

Principal's Welcome



Tricia Richman

Important Dates

Staff vs Students Netball
Friday 23 February

VET Block Week
Monday 26 February –
Friday 1 March

Youth Opportunities
Tuesday 27 February
Tuesday 5 March
Tuesday 12 March

SAASTA Tour of Whyalla
Tuesday 27 February

NAPLAN Practice Test
Tuesday 27 February

Aboriginal Career Exploration Workshop
Wednesday 28 February

Governing Council
Wednesday 28 February (7.00pm)

Adelaide Youth Leadership Conference
Friday 1 March (depart Thursday)

Spencer Gulf Meet & Greet
Tuesday 5 March (5.30-6.30pm)

Spencer Gulf Aquatics (Port Augusta)
Thursday 7 March

Pupil Free Day
Friday 8 March

Public Holiday (Adelaide Cup)
Monday 11 March

NAPLAN
Wednesday 13 to
Monday 25 March

Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome officially to the 2024 school year. It's hard to believe that we are already in week 4!

We welcome the following teaching staff for this year; Rav Padayachi, Morgan Dwyer, Arron Flynn, Zac Boxall, Tahlia Coombe, Boel Muyderman, Rebecca Ramm, Samantha Ramm, Pierre Visser, Brendan Waples and Georgina Wedding (who was previously an SSO), and Bethany Hodgkinson who has returned from maternity leave. Ricky Paveltish has taken leave for the first half of the year.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Tunya Greenhalgh is our new Year 11 Leader behind Ricky Paveltish. Also, congratulations to Brooke Nieborg, who has won the Flexible Learning SSO Admin position.

Over the holiday break we farewelled SSO's Janet Harvey, Alicia Renton (Spencer Gulf) and Kath Tavra (Student Pathways). I would like to thank them for all of their work at the college and wish them all the very best in their future endeavours. We have since welcomed SSO's Bruce Wedding, Max Pudney, Emily O'Connor, Mackenzie Spry and Gemma Wynands.

Kirsty Tully has been employed this year by the department as a School Mental Health Practitioner. Kirsty has an office next to reception and will be working with our year 7 and 8 students.

It's nice to see that students have settled in and are ready to engage with learning. The staggered start at the beginning of the term was a real success. Year 7 and Spencer Gulf in particular have had a very smooth transition and have achieved some great things already this term. This year has also seen the start of the new data driven classes which are running well.

This term has already seen some fantastic learning opportunities for the students. They include;

- our first VET block week for the year
- our first CHAT café for the year
- SACE Merit Ceremony in Adelaide
- SAASTA Power Cup workshop
- Sammy D presentations and workshops for student's year 7-12
- Youth Opportunities for Year 10 students
- Year 11/12 boys T20 cricket
- Year 7 Parent Meet and Greet
- Governing Council AGM

It was amazing to see the School Café back in operation last Friday. I loved seeing the students so passionate and enthusiastic about their potential pathway.

Well done to our Year 7 Leader Anthony Wilkinson and the year 7 team on a very successful parent meet and greet evening last Tuesday. There were 130 visitors to the school and it was excellent to see families connecting with staff. The students were excited to show their families their new learning spaces and introduce their new teachers.

We also had a very successful Governing Council AGM last Tuesday night, with only one parent position unfilled. If you would like to nominate, or you would like to find out more, please contact my EA Kylie Morris on 8668 9600 or email Kylie.Morris668@schools.sa.edu.au

Uniform is currently a priority and focus for all staff. There are many students in multiple year levels that are still wearing the incorrect uniform. Please refer to the uniform policy on our website if you are unsure of college uniform expectations.

Believe it or not, but we are also preparing for our official opening which will occur in a few weeks' time. Even though we are in our third year of operation, we haven't had an official opening, so staff are busy preparing for this event which will occur in mid March.

