

Principal's Welcome



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Important Dates

VET Block Week

Monday 27 March – Friday 31 March

Aboriginal Career Exploration Camp
(Adelaide)

Monday 27 March – Friday 31 March

WASSAC Carnival

Monday 27 March – Wednesday 29 March

Year 8 Urban Experience Camp

Monday 27 March to Thursday 30 March

Year 9 Adventure Camps to Port Lincoln

9B/9E Monday 27 March – Thursday 30 March

9C/9F Monday 3 April – Thursday 6 April

Clontarf Year 7 Induction Camp

Tuesday 28 March – Wednesday 29 March

Governing Council

Wednesday 29 March at 7pm

Take a Step Campaign (Wilpena Pound)

Friday 31 March

Year 7 Aquatics Camp (1)

Monday 3 April – Wednesday 5 April

Stage 1 Outdoor Education Camp (Port Lincoln)

Tuesday 4 April – Thursday 6 April

Clontarf Year 8/9 Camp (Fitzgerald bay)

Wednesday 5 April – Thursday 6 April

Good Friday – 7 April

Easter Monday – 10 April

Dear parents and caregivers,

I hope you all enjoyed the weather over the recent long weekend and spent some time outdoors doing things that you enjoy.

Due to a high number of staff absences last Friday, the college trialled an alternative program and I am pleased to report that the day was successful for all. A focus on practical activities will now be offered every Friday afternoon for the remainder of the term. Year 8 and 10 one week and year 7 and 9 the next. Senior students will also receive a study day each term, one mid term 2 and one mid term 3.

The last two weeks have seen some more amazing things happen within the college, including but not limited to;

- Various Close the Gap activities which included stalls in the atrium and presentations from Scott Darlow to both staff and students
- The successful completion of the first two urban experience year 8 camps to Adelaide
- NAPLAN commenced for year 7 and year 9 students
- The year 11/12 Cricket Carnival in Port Pirie. It was close but Clare High School won by 4 runs
- Year 8 immunisations
- A performance by the Slingsby Theatre Company entitled "The River That Ran Uphill"
- Today will see the return of the year 12 photography camp from Adelaide

The mobile phone policy continues to be working successfully throughout all year levels. It has been a very positive change to see students outside socialising with one another instead of using their phones.

Unfortunately, a lot of damage and defamation is being reported in the student toilets, with the year 9, 10 and 12 toilet areas being of real concern. I am aware of a Tic Toc that encourages this behaviour and I know that other high schools are also experiencing this type of behaviour. It is not acceptable and is impacting on our grounds and cleaning staff. Staff are keeping an eye out for any inappropriate behaviour in the vicinity of the toilet areas and only one student at a time will be permitted to go the toilet. Students will receive consequences if they are found to be loitering or vandalising these areas.

On a brighter note, we would like to congratulate our Numeracy Leader Katie Edwards and her partner Ryan who were married last weekend. We would also like to congratulate our SAATA Leader Jacob Ellidge who together with partner Kelsey welcomed baby Marley into the world.

This week Justin Pool joined our team. Justin is our new Leader Band B2: Intervention Leader and joins us from Port Lincoln and SSO Callum Donoghue started in Home Economics support.

This week is Paula Zbierski's last week at the college. Paula started with us as the year 7-9 Data Manager and more recently was backfilling the Finance Officer role. We wish Paula all the very best in her future endeavours.

A member of our teaching staff Christian Smith also farewelled the college this week. Christian will join the team at Long Street Primary School next week.

Next week we welcome teaching staff Tammy Edwards (8 English/HASS), Aiden Kannieappan (year 9 English/HASS) and Jasleen Kaur (year 9 English/HASS).

We will also welcome Brian Murphy as a 1:1 support SSO and Jordan Matthews who will join our grounds team.

My quote for this week is:

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts."

Term 1, Week 8

College Updates

Inclusion Award

The year 7 cohort held a year level assembly and the following students were awarded with certificates for demonstrating the school value of Inclusion; Congratulations Lilli-Anne, Ben, Logan, Caleb, Brych and Karley.



Kytons fundraiser

If you have ordered baked goods from Kytons, your order will be delivered to the College on Thursday 30 March. Please collect your order from reception.

Student ID Cards

Student ID cards are now available from the main student services office. ID cards are \$3.50 each. Please pay with cash or card as phone payments will not be accepted. ID cards are only available for collection in break times or before and after school.

Year 10 PLP

Students in 10C PLP (Personal Learning Plan) had a chance to practically demonstrate the SACE capabilities they have been learning about. It gave students the opportunity to verbally showcase their learning and link their understanding of how to set an effective goal. Students were asked to explain the strategies they followed to successfully make the set recipes to connect the learning from this term. Well done, the finished meals were amazing!



SAPOL reminder

A reminder for students to use the traffic light crossing. Parents are also to be mindful of their speed and to be cautious of students when driving near the school.

Plaza Youth Centre

Plaza Youth Centre (PYC) has invited a Beautician from Adelaide to Whyalla to run the Make-Up & Self-Esteem workshops. The Beautician will run two workshops, a workshop for Aboriginal youth and a workshop for Non-Aboriginal & CALD youth aged between 12-17 years. Parents will need to register their daughters by phoning 8645 3999 and send through a photo of the young person's face (close-up) for cosmetic purposes.

DATES: 20 April - 21 April

AGES: 12 - 17 Years

VENUE: 9-11 Colebrook Street,
Whyalla Stuart

TIME: 10am - 3pm



Laps for Life

On Saturday 11 March, the Whyalla Recreation Centre held a Community Day. WSC year 10 student Drake (along with 3 others) swam 10km (400 laps) each! What an amazing effort by Drake! After 399 laps, he completed the 400th lap doing butterfly. Drake is raising money for the organisation Reach out | Laps for Life which helps to support better mental health and wellbeing for all young people. The link to donate:

<https://www.lapsforlife.com.au/fundraisers/DrakeBeaty18268/laps-for-life>