sport, especially cricket and basketball. I look forward to the sightseeing days and the days I get to spend with my host families.

**Favourite place in Australia:**  
Blue Mountains, New South Wales & The Northern Territory



## VICTORIA SUTTON

Flute | Singing

Hello. I'm Victoria and I am 15 years old. I have a twin on tour called Caroline but would prefer to be separate where possible. I started playing flute in grade 4 and also did 2 years of piano before that. I joined the Junior choir when I started at Ringwood.

**Favourite place in Australia:**  
The beach



## OLIVIA SMART

Alto Saxophone

I am an easy house guest and I am always happy to do whatever the host families would like. I am a very sporty person, I play soccer. I have an older brother and so I get along very well with other children, my age and either above or below. I am 14 years old. I don't have any allergies. I have three pets (2 cats and 1 dog)

**Favourite place in Australia:**  
Eden, New South Wales





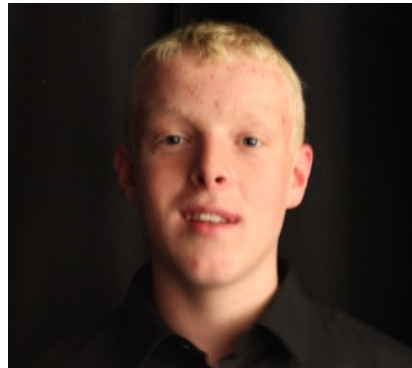
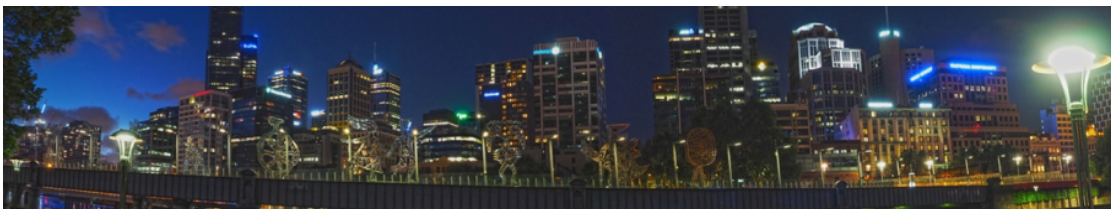


## JUSTIN THOMAS

Guitar | Singing

Hi my name is Justin Thomas, I'm a 17 year old boy from Melbourne, Australia, who has a humongous love for guitars and playing guitar. I am currently in year 11 at school but by the time I'm on world tour I will be completing year 12. This is my second world tour, 3 years ago I was fortunate enough to able to go and I experienced something absolutely amazing and I just had to do it again. I am excited to undertake the role as tour leader and look forward to meeting many new families.

[Favourite place in Australia:](#)  
[Melbourne, Victoria](#)



## LACHLAN WATSON

Keyboard | Drums

My name is Lachie Watson and I am a student at Ringwood Secondary College. I enjoy playing basketball, playing piano and drums, and I love playing AFL (Australian Football League). I grew up in Melbourne, and went to a local primary school. I have been around the world before but I am looking forward to doing it again with my friends.

[Favourite place in Australia:](#)



## HARRISON TAYLOR

Tenor and Baritone Saxophones | Singing

I like to exercise mainly by trampolining. I read Manga and I also like to play video games and different sports if I'm feeling confident. I'm a slight bit of an adrenaline junkie who likes some thrill seeking however I also like to relax on the couch with friends, watching a movie.

[Favourite place in Australia:](#)  
[Daydream Island, Queensland](#)



## SHAEYA WILLIAMS

Alto Saxophone

My name is Shaeya, I am 14 and in year 9. My interests include swimming, saxophone and basketball. In my spare time I like to hang out with my friends and family, go shopping and walk my dog, Boof. I have 2 younger brothers and 2 baby twin sisters. When I leave school I hope to become a primary school music teacher. I love to travel I have been to places from Phuket, Thailand to Tasmania.

[Favourite place in Australia:](#) [Gold Coast, Queensland & Tasmania](#)





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# MARVELLOUS MELBOURNE



Melbourne picture courtesy of TR8 Photography - Gary Smith (WT16 Parent)



# TOUR STAFF

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Teachers of Ringwood Secondary College

Melbourne, Australia



## BEN MOODY

Tour Director

Ben has been associated with Ringwood Secondary College since 2000, when he began his journey with RSC Performing Arts as the Musical Director of the College Production. At the time, he was studying a number of degrees at Monash University, but eventually decided to actually complete one of them and graduated with a Bachelor of Music. He followed this with a secondary teaching diploma in Music and Legal Studies and has been teaching since 2001.

Since 2006 at Ringwood, Ben has taught a wide variety of subjects: Music, English, Legal Studies, Drama, French, Business Management and Humanities. Whether this is emblematic of restless impatience or a spirit of endeavour he has no idea, but has always been willing to "have a crack" as required. He has been a student coordinator at many year levels and involved in a huge array of wider school activities. He also completed three quarters of a Masters in School Leadership and may even get around to working out how to possibly finish it - or even attempt something else - some time prior to 2045.

