

Life in the Wilderness

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Stepping Out Into The World

Belinda Arnfield

At Wilderness, one of our core values is to enable our girls to be responsible global citizens and leaders. Education within the bounds of our School is vital, but it's also important to facilitate the girls' understanding of where they fit into the world around them.

Our staff and teachers are always seeking to broaden the girls' horizons and deepen their sense of self. This will undoubtedly be the case for those trekking the Jatbula Trail located in Nitmiluk National Park, NT over the coming break. The 62km walked by our Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award students over 5 nights 6 days creates time and space for deep introspection, as well as connection to the environment and each other.

Environmentalism is also the theme of the Round Square conference in Rockhampton. Four of our Year 8 students spent this last week of term in Rockhampton Qld with students from New Zealand, India, Malaysia, Japan and Australia. They participated in a range of activities including snorkeling, boom netting, canoeing, hiking, water sports and revegetation. We know the coming generations will repeatedly be facing topics and hurdles surrounding the environment in the future; meeting peers and leaders in this space will assist them greatly in critical thinking and being solution-oriented for the

challenges that could lie ahead.

We are so excited to be farewelling our music students on their journey overseas. Year 8 to 12 girls will be travelling and performing throughout Italy and Switzerland. This is an incredible opportunity for our girls to showcase their talent while exploring new cities, cultures and languages. I am certain they will return with memories and lessons to last a lifetime.

Part of what allows our girls to step out so confidently into the world is the knowledge of the safety and comfort awaiting them back home. While we say a bittersweet farewell to two members of the Wilderness staff entering into retirement now after 10 and 23 years respectively, we celebrate their commitment, as well as the commitment of our whole team and also our engaged community of learners worldwide, to shaping and defining our culture.

As we reach end of Term, I urge the girls to take some time to consider and acknowledge all the people who support us, and I would encourage parents to do the same. It's a perfect time to reflect on how grateful we are for each person that contributes to our lives, in both big and small ways. Perhaps most importantly: let them know.

I wish everyone a relaxing break, filled with gratitude and hope you all return feeling rejuvenated and ready to tackle Term 3.

Belinda Arnfield
Principal



EARLY LEARNING

Preparing Our Girls for the Future

[Rebecca Williamson](#)

On June 11, 2024, and throughout the rest of the week, we were excited to celebrate the first ever International Day of Play.

At Wilderness we appreciate that we are all incredibly focused on the girls' success now and in the future, so when we consider the next step into Reception, it is natural that our first thoughts often turn to mathematics and literacy. Both of which are important and must be developed, but it is vital to remember the value that friendship and play skills also hold in this preparation.

In Reception and beyond, the success of 'play times' (at recess and lunch) will contribute significantly to your daughters' happiness, feelings about school, and consequently to their ability to concentrate and learn. Observing this, I have realised just how important it is for the girls to learn how to play and establish friendships in the early years, at this time when they have such a wonderful freedom to do so and in an environment where it is so highly valued.

Preparation for Reception is of course not the only benefit of play and play-based learning in early childhood. Play is learning for children, providing both the context and process for learning. Not only is play-based learning and intentionality a key practice in our approved learning framework, but it also supports the realisation of Article 31 in the United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child that in part states that children have a **right** to play.

Finally, though, a phrase attributed to Loris Malaguzzi in Reggio Emilia, which is a source of great guidance and influence in our ELC, is 'nothing without joy'. Play is not always easy, but when children are deeply immersed in play, they are able to simply enjoy being and from that, immense joy emerges for all of us.

As our term draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful holiday. School will resume on or after (depending on your booked days of attendance) Wednesday 24 July.

Rebecca Williamson
Director of Early Years







JUNIOR SCHOOL

Celebrating the Achievements of our Girls

[Gina Kadis](#)

It is hard to believe how quickly Term 2 has flown. It has been a pleasure working with our Junior School girls, teachers and families. I continue to be impressed with the high-quality learning opportunities that I have seen every day as I visit classrooms and speak with our girls. Let me share a snapshot of recent learning endeavours and the impressive achievements of our girls.

