

Life in the Wilderness

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Power of Generosity

Belinda Arnfield

Our 140th year has been one of celebration and reflection, as well as looking at our heritage as a map for our future. A core tenant of that heritage was the Brown sisters' strong and exemplary legacy of giving.

As we approach the 140th year anniversary Gala in September, I take this opportunity to mention the generosity of our Foundation Board for the time and commitment they have put into this milestone event. Led by a skilful and dedicated team, the Foundation Board comprises current and past parents as well as old scholars. Chair of the Foundation, Dr Michael Petrucco will be joining me and other guests at the Gala to celebrate the School's journey and all the lives it has positively impacted since 1884. The evening has a full run sheet of events, including musical performances from old scholars and a silent auction filled with some very exclusive experiences; it is certain be a night filled with school spirit.

Our recent Winter Intercol is something that we look forward to each year. I would like to thank those who were generous with their time and energy, coming to support the girls in their respective games. We were lucky enough to be joined by outstanding supporter

numbers this year, and I'm certain your Wildy spirit made all the difference.

Girls performed across hockey, soccer, football, netball, badminton, and debating, with the Senior A badminton team winning a clean sweep in all 7 of their games. This year also saw the inaugural 'Ash Young Cup' football trophy, in which our Senior A girls played with determination in Ash's memory.

The Ash Young Cup is one way in which we commemorate the legacy of Ash Young, who was a much-loved leader in both sport and Wilderness School. We're also proud to be supporting the [Marjorie Jackson Nelson Centre for Women's Sport](#) in their Ashleigh Young Scholarship, aiding women and girls to have a fulfilling and well-rounded career in sport. You can join us in our efforts by [visiting the fundraising page](#).

I send a huge congratulations to all the girls who competed across the course of the Winter Intercol week. As we head towards the conclusion of the 2024 winter sport season, we can share already that our Senior A Football team defeated Seymour in the Grand Final to claim the 2024 IGSSA Shield. The competition showcased both skill and teamwork. Our co-captain Sasha deservingly claimed the best on ground medal. Acknowledging the outstanding efforts of the team in her acceptance speech, she generously said, "Any of these girls could have also won this award." I would like to wish two of our soccer teams and our badminton team the best of luck in their grand finals over Week 7 and 8.

The community we have fostered around our girls in all of their endeavours is key to their growth. Through the generosity of current and past parents, old scholars, staff, students and friends of the School, we continue to grow our endowment to ensure we are able to transform the future through and for our girls.

Belinda Arnfield

Principal



EARLY LEARNING

Science Week, Book Week and More!

[Rebecca Williamson](#)

As we transition from winter to spring, we have had an exceptionally busy and enriching few weeks in our ELC. The girls have been deeply engaged in a variety of activities that have not only been enjoyable but have also supported their learning in alignment with the principles, practices, and outcomes of Version 2 of the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF).

Mathematics Week: A Collaboration Across Year Levels

We commenced with Mathematics Week, where our Annie House girls had the opportunity to engage in active mathematics tasks alongside the Year 12 girls. This experience was a wonderful way for our younger learners to see the practical applications of mathematical concepts in a supportive and interactive environment. Through these activities, we have supported the EYLF's practice of promoting a sense of belonging and connection between different age groups, as well as fostering critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Science Week: A Buzz of Excitement

Science Week followed, and it was nothing short of magical. One of the highlights was a visit from Mila's Auntie, Dr. Deb, a secondary school teacher and veterinarian from the UK. Dr. Deb's presentation on bees captivated the girls, particularly the fascinating story of the Queen bee and her dedicated female worker bees. The girls' amazement at these industrious insects was a perfect example of the EYLF principle of fostering a sense of

wonder and curiosity about the natural world.

To add to the excitement, the girls participated in several fun and educational experiments. They learned how to write up an experiment as a group, which not only enhanced their literacy and communication skills but also deepened their understanding of scientific inquiry.

Another thrilling discovery was the fact that our resident hens have started laying eggs! Watching the girls' excitement as they discovered this was truly magical and perfectly aligned with the EYLF outcome of children developing a strong sense of identity and a connection with living things.

Book Week: A Celebration of Stories and Imagination

Next, we moved on to Book Week, an event that always sparks creativity and imagination. Prior to the official celebrations, our Annie House girls had the privilege of joining the reception classes for a workshop with South Australian artist, author, and illustrator Mandy Foot. The girls were inspired by Mandy's work and created some impressive illustrations of their own. This experience fostered the EYLF practice of encouraging creativity and expression through the arts.

During Book Week, the girls were also treated to a live book reading by our very own Miss Tommie, who shared her book, Mr. Brown. Seemingly, there is not anything that Miss Tommie cannot do!

