

Principal's Welcome

Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome to the final newsletter for term 3. Highlights during the second half of this term include;

- Sports Day
- Encounter Youth presentations
- Literacy and Numeracy Week
- Science Week
- Dress up as your favourite book character
- R U OK? Day
- Senior school Café and Creche
- VET Block Week
- Learning Conversations
- CHAT Dinner
- Youth Opportunities Graduation
- Year 10 Futures Camp
- Whole School Closure and Pupil Free Days

Sports Day was a huge success this year for the students that participated. Congratulations to James Fox and the HPE team on such a fantastic event. Not to mention that **Bonython** came away with the win for the third year in a row!

Our recent Learning Conversations evening was also really successful. Having the senior school subject selection meetings at the same time worked really well. It was excellent to see the Year 9 and 10 floors in particular, so busy with students and families.

Our first excursion to the Whyalla Court House was an amazing experience for the senior students that attended. We are going to make this a regular excursion on the school calendar moving forward, and I would like to thank Magistrate White for her assistance with coordinating this event.

Our CHAT students did a fantastic job at their end of year dinner. The café looked gorgeous and the dishes they provided for their guests were outstanding.

Congratulations to Jenna Macdonald and husband Rory on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby boy Lockie Angus Macdonald. Jenna and Lockie are both doing very well and we are looking forward to meeting Lockie soon.

We would also like to congratulate Jake Miell who is getting married to fiancée Bec during the upcoming holidays. We wish you both all the very best for the future.

Congratulations to the following staff who have won leadership positions at the college in 2025;

- Ms Rebecca Ramm, Year 11/12 Assistant Principal
- Ms Jenna Macdonald, Alternative Curriculum Leader
- Ms Mel Kober, VET/Pathways Leader
- Mr Mitch Jackman, Aboriginal Education Leader
- Ms Chloe Rushton, Intervention Leader
- Ms Hannah Simpson, Wellbeing Leader
- Ms Sabrina Stallon-Gibbs, Year 8 Leader
- Ms Michelle Harvey, Home Economics Leader

In further HR news, this term we have welcomed Penny Callaghan and Erin Brice as SSO staff members.

Today we say farewell to two staff members.

Veronica Harvey will be taking leave and then retiring. Veronica has given many years of hard work and dedication to staff and students across Whyalla. Her work and commitment is greatly appreciated and I really hope that you enjoy what life has to offer you from here.

Aidan Kannieappan is also leaving the college as he takes Long Service Leave for the remainder of the year. Thank you Aidan for your time at the college and I wish you well for the future.

We would also like to thank James Peet and Yen Truong who have been pre service teachers at the college this term.

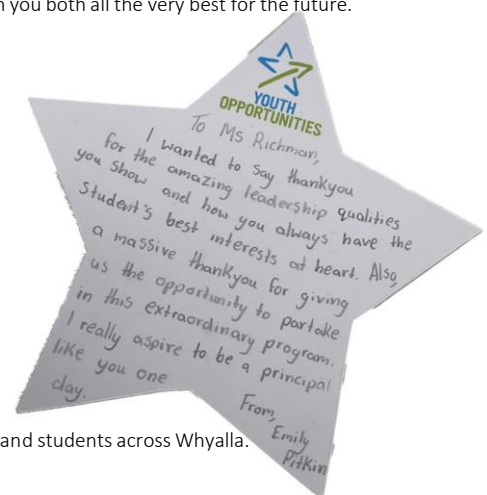
Year 12 teachers will be running holiday sessions for our Year 12 students on Monday and Tuesday of next week. I would like to thank staff for giving up this time for their students, I know that both the students and their parents are very grateful for this.

This time of year is a very stressful time for year 12 students and staff. It is important that we recognise this and do whatever we can to assist and support them over the coming weeks. Some key things for parents and caregivers to keep in mind are;

- Ensure students sleep a minimum of 8 hours per night.
- Ensure students maintain a healthy diet.
- Ensure they engage in some form of physical activity. For example walk, swim, dance or playing a team sport.
- Allow students to have a part time job if they can manage the workload.
- Encourage them to set up a regular and consistent study plan to ensure all deadlines are met.
- Have open communication so you are aware when assignments are due and key examinations take place.
- Avoid family holidays and days off of school.

