



**Whyalla
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Inspiring Possibilities

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Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome to Whyalla Secondary College. Our start to the year has sent us a unique set of challenges, but as a staff and community we have remained focussed and positive, which will ensure a successful and productive year is our end result.

“Challenges are what make life interesting. Over coming them is what makes life meaningful.”

I have worked for the Department for Education for the past 28 years, and started my career in Leigh Creek as a Drama/Special Education teacher. I moved to Whyalla and worked as a Disability Coordinator in Regional Office before becoming the Deputy Principal at Whyalla High School in 2012. I then won the position of Principal at Whyalla High School in 2016 prior to accepting the position of Principal at Edward John Eyre High School in 2020.

In August 2020 I started in the role as Principal of Whyalla Secondary College. Together with a team of dedicated staff we began work on creating a vibrant contemporary place of learning, which fosters academically successful and socially informed students who are culturally competent, responsible, multi-talented and successful young people.

When I’m not at work I love watching my children, Tyson and Jade play sport. I am married to Phil and am passionate about netball. My favourite colour is purple and I have two huskies, Archie and Cora.



Tricia Richman - Principal

ATRiUM Learning at Whyalla Secondary College

The school is a vibrant contemporary place of learning. One of the unique aspects of Whyalla Secondary College is the emphasis the school places on ATRiUM Philosophy. Instead of differentiating the places for education – general classroom and special classroom – we are focusing on the processes and perspectives of educators with differing expertise, as well as other professionals who collaborate to make the most of every student’s learning journey.

ATRiUM capabilities (Active learning, Thinking, Relating, Using language, symbol systems and ICT, Managing self) provide a way to think about learning needs for all students.

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ROADWORKS UPDATE

The roadworks in front of Whyalla Secondary College on Nicolson Avenue are COMPLETE. The traffic lights will be installed by the end of Term 1.

UNIFORM UPDATE

There are numbers of school uniforms to be picked up from WSC Campus, please call Student Services on 8668 9600 if you are waiting to collect a uniform. The Year 12 and Rugby Jumpers are to arrive by end of Term 1.

GOVERNING COUNCIL

Whyalla Secondary College would like to thank all the parents who signed up to be a part of our AGM. Our next meeting is 16/03/22, we look forward to seeing you there.

COVID-19 UPDATE

SA Health has advised that classroom contacts can attend extra-curricular activities, excursions and camps if they don't have any symptoms. Teachers or students should not go on camp or participate in other extra-curricular activities if they are in a classroom where SA Health has required action beyond the testing, isolating and quarantine requirements.

Updated overviews of the testing, isolating and quarantine requirements for schools and OSHC, and preschool and early childhood settings are available on the Department for Education website.

If you have recovered from COVID-19, you will not be considered a close contact for 8 weeks after testing positive. In education settings, this would apply to staff who are deemed a workplace close contact. If you develop new onset symptoms during this time you should seek testing. After 8 weeks, you will still be considered a close contact and need to quarantine and get tested.

For more information see the SA Health website.

Parent Portal - Daymap

The Parent Portal on Daymap will be available to parents as of Tuesday 15/03, password resets will be sent out through email, they last 24 hours. This feature will allow parents to track their children's academic progress, subject outlines, due dates for assessments and attendance. There is a step-by-step guide on Daymap how to use this and it will be posted on the Whyalla Secondary College social media pages once this is available.



SCHOOL CARD

The School Card scheme provides low-income families attending a government school with financial assistance for school fees.

School Card is available to:

- Families with children aged four years and over who attend a school full-time
- Independent full-time students studying year 10, 11 or 12.

Please head to our social media to find out more about School Card, and application forms.

GOOD NEWS STORIES

Year 7 Food Technology

Students this term are looking at healthy eating and have experimented with alternative ingredients to increase uptake of the 5 food groups. The students have been very organised in the kitchen and have learnt about kitchen safety rules when cooking. Students in the class worked well together, communicating and supporting each other each lesson.



Year 10 Aquaculture

On Wednesday the Year 10 Aquaculture students visited the centre for the first time! They were able to have a look around, listen to Miss Schwerdt talk about her vision and begin to see where their Aquaculture journey will take place. Students even managed to have a look at the Horticulture garden and found some very delicious fruit. It was all smiles under the masks that's for sure!

School Leaders for 2022

Year 12 students during their extended care group have participated in building House Culture activities led by Wellbeing Senior Leader Ms Chantelle Lucas and Wellbeing Leader Ms Jessica Michas. Consequently, they have nominated candidates for School Captains and House Leaders. Candidates prepared and presented their speeches in a year 12 assembly at Mount Laura Theatre and student representatives were elected.

We are proud to announce our School Leaders for 2022.

Holly-Marie Walsh-Smith and Landon Wheeler are our School Leaders.

House Leaders from each house are

Bonython: Joseph Jebydah, Chanelle Smith, Georgia Stamoulis

Lowly: Bailey Ireland, Gabi Morris, Cordelia Parker

Fitzgerald: Brianna Bradtberg, Ryan Puckering, Maddison Welgraven

Wetlands: Kiyha Knox, Jazlyn Murray, Gabby Rodda





Hire of Whyalla Secondary College Facilities

Overview

The principal/director may, with the agreement of the site governing body, grant permission to external organisations (“Hirers”) to use School facilities.

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- The Hirer must apply in writing to Whyalla Secondary College (WSC) Principal/Business Leader to use the facilities.
- Principal/Business Leader will assess if the intended use is consistent with the School’s purpose and evaluate risks.
- Front office staff will check availability of facility.
- If facility is available for hire a formal user agreement must be completed before the commencement date of the Hire period.
- Assess if additional conditions are required to be inserted in agreement to reflect local School rules, e.g. security measures, parking arrangements etc.
- Front office staff to create formal user agreement on school template for Principal/Business Leader to sign.
- Formal user agreement to be signed by Principal/Business Leader and sent to hirer.
- Hirer to return formal user agreement – signed and accompanied by a copy of their Public Liability Insurance.
- Once completed formal user agreement document has been returned Hirer to be given information regarding access (swipe card usage) to facility, alarm code and directions for best access and parking.



Bus Routes

Please head to our website for bus routes, located in
Our College > Information > Transport and road safety.
<https://wsc.sa.edu.au/about/information/transport-and-road-safety/>

