

Life in the Wilderness

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Every Girl is a Leader

Jane Danvers, Principal

Leadership is an integral part of the Wilderness spirit and deeply embedded in our girls' journey.

We have recognisable leaders in formal positions and those whose small acts of kindness, empathy, effective communication, and responsibility combine to make them great leaders.

Our vision of leadership is aligned with our motto, Always True, and is based on the model of Authentic Leadership (George, 2007). This model describes leaders who are self-aware, open minded, act with integrity and build high-quality relationships. They use their influence to enable others to achieve change for the social good.

At Wilderness, we aim to offer all our girls the opportunity to lead through our Learning to Lead program. Starting in the Junior School, we encourage girls to play active roles as leaders in various positions, including Year Level Representatives.

As they move through Middle School, our girls lead committees and clubs so that when they reach their senior years, they are well equipped to guide our younger girls and positively contribute to our community.

Over the last two weeks, our Year 11 girls have prepared and delivered speeches to their

peers describing their vision for the School and the strengths they would bring as student leaders next year.

It gives me great pleasure to announce the new Student Representative Council Executive as Amolika Bhatia (President), Harriet Craig (Vice-President) and Eliza Corbin (Secretary).

In their election speeches, the girls epitomised the values of Wilderness and shared their aspirations for their peers and the year ahead of them.

“Each year the SRC has a theme, and I feel like ‘passion’ is perfect for our amazing cohort. Passion in our work, passion in our sport, passion for this school and passion for each other – passion in everything that we do. We must never lose this passion and keep the Wildy spirit firing and roaring forever.” **Amolika Bhatia**

“I want nothing more than to see our incredible cohort of girls develop their sense of adventure over their last year together at Wildy. Together I want us to learn how to be resilient and cope with adversity. I want us to take risks; not just in our learning but also in every aspect of our lives and most importantly, together, I want us to be optimistic about our futures and have confidence in our abilities because we have a wonderful adventure in front of us.” **Harriet Craig**

“Throughout the year I will aim to create a school community that builds on each other’s kindness and pushes us to be better versions of ourselves, following on from the legacy of previous Wildy leaders.” **Eliza Corbin**

I have no doubt that our SRC Elective will be outstanding student representatives and will lead their school with distinction

I would also like to congratulate the following girls elected as our SRC Representatives and House Captains for 2022:

- **Amaryllis House Captains:** Tulip Burns and Amelie Rawes-Ryan
- **Antholiza House Captains:** Suneli Athukorala and Georgina Birchall
- **Carob House Captains:** Madeleine Jose and Catherine Portolesi

- **Cedar House Captains:** Victoria Lane and Sophia Lockie
- **Sparaxis House Captains:** Isabel Graham and Mollie Rowntree
- **Boarding House Captains:** Safara Moyse and Jessica Schultz
- **Careers Representative:** Isabelle Yu
- **Citizenship Representative:** Mia Jersmann
- **Digital Technology Representative:** Toni Pham
- **International Representative:** Canyu (Alice) Jia
- **Library Representative:** Trishna Ramkumar
- **Media and Magazine Representative:** Inika Weber
- **Music Representative:** Jacinta Chronowski-Wong
- **Sports Representative:** Sachi Syme
- **Student Foundation Representative:** Annecy Cheung
- **Year 12 Representative:** Holly Binks

Every girl who nominated for the SRC should be commended. The speeches were unreservedly thoughtful and articulated with passion and consideration. Each girl exemplified the Wilderness School value, a true and courageous self.

Because of this, I know that Wilderness is in extremely capable hands and that while not every girl will wear a badge, every girl in Year 12 will lead.

As we head into the weekend, I am looking forward to connecting with our Boarding parents in Robe for the annual Boarder Parents Weekend. Our Boarding families are an integral part of our school community, and it will be wonderful to see you in person.





EARLY LEARNING

National Science Week

Rebecca Williamson, Assistant Head of Junior School - Early Years

The girls' interest in science peaked this week with some exciting experiments as part of National Science Week.

During the week, the girls engaged in several interesting experiments and transformed into little scientists.

The Mamie girls were deeply engaged in the re-enactment of the story 'Who Sank the Boat?' exploring the concept of floating and sinking in the outdoor water troughs. They then followed the steps of the experiments to create Magic Milk, Walking Water and Rubber Eggs.

