## YEAR 7/8 COMMUNITY

## Dear parents/caregivers

The Year 7/8 teaching community would like extend a warm welcome to our newly enrolled families and Year 7 students as well as welcome back our year 8 students and their families. As we embark on another exciting year, we remain committed to building a positive school culture and guide each child to reach their full potential by inspiring possibilities.

Our approach to delivering the curriculum continues to evolve with a focus on fostering deep understanding through the foundations of our ATRIUM pedagogy. The core curriculum is divided into two main areas: Global Perspectives (English and HASS) and Universal Reasoning (Maths and Science). This structure allows us to deliver lessons that integrate content in a meaningful and engaging way.

The middle years of schooling are a time of growth and change, whether your child is new to the college or is continuing into year 8, and we are excited about the opportunities ahead for your child. We are dedicated to developing their knowledge and employability skills, guided by the school's values. Our classrooms will remain inclusive and respectful spaces, with high expectations for both behaviour and academic effort to ensure every student can thrive in an environment that supports their learning needs.

Below, I would like to introduce the Year 7/8 Caregroup team:

7A – Kiersten Humphrey

7B – Georgina Wedding

7C – Linda Cheesman

7D – Stefania Chrominska

8A - Ben Robinson

8B – Bethany Hodgkinson/Pravinesh Mudalair

8C - Tammy Edwards

8D – Chris Cordingley

8E – Jill Evans

Head to our <u>college website</u> to learn more about our teaching team. If you need to touch base for any reason, feel free to contact your child's care group teacher, the year 7 coordinator Kiersten Humphrey, year 8 coordinator Sabrina Stallon-Gibbs or the Year 7/8 Assistant Principal, Anthony Wilkinson.



## Community Leaders



Anthony Wilkinson



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Welcome, my name is Anthony Wilkinson, and I am thrilled to begin my new role as Assistant Principal of the Year 7/8 community. Over the last three years, I've had the privilege of serving as the Year 7 Coordinator, and I'm excited to continue supporting our students and families in this new capacity. As a Whyalla local and having worked my teaching career in Whyalla, I have a deep connection to our community and an understanding of the needs of our students. Prior to joining WSC, I worked as a primary school teacher, which gave me valuable insight into the transition students experience as they move into secondary schooling. This perspective has shaped my approach to fostering a supportive and engaging learning environment. Outside of work, I enjoy studying foreign languages and linguistics, an interest which extends into my teaching subject. When I'm not at the college, I enjoy spending time with my wife and young son, researching family history, and taking road trips to the Riverland. I look forward to working with our students, families, and staff to make this a successful and rewarding year.



Kiersten Humphrey

Title: Year 7 Leader

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My name is Kiersten Humphrey and I moved to Whyalla in 2022 and this is my third year at Whyalla Secondary College in the Year 7 community. I am excited to be the Year 7 leader in 2025 to work alongside all of the Year 7 staff and students and to be teaching Year 7 Global Perspectives again this year to inspire the love of learning and building positive relationships across the school. Outside of school, I love to spend time in the outdoors especially spending time at the beach, out on the boat or camping. I am looking forward to a successful and rewarding year with all of the new Year 7 students.



Sabrina Stallon-Gibbs

Title: Year 8 Leader

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My name is Sabrina, and I am grateful to serve as the Year 8 Leader this year, as well as teach the Year 8 Universal Reasoning class. I moved to Whyalla in 2019 and have cherished every moment living and teaching in this wonderful community. I am passionate about supporting middle school students and striving for positive outcomes in their learning journeys. Outside of the classroom, I enjoy spending time with my nearly 4-year-old daughter, as well as relaxing at home with movies and indulging in my love for cooking and baking. I am excited to work with the new Year 8 cohort and am optimistic that we will have a successful and rewarding year.