Semester One Reports

Families with students from Reception to Year 6 will receive their daughter's report electronically in the first week of the July holiday break. I take this opportunity to congratulate each girl for working hard to do their absolute best. I take the opportunity to thank our dedicated, caring teachers for designing quality learning experiences for our students and giving them regular feedback to continue to implement strategies to improve. As parents you continue to play a pivotal role in supporting the learning of your girl. Thank you for finding time to discuss your daughter's report with them. If you have any queries, teachers return to classes and can be contacted from Wednesday 24 July. If you have administrative questions, please forward them to Mrs Carolyn Tasker who is available until Friday 5 July by calling 8344 6688 or email: ctasker@wilderness.com.au

SAPSASA Netball Championship

Emilia Varricchio (Year 6) and Skyler Luong (Year 6) along with eight other girls from different schools were selected to represent the North Adelaide District for SAPSASA

from 19 – 21 June 2024. Our girls and their team were undefeated (9 games) over the three day State Carnival. Congratulations to Emilia and Skyler and the whole team for their fine achievements.

Bedtime Stories

One of our most precious Wildy events is Bedtime Stories - an opportunity to put on our cosiest pyjamas, snuggle up with a soft toy friend and share reading magic with teachers and special guests in our wonderful Library. This year our event was held on Thursday 30th May. Twinkly clouds and friendly Junior Library Committee girls (assisted by our Senior Library Representative) welcomed Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 girls and their parents, many wearing their night attire too. This treasured event is made extra special by the obvious delight our Story Readers show by carefully selecting stories which are part of their own reading adventures, past and present. It reminds us that we can share and enjoy stories at any age.

Once again, our delicious take home treats were baked by one of our student entrepreneurs, Demi Moutos. Her brand 'Deliciously Simple' certainly lived up to its reputation!

On behalf of the girls we thank readers Belinda Arnfield, Gina Kadis, Annette Mescke, Bec Williamson, Sophie Bonner, Wendy Menzies, Lauren Trennery, Melissa Foster, Katie Chataway, Travis Henderson and Bec Keller for their generosity and joy, and special helpers, Ruth Lim and Teagan Lane and all the people behind the scenes for a memorable night.

Katie Silva

Teacher Librarian

Luminary Lunch

The Junior School Library Committee and I had the wonderful opportunity to participate in two main events this semester. The first event was Bedtime Stories. It was a highly engaging and fun event for years Reception to Year 2. During Bedtime Stories, teachers selected spellbinding stories to read out loud to individual year levels.

Another great experience of this semester is that we had the pleasure to attend the Luminary Lunch (organised by Tracy Grice). We arrived at St Peter's Boys after a short ride in our character costumes and walked in to decorate our table. During this event, we were fortunate enough to meet South Australian authors and Illustrators with Jane Jolly as our special guest. We chose her most recent book, 'Captain Thunderbolt' (based on the true story of a gentlemanly bushranger) as our inspiration. She warmly welcomed us with chocolate coins, books and sugar cubes as she discussed her most famous books. She was just like a grandmotherly version of Santa. As it is coming to an end of the first semester, I am sure that the Library Committee will treasure these special moments that they have enjoyed together.

Isha Wechalekar

Junior SRC Library Representative

Science Experiences

Year 3 Science Investigations

In Science, the Year 3 students have been learning about minerals and crystals. 'Mineral' describes the substance and 'crystal' describes its clear, shiny form. As part of our unit of inquiry, students had the opportunity to grow their own crystals. The investigation involved preparing a sugar solution with boiling water, then dropping a rounded pipe-cleaner into the water, suspended by a pop stick. Each student coloured their solution and left their experiment in the classroom for a few days.