Each investigation required the girls to record the steps and materials, make predictions, answer questions, and draw conclusions. Experiments are an exciting part of science and will inspire the girls to continue to create their own investigations through play.

In the Annie House, the girls built on their previous experiences with water and also explored the concept of floating and sinking, but extended the concept by adding salt to increase the density of the solution. This enabled some objects to float where previously they had sunk.

At the end of the week, the girls carefully observed and participated in the process of making jelly, noticing the crystals dissolving and how the jelly sets.

The girls also continued their learning about sustainability by being waste warriors;

carefully sorting their waste, creating beeswax wraps, and writing letters to Earth about how they can continue to care for our world. This learning will continue in the weeks ahead and the waste warrior initiative is already considerably reducing our waste going to landfill.

Our ELC also celebrated Book Week this week. We look forward to telling you all about the costumes and activities in the next edition.





JUNIOR SCHOOL

Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds

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

Our Junior School has been very busy this past fortnight, with a wide range of excursions, activities and exciting learning initiatives taking place.

The Junior School celebrated Book Week over the past week, with the theme 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'. The library team organised lunch time activities each day in the Learning Commons and we held a teacher 'read around' today during Form.

Classes had different teachers visit them during this time to share some of their favourite stories, which is always fun-filled and a lovely experience for students and staff alike. We of course, also celebrated with our much-loved, annual Book Week Parade in the gym on Thursday morning.

Dressed in an array of wonderfully other-worldly costumes, our girls from ELC through to Year 6 paraded for one another and their teachers. This event was filmed to enable sharing with families.

Junior School Writing

Our Junior School teachers have been working with their girls in Writing lessons, utilising a program called 'Seven Steps Writing'. This program provides a structure and instructions designed to transform students writing, enhancing their written communication skills.

Teachers Miss Isabella Kasdalis and Mr Nathan Rice led the Junior School teachers this week in a professional learning session, sharing the curriculum knowledge and ideas they gained after attending an information day about the program.

One of the steps in the program leads students in learning how to capture their audience through writing a 'sizzling start'. Here are some examples of our girls have written in response to different prompts.

I pushed the button and everything changed.

" 'BANG!' What sound was that? It was the lightening of course. The sky turned grey and rain began to fall down. Just then, there was a 'beep'. I heard it again. 'Beep, beep'. I saw a red button. I pressed it. Nothing happened. Then, when I looked up chocolate drops were falling down. I was in Candyland!" **Olivia Zhong**

"I had read many stories about the mysterious blue button but never found it. But when I finally found it, what a scary sight it was!" **Willow Wagner**

The morning my dad turned into an alien.

"'CRASH!' the spaceship landed with a loud noise and my Dad ran out to see what had happened. As he walked closer he started turning green and something started coming out of his head. What was happening?"

Alexandrina Cao

In an instant, everything started to slide across the room

"I was reading a book when something caught my eye. To my surprise, it was a pencil floating in the air. I got up and held the pencil. The room started sliding, and so was I..." **Karla Fizulic**

Monster Madness

"I desperately wanted to scream. I could feel my heart pounding. I trembled with fear as the deathly monster approached me. Could this be the end of me? I could smell his rotten breath coming towards me. What could I do now? I was too weak to defend myself." **Scarlet Cooper**

"Shuddering in fear, I plunged my loud footsteps in the dark, gloomy

water. Looking around with all the effort of my hazel eyes, I tried to find my friend. All of a sudden, I heard a terrified little voice behind me..."

Imogen MacLeod

"'Shhhhhh!' We run and hide behind a tree and all we can see is a pathway into darkness. Our hearts are pounding as we hear the echoing of the monster's footsteps getting closer as we speak. I taste blood as I breathe in. I smell the wet moss under my feet." **Dionne Hnoudis**

The Insects

"There was a cold bitter breeze. Face to face they saw each other. Enemy versus enemy. A matter of life or death. Butter the butterfly felt the danger that would come. Peter the praying mantis heard Butter's heart pounding heavily. Peter slowly edged towards Butter when they heard a buzzing noise..." **Katie Fong**

Year 6 Debating

The Year 6 girls continued their fantastic work in debating when they took part in Round 3 of the IPSHA Debating Competition on Thursday 19 August at Scotch College.

Three of the four teams that took part came away from the evening with a win, which continued an incredible run after only losing two debates in total after three rounds. All of our Year 6 girls are to be congratulated on their efforts as many hours of planning and preparation go into their presentations.