The Book Week parade was another highlight, where our girls proudly dressed up as their favourite book characters. We extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents for their efforts in preparing the costumes and organising the girls on the morning of the event. While we understand that participation can be daunting for some of our youngest, it was heartening to see their enthusiasm and courage as they took part in the Junior School parade. These activities helped to reinforce the EYLF outcomes of children feeling a sense of belonging and contributing confidently to group activities.

Looking Ahead: Father's Day Breakfast

As we move forward, we are eagerly preparing for our Father's Day Breakfast on Tuesday, 3rd September, from 8:15 am to 8:45 am. We look forward to welcoming our dads and sharing this special time with them.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in these activities. Together, we are creating a nurturing environment where our girls can explore, discover, and thrive.

Rebecca Williamson

Director of Early Years





JUNIOR SCHOOL

Celebrating Our Courageous Girls

[Gina Kadis](#)

We continue to be impressed with our Junior School Wilderness girls... they are courageous, creative, solution-driven and confident – embracing new opportunities to learn and determined to have fun along the way. Just what we want for each of them.

Oliphant Science Award Competition.

Week 4 saw us celebrate Science Week. There is so much on offer in our differentiated science classes across the Junior School, to engage each and every girl. Thank you to all our teachers for encouraging our girls to enter this prestigious Science Awards program. Wilderness had just over 40 entries which is a fabulous contribution from our girls. We congratulate the following students who had successful entries:

Lara Nassery and Isabel Wilson

(Year 3-4 Games): PRIZE – WINNER

Olivia Ertugrul

(Year 5-6 Models & Inventions): HIGHLY COMMENDED plus two Sponsor nominations from the Royal Australia Chemical Institute and Wine Australia.

Lila Nassery and Adeline Wilson

(Year 5-6 Games): HIGHLY COMMENDED

Thank you to Mr Nathan Rice for facilitating this learning opportunity for our Wilderness girls.

Year 6 Curriculum School Production – save the dates...

'CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY'

Wednesday 25th September 6pm to 7.15pm and Thursday 26th September 6pm to 7.15pm

Venue: Wilderness Newman Theatre.

"I can't dance, sing, act – but I will give it a go." (Year 6 student).

Nothing inspires us more to try new things than having someone believe in us, look for the magic in us, let us give things a go and catch us if we fall; finally having time to collaborate with like-minded peers brings out the best in everyone and helps us achieve so much more as a team.

Congratulations to every Year 6 girl for their commitment and hard work to ensure this interdisciplinary Arts Faculty Australian Curriculum production is 'such a hit and memorable experience for each girl'. The girls genuinely embrace the feedback and advice of our outstanding Co-Directors Ms Mia Parkin and Mr Jason Forrest and all the staff involved in supporting the girls with their learning. Observing our girls displaying such courage to make the most of new opportunities that have come their way is commendable. I am so proud of each girl for putting their best foot forward. Please mark this 'not to be missed event' in your diary and bring the whole family. Information re bookings will be released soon. Hope you can come along and see our girls in action 'under the big lights' of our beautiful Newman Theatre, that has been set up as a professional theatre space with the help of the State Theatre Company of South Australia.

Gwen Robinson Piano Competition at Elder Hall, University of Adelaide.

On Wednesday 21st August, 11 wonderful pianists across Years 3 to 9 competed in the annual Gwen Robinson Piano Competition. Ms Lucinda Collins, the Head of Keyboard at the Elder Conservatorium announced this years' winner was Wilderness School's youngest competitor – Alisa Gan in 3W! Thank you to Ms Anna Lenartowicz and our families for supporting our talented musicians to take their love for solo music performance to such a high level. Congratulations Alisa – we are so proud of you and look forward to hearing you play for us in Junior School assembly regularly. To quote Ms Lenartowicz (Head of Department – Music) - "Alisa played beautifully – a very talented pianist".

Mindlab Olympics

On Friday 9th August Ms Alice Short and Mr Kieran Jackson took the following Year 6 girls to participate in this exceptional learning and thinking competition held at St Andrew's School. We thank and congratulate these girls for their great work:

Class 6S – Emma Burns; Noor Jilaihawi; Rosalie Morgan; Alina Teng

Class 6J – Alice Gao; Skyler Luong; Lila Nassery; Adeline Wilson.

Year 2 Zoo Snooze

Both Year 2 classes have attended their first overnight outdoor education program adventure at the Adelaide Zoo. Girls in 2K went on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th August with Head of Outdoor Education Department – Mrs Lauren Walker and class teachers Ms Isabella Kasdalis and Mrs Kate Brennan.

Girls in 2B went on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th August with our Outdoor Education staff and Mrs Kate Brennan and Ms Isabella Kasdalis. Zoo Learning staff escorted each group through the Education Centre. The girls had a BBQ dinner together, mingled in an Animals close-up session and Explored the Zoo at night with an escorted guided walk. Supper and movie on their return and bed-time! Students were up at 7.00 am, packing up their bedding, enjoyed breakfast with their peers, had a fun Morning Zoo Walk before farewelling the Zoo Education staff.