As the Director of Performing Arts since 2011, Ben has overseen a number of productions and tours, hosted international visiting performance groups from partner schools and continued to expand the Performing Arts' reach into both local and global communities. He has been nominated three times for Director of the Year by the Music Theatre Guild of Victoria and, in 2015, directed the College Production of "Oliver!", a steampunk-inspired interpretation which won the Guild Award for Best Youth Production in the state. While this was a significant career highlight, Ben is still unsure as to whether or not it comes close to the exhilaration of winning the Novice Fours Lawn Bowls at the Victorian Teachers' Games in 2010.

No-one knows the story of the World Tour quite like Ben. He has participated in all five previous tours (only for a few days in 2004, when he was working at host school Sandwich Technology School in the UK) and taken great enjoyment in watching its evolution. As the Musical Director of the tours in 2001, 2007 and 2010, he has played a large role in developing the scope, ambition and complexity of the touring performance. In 2013, Ben stepped into the role of Tour Director and spearheaded the creation of "The Spirit of Melbourne", the first of the tour shows to incorporate a sustained character narrative and employ subtitles. This year, Ben has handed much more responsibility to the "Show Team" of staff - an immensely talented (and much younger) group of dedicated teachers who have taken 2016's production, entitled "Made in Melbourne", to another level yet again.

In 2015, Ben returned to the stage himself for the first time in years, performing the role of Sir Dennis Galahad in MLOC Productions' season of "Spamalot". Having enjoyed the experience immensely, he is determined not to leave it so long before finding another opportunity, and will shamelessly, continuously and fervently encourage everyone to come and see it when it happens.





## LACHLAN MACKAY

Musical & Technical Director

Lachlan is an educator, musician, composer and technical buff from the Eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

He began his association with Ringwood Secondary College as a student before studying Trombone at the Conservatorium of Music, University of Melbourne, graduating with a Bachelor of Music in 2009 and a Post Graduate Diploma of Teaching in 2010.

Whilst studying, he worked in casual positions at various schools gaining valuable experience as a conductor and instrumental teacher. In 2011, he began fulltime work at RSC and currently teaches junior, senior, and instrumental music conducting both jazz and wind ensembles. He holds the position of Head of Performing Arts (curriculum), Events Manager, and has previously been a Student Coordinator.

Lachlan remains an active musician, playing in school and amateur productions as well as with orchestras, jazz bands, wind ensembles, and ska bands. He has an enthusiasm for all things music technology whether it be recording in his studio or spinning the disks as his DJ alter ego.

He has received 5 Lyrebird nominations for Lighting and Musical Direction and in 2015 received a nomination for Musical Direction in the award winning RSC production of Oliver (his 15<sup>th</sup> RSC production) from the Music Theatre Guild of Victoria.

Lachlan's proudest musical achievement was writing his first junior musical "The Living Museum", which sold out to audiences nearing two thousand in 2011.

Having been Musical and Technical Director of "The Spirit of Melbourne" in 2013, Lachlan is thrilled to once again have the opportunity to tour with such talented students and staff.



## GAYNOR BORLASE

Choreographer

Gaynor has been associated with Ringwood Secondary College since 2014, attaining a job after completing a Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary) at Deakin University.

During her time at Ringwood, Gaynor has taught a variety of subjects including Dance, Drama, and Theatre studies, developing students' skills in the performing arts, as well as Psychology and Health. In 2015, Gaynor completed a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, enabling her to teach the VET Dance program.

As part of the RSC performing arts artistic team, Gaynor has co-choreographed a number of the school's productions, including The Producers, Oliver! and the The Wizard of Oz. In 2015, Gaynor and her choreography partner Kate Tanner were awarded the Music Theatre Guild of Victoria Award for best choreography, as well as the Lyrebird award for best choreographer (also recipients of the award in 2014).

Personally, Gaynor has been dancing for over 21 years and has had a number of exciting performing and choreography opportunities. These include performances in musicals such as OCPAC's Urinetown, SLAM's Hairspray and Oklahoma! at Her Majesty's Theatre for the Department of Education. As a performer, the excitement of performing in front of thousands at the Opening Ceremony of the Commonwealth Games has been a highlight, as was appearing as a featured extra on the Netflix show Mako Mermaids. Another highlight was being able to travel to America to be a counselor and choreographer at the American Idol Summer Camp.

Gaynor is thrilled to contribute to providing this fantastic opportunity for the students of RSC combining two of her great loves: the performing arts and travel.



