

# Life in the Wilderness

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## Thinking Globally

Belinda Arnfield, Principal

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Tomorrow, a small cohort of adventurous learners (including six students and two staff) will return home to Australia after attending the Round Square International Conference.

Over the past two weeks, they have had the opportunity to hear from incredible international speakers, including former Round Square students like themselves who have gone onto become mentors, leaders, activists and creators, while exploring Oxford, Kent and Berlin. They have been challenged to think about the future, particularly their relationship to the environment, and how they can contribute to the world.

As we have had to press pause on many interstate and international opportunities over the past few years, it is wonderful to hear how these girls are taking invaluable lessons away from a global experience.

I have really valued the information provided by all the guest speakers, which was both inspiring and also very straightforward in telling us the importance of acting on climate change now. – **Siena Heffernan Lucic**  
(Year 11)

Many of the speakers have also instilled the Round Square ideal of adventure, taking on opportunities and also seeking out the next amazing project ... One of my favourite quotes from Ben Fogle was to, "Climb the mountain so you can see the world, not so the world can see you". –

**Nicole Webb (Year 11)**

Though the ideal that was most discussed was environmentalism, I think I connected with internationalism the most because of how many new people I have met and all the things I have learned from them. –

**Natasha Lippett (Year 10)**

The conference was a chance to develop my understanding of the world and how to truly put my knowledge, my interests and my strengths towards helping others. –

**Jini McGrath (Year 11)**

The baraza groups gave us all an opportunity to discuss our own individual viewpoints on the issues at hand. Being able to hear how everyone thought whilst being comfortable to speak my own voice and respectfully agree and disagree was an experience I will never forget. –

**Suzain Hassan (Year 11)**

I have listened to people from such diverse interests and backgrounds of the world, from people who have scaled Mount Everest, young people who live in disadvantaged countries to people who have voyaged the world in a fully sustainable boat; each person I've listened to speak, including my fellow peers, has taught me something different. –

**Nidhi Karachur (Year 11)**

Through our involvement with Round Square, girls have the chance to develop relationships with like-minded students all over the world as they participate in service projects, online conferences and once-in-a-lifetime global opportunities.

However, the ability to think globally is not wholly dependent on overseas experiences. Our Year 9 Amaryllis Form are collaborating with Wilderness in Nepal (WIN) to launch the upcoming 'Walk Everest in a Day' at Belair National Park.

As part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award service component, the girls will walk 8,848m

(8.84km) – the height of Mount Everest – to support the development of a medical centre in the Bhadure community and the fit out of a community centre and library in the Junbesi community.

I encourage you to mark **Sunday 23 October** into your calendar, and [RSVP here](#) to participate. It will be a great way to join our girls in caring for others around the globe, while hopefully enjoying a walk in the springtime sun as well.

For those of you who are going away during the break, I wish you safe travels, and whether you are staying home or travelling, I hope you all enjoy the October holidays.





EARLY LEARNING

## Nature Play on a Rainy Day

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

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On Tuesday 27 September, we were delighted to welcome in two outstanding educators from Nature Play SA for a 'Natural Elements' incursion. The girls were fortunate to have the opportunity to connect with nature, and to explore and create with natural materials and loose parts. They listened to stories, created with clay and sticks, explored loose parts and playdough, used beautiful gems and built cubby houses together—all whilst out in nature. As adults, we worried about the light rain, but for the girls, this only enhanced the fun of it all!

The value of connecting to nature for children is widely shared in the media, but it only takes five minutes of observing during experiences such as these to see how much joy it brings. The joy alone makes this learning activity worthwhile, but it provided so much more—opportunities to be creative, develop STEM thinking dispositions, be collaborative, connect with nature and so much more! We are thankful for this experience and to the families who brought their daughters in especially for the morning.

We wish you a wonderful, safe, happy and healthy holiday and look forward to seeing you for the final term of 2022.











JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Ready to Ride

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

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It is difficult to believe we have reached the end of yet another term in our Junior School and what an enormously busy, focused and enjoyable 10 weeks we have had.