Student observations:

I discovered that the pipe cleaner actually turns into a crystal. **Aaniya**

I discovered the more sugar in the solution, the better. Also making sure the sugar is dissolved properly helped. **Jessica S**

I noticed that the ones in sunlight grew less efficiently which is what happens with igneous rocks that develop underground next to a magma chamber. Igneous rocks get bigger crystals if they develop slower. I noticed that the first batch of solution settled on the floor of the jar before forming crystals. **Michelle**

I noticed that people who chose purple ended up with more crystals. **Nina**

The jars that had lots of sugar at the bottom worked better. The liquid makes the pipe cleaner wet and the sugar will stick to it. Heat and time were important in this experiment. **Naomi**

Next time I think we should put the sugar in while the water is boiling. **Maddy**

Next time I will get my pipe cleaner wet first, dip it in sugar and let it dry before starting the experiment. **Alexa**

Mrs Rebecca Ratcliffe and Mrs Lauren Whittle

Reception Science Incursion

Alan Griffiths from the Australian Museum of Childhood visited for a hands-on learning experience which linked with our Science focus this term - 'Moving Things'.

The girls had a fabulous time exploring a range of toys both modern and from the past. They experimented with the forces of push and pull, and also gravity. Alan finished the session with a presentation where the girls learned more about how various toys can move in different ways. It was a wonderful addition to our Science learning!

Reflections:

Alan you are Magic! – **Harriet**

I had fun accidentally tipping over the wooden dominoes! - Tilly

I enjoyed throwing the ball and trying to knock the skittles over! - Olivia

It was funny when Alan showed us the jack in the box and the toy popped out of the box. It made me laugh! - Heather

Melissa Foster
Junior School Teacher

Uniform Shop Opening Hours During the July Holidays

Tuesday 23 July 8.30 am to 1pm

Have a wonderful holiday break everyone. We will be publishing more learning experiences from the Junior School in Week 0 of Term 3 (released prior to our first day of classes resuming, on Wednesday 24 July 2024).

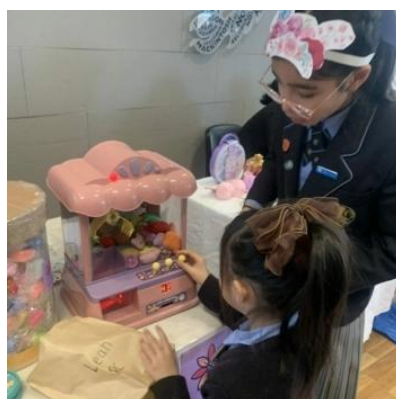
Warmest wishes

Gina Kadis

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MIDDLE SCHOOL

Australian of the Year Luncheon, Middle School Science and More!

[Rhianon Giles](#)

Australian of the Year Luncheon 2024

In Week 8, the Middle School and Senior School SRC executive attended the Australian of the Year Luncheon at the Convention Centre. The event showcased distinguished Australians who inspired us to contribute to a better future for our nation. The luncheon featured pioneering melanoma researchers Professor Georgina Long AO and Professor Richard Scolyer AO, the 2024 Australian of the Year.

It also included panel discussions with environmental scientist and filmmaker Tim Jarvis AM, SA Australian of the Year; Sister of Mercy and social justice advocate Sister Meredith Evans, SA Senior Australian of the Year; climate change and sustainability expert Tiahni Adamson, SA Young Australian of the Year; and Rachael Zaltron OAM, founder of Backpacks 4 SA Kids and SA Local Hero.

Middle School Science

Year 8 students recently showcased their creativity and scientific knowledge by designing interactive games about the rock cycle. These games allowed players to explore geological processes in a fun and engaging way. The games demonstrated impressive creativity and originality, featuring interactive elements and beautiful designs. Clear instructions ensured everyone could participate, promoting teamwork and a deeper understanding of geology.

Our girls had a fantastic time playing the games their peers created. The smiles and excitement in the photos below highlight the joy and learning that took place. This project was a great success, showing our students' ability to blend fun with education. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and look forward to more innovative projects in the future.

Year 9 students recently embarked on an engaging journey into neuroscience with a sheep brain dissection. As part of their homeostasis unit, students eagerly labelled brain lobes, observed the spinal cord, and explored the brain's intricate structures.

Girls donned gloves and utilised scalpels responsibly, ensuring a hands-on learning experience with respect for ethical dissection practices. This session not only deepened their understanding of brain anatomy but also highlighted its crucial role in maintaining internal balance.

