

# Life in the Wilderness

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## Learning Beyond the Gates

Belinda Arnfield, Principal

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We are incredibly fortunate that our school was founded on such beautiful land, and in a city bursting with artistic, cultural and natural opportunities we can weave into the curriculum. There is so much knowledge to be gained outside of our school gates—in the outdoors, museums, exhibitions and more—to complement our girls' classroom studies.

When girls interact with these spaces, they can see the theory and ideas they have been learning about in action. They gain new perspectives, discover new passions and plan to explore these interests further within the gates of the School.

Our Year 9s have recently visited the Jam Factory, maintaining an industry partnership that encourages them to explore design and creativity. French students are visiting creperies, and geographers are exploring streets on Field Trips. And at long last, tonight our Year 2s will excitedly embark on their Zoo Snooze adventure, learning about wildlife as they sleep over at Adelaide Zoo.

This week our girls enjoyed the opportunity to be photographed for their co-curricular activities. It was wonderful to see the number of committees and clubs they belong to, where they pursue areas such as the Environment, Citizenship and Music. The colourful

braids on their blazer sleeves represent service and dedication to these interests, which may well extend beyond their time at Wilderness.

Right now, many of our students are choosing their subjects for 2023 or applying to tertiary courses. As they make these decisions, a lot of thought will go into what subject areas they enjoy and can see as part of their life after school.

It is important that we provide opportunities for girls to see every subject area come to life, and then space for them to develop these interests further. Experiences are a core step in this process.

Next week our Library team will engage students with Book Week and its 2022 theme, 'Dreaming with Eyes Open'. It is also Winter Intercol week—good luck to all of our athletes, who I am sure will have plenty of Wilderness cheerleaders on the sidelines.





EARLY LEARNING

## Making Promises to Protect the Earth

[Rebecca Williamson, Assistant Head of Junior School – Early Years](#)

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The learning in the Early Learning Centre over the last fortnight has been rich, varied, fun and most importantly, developed based on the interests of the girls and their families. Please read below for a tiny snapshot into some of the incredible learning that has taken place.

Over this past week, connecting with and caring for our country has been a theme that has continued to deepen in the hearts and minds of our Mamie girls. Together, they have developed a promise, which reads as follows:

We can promise to look after the land. – **Anastasia**

I promise to look after the dolphins so they will not get sick. – **Grace**

I will take all of the rubbish out of the sea when I am a superhero. – **Thea**

I promise to free the whales with my scissors. – **Tess**

I promise I will look after the animals ... I will be a doctor. – **Annabelle**

I want to be a superhero and save them. – **Frankie**

We can't put rubbish on the ground 'cause the animals can get sick ... I will tell other people to put their rubbish in the bin. – **Ava**

I will look after the whales ... they can get tangled up in the rubbish! I will need to cut it up with scissors. – **Harriet**

I promise I will take all the rubbish out from the sea, to keep the animals safe. – *Ida*

I promise to look after the animals ... I will not put rubbish in the water. – *Tegan*

We need to listen to Aboriginal peoples ... they will tell us what we need to do. – *Estella*

I promise to look after the trees ... I will protect them. – *Willow*

Kaurana land is the Adelaide land. – *Astrid*

It is hard to believe that these responsible citizens who are deep and critical thinkers are only three- and four-year-olds. We cannot wait to see where the girls and their teachers and co-educators take this learning next.

Learning in the Annie House over the past week has taken many unexpected twists and turns due to the incredibly talented and inspiring special guests (all Annie House family members) who have generously given up their time to work with the girls.

These special guests have included:

- Gio Musolino, who has baked with girls, sharing his expertise as a chef
- Dr Alicia Cheong, who brought in a baby possum and shared her knowledge as a vet
- Deb (Isla's grandma), who has been spinning her own wool from sheep, alpacas and goats for many years, and was kind enough to bring that amazing experience
- Felicity Jewis, who, as a chemical engineer, was very inspiring for our girls during Science Week.

Thank you very much to these special guests for sharing your knowledge, enthusiasm and expertise in your specialist fields with our girls. Not only have our visitors enhanced the curriculum, but they have also inspired the girls. You are all most welcome and encouraged to visit our ELC to share your special interests, culture and knowledge with our girls. Please do come forward and we will organise a time for your visit.