Additionally, a huge thank you and congratulations to our Year 9 coaches who not only attended our evening competitions, but also gave up their lunch times each week to guide our younger girls by assisting with the development of their persuasive skills.

Our final debate is next month at St Peter's College and we look forward to a strong finish to the competition.

Code Camp

Code Camp will be back for the Term 3 holidays for girls in Year 2 to 6. Held at School in the Learning Commons, the camps are a great way for the girls to get creative and explore different areas of interest.

Spark Camp

Monday 27 September - Wednesday 29 September

Girls will have the opportunity to code and create their own DC Super Hero game.

Animation Camp

Tuesday 28 September - Wednesday 29 September

Girls will learn how to create two movies from scratch using stop-motion animation.

To book your daughter's place at Code Camp [click here](#). Using the code WILDERNESS25, parents and caregivers will receive a \$25 discount if you book before Friday 3 September.







MIDDLE SCHOOL

Embracing Challenge

Brad Snell, Acting Head of Middle School

In my recent subject selection conversations and presentations with Middle School students, I was reminded of the importance of girls embracing challenge. Subject choices should be based on interest and academic stretch instead of the subjects students 'like' simply because they find them the easiest.

New York Times bestseller, David Epstein in his book 'Range' (2019), discusses the importance of 'desirable difficulties'. He states, "these are obstacles that make learning more challenging, slower, and more frustrating in the short term, but better in the long term". My advice to families is to encourage your daughter to embrace challenge and see obstacles and difficulties in their learning as positive constraints to overcome.

Epstein further highlights that when we work harder and embrace greater levels of challenge in our learning, that there is generally much higher levels of transfer and longevity in that learning. I wish all girls the best of luck with their future endeavours and have no doubt their choices will result in rewarding and meaningful learning.

Winter Intercollegiate Competition

Connecting with the concept of challenge, it was great to see the results of our recent Intercol against Seymour College. All girls played with fantastic grit and high levels of commitment. Congratulations to all girls for their fierce competition. The girls were also outstanding today at our Interhouse Athletics Carnival. Well done to all girls for your

comradery and sportsmanship.

Jam Factory Collaboration

A central part of the Year 9 Inspire: Creative Product Design subject is to collaborate with industry. The Jam Factory is a unique, not-for-profit organisation that supports and promotes excellence in art, craft and design through their programs, studios, galleries and shops.

In an introductory ceramics course, the Jam Factory's qualified staff have been teaching our Year 9 Students specialist skills, which they use to design and develop their own functional ceramic products in Term 4.

"Our excursion to the Jam Factory allowed me to develop my skills in ceramics while exposing me to the arts industry, through practical sessions and information communicated during the tour and presentation. The artists led us through two short sessions where we learned to throw clay on a potter's wheel and create hand-built pieces. I learnt a lot and had fun during this unique experience." **Jeevan Gilhotra**

Thank you to Mrs Brooke Porter and our Art Department for organising this wonderful learning opportunity.

Write a Book in a Day

On Tuesday 17 August, girls across Years 7 to 12 participated in the Write a Book in a Day competition. This involved the girls working in a team to complete a book within 12 hours. The completed books will be shared digitally with children in hospitals across Australia. Thank you to Mrs Bess Smith, Mrs Danielle Kemp and other supporting staff for their organisation of this event.

Emily Johannsen (Year 9) reflected on the experience below.

Last Tuesday, 55 Middle and Senior School girls had the opportunity to participate in Write a Book in a Day, a fun and creative team writing competition with some unique aspects.

The girls worked collaboratively in teams of between five and ten people from 8.00am to 8.00pm. These 12 hours were spent writing a book to be shared digitally with children in hospitals across Australia.

Sponsorship money raised is donated to The Kids' Cancer Project,

a charity committed to funding research for better treatments and eventually a cure for childhood cancer. This year, the fundraising has been done online via the Write a Book in a Day website and due to the impact of COVID-19 interstate, the date for fundraising extended until 30 September. Currently, \$1000 has been raised but the aim is to increase the donation for this very worthy cause.

On competition day, the girls were challenged to write for children aged between 10 to 16 years of age. Each book needed to include special parameters such as random words and context. This year, the words were pineapple, big brother, lifesaver, family and blue bottle. Teams were given three random main characters, a setting and an event. These parameters were unique to each team and helped the team build their story. The day was spent with friends and food. It gave girls the chance to tap into their creative side – whether it was writing amazing chapters or drawing beautiful images. Girls always enjoy Write a Book in a Day and look forward to it every year.

