

Life in the Wilderness

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Power of Possibility

Belinda Arnfield

As Olympic fever has swept the world, I have been reflecting on the significance of this major event for our girls. At the halfway point of the Paris Olympic Games, Australia had its most successful start to the Olympic Games ever, due mostly to the medal tally of the women. There are many valuable take aways from this news.

The implication of the gender parity displayed at the Olympic Games cannot be underestimated. For our female athletes to take this opportunity to prove, on a global scale what we have always known, that women are unstoppable when allowed the space to succeed. This demonstrates to our girls that their dreams are possible. We are steadfast in enabling all our Wilderness students to follow these dreams and find their passions, in any area. But particularly those in which women have historically not been represented.

This week we also celebrated Maths Week. This is an important feature in our annual calendar that provides another strong reminder to our girls that STEM based future roles and careers are not only possible, but enjoyable.

Exceeding in gender equity and empowerment of girls was a vision shared by our much loved staff member, Ashleigh Young. Ash was a sports leader. As we head toward

Intercol Week we are so proud to be working alongside Sport SA and the new Marjorie Jackson Nelson Centre to help give more women the opportunity to lead in sport through the Ashleigh Young Scholarship. You will see this celebrated across our school as well as the Independent Girls Schools Sports Association. If you wish to support this worthy cause, you can find more information [here](#).

Our girls have been fortunate to have been given so many real-world examples of the power of possibility. We know that their experiences at Wilderness show them that by working together as well as working hard, their passions can become their lived reality.

REMINDER – PUPIL FREE DAY/OSHC OPEN (MON 2 SEP)

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Wilderness OSHC will be open 7am-6pm on Show Day for those who need it with special themed programming including our own yellow brick road and many fun activities.

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Belinda Arnfield

Principal



EARLY LEARNING

A Healthy Identity for Children's Development and Wellbeing

[Rebecca Williamson](#)

This term, we have had the pleasure of listening to and being enriched by the girls' sharing of their 'Who I Am' holiday projects. This activity is integral to the girls' learning in relation to Outcome 1 of the approved learning framework, which emphasises the importance supporting children to develop a strong sense of identity.

According to the Early Years Learning Framework V2 (p.30), "A healthy identity is the cornerstone of children's learning, development, and wellbeing. Children learn about themselves and construct their own identity within the context of relationships with other children, their families, and communities."

The 'Who I Am' project has been a meaningful intersection of all aspects that contribute to each child's sense of identity. It has also provided an opportunity for everyone to learn about each other, fostering a deeper sense of community and belonging.

Additionally, this project has given the girls a platform to present clearly and audibly to their friends, who, in turn, have learned to listen quietly and respectfully (which aligns with Outcome 5, 'Children are effective communicators').

Furthermore, throughout all aspects of learning this term, our educational team has been focused on the girls' achievement of their individual learning goals in relation to the approved learning framework and in line with the developmental milestones expected for ages 3-5 years old. The construction of our learning environment, activities, and teaching are intentional and based on the assessment of the girls' learning in relation to the

learning outcomes and developmental milestones.

Our 'Planning for Learning, Development and Wellbeing' document is always available in each of the locker areas for your perusal, and we look forward to officially updating you later in the term about your daughters' progress in relation to her learning goals.

We are looking forward to the adventures that await us as we embark on Maths Week, Science Week, and Book Week. These themed weeks promise to be filled with exciting activities and learning experiences that will ignite the girls' curiosity and passion for discovery.

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Thank you for your continued support and for sharing in the joy of our learning journey.

Rebecca Williamson

Director of Early Years







JUNIOR SCHOOL

Welcome Back! Exciting Days Ahead

[Gina Kadis](#)

Upcoming Learning Initiatives

Our Junior School staff work collaboratively and creatively to engage our students in quality learning experiences – both in the classroom and beyond. This term is shaping up to be filled with numerous learning opportunities. Let me share with you some of these....

All our girls undertook a consolidation “Friendology” session with Tyson Greenwood and his furry friend Oscar on Friday 26 August – role-playing a series of responses to ‘school scenarios’ and how to best manage their friendships and build strong relationships with their peers.

Our Reception girls had their special day celebrating “100 Days in Reception” on Wednesday 31 July; Year 1s have their Outdoor Education Winter Day Trip to Morialta in Week 5; Year 2s have their first overnight Outdoor Education activity on the Friday evening of either Week 4 or Week 5. Book Week is also in Week 5, with numerous activities, meeting with a visiting author and culminating in our Book Week Parade on Thursday 22 August in the School Gym 8.40 am. Our Year 6 girls have their Canberra Camp in Week 6. Our Year 5 girls have their Ballarat Camp in Week 9.

