

Principal's Welcome



Tricia Richman

Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome to the last day of term 3. It has been another very busy term.

Our rescheduled sports day was a huge success. It was so good to see both staff and students enjoying the day, as well as more parents and community members attending to spectate and support.

Lowly won the day with Bonython winning the participation shield.

This term has seen us welcome the following staff to the college;

- Admin SSO's Navneet Birdi, Paulette Genahl and Zoe Tooby
- Curriculum SSO Georgie Williams
- Myles McNamara who has joined the Clontarf team

This term has seen us farewell;

- Admin SSO's Paige Alexander and Taylah Shepperbottom
- Interoception SSO Natalie Keefe

We extend our heartfelt wishes for success in their future endeavours. A special note for Taylah, who recently began parental leave. Best wishes, and we look forward to hearing the exciting news of your baby's arrival.

Our Business Leader Mandy Quinn commences leave today, retuning in mid January. During this time Kate Warren will be the acting Business Leader. We wish Mandy all the very best during this time and welcome Kate into the role.

Events at the college this term include;

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| - Literacy and Numeracy Week | - Week Year 10 camp |
| - Annual SAASTA Shield | - Year 9/10 basketball carnival |
| - R U OK? Day | - VET block week |
| - Youth Opportunities graduation | - Sports Day |
| - Year 9 camp | - Pupil free day |
| - Spencer Gulf market event | - Learning Conversations |

It was great to see the staff in particular get involved with dressing as their favourite book character during our recent Literacy and Numeracy week. Students loved seeing staff get involved and be a part of a fun way of learning.

My favourite part of this week was attending the Spencer Gulf Market Event on Wednesday afternoon. It was fantastic to see the students so passionate and proud of their stalls. I am also very impressed that the students made a profit from their market. The Spencer Gulf staff team did an amazing job to make the afternoon a reality. Well Done!

This morning, Whyalla Secondary College carried out both a Code Black alert and an evacuation drill. All students followed the instructions provided with exceptional cooperation and attentiveness, ensuring a smooth and successful execution of both procedures.

Earlier this term, the SAASTA class travelled to Adelaide to participate in the annual SAASTA Shield. This event celebrates the year's achievements and recognises students who have demonstrated exceptional efforts. We are thrilled to share that the Whyalla Academy had outstanding success, with two students receiving major awards. Sharontae was honoured with the prestigious SAASTA Student of the Year award, while Jordan received the Empowering Futures Award. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication—both are truly deserving of these accolades. Congratulations to Sharontae and Jordan!

Families are reminded that the deadline to submit school card applications this year is 21 November. To allow sufficient time for processing, families are encouraged to submit their applications well in advance of this date.

Year 12 students are encouraged to take advantage of the study sessions which are being held next Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 September. For more information please refer to the email which has been sent to families, or contact the school. In the fourth week of term 4, our year 12 students will undertake their Stage 2 exams. Information on the exam schedule together with the farewell assembly and end of year process is being emailed home to families today.

The school is open each week day during the school holidays from 8.30am to 4.30pm. The school will be closed on Monday 6 October due to the public holiday. I hope families take the opportunity to enjoy the upcoming school holidays, along with the start of daylight savings and the warmer weather.

My quote for this newsletter is: **"You can't change what you did before, but you can change what you do next."**

We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 13 October for what will be a very busy term 4.

College Updates



SAASTA Awards

Early this term the SAASTA class travelled to Adelaide for the Annual SAASTA Shield. This event focused on celebrating the year, and awarding students with special efforts. The Whyalla academy had two students win the major awards. Sharontae won the SAASTA Student of the Year, and Jordan won Empowering Futures Award. We are extremely proud of both students efforts and they are very deserving winners.

The deadline for school card applications is fast approaching!

With the November deadline fast approaching, families are encouraged to find out now if they are eligible to receive financial assistance with school fees.

School card is available in government schools for:

- ✓ families with children attending school full-time who are aged 4 years and over
- ✓ independent full-time students in year 10, 11 or 12
- ✓ adult re-entry students who are completing their SACE.

To qualify for a school card, your family's gross income must be below a certain limit, which depends on how many dependant children you have.

The income limits for applications lodged in 2025 are based on your family's gross income in 2023-24.



Find out more: <https://www.sa.gov.au/.../financial.../school-card-scheme>



Daylight Saving Starts

Sunday 5 October 2025

Clocks are turned forward 1 hour at 2.00am



Recognition of Service

Deputy Principal Christina Nicholas recently celebrated 10 years of service with the Department for Education.

Christina is pictured receiving her award from Year 7/8 Assistant Principal Anthony Wilkinson.

Congratulations, Christina on this significant milestone!



Whyalla Secondary College Year 12 Farewell Assembly

The Senior School Team
is pleased to invite

Year 12 Students, Parents and Caregivers
to attend the 2025 Whyalla Secondary College Year 12
Farewell Assembly

Friday 31 October 2025
Whyalla Secondary College Gymnasium
9:00am for light refreshments and finger food
with the assembly commencing at 10:00am

Please RSVP to Renay.Webster802@schools.sa.edu.au
by Monday 27 October 2025



Inclusion Innovation Integrity



Week 10, Term 3, 2025

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Year 9 Camp

Recently, our Year 9 cohort embarked on a 4 day camp to Port Lincoln, packed with adventure, teamwork and fun. Highlights included hand-feeding animals at Glen Forest Animal Park, sandboarding at Port Lincoln National Park, and action-filled activities like bubble soccer and Zorb tag. Students explored Coffin Bay through kayaking, paddle boarding and snorkelling, as well as enjoying the Oyster Walk's stunning scenery. The trip ended with a visit to Port Lincoln's main street and a stop at Arno Bay, where café staff praised the students' politeness and friendliness. A big thank you to the staff who made this memorable experience possible!



Spencer Gulf Entrepreneurial Market Day

Spencer Gulf students in Years 9–12 have been building their entrepreneurial skills through the \$20 Boss program and project-based learning this term. As part of this initiative, they created small business ideas and products to sell to both staff and families.

Guided by our school values and ATRIUM capabilities, students reflected on their small business journeys after the event.