Finally, I would also like to extend a big thank you to everyone (educators and parents) who prepared and supported the girls for their 2022 school photos. On behalf of the teachers, we thank you very much for dressing your girls beautifully for the photos. On behalf of all parents, though, a bigger thank you goes out to the teachers and co-educators—we simply do not know how you manage to have everyone looking and (mostly) smiling all at the same time, it is hard enough to do that with two children! Thank you again.







JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Dreaming with Eyes Open

[Liz McCarthy, Head of Junior School](#)

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On the evening of Thursday 11 August, all of Year 6 took part in their Performance Showcase: Dreaming with Eyes Open. This evening offered the girls the opportunity to showcase their learning and skills across the Creative Industries, including the areas of Music, Drama and Art. All creative pieces featured as part of the showcase drew inspiration from the 2022 Children's Book Council of Australia Book Week Theme, 'Dreaming with Eyes Open'.

The evening began with a beautiful and unique Acknowledgment of Country, comprising of symbolic movement and dance, which the Year 6 girls developed and choreographed whilst working with guest Indigenous artist, David Booth. Led by Mrs Ruth Shrimpton and Mrs Vanessa Abela, this was then followed by a fabulous choral performance with all the Year 6s singing 'A Million Dreams' from the musical The Greatest Showman.

Across the evening, the audience was also entertained with some powerful music solo performances, featuring **Sirui Tang** playing 'Fiesta' on the keyboard, **Selin Cinar** playing 'All Star' on the trumpet, **Linah Kafagy** playing 'Shaken, Not Stirred' on the saxophone, **Arianne Galbraith** playing 'Great Gate of Kiev and Sakura' on the violin, and **Evangeline Lee** playing 'Castle on a Cloud' on the cello. These girls were truly spectacular!

The performances were broken up with a fantastic exhibition in Hender Hall offering supper and a magical display of artworks created by the Year 6 girls, which they had developed from personal and imaginative representations of their interpretations of the



theme. They exhibited their work along with a short practitioner's statement, which focused on the development of their ideas and processes. In these pieces, they were encouraged to apply and consider the art elements including line, form, shape, colour, space and texture to fully realise their imagery. Hender Hall transformed into a gallery space that could only be described as whimsical and dreamy; it was the perfect backdrop to a wonderful exhibition.

In the second half of the evening, Year 6 students were also involved in two stage plays that were performed as part of the showcase. The first performance, 'The Gingerbread Girl', continued where the tale of the Gingerbread Man left off with comedic twists and a story that ended up more Frankenstein than fairy tale, but also the promises of a 'happy' ever after. The second play, 'Goodnight Princess', was the story of a sleepy Princess Nara, visited by the creatures and characters of fairy tale worlds, who try to help her fall asleep. The students worked tirelessly in class dancing, acting and constantly rehearsing these performances, and they were excited to see the show come to life through costumes, music, lighting, sets and props on the night.

The evening was wrapped up with a whole year-level dance to 'Dreamer' by Supertramp—a wonderful Grand Finale to a magical night. Congratulations to all the Year 6s for their amazing creative endeavours on the evening!

### Hal Bruce

Head of Creative Industries









MIDDLE SCHOOL

## A Lot on Their Plate!

[Rhianon Giles, Acting Head of Middle School](#)

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### Year 9 Product Design – Jam Factory

Over two weeks, the Year 9 Product Design classes have been lucky enough to visit the Jam Factory. On the first visit, the girls made a dinner plate, a side plate and a bowl using hand-building techniques. They were also able to throw pots using the pottery wheels and listen to a ceramicist talk about their work and being an associate at The Jam Factory.

The following week the girls returned to glaze their plates and bowls, trim the pots made on the wheel and enjoy a guided tour. These pots will now be fired and returned to the students to be glazed at school.

### UN Youth Evatt Competition

A group of Middle and Senior School students attended the Evatt Competition. Year 9 students **Emily Nguyen** and **Shayla Retnaraja**, have written the following reflection of the day:

The UN Youth Evatt Competition was a fabulous opportunity for both of us to extend abstract thinking to a variety of propositions, as we engaged in

a series of political discussions, whilst taking the role of delegate for Norway. Throughout this experience, we interacted with students from different schools to debate real-world issues that broadened our knowledge of current problems facing society, whilst also provoking our deliberation, debating and problem-solving skills.