Our Year 6s perform their integrated Arts Curriculum Production “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” in Week 10. Further our teachers have planned incursions and excursions across all year levels and quality learning is displayed in our recent Oliphant Science Award entries. Week 3 has seen us celebrate Mathematics Week. There is so

much on offer to engage each and every girl. Have fun everyone. Learn lots. Ask lots of questions. Work collaboratively to discover more about the world around us and how we learn best.

Junior School Leadership Badge Assembly

On Thursday 1 August we inducted the following Year 6 students into their Semester 2 leadership roles. Special thanks to Mrs Belinda Arnfield, Sophia Tayeb (12 SRC President), Anna McAuliffe (12 SRC Vice-President) and Sophie Grice (12 SRC Secretary) for joining us to present each girl with their SRC Badge. As a community we congratulate these girls for nominating and successfully being elected to undertake these important roles. We sincerely wish them a rich learning experience.

The "Student Voice" and the development of leadership qualities in all our students in the Junior School is very important to me personally and to staff at Wilderness. I very much enjoyed sharing lunch with our new SRC Executive Wednesday 31 July in my office – getting to know each other and talking through strategies to support them as an Executive team. We meet fortnightly over lunch as an Executive team to plan and reflect on initiatives that strengthen Wilderness relationships as well as monitoring the overall wellbeing of our Junior School community.

I am so proud of all our girls inducted to their respective leadership roles for Semester 2. This team will provide such outstanding mentoring to their peers. In closing, let me share with you the summary from my address to our community in this Badge Assembly.... "So girls, as you commence your leadership of our Junior School this morning, embrace your new beginning. But remember the generations of girls who have come before you and the values you are called to embrace. In doing so, you bind together your foundations and your future and our Junior School community is just so excited to see all that you will achieve." I would also like to pass on congratulations from our Head of Junior School, Mrs Liz McCarthy who looks forward to working closely with you too on her return to Wilderness.

SRC Executive (Junior School)

PRESIDENT- Skyler Luong

VICE-PRESIDENT- Honey Patel

SECRETARY- Angelina Georgiou

Representatives

Citizenship- Giuliana Maurici

Environment- Anahat Tiwari

Library- Chloe Knox

Media- Jiaxi Huo

Peer Support- Danielle Nisyrios & Serafina Carrocci

Performing Arts- Daisy Tan

Sport- Eliza Dixon

Student Foundation- Maarisha Emad

Year 2- Chloe Broster

Year 3- Hannah Fang

Year 4- Kate Ma

Year 5- Mary Paul

House Captains

Amaryllis

Abigail McArdle

Alessia Wojcik

Antholiza

Mia Gordon

Grace Lin

Carob

Elizabeth Le

Kensi Howland

Cedar

Mila Hobby

Katie Vaezi

Sparaxis

Ginger Tembel

Amelia Benedict

Special Promotion - Out of School Hours Care

Wilderness' owned and operated Out of School Hours Care is available for all current 4-year-old students, plus Junior School girls Reception to Year 6 before school, after school, pupil-free days and vacation care.

Operation Hours

7.00 am to 6.00 pm

Monday to Friday during school term

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Parents can use the booking platform to enrol their child/children and manage bookings and cancellations, update medication information and check billing statements.

Payment is made by direct-debit from a nominated account weekly on Wednesday.

Please be aware that your account needs to be fully registered before a booking can be made.

Click [here](#) to access our OSHC Handbook with further details, including Child Care Subsidy for eligible families.

Contact Details

Email: oshc@wilderness.com.au

Mobile: 0427 561 738

Rebecca Vandermoer and Xin Wang (Co-Directors)

Sun Protection Policy

Wilderness has updated its Sun Protection Policy. As part of this policy, sun hats are now required to be worn by ELC, Lower Junior and Junior School students in Terms 1, 3 and 4. As a result, the "No Hat, No Play" policy will come into effect immediately.

Please ensure your child has a named light blue sun hat to wear whilst at school.

