

Life in the Wilderness

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Celebrating Our Generous Community

Belinda Arnfield

Throughout the year we rely on the ongoing support of our community groups who give so generously of their time and contribute tremendously to our School culture.

Our annual Quiz Night last Friday was a great success thanks to the combined efforts of the Parents and Friends and Wilderness Old Scholars Associations. Led by Jen Guest and Danielle White, the organisers worked for over six months to create this remarkable event. Thanks also to all the generous donors and auction bidders. Through the support of everyone involved, over \$30,000 was raised to go right back into enhancing our communities even further – an incredible result.

The Mother's Day Classic which took place last Sunday was another stand-out event, again thanks to Jen Guest and the Parents and Friends Association. We had many runners and walkers join us at the Torrens River, raising awareness of, and money for, Breast Cancer Research. Thank you to all those who joined us for this annual tradition.

On Monday 20 May we will celebrate a very special Founder's Day – our milestone 140th anniversary – with a whole School assembly where we will reflect on our heritage and future of exceptional education. It is a privilege to see our legacy of innovation, tradition and values live on in everything we do, and continue to inform our future.

Commemorative badges are being presented to every student to signify how much we value the individual contributions of each of our girls.

We have record numbers of old scholars joining us for Founder's Day this year, a testament our thriving community extending well beyond school and stretching across generations and across the globe.

These events are invaluable in bringing us together and are integral to our ability to continue thriving for many generations to come.

Thank you to all those who have already generously donated to our Annual Appeal, 140 Days to Make a Difference. Your help is making real impact by supporting a life-changing scholarship or outstanding learning spaces. Through your generosity, you are transforming the future. More details are available at owilderness.com.au/giving-at-wilderness

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Kind regards,
Belinda Arnfield



EARLY LEARNING

Mother's Day Morning Tea and more!

[Rebecca Williamson](#)

On Tuesday 14 May we were delighted to welcome our Wilderness ELC mothers, along with many other family members, to celebrate Mother's Day. Our treasured mums were presented with thoughtfully prepared gifts and then shared breakfast with their daughters. It was incredibly heartwarming to see the families enjoy this special time together as a Wilderness community. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the educators for the time and care dedicated to the creation of the gifts and to the wider school team for working hard to make this event happen.

Continuous professional development is incredibly important at Wilderness and this term has commenced with our team making the most of numerous opportunities for learning. During the day on Tuesday 14 May, Wendy Menzies (our Mamie House teacher) attended the first of a series of professional development sessions (run by the Association of Independent Schools) dedicated to focusing on the creation of culturally safe classrooms, which is deeply important to us in our ELC. Wendy looks forward to sharing and embedding this learning with the whole team.

Furthermore, as an ELC team, this term we have also spent significant time critically reflecting on our current documentation and planning cycle practices to ensure that our work is of the highest quality. This work has been supported by my attendance at a professional development session, again at the Association of Independent Schools, along with other ELC directors and educational leaders.

This was also an excellent opportunity to network with other leaders to share and discuss best practice. We are a united, ambitious team who are always striving to improve practices and in doing so, we also welcome feedback from our families and we

thank you for your support.





JUNIOR SCHOOL

A New Term

Gina Kadis

A New Term....brings opportunity for new friendships to be formed and new learning experiences.....

Gina Kadis, Acting Head of Junior School

Term 2 has had a successful beginning in the Junior School. Schools are amazing places. We learn so much from each other as well as our teachers. Wilderness is a high performing school with a great community, where each individual genuinely cares and respects those fortunate to be part of this fine school. I am absolutely thrilled to be here for Terms 2 and 3 as the Acting of Head of Junior School whilst Ms Liz McCarthy is on long service leave. We look forward to her return in Term 4. Thank you to everyone for the warm welcome.

Student Excellence

We began school on Tuesday 30 April with a fabulous whole school Assembly where Ms Arnfield acknowledged the fine Term 1 achievements of students from across the school. On behalf of our Junior School team, I warmly congratulate the students who were acknowledged for their achievements academically and in various areas of school life. I encourage our students to continue to aim high and aim for continuous improvement, implementing strategies to ensure they always achieve their best – always true to themselves in all they do and say in life.

Student Voice and Student Agency – so important to us all

The Student Representative Council (SRC) is led brilliantly in Semester One by Lila Nassery (President); Alice Gao (Vice President) and Maim Jibran (Secretary). One of the first meetings I set up when I am in a new school is meeting the student body. It is such a pleasure to connect with Lila, Alice and Maime to reflect on their achievements as a student leadership team.