During the competition, we gave speeches to discuss our stance on issues and convince other delegates to side with us. We participated in an impromptu debate, where we had 10 minutes to familiarise ourselves with an article and to create a position on the given propositions.

This competition provided us with the opportunity to socialise with other like-minded students in a civilised manner. It allowed us to have a taste of how the real UN meetings work, which was quite intriguing. This competition has encouraged both of us to become more aware of global issues, as well as finding reasonable solutions that benefit all global parties. We strongly encourage other students to participate in this competition and we certainly look forward to participating next year!

## Duke of Edinburgh – Service Opportunities

As part of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, students must volunteer and challenge themselves to be a responsible, caring member of the community. Year 9 Carob held a very successful hot chocolate and bake stall at lunchtime to raise funds to create care packs for foster carers. Year 9 Antholiza worked at Treasure Box Inc. packaging pre-loved baby and children's goods to families in desperate need.

## Year 9 French – Crêperie Paris Plage

The Year 9 French classes visited Crêperie Paris Plage this week. This excursion was a wonderful opportunity for the girls to taste French regional specialties and to use the French language in context when placing their order. Délicieux.

## Subject Selection 2023

The Year 8s have met this week to begin the process of selecting their Year 9 subjects for 2023. Information has been sent to families and selections need to be entered online by

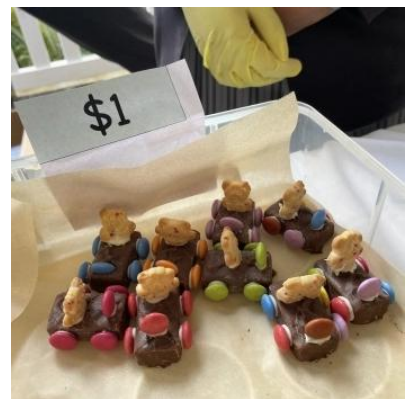
**Monday 22 August** for Year 8 girls moving into Year 9 in 2023. Girls need to print their online forms and have them signed by their parents/caregivers before returning them to the Middle School Office.

Year 7 girls moving into Year 8 in 2023 will need to make decisions about the language they would like to continue to study. Information has been emailed to these girls and their families today.

## Year 7 Parent Social Event

The Year 7 Class Reps would like to invite all Year 7 parents to a casual social event at The Lion on **Friday 16 September** from 7.00pm onwards. Please RSVP [here](#).

If you have any questions or would like to join the committee, please contact Polly Tembel, Kirsten Croser, Sabina Mikhi or Andrew Perry.













SENIOR SCHOOL

## It's a Marathon, Not a Sprint

**Ben Manifold, Head of Senior School**

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As a self-professed sporting tragic, I enjoyed watching the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham recently. It was fantastic to watch so many Australian athletes do so well in their chosen disciplines, but I have to say it was wonderful to see spectators back supporting and enjoying the spectacle after the Olympic Games were held last year without a live audience due to COVID-19. While we are still not free from the pandemic, there appears to be some light at the end of the tunnel and there is some sense of normality returning to society. Watching South Australian marathon runner Jessica Stenson (née Trengove) run through the spectator-lined streets of Birmingham to win the Commonwealth Games Marathon will be a memory that sticks with me for a long time. What a role model Jessica is for all girls. I often use the analogy of a marathon run with girls in the Senior School, highlighting the importance that it is not a sprint race and that consistency and persistence is important. This is a timely reminder of how they should approach their studies throughout the year, particularly in Term 3 when persistence and determination are key traits that are required when the going gets challenging.

Over the next couple of weeks, the Year 11s will head into the 2023 SRC election process. It seems like only yesterday that we welcomed the current SRC into their new roles with their Survivor-based theme of 'Triple A' for 2022 (Adventure, Ambition and Appreciation). The current Year 11 girls who have nominated for roles are reminded that leadership is not all about winning and to remember the importance of leading by example and surrounding themselves with the right people who will support them to make the School

a better place. After all, we are all custodians of Wilderness, and it is important that we do everything to build on the legacy of the Brown sisters and all those who have gone before us. Good luck to all Year 11 girls who have put their hand up to be a School Leader in 2023. Whether you are successful or not, be brave and proud of putting yourself forward.

