



WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY

YEAR 7/8 COMMUNITY

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NEWSLETTER

Our Vision

Inspiring Possibilities

Whyalla Secondary College has a clear vision of the person we hope our students will become. Whyalla Secondary College prides itself on its Inclusion, Innovation and Integrity. We aspire to provide a stimulating and challenging education that builds upon the vast and varied talents and interests of our diverse community, preparing our students for all pathways. We aim to foster not just academically successful students, but socially informed, culturally competent, responsible, multi-talented young citizens. Our tagline, 'Inspiring Possibilities', reflects our passion to encourage different ideas, cultures paths and experiences. We strive to empower our students to seize the day and turn their potential into the possible.

The college values support this vision with a focus on inclusion, innovation and integrity. Whyalla Secondary College is an ATRiUM focus school which is evident in everything we do in year 7 to 12. Instead of differentiating the places for education, we are focusing on providing a personalised differentiated curriculum that enhances student voice, choice and engagement, to make the most of every student's learning journey.

A balance between tertiary and vocational opportunities are explored through career development in order for each student to take full advantage of the opportunities that our school offers in support of student post-school pathways.



House Culture and House Teams

House Culture creates a positive school culture, encourages school connectedness and celebrates student success.

House points are awarded for a range of student achievements to promote friendly competition between houses. Students are elected as School Leaders, House Leaders and House Representatives as the Student Voice drive the school culture throughout each year.

The four house teams are named after Whyalla and surrounding areas significant landmarks; Point Lowly, Port Bonython, Fitzgerald Bay and Whyalla Wetlands. Each team name has an associated symbol significant to the area; lighthouse, cuttlefish, mangroves and reeds.

House points are allocated for a range of school initiatives. Points are progressively updated throughout the year. House points are earned on behalf of individual students or team activities and are credited to their respective houses. Points are earned through five categories: academic, service/conduct, sport, extra curricular and house competitions. The award of Champion House is presented to the House which accrues the greatest number of points during the year.



Lowly



Bonython



Fitzgerald



Wetlands

Dear parents/guardians of Year 7 and 8 Whyalla Secondary College students

The Year 7/8 teacher community would like to welcome you and your child to the Whyalla Secondary College. As we head into our second year as a college, we look to continue to build our culture and inspire the possibilities of each child. We are particularly excited in the way we are delivering curriculum subjects. The core curriculum is divided into two main areas, Global Perspectives (English and HASS) and Universal Reasoning (Maths and Science). Having our subjects like this allows us to create lessons that build a deep understanding of content.

The middle years of your child's education is a time of change, however, your child has many exciting learning opportunities ahead as we continue to build their knowledge and their employability skills. We will follow the school values throughout each lesson and ensure our classroom environment is always respectful, for all students. There will be high expectations for all students regarding both behaviour and work output.

We have had a great start to the year and thought that it would be important to introduce ourselves and provide a face to a name. If you need to contact us for any reason, please feel free to get in touch with your child's Care Group teacher or the year 7 coordinator Anthony Wilkinson, year 8 coordinator Sabrina Stallon-Gibbs and Pete Usher, the year 7/8 Assistant Principal.

As we move into week 6, we have confirmed enrolment numbers and the decision has been made to consolidate our community from 8 to 7 classes. All students have been notified of all changes and we will work hard to provide a smooth transition into their new class.





Peter Usher

Year 7/8 Assistant Principal

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Welcome, my name is Pete Usher and I have the privilege of being the Assistant Principal of the year 7/8 community. Over the past 15 years I have worked as an educator across primary and secondary year levels both as a teacher and leader. At the College we value the positive relationships with both student and with families/carers, as you are integral to the success of your child throughout their college journey. Stepping away from the College, my world is my son and I treasure the time we spend together. I am a sports fanatic and love watching all sporting events on TV, particularly the mighty Sydney Swans. I am particularly passionate in watching my son engage in sport, although making you feel old, I enjoy seeing his excitement, although not easy coaching an under 10 side. I look forward to meeting you all throughout the year.



Anthony Wilkinson

Year 7 Leader

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Hello, my name is Anthony Wilkinson. This is my 2nd year as the Year 7 Coordinator at Whyalla Secondary College, and I am excited to see what 2023 brings with our new cohort. I am a Whyalla local and before coming to Whyalla Secondary College, I taught at Long Street Primary School from 2017. I have a passion for languages and linguistics. Hence, my other role is teaching Year 7-9 Italian. This also gives me the chance to interact with each class as the subject is mandatory each term. Away from Whyalla Secondary, I keep very busy with my other interests: researching family history, studying other languages, and road tripping to the Riverland with my wife and my almost four-year-old son.



Sabrina Stallon-Gibbs

Year 8 Leader

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Hello Everyone, I am the Year 8 Leader for 2023. I will also be teaching Year 8 Universal Reasoning. I have been teaching in Whyalla for the past 4 years and have loved every moment.

I am passionate about mathematics and helping students to improve and develop their problem-solving skills. My vision for the Year 8 community is to see staff, students and families working in harmony and supporting one another to achieve positive outcomes within our school community. My favourite things to do involve spending time with my 2-year-old daughter Alyssia. I also love baking and all things to do with plants and gardens.

I look forward to meeting you all throughout the year.





Linda Brown

7A Care group teacher

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Hi families, my name is Linda Brown and I am the care group teacher for 7A this year. I am very excited to have this opportunity to work in this state-of-the-art high school. I previously worked at Hincks Avenue Primary School for 9 years, where I taught grades from 2 to 7. I will be teaching maths and science this year, which are two subjects I love.

I have lived in Whyalla for the past 21 years with my husband and three children. Some of my favourite things are reading, hockey, Lego, and cooking. Please come and see me for any reason either before school or after school (except on Tuesdays). Looking forward to meeting you all.



Kiersten Humphreys

7B Care group teacher

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Hello, my name is Kiersten Humphrey and this is my first year at Whyalla Secondary College in the Year 7 community. I have a primary background and taught in a remote Aboriginal school for 7 years, then Ceduna and Port Pirie before moving to Whyalla. I am excited to be in a new school and building positive relationships across the school. Outside of school, I love to be in the outdoors especially spending time at the beach, out on the boat or camping.



Chloe Wilson

7C Care group teacher

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Hello, my name is Chloe Wilson and I am the Global Perspectives teacher for 7C and 7F. I moved to Whyalla two years ago and I love our town for its uniqueness and country charm. I believe in providing rich and meaningful learning experiences for every student in my class. In my free time I am involved in the world of competitive Cheerleading, where my team won a national title in 2021.





Ben Robinson

7D Care group teacher

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Hi! I'm Mr Robinson and I will be teaching Year 7 Global Perspectives as well as Year 7 Body and Mind (PE). In my spare time I love playing soccer, watching movies, and reading. In 2021 I taught at Hincks Avenue for half a year, and in 2022 I was the HPE teacher at Nicolson from reception to year 6. I am excited to meet new students as well as seeing some familiar faces, but I am most excited about teaching at high school for the first time. Please contact me on my email if you have any questions.



Christian Smith

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Welcome students and parents to the 2023 school year. I am looking forward to working alongside yourself and your child. I am a born and bred country person, and I love the opportunity to live in the Whyalla region once again. Fishing, sport and spending time with my family are amongst my most favourite things to do.

Our class community is beginning to take shape and we are working through what it takes to be successful at Whyalla Secondary College. I am very excited to be teaching Math and Science this year as my core subjects, where we can sink our teeth into a myriad of practical activities and hands on experiments.



Kristoffer Dyer

7F Care group teacher

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My name is Kristoffer Dyer and I love teaching Math and Science! I'm new to Whyalla from Adelaide where I spent a lot of my time coaching for the West Adelaide Bearcats in NBL1 and Juniors. My hobbies are books, movies, games and sport. I drink tea and love all varieties of food especially hot spicy ones. I love spending time with my family, wife and two boys in year 6 and year 8. I look forward to helping support the students in their school year and develop towards their learning goals.





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Harry Philp

8B Care group teacher

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Hello, I am Harry Philp and I am a year 8 universal reasoning teacher, as well as the year 9 recreational PE teacher. I am currently in my fourth year of teaching, though initially primary based, I am in my second year of being a secondary educator.

During my free time I love to watch and play sport, especially cricket and footy. I also love to explore the outdoors, camping, going on hikes and exploring caves.



Chris Cordingley

8C Care group teacher

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Hi, my name is Chris (Mr Cordingley) and this will be my fourth year of teaching Maths and Science. I am passionate about the environment, science and playing sports (mainly volleyball); and can't walk past a good coffee. I will always try to contextualise learning and make it hands-on, as this is more fun for both me and my students, and I look forward to working with the Year 8 cohort this year!





Jeremy Head

8D Care group teacher

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Hello, my name is Jeremy Head and I will be teaching year 8 Global Reasoning this year. It is my second year at Whyalla Secondary College and my first year as a year 8 teacher. I am excited to be challenging myself this year by teaching out of my comfort area of year 7. I am a firm believer that every opportunity is a chance to learn, grow and discover, with this in mind I am encouraging the students in year 8 to do the same. It is important that we push ourselves to be the best version that we can be, however we can't do this without some down time. When I am not focusing on school I am riding my motorbike, spending time with my family and dogs or out on the ocean either paddle boarding or kayaking. The fresh air is amazing for clearing the mind.

I will be reaching out to parents via Daymap, email and telephone regularly this year. I am also encouraging parents to contact me with any concerns, if you need to contact me it is best to do so via email or you can telephone the school and leave a message for me to return your call.



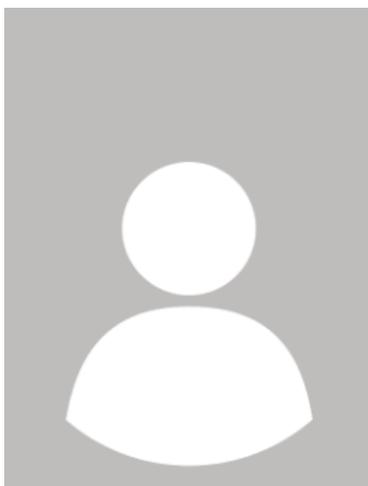
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My name is Jesse Brancis and I am the Year 8 Global Perspectives and Integrated Inquiry Teacher in 2023, going on my second year as a teacher! I enjoy learning about other cultures through History and exploring the world of English. Outside of school, I enjoy my sports, in particular, Aussie Rules, and Football (Soccer). I look forward to teaching and supporting the Year 8's throughout their schooling life. If you have any queries or questions, do not hesitate to contact myself through email.



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Jeff Croft

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Hi I'm Jeff Croft the ASETO for the Year 7/8s in 2023. This is my 5th year as an ASETO, my second at the Whyalla Secondary College and three years at Eyre High School previously. Before working in schools, I worked as an Aboriginal Health Worker, Youth Worker and Youth Health Worker working at Nunyara Aboriginal Health Service, Plaza Youth Centre and the Whyalla Hospital. My family is Barngarla and we have a rich history around the Whyalla surrounds and large area of the Eyre Peninsula. I'm really looking forward to working with our students and families this year to get the best out of them during their schooling this year.



Tunya Greenhalgh

7-10 Alternative Learning

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Hello, my name is Tunya Greenhalgh. I am new to Whyalla and to Whyalla Secondary College. I am teaching 7-10 Alternative Learning this year focusing on maths/science areas. I have two adult children and they both live in Adelaide. I have been at previous high schools in Adelaide in a variety of roles. I enjoy reading, studying, driving, exploring and recently looking at my family history. I am also into my fitness through a variety of sports.



The Arts



Pete Beer

Teacher

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My name is Pete Beer. Besides completing a Bachelor of Visual Arts degree in Adelaide I have been a lifelong resident of Whyalla. My 20-plus years of experience as a Visual Arts teacher have allowed me to extend my skills and share my passion for the arts with countless students. I particularly enjoy exploring the various art forms including printmaking, pottery, and drawing, and I am always eager to delve deeper into these fascinating mediums. Other passions include gardening, especially native plants, vintage motorbikes, and the outdoors.



David Drummond

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Hello, my name is David Drummond. As a Music teacher, I have always been driven by my passion for music and the desire to share it with others. In my three years of teaching, I have had the privilege of watching my students grow and develop in their musical abilities. I find immense joy in those moments when my students experience success and build their confidence.

When I'm not in the classroom, I enjoy spending time in nature and taking part in outdoor activities such as fishing, camping, hiking, and rock climbing. I also love performing live music on the weekends.

I believe that music has the power to bring people together, to inspire and to heal, and I am honored to be able to share this with my students.



Anna Hildebrandt

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Hello! I moved to Whyalla in 2022 to begin my teaching career. I am passionate about the performing arts, having previously completed an undergrad at Flinders Drama Centre, and am excited to share this with my students. I believe the performing arts equips students with not only industry specific skills, but also the critical and creative thinking needed in all industries. I am excited to once again be teaching year 11 and 12 dance and drama as well as my middle-school classes and performance line. When I'm not at school you can catch me cross-stitching, ballroom dancing, playing video games, and most importantly, chasing my 2-year-old around the park.



The Arts



Lauren McManus

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I grew up in Whyalla and completed my secondary schooling at Samaritan College in 2013. Shortly after, I moved to Adelaide and completed a Diploma in Applied Fashion Design and Technology and a Bachelor of Creative Arts in Fashion at Flinders University. I've always loved being creative and crafty whether it's hands on or digitally creating, I'm a bit of a perfectionist!

When Covid-19 spiraled around the world I made the move back home to Whyalla, I didn't want my education and knowledge to go to waste which led me to a career change and my teaching journey in a Masters in Teaching (Secondary) through Charles Darwin University. I'm excited for 2023 as my first year of teaching commences and to be a part of the Visual Arts, Technologies, and English communities across year levels.



Body and Mind



Scott King

Teacher

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I am Scott King, I am teaching year 11 Specialist PE this year but also teaching Body and Mind to year 7s and 8s, Fitness and Lifestyle to year 9s and Outdoor Education to year 10 students. In my spare time I coach A grade basketball for Titans Basketball Club and u12 Whyalla Steelers. I am incredibly excited to be working with year 11 students teaching Specialist PE this year and be setting the students up for year 12.



Rhys Moyne

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Hi, my name is Rhys Moyne and this year I am teaching 7 Body and Mind, 9 Outdoor Education and 8-12 Advancing Technology. I enjoy travel, sport, fitness and technology. In my free time you can usually find me at the gym, riding my mountain bike or going on an adventure. I look forward to working with students across all year levels and helping them achieve their goals. Please feel free to get in touch with any questions or concerns.



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Future Technologies



Alistair Gardiner

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Hello families. This is my fifth year teaching in Whyalla and my tenth year as a teacher. In 2023 I am primarily teaching Year 7 and 8 Woodwork. Outside of school, I play squash and am a volunteer firefighter with Middleback Country Fire Service.



Michelle Harvey

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Hello, my name is Michelle Harvey, and I am a member of the Future Technology team. I have been teaching for 13 years and I enjoy teaching future technology to students. We engage in hands on practical learning in a safe and respectful environment to developing life skills.



Paige Everett

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Hello, I am Paige Everett. I am teaching Food and Hospitality for Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9. I am originally from Memorial Oval Primary School but have made the venture out to Whyalla Secondary College this year. I am super excited to meet new and previous students and watch them grow and learn in such a supportive environment that caters to every learners needs.



Future Technologies



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Greetings WSC families. I am Robert Schofield and I have been teaching in Whyalla since 2010, beginning at Whyalla High School. I teach Design and Technology across years 8 to 10, focusing on wood technology and advancing technology. Outside of school I have been involved with the GFG student program since it began in 2018 along with touch football and, until recently gymnastics. I wear the dual hat of teacher and parent with daughters in years 9 and 12. In my free time I collect and paint miniatures for table top gaming along with playing computer games.



Brittany Styles

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Hello! I am Miss Styles. I moved to Whyalla last year to begin my teaching career and fell in love with the school and the community. I began teaching English and HASS to year 7s and 8s, and am now teaching advancing tech to year 7s, as well as Research Project and year 11 Mentoring. I love reading and my cat Katara, as well as Lego. I'm excited to see what your child can achieve and hope they have a successful 2023!





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