## MICHAEL KENT

Drama Director

Michael has always loved being involved in all areas of the performing arts. Michael studied a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Drama and History before going on to study a Diploma of Education. He has always loved theatre and has a particular passion for performing the classical dramas of Ancient Greece and Shakespeare. He was recently converted to Musical Theatre, which he avoided for so many years but has now performed in his first musical. He has caught the bug though and wishes to continue getting involved wherever possible. Michael now loves nothing more than sharing his knowledge of the theatre with his keen students in drama classes and through the extra-curricular performing arts program at Ringwood Secondary College.

Since coming to Ringwood in 2011, Michael has immersed himself in the fantastic performing arts program. For the past 5 years Michael has worked on the annual college production as an assistant director but has also assisted with set construction, costuming and make-up. Michael's favourite of these shows would have to be 'The Producers' of 2014. He is still wondering how the college got away with it... Michael has also led the direction of two junior productions: 'Seussical' (2012) and 'Aladdin' (2013) as well as two plays performed by middle school students.

2016 marks a huge year for performing arts at Ringwood, but also for Michael. Taking 42 kids on a world tour with a show about Melbourne is an honour he is thrilled about. It will also mark the first year that he has stepped up to the role of director for the 2016 production of 'Anything Goes'. Michael looks forward to continuing his involvement with the college in order to create these fantastic learning opportunities for its students.





## ANNMARIE STELFOX

Student Health & Wellbeing

This is Annmarie's first World Tour and she is very excited to be participating and visiting so many wonderful countries, schools, places and people.

Annmarie's first contact with RSC was as a student participating in the school productions and the music program many years ago.

Leaving school, she completed a Degree in Nursing (Deakin) and went on to become a midwife studying a Post Grad Degree in Midwifery (RMIT). For a number of years she worked delivering babies as well as in theatre, which gives many life experience examples for her current teaching areas.

Deciding to change direction to teach and encourage students to achieve their dreams, Annmarie went back to Uni to study a Diploma of teaching.

Returning to RSC during this study she reconnected with her past and after completing her study returned to the school teaching Music full time for 2 years before taking up her current position teaching Biology and Health & Human Development.

Annmarie participates in a number of extra curricular activities in the Performing Arts program involving Band Tours, Dance Groups and Production Coordination to name a few.

Outside school, Annmarie has five children from 13 to 21 (and a husband who has just been to Guatemala with students from HIS school) and keeps busy attending the many dance and football activities of her children.

She enjoys listening to music and reading when there is time, (basically never) swimming and dance/yoga classes.



## SHANE ASBURY

Media & Communications

Shane has been associated with Ringwood Secondary College since 2002 when he attended the college as a student.

During his time as a student at Ringwood, Shane was part of the 2004 World Tour. On the tour, he met Ben Moody, who was working at the Sandwich Technology School and placed Shane with his host family.

Shane completed his schooling at RSC in 2007 with scholarship offers to the Victorian College of the Arts and Monash University in the field of music performance.

These offers were not taken due to a heavy involvement in elite sport, and he began an undergraduate degree in education at Deakin University.

Whilst completing his degree, Shane was fortunate enough to represent his country on numerous occasions in the sport of swimming, and was also involved in a punk rock band for a number of years.

In 2012 he began working at Ringwood Secondary College as a sports assistant in his final year of his degree. In 2013 he was appointed a position at the school as a mathematics and physical education teacher, as well as holding the position of Assistant Director of Sport.

Shane has been heavily involved in the Performing Arts at the school, assisting with the backstage and behind the scene elements of the school productions.

Shane is currently teaching Mathematics and Physical Education, as well as undertaking a position as year 9 Coordinator.



## DI RAWLINGS

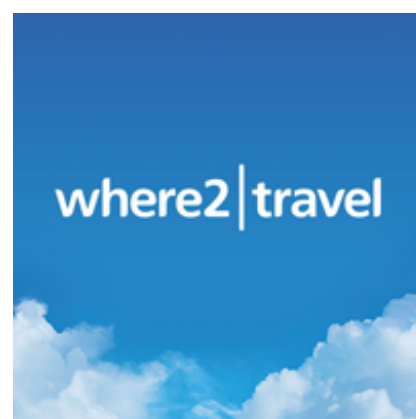
Travel Designer

Although she is not a member of the Ringwood SC teaching staff, Di is an integral part of the World Tour team.

As an experienced and professional Travel Designer at Where2Travel in Malvern, Di has contacts and skills that few others possess. Smoothly executing an itinerary as complex as WT16 is no mean feat and Di has certainly had her work cut out this time round. As always, she has found the best possible solution each time the inevitable problems have arisen.

We are fortunate that Di has been the travel agent responsible for all of Ringwood's World Tours and built such a wealth of relevant knowledge and expertise - so important when planning for massive tours involving students, instruments and multiple international destinations.

Her friendly "hands-on" approach has made her a favourite of students and parents over the last fifteen years.



We also gratefully acknowledge the continuing support of the wider Ringwood Secondary College staff body in managing the disruption to the general school program during Term 1.

Thanks also to the staff in the General Office for managing the financial transactions associated with the tour.