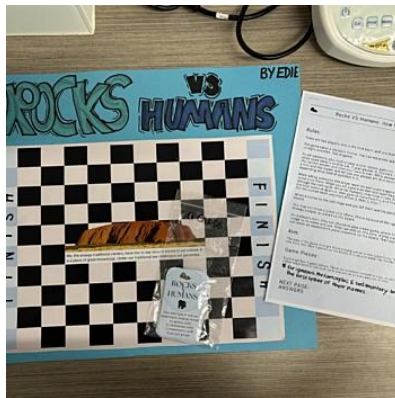
Student Success

Congratulations to Jessica Mah (Year 7) who won her heat recently for the Legacy Public Speaking Competition and will now progress to the State Final on August 16. She spoke about social justice, which is one of the Legacy ideals; and her impromptu topic was on 'what defines a hero.'

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Rhiannon Giles
Head of Middle School







SENIOR SCHOOL

Assessments, Student News and More!

[Kate Hanson](#)

With Semester 2 drawing to a close, the girls in the Senior School have been busy finalising their assessment pieces and for the Year 10 and 11s, completing their exams. In our final week of term, we looked at subject pathway information, with our parent information session on Monday evening and presentations from Heads of Departments to the girls during the school week. While the last few weeks have been focused on academics, Week 9 is exciting as the girls prepare for Glee on the final day of term.

We also farewell Ms Alison Robertson, a pivotal Senior School English teacher at Wilderness for 23 years. Ms Robertson's contribution has been highly valued by the girls and English Faculty and we wish her well in her retirement.

Next term we start with Year 12 trial exams in Week 1, the Year 11 Retreat in Week 2, SRC elections and subject selections. I hope that you have an enjoyable break and I look forward to seeing the girls back and refreshed in Term 3.

Student News

Congratulations to Zara Hill (10) who has been selected for the South Australian Girls Under 16 Rugby Team.

Arabella Bahr (12) attended Olympic trials and swam alongside household names, the best swimmers in the country, and even the world. A highlight for Arabella was watching a world record swim and racing in the same pool as some incredible athletes. It was an amazing experience and something she was 'super humbled to be a part of'.

Niya Singhal (11) competed in the Senior Division for the state final of Rostrum Voice of Youth, speaking on the topic, 'The Masks We Wear'. Rostrum Voice of Youth is a nationwide public speaking competition that offers secondary school students a valuable chance to build experience and confidence in sharing their perspectives and delivering messages effectively.

Year 12 Friendship Quiz Night with Seymour College

On Friday night, the Year 12 girls visited Seymour for friendship opportunities and bonding. The girls were in mixed teams and enjoyed the evening of quiz questions, laughter and friendship. With a dress code of pyjamas, it was a cozy and relaxing way for the girls to participate in a collegial evening.

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Kate Hanson

Head of Senior School

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BOARDING

Boarders' Fashion Parade!

[Bronwen Pluck](#)

Boarders' Fashion Parade is Back

Following a sell-out event in 2023, we are pleased to announce that tickets are on sale now for the 2024 Boarders' Fashion Parade on Friday 9 August and we would love to see you there!

Friday 9 August 2024

7.00pm to 10.00pm (Doors open at 6.30pm)

Wilderness School Gymnasium

Tickets are \$30 per adult (with a complimentary drink on arrival) and \$15 per student (with a complimentary non-alcoholic drink on arrival). Tables of 10 can be purchased for \$250.

This special event will showcase our boarders modelling some of South Australia's best boutique fashion labels, including RM Williams, Bullrush, Binny, Iris & Wool, Salubrious Hour, One Rundle, Sant & Abel, Lonely Goat, Kinney, One Rundle, Brave & True, Sunset Lover and Pop Rock Party.

Trybooking Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CSANS>

Friday Night Ice Cream

The girls in the house enjoyed an impromptu ice cream night. The girls came down to enjoy a bowl of ice cream with their favourite toppings in the dining room together for an

evening treat. With the colder weather keeping the girls in the house on a Friday night, we have been enjoying the opportunity to run these impromptu activities to get the girls spending time together.

Year 10 Bonding Night

The Year 10 girls organised a bonding night and went to the movies to see Inside out 2 and enjoyed Yochi and popcorn during the movies. It is great to see the girls showing initiative to plan an activity where they can spend some time as a year level. We encourage the girls to find a few times per year to organise a year level activity of their choosing. This allows them time to build on their relationships within their year level while being out of the house and doing something they enjoy.

Celebrating our staff

Recently, one of our amazing chefs Tara Cobbledick was featured in an article with her husband Richard in Finding Their Niche. Tara plays a vital role in connecting Wilderness School with some of the freshest produce in South Australia. Tara brings amazing culinary flair to our School, where she works two days a week as a Chef creating sensational dishes made with fresh, colourful vegetables from her Uraidla farm. We are so proud of our amazing team in our exceptional Café!

Read more in the article below!

<https://www.smallfarms.net/fin...>;

Bronwen Pluck

Acting Head of Boarding







SPORT

Term 2 Sporting Achievements!

[Jonathon Koutsikas](#)

School Sport SA Cross Country Carnival

A team of 16 girls from Wilderness travelled to Oakbank Racecourse for the School Sport SA Cross Country Championships. In wet and wintry conditions, the girls raced superbly with 6 of our runners finishing in the top 40, further highlighted by an U15 6th place to Caitlin Hardin, an Open 4th place to Sasha Hardin.

As we get to the term break, our teams in Middle/Senior IGSSA Shield Competitions will use this as a fantastic opportunity to refresh and recharge before the final charge to the finish. Our girls have been competing strongly across multiple sports and some of our teams are really well placed at the break period.

Football

Senior A – 1st place

Middle A – 4th place

Badminton

Senior A – 3rd place

Senior B1 – 3rd place

Senior B2 – 2nd place

Hockey

Senior B – 4th place

Netball

10A – 4th place

7B – 4th place

Soccer

Premier League – 3rd place

Div 1 White – 1st place

Middle A – 1st place

Intercol

Our annual Winter Intercol competition against Seymour College will commence in Week 5 Term 3 on Monday the 19th of August. A timetable and schedule for the events taking place will be communicated with families. It would be fantastic to have as many Wilderness supporters there as possible to cheer on our girls.

Congratulations

As always we have some outstanding sporting achievements from our girls at top levels.

Arabella Bahr recently competed at the Australian Swimming Olympic Trials. Arabella brushed shoulder with and competed against some of the best swimmers in Australian history. It was an amazing experience and something she was 'super humbled to be a part of'.

Iris Newman - selected for the State Football Under 15's Team.

Cate Zander – selected for the State Volleyball Under 15's Team.

Zara Hill – selected for the State Rugby Under 16's Team.

We wish these girls all the best in their respective events at State level and can't wait to share their experience with our community.

Jonathon Koutsikas

Director of Sport and Recreation

Lacrosse News

Yesterday morning, the Gym Foyer buzzed with excitement as the Wilderness Lacrosse Club hosted a breakfast event for our current players. The girls enjoyed a selection of croissants, juice, muffins and yogurt while parents joined us for coffee and tea. It was a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the halfway point in the 2024 season.

A special thanks to our coaches who organised games and activities and helped with food preparation. The U8s, U11s, and U13s joined together with our coaches from Year 10 and Year 11. Our girls are enjoying a fantastic season so far, having now completed their first term of lacrosse.

We are also thrilled to welcome Hannah Gough (Class of 2020?) back from Pomona University. Her return has been a fantastic addition to our coaching team, and her

expertise and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated.

Lacrosse continues into Term 3 and new players are always welcome.

Bec Keller

Lacrosse Coordinator





MUSIC

Year 2 Strings and Year 4 Bands Concerts!

[Anna Lenartowicz](#)

Student Successes

We extend our congratulations to the following students who recently received high honours at the Adelaide Eisteddfods:

- Annika Ganesh (9SPA) participated in the '13 and over Romantic Piano Division' and received **1st place!** Annika also participated in Sonata section and despite receiving a whopping 94 points, the competition was fierce in this division, and she received an honourable mention – an amazing achievement.
- Yilin (Ella) Gu (8CED) participated in the '13 and over Own Choice/Modern Piano Division' and received 1st place! Yilin also participated in the '11-16 Years Recital Solo Piano' division and was awarded an honourable mention.

Yilin attended the 2024 AMEB Award ceremony earlier this year at Elder Hall where she received her Certificate of Performance Piano Certificate. To achieve this level in only Year 8 is a remarkable achievement!

We have many girls undertaking their AMEB Grade level exams in the coming weeks and we wish them all the best.

Year 2 Strings and Year 4 Bands Concerts

On Monday June 17 and Tuesday June 18 we celebrated our budding junior school musicians who performed to full houses on both nights in our Newman Theatre.

On Monday it was all about strings, under the supportive and energetic leadership of our Strings Coordinator Mr Joseph Freer, all of our Year 2 students put on a wonderful short concert for their parents. With our Intermediate String Orchestra performing on the night, and then supporting our Year 2s in the finale, it was a wonderful evening.

Tuesday evening was a slightly louder affair, when our Year 4 girls demonstrated their learning on their band instruments. With our youngest cocurricular band (Junior Band) putting on a 'cool' performance with the spy-like 'Double Oh Eight', the girls and parents were then entertained by our oldest cocurricular group, the Sax Quartet who played The Chicken and Shake It Off – much to the delight of our 'swifty' Year 4s!

Participating in young music immersion programs, such as our Year 2 strings and Year 4 band, offers numerous benefits to our girls. Engaging with music at an early age enhances cognitive development, improves memory, and fosters discipline. Students involved in music programs often demonstrate higher academic achievement and better problem-solving skills.

Music also promotes emotional well-being, providing a creative outlet for self-expression and stress relief. Furthermore, playing in ensembles teaches teamwork, communication, and social skills, helping to build confidence and a sense of community – and it's fun!

Thankyou to the Music Staff for their wonderful efforts with our girls this semester.

Ms Anna Lenartowicz

Head of Music









GLOBAL EXPERIENCE

Global Learning

Stephanie Andrews

Exchange Update

This term several students have enjoyed living and learning overseas on exchange, immersing themselves in the life and culture of their host schools and families.

At the start of Term 2, Sophie Rocca spent time boarding and making lifelong friendships at Appleby College, Ontario, Canada. Zara Hill boarded at Bridge House School, Cape Town, South Africa with Gilda Fonti who she hosted in Term 1.

Currently Isabelle Weng is being hosted by Jun Yoda at Yakumo Academy, Tokyo, Japan. We will welcome Jun to Wilderness in Term 3. Ella Meyer is attending Landheim Ammersee School, near Munich, Germany, and is being hosted by Paula Meyer who lived with Ella and her family in Term 1.

In Term 3, current Year 9 students will be able to apply for the 2025 exchange program. Approximately 5 students will be selected to go on exchange.

Round Square Regional Conference

A group of 4 Year 8 students spent this last week of Term 2 in Rockhampton Qld, with students from New Zealand, India, Malaysia, Japan and Australia. They participated in a range of activities including snorkeling, boom netting, canoeing, hiking, water sports and revegetation.

International Tours

The School offers a range of international tour opportunities for the students. This year we have been fortunate to have 2 international tours going ahead.

Last April saw a successful return to Nepal, with 32 students and 5 staff trekking and

visiting the Bhadure school and community. Please see the article in the previous LITW for more information about their amazing experiences.

The Music Tour to Italy and Switzerland is about to depart. 23 students and 3 staff will be spending 2 weeks performing, attending concerts and music festivals and sightseeing. We wish them a safe and successful trip and are looking forward to hearing about their amazing experiences when they return.

Stephanie Andrews
Head of Global Learning





LEARNING, PATHWAY AND INDUSTRY

Learning, Pathway and Industry

[Caroline Palmer](#)

Industry and Pathways Bulletin

Event: Medicine Pathways Presentation

Presenter: Akanksha Mahajan, 2019 Wilderness School Old Scholar and Final Year Medical Student

Date: Monday, 12 August

Time: 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm

Location: The Chrysalis, Wilderness School

Akanksha Mahajan, a final year medical student at Monash University and former Dux of Wilderness School (2019), will discuss pathways to medicine, study strategies for years 11 and 12, and support options available through MedView. Topics include tutoring, application support, academic tutoring for SACE, and medical interview preparation. Q&A session included.