The girls spoke beautifully in our first Junior School Assembly on Thursday 9 May. The girls communicated strong student support of the new “FRIENDOLOGY PROGRAM” implemented in Term 1 by Ms Liz McCarthy. The girls in the junior school have learnt practical strategies to build quality friendships, using the FRIEND-O-CYCLE and FRIEND-O-METER tools explicitly taught to our girls in Term 1 and continually reinforced this term and beyond. The Junior School team is delighted with this feedback.

If you would like to know more about this program – there is a free online Parent and Daughter Workshop run by the authors of this program for schools – information had been communicated with families in Term 1. We are delighted that more than 80 families have registered. Thank you for your interest and support of this new initiative to support our girls to build strong friendships. Please contact the Junior School Office through ctasker@wilderness.com.au if you wish to know further information. It is not too late to register.

Winter Uniform

Thank you to all our families for ensuring the girls have transitioned into their winter uniforms for the start of Week 3.

Co-Curricular and Sport

A great way to make new friends is to get involved in the excellent range of activities planned for our students by Ms Liz McCarthy and our dedicated Wilderness staff. Thank you to our families for enrolling their girls in many of these activities. I kindly remind parents to let Carolyn Tasker, Professional Assistant to our Junior School Team, know if any of your child’s arrangements change on a specific date. It is very important that the teams commence their activities on time.

We carefully gather our girls and undertake roll calls before they move to their events to ensure their safety over in the parkland activities. There have been a few instances recently where families have made other arrangements or medical appointments for their daughter and not communicated this with Ms Carolyn Tasker. This holds up the team heading across to the parklands to commence their scheduled team activity.

If you have any queries regarding Sport Co-curricular offerings please contact Mr Jonathon Koutsikas, Director of Sport and Recreation via jkoutsikas@wilderness.com.au. All non-sport Co-curricular queries can be addressed to the Junior School Office Professional Assistant via ctasker@wilderness.com.au in the first instance.

Junior School Interhouse Cross Country

On Thursday 9 May students from Years 3 to Year 6 participated in this special annual event. I always love the excitement from our Year 3s who partake in this event for the first time. Thank you to our dedicated staff for ensuring this event in the parklands goes so smoothly. Special thanks to Mr Jonathon Koutsikas and Ms Deb Jarrett. Thank you to Mr Ben Manifold, Deputy Principal – Student Experience, for supporting me in my role on this day too. Congratulations to all the students for doing their personal best on the day. Special mention to the following prize-winners:

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

Overall Winner: The Duncan Trophy

1st Place KYRA SHAH (Year 5) Trophy and Medallion

Year Level Placings

Year 3

1st Place Bella Whittaker Medallion

2nd Place Shivakshi Gupta Certificate

3rd Place Isabel Wilson Certificate

Year 4

1st Place Niamh Pudney Medallion

2nd Place Zara Smit Certificate

3rd Place Aria Pasin Certificate

Year 5

1st Place Kyra Shah Medallion

2nd Place Maya Dan Certificate

3rd Place April Waudby Certificate

Year 6

1st Place Ginger Tembel Medallion

2nd Place Adeline Wilson Certificate

3rd Place Mia Gordon Certificate

Year 2 Excursion to the Mawson Lakes Planetarium

On Friday 3 May the Year 2 girls went on an excursion to the Mawson Lakes Planetarium as part of their Earth and Space Sciences Curriculum. The girls went on an immersive journey through space, with stars and constellations coming alive during the night sky presentation and full dome movie. The girls explored our place in the Solar System and learnt about the wild weather and environments on other planets. They investigated the patterns in our sky, observing the path of the sun and the phases of the moon.

Thank you to Ms Kate Brennan and Ms Isabella Kasdalis for organising this 'out of the world' learning experience for our girls. The girls loved this off-campus learning

experience. Here are some of the comments they shared with their class on their return.
Enjoy

"The sun is a star and it's the closest star to us." (Avleen)

"We learnt that heaps of planets go around the sun and the sun is in the middle." (Mia)

"The moon and sun cross paths on their orbits." (Lottie)

"There is another planet we could live on but there is no water and too much bad gas."
(Sibbi)

"The sun is not in the exact middle." (Catherine)

"I liked the movie we watched about all the planets. I never knew that Jupiter had a storm going on for thousands of years." (Isabella)

"I learnt that there are constellations. Stars make patterns in the sky." (Ifra)

"The sun rises in the east and sets in the west." (Clemmie)

Ms Kate Brennan, Year 2B Home Class Teacher and Assistant Head of Junior School
(Pastoral Care)

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Have a wonderful weekend connecting with family and friends.

