

Principal's Welcome



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Important Dates

Stage 2 Exams

Monday 22 to Friday 26 July

SAASTA ACE Emersion Camp

Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August

VET Block Week

Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August

ACE Workabout Centre Block Yr 10

Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August

STEM Girls Creative Challenge

Monday 5 & Tuesday 6 August

Spencer Gulf Inclusive Basketball Port Pirie

Thursday 8 August

Creche 12-1pm

Friday 9 August

Science Week

Monday 12 to Friday 16 August

EP Field Days

Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 August

Governing Council

Wednesday 14 August

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Friday 16 August

Book Week – Reading is Magic

Monday 19 to Friday 23 August

VET Block Week

Monday 19 to Friday 23 August

Flinders Uni Test

Tuesday 20 August

Stage 1 & 2 OED Bushwalk

Wednesday 21 to Friday 23 August

Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome to the last newsletter for term 2.

Highlights during the second half of this term include;

- IPP Try a Career session and information night
- Connected Self staff professional development
- CHAT café and creche
- Year 11 exams
- Year 12 formal
- Year 10 Outdoor Ed camp
- Year 8 Urban Experience camp

A personal highlight for me would have to be seeing year 12 student Elysia proudly represent the college at a recent State Dinner. The dinner was held at Government House in Adelaide, and the way in which Elysia conducted herself and engaged in conversation with The Governor, Premier and Department for Education CE was exemplary.

This story, along with so many others are featured on our Facebook page and I encourage all families to have a look at the many amazing things that happen at the college on a daily basis.

Semester 1 reports are now live on the Daymap parent portal. For families logging into Daymap for the first time, the links appear below.

Year 12 students are encouraged to take advantage of the study sessions which are being held from next Wednesday 10 to Friday 12 July. For more information please refer to the email which has been sent to families, or contact the school.

In the first week of term, year 12 students will undertake their Stage 2 exams.

Last week the school transitioned to a new operating system called EMS (Education Management System). This rollout is occurring across the state.

In the second half of this term we farewelled SSO's Kye Hanley, Kasey Pettiford, Tegan Curwood and Leanne Desmond who has retired. We wish everyone all the very best in their new ventures, and also Leanne in her retirement. We also farewelled teaching staff member Brendan Waples. As mentioned in my last newsletter Jenna Macdonald has commenced at the college as an Alternative Curriculum leader. This term has also seen Jenny Dare as a curriculum SSO staff member.

Next term our previous placement teachers; Olivia Harling (previously Southam-Byrnes), Jessica Scott, Shannon Upton and Anthony Broekx will start at the college as special authority teachers. Students are asked to please welcome them when they see them.

Please note that the school is open each week day during the school holidays from 8.30am to 4.30pm. I hope everyone enjoys the break and we look forward to seeing all students back at school on Monday 22 July.

My quote for this newsletter is:

"The beautiful thing about learning, is that nobody can take it away from you"

PPEP Talk SA

Wednesday 21 August

Sports Day

Monday 26 (pm) and Tuesday 27 August

Daymap Parent Portal Links

<https://apps.apple.com/au/app/daymap-mobile/id1494799850> App store apple

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.daymap.mobile> google Play store

<https://wsc.sa.edu.au/about/information/daymap/> Website

College Updates

Year 12 Formal 🎉

Last Friday students and staff celebrated the year 12 formal at the Whyalla Golf Club. It was fantastic to see students celebrating their achievements and making lasting memories as they finish 13 years of schooling. Families have been emailed a link to view the photo gallery.



Government House State Dinner

Whyalla Secondary College would like to congratulate year 12 student Elysia, who proudly represented the college at a recent State Dinner held at Government House in Adelaide.

Students and part time employment

Did
YOU KNOW?



- Students can only work part time if it is outside of school hours.
- Part time work must not interfere with school. For example students should not work night shift as this can make them tired. It also makes it hard for them to learn the next day.
- An employer or parent could be prosecuted if they ask a student to work in these ways. This means being fined or getting a criminal conviction.

NAIDOC Week Morning Tea

To celebrate NAIDOC, on Wednesday during recess the CHAT students provided morning tea and made coffee for staff.



OPEN PARACHUTE



This week we hosted the Adelaide Crows, including AFLW players Niamh Kelly and Eloise Jones, to launch the STEMfooty program. This is a 10 week unit for Year 7 students linked to the curriculum and mixes book work with hands on experiences.

This week we hosted the Adelaide Crows Foundation, who ran sessions with all year 7-10 students focusing on positive mental health and wellbeing. The Open Parachute Program is a cutting-edge well-being program aimed at upskilling students through peer role-modelling, which is clinically proven to help students develop resilience.