NEWSLETTER
Week 3, Term 4 2026
Whyalla Secondary College

Principal's Welcome

Tricia Richman



It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of week three. It has been a really busy start to the final term of the year, with engaging learning taking place in every area of the school.

Earlier today parents, grandparents, caregivers, special guests and community members joined staff to farewell the class of 2026. This is our first cohort of students to complete their high school education at the college. It marks a very significant day for the students and I wish our year 12's every success. I am so very proud of each and every one of them. I was also really impressed with our year 11 hosts and Aleisha's Valedictorian speech. Our students really are amazing. It is also important to thank and acknowledge year 12 teachers, Ms Christian and Mr Turner-Wiebreck who have walked alongside them and supported them to be successful. For those undertaking exams, I wish you all the very best.

I would like to acknowledge the Hope Collective who met with a group of Year 12's earlier in the week and were asked what would help them get through these final weeks of Year 12. The response was to feed them! As a result of this discussion, the Hope Collective returned with egg and bacon rolls for the Year 12 students. They also made study packs for all of the Year 12 students.

In regards to HR, this term we have welcomed the following staff to the college; Supriya Nair who is working in the Maths/Science team. Larisa White: Larisa will start as a Curriculum SSO for us while we wait for her SAT paperwork to be processed and approved. Shelby Myers who is working as both a Curriculum and Admin SSO for us. Prem Solanki who is our new ICT Support SSO and Duncan MacDonald who has joined the Grounds team for the remainder of the year. We have also welcomed SSO Jacinta Niemann to our team. Jacinta is working with in Interoception and assisting the Centacare team. Welcome back to SSO Billie McMillan who has returned from maternity leave. Billie is assisting with the organisation of our major events in Term 4. We also welcome Jared Jones to the school as he works closely with Dave Searle to get a detailed handover about the ICT needs of the site.

The start of the term saw us farewell Keith Illingworth who has retired, Kate Deakin, Tia Head and Paulette Genahl. We thank you for your work at the College and wish you all the best with whatever your next chapter may be.

Congratulations to Zoe Tooby who got engaged to John over the holiday break. Congratulations also to Tennyson Frost who got to engaged to Hannah over the holiday break. I wish both couples all the very best for your future together.

This week our Flexible Learning students finished painting their Mural designs alongside artist Althea Mallee at Westlands Shopping Centre. The Murals are amazing and the students involved should be very proud of their work. If you haven't been to Westlands, make a point of going over the weekend. We have had excellent feedback from both the artist and members of the community in regards to our students and the finished product.

Over the past 3 weeks we have also celebrated the following at the college;
- Annual Clontarf Awards ceremony
- Clontarf soccer carnival
- Shooting Stars Year 7/8 camp
- Final VET block week for 2026
- Year 10 Shark Tank presentations
- End of Year CHAT Dinner
- Year 12 Spirit Week activities
- Staff/Year 12 student netball games
- Year 7-9 Cricket carnival in Port Augusta
- World Teachers Day

This week has then ended with yet another very busy crèche taking place in the Café. It was so nice to see our students running their crèche so well, as well as a very small cohort ensuring the Café was operating well.
Today is World Teachers Day! The theme for this year is: Shine a Light on Teachers. Today is a day to reflect and celebrate the fantastic work that teachers do for their students every day.

My quote for this newsletter is the quote I gave the year 12's at their assembly:
"The universe is full of possibilities. Trust in yourself. Believe in yourself. You have everything it takes for life's next step."

Term 4 Spotlight

Year 12 Farewell

Spirit Week

Last week marked the final week for our Year 12 students. Throughout the week, students were involved in different themed dress ups such as dressing as one of their childhood photos, dressing in their pyjamas dressing up as their dream childhood career and dressing as their favourite character. Students also enjoyed a pancake breakfast courtesy of the Hope Collective on Tuesday and conducted a staff awards ceremony on Thursday.









Year 12 Farewell Assembly

On Friday 30 October we welcomed families, friends and special guests to join us for our Year 12 Farewell Assembly.
It was a meaningful occasion and a fitting tribute to the hard work, growth and achievements of our students. With speeches from Principal Tricia Richman, Assistant Principal Georgie Christian, Valedictorian Aleshia, as well as a sign off video from the students and a performance from the Year 9 school band.
A special thank you to Mr Turner-Wiebreck, Ms Christian, Renay and Billie for their organisation and preparation to make this event a success.







Term 4 Highlights

Around the College...

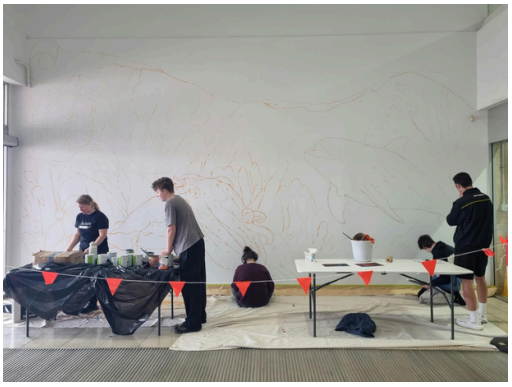
Althea Mallee Westlands Mural

Whyalla Secondary College was proud to celebrate the official unveiling of the Westlands murals, created by our Tailored Learning students in collaboration with artist Althea Mallee.