Warmest wishes,

Gina Kadis

Acting Head of Junior School





MIDDLE SCHOOL

Reconciliation Week, REALISE and more

[Rhiannon Giles](#)

National Reconciliation Week 2024 – Now More Than Ever

Reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians. Last year, following her design of the Indigenous Football Guernsey, Myarn Alden (Class of 2023) designed a matching ribbon. This ribbon is available for purchase on Flexischools until the end of Week 5 and can be worn to school during Weeks 4 and 5. The proceeds of the sale of this ribbon will be donated to The Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

The Australian Rules Football game for IGSSAs Indigenous Round will be held on Friday 24 May. We hope to see many girls at the match wearing their ribbons in support of this cause, Reconciliation Week and our Wilderness Teams.

REALISE Core Group 2

The Year 9 girls in Core Group 2 will conclude their REALISE experience tomorrow. They have enjoyed wonderful weather during their time at Crawford and learnt so much. Thank you to all the staff who have been part of the experience. The girls completed some water coloured paintings of gum leaves when Ms Kari Doyle visited the girls in the second week of their experience. A few examples can be seen in a photo below.

Challenge Success-Stanford Survey of Adolescent School Experiences

At Wilderness School, we are dedicated to the wellbeing of our girls and strive to provide a premium-standard learning offering to champion our mission to enable each girl to be

the best she can be throughout her.

We are committed to providing contemporary academic, physical, social, and psychological resources to support and nurture our girls in facing challenges, enabling them to learn and lead effectively as adventurous, courageous, responsible, and respectful young women.

In alignment with this commitment, we have partnered with the International Coalition of Girls' Schools (ICGS) and Stanford University for the Challenge Success-Stanford Survey of Adolescent School Experiences.

This annual online survey, conducted by Challenge Success, will be administered to our Middle School girls in Week 5 of Term 2.

Through this collaboration, we aim to gain insights into our girls' experiences concerning their studies, wellbeing, engagement, and sense of belonging. This data will empower us to make informed decisions about our various offerings, ensuring that we continue to innovate and lead in girls' education through providing effective support to our girls.

Should you have any questions or require further information about this initiative, please feel free to reach out to Mr. Andrew Mittiga, Student Wellbeing Coordinator (Years 7 – 12), at amittiga@wilderness.com.au.

Student Success

Congratulations to Ada Qian (High Distinction), Chenuthi Navarante (Distinction), Sirui Tang (Distinction) Sharon Zhai (Credit) for their achievements in the HSMC Maths Competition.

Amaraka Nwachuku has been selected for the under 12 state Basketball Team to compete on the Gold Coast in July. Congratulations and we look forward to hearing the results for the tournament.

Jessica Mah was recently presented with the Flute Grade 6 Prize at the AMEB SA & NT Awards Ceremony for 2023 Candidates. Her prize was presented by Professor Jennie Shaw, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) of the University of Adelaide in Elder Hall.

Congratulations to Zoe Crowther (Year 7) and Niya Singal (Year 10) for being selected for the semi-finals in the Rostrum Voice of Youth competition that was held last weekend. We look forward to hearing their results from the next stage of this competition. Well done to all the Middle and Senior School girls who gave speeches and thank you to Louise Borgo for her work in preparing the girls for this event.

A reminder to please email Rhiannon Giles, rgiles@wilderness.com.au, with the details of your daughters achievements outside of school. We are always happy to include the details and a photo in the newsletter to celebrate with our community.

Updated Homework Timetables

Due to some last minute timetable changes there have been some changes to the Middle School Homework Timetables published in the last edition. These are the updated copies:

[Year 7](#)

[Year 8](#)

[Year 9](#)

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SENIOR SCHOOL

Wonderful student achievements

[Kate Hanson](#)

Term 2 has commenced with some wonderful student achievements, with the recent success at Generations in Jazz, a particular highlight.

Some recent Senior Student news includes:

Emmy Denys (10) was recently selected as SA Youth Ambassador for The Ballet Society SA for 2024 and the South Australian Representative for the Bursary Finals. Additionally, she will be travelling to Canada in June for the Canada National Ballet Summer Intensive. Pictured with Emmy is Lorraine Irving Gormly OAM (Wilderness Class of 1957).

Xiaoxi (Emma) Li (11) was recently presented with the Certificate of Performance in Piano for Leisure at the AMEB SA & NT Awards Ceremony for 2023 Candidates. Zoe Koerber (11) was also recently presented with the Theory of Music Grade 4 Prize at the AMEB SA & NT Awards Ceremony for 2023 Candidates. This is an outstanding achievement for both girls.