A big thank you to all our families and staff for working together to ensure our girls were well prepared for this new experience – we had 100% student attendance which was fabulous. Well done girls – thank you to our dedicated staff for providing this opportunity for our girls.

BOOK WEEK – a creative week, culminating in our Book Week Parade

Mrs Katie Silva, our Junior School Librarian, our Library staff and our SRC Library Committee girls, led by Chloe Knox worked tirelessly as a team to prepare a range of activities to encourage our community to appreciate and promote reading amongst our Junior School girls.

We kickstarted Book Week on Thursday 15th August with Ms Mandy Foote, as this year's visiting Author/Illustrator in residence – conducting 'hands-on' workshops with our girls; girls voted for their favourite books in their specialist Library Lessons; planned and shared a range of exciting Buddy Class activities (with a delightful kit of materials to use and be creative with together). Our exciting Book Week adventures were showcased and celebrated as a Wildy community, with our traditional Book Week Parade - set to music selected by each class on Thursday 22nd August.

We thoroughly enjoyed the creative character costumes 'put together by our girls and their families'. Thank you to everyone for joining us and contributing to the success of this special celebration – especially all our ELC families for supporting Mrs Rebecca Williams and our dedicated ELC staff to transport our Mamies and Annies girls safely to and from our ELC and the Gym.

Junior School Play Spaces – friendly reminder to reinforce this with your daughter

Our Year 3-6 girls continue to be reminded by their Class Teachers that they have access to the gym for soccer/active play and the generous lawn area next to the "running track" near the main staffroom, in addition to the Junior School quad and Basketball/Netball court space.

No Soccer is permitted on the Basketball/Netball space in the Junior School. This has been explained very carefully to our girls through their Class Teachers since the start of the year and followed-up individually. We appreciate you taking the time to go through this information with your daughter to ensure they understand where they can play safely, having fun, forging new friendships, engaging in building respectful relationships with their peers and making appropriate choices, keeping themselves safe at all times.

We have 4 teachers on Yard Duty in the Junior School during recess and lunch – who monitor the safety of our girls vigilantly. We appreciate your support explaining this to your daughter.

Teddy Bear Adventure Picnic

The Year 1 Outdoor Education Day Trip, titled the “Teddy Bear Adventure Picnic,” was a joyful exploration held on a crisp, sunny winters day at Morialta. The girls embarked on an exciting journey inspired by Michael Rosen’s Going on a Bear Hunt. As they followed the playful storyline, they immersed themselves in the lush scenery, crossed the flowing creek, and climbed towards a ‘bear’ cave.

Along the way, they delighted in spotting koalas nestled high in the eucalyptus trees—a perfect glimpse of Morialta’s thriving wildlife. Their adventure was enhanced by creative activities, where they crafted nature art using leaves, twigs, and vibrant flowers they collected. The day concluded with a Teddy Bears picnic and fun on the adventure playground, making it a memorable experience for all.

Millie – My favourite part was taking my shoes and socks off and splish, sploshing through the creek.

Pippa – I loved going on the bear hunt and climbing up 89 stairs to the cave.

Victoria – Taking my shoes and socks off and going across the creek was fantastic!

Adelaide – My favourite part was making the nature art, and I learnt it’s important to respect nature.

Zara – Definitely walking through the creek was my favourite part of the bear hunt!

Zoe – I loved spotting the koalas hidden in the trees.

Sun Protection Policy

Thank you to all our families for sending their girls to school with their names light blue sun hat to support our Wilderness updated 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’.

There are still a few girls who have not been able to play as they do not bring their hat to school. Please help us ensure your daughter’s hat is in their bag each day.

Special Promotion - Out of School Hours Care

Wilderness' owned and operated Out of School Hours Care is available for all current ELC Annie's 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

Before School Care 7.00 am to 8.15 am \$38 per child

After School Care 3.15 pm to 6.00 pm \$48 per child

\$20 (NEW PROMOTION) 7.30 am to 8.15 am – including class drop-off commencing this week.

HOW TO BOOK ONLINE

OSHC bookings can be made using the platform [Fullybooked](#).

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

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Rebecca Vandermoer & Xin Wang
(OSHC Co-Directors)

Finally, I wish to let you know that Mrs Liz McCarthy will be returning to her role as Head of Junior School on Monday 16 September (Week 9 of Term 3). We have been working closely over the last few weeks, to ensure the welfare and learning of each Junior School girl is carefully supported. I thank everyone for their kindness and support. Wilderness is the best school I have had the honour to work in.

I wish to acknowledge Mrs Belinda Arnfield as our Principal who provides outstanding leadership to us all – role-modelling for Wilderness girls what it means to live one of our core values – “A True and Courageous Self” – showing resilience, vibrancy, confidence and appreciation of others” in each interaction. I have especially enjoyed teaching and observing our Year 1 girls be courageous in their learning and strengthening their strategies to forge “Respectful Relationships” at school with peers and adults they interact with daily. All the best everyone.