### Junior School Debating

Our Year 6 'Wilderness 1' debating team competed in the semi-finals of the SADA Junior A division at St Peter's College on Tuesday this week. Debating against Prince Alfred College and arguing the negative for the topic, 'That we regret the use of participation awards', the girls did an outstanding job in both their preparation and on the day.

Coached and ably supported by Mr Matt Webster and our Year 9 debaters **Emily Nguyen**, **Niya Singhal** and **Diya Anup Kumar**, the team presented an outstanding negative argument and rebuttal.

The girls debating on the day were **Asha Dan**, **Evangeline Lee** and **Devy Singhal** with other team members **Sirui Tang**, **Selin Cinar** and **Jasmine Lu** debating across the season. With a split panel of adjudicators indicating how close the result was, our girls lost their debate, which now concludes their debating season for 2022. We look forward to a bright future ahead for Wilderness debating as the girls progress and grow in this valuable and highly skilled co-curricular area.

## Bike Education

Our Year 6 students participated in their Bike Education lessons last Monday and Tuesday, in preparation for their Outdoor Education camp at the end of Term 4. Supported by Wilderness Physical Education and delivered by Bike SA instructors, the sessions aimed to increase students' confidence and bike skill competence by:

- building their knowledge and understanding of the road laws and traffic environments
- developing bike handling and maintenance skills
- developing decision making skills for off- and on-road bike riding.

The skill sessions have helped to prepare the girls for the Year 6 Outdoor Education 'Sea to Summit' biking experience, presenting personal challenges and exciting outdoor experiences in a safe and supportive environment.

Students shared their thoughts on the program:

'It was a great social experience as we got to talk as we rode around.' –

**Sacha Feeny**

'During the lessons I built more confidence while riding and I learned how to check my bike to make sure that it is safe to ride.' – **Devy Singhal**

'It was fun and I liked going out onto the road to learn about the different road rules.' – **Jasmine Lu**

'I learned how to signal when you are turning left and right to let the cars behind you know that you are going to turn.' – **Naheer Ahmad**

Thank you to Mr Travis Henderson for his outstanding organisation and to Mr Kieran Jackson, Ms Laura Sieradzki and the Bike SA instructors for their support of the program.

## Citizenship Casual Clothes Day

On Wednesday 21 September, our ELC and Junior School participated in a casual clothes day, organised by our Junior School SRC Citizenship committee. Girls were invited to wear their team colours, either for a sporting team they play for or one they support, in exchange for a gold coin donation, with all proceeds going to the Bhadure School in Nepal. Once again, our community did a wonderful job, raising more than \$450.00 for this



very important cause. Well done, girls.

## Swimming Carnival

We are very much looking forward to our annual Junior School Swimming Carnival, to be held on **Friday 4 November** at the Adelaide Aquatic Centre. Detailed information will be shared with families in the coming days.

## Camp Australia Out of Hours School Care

As you would be aware, Camp Australia run an Out of Hours School Care program for our girls from four years of age through to Year 6. As communicated with families earlier this term, they have ceased offering Before School Care at this time due to a lack of bookings across the majority of this year. If you are likely to require a regular and consistent Before School Care in the future, I ask that you contact Camp Australia or the Junior School Front Office to let them know this is a matter of priority. They will require regular bookings of approximately seven or eight students to resume a viable service.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful, restful break in the coming weeks. I hope you have an opportunity to spend some time recharging as a family before we welcome the girls back to commence Term 4 on **Monday 17 October**.





MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Returning from REALISE

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

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### REALISE Core Group 3

Tomorrow, the Year 9 girls who have been down at Crawford for the past three weeks will showcase their experience for their parents before making the journey home for a well-deserved holiday. The girls particularly enjoyed caving at the Naracoorte Caves and having a guided tour through the Victoria Fossil Cave.