Crazy Socks, Beanies and Ties Day

On Friday 20 August, Mia Pyman (Year 9) led a fundraiser initiative for The Kids Cancer Project, with money raised going towards buying teddy bears for children with cancer. Girls and staff supported this event by wearing crazy socks, beanies and ties. Congratulations to Mia for her outstanding leadership.

2021 South Australian Young Writers Awards

The School received some exciting news last week that two of our Middle School English students have won prizes in the 2021 South Australian Young Writers Awards.

Lucia Andrae (Year 8) placed 1st and Leah Berhe (Year 8) came 2nd in the Year 7/8 Poetry category. Congratulations!

To read the girls entries, please click the links below:

- The new big bad wolf by Lucia Andrae
- [The colour of racism](#) by Leah Berhe

Welcome Back

This week we welcomed back Mrs Belinda Arnfield as Head of Middle School. I want to thank our wonderful students and families for making me feel so welcome in the role.





SENIOR SCHOOL

Heading into the Final Weeks

Ben Manifold, Head of Senior School

As we move towards the end of Term 3, students enter a significant assessment block, the importance of all girls looking after their personal wellbeing is vital.

Girls have access to the online assessment calendars, so they are aware of upcoming tests and assignments. Planning is critical, as is not leaving assessment pieces to the last minute to complete. Girls must make sacrifices. Their social calendars must take a back seat for the remainder of this term to ensure that they are not burning the candle at both ends or they will run the risk of sickness and considerable pressure and stress.

At this time, the importance of perseverance cannot be underestimated. Perseverance is commitment, hard work, patience, endurance. It is being able to bear difficulties calmly, without complaint and never giving up. At times, I think we all lack the drive to persevere when things become difficult. This is a skill that I would hope that all our students develop during their time at Wilderness. The following quote from Dale Carnegie is one that I would encourage girls to adopt in every aspect of their daily lives.

“Don’t be afraid to give your best to what seemingly are small jobs. Every time you conquer one it makes you that much stronger. If you do the little jobs well, the big ones will tend to take care of themselves.”

Sometimes when we look at the big picture, it is all too easy to become overwhelmed and give up. If we break it up into smaller chunks, things become considerably easier to

achieve.

Winter Intercollegiate Competition

I was impressed last week at the perseverance that all Intercol teams displayed. To win the Senior A debating, soccer, football, hockey and badminton was an exceptional achievement against Seymour College. To watch our football team fight back and kick the winning goal in the last 10 seconds of the game was inspirational.

2022 Student Representative Council

This week we have elected the 2022 Student Representative Council. The quality of the girls' applications and speeches were outstanding. Congratulations to those girls who were successful in gaining a position. We look forward to their leadership in 2022 and what they will bring to enhance the Wilderness community.

Unfortunately, this process will always leave some girls disappointed as their nomination requires them to be brave and offer themselves for election. These experiences are a part of life, whether it be applying for a job or been selected in a team, there will always be times when we are successful and other times when we are not. True leadership is so much more than a title, badge or tie and I hope that those girls who were not successful understand that they can still be a leader in Year 12 regardless of holding a formal position.

Today we held the Interhouse Athletics Carnival at the South Australian Athletics Stadium. The carnival is always a fantastic day with the true spirit of Wilderness shining through as the Year 12 girls experience their last school competition.

Silver Duke of Edinburgh

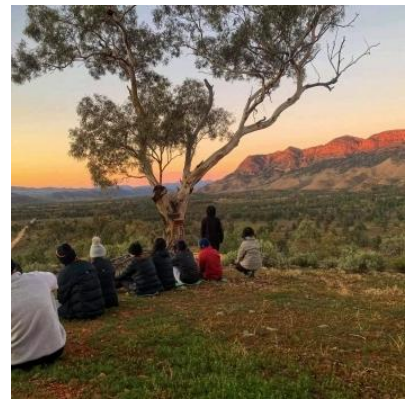
Our Year 10 girls, who are striving for their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award, returned last week from the Northern Flinders Ranges.

The girls had a wonderful week bushwalking along the Heysen Trail in the sunshine. They demonstrated admirable perseverance and appreciation for the environment and those around them.

2021 South Australian Young Writers Awards

I would like to congratulate Olivia Kyriacou (Year 11) took out 3rd place in the Year 11/12 Prose category at the 2021 South Australian Young Writers Awards. This is very exciting given she was up against Year 12 students. Well done, Olivia!