Thank you once again to our dedicated Junior School teachers and all our Wilderness

community, for the privilege to be part of this great school.

Gina Kadis

Acting Head of Junior School









MIDDLE SCHOOL

Athletics, Maths Week and More!

[Rhianon Giles](#)

Year 7 Come and Try Athletics Afternoon

To ensure that students can confidently nominate for events in the upcoming Athletics Carnival and safely compete, a Come and Try afternoon was held for the Year 7 students. Thank you to Mr Koutsikas for organising this successful event and to all the teachers who helped supervise and run the activities on the day.

Maths Week

During Week 3, Maths Week was held in the school. The main idea of the week was to celebrate all the different ways we use mathematics in our everyday lives. Girls took part in a variety of activities including a scavenger hunt, board games and puzzles, craft making, a darts competition and a pie making competition. Around 100 girls also competed in the Australian Maths Competition.

Well done to all that took part.

Dawn Davies

Head of Mathematics

Cedar Olympic Activity

Cedar 2025 House Captain nominees led an Olympic theme activity where each Form group would work together to design a cake inspired by an Olympic event. The event brought girls closer to each other through the planning and design of the cake decorations, and importantly they got to eat the cake after!

Online Safety - Safe on Social

Safe on Social have produced a [free guide](#) called Protecting Children from Tik Tok Dangers. The guide gives insights from experts on how to communicate with your child about online safety and the importance of responsible online behaviour. It provides clear and actionable steps about how to manage accounts, set privacy controls and monitor activity.

According to the Tik Tok Youth Safety and Well-Being statement, only individuals 13 years or over can start an account. As a family you should openly discuss use of social media platforms and online safety.

Rhiannon Giles

Head of Middle School







SENIOR SCHOOL

Embracing Change: Growth, Leadership, and Academic Endeavours

[Kate Hanson](#)

As we start to move out of winter, the middle of Term 3 is filled with glimpses of sunshine, blossoms on the trees and a sense that change is coming. Amidst the excitement of Intercol, the final games of winter sport and assessment pieces for Semester 2, we have started looking towards 2025 and the new beginnings that start with spring.

For our Year 10 and 11s, we have been guiding them through their course selections. Girls should have now placed their selections into Edval as the timetable is currently being organised based on these choices. Throughout the information evening, school presentations and the individual counselling sessions, the girls have spent time reflecting on their interests and skills, while mapping their educational journey.

The Year 11s have been presenting their speeches for SRC positions this week. The excitement and enthusiasm for the Year 11s as they approach their final year is contagious. Hearing the girls speak about what leadership means to them, their initiatives and commitment to serve the school is heartwarming and affirming.

Our current Year 12s are busy finalising their final summative assessment pieces – the majority of which are due by the end of term. The October break is a time for examination preparation. For our Year 12s, the end can feel a little far away at this point; by the next edition of Life in the Wilderness it will be just around the corner. Taking time to exercise

and sleep is essential. Balance and structured breaks will help the girls to have the energy to finish strongly.

Kate Hanson

Head of Senior School

Maths Week

During Week 3, Maths Week was held in the school. The main idea of the week was to celebrate all the different ways we use mathematics in our everyday lives. Girls took part in a variety of activities including a scavenger hunt, board games and puzzles, craft making, a darts competition and a pie making competition. Year 12 girls visited the ELC to run games with the Annies. Around 100 girls also competed in the Australian Maths Competition.

Well done to all that took part.

Dawn Davies

Head of Mathematics







BOARDING

Celebrating Achievements, Leadership, and Community in the Boarding House

[Carolyn Matthews](#)

It is hard to believe that we are at the halfway point in the Term, time is certainly flying by very quickly. Our Year 12's are particularly aware of how limited their time with us is becoming but they are excited about what is to come next.

The last few weeks have been very busy in the boarding house. Life has calmed down a little since the amazing evening that was the Boarders fashion parade. We are still waiting for confirmation about the total amount raised and I will share that with the school community very soon.

Boarders have been busy over the last week and a half with Intercols. Numerous boarders have participated in the various events which make up the competition and some will play in finals this week. We are all hoping for a winning result but most importantly that everyone, whether competing or not, has a great experience at the event.

A number of girls made supportive posters and banners to take to the various activities in support of their friends and to cheer loudly and proudly from the sidelines, boarders supporting each other, is one of the best parts of being involved in a boarding community!

Not only have boarders been busy with sporting commitments, our Middle School students enjoyed the recent social and dancing the night away with both their day and boarding school friends. There have been in house activities to keep girls busy on weekends and to foster those all-important relationships, which are a hallmark of boarding at Wildy.

Two weeks ago I attended the Eyre Peninsula (EP) Field days at Cleve with Ben Manifold. It was a very successful three days where we engaged with Old Scholars (OS), met families and girls who will be joining our community next year and also spoke to numerous families who were looking for a boarding school for their daughters.