Thank you to Ms Lauren Walker for her creativity and for rearranging the activities around some challenging weather and an unexpected public holiday. Thank you also to Ms Rosie Smith, Ms Emily Duck, Ms Claire Aunger, Ms Stephanie Andrews, Dr. Sally Nobbs, Ms Sarah Wheeler and Ms Tansy Chen, who shared this experience with the girls.

### Australian Mathematics Competition

In Week 2 of this term, 75 Middle and Senior School students participated in the Australian Maths Competition. The AMC, run by the Australian Maths Trust, is a competition that demonstrates the importance and relevance of mathematics in students' everyday lives.

The challenging problems required students to think critically and creatively as they applied their mathematical knowledge to a wide variety of situations. We are so proud of

each student's involvement and their demonstration of adventurous learning. Well done to **Canyu (Alice) Jia** (Year 12) and **Emily Nguyen** (Year 9), who were awarded High Distinctions. Students will receive their certificates of achievement next term.

## Year 8 Wellbeing Day and Camp

This week, Year 8 Core Groups 1 and 2 were able to enjoy their Wellbeing Day run by the team from yLead as we welcomed Core Groups 3 and 4 back from camp. We hope that all girls enjoyed the fun-filled end to the term.

Thank you again to Ms Kate Mitchell and the Outdoor Education Instructors for all their preparations for camp. Thank you to Ms Billie Newton, Ms Maria Criaris, Ms Elyse Purkis, Ms Elisa Stracci, Mr Mathew D'Aloisio and Ms Bella Drioli-Phillips for attending to support the wellbeing of the girls on camp.

## Year 9 Carob Duke of Ed Service Project

This term Year 9 Carob raised money to make Carer Packages for National Foster Care Week as part of their Service component for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Some of these packages went to the Anglicare Beach House Event on the Friday which some of our year 10 Silver Duke of Ed girls attended to support the families and children. The other packages went to the families that attended the Fun in the Wilderness program on Tuesday afternoons with the Gold Duke of Ed girls. A big thanks to Cassie Pope and the girls for their efforts.

**Rosie Smith**

Outdoor Education Teacher













SENIOR SCHOOL

## Celebrating Bonds That Last a Lifetime

**Ben Manifold, Head of Senior School**

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It seems not that long ago that we were starting Term 3, and it is hard to believe that our Year 12 cohort only have 10 official school days left for 2022. We look forward to celebrating their final year of schooling in the first two weeks of Term 4.

Last week, staff and students came together to celebrate the life of Mr Gavin Haydn, a much loved and respected teacher and colleague of so many at Wilderness. It is never easy to say goodbye to someone who had a profound impact on so many. Staff and girls shared their memories and the Old Scholars Jazz Choir provided a beautiful rendition of Paul Simon's 'Bridge Over Troubled Water' under fairy lights on the Running Track outside Mr Haydn's classroom. Mrs April Ridgway, Director of Communications and Marketing, is thanked for coordinating this important event, as is The Rev'd Canon Jenny Wilson, Precentor at St Peter's Cathedral, who led this service.

The Year 12 cohort enjoyed the annual 'Bonding Night' last Friday evening. The girls participated in a range of fun activities including ten pin bowling, laser tag and a Quiz Night, which highlighted memorable moments during their time at Wilderness. Mr Tobia Trentin is thanked for his coordination of the Quiz Night, as are those staff who gave up their Friday evening to run this event for the girls.

As we start the Term 3 break, we look forward to the annual SONY Camp which will run over the first four days of the holidays. 15 Year 11s will be responsible for the 24-hour care of a student with special needs to provide respite care for their family. This is an



incredible experience for all students involved in the program and one that is so important for the campers' families.

Our Senior A Touch Football team will travel to Queensland for the Gold Coast Titans All Schools Touch Competition. This is the world's largest touch football competition with over 450 teams participating from Australia. We look forward to following their progress over the first week of the holidays.

Finally, the importance of this holiday break for our Year 12s cannot be underestimated. While it is important for girls to have a break and refresh, it is also time to continue their revision and preparation for their final exams. I wish all Senior School girls and their families a safe and happy holiday break.

