

Principal's Welcome



Tricia Richman

Important Dates

VET Block Week

Monday 5 – Friday 9 May

Year 10 VET/IPP/SACE Info Night

Thursday 8 May

Do it for Dolly Day

Friday 9 May

Clontarf Year 8/9 Basketball Camp

Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 May

Try a Trade

Monday 18 to Friday 23 May

House Madness/Red Day

Tuesday 20 May

Safer Journeys Road Safety Event

Year 11/12 - Wednesday 21 May

Year 10 - Thursday 22 May

Governing Council

Wednesday 21 May at 7pm

Career Expo

Thursday 29 May

Year 8 Urban Experience Camp 1

Tuesday 3 to Thursday 5 June

Public Holiday

Monday 9 June

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 10 June

Year 8 Urban Experience Camp 2

Monday 16 to Wednesday 18 June

Year 12 Formal

Friday 27 June

Dear parents and caregivers,

As term one comes to a close, we reflect on how busy it has been with some fantastic learning opportunities for both students and staff. These include;

- Learning conversations/Spencer Gulf meet and greet
- Youth week
- WASSAC carnival/alternative learning
- NAPLAN
- Aquaculture excursion to Cowell
- Year 7 Port Vincent camps
- AHEAD creche in the café
- Stage 2 Art camp
- Year 10 immunisations
- VET block weeks
- World Down Syndrome day/harmony week
- SASPA staff meet and greet
- SACE professional development for staff

This term the college hosted the WASSAC carnival offsite, whilst students onsite enjoyed our alternative learning day. It was a big undertaking to arrange both, but it is safe to say that the students had a great day competing in the carnival and engaging in fun alternative curriculum.

Our recent learning conversations evening was well attended with parents appreciating the time to connect in an informal way with their child's teachers. Justin Pool and the Spencer Gulf team also took the opportunity to host a family meet and greet with families.

Deputy Principal Christina Nicholas and I had the pleasure of attending the rescheduled SACE merit ceremony, where year 12 student Amaya was presented with a merit for Research Project.

As we enter the fourth year of implementing the learner profile and capabilities pilot at the college, we are working on showcasing the pilot and the learning our staff and students have been engaging in to the school community. The pilot has provided many opportunities for learners to gain a deeper understanding of the capabilities and elements that make them ready for post-schooling pathways. Our staff and students participated in workshops last week, delivered by Virginia Steele and Ryan Byrne from the SACE board. It was a valuable opportunity to explore the broader vision of the learner profile and capabilities pilot and reflect on how far the college has come in this journey. Keep an eye out on our social media for updates about our pilot.

The college has had a focus on behaviour routines/management this term, and I am pleased to report that I am already seeing a positive difference on the year 7 and 8 floors, with the new entrance routines working well.

This term the college underwent our annual financial audit. Congratulations to the finance team on a fantastic audit report. After only three years of operation we received zero audit comments. This is a fantastic result and a credit to our hard working and dedicated finance team.

This term we farewelled grounds team member Max Pudney, and welcomed SSO staff member Sadhana Chilakapati.

From the start of term 2 we welcome teaching staff Priya Choudhary, Sweta Gupta and Anna Crafter along with Case Managers Brooke Wilson and Grace Shiner.

At governing council's first official meeting for the year, the topic of school uniform was raised. In particular the length of student's shorts. Families are reminded that shorts must be at least mid-thigh in length. For a complete list of uniform requirements, please look at the uniform policy on our website.

It is also not too late to nominate for Governing Council. Please contact my EA Kylie Morris on 8668 9600 or email Kylie.Morris668@schools.sa.edu.au

From the start of term 2, students will be able to collect their ID cards from main student services. The cost is \$6.50, with replacement cards costing \$10. Please note that students can purchase them before and after school as well as during break times. The reason for the delay has been due to families having to return their media consent forms. This has also caused a delay in school photos. Although, I am pleased to report that school photos will be available early in term two.

My quote for this newsletter is **"Never regret a day in your life. Good days give happiness, bad days give experience, worst days give lessons and the best days give memories"**.

I hope that you all have a really lovely holiday break and make the most of the Easter long weekend. If you are travelling please be safe on the roads. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 28 April.

College Updates

Stage 2 Visual Art and Community Connections Art Camp

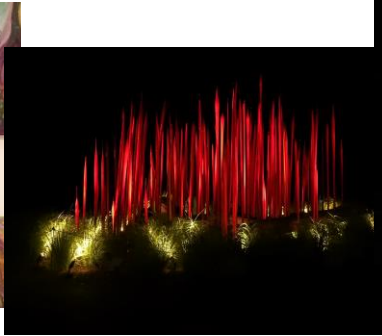
As part of the Stage 2 Visual Art and Community Connections subjects' students attended an Art Camp in Adelaide to enrich their experience of the Visual Arts and support their learning.

Students had the opportunity to view the 2025 SACE Art Show, attend a guided tour of the Art School of UniSA City West Campus, the Jam Factory and participate in a guided tour of the Art Gallery of South Australia (AGSA) to view the Radical Textiles exhibition.

Students also attended a facilitated studio visit focusing on local Adelaide practicing artist Frida Las Vegas.

However, I am sure the students would agree the highlight of the camp was the Chihuly glass exhibition held in the Botanic Gardens. The students and I would like to take the opportunity to personally thank Principal Richman for supporting the students to attend the exhibition.

– Pete Beer, Visual Arts/Design Technology & Engineering Teacher



2025 SACE Art Show

Whyalla Secondary College, and particularly the Visual Arts faculty is proud to acknowledge and celebrate student Caitlin Liebelt's academic achievement in Stage 2 Visual Art.

Caitlin's innovative and exceptional wooden laser engraved triptyc artwork entitled 'Three Creatures' entry was accepted to be exhibited in Adelaide for the 2025 SACE Art Show.

The exhibition showcases high quality original visual art and design works created by students represented from 68 schools around South Australia, both from the public and private sectors. This week Caitlin's family were advised that this spectacular piece has been selected by a sponsor of the SACE Art Show 2025 for loan and display at their organisation. Congratulations on your artwork being selected for loan. This is an amazing achievement!



SACE Merit Ceremony

You may remember that in February, year 12 student Amaya was unable to attend the SACE Merit Ceremony due to the extreme weather.

We are pleased to report that the ceremony went ahead this week where Amaya was officially presented with her award - a SACE Merit in Research Project.

Principal Richman and Deputy Principal Nicholas were in attendance along with Amaya's Grandma (pictured). Congratulations Amaya on this outstanding achievement! 🎉