'100 Days of Reception'

On Wednesday, July 31st, Reception girls celebrated 100 Days of Big School. We had a fabulous day of 100 themed activities and even dressed up as 100 year old grannies. We predicted where 100 steps would take us, what we might buy with 100 dollars (perhaps a house with a swimming pool!) and Mrs. Keller even had some 100 themed activities for the girls' PE lesson.

At the end of the day, we took home a beautiful '100' biscuit. It was a special day celebrating 100 days of learning and friendship in Reception.

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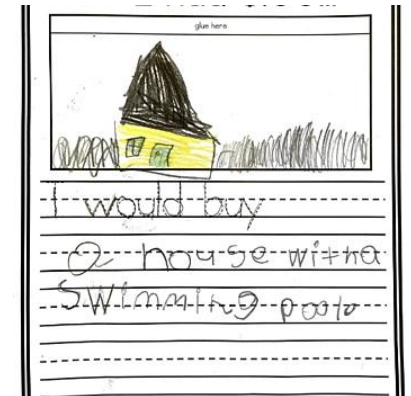
Have a wonderful day everyone.

Gina Kadis

Acting Head of Junior School









MIDDLE SCHOOL

Space Forum Excursion, Maths Week and More

[Rhianon Giles](#)

Year 9 Space Forum Excursion

Recently, many of the Year 9 Space and Robotics students had the incredible opportunity to visit the Australian Space Discovery Centre and attend the 17th Australian Space Forum held here in South Australia. At the Australian Space Discovery Centre, students were enabled to learn about future pathways in the space industry and expand their knowledge in space networking.

We were given an insightful talk about collecting satellite data and more from the brand Speedo, that has incorporated space technology into their swimsuits.

Next, we explored the discovery centre's interactive exhibit, which offered many interesting games and information about our planet and beyond.

We then made our way to the 17th Australian Space Forum held at the Adelaide Convention Centre, one of the largest space exhibitions in Australia. In pairs and groups, students experienced VR, learned about careers in space and gained inspiration from some of Australia's most significant space programs and companies. It was fascinating to learn about lunar rovers and a satellite called Kanyini, whose mission is to collect valuable data for environmental monitoring and scientific research.

This excursion provided us with new insights into the world of Space, Robotics and AI. Thank you to Mr Keller and Mr Sloan for this wonderful experience!

Zara Armitage

MATHS – The only subjects that counts.

To coincide with the Australian Maths Competition, the Maths Committee and Department held activities during Week 3 to celebrate Maths week. Activities included a Darts competition with Mr Hawkins, a scavenger hunt, a Pi competition and lots of fun activities including logic puzzles, sudoku, board games, and crafts in Maths classrooms over the week. Thank you to Mrs Dawn Davies, the Maths Teachers and the members of the Maths Committee who made the week come to life.

We look forward to celebrating the achievements of the students who participated in the Australian Maths Competition when the results are published later in the year.

Road Safety

Each year, SAPOL trains our Year 6 to 10 students in how to safely complete Traffic Duty at the two School Crossings. Our girls do a great job at monitoring these crossings. The Police Officers remind the girls that if they see something dangerous while at the crossings, they should report it to teachers and call 131444 to report what has happened.

We ask that parents observe all the road rules and parking restrictions around the school and also report any incidents. Keeping everyone safe is a community responsibility.

Middle School Social

The Middle School SRC and Round Square Committee are again hosting the Middle School Social on Friday 16 August, 6.30 to 8.30pm in the Wilderness School Gym.

The ticket price of \$20 will cover the cost of drinks, food and entertainment for the evening. You can purchase a ticket for your daughter/s using this [Trybooking link](#). All proceeds from the night will be donated to Round Square to support their service activities.

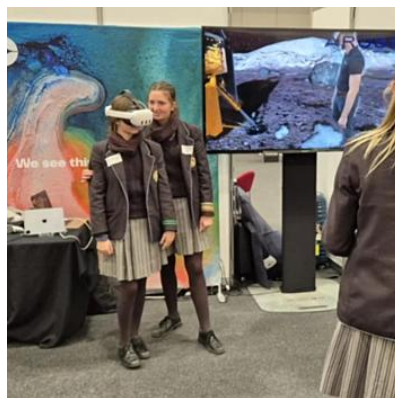
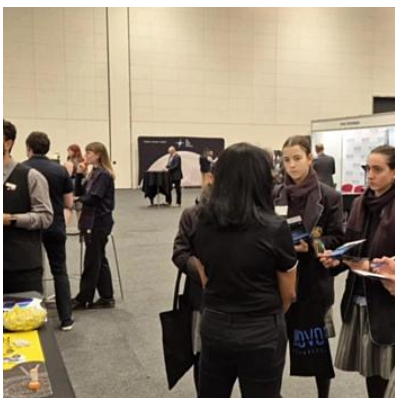
Student Achievements

Congratulations to Sophie Monk who travelled to Europe with the Young Adelaide Voices' First Concert Choir to perform at the 27th International Choral Festival in Provence, France. Her choir won first prize in the Youth Choir category, second place in the Sacred Music category, third place in the Folk Music category and went on to score second place in the overall Grand Prix and were awarded the Most Creative Performance Award.