## Debating Grand Final

Our Senior A Wilderness team competed in the grand final of the South Australian Debating Association's Schools' Competition at Parliament House. Tasked with arguing in the affirmative, "That this house prefers a world where people cannot lie", the impassioned and engaging team of **Olivia Tallent** (Year 12), **Chenuli Basnayake** (Year 11), **Allegra Kleinig** (Year 11) and **Devika Mukherjee** (Year 11) delivered a rigorous and layered debate that explored the morality and ethicality of lies and deception across the facets of society.

Adjudicators enjoyed the rich discussion and rebuttal between our girls and Prince Alfred College. Ultimately, in a split decision 3 to 2, the debate was awarded to Prince Alfred College. While we didn't take the victory, we are incredibly proud of these girls and their contributions. Wilderness debating is growing from strength to strength and 2023 is sure to bring even more success.

**Mathew D'Aloisio**

Debating Coordinator







BOARDING

## Happy Birthday Boarders!

[Renee Coventry, Head of Boarding](#)

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### Birthday Dinner

On Monday, we celebrated the Term 3 birthdays at our birthday dinner. It was wonderful to see the girls get involved in the theme through their dress-ups and participation in activities and games throughout the night. Well done to our 2022 Celebrations Captains for coordinating the night including a fun round of competitive games. Congratulations to those in Team USA on their win for the night!

### Colour Run Fun

Last week, many of our boarders got involved in the Colour Run, organised and led by the SRC. The girls enjoyed a little light relief from the intensity of their Term 3 schedules and pleasingly raised money again for the Bhadure school in Nepal.







SPORT

## Rescheduled Date for 2022 Athletics Carnival

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

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### Middle and Senior School Athletics Carnival Rescheduled

Our Middle and Senior School Athletics Carnival has been rescheduled to **Tuesday 18 October** at the Bridgestone Athletics Centre, Frost Road, Salisbury.

Please refer to the email communications sent to parents on Monday 26 September for further details on this upcoming event.

### Director of Sport and Recreation

Next term, I will be transitioning into the role of Rowing Head Coach and Fleet Logistics. As such, Wilderness School is excited to welcome Ms Ashleigh Young to the role of Director of Sport and Recreation commencing in Week 1 Term 4.

Ashleigh comes from a sporting background in both soccer and football and has a wealth of knowledge and experience from more than 10 years working in the sports industry. For the last four years, Ashleigh has been working in school sport at Sacred Heart College as the Administrative Sport Coordinator and at the Norwood Football Club as the Female Football Coordinator. Ashleigh is passionate about all things sport and delivering a high-quality program to cater for all.

We hope you will enjoy meeting Ashleigh as she looks to continue to grow and develop our Sport and Recreation Program at Wilderness.

Please send all sport communication to [sportadmin@wilderness.com.au](mailto:sportadmin@wilderness.com.au) until next term when Ashleigh commences.





CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

## Physical Theatre Performance Showcase with PAC and Artist, Mark Hill

[Hal Bruce, Head of Creative Industries](#)

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Across Weeks 9 and 10 of this term, the Year 10 Drama girls have been collaborating with Prince Alfred College (PAC) Drama students in a series of workshops working with international artist, Mark Hill.

Mark Hill is an international physical theatre performer, director and teacher. He has performed with cutting edge Australian physical theatre companies Zen Zen Zo, The Danger Ensemble and De Quincey Co, and with international companies Dairakudakan (Japan) and SU-EN Butoh Company (Sweden). He has also applied his skills to the music industry, touring as a physical performer for many years with Cabaret Punk musician, Amanda Palmer of The Dresden Dolls. Mark has trained and performed in a variety of World Traditions Methodologies for the past two decades, including Butoh, The Suzuki Method of Actor Training, The Viewpoints, Noh and Kecak.