Briege Williams (10) and Asta Mickan (10) have both been selected for the SA Under 15 Hockey Team, which will be competing in QLD early Term 3. Lucia Andrae (11) was named in the U16 SA Hockey Girls Squad and Molly Dwyer (12) was named in the U18 SA Hockey Girls Squad.

Year 12 Hoodies

The Year 12s received their hoodies at the start of term. There was much excitement about their arrival. As a reminder, these are not to be worn with the blazer or to and from school.

Class of 2025 Retreat

Girls and parents of current Year 11s will have received information recently about the upcoming 'Class of 2025 Retreat'. This will replace the Year 12 Camp that has been held in the first week of Year 12. Our decision to move this event from Year 12, into Year 11 is to provide an opportunity for the girls to engage in a range of events and activities to prepare them for the commencement of their final year of schooling. The retreat will provide space for the girls to bond and develop their collaborative skills, prior to the SRC leadership applications and campaign.

The dates for the retreat are: Monday 29th July – Tuesday 30th July (Week 2, Term 3). More news will be circulated later this term.

Coming Up

We look forward to the Year 11 and 12 Production, 'Bombshells', which will be on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd May in Newman Theatre.

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SPORT

Sport Stronger Than Ever at Wilderness

[Jonathon Koutsikas](#)

As always, our sport program is thriving.

Our amazing achievements have been captured below.

In addition, I wanted to say how appreciative I am of the welcome I have received from so many people in our school community, especially the wonderful students here at Wilderness. It's always scary changing schools, but the reception I have received has assured me I am in the perfect place for the next stage of my career.

As we begin to embark on our winter sporting season I can't wait to see what the girls achieve with the amazing assortment of opportunities they have access to. Good luck to all players and coaches, I will be on the sidelines cheering you on!

Junior School Swimming Carnival

What a fantastic day it was at the North Adelaide Aquatic Centre on the last day of term 1.

The buzz and spirit from the competitors and crowd was energetic and infectious.

The traditional events were swum with some electric times recorded. Our novelty events were swum with inclusion and friendly competition at the forefront.

Please see below the results for the day. Congratulations to our award winners.

Open 100m Championship and Year 5/6 Perpetual Trophy Winner – Emilia Varricchio

Year 3 Champion – Shivakshi Gupta and Lottie McLeay

Year 4 Champion – Niamh Pudney

Year 5 Champion – Mia Zhou

Year 6 Champion – Emilia Varricchio

Winning Houses – Antholiza (Overall Shield) Sparaxis (Team Games Shield) and Carob (Spirit Cup)

Senior, Middle and Junior Inter House Cross Country Events

We recently held our annual Inter House Cross Country Event at the Wilderness Parklands for students in year 3 – 12. The weather turned on some glorious conditions for the girls to compete in. It was fantastic to see a mix of colours and some of our furry four legged friends who joined in as support.

Students represented their house across a 2.2 km track (1.6km for year 3) needing to complete the course in under 20 minutes to receive points for their house.

The results below will also be used to select our Wilderness Cross Country Teams to compete at SAPSASA and SSSA level later this term.

Junior School Results

Overall Individual Duncan Trophy Winner – Kyra Shah

Year Level Winners

Year 3 – Bella Whittaker

Year 4 – Niamh Pudney

Year 5 – Kyra Shah

Year 6 – Ginger Tembel

Overall House Winner - Sparaxis

Middle and Senior Results

Overall Individual Elsbeth Begg Cup Champion – Isabel Jackson

Year 7 Champion – Angelique Whittaker

Year 8 Champion – Ezijie Nwachuku

Year 9 Champion – Bella Pasin

Year 10 Champion – Caitlin Hardin

Year 11 Champion – Isabel Jackson

Year 12 Champion – Sasha Hardin

Overall House Begg Trophy Winner - Antholiza

School Sport SA Secondary Athletics

Late last term we took our Wilderness Middle/Secondary Athletics Team to the School Sport SA Athletics event at the SA Athletics Stadium.

We finished 4th overall which is a terrific achievement. We also had several girls finish on the podium with top 3 finishes in their events for their age groups.

Caitlin Hardin – 1st 3000m and 3rd 1500m

Amaraka Nwachuku – 3rd 100m, 3rd 200m and 3rd Long Jump

Linah Kafegy – 1st 200m, 2nd Long Jump and 2nd 100m

Lily Alison – 1st High Jump and 2nd Triple Jump

Bella Browning – 1st Triple Jump, 1st 100m and 1st 200m

Jasmine Thirwell – 1st 100m, 1st 400m, 1st 200m

Ella Myer – 1st High Jump and 3rd Long Jump

Ella Smart – 3rd 800m

Angelique Whittaker – 3rd 800m

Congratulations!