The Wilderness reputation is very strong on the EP and families were very positive about all that the School has to offer and the opportunities available in having an education based in Adelaide.

It was lovely to meet old scholars, both older and new. To reinforce the positives of boarding we met two old scholars who graduated in 1978 but have remained life long friends. We also met some of our new OS's and found out what they have been up to since leaving school. Great to see that many of them have returned to their local communities and are involved in teaching, pharmacy and human resources, to name a few.

Transitioning to our new leadership for 2025 is underway this week. On Monday night we had speeches from four girls who nominated for the role of House Captain. Each of the speeches were well considered and outlined each girl's view of leadership, what they will bring to the role and what they will work towards if they are elected to the position for next year.

I look forward to announcing these to the house this week and working with our new Captains but equally with all the Year 12 girls as they lead the house for the next twelve months. It has been a pleasure this term to work with Edwina and Tessa and they are to be congratulated on their leadership over the course of the year.







SPORT

IGSSA Champions and Winter Intercol Success

[Jonathon Koutsikas](#)

Senior A Football IGSSA Champions 2024

What an amazing afternoon we had at Park 9 on Tuesday 27 August. Our Senior A Football team defeated Seymour in the Grand Final to claim the 2024 IGSSA Shield. It was a performance for the ages!!!

Our Co-captain Sasha Hardin deservingly claimed the best on ground medal for her outstanding game! Sasha was joined by her team mates who all performed outstandingly well and as Sasha put so humbly in her acceptance speech “any of these girls could have also won this award”.

In front of a huge Wildy crowd of students, staff and parents our girls followed the game plan and delivered an effort that was undeniable and propelled them to the top of the mountain. This competition showcased some of the best female footballers in the state and our girls showed they are the cream of the crop.

I would like to also take the time to congratulate and thank Brad Snell and Andrew Mittiga for their work regarding this team and the football program as a whole this season. They have put so much time and energy into giving our girls the best possible experience week in week out.

Our assistant coaches were brilliant all season and I must thank Sachi Syme, Sarah Branford and Tom Grech for their tireless efforts this season.

Thank you to Liam Sloan who worked so well with the Senior B group to ensure throughout the season the girls who came up were prepared and were able to slot in to their roles seamlessly.

Winter Intercol

Last week Wilderness competed in it's annual Winter Intercol Competition against Seymour. During the week our winter sports teams matched up in some hotly contested fixtures. Our Senior A and Premier League teams battled for the Intercol trophies and all the fixtures from Middle School to Senior School counted towards the Overall Winter Intercol Trophy.

The support from the girls and the school community throughout the week was special. Seeing the crowd numbers and hearing the Wildy chants really spurred our girls on. I want to thank every single person who made the effort to attend. Intercol is only as special as the atmosphere and school spirit and Wilderness certainly didn't disappoint.

Wilderness retained the Debating and Soccer trophies and also reclaimed the Badminton trophy. The final overall results scores for each fixture can be seen [here](#).

I want to acknowledge how well the girls represent our school during the competition. They competed with the highest levels of sportsmanship and effort. They should be very proud.

I also want to thank the amazing Coordinators and Coaches who organised and prepared the girls so well for each and every fixture and gave them the opportunity to perform their best.

Lastly, well done to Jas Thirwell and the Sports Committee for their work in preparing for Intercol. The posters, headbands, supporter buses and crowd incentives were a fantastic touch.

North Adelaide SAPSASA Athletics Carnival

On Thursday 22 of August we took the Wilderness SAPSASA Athletics team to the North Adelaide event at the SA Athletics Stadium.

Our girls in year 4, 5 or 6 performed extremely well and came away with some terrific results.

10 Year Old Category

Niamh Pudney 1st Long Jump and 2nd Shotput

11 Year Old Category

Kyrah Shah 1st 1500m and 2nd 800m

Maya Dan 2nd 1500m

Josie Richter 2nd Discus and 2nd High Jump

Alice Gao 1st Shotput

12 Year Old Category

Emilia Varricchio 2nd Discus

Congratulations

Congratulations to Isabel Jackson who has just returned from the U20 World Lacrosse Championship in Hong Kong. Australia finished 4th in the World after losing to Japan in the Bronze Medal match. Isabel was strong in her midfield/defensive role, winning 5 centre draws in the final match which earned her MVP for the game. Isabel will now go straight into finals for Woodville Lacrosse Club this week.

Come and Try Athletics

Recently, our year 7 students participated in a Come and Try Athletics afternoon to prepare them for some of the more technical events in the Middle/Senior School Athletics Carnival. Saints Athletics Club supported our event and are the home club for some of Wilderness' up and coming athletes. Their flyer can be found [here](#).

Jonathon Koutsikas

Director of Sport and Recreation









MUSIC

ABODA, The Annual Showcase of Music and More!