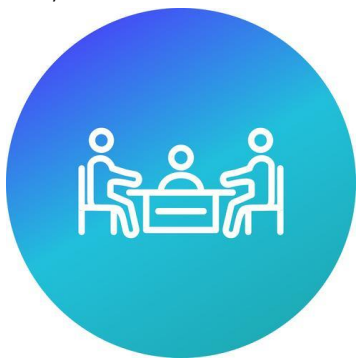
Each week I give staff and students a quote to reflect on. My favourite one to date this year is;

"It's better to go slow in the right direction, than go fast in the wrong direction"

College Updates

2024 Whyalla Secondary College Governing Council

Tracey Watson – Chairperson
 Melissa Hannaford – Vice Chairperson
 Tanya Collins – Secretary
 Rebecca Scharber
 Nicola Casey
 Robyn Pedler
 Ali Zimmermann
 Steph Newey
 Philippa Cockcroft
 Cherie Hubner
 Cathy Cruse
 Keren Burke
 Tanya Sharp
 Lisa Peatfield
 Rachel Attwood
 Kylie Clayton – Community Rep
 Justin Pool – Staff AEU Rep
 Kiersten Humphrey – Staff Rep
 Pete Usher – Staff Rep



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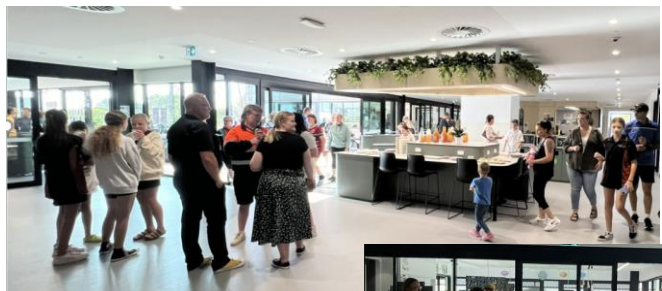
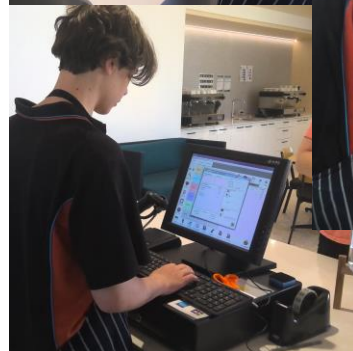
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CHAT Cafe

Last Friday, our VET students were in the kitchen learning how to cook for customers in our very first CHAT café for the year. Students created a tasty menu for staff to enjoy including rolls, wraps, muffins, hot and cold drinks, and more! Students were put to the test with food preparation and safety, operating POS and EFTPOS machines, beverage preparation, working as a team, leadership skills and customer service skills. Congratulations to Miss Kober and the VET team who received rave reviews! We can't wait to see the next café in action.

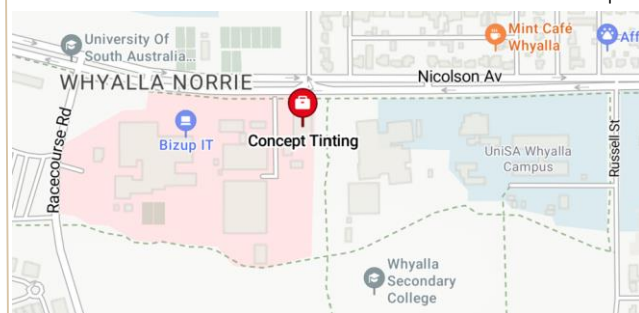


Year 7 Meet & Greet

Last Tuesday, the college held their annual Year 7 Meet and Greet night, which saw approximately 130 people attend.



Families and friends had the opportunity to come along, meet the teachers and explore their child's new learning environment. It was great to see so many new families to our college.



Visitor Parking

Due to the limited parking available at Concept Window Tinting and Country and Outback Health, families are reminded not to park in this area as it impacts on their staff and customers.

Families are also asked not to stop on the roadway to drop off or collect students, or park on the grass next to the kiss-and-drop zone as this creates a safety hazard and destroys the grass.

SACE Merit Ceremony

Earlier this month, three Whyalla Secondary College students received certificates at the SACE merit ceremony in Adelaide. Stage 1 and Stage 2 students can be awarded a merit in a subject if they gain an overall grade of an A+, and demonstrate exceptional achievement in that subject. From Whyalla Secondary College, Joseph received a merit for English, Trinity for Research Project B, and Charlotte for Research Project A. Literacy Leader Bec Walton represented the college at the ceremony and celebrated these exceptional achievements with the students and their families. Congratulations to you all for all your hard work in 2023!