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Rhiannon Giles

Head of Middle School





SENIOR SCHOOL

Year 11 Retreat, Intercol and More

[Kate Hanson](#)

With Term 3 underway, we have already been enjoying a range of activities and events. The Year 11s enjoyed their Retreat last week and participated in Healthy Relationships Day in Week 1. This week we are celebrating Maths Week and Intercol is around the corner in Week 5.

Our Senior School girls have continued to represent their sports in a range of areas. Some of the recent accomplishments include Molly Dwyer receiving the Player of the Match Award for the semi-final at the Hockey Australia Under 18 Championships. Isabel Jackson will be representing Australia in the U20 Lacrosse in Hong Kong. Caitlin Hardin won a Bronze medal with the School Sport SA State Under 16 Basketball Team and Iris Newman won her Grand Final and was crowned National Champions with her Under 15 State Football Team.

Year 11 Retreat

In Week 2, the Year 11s attended a retreat at Nunyara in Belair. The retreat focused on teamwork, stewardship and leadership. Some of the activities that the Year 11s enjoyed were a visit to Jurlique Farm, Survivor tribe activities and a day at the new Flinders University City Campus. We enjoyed listening to guest speaker Gen Reuger, a Black Hawk helicopter pilot, who is currently an MFS firefighter.

Year 12 Trial Exams

Year 12 Trial Exams were held in Week 1. Reports for these examinations will be sent

home via SEQTA this week.

Year 10 and 11 Course Counselling

This week we held Course Counselling interviews for all girls in Years 10 and 11. These interviews were conducted by our trained course counsellors. Following these interviews, the final course selections are due via Edval by Friday 16 August. Please reach out to the Senior School Office if you have any questions.

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Kate Hanson

Head of Senior School







BOARDING

A Great Start to Term 3

[Carolyn Matthews](#)

Boarders at Wildy have hit the ground running for the start of Term 3.

The term commenced with Year 12 trial exams. The girls approached these exams with great focus and a determination to do their best. The feeling amongst them was that they were a valuable experience and have given them a sense of where they are at and what they need to further focus on.

The Year 11s have had an equally busy start to the term, with their Relationships Day at St Peters and then the Year 11 retreat. There was lots of positive feedback about both events and they are very much focused and looking forward to potential leadership opportunities and the challenges which lie ahead next year.

The other event which is garnering lots of attention and excitement is of course the annual Boarders Fashion Parade. Preparations are reaching their conclusion and everyone connected with the boarding house is working hard to ensure a fabulous night for everyone. The night is being supported by very generous fashion labels which the girls are excited to be modelling and also a range of boarding families and businesses who have made donations for both the auctions and raffle. Aside from the models, make up artists and general helpers there are also a number of boarders who have made clothes to be modelled, laptop bags and heat wheat packs to be sold to raise valuable monies for Bhadure School in Nepal. It is truly a whole community event and one which the boarding community should be very proud.

With much focus on the above, and the usual sporting and extra curricular activities, there hasn't been as much uptake on weekend boarding house activities. These are a great way to build and cement relationships, particularly for those girls who do not have the ability to readily go home or have time away from the house. I am sure participation will increase in these over the course of the term.

I, myself, in coming to Wilderness have hit the ground running and I have really appreciated the friendliness and kindness from everyone I have come in contact with. Aside from my work within the house, I have also had the opportunity to attend the SA Heads of Boarding retreat in the Clare Valley, which was a great opportunity to meet other HOB's and to discuss all things boarding. I am very much looking forward to heading to the Eyre Peninsula with Ben Manifold to attend the Cleve Field Days. The opportunity to head out to areas where the girls are from, enables me to have a sense of what home ground is like.

I trust the term continues well for everyone, particularly as we move into Spring and the warmer part of the year.