ABODA

The South Australian Bands and Orchestra Festival, presented by ABODA was held in Week 4 across 13-15 of August. The prestigious competition was held at Westminster School and saw bands and orchestras compete against each other from across the state.

Wilderness had an exceptional outing at ABODA, with the Intermediate Strings, Senior Strings and Junior Band each achieving Silver Awards. Concert Band achieved a third consecutive Gold Award in the Intermediate Concert Band section, and our Symphonic Band achieved not only another third consecutive Gold Award, but the overall section winner, repeating this success from 2022 – quite a marvellous achievement with 17 other bands in this section! Thank you to the directors, Joseph Freer (Strings), Paige York (Junior and Concert Band) and Anna Lenartowicz (Symphonic Band) for all of their hard work with the girls.

You can hear all of these ensembles at the upcoming Annual Showcase of Music held at the Adelaide Town Hall on 4 September. Tickets are available via the trybooking link: [try booking.com/CUHKF](https://trybooking.com/CUHKF)

Gwen Robinson Piano Competition

On Wednesday of Week 5, the Gwen Robinson Piano Competition for Pianoforte was held in Hender Hall. This prestigious prize is held annually and offered to students aged 17 years and under. This years' adjudicator was Lucinda Collins, who is a renowned Australian pianist, educator and chamber musician, and is currently the Head of

Keyboard at the Elder Conservatorium of Music.

11 girls across Years 3-9 bravely took to the stage and performed two pieces each, showcasing their talent. Each girl performed beautifully, and this year's winner was our youngest competitor – **Alisa Gan** from 3W. Alisa will receive a medallion in recognition of her achievement and will perform at an assembly at a later date.

A big congratulations to all the girls who performed. It takes a lot of courage and bravery to perform as a soloist and they should be extremely proud of themselves. Another thank you to Lucinda Collins for adjudicating and giving the girls integral feedback, helping them to grow as wonderful musicians.

Adelaide Symphony Orchestra's Young Musicians Concert

Congratulations to some of our teachers and students who performed at the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra Grainger Studios on Sunday, August 24th.

They were exclusively invited to showcase their talents at the Young Musicians Concert with the feedback overwhelmingly positive, with everyone highly impressed by the promising talents of these South Australian musicians.

Ros Lock (Voice Tutor)

Urszula Gruszewski (Piano tutor)

Victoria Phan (12ANT)

Mia Zhou (5W)

Alexandrina Cao (5W)

Phoebe Duan (Annies)

Anna Lenartowicz

Head of Music

Paige York

Acting Ensemble Coordinator







GLOBAL LEARNING

Exchange Update and Round Square Conference

[Stephanie Andrews](#)

Exchange Update

Our International Exchange Program is a wonderful opportunity to learn about other cultures and places. These experiences have been life changing for the girls who participate with many becoming lifelong friends with their host sisters and students at their host school.

This term we welcomed Rose Multani from The Athenian School in Danville, California, USA and Jun Noda from Tokyo for the first five weeks who were hosted by Jade McAskill and Isabelle Weng respectively. Both girls had wonderful experiences and I would like to take this opportunity to thank their families for being so welcoming and accepting these girls into their homes.

Ella Meyer returned from Landheim Ammersee in Munich, Germany early in the term and her reflections are below.

Tam Do (Kogakuin School, Tokyo), Lainie Reu (Cobham Hall, UK) and Sophie Wheeler (Westfield School, UK) will be leaving for their exchanges this week. We wish them safe travels and look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return.

Ella Meyer Exchange Reflections

HOST SCHOOL: Landheim Ammersee

My Exchange Experience to Munich, Germany: I recently had the incredible opportunity to

go on exchange to Germany. I attended a school located about an hour's drive from Munich, in the stunning countryside on the Ammersee lake. Most weekends, I ventured into Munich, soaking in the vibrant culture and exploring its many historic landmarks. I was also very fortunate to be in Germany during the Euro's. One of the highlights of my time there was a day trip to Salzburg, Austria, where I got to explore a bit of my ancestry. This is also where the Sound of Music was filmed and where Mozart was born.

A standout experience during my exchange was a seven-day canoeing camp that took us through the northern part of Bavaria. Paddling along river, I was able to deepen my relationships with peers and make countless memories.

My exchange experience was incredible. I developed lasting relationships, gained a deeper appreciation for different cultures, and grew significantly as a person. I returned home more confident and capable, with a renewed sense of independence and a camera roll filled with unforgettable experiences.

Round Square Regional Conference - Rockhampton

By Isla, Emilia, Rachel and Cleo

At the end of Term 2, the four of us had the incredible opportunity to attend the 2024 Round Square trip to Rockhampton Grammar School in Queensland. Throughout this experience, we participated in a variety of outdoor activities that truly challenged us and pushed us out of our comfort zones. One of the most rewarding aspects of the trip was meeting people from around the world, forming friendships, and building new relationships along the way. We explored a new part of Australia, which was an especially eye-opening experience.