[Register Here](#)

ANU

Whilst direct applications to ANU have now closed, students can apply to ANU through the Universities Admission Centre (UAC) from 27 May 2024.

Students who have already applied directly to ANU do not need to apply through UAC.

There is an early bird application fee of \$80 for students who submit their application before 29 September 2024.

For more information go to: [ANU](#)

Future students: 1800 620 032 or future.students@añu.edu.au

Monash University

Monash Information Evening webinar – parents and students from SA

Date: Tuesday 27 August

Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm (6:30 – 8:00pm AEST)

Location: Online via zoom

The webinar is free and aims to help students and their parents get a better understanding of what it's like to study at Monash and live in Melbourne.

Use this link to register and for more information: [Link](#)

Online webinar recordings:

- Law
- Engineering
- Education
- Business and Economics

[Link](#)

Discover Monash

Find out everything you need to know about studying at Monash [link](#)

New Courses – 2025

[Link](#)

MySydney Entry and Scholarship Scheme

Find out how you can enter your dream degree with a MySydney Entry and Scholarship Scheme for students residing in low socio-economic areas. Hear about the great benefits offered, including entry on a reduced ATAR, a \$8,5000 per annum scholarship and a range of ongoing support throughout your studies. Find out what you need to know about eligibility criteria, how to apply, frequently asked questions and more!

[Link](#)

Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Art [link](#)

Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Science [link](#)

Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Arts [link](#)

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) [link](#)

Upcoming webinars:

Western Sydney University

- 1st in the world for SDG 5 Gender Equality
- 3rd in the world for SDG 15 Life on Land
- 4th in the world for SDG 13 Climate Action, SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production, and SDG 17 Partnerships for the Goals
- 8th in the world for SDG 10 Reduced Inequalities
- 9th in the world for SDG 6 Clean Water and Sanitation.

Bachelor of Advanced Science [link](#)

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Sustainability Engineering) [link](#)

Master of Humanitarian and Development Studies [link](#)

WSY programs [link](#)

Elevate: Boosting women in STEM

The Elevate program provides:

- A scholarship
- Access to events and networking – mentoring
- Wellbeing support during scholar's university studies

Undergraduate category:

To receive an Undergraduate Scholarship, you must have an intention to study a degree focusing on science, technology, engineering or mathematics, administered by a STEM School or Faculty, e.g. Faculty of Engineering. Degrees administered by non-STEM faculties or that qualify an individual for a specific occupation, e.g. medicine, speech pathology, etc. are ineligible.

Eligibility:

To be considered, applicants need to:

- Identify as a women or non-binary person
- Be enrolling as a domestic student at an Australian university
- Be planning to undertake a STEM undergraduate degree, commencing in 2025

ATSE particularly encourages applications from individuals who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; individuals from regional, rural or remote areas; LGBTQA+; individuals from culturally or linguistically diverse backgrounds; low-socioeconomic backgrounds; or those living with a disability.

Applications:

- Applications close at 5pm (AEST) on Friday 30 August 2024
- Scholarships announced November 2024

2025 Scholarships are open – apply now [here](#)

Software Engineers

Software Engineers or ‘developers’ are the architects of our digital age. They specialise in creating software solutions that innovate, automate, and simulate to power our interconnected world. At CommBank, Software Engineers, are the crucial systems that ensure a seamless and secure experience for customers.

They craft every aspect of the Bank’s website and app and the complex systems behind-the-scenes to protect customers money. Software Engineers are witnessing unprecedented demand, and they are reaping the rewards with substantial salaries. It is an appealing career for those who want to combine coding and creativity.

Discover the exciting possibilities in Software Engineering by visiting the [Year13 X CommBank Virtual Work Experience!](#)

Australian Federal Police Directions Program

Directions is a structured 12-month program where First Nations people can experience the range of support and specialist roles available at the AFP.

Who should apply:

The Directions Program seeks out First Nations candidates who are:

- Great at communication, good problem-solvers
- Out of the box thinkers

- Able to work well in a team, ready to learn new skills

No formal qualifications are required.

Timing and location:

The Directions Program runs from February to February each year with the selection process starting several months prior.