Carolyn Matthews

Head of Boarding



SPORT

Winter Intercol, Knockout Soccer and More

[Jonathon Koutsikas](#)

Winter Intercol

Our annual winter Intercol against Seymour is fast approaching, taking place during week 5 this term starting Monday 19th of August.

This year, each Senior A or Premier League match is on a different day so there are no clashes, so we need to see you all out supporting our girls. Seymour is hosting which is why many fixtures are at their home grounds. This is even more important to see as many Wilderness spectators as possible. There is something really powerful about a loud away crowd!

Monday will see our debaters kicking off the week at 5pm in the Seymour Centre for Performing Arts. Hockey will be at PAC at 5pm on Tuesday. Soccer on Wednesday will be at 4:10 down at to Seymour Pitch 1, Netball is 4:10 at the Seymour gym on Thursday. AFL will be 4:10 down the road at park 9 or Bundeys oval on Friday night, with Badminton closing off the week Saturday at 7:45am at the Wildy gym.

Every sport, every grade and every match counts to the overall Intercol score.

All matches will be extremely close, so it is super important that you can get out to as many games as you can to support! There will be supporter busses available for all girls to take to watch away games, and a form to sign up for those busses will be sent closer to the date.

We invite to bring your family members and anyone who has the Wildy Spirit. I can't wait to see you all there.

Please see the 2024 Winter Intercol Fixture [here](#).

Year 9/10 Knockout Soccer

Last Friday Mr Jackson took our year 9/10 Soccer team to Mount Barker to take on Cornerstone College.

The girls played extremely well and came away with a 12 – 0 win. They now progress to the next round TBC.

Thanks to Mr Jackson for his outstanding coaching as usual.

IGSSA Pink Round Netball

Amber Dewhurst (Co Netball Coordinator)

Last weekend, our Premier League and Reserve netball teams participated in the Pink Round to support Breast Cancer awareness, wearing pink and showing exceptional skill and spirit.

After a tough start to the season, this 6 game round robin style competition against Walford, Immanuel and Pulteney cultivated in some extraordinary results. Our Premier League had 3 Wins, 2 Draws and 1 loss. Whilst our Premier League Reserves had 5 wins and 1 loss.

The matches were a thrilling display of teamwork, athleticism, and determination. Each player contributed significantly, with standout performances across the court boosting team morale. As leaders of the school, our players have exemplified determination, grit, and persistence this year, setting a remarkable example for all the students who look up to them.

We thank our players, coaches, and supporters for their dedication and enthusiasm during the 2024 season thus far. As we move forward, we are excited about the rest of our season and the opportunities it will bring. With renewed motivation and confidence from the Pink Round, both our Premier League and Reserve teams are eager to build on their successes and strive for even greater achievements.

School Sport National Carnival

The School Sport SA National Games have been held in the Gold Coast over the last few weeks and we have had some of our students representing SA in different sports at this event. It is amazing to see so many of our girls on the National Stage at this huge tournament.

Congratulations Iris Newman who played for the School Sport SA Under 15 Football Team winning the Grand Final and were crowned National Champions. Iris was also named in the All Australian Team (Team of the Carnival). This is a tremendous

achievement.

Congratulations Caitlin Hardin who won a Bronze medal with the School Sport SA State Under 16 Basketball Team.

- The following girls also represented SA at this event and should be congratulated:
- Fleur Croser Under 15 Touch Touch
- Amaraka Nwachuku Under 12 Basketball
- Brieger Williams Under 15 Hockey
- Asta Mickan, Holly Munro, Isabella Beaumont and Charlise Green SA Swimming Team

More Congratulations!

Best wishes to Isabel Jackson who takes off to represent Australia at the U20 Lacrosse World Championships in Hong Kong. A huge achievement!

Molly Dwyer who represented SA at the Hockey Australia Girls U18 Championships held on the Gold Coast, QLD, from 3 - 11 Jul 2024. Molly received the Player of the Match Award, in the 4 – 1 win over NSW Blue semi final, at the Hockey Australia Under 18 Championships.

Jonathon Koutsikas

Director of Sport and Recreation







MUSIC

Adelaide Eisteddfod and the Gwen Robinson Piano Competition

[Anna Lenartowicz](#)

Adelaide Eisteddfod

Jessica Mah (7ANT) continues her wonderful 2024 Eisteddfod season securing an honourable mention in the Open Age Flute category, as well as the Grade 7/8 CP Category.