On the first night, we attended the opening dinner, which brought together participants from around the globe in a warm and welcoming school environment. The evening was filled with delicious food, lively conversations and the exchange of cultural stories. We really enjoyed meeting new friends and connecting with people from diverse backgrounds. This dinner set the tone for the rest of the conference, fostering a sense of community and excitement for the days ahead. It was an unforgettable start to an incredible journey.

The activities we took part in included snorkelling, boom netting, tree planting, canoeing, surfing and participating in Baraza groups. During the Baraza group discussions, we had the chance to reflect on our day and share our views on global issues. This was a key component of the trip, providing us with the opportunity to voice our opinions and share our thoughts.

As we engaged in these activities, we learned many valuable life and social skills. While snorkelling and boom netting, we had extraordinary encounters with beautiful sea creatures such as fish, turtles, and coral. This experience allowed us to appreciate the

unique marine life and environment. Boom netting was particularly thrilling, involving 3-6 people on a net attached to the back of the boat. Doing this gave us the chance to experience a new and exciting outdoor adventure.

Throughout the conference, we made new friends from different states and countries, even exchanging pins with students from places like Japan and India. It was a wonderful opportunity to become more social, meet new people and learn about different cultures.





COMMUNITY

Celebrating Community and Welcoming New Faces

Advancement

We welcome Mrs Monique Forgione to the team as Advancement Administrator. Monique will work across the portfolio and with the Student Foundation. Since the last edition, the Student Foundation girls have played a pivotal role as guides for the two Open Days held in August, showcasing their dedication and commitment.

The Student Foundation has held its Father's Day stalls this week, with record support from students who purchase gifts for Father's Day. The proceeds will support a Junior School Prize.

We would like to thank our community for supporting our annual appeal, 140 Days to Make a Difference. Your generous support will help our scholarship and building programs.

We are preparing for our 140th Gala Dinner at the National Wine Centre on Saturday, 14 September. We can take one more table booking. It promises to be a fantastic night of celebration for our community!

Our Archivist and the Head of Art have been delighted to bring you our Wilderness Women in Sport during August, showcasing our Olympians and Old Scholars in Sport. The display will remain in Browns House until Thursday, September 12.



LEARNING, PATHWAY AND INDUSTRY

Learning, Pathways and Industry Bulletin

Caroline Palmer

The University of Melbourne

Access Melbourne [link](#)

Changes to Guaranteed ATARs for 2025

Students can feel assured in their course preferences and plan ahead with confidence by referring to their 2025 Guaranteed ATARs and considering their 2024 lowest selection ranks.

Course with updated Guaranteed ATARs for 2025 include the Bachelor of Biomedicine (94 ATAR) and the Bachelor of Science (89 ATAR)

The Graduate Degree packages with updated Guaranteed ATARs for 2025 include Bachelor of Science + Master of Engineering (95 ATAR) and Bachelor of Science + Master of Information Technology (95 ATAR)

View Guaranteed entry requirements using this [link](#)

Satisfying Pre-requisite subjects – use this [link](#) to find responses

ANU – Early Offers

[Released next week](#)

Living on Campus at ANU – [Accommodation options](#)

[Bachelor of Arts at ANU](#)

Speak with ANU representative using this [link](#)

Monash University

Applying from interstate (SA & NT) Webinar

This event will be covering specific information for students applying from South Australia.

Date: Tuesday 27 August

Time: 6.00 – 7.30pm ACST (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.

Please [click here](#) for the link to register and find out more information.

University of Sydney

Term 3 Webinars

Open Night

Find out more about the new Regional and Remote entry scheme, their single scholarship application process and other highlights.

[Register here:](#)

Bachelor of Commerce and Business Scholarships webinar

[Register here](#)

Sydney College of the Arts Portfolio evening

[Register here](#)

The Future of STEM career: guide for parents

[Link](#)

10 Cool jobs in Animal Rescue

[Link](#)

How to become a Wildlife Biologist

[Link](#)

[Youtube video Wildlife Biologist](#)

Career as a [Software Engineer](#)

University of the Sunshine Coast (USC)

USC have an Early Offer Guarantee on many of their courses

You can apply now to be considered and potentially receive an early offer.

Key dates:

1 August - Applications open

6 September - Offers commence and will continue most Fridays until 15 November 2024

7 October - Final date for students to submit Early Offer Guarantee application to their school

11 October - Final date for UniSC to receive school's approved Early Offer Guarantee applications

15 November - Final offers made through Early Offer Guarantee.

For more information on the Early Offer Guarantee, visit: www.usc.edu.au/early-offer

UniSC – University of Sunshine Coast

New degree at UniSC – [Physiotherapy](#)

[Scholarships](#)

Student Compendium

Ag Institute SA Division and The Adelaide University Agricultural Students' Association

Aims to assist the next generation of vocational education training and tertiary students plus secondary school teachers to discover opportunities such as scholarships, graduate programs and training to help guide their career pathways.