Painted at the Kmart entrance of Westlands Shopping Centre, the two murals were designed with the Whyalla community in mind. The opening was attended by community members, staff, Tailored Learning students, Mayor Phil Stone and Deputy Mayor Tamy Pond.

A highlight of the event was hearing from students, who shared their journey and involvement in the project. Their enthusiasm and creativity have been outstanding.

A special thank you to teacher Sally Mulyk for her dedication and hard work in bringing this project to life.








Yr 10 Street Smart Camp

Our Year 10 Students recently travelled to Adelaide for the Street Smart camp. The camp was filled with learning, fun and new experiences.

Students took part in the Flinders University Enrichment Program and an informative RAA Street Smart presentation as well as enjoying a range of activities from mini golf, bowling and Bounce.







Term 4 Highlights

Aboriginal Education - Clontarf

Clontarf Soccer Carnival

During September Whyalla hosted the Cuttlefish Cup. The Cuttlefish Cup is a Clontarf Carnival which provides an opportunity for all South Australian academies to compete against each other. There were 10 teams participating and all 10 competed with great Clontarf Spirit. Guest referee Sandro Parisi said the young men were "great sports and respectful throughout the day".

The competition was tight and results were close, but the grand final was eventually decided when Whyalla went up against Port Pirie, with Whyalla winning in a thrilling 6 goals to 5.

Clontarf appreciated the support from Whyalla Secondary College Principal Tricia Richman and her staff for attending. Also, Deputy Mayor Tamy Pond, Hincks Avenue staff and students and Lions Soccer Club Junior Coordinator Gordon Worsnop for all their help on the day.







Clontarf Awards Night

The Whyalla Clontarf Academy held its annual awards night on Friday 23 October to celebrate the achievements of students throughout the year.

Thank you to Principal Richman for her kind words and to parent Summor for their parent speech reflecting what Clontarf has meant to their family - read the speech below.

Congratulations to all award recipients and a big thank you to families, staff, and community partners for your ongoing support. We can't wait to see what 2027 brings!

Good afternoon, everyone.

Firstly, I'd like to thank the Clontarf staff for inviting me to speak today. As a parent it is a privilege to have the opportunity to share what this program has meant to my family.
As a mother, there is no greater joy than watching your children grow into strong, respectful young men. Standing here today, I am incredibly proud of my sons and all of the young people being recognised today.
I would also like to sincerly thank the Clontarf staff, partners, sponsors and community supporters who make this program possible. The guidance, encouragement, and opportunities you provide have such a positive impact on our young Indigenous men.
For many families, especially those of us raising our children on our own, having strong male role models and mentors can make all the difference. Through Clontarf, our boys gain confidence, build resilience, strengthen their connection to culture, and see new possibilities for their future.
To everyone who invests their time, energy, and belief into these young people, thank you. Your support helps shape brighter futures and creates opportunities that will last a lifetime.
And to my sons and all today's award winners, keep striving, keep believing in yourselves, and keep making us proud. Thank you

-Summor, Clontarf Parent



Term 4 Highlights

Around the College...

World Teachers' Day

Friday 30 October marked World Teachers' Day. This year's theme was 'Shine a Light on Teachers'.

Sometimes it's a lightbulb moment, when something suddenly clicks. Sometimes it's lighting the way for a young person to discover what they're good at, what they care about or where they might want to go next. You show up for your learners in the big moments and the quiet ones, and this is worth celebrating!

We are very grateful to our wonderful teachers at Whyalla Secondary College and hope they enjoyed their special day.



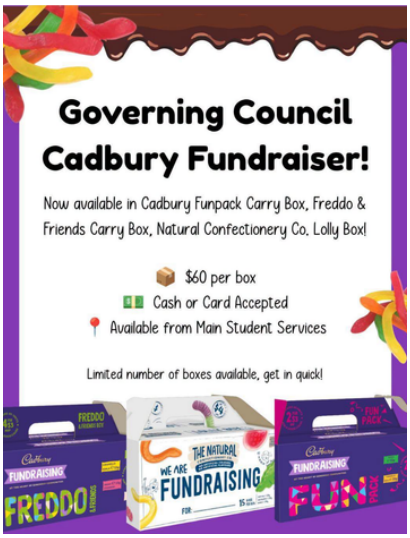


Year 10 Shark Tank

Throughout week 2, our Year 10 students took part in a Shark Tank event, pitching their business ideas to a panel of local community members. We thank Deputy Mayor Tamy Pond, Danielle Bateman (OneSteel), Kaz Harrison (Kazza's Helium Balloons) and Stef Tatchell (MineSpec) for generously sharing their time, encouragement and expertise.

Despite initial nerves, our students showed great courage, resilience and confidence as they presented a wide range of creative ideas, including eco-friendly products, wellbeing initiatives, online safety programs. Many ideas focused on supporting people, community wellbeing and the environment. Congratulations to all involved.