Jessica performed her repertoire from memory alongside some outstanding flutists from across South Australia and to receive an honourable mention at the age of 12 is simply an outstanding achievement – well done Jess!

Gwen Robinson Piano Competition

Our annual Gwen Robinson Piano Competition will be held in Hender Hall at 5pm on Wednesday 21 August. Information has been sent out and entries close today (**Friday 9 August**). Please return the [Microsoft Form](#) for your expression of interest – if this is done over the weekend that will be okay.

Annual Showcase of Music

Click [here](#) to find out more about our upcoming Annual Showcase of Music!

Ms Anna Lenartowicz

Head of Music





GLOBAL OUTREACH

Global Learning

[Stephanie Andrews](#)

Two of our students, Isabelle Weng and Sophie Rocca, had the incredible opportunity to go on exchange trips this year. Here are their reflections on the experiences:

Isabelle Weng

In June this year, I was lucky enough to spend all of June in Tokyo, Japan. This experience was by far one of the most rewarding & fun times of my life. The main highlight of the trip was the people as everyone was so welcoming and I have made lots of meaningful lifelong friends. Furthermore, because of all the great people I met, I have opened my eyes to see more than what my life usually looks like but the average life of a student like me in a different part of the world.

I was also able to see how different Japan is compared to Australia in terms of their lifestyle, culture, work ethic and morals. This has been incredibly eye-opening and an experience I'll keep for the rest of my life. As my horizons have grown, I see that the world is bigger and there are many places to visit and dream of. The trip also taught me to be stronger and resilient as I was at times by myself, even with the immense support of my host family, I still had to support myself when things got challenging.

My key memorable moments were from school and with school friends. I always had a fun time in school and even if my lessons were a little boring, each day was different with lots of fun. I also found it interesting as to how different schools are in Japan compared to Australia, for example, they are a lot stricter with simple things such as

taking a drink or going to the toilet in class. Moreover, the students work so hard and seem to study a lot more than I do!

I made so many friends which I hope to see again and one of my favourite memories with them was going to Disneyland. This was such a fun day and I enjoyed the rides and taking photos the most. Another enjoyable experience was going on an overnight school trip, as I got to know more people and travel to cities outside of Tokyo such as Ise, Toba, and Nagoya. It was great to see a different part of Japan and see famous landmarks such as Nagoya Castle with my friends.

My experience wouldn't have been the same if it wasn't for my host family. They are one of the nicest families I have met and were always there to help or try and talk to me, through the language barrier. I have so many great memories with them as they took me to all kinds of places around Tokyo and it was always refreshing to arrive back home. As I am hosting Jun, my exchange sister I hope she enjoys her stay as much as I enjoyed mine! I can say that I have learnt so much from my experience and it is definitely an opportunity I would recommend to everyone!

Sophie Rocca

Today, I'm sharing a story about the power of stepping outside one's comfort zone. Setting off on this journey, I felt a mix of anxiety and amazement. Leaving behind the warmth of familiarity was daunting, but little did I know that this discomfort would reveal the most profound growth I would ever experience in my life.

Imagine standing in a bustling dining room in Oakville, Canada, surrounded by strangers and far from the safety of home. This was my reality during my unforgettable Round Square student exchange in Canada.

One of the ideals of The Round Square Exchange is characterised by those who push themselves beyond their perceived limits and discover that they are capable of more than they thought. Initially skeptical, I travelled alone, navigating unfamiliar airports and clinging to my phone and passport. The boarding house, just a place to live, quickly became a haven, somewhere to share new experiences, and every interaction became an opportunity to make new friends and connections.

Initially, self-doubt flooded my mind, and I struggled to talk with people, but I soon realised I had to make the most of every opportunity and discovered the beauty of embracing the unknown. I found some incredible people who have now become lifelong friends. Entering the lunchroom felt like a movie scene: tray in hand, eyes everywhere, looking for that one person to sit with. Through perseverance and sheer determination, I overcame my fears and could confidently walk to any lunch table, starting a conversation, leaving with a sense of accomplishment.

By facing these challenges, I learned not to worry about what other people thought and in doing so, I unlocked a hidden strength I never realised I had. As a teenage girl, I have

experienced many unspoken pressures that have made me always seek safety in any situation. However, I learned that even though it is easy to remain within the walls of familiarity, we are challenged to become our true selves and start our journey of self-discovery and growth in those moments of discomfort and uncertainty.