Over 350 Graduate programs, internships, competitions, training, conferences, awards, scholarships, tours & trips, it's a one stop shop!

Agriculture is driven by innovation and technology; it needs everyone and all skills. Modern agriculture is a primary industry where heavy diesel machinery is guided by satellite positioning, systems, and cattle wear digital locators and geofence units around their necks. It merges ancient wine-making principles with molecular research. It pairs primary production with creative branding and marketing. Most important of all, is the way agriculture brings caring for the planet's land, animals, climate and people together.

Agriculture is the world's most diverse (and important) industry. It feeds and clothes us all, employs thousands, generates massive export earnings and sustains whole communities. The world's population is expected to hit 9.7 billion in 2050 and almost 11 billion by 2100. However, the amount of arable farmland is essentially fixed. So agriculture is in a race to. Become smarter, more efficient, more productive and, in the face of climate change, more resilient.

[Student compendium](#)

Useful resources:

1. SA AG Careers Hub Ambassadors Guide – http://agcommunicators.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/NCIEDU-Careers-Booklet_FA_online.pdf

1. 2024 Student Compendium PDF and Champion Videos – <https://www.aginstitute.com.au/student-compendium/sa-student-compendium/>

1. Primary Industries Education Foundation Australia (PIEFA) – <http://www.piefa.edu.au/>

FREE WEBINAR

Post-UCAT Advice, Medical Interviews & University Applications Information Webinar

Webinar topics:

- Your UCAT Scores and what they mean
- Applying to universities that do not require a UCAT score
- University application process information
- Medical Interviews for undergraduate medicine and dentistry courses
- Interview structures and assessment criteria
- Medical Interview preparation advice

When? 25 August 2024, 7.00pm – 9.00 pm (AEST)

Presenter: [Zobair Bary](#) (Author and coordinator of the NIE Medical and Dental School UCAT and interview training programs. Founder of the Future Doctors Australia Program).

REGISTER

What else is on at NIE?

Available programs for Year 11, 12 and 13 students

Future Doctors Program: Medicine (4-day attendance: Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne).

Academic Insights Program: Medicine, Psychology Engineering, Business Management, Creative Writing and Veterinary Studies (11-day residential summer holiday program in Sydney).

24 August 2024: [JCU Dentistry Application Advice, and Indigenous, Rural & Tropical Health Issues in Medicine](#)

7 September 2024: [Casper Test Preparation Webinar for Curtin Medical Entry](#)

7 - 8 September 2024: [Intensive Interview Preparation Workshop](#) (live online)

SYDNEY: 14 September 2024 [Intensive Interview Preparation Workshop](#) (in-person in Chatswood)

BRISBANE: 21 September 2024 [Intensive Interview Preparation Workshop](#) (in-person in Taringa)

BRISBANE: 22 September 2024 [UCAT Preparation Workshop](#) (in-person in Taringa) - 5 UCAT sections covered + full mock exam under timed conditions + introduction to medical interviews.

21 December 2024: [UCAT Preparation Workshop](#) (live online)

[UCAT Training Course](#) - various levels of preparation and options available to meet individual student needs.

Study, Work, Grow resources

Industry growth and how it affects your plans [link](#)

Recipe for easy money: how to become a young entrepreneur [link](#)

Do you need to change your university preferences? [Tips](#)

How to become a Book Editor [link](#)

Youtube Job spotlight – book editor [link](#)

Christmas Casuals

Retail stores are already taking applications for Christmas casuals including Kmart, Pandora, Aesop, Peter Alexander, David Jones, Portman's, Jay Jays and Smiggle.

If you are on the market for a bit of Christmas work over the holiday season it is time to head to their websites and put in your resume now.

Tips:

What you need to know for your Christmas Casual Job [tips](#)

Scholarships

Playford Trust scholarships and awards aim to help students make the most of their studies, achieve their potential and contribute to South Australia's knowledge, skills and

research base.

Priority areas include:

- Space and Defence Technologies
- Water, energy and climate change
- Agriculture, aquaculture and food production
- Health Sciences and enabling technologies
- Resources, energy and sustainability

Now Open- University Scholarships

Applications for up to 70 University scholarships are now open and close at 5pm on Friday 17 January 2025

Now Open – TAFESA Awards

Applications for 15 TAFE Awards are now open and close on Friday 6 September 2024

[Link to Scholarship page](#)



OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

New Before School Care and October Vacation Program

[Bec Vandermoer & Xin Wang](#)

We have introduced a NEW Before School Care Program. This is an exciting addition to our OSHC offerings, and we can't wait to see more of our girls join us for breakfast before school for fun and play, getting a great start to their day!

Please [see here](#) for the New Before School Care Program information.

Our Vacation Care Program for the October School Holidays is now available, and we have numerous offerings available for your daughter.

Please [see here](#) for the October School Holiday Program.

Bec Vandermoer & Xin Wang

OSHC Directors