To read Olivia's poignant piece, A Seed in Time, click [here](#).





BOARDING

New Boarding Co-Captains

[Rosie Broderick, Head of Boarding](#)

During last week's family meeting, we heard speeches from Safara Moyse, Charlotte Linke and Jessica Schultz who have nominated to be the Co-Captains of Boarding for 2022. I commend the girls on the quality of their speeches and the courage and vulnerability they demonstrated. There was lots of positive encouragement from all of the girls.

The voting was held online on Tuesday, and Safara Moyse and Jessica Schultz were elected as our new co-captains for next year. Congratulations girls.

My congratulations also go to Eliza Corbin, who was elected as the SRC Secretary for 2022, Victoria Lane and Mollie Rowntree who were elected as House Captains, and Sachi Syme who was elected as Sports Captain.

Introducing Our New Housemother

It gives me great pleasure to introduce you to our Housemother, Christine Hill. The Housemother is a new and exciting position that will become an integral part of our boarding family.

With over 30 years of experience as a registered nurse, Chris brings a wealth of leadership, knowledge and warmth to the role, which will foster a sense of mentorship, friendship, and community in our Boarding House.

With a kind, caring, encouraging, and welcoming approach, Chris aims to continue our tradition of creating a 'home away from home' for our boarding girls.

Chris stepped into the Housemother role on Monday and is looking forward to getting to know the girls and becoming a trusted confidant.

Mentor groups

The Boarding House has been busy with many mentor activities organised. Each staff mentor leader chose an activity, but the main purpose was to bring the girls together across the different year levels to build and strengthen relationships within the House. Activities included art therapy, blind taste testing and making Rocky Road.

CirKidz

The Year 11 PE class is dominated by boarders and the girls enjoyed a special visit to CirKidz during the week as part of their PE program.

Random Act of Kindness Week

The student leaders introduced a Random Act of Kindness (RAK) Week during the week starting Monday 9 August. Each boarder was randomly allocated another girl and set the challenge to ensure they carried out random acts of kindness for her throughout the week.

As we are focusing on building positive emotions and wellbeing, this was a great activity across the House. According to clinical psychologist Joe Oliver, being kind to other people is also beneficial to our own wellbeing, mental health and relationships.

The girls will reveal themselves to each other as they give their RAK partner a small gift.







SPORT

Interhouse Athletics Carnival

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

I would like to share with you how proud I am of each and every girl who attended the Middle and Senior School Athletics Carnival today.

It was exciting to return to SA Athletics Stadium and we feel incredibly fortunate we were able to hold the event, particularly in light of the current COVID-19 situation around the country.

The Athletics Carnival provides the girls with the opportunity to challenge their athletic abilities, work together in their House teams and share their amazing House spirit. Overall, it was a wonderful bonding experience for both students and staff.

Our girls took to the track and field with enthusiasm and sheer determination to achieve their best. I am pleased to announce our Championship Winners:

Year 7 Thurgood Cup – Ella Meyer

Year 8 Reece Cup – Isabel Jackson

Year 9 Viner-Smith Cup – Sienna Brown

Year 10 Adler Cup – Mia Cardone

Year 11 Walsh Cup – Georgina Birchall

Year 12 Fischer Cup – Portia Maerschel

Special mention must be given to Isabella Browning (Year 8), who broke the 200m record,

and Isabel Jackson and Georgina Birchell who were joint winners of the Centenary Cup for the highest aggregate point score with a total of 300 points.

Antholiza was awarded our Team Events Trophy and also took out the Selsey Shield, winning the overall competition by 191 points.

While there is a long list of people who helped make this day a success, in particular, I would like to thank Ms Deb Jarrett and Mr Derek Woodcock for their work in making the 2021 carnival possible. Thank you to all who contributed both behind the scenes and on the day.

Intercollegiate Update

At the time of our previous edition of Life in the Wilderness, the Intercol tally was tied, and our football girls were preparing to face off against Seymour College.

The Senior A Football was one of the most nerve-wracking events of the week! Both teams managed to respond point for point and with less than a minute to go, the score was tied at 20. Eliza Corbin was awarded a free kick and scored the winning goal as the final siren sounded, edging Wilderness in front for a 26-20 victory. An outstanding result for the girls, their coach Mr Chris Pahl and an exciting spectacle for the home crowd. Our football teams managed to earn valuable points for the tally with the Middle As and Senior Bs also winning their matches.

Saturday saw our exceptional badminton girls continue their dominance in the Intercol competition. All six teams playing against Seymour won their matches. Wilderness' Senior A Team won the Intercol Badminton Trophy for the sixth straight year; this is the only Intercol Trophy that Wilderness has won every year since Intercol began. We are forever grateful to Ms Michelle Ostermann and Mr Chris Thirlwell for their continued guidance of our girls and the program.

Earlier in the season, our Senior A Hockey Team was defeated 1-4 by Seymour in a non-shield round. Our girls performed exceptionally well and did not disappoint managing to score 5 goals to 1 – a deserving result demonstrating the resilience and improvement during the season. It was also an exciting moment for Carly Hoffmann coaching the Senior As to a victory after winning as a Senior in 2020. Our Senior Bs fought valiantly but were unable to hold off the Seymour offence. Thank you to our Hockey Head Coach Mr Travis Henderson for his continued passion and support of the hockey program.

The Intercol round of netball is a highlight for our Senior A girls producing some of the best performances each year. Wilderness had an outstanding start leading 7-2 catching Seymour off guard. To Seymour's credit, despite our girls playing their best game of the season, they continued their unbroken hold on the Intercol Netball.

Congratulations girls on an exceptional Intercol. Our senior teams won five of the six

individual sport trophies but in the end, Seymour retained the overall Intercol Trophy with 19 wins to Wilderness' 18. Wilderness are edging closer each year and the future looks promising!

Division 1 Soccer Premiers

As a result of the COVID-19 events earlier this term, the IGSSA Winter Season was redrawn with a missed round played in place of finals. Premierships are now decided on the final table positions making this last round of fixtures even more exciting.

On Wednesday afternoon, our Division 1B side faced off against Seymour's Division 1A team to decide the 2021 Division 1 Soccer Premiership on Seymour's home ground.

We are so proud of our girls who held their composure to score 2 goals to 1 securing the premiership!

Congratulations to our girls and their fantastic coach, Mr Tobia Trentin.

There are several other Wilderness teams in contention for their season premierships with our Year 7 A Netball and Senior B Badminton going into their final round with an undefeated record and our Senior B Hockey playing for the top of the table finish.

Congratulations to our soccer girls and we wish all girls and coaches well in their final round of the season.

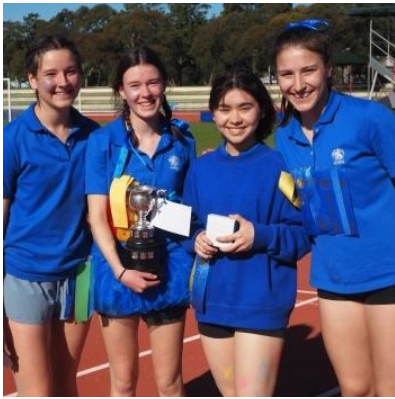
State Team Touch Football Representatives

The strength of the Wilderness Touch Football program has been demonstrated once again with an incredible 14 of our girls earning State Team selection.

Congratulations to Bella Browning (U14), Indie Heywood-Smith (U14), Isabel Jackson (U14), Nessie Leathart (U14), Portia Newton (U14), Charlie Bower (U16), Mia Cardone (U16), Sasha Hardin (U16), Rose Newman (U16), Anelise Roos (U16), Jasmin Thirlwell (U16), Eliza Corbin (U18), Jessica Craig (U16) and Tahlia Leathart (U18).

These girls have been selected to represent South Australia in the Door Dash National Youth Cup. At the moment, the event is not able to proceed with the current restrictions, but we have our fingers crossed that our girls will have the chance to compete soon.









CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Showcase of Music

[Anna Lenartowicz, Head of Music](#)

Our Annual Showcase of Music is coming up next week on Wednesday 1 September at Elder Hall, commencing at 6.00pm.

Parents of girls who are performing are encouraged to buy their tickets online [here](#). If your daughter is involved, please ensure you have received information from the Music Department regarding the details for the event.

Stage 2 Solo Performance Recital

On Monday night, we were privileged to see the six young ladies undertaking Stage 2 Solo Performance play their repertoire for their upcoming external assessment.

The following girls were exceptional and really displayed their true and courageous selves as they performed to a small and intimate audience in Hender Hall. We wish them the best of luck as they prepare for the final assessment in Week 8.