This series of workshops with Mark, who is so skilled in physical theatre and international theatre styles, has been a highly unique experience for the girls. It has been wonderful to see how much the girls have enjoyed engaging with this style of theatre and how much they have gained as performers from working with Mark. It has also been excellent to collaborate with PAC's Year 10 and Year 11 boys throughout the process and in the development of Friday's showcase performance, which will be a great celebration of the students' learning and skills as physical theatre performers.

## Year 12 Art Exhibition: Of One's Own

The Year 12 Art Exhibition will be open from **Monday 17 October to Friday 21 October** during school hours in The Chrysalis. Please view the [poster](#).

The exhibition will feature artwork from students **Isobel Drew, Phoenix Kuchta, Meg Lowe, Toni Pham, Amy Tran, Arabella Winter and Ziyang Xu.**





CAREERS CORNER

## Careers Corner

Caroline Palmer, Careers Counsellor

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### Young Endeavour Youth Scheme: Explore the Aussie Coast

Open to 16- to 23-year-olds. The Young Endeavour Youth Scheme is pleased to announce that applications for youth development voyages in STS Young Endeavour from January to June 2023 are [open online now](#). Alternately, apply directly, by sending an [email](#) or call 1800 020 444 for further information.

Each voyage in Young Endeavour is a unique and challenging experience. The immersive nature of the program encourages participants to rapidly develop interpersonal, leadership and teamwork skills which are readily transferable into adult life. Twenty-four young people from across Australia make up the youth crew and learn how to sail a tall ship. They learn how to keep watch on deck, to handle lines, take the helm, navigate using the ship's electronic charts, assist the chef in the galley and climb the 30-metre mast to set and furl sails. No sailing experience is required, only a willingness to give everything a try. Voyage fees and conditions will apply to successful applicants. A limited number of financially assisted berths are available for eligible youth.

### The University of Melbourne

[Engineering majors](#) in 2023 will have new names, which will apply from Semester 1, 2023.



## UniMelb ☐ “On Demand”

[Explore](#) The University of Melbourne’s suite of videos covering everything from their curriculum, course information, career pathways, scholarships and accommodation.

## La Trobe University

Here, your daughter can combine practical skills with world-class education at one of the top 1% of universities worldwide.

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- Careers in [Criminology](#) and [Law](#)
- Bachelor of [Outdoor and Sustainability Education](#)
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## UNSW

Check out information about their [Arts, Design and Architecture degrees](#), and their [SciX@UNSW](#) Science Extension Program for high school students.

## Flinders University STEM and Medicine Seminar

Attendees will participate in a full day of events, including presentations and interactive workshops.

**Thursday 13 October**

9.30am to 3.00pm

Flinders University – [Register here](#).

## New Degrees at Flinders in 2023

The [Bachelor of Creative Industries \(Music\)](#) is aimed at students who are interested in working in the music industry (promotion, management and administration), or forging a career as an independent artist or producer. Taught by award-winning staff, students will also learn from artist management professionals, music promotions and marketing staff, label owners and representatives of recording studios. They will develop their recording and performance skills, create music videos and develop and implement marketing strategies informed by the latest research.

The [Bachelor of Information Technology \(Digital Forensics\)](#) will cover specialist studies in Forensic Science, Digital and Computer Forensics, Forensic Criminalistics, Internet and Network Forensics, Mobile Device Forensics, Evidence Evaluation and Crime Scene Management, plus all the knowledge in the regular Bachelor of Information Technology. Students will develop all the necessary applied and practical skills for a broad range of careers in digital forensics. This degree includes a six-week industry placement for students to gain first-hand industry experience.

The [Bachelor of Creative Industries \(Game Production\)](#) is a hands-on degree with an emphasis on the creative aspects of game production. Students will develop an in-depth knowledge of the games industry, the game design pipeline and the history, aesthetics and societal impact of games and gaming. Through the creation of assets for use in the game design pipeline with topics in game art, game narrative and game design, students will develop the essential skills in game production using industry standard software and game engines. In this degree, students will work alongside industry and collaborate with other students in the real-world games and VFX projects preparing them for a fulfilling career in this growing industry.