Next week we will compete against Seymour College in the annual Winter Intercol games. Good luck to all girls as we challenge Seymour in debating, soccer, netball, Australian rules football, badminton and hockey. Like the Commonwealth Games, I hope that many girls who are not competing will return as spectators to support the Wilderness teams and I wish all girls the best in their respective competitions.

Finally, a reminder that Subject Selections for 2023 need to be entered online by **Monday 22 August** for Year 10 girls moving into Year 11 in 2023. Girls need to print their online forms and have them signed by their parents/caregivers before returning them to the Senior School Office.

## **Year 12 Class Representative Event - Reminder to RSVP**

**The Year 12 Parent Reflection Party is only one week away!**

Join us in celebrating raising courageous young women, and reflect on our time at Wilderness as parents of the 2022 student cohort.

**Saturday 27 August**

**7.00pm – 11.00pm**

**National Wine Centre**

**\$100 per person**

Ticket price includes a range of hot and cold canapes for all food preference types and a glass of wine/beer upon arrival. Additional drinks can be purchased on the night from an extensive wine list.

The dress theme for the evening is: SPARKLE

Click [here](#) to purchase your tickets.



BOARDING

## Connection and Community

[Renee Coventry, Head of Boarding](#)

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Last week I had the privilege of visiting the beautiful Eyre Peninsula for the Cleve Field Days and connecting with our Wilderness families in the region. As I have commented to many parents recently, I love the chance to learn more about our regions and their people, communities and industries. Bringing more of the 'home experience' into our girls' day-to-day lives is something that I continue to strive towards for our girls and learning more about our regions helps me to consider how we can achieve this.

### Wildy Neon Social

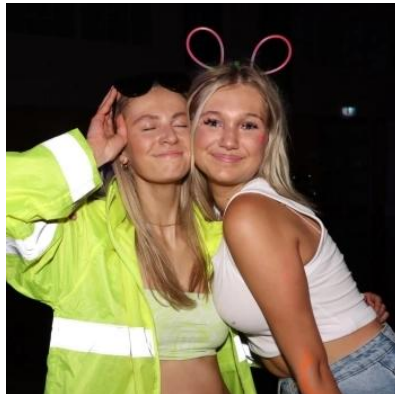
Our gym was filled with energy and vibrance as we welcomed senior boarders from eight schools around Adelaide for the first Interschool Social of the year. It was wonderful to see our girls lead the way with this initiative and have the event come to fruition. Thanks to the courage and determination of our Year 12 students, who proposed the idea in Term 2, we enjoyed a funky flashback to the 80s through our neon theme. The dance floor was a favourite place to be, while face painting, the photobooth and refreshments provided a break from the night's high energy.

### Swimming Carnival

Our Boarders came out in full force at last week's Swimming Carnival, winning the Day



girls vs Boarders event. Well done to **Sachi Syme** (Year 12), **Jess Shultz** (Year 12), **Safara Moyse** (Year 12), **Bridie Mickan** (Year 12), **Eliza Corbin** (Year 12), **Millie Shepherd** (Year 11), **Portia Martin** (Year 11) and **Imogen Hawker** (Year 9). The trophy now sits proudly in the Boarding House. Congratulations girls!







SPORT

## House Spirit Abounds at Interhouse Swimming Carnival

[Jon Trovas, Director of Sport and Recreation](#)

Our Middle and Senior School Swimming Carnival was finally held last Tuesday at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre, following two delays in Term 1 this year. Despite the challenges, it was a wonderful day to celebrate house spirit and showcase some of our outstanding Wilderness swimmers following their successes in the interschool competitions earlier this year.

Once again, this year our carnival did not have heats prior, allowing girls to maximise their participation in both competitive and novelty events on the day. If girls did not want to swim or were unable to, they were still able to help out and contribute House points by signing up as student helpers to assist with running our carnival.

Congratulations to Cedar House for winning the Caufield Shield for a sixth straight year!