As always, we have some amazing individual achievements to share from our talented girls. From our school community, we congratulate them and wish them all the best in high level competitions.

Gymnastics

Bella Pasin

Bella was announced as the 2024 Rhythmic Gymnastics State Champion over the holidays. Bella will represent SA at the Australian Gymnastics Championships in Qld in May.

Swimming

We had 4 girls compete at the National Swimming Championships on the Gold Coast in the holidays.

Arabella Bahr - Year 12

- Competed in 6 events
- Bronze medal in the 400m IM
- Qualified for 4 events for Olympic Trials in Brisbane in June

Isabella Beaumont- Year 10

- Competed in 5 events - 2 representing SA
- Swam a 100m Backstroke PB

Holly Munro - Year 11

- SA 4 x 50m freestyle relay PB
- 50m Backstroke

Charlise Green

- Competed in 3 events
- Qualified to return to the Championships again next year.

Charlise, Holly and Isabella have also been selected for the School Sport SA 13-19 year old team to compete at the School Sport Nationals on the Gold Coast in July.

Hockey

Under 15 State Selection

- Asta Mickan
- Briega Williams

Under 16 State Selection

- Lucia Andrae

Under 18 State Selection

- Molly Dwyer (Also selected to train on with the State Under 21 Team)

Basketball

Amaraka Nwachuku has been selected for State Under 12 Team. Caitlin Hardin has been selected for the Under 16 State Team.







MUSIC

Generations in Jazz and Upcoming Music Events

[Anna Lenartowicz](#)

Wonderful Wilderness Music at Generations In Jazz 2024!

The first weekend of Term 2 saw 46 girls and 5 staff members travel down to Mount Gambier for the annual Generations in Jazz competition. Over the weekend, our Big Bands 1 and 2, Jazz Choir, Jazz Incorporated, and Jazz Combo performed their chosen repertoire after months of preparation and enjoyed a plethora of performances from other schools and professional musicians, with the highlights proving to be Kate Ceberano, Budjerah, and the Generations in Jazz Big Band (which featured our own BB1 director and current parent, Mr Tom Pulford!).

The girls from Wilderness came home with outstanding results!

Big Band 1 (Director Mr T Pulford) 8th in Division 3 (out of 20 bands)

Big Band 2 (Director Mr D Hurn) 7th in Division 4 (out of 24 bands)

Jazz Combo (Director Ms A Lenartowicz) 6th in Small Jazz Combo section (out of 17 combos)

Jazz Incorporated (Director Ms J Tropeano) 1st in Division 2 Large (out of 34 choirs)

Jazz Choir (Director Ms J Tropeano) 1st in Division 1 Large (out of 8 choirs)

Jazz Choir took home the big win with a score of 99.5÷100 in the Division 1 vocal awards, also winning the opportunity to perform their choice piece, an arrangement of One Note Samba by our own Jo Tropeano and Dave Goodwin. This performance took place on the main stage in front of thousands of students, teachers, and professional musicians. And if that were not enough, the Soprano section was awarded best soprano section in the

whole division and also had the opportunity to perform a brand new tune with the first ever 'super-choir'! Congratulations to Amaia Thomas, Mackenzie Wilkes, Jemimah Satchell, and Amelie-Rose Kemp.

Additionally in the Stage Band Awards, Rose Barrett (Year 11) and Selin Cinar (Year 8) earned a place in the Division 3 and 4 Super Bands respectively, a very hard-earned position at GLJ!

We are so proud of the girl's efforts, through countless extra rehearsals, cramped living spaces, and long bus rides, while showcasing significant growth as musicians, both individually and within their ensembles.

Well done to all!

Upcoming Music Events- Term 2

We have many things coming up in the Music Department. We warmly invite all members of our Wilderness community to come along to any of the following events.

Moods of the Season

The 2024 Chamber Concert is being done a little differently this year. Combining with the Prince Alfred College Senior Orchestra, the Wilderness Senior Orchestra under the direction of Mr Joseph Freer will play this coming Sunday at the Ukaria Cultural Centre (119 Williams Rd Mt Barker). This spectacular venue offers the most incredible acoustics for strings, and with an bar and beautiful scenery and views – this short afternoon concert is bound to be a delight.