## University of Melbourne Residential College – International House

The closing date for entrance [scholarship](#) applications is **Wednesday 4 January 2023**, including:

- **Commerce at International House:** Full fee (up to \$30,293), one-year accommodation fee scholarship (domestic students studying business and economics)
- **Dawn Wade:** \$22,500 each year, three-year accommodation fee scholarship (domestic students from western regions of Victoria)
- **MM and RR Officer:** \$22,500, one-year accommodation fee scholarship (domestic or international students)

- **Vi and Pete Peterson:** \$14,000, one-year accommodation fee scholarship (international students)
- **Richard Cullen and Siu-Kuen Chan:** \$7000, one-year accommodation fee scholarship (international students from China, Hong Kong SAR or Taiwan).

There are three levels of [meal plans](#) available, depending on students' individual needs and budget. Students can access kitchennettes, shared kitchens and eating rooms to self-cater. The [residential fee](#) (whole academic year of 40 weeks) and room allocation are based on the choice of meal plan:

- \$30,293 – **Full catering:** breakfast, lunch and dinner, 7 days a week
- \$27,668 – **Medium catering:** lunch and dinner, 7 days a week
- \$25,043 – **Minimum catering:** lunch, 7 days a week, and dinner on Wednesday (Community Dinner) and Thursday (House Dinner).

International House provides [academic support](#) and extensive [wellbeing programs](#) promoting physical and mental health. These programs will help students achieve academically and personally. There are [recreational facilities](#) including music rooms and design studios for students to study or practise their hobbies. We have TV and games room for entertainment. They have an in-house gym, a multipurpose court and sporting clubs for students to exercise or learn a new sport.

International House accepts students studying at The University of Melbourne, Monash University (Parkville and CBD campus), RMIT and ACU. If students apply directly to International House through our [website](#), there is **no application fee, no interview and no reference letter required**.

If interested, please encourage your daughter to watch the [virtual campus tour](#). To arrange an in-person tour of International House, please email [Ms Tamra Keating](#).

## Immerse Education Essay Competition

The [Immerse Education Essay Competition](#) is one of the world's most popular essay competitions for high school students, offering the opportunity to win a 100% scholarship to attend an Immerse Education program in Oxford, Cambridge or London. Students aged 13-18 are eligible to enter and submit short essay responses to a pre-set question relating to their chosen subject and age group. There are over 30 subjects to choose from



and, new to this round, an open category where your daughter can create her own question for one of the subjects available. The deadline for entry is **Wednesday 4 January 2023**.

## UCAT

[Learn more](#) about the test format and explore resources.

Students considering a career in Medicine or Dentistry, and especially for those who already know that they will be sitting the UCAT or attending Med School Interviews can register [here](#) for a forum to find out more about the UCAT, interviews, pathways into medicine and to have all questions answered by expert teachers who have been working in the field since 1999.

## iCanMed – UCAT Preparation Course

There are free webinars and resources available [here](#).

## Health Careers ATARs

My Health Careers website have provided ATAR information on a range of Health Careers:

- [Midwifery](#)
- [Dentistry](#)
- [Dietetics](#)
- [Medicine](#)
- [Nursing](#)
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- Psychology.



COMMUNITY

## Purchase Your Copy of the Wilderness Cookbook Today!

[Jen Guest, President of the Parents and Friends Association](#)

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We are delighted by the recipes we have received for the Parents and Friends cookbook. With over 100 contributions from the community, it features savoury snacks, sweet treats, meals for weeknights and special occasions, not to mention cakes and desserts!

If you are yet to secure a copy, you can purchase one today by following these steps:

1. Log into [flexischools](#)
2. Select 'Shop'
3. Select any of your children
4. Select 'Wilderness Uniform'
5. Select any date (the next available day will be Thursday 13 October)
6. Select 'continue to place order' followed by 'confirm'
7. Scroll through the menu and select 'Parents and Friends'
8. Select 'Family Cookbook'.
9. Confirm the number of copies you would like and complete your payment.

We encourage you to complete your order by **Friday 14 October**.