1. Cedar - 755
2. Carob - 735
3. Antholiza - 704
4. Sparaxis - 691
5. Amaryllis - 663

A huge congratulations also to our Year Level Champion prize winners:

**Crompton Cup – Year 7 Championship Winner**

Winner: **Madeline Perry** SPA

Runner-up: **Margaret Gao** CAR

Third: **Zara Armitage** AMA

**McFarlane Cup – Year 8 Championship Winner**

Winner: **Isabella Beaumont** SPA

Runners-up: **Katarina Czechowicz** AMA, **Charlise Green** AMA, **Asta Mickan** CED

**Anderson Cup – Year 9 Championship Winner**

Winner: **Lucy Beaumont** AMA

Runner-up: **Holly Munro** ANT

Third: **Zoe Koerber** CED

**O'Donnell Cup – Year 10 Championship Winner**

Winner: **Arabella Bahr** CAR

Runner-up: **Lulu Detmold Cox** CED

Third: **Grace Dixon** CED

**Brian Magarey Cup – Year 11 Championship Winner**

Winner: **Matilda Ryan** AMA

Runner-up: **Sienna Grech** CED

Third: **Zara Hoadley** CAR

**Margaret Doman Cup – Year 12 Championship Winner**

Winner: **Sarah Muir** CED

**Adams Cup – Year 12 Championship Runner-up**

Winner: **Georgia Muir** CED

Third: **Bridie Mickan** CED

The talent of our Wilderness swimmers was on display with an incredible five records broken:

Event	Old Time – Held by – Year	New time	Broken by
Year 8 50m Freestyle	30.15 – Emilie Muir – 2016	29.16	Isabella Beaumont
MS Medley Relay	2.19.62 – Cedar – 2017	2.16.63	Amaryllis
Year 8 Freestyle Relay	2.18.61 – Antholiza – 2016	2.12.46	Amaryllis
Year 8 50m Butterfly	32.77 – Georgia Clarnett – 2009	32.12	Isabella Beaumont



A heartfelt thank you must be given to all our staff for their outstanding support of the girls on the day, with a big thank you to Mr Derek Woodcock and Ms Deb Jarrett for their organisation of the carnival.

## Winter Intercol

Next week, we hold our Intercol week of sport against Seymour College. This year, the tally is currently standing at 3-4 in Seymour's favour. This is the closest Intercol competition in years and we wish all our girls the best for their upcoming matches.

All girls will have received an email from our Sports Captain, **Sachi Syme** (Year 12), to reserve their seat on our supporters' buses. We encourage all girls to get behind your friends and drown out the Seymour support! The house with the most supporters throughout the week will receive a prize of donuts!

Please see a list of our [Trophy Fixtures](#), with each team playing for the respective trophy and contributing to the overall tally. Please see a list of all our [Intercol Fixtures](#).

## U15 Lacrosse Finals and Achievements

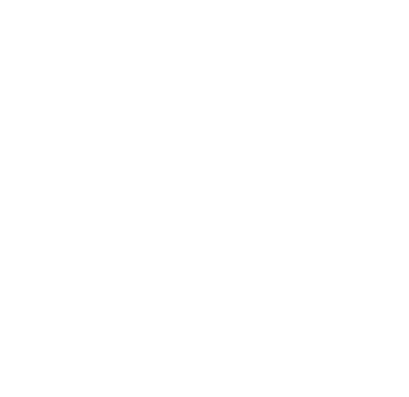
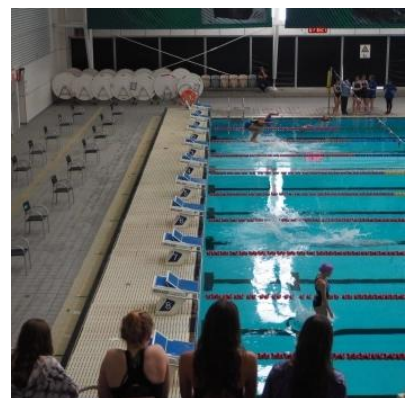
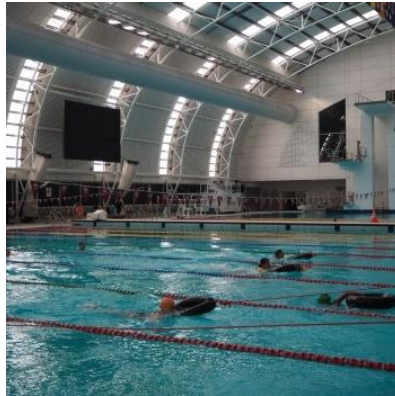
Congratulations to our U15 Wilderness team who currently sit third on the ladder as the team looks to cement their place in the Lacrosse SA Finals Series. Coach (and old scholar) Ilia Cross says she is pleased with the team's progress, particularly given this year was expected to be a year of rebuilding for Wilderness Lacrosse.

