

Principal's Welcome & Important Dates



Tricia Richman
Principal

Important Dates

School photo catch up and sibling day:
Tuesday 14/02

Governing Council AGM:
Wednesday 15/02 at 7pm in the Mount Laura Theatre
All welcome!

Spencer Gulf Meet & Greet:
Tuesday 21/02 from 2:30pm

NAPLAN:
Wednesday 15/03 to Monday 27/03

Dear parents and caregivers,

I would like to warmly welcome our new and continuing students and their families to the 2023 school year. It has once again been a busy start to the year and it is great to see so many students settled and engaged in their learning. A special welcome to our new year 7 students, as they start their high school journey at the college.

The staggered start worked well last Monday giving our year 7, 11 and 12 students the opportunity to meet their teachers and commence their learning, a day early compared with our year 8, 9 and 10 students.

Unfortunately media footage has come to the surface regarding some violent incidents offsite. Please know that the school takes such incidents very seriously and have followed up with the students involved. Appropriate consequences have been issued, as the students involved were wearing school uniform.

The Sammy D Foundation are at the college this week. The foundation educates young people on the impacts of bullying, and drug and alcohol fueled violence. By providing relevant age appropriate knowledge and tools, young people are empowered to make positive life decisions for a better community. This is an initiative that the college has been working on in conjunction with the Whyalla City Council since last year, and we would like to thank them for their support to further educate and empower our students.

We have welcomed a number of new staff this year.

Georgie Christian (pictured below) joins the team as the Year 9/10 Assistant Principal. Brittany Dunchue is our new Year 10 Leader and Michelle Fay is our Senior Leader SWD/OnePlans. We also welcome back Munsha Tatla, Senior Leader Daily Organisation and Timetabling.



New teaching staff include Ben Robinson, Kristoffer Dyer, Tunya Greenhalgh, Felicia Harding, Sai Athmaraman, Lauren McManus, Paige Everett, Sam Custance, Shelby Davies, Lachlan Gilbert, Jillian Evans, Kiersten Humphrey and Harry Dunn.

New SSO's include Cherie Monkedieck, Amy Deakin and Kasey Pettiford.

Chelsea Treloar and Rachael Anderson join us as ASETO's.

We hope you enjoy our first college update for the year. We will be communicating a little differently this year. Instead of a newsletter twice per term we will send out a college update every two weeks.

College Updates

Immunisations

All year 7 and 8 students will be offered:

1 dose of human papillomavirus vaccine/Gardasil® 9 at 2 separate visits.

1 dose of the diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough vaccine, Boostrix®

All Year 10 students will be offered:

2 doses of the meningococcal B vaccine, Bexsero® at 2 separate visits.

1 dose of the meningococcal ACWY vaccine, Nimenix®

Immunisation consent packs have been sent home with students. It is important you read the information contained in the packs before you give consent/no consent, so that you understand the facts about the vaccines that will be offered and the diseases that these vaccines protect against. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Whyalla City Council's Immunisation Coordinator 8640 3444.

All parents/legal guardians are required to complete, sign and return the consent cards, even if you don't consent for the student to be vaccinated at school, cards are to be returned to the school by **Wednesday 15 February 2023**.



Governing Council

We warmly welcome our new and continuing students and their families to the WSC community in 2023.

Parent participation is an important factor in community building and of tremendous benefit to the educational outcomes and welfare of students. As a parent/caregiver, you can assist with this by becoming a member of Governing Council (GC) and/or one of its subcommittees.

The Governing Council Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 15 February in the Mount Laura Theatre.

All welcome!

If you would like further information, please contact Kylie Morris, Executive Assistant to Principal Tricia Richman via email kylie.morris668@schools.sa.edu.au

Spencer Gulf

Dear parents and caregivers,

We hope you had a wonderful and relaxing break and welcome back to a new and exciting school year.

The Spencer Gulf teaching team consists of:

Michelle Fay – Inclusive Learning leader and teacher for Integrated Studies

Kira Zippel – Teacher for care group, Global Perspectives (English and HASS) and Life Skills

Stacey Scott – Teacher for Universal Reasoning (Maths and Science) and Life Skills

Greg Genovese – Teacher for Global Perspectives (English and HASS) and Life Skills.

At WSC communication between families, students and teacher is through Daymap or call the Spencer Gulf team on 0448 150 623

School Card

School card applications are open!

Now is a great time to see if you're eligible to receive financial assistance for school fees.

Information on the eligibility criteria, income limits and the application process is available on

www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard