

# Principal's Welcome



**Tricia Richman**

## Important Dates

- VET block week**  
Monday 18–Friday 22 September
- Operation Flinders**  
Tuesday 12–Tuesday 19 September
- SAPOL Safety Presentation (year 10)** Monday 18  
September 1.50–3.30pm
- ADF Careers Presentation**  
Tuesday 19 September 1.50–2.40pm
- Nursing Presentation**  
Tuesday 19 September 11.40am–1.20pm
- The Workabout Centre Learner Training**  
Tuesday 19 September
- Year 7/8/9 Girls Football Carnival**  
Wednesday 20 September Bennett Oval
- Performing Arts Excursion**  
Wednesday 20 & Thursday 21 September
- The Workabout Centre Barista Course**  
Wednesday 20 & Thursday 21 September
- Youth Opportunities Graduation**  
Wednesday 20 September 4pm WSC
- SAPOL Safety Presentation (year 12)**  
Thursday 21 September 11.45am–1.15pm
- SAPOL Safety Presentation (year 11)**  
Thursday 21 September 1.50–3.30pm
- Spencer Gulf Recycling Depot Excursion**  
Thursday 21 September 1.50–3.30pm
- Shooting Stars/Thunderbirds Event**  
Thursday 21 September Netball Courts
- SAASTA Students MOPS Sports Day**  
Friday 22 September
- Year 12 Child Studies NAPS Incursion**  
Tuesday 26 September
- Stage 1 Biology Wetlands Excursion**  
Tuesday 26 September 11.20am–1.50pm
- Spencer Gulf Road Safety Centre Excursion**  
Wednesday 27 September
- UniSA STEM Expo (Year 7 & 8)**  
Thursday 28 September
- Last day of Term 3**  
Friday 29 September, 2.30pm dismissal
- Term 3 School Holidays**  
Monday 2 October–Friday 13 October
- First Day of Term 4**  
Monday 16 October

Dear parents and caregivers,

Another busy couple of weeks has come to an end at the college. This term is flying by, with our year 12 students really hitting crunch time with their studies.

Despite having a short week last week, we still managed to achieve some great things, with sports day being an absolute highlight for me. Team Bonython took the win for the second year running. All students that attended participated in really positive ways with some getting very creative with their team colours.

Our recent pupil free day was also very worthwhile and well organised. The college had the privilege of hosting Port Lincoln High School (virtually) which allowed staff to network together on professional development. The Local Education Team (LET) were onsite and provided PD around students with additional needs, behaviour support and hearing. WSC ASETO Jeff Croft together with others facilitated cultural awareness training. More training will be offered in this area during the term 4 pupil free day which is scheduled for Monday 20 November.

The college also hosted Learning Conversations this week, providing parents an opportunity to access the college and speak to their child's teachers. Feedback from parents has been that it was a positive and successful event. This will be offered again in term 1, 2024.

It was great to have the year 12 students operating the Café on Wednesday to meet the requirements of their SACE Community Connections practical. They all did an excellent job of ordering the ingredients, creating the menu, cooking and customer service.

The past 2 weeks have been busy, including;

- Sports day, pupil free day and school closure day
- Learning Conversations
- Senior school presentation by Medicine Ambassador Sarah Hauptman
- Subject selections for 2024
- Operation Flinders
- Year 12 Community Connections café
- Stage 1 Rec PE coaching at Nicolson Avenue Primary School
- Governing Council and finance meetings
- Year 7/8 Clontarf camp to Port Augusta
- Spencer Gulf basketball carnival in Port Pirie
- Flexible class excursion to Whyalla CFS
- R U OK? Day
- Whyalla Town and Nicolson Avenue Primary School transition visits

In HR news the college has welcomed SSO Jemma Bodinner and also Renay Webster who has returned from maternity leave.

My quote for this week is:

*"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory"*

**Sports Day  
Final Score**

Bonython  
2722

Lowly  
2075

Fitzgerald  
1360

Wetlands  
1243



Orders are now open for the 2024 senior hoodie! Students who will be in year 12 next year can order their hoodie via the link below. A sizing range is available at main student services. Orders will close on Tuesday 28 November. To ensure a term 1 delivery, late orders will not be accepted. For further information view our Facebook page or contact Kylie Morris at the college on 8668 9600.

<https://onlinestore.devonclothing.com.au/commemorative/schools/whyalla-secondary-college/>

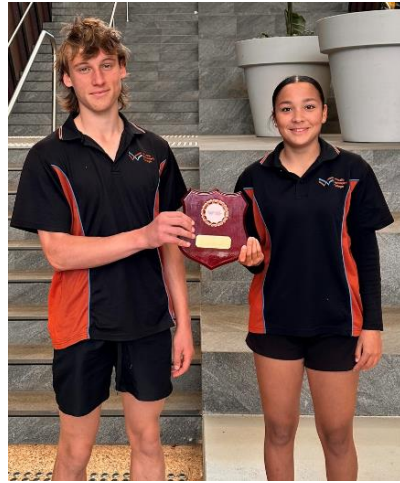
# College Updates



## Sports Day 2023

Whyalla Secondary College held its annual sports day carnival last week. It started on Monday afternoon with athletics, followed by a full day of events on Tuesday. Students and staff dressed in our house colours of Wetlands, Lowly, Bonython and Fitzgerald with some getting very creative!

Sports day is all about inclusion, so to ensure that everyone got involved students were offered a range of exciting challenges in addition to a regular sports day program. Events included netball, VR, basketball, Mario cart, Lego, MasterChef and WSC's Got Talent. The MasterChef contestants were judged by leadership team members Tricia Richman, Andrew Dunn and Mandy Quinn. Well done to our winners of the Whyalla Secondary College Gift Award, Stephen and Alyssa, to Bonython for winning overall first place for the second year running and to all of the students who dressed up and participated in the various activities on offer.



## Netball Knock Out

Recently, our year 9/10 netball team travelled to Adelaide to play in the state netball tournament. Students played against teams from across the state at the Netball SA Stadium.

The girls played 3 minor round games and finished second. They then played off for third but unfortunately could not get the win.

They all played well and displayed the school values throughout the trip.



## Outdoor Education Excursion

Recently the Year 10 and 11 Outdoor Education classes went to Melrose for an orienteering excursion. In class students have been busy completing a unit on navigation so it was time to test their skills through an orienteering challenge. Students collaborated well to solve problems and all groups were extremely successful during the challenge.

## Spencer Gulf PLP Excursion

Recently, students from Spencer Gulf went on an excursion to Westlands Shopping Centre as part of their PLP curriculum. Through this excursion, students developed;

- understanding the importance of following a schedule
- directional language to follow a bus timetable
- how to catch a local bus
- the use of money to buy items at a supermarket using the self-serve checkout area
- interpersonal skills by handing a resume in to potential employers.



## Pupil Free Day

Recently the College had a pupil free day. Whilst students had a day off, our staff had a professional development day. We had the privilege of hosting Port Lincoln High School (virtually), which allowed our staff to network together. We had many sessions running throughout the day to help our teachers and SSO staff to develop more strategies and knowledge, with Peter Usher hosting a rock and water workshop with our Curriculum SSO's. Well done to all our staff, it was a very successful day.

## TAFESA Carpark

Our senior students are reminded of their responsibilities regarding the car parking facilities at the TAFE SA Whyalla campus. The parking provided on TAFE grounds is the property of TAFE, meaning that we are obligated to adhere to their rules. The out of bounds line on the western side of the school is parallel with the gym. The rules for leaving school grounds are the following:

- Year 12 students can sign out via student services during their independent studies lines, and
- Year 11 students can go to year 11 student services where staff can seek parental permission for students to sign out. More information will be sent to families next week.