A large contingent of players from Wilderness is also preparing to travel to Perth in September for the U15 National Lacrosse Tournament following their selection in the South Australian Comets and Lightning teams. Congratulations to **Isabel Jackson** (Year 9), **Lucia Andrae** (Year 9), **Layla Woodall** (Year 9), **Lily Silvestri** (Year 9), **Diya Anup Kumar** (Year 9), **Layla Balestrin** (Year 8), **Katarina Czechowicz** (Year 8), **Chloe Arblaster** (Year 9), **Jessica Felstead** (Year 8, reserve) and **Rowan Parsons** (Year 8, reserve) and best wishes as you prepare to take on the best U15 players in the country!

A big congratulations must go to U15 Lacrosse player **Izzy Jackson** on scoring her 100<sup>th</sup> goal for the season in Saturday's game against North Adelaide. This remarkable milestone is unprecedented in Wilderness Lacrosse history. Not only is Isabel a prolific goal scorer, she is also a strong presence at the centre draw, working alongside midfielders Lucia Andrae and Layla Woodall to form a fierce midfield unit.

We wish our incredible U15 team well as they prepare to take on the Finals Series and look forward to following your progress.

Rebecca Keller  
Lacrosse Coordinator







CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

## Wilderness Rocks!

Anna Lenartowicz, Head of Music

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### Princes Rock on Parade

On Friday 12 August, the Wildy Rock Band headed to Norwood Live to perform in the annual Princes Rock show hosted by Prince Alfred College (PAC). This informal concert showcased the talents of five rock bands from PAC, along with guest bands from Seymour, St Peter's Girls and Wilderness.

Songs throughout the night included everything from The Who to Ed Sheeran, and the Wildy Rock Band delivered a polished set of three well-known songs: 'Mr Brightside' (The Killers), 'Rolling in the Deep' (Adele) and 'Crazy in Love' (Beyoncé). Congratulations to Rock Band members **Olivia Kyriacou** (Year 12), **Esen Cinar** (Year 12), **Grace Kong** (Year 9), **Lizzie Parkinson** (Year 11), **Victoria Phan** (Year 10) and **Olivia Tallent** (Year 12) for their energetic performance and thank you to Prince Alfred College for hosting the event.

### String Workshop

On Sunday 14 August, the Senior String Orchestra attended a workshop at Prince Alfred College to work on all things strings, led by Ms Jade Blanchard-Patterson from PAC and Ms Cassie Pope from Wilderness.

This jam-packed afternoon offered the students from Wildy and PAC an opportunity to

work on their repertoire for the upcoming South Australian School Band and Orchestra Festival, where both orchestras will be performing as part of the Advanced String Ensemble section. After some tutor-led sectionals, the students combined for a joint rehearsal to form a super-orchestra, before concluding the evening with an informal performance for parents, where the orchestras were able to showcase the afternoon's work.

Thank you to Prince Alfred College for hosting the workshop, and we wish the orchestras all the best for their upcoming performances.

**Cassie Pope**

Music Teacher

## Annual Showcase of Music

Please join us for the Annual Showcase of Music on **Tuesday 6 September** at 6.00pm in the Wilderness School Gymnasium. With the theme of 'Pop Through The Ages', the show will feature Wilderness School ensembles and the 2022 Musician in Residence Adam Page as they perform your favourite POP hits.

Tickets are \$20 per adult and \$10 per child (up to 17 years old), or you can assemble your own table of 10 for \$180.

Purchase your tickets [online now](#).







COMMUNITY

## Book Your Tickets Now for the Boarders Fashion Parade

[Renee Coventry, Head of Boarding](#)

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The 2022 [Boarders Fashion Parade](#) will be held on **Friday 2 September at 7.00pm**.

Each year the Boarding House aims to raise \$6000 for the Wilderness Bhadure Boarding House in Nepal through this annual event.

We already have fashion labels confirmed for the event including Binny, Iris & Wool, Yellow Bird, Salubrious Hour and more!

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.

Tickets can now be purchased via this [link](#).