Having never left the walls of Wilderness in my schooling life, this experience allowed me to see how vast the world is and how different people can live their lives. I have realised that stepping outside your comfort zone can foster empathy and a greater appreciation for the diversity of others' experiences. I have made some incredible friends and have a new understanding of what I truly value. Being placed so far from home, I realised all the little things don't matter, and I must just be true to myself.

I urge every one of you to embrace the unknown; whether it's going on an exchange or trying something new, don't be afraid. Round Square was right; I was capable of more than I thought. My student exchange in Canada showed me the importance of exploring uncharted territory, which helped me develop resilience and empathy toward others. So, I dare you to go beyond your comfort zone.







COMMUNITY

140 Gala Dinner, Women in Sport and More

140TH GALA DINNER

Join us for this year's gala dinner celebrating 140 years of Wilderness School!

The Wilderness School Foundation invites you to a spectacular evening on the social calendar. We'll honour our school's remarkable journey from its beginnings to today.

Savour an exquisite menu crafted by the National Wine Centre at this renowned South Australian venue.

Enjoy a warm welcome from the Wilderness School String Ensemble and a live performance by the Wilderness Old Scholars Jazz Choir!

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

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

RSVP: Friday, 9 August 2024.

Please visit the Wilderness School events page to book!

<https://wilderness.com.au/events#event-gala-dinner>

Please contact foundation@wilderness.com.au for any queries.

We look forward to celebrating this historic milestone with you!

OLYMPIC GAMES- WILDERNESS WOMEN IN SPORT

We will honour our old scholar Olympians and Women in Sport to celebrate the Paris Olympic Games throughout August.

Molly Goodman (2010) will represent Australia at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games in Rowing. This is Molly's third Olympic Games.

Georgina Parker (2006), an Australian rules footballer and former field hockey player for the Hockeyroos, represented Australia at the Commonwealth Games (Gold Medal) and the 2016 Summer Olympics.

Georgie has a double degree in Journalism and is currently in Paris as a commentator.

Please visit our display in Brown House during August as we celebrate our Women in Sport.

140 DAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

It is not too late to support our 140th annual appeal.

In our 140th year, we invite you to donate to Wilderness so we can continue to provide an exemplary education to girls in preparation for their futures. No gift is too small.

All donations to our scholarship and building funds are fully tax-deductible.

Find out more by visiting www.wilderness.com.au/giving-at-wilderness



OSHC

Special Before School Promotion

[Rebecca Vandermoer and Xin Wang](#)

We are pleased to introduce a new opportunity to help give your daughter the best start to her day. Drop-off your daughter at OSHC from **7:30am** any day of the week, and she will enjoy a nutritious breakfast, a welcoming place to play and learn and a chance to build connections with friends. She will be walked to class at 8.15am.

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OSHC bookings can be made using the platform Fullybooked: wildyoshc.fullybookedccms.com.au/family/login

Parents can use the booking platform to enrol their child/children and manage bookings and cancellations, update medication information and check billing statements.

Payment is made by direct-debit from a nominated account weekly on Wednesday.

Please be aware that your account needs to be fully registered before a booking can be made.

Click [here](#) to access our OSHC Handbook with further details, including Child Care Subsidy for eligible families.

Contact Details:

Email: oshc@wilderness.com.au

Mobile: 0427 561 738

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Highlights from Our Recent Vacation Care and Pupil Free Days (start of Term 3)

Once again, our students and families enjoyed access to an exhilarating and creative program of incursions and excursions over the 3 week vacation care period. We were at capacity nearly every day. See below our students engaging in these fun learning activities.

October Vacation Care Program

Please note that you will receive Seesaw communication with our new and exciting Wilderness October holidays two week vacation care program; This communication will include enrolment link.

Upcoming Pupil-Free Day: Show Day

An important reminder that Monday 2 September, Show Day, is a pupil free day at Wilderness School.

Wilderness OSHC will be open 7am-6pm on Show Day for those who need it with special themed programming including our own yellow brick road and many fun activities.

Please book via the OSHC link; <https://wildyoshc.fullybookedccms.com.au/family/login>

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Co-Directors of OSHC





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Annual Showcase of Music 2024

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Featuring:

Wilderness School Ensembles

Old Scholars Jazz Choir

Old Scholars Big Band and music staff

4 September

Adelaide Town Hall

6pm

Tickets

\$45 Full Price

\$38 Concession

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We can't wait to see you there.