Please view the [Moods of the Season poster](#)

Book your tickets [here](#)

Jazz At The Gov

We are looking forward with anticipation to our annual Jazz At The Gov show, which will once again see Ross Irwin (Melbourne) return to Wilderness, this time with esteemed jazz vocalist, Emma Pask (Sydney). Starring alongside our award-winning ensembles, the musicians from Wilderness are ready to share their amazing music with our community.

Tickets are strictly limited, don't miss out on this wonderful evening in our calendar!

Please view the [Jazz at the Gov poster](#)

Book your tickets [here](#)

Ms Anna Lenartowicz (Head of Music)

Miss Paige York (Acting Ensemble Coordinator)





CAREERS CORNER

Upcoming Career Events

[Caroline Palmer](#)

Career Guest sessions at Wilderness

Term 2

Wednesday 29 May – 10.30am – 10.50am

Lincoln University New Zealand guest speaker

Career room

Areas of specialisation: Agriculture, Horticulture and Viticulture; Sport and Recreation; Landscape Architecture; Environment; Food, Wine, and Beer; Property and Valuation; Business; Science and Tourism

[Lincoln University Scholarships](#)

[Apply now](#)

Tuesday 4th June – 7.30am – 8.45am

Year 10 – 12 Career breakfast –Hender Hall

Wednesday 5th June – 8am – 9am

“Why Study in Canada” information session run by Stuart Floyd from University of British Columbia (UBC) Career room

Wednesday 5th June – 1.05 – 1.50pm

M7

Scott Williamson from **Bond University**

Scholarships and course information session

Thursday 6 June – 8am -9am

University of Sydney

Course, scholarship, and accommodation information session

Wednesday 6th June – 6pm

“Why study in Canada” information session for students and parents at PAC

Wednesday 26th June – 8am – 9am

Jinny Kim

The University of Melbourne

Other important dates:

South Australian University Open Days 2024

August 10, 11, 12 - Flinders University - [Open Day timetable](#)

Sunday August 11 – [The University of Adelaide](#)

Sunday August 11 – [UniSA](#)

Tertiary and Career Expo – Adelaide Convention Centre

June 30th and July 1 – Tertiary and Career Expo – free entry [link](#)

1. ANU Direct application timeline:

13 May – Direct applications close

20 May – Deadline to provide all supporting documents

5 September – Early offers released

2 October - Early offer acceptance deadline

Only 2 weeks remaining for students to submit a direct application to study at ANU.

Direct application walkthrough – it’s easy to apply to ANU. Everything is covered in one application. Find out how the direct application process works in this recorded webinar.

Please use passcode 4yW\$xe## to access the recording.

Applying directly covers admission, scholarships, and accommodation, all in one.

Students can find further information here: [ANU](#)

ANU accommodation guarantee

Students who receive an offer to study at ANU through their direct application process are guaranteed an offer of accommodation in one of the 18 residences or other approved accommodation. Learn more [here](#).

Applications for International Students at ANU

ANU welcome applications from international student study at ANU.

Applications from international students must be made through the Universities

Admissions Centre [ANU International students](#). Find out who this applies to [here](#).

The University of Sydney

Webinar Series

Wednesday 29 May 4.30pm - Double degrees, combined studies, and cross-disciplinary education

Wednesday 8 May - Medicine at Sydney – Studying medicine at the University of Sydney ensures that you will be fully equipped with the leadership capabilities, clinical skills and human understanding required to make a genuine difference to the lives of individuals and communities across Australia and the rest of the world. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the flexible and rewarding double degrees in medicine as well as how to best prepare for the admissions process at Sydney.

[Registration Link](#)

Tuesday 28 May - 4 – 7pm - Sydney College of the Arts Portfolio Evening (in-person and online)

Join the SCA Portfolio evening for personalised feedback to boost your Bachelor of Visual Arts ([link](#)) application USyd. Get 1-1 advice on enhancing your portfolio and learn about their degrees, facilities, and student opportunities. Don't miss the chance for valuable insights to elevate your portfolio to support your application.

[Online registration here](#)

Wednesday 29 May – 5-7pm - The M in STEM webinar registration [here](#)

Everybody knows that science, technology, and engineering will continue to shape the world we live in. But how does high school mathematics fit into the real work? Encourage your students to find out at this 2-hour event including career talks from real mathematicians, networking with current university students studying STEM, and getting advice about science degrees and enrolment.

[The Changing World of Work vide](#)

1. Bond University

Scholarships for high achieving Year 12 students are now open. Bond University provides a range of awards including full-fee scholarships and part-scholarships.