- Evie Archer (Year 11) on piano
- Eva Barrett (Year 10) playing French horn
- Alice Jia (Year 11) on piano
- Isabelle Yu (Year 11) playing cello

- Suneli Athukorala (Year 11) on piano
- Jacinta Chronowski-Wong (Year 11) playing clarinet

Gwen Robinson Online Piano Competition

We invite students who currently learn piano to enter this year's Gwen Robinson Piano Competition, which will be held online due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Details were emailed to all parents and girls last week with instructions on how to register. If you have any questions, please email the [Music Office](#).

Art

Creative Product Design

Year 9 Inspire: Creative Product Design focuses on collaboration with the contemporary art industry. In partnering with a globally-recognised centre of excellence, the Jam Factory, we aim to provide students with the most current, unique design ideas and learn from the best emerging creative talent.

Providing students with a greater understanding of career pathways and enterprise opportunities in craft, design and arts practise in Adelaide, the visit allowed them to view artists working in the Jam Factory's four studios; metal, furniture, glass, and ceramics.

Supported by ceramic specialists, students learned specific skills in two practical sessions. This included learning the fundamental skills needed to make vessels on the pottery wheel and making flatware using slab construction and mould forming.

In a presentation by studio tenant, Xanthe Murphy, the girls gained an insight into how the organisation has supported her career and creative arts practice. Of particular interest was how the Jam Factory provided her the opportunity to collaborate with Jordan Leeflang, an emerging furniture artist, who has allowed her to grow in her arts practice. Students were also able to view the design process of her 'Tidelines' series, from conception to realisation, which will be particularly useful in their preparation for undertaking the development of their own work.

"I enjoyed our visit to the Jam Factory because it was a step into a whole new environment and world of creative opportunities." **Charlotte Williams**

"My experience at the Jam Factory was great because I was able to learn

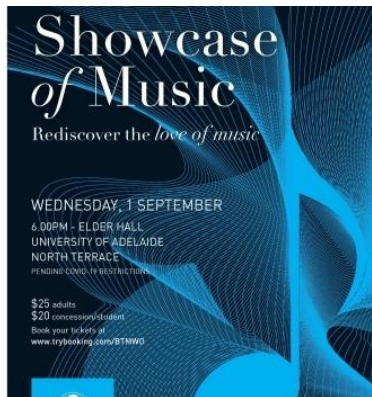
so many new techniques and see the way artists work using different materials.” **Isabella Abbott**

In their upcoming secondary sessions with the Jam Factory’s specialist teachers, students will learn more about appropriate surface treatments of their ceramic designs. They will discuss the science of firing and glazing clay for specific purposes, including the functional properties of materials for food-based ceramic ware.

We look forward to showcasing the student’s progress with the community.

Brooke Porter

Head of Art





UNIFORM SHOP

Changes to the PE Uniform

[Meredith Olsson, Uniform Shop Manager](#)

The final garment to be updated for our PE uniform is a new soft shell jacket and will be introduced in Term 1, 2022. The water-resistant jacket is complete with hood and will replace both the spray jacket and fleece jacket.

This new jacket will be available in the PE uniform blue, with grey trim across the front and back, which complements the grey in our new track pants. Stock will be delivered in March, 2022.

There will be a transition period of **two years** from the current spray and fleece jackets to the new soft shell jacket. All girls should be wearing the new jacket from the start of 2024.

Due to the introduction of the new jacket, the uniform shop is having a sale of spray jackets and fleece jackets.

These garments may be worn until the end of 2023.

Junior Fleece Jackets

Were \$45, **now \$29.**

All children's sizes available, except size 3C and 12C.

Spray Jackets

Were \$115, **now \$69.**

Children's size 8, adult size small, medium and large.

PE Skirt to be discontinued

The introduction of our new grey shorts in 2019 has been an enormous success, and consequently, it has been agreed that the blue PE skirt will be discontinued. **All girls are expected to be wearing the new grey PE shorts from the start of 2022.**

New PE polos and grey shorts

A reminder that all girls must be wearing the new grey shorts and polo tops with the grey piping for PE lessons from the **start of Term 1, 2022**. The old blue shorts, blue track pants, blue PE skirt and blue and white polos have been discontinued and are no longer part of the PE uniform.

Leggings

With the introduction of the new grey track pant, the black Wilderness leggings (Years 7 to 12) have also been phased out.