My term ended on a real positive, when I received the above star and message from Youth Opportunities graduate Emily Pitkin. I appreciated this far more than anyone realises and I may have become a little overwhelmed with emotion. Thank you so much Emily.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and restful break. The school will be open each day between 8.30am – 4.30pm, except for the public holiday on Monday 7 October. As we head into the term 3 holidays I would like share the following quote with you all; **"Results happen over time, not overnight. Work hard, stay consistent and be patient"**.



College Updates & Important Dates

Important Dates

- Start of Term 4**
Monday 14 October
- Spencer Gulf Celebration**
Monday 14 October
- Power Community Ltd
SAASTA Connect Cup Workshop**
Wednesday 16 October
- VET Block Week**
Monday 21 – Friday 25 October
- Year 6 Parent Information Night**
Tuesday 22 October
- SAASTA Connect**
Thursday 24 – Friday 25 October
- World Teacher's Day**
Friday 25 October
- Clontarf Awards Night**
Tuesday 29 October
- STEM Girls EOY Celebration**
Tuesday 29-Wednesday 30 October
- Governing Council**
Wednesday 30 October
- Year 12 Final Day/Farewell Assembly**
Friday 1 November
- Year 12 Exams**
Monday 4 – Wednesday 13 November
- Clontarf Year 8-9 Camp**
Wednesday 6-Thursdays 7 November
- Shooting Stars Awards Night**
Tuesday 12 November
- Year 11 Exams**
Monday 18 –
Wednesday 20 November

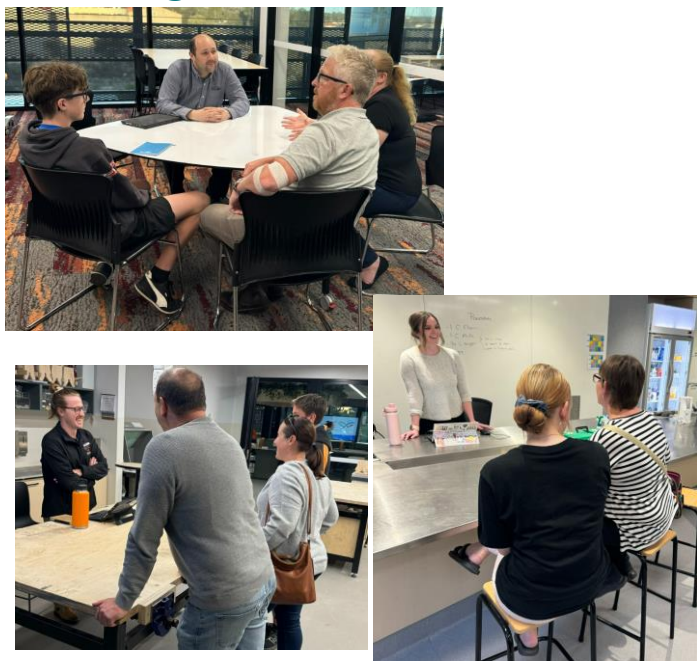
Sports Day



CHAT Café Dinner



Learning Conversations



Year 12 Exam Schedule

Date	Subject	Duration	Time	Location
Monday 4 November	Mathematical Methods [2MHS20]	130 minutes	9.00am – 11.10am	UniSA
Monday 4 November	General Mathematics [2MGM20]	130 minutes	1.30pm – 3.40pm	UniSA
Tuesday 5 November	Essential Mathematics [2MEM20]	130 minutes	9.00am – 11.10am	UniSA
Wednesday 6 November	Chemistry [2CEM20]	130 minutes	9.00am – 11.10am	UniSA
Wednesday 6 November	Psychology [2PSG20]	130 minutes	1.30pm – 3.40pm	WSC
Friday 8 November	Biology [2BGY20]	130 minutes	9.00am – 11.10am	WSC
Monday 11 November	Physics [2PYI20]	130 minutes	9.00am – 11.10am	UniSA
Wednesday 13 November	Specialist Mathematics [2MSC20]	130 minutes	9.00am – 11.10am	UniSA

Favourite Book Character