Whether students exemplify stand out skills or have excelled in their academic, leadership, community or sporting efforts, the scholarships provide an opportunity to further support their studies at Bond and be recognised for their achievements. Some of the scholarships on offer this year include:

Elite Scholarships

- Vice-Chancellor's Elite Scholarship – 100% tuition remission for an approved single or combined degree
- Excellence Scholarships – 50% tuition remission
- Bond University Indigenous Scholarships – up to 100% tuition remission
- Sporting Scholarships – up to 100% tuition remission
- Transformer Scholarship – 50% tuition remission
- CoLab Industry Scholarships – 25% tuition for any of the four Transformation degrees offered in the Transformation CoLab

[Explore Bond University Scholarships](#)

[Scholarship guide](#)

2. Monash University

Course information events

- Nursing and Midwifery
- Monash Science experience
- Bachelor of Arts
- Biomedical Science and Nutrition
- Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Paramedicine
- Health Sciences, Public Health, and Psychology
- Radiation Sciences, and Medical Imaging and Radiography
- Discover Engineering

Discover more [here](#)

Monash University online webinars

Seminars are run by experienced Access Monash mentors, giving students valuable first-hand insight into the university. Mentors provide handy tips and tricks and insider knowledge to assist students.

- 1 May – Medicine and Biomedical Science Panel
- 8 May – Nursing, Midwifery and Health Sciences Panel
- 15 May – Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Panel
- 22 May – Science Student Panel
- 14 August – Unravel the secrets to affording Uni
- 21 August – Where is Monash? And how to get around Melbourne.
- 4 September – Study Techniques Seminar
- 18 September – Moving out; it IS possible!
- 2 October – What does first year look like?
- 16 October – Exam preparation and Techniques seminar

Discover more [here](#)

3. **Western Sydney University** webinar series

Meet with expert academics, chat with their international team, and get all the details about their most popular courses. Plus you will be able to ask questions and see what makes their programs stand out.

- School of Nursing and Midwifery
- School of Education
- School of Psychology
- School of Computing, ICT and Data Engineering
- School of Engineering, Design and Built Environment
- School of Health Science

Discover more [here](#)

4. University of Queensland

UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship Information Webinar

When: 7th June – 12pm – 1pm (GMT) AEST

The UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship offers \$32,000 per year for the duration of the program (up to 5 years) for students undertaking a sequence of study in Western Civilisation.

This scholarship is open to school leavers with Australian citizenship or Australian permanent residency status who intend to enrol in either of these programs in 2025:

- Bachelor of Advanced Humanities (Western Civilisation) (Honours)
- Bachelor of Humanities/Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

Register using this [link](#)

[UQ Virtual tours](#)

5. University of New England UNE

Early Entry

Lock your place at university early, get a guaranteed UNE Early Entry offer!

UNE Early Entry is open to all Year 12 applicants. Early Entry relies on your school's assessment of your attributes and abilities; your ability to work and learn independently, and your overall potential for academic success.

Apply with UNE directly and get an offer before the release of Year 12 results.

Find a list of their courses [here](#)

Apply now [here](#)

6. The University of Melbourne

Future student events calendar

- A Day at Melbourne
- UniMelb 101 webinar series

- Residential Colleges Open House
- Meet Melbourne
- Focus on Melbourne series
- VTAC how to apply webinar
- Open Day
- Change to Preference Expo

[Discover more here](#)

Focus on Melbourne – registrations are now open for their 2024 event program. See dates below for each of the 12 sessions and click through to book. Deep dive into your study interests. Learn more about undergraduate study areas, how you can create a degree based on your passions and strengths, and the many career possibilities that lie ahead.

[Discover more here](#)

Want to be a Doctor/Dentist/Oral Health specialist?

Key dates for UCAT for 2024

5 March 2024 - Bookings open

17 May 2024 - Bookings close

1 July to 9 August 2024 – Testing period

September 2024 – Results delivered to universities

Cost - \$325

Course requiring UCAT

You WILL need to sit the UCAT if you are interested in any of the following courses:

STATE UNIVERSITY COURSE

SA Adelaide Medicine, Dentistry, Oral Health

Flinders Clinical Sciences/Medicine

NSW UNSW Medicine

Newcastle Medicine

Western Sydney Medicine

Charles Sturt Medicine, Dental Science

Notre Dame Medicine (Assured Pathway)

VICTORIA Monash Medicine

TASMANIA UTAS Medicine
QLD UQ Medicine (prov. Entry), Dental Science
Griffith Dental Science
CQU Medical Science/Medicine
SQU Biomedical Science/Medicine
WA UWA Medicine and Dentistry (direct pathway)
Curtin Uni Medicine
NT Charles Darwin Clinical Sciences/Medicine
NZ Auckland Medicine
Otago Medicine

What is the difference between Business and Commerce

[Find out here](#)

Scholarships

- Maximising your [Scholarship search](#)
- What you need to know about the [Co-op Scholarships](#)
- ASTE's Elevate: [Boosting women in STEM program](#) will award more than 500 undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships to women and non-binary people in STEM.