Governing Council Cadbury Fundraiser

We are excited to announce we are now offering the following varieties of boxes:

- Freddo & Friends Carry Box (12g Dairy Milk Freddo, 15g Caramello Koala, 15g Freddo Strawberry, 12g Freddo Milky Top)
- Freddo Fun Pack (35g Caramello Koala & Freddo Frog)
- The Natural Confectionary Co. Lolly Box (230g Snakes, 220g Party Mix, 220g Sour Squirms)

📍 Purchase from Main Student Services
💰 Cost: $60 per box
💳 Payment: Cash or card accepted

Every purchase helps support Governing Council to contribute towards initiatives that benefit our college community, such as Presentation Night.

Get in quick while stocks last and thank you for your support!

Upcoming Events

Term 4 Important Dates

Note: dates are subject to change

Week 4
02/11-06/11 Year 12 Exams
02/11-03/11 PATC Industry Immersion
03/11 Shooting Stars Kids in Nature Day with OneSteel
04/11 Slingsby Theatre Workshops
05/11 Spencer Gulf Market Day & Yr 9 Market Day
06/11 FLEX Working at Safe Heights Training at CEG
06/11 Samaritan High School Musical Performance (Yr 9/10 Performing Arts & FLEX Students)

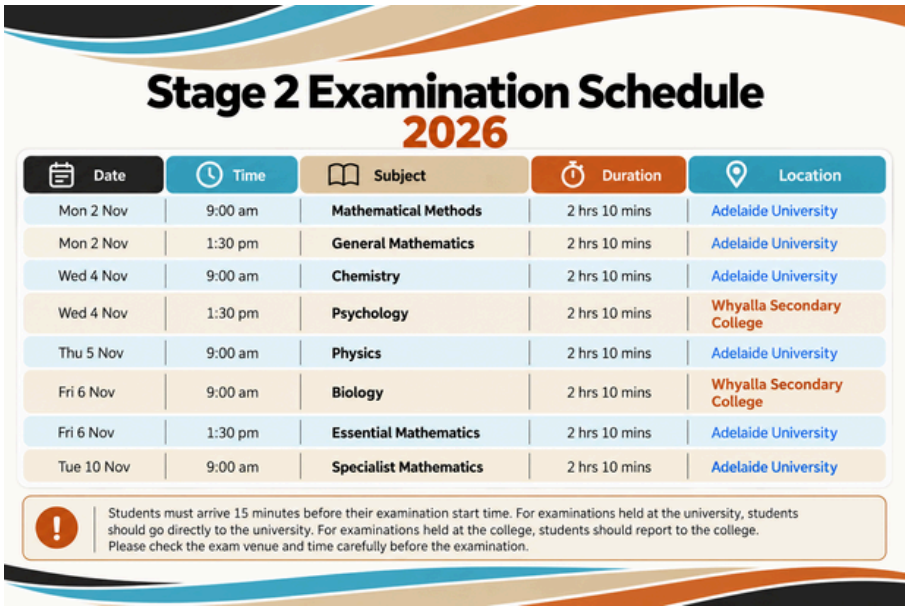
Week 5
09/11-10/11 Year 12 Exams
10/11 Shooting Stars Awards Night
11/11 Remembrance Day
11/11 Spencer Gulf Yr 6 Extra Transition Day + Meet & Greet Evening 4-5pm
11/11 Governing Council 7pm
12/11 Tailored Learning Beyond the Toolbox
13/11 Clontarf Big Day Out

Week 6
16/11-18/11 Yr 7 Camp - Reflect & Celebrate (Blanchetown)
18/11 Shooting Stars Big Day Out
18/11-20/11 Yr 11 Exams
19/11-20/11 Shooting Stars NBL Indigenous Round Trip (*TBC*)
19/11 Tailored Learning Beyond the Toolbox
20/11 Final Day for Yr 11's + Yr 11 Assembly
21/11 Whyalla Christmas Pageant

Week 7
23/11 Yr 6 Transition Parent Information Night 5-6pm
25/11 Pupil Free Day
26/11 White Ribbon Day
26/11 Clontarf CEG Visit
26/11 Tailored Learning Beyond the Toolbox
27/11 Clontarf Big Day Out

Week 8
01/12 Presentation Night (Middleback Arts Centre)
03/12-04/12 Whole Town Transition
03/12 Tailored Learning Beyond the Toolbox
03/12 International Day of People with Disability

Week 9
07/12-11/12 Headstart Week
07/12 Governing Council End of Year Dinner
10/12 Tailored Learning Beyond the Toolbox
11/12 Last Day of Term 4 (1:30pm dismissal)



Stage 2 Exam Schedule

Year 12 students, please take note of the 2026 Stage 2 Examination Schedule.

Students are encouraged to carefully check their examination dates, times and locations and plan accordingly.

Upcoming Uniform Pop Up Shop

Thursday 7th, Friday 8th, Saturday 9th January 2027

Families are invited to attend the Devon Clothing pop up shop in January at the Whyalla Netball Clubrooms (Ryan Avenue) on the following dates to purchase uniform items for 2027.

