

Principal's Welcome

Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome to the first newsletter for term 4. Highlights this term include;

- Year 12 final assembly and exams
- Market Day
- Final VET block week for 2024
- Future year 7 parent information evening
- SAASTA connect camp
- Year 9/10 knockout basketball finals in Adelaide
- Year 8/9 Clontarf camp
- CHAT students running the Café
- World Teachers Day
- Clontarf and Shooting Stars annual awards nights
- STEM Girls end of year event
- Shooting Stars Leadership camp
- Novita wheelchair sports
- Remembrance Day
- Year 10 Outdoor Education camp



Tricia Richman

A major focus at the start of this term was our year 12 cohort. It has been an extremely important and stressful time for them as their life as a school student comes to an end. It was also a very busy and stressful time for the staff who taught them.

On Friday 1 November the college marked the occasion with a very emotional and touching final year 12 assembly. The morning was a pleasure to be a part of and I left feeling so very proud of the staff and students.

Year 12 students completed their exams last week and I look forward to receiving their results and achievements on Monday 16 December.

Year 11 exams are currently in progress, with the last one scheduled for tomorrow. This is followed by Head Start in to Year 12 this Thursday and then the year 11 final assembly on Friday. Families are invited to attend the assembly which will be held in the theatre starting at 11am.

I would like to congratulate Clontarf on their recent awards night. It was so nice to see the boys dressed up and proud to be a part of the event.

The Shooting Stars awards night was also very well attended, which was lovely to see. I was also very lucky to receive a "Kindness Jar", from the girls in the program recently. This was a lovely gift to receive.

Thank you also to Ms Rebecca Ramm and her year 11 class, for my Gratitude Box. I loved this and think it is a great way to thank and acknowledge the hard work of our senior school teachers.

At the start of the term Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Ms Clare Scriven visited the aquaculture/horticulture site to see what the team have been doing. This is another real positive for both the college and our Flexible Learning team.

We have also had some visitors from Flinders Street visit the college. Ms Kathryn Bruggemann and Ms Caroline Fishpool spent time with us to hear more and support us with our ongoing proposal work. This is really exciting and important as it shows that they are really interested in our ideas to improve outcomes for the students.

The Executive leadership team organised a morning tea for all teaching staff on World Teachers Day to thank them all for the amazing job they do in making a difference in the lives of students every day.

Parents and caregivers have been emailed a letter highlighting the new timetable for 2025. This gives plenty of time for parents and caregivers to raise any questions during the term. We will be trailing the new timetable in week 9 when we do Head Start Week.

We had a very positive and successful governing council meeting last week, with all of the parents being extremely supportive of what is happening at the college. During the meeting the council members approved the 2025 interim budget, staggered starts for the start of next year and our four designated pupil free days for 2025.

In HR news I would like to congratulate Mr Pete Usher, who has won the Principal role at Orroroo Area School from January 2025. Pete was one of the founding staff members at the college, starting his current role in January 2021, and has played a significant part in the setup of the school.

His area of passion and strength was the new build and he developed very strong relationships with the Sarah Construction team. Pete has also played a key role in transition and major events at the college.

Pete has aspired to becoming a Principal for quite some time, so we wish him all the best for his next career move.

Mr Anthony Wilkinson has won the Assistant Principal position behind Pete for next year. Anthony has been instrumental in his leadership skills over the past 2 years as Year 7 Leader and we look forward to him joining the executive leadership team at the college.

I would also like to congratulate Mr Jacob Ellidge who has won the HPE/School Sport leadership position for 2025.

In further HR news, this term we have welcomed Ms Tia Head as an SSO staff member. I would also like to wish Caitlin Brice all the very best as she commences maternity leave.

Congratulations also to staff member Ms Lauren McManus who married fiancée Kurt at the start of this term. We wish you both all the very best for the future.

My quote for this newsletter is the quote that I gave the year 12's at their farewell assembly:

"Your education is a dress rehearsal for a life that is yours to lead"

College Updates & Important Dates

Clontarf Awards Night

The Whyalla Clontarf Academy celebrated their end of year awards recently. This annual event is held to celebrate the achievements of the academy and students throughout the year. The celebration was brilliantly run by year 9 students Elijah and Justice. They were joined at various stages throughout the evening by award presenters Ely, Jeremy, Donn and Torrone along with representatives from Workskil, Kmart, Whyalla Secondary College and The Whyalla City Council.



Whyalla Secondary College 2025 Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-9:00					
9:00-9:30	Care Group	Care Group	Care Group	Care Group	Care Group
9:30-10:20	1	3	4	7	2
10:20-11:10	2	7	4	7	1
11:10-11:40	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
11:40-12:30	3	5	6	3	5
12:30-1:20	4	5	6	3	6
1:20-1:40	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:40-1:50					
1:50-2:30	7	6	1	2	4
2:30-2:40					
2:40-3:30	5	Meetings	1	2	
3:30	After School		After School	After School	After School

Important Dates

Spencer Gulf Meet & Greet Wednesday 20 November	Pupil Free Day Friday 29 November
Year 11 into Year 12 Thursday 21 November	Presentation Night Tuesday 3 December
Year 11 Final Assembly Friday 22 November	Governing Council Monday 9 December
Whole Town Transition Monday 25 November Tuesday 26 November	Year 9/10 End of Year Assembly Wednesday 11 December
Year 7 House Culture Day Monday 25 November	Year 7/8 End of Year Assembly Thursday 12 December
Year 8 House Culture Day Tuesday 26 November	Last Day of Term Early Dismissal 2.30pm Friday 13 December



Port Augusta Technical College

Students from our school can now apply for part-time industry training at Port Augusta Technical College!

Set to open in semester 2, 2025, the Technical College will enable hundreds of students from across the region to access training in state-of-the facilities, with short-stay accommodation available.

Students can get a head start to a career in 1 of 4 industry specialisations:

- Civil, resources and infrastructure
- Health and social support
- Hospitality and tourism
- Multi-trades (for careers as plumbers, builders, electricians, boilermakers).

Students who are accepted into one of these training programs will continue to be enrolled at our school and travel to Port Augusta Technical College in week-long blocks to gain hands-on training.

Applications are now open for year 10 and 11 in 2025. Talk to our pathways team about how to apply.

More information about the technical college, its industry specialisations and the application process is available at www.technicalcolleges.sa.gov.au/our-colleges/port-augusta-technical-college.

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5 December

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