Opens: May 1, 2024

Closes: August 30, 2024

- A [Global Footprints Scholarship](#) is a great opportunity to kickstart your career and drive your passion for sustainability. It gives young Australians like you the opportunity to travel the world, learn about sustainability and shape a better future for yourselves and the world. Scholarships are available for Agriculture, Horticulture, and many Trades.
- Close June 1, 2024
- Value \$9,000



GLOBAL EXPERIENCE

Nepal Trek

In the April holidays thirty-two Wilderness girls had a once in a lifetime trip to Nepal. Our three-week journey started with a total fifteen hours of flying to the capital of Nepal, Kathmandu. There we experienced our first taste of the vibrant Nepalese culture.

We visited the Pashupattinath temple and the Bhuddha Stuppa, both of which were eye opening experiences into Nepalese tradition. Two days later we began trekking throughout the Annapurna region, beginning in Dhampus. We trekked for fourteen days, spending anywhere between 3-7 hours a day walking.

The scenery ranged from luscious forests full of Rhododendron trees, to breathtaking cliffside views, to peaceful rivers at the mountain's base. When we weren't hiking, we spent our time connecting with each other through card games and book clubs. We were treated to delicious meals by the World Expeditions porter staff that travelled with us, making the experience as comfortable as it possibly could be. At the end of each day we would spend the night in a range of accommodations including secluded lodges in small villages, or tents posted in stunning clearings or with cliffside views.

Though the walking could be steep, slippery and at times taxing, it was made worth it when we reached our final destination of Bhadure. Walking into Bhadure we were welcomed by a grand procession with music and dancing. We walked with the village who gifted us with flower wreaths and bouquets. Making friends with the school children was an amazingly rewarding experience.

We connected over three days where we visited the boarding school and played games and did arts and crafts with the girls. On our final day in Bhadure, we were taken to the school for a moving ceremony where the girls performed and we were given traditional

Khodas to take back home. After splitting into groups, we played games such as basketball and musical chairs with the students, before coming together and exchanging dance moves.

Seeing the classrooms was an enlightening experience as we got to see first-hand the impact Wilderness School has had on Bhadure. We were also made aware of the work that still needs to be done to improve the quality of education within the school and the medical clinic. Ultimately, as we left Bhadure, we were all filled with immense gratitude for our lives and how fortunate we are to have access to the education we do.

The Nepal trek was a wonderful experience for all of us, where not only did we overcome physical challenges, but we bonded together as a group, and were exposed to an entirely new culture and way of life. We highly recommend all future students with an adventurous spirit and passion for service to sign up for any future Nepal treks.

Niya Singhal and Layla Woodall

Year 11 Students







140 DAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

140 Days of Giving

Thank you to everyone who has already generously donated to our 140th Anniversary Scholarship and Building Funds.

We are proud to celebrate a 140-year heritage of enabling every girl to be the best she can be throughout her life, thanks to the ongoing support and generosity of our community.

As many of you know, a distinguishing feature of Wilderness School is that we are **proudly independent**.

Government funding is not provided for building developments that are critical to ensure our teaching environments align with our outstanding teaching programs and the capabilities of our staff.

You can give the gift of education, or a help create a world-class ecosystem for education.

Every gift is greatly appreciated, and no gift is too small.

You can donate to:

- **Margaret Brown House redevelopment:** The Margaret Brown Building will be a vibrant hub in the heart of campus, enabling Wilderness girls to **build relationships** with our global network of old scholars, leading enterprises, and top universities. It will act as an ecosystem for innovation in education.

A place of teamwork and collaboration for our **connected and engaged community** of learners, it will help us shape the future of education, nurturing Wilderness School's position as a progressive leader.

- **140th Scholarship:** Scholarships change lives. The gift of education through a 140th scholarship will provide access through tuition remission for a deserving girl who may not otherwise have the opportunity to make an impact on our future world.

We are seeking tax-deductible gifts from every member of our community. Whether you support a life-changing scholarship or a learning facility that will benefit all students, teachers and the community, your generosity makes a tremendous difference.

Together, we are creating confident girls and future leaders ready to positively impact the world.

Please visit wilderness.com.au/giving-what-you-can-wilderness to find out more.

In anticipation, thank you for investing in our school and the future of girls' education.