Positions are primarily based in Canberra. Some state-based positions exist, but these depend on organisational requirements.

When you apply, consider that you may have to move to [Canberra](#) – you will receive financial help for relocation (if required)

About the Directions Program: As a participant you will:

- Have full-time employment
- Complete induction activities and network with other Direction Program participants
- Work in several roles across different teams
- Complete a Certificate IV qualification
- Be supported by buddies, mentors and the Mulunggang Indigenous Officer Network
- Have the opportunity for progression when you complete the program

Roles in the Program

You might find yourself in a variety of specialist and support roles, including health and wellbeing; investigations; canines; cybersecurity; intelligence; corporate support; protection; workforce planning; media and communication

10 jobs in Sport you don't need to be an athlete for [link](#)

Co-Op Scholarship – Actuarial Studies – Macquarie university [link](#)

Navigating your post-school plans with confidence

Wednesday 24 July, 5:00pm (AEST) webinar for students

Presenter: **Dr Michael Healy**

School is such a big part of your life; you might have mixed feelings as you approach the end of it. You might be excited about your next steps. But it's okay if you're not sure about your post-school plans or feeling a bit anxious or overwhelmed about it all.

In this webinar, you'll hear about six simple ideas that will help you think about your future with confidence. Some of them might surprise you!

We'll talk about:

- Different kinds of post-school pathways.
- Why it's OK if you don't know what you want to do.
- Why it's OK to change your mind.
- Why ATAR might not be as important as you think.
- How to research your options.
- Who to talk to for help.

If you can't make it to the live webinar, register anyway, and we'll send you the recording to watch later.

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140 GALA DINNER

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140 Gala Dinner – tickets opened Monday 24 June

As we celebrate Wilderness School's 140th anniversary in 2024, Wilderness School Foundation invite you to one of the biggest nights on the social calendar for members of our wonderful School community.

The Wilderness School Gala Dinner will celebrate the School's journey, which began with the Misses Brown in 1884 and continues today.

The evening will be hosted by Australian Television Presenter and current parent Rosanna Mangiarelli best known for anchoring Seven News.

A perfectly chosen menu from the National Wine Centre chef will be paired with exceptional wine choices for a memorable evening at this iconic South Australian venue.

Guests will be welcomed to the sound of strings from the Wilderness School String Ensemble and, later in the evening, will be treated to a live performance by the Wilderness Old Scholars Jazz Choir led by Jo Tropeano.

The opportunity will also be available to bid on some high-value money-can't-buy experiences in the Silent Auction.

Date: Saturday, 14 September 2024

Time: 6.00pm - 11.00pm

Venue: Hickinbotham Hall, National Wine Centre of South Australia. Cnr Hackney Road and Botanic Road, Adelaide SA 5000.

Dress Code: Black Tie

Cost: \$295 per person (10 per table)

RSVP: Friday, 9 August 2024, or until sold out.

We encourage you to buy a table, bring your friends and help us celebrate this incredible milestone.

This event has limited capacity, so please book your tickets early - <https://www.trybooking.com/CSNBW>

For enquiries, please email: foundation@wilderness.com.au

Join us in celebrating the school's 140-year history, a showcase of our old scholars, our past and our future.



OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) Before School, After School and Vacation Care

[Bec Vandermoer & Xin Wang](#)

We are so pleased to be wrapping up another successful term at OSHC and have some updates to share.

Before School Care

Starting from Term 3, an exciting new change will be made to our Before School Care Program. We will be launching a second booking option. If your daughter/daughters come in between 7:30 am – 8:15 am, they will have a selection of breakfast options, a warm and cozy place to play & learn before school and be walked to class at the end of the session. This booking option will be a fee of \$20 minus the CCS rebates you receive.

For more information please contact 0427 561 738.

Christmas Closure

To help support holiday planning, we also wanted to inform you of our Christmas closure dates.

OSHC will be closed from **6pm Friday 20 December 2024** and reopening **7am Monday 13 January 2025**.

Thank you for your ongoing support, we love seeing the girls enjoying and learning so much with us and look forward to seeing some of you for vacation care over the break.

Kind regards,

Xin Wang

OSHC Director

Bec Vandermoer

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