

Life in the Wilderness

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Courage to be Independent

Belinda Arnfield

Welcome back to Term 4 and to a time of real celebration as we farewell our Year 12s and begin to wind up the year. This juncture makes me reflect upon our Wilderness value of enabling and nurturing a true and courageous self.

Throughout the year we continually cultivate practices that help our girls to become more resilient, vibrant, spiritually aware and confident within themselves. I am lucky enough to witness the effects of this daily, with our wonderfully unique Wilderness girls confidently expressing themselves. Particularly with the senior girls, our approach fosters the independence they will need to carry them through this next stage of their lives.

With many exciting events coming up on the calendar such as the Year 12 Walk of Honour, Valedictory Dinner, Speech Night, prize giving assemblies, Christmas celebrations and more, I encourage our parents to take note of the events in which we welcome you to celebrate alongside your daughter, and as well as the student events that are planned. Heads of School and Heads of House will be in touch with details of these events.

A small reminder that this term all staff and students return on Monday 14 October. We look forward to welcoming you all back and learning about what the girls have been up to over the break.

I'm so thankful that spring is here again. As we move into the warmer months, I would like to remind you of our sun protection commitment and of the vital role parents and teachers play:

- Please ensure your daughter has access to SPF 50+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen before leaving for School - SPF 50+ sunscreen is also provided in Junior School classrooms and in key areas across the school grounds
- ELC and Junior School students are required to wear the blue sun hat when playing outside - please ensure your daughter comes to school with her hat
- Middle and Senior School girls are encouraged to wear hats – teachers and parents can role model sun-safe habits by also wearing hats on campus
- Sunscreen, sun protective clothing and hats are requested for all camps, sports, and excursions
- Students are encouraged to use shaded or covered areas when outside on campus and at school events

UV Radiation is dangerous for skin when it reaches a UV Index level of three or above, and Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. There is a new screen in the Gym foyer alerting girls to the current UV rating.

I hope that by working together, we can significantly reduce the risk for our girls. Sun safety is a life-long lesson and by educating and empowering them to safely enjoy the outdoors year-round, they'll do so independently for years to come.

Belinda Arnfield

Principal



JUNIOR SCHOOL

Welcome to Term 4: Growth, Celebrations, and Farewells

[Liz McCarthy](#)

Welcome back to what is undoubtedly going to be a very busy Term 4 in our Junior School! With a welcome return to some warmer weather, we look forward to seeing our girls return to school on Monday morning after the October break.

Summer uniforms may now be worn, with our usual two week changeover period in place. Please remember that girls must wear either the full summer or full winter uniform, not mix and match pieces from each. Full summer uniform only is required from the commencement of Week 3 (28 October).

Farewell Year 12's

One of the privileges of an ELC to Year 12 school is being able to watch our girls grow throughout their educational journeys, many from ELC but also joining along the way, culminating in the celebrations that mark the end of their time as students of Wilderness. We will have the bittersweet opportunity to farewell our Year 12 class of 2024 at the end of Week 2 as they begin their exam preparation time. All girls, from Mamies to Year 11, will form our traditional Walk of Honour line for the Year 12's, showing them wonderful support and school spirit.

Junior School Assembly/Sports Day

There will be no Junior School assembly until Thursday of Week 3 (31÷10), which will be followed the following day with our Junior School Sports Day. More information will be shared in the coming weeks about this event, however for your reference, the day will

commence at 8:30am and conclude by 1:30pm. It will be held at the Parklands and parents are most welcome to attend.

New Girls Day

Our New Girls Day will be held on Tuesday 19 November, where we welcome and host all new girls who will commence in the Junior School in 2025 for the day. All girls in the Junior School will spend this day with their 2025 year level teachers before finding out their class teacher on the final day of term. The Year 3 students will host our New Girls Welcome Assembly on this day.

Wilderness OSHC

A reminder that our wonderful Wilderness OSHC Program has places available to support families both before and after school each day. With bespoke programs, nutritious breakfasts and snacks provided and a welcoming and home-like environment, the OSHC is a perfect choice for those families needing extra supervision for their daughters before the school day commences and after it concludes.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Year One teacher and R – 2 Teaching and Learning Coordinator, Kate Snell and our Deputy Principal: Teaching and Learning, Brad Snell, on the much-anticipated birth of their healthy and precious little daughter, Charlie, last week.

Term 4 always seems to move past at an alarming and ever-increasing pace. Amongst the busy days, our little ones have an incredible knack of drawing in our focus and demanding our true presence, enriching our days through our interactions with them and providing a reminder of what a privilege it is to do what we do. I encourage each of you, amid the very busy juggling act of balancing home, work and school lives, to pause and take some of these moments also.

Your daughter's Term 4 overviews will be sent out at the beginning of next week. The Junior School staff and I look forward to another term of learning and relationships with your daughters and to seeing you across our upcoming celebrations and events.

Liz McCarthy

Head of Junior School



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Welcome Back to Term 4!

[Rhianon Giles](#)

Staffing News

We welcome back Mr Brad Waller and Mrs Deb Skelly following Long Service leave.

Uniform

A reminder that in Term 4 girls wear the summer dress and should wear the white summer hat to and from school.

Please ensure that your daughter removes any necklaces or bracelets before returning to school on Monday. Earrings should be plain studs or sleepers. Further details about the uniform and jewellery expectations are available on SEQTA Engage or in the front pages of the student diary.

Homework Timetables

Please find below the updated Middle School Homework Timetables for Term 4.

[Year 7](#)

[Year 8](#)

[Year 9](#)

Camp Preferences 2025

Year 7 and 8 parents will receive a link to an online form to record their preferences for the Outdoor Education Experiences in 2025. The online form will be available until Friday 1 November. Any changes to preferences following this date will need to be made via

email to Rhiannon Giles.

Girls in these year levels will meet with Dr Giles early in Term 4 to discuss how Core Groups for 2025 are constructed and how they will be able to also have input to this process via an online form recording their friendship requests.

Middle School Social

The Middle School Social was a huge success and \$3900 was raised for the Round Square Foundation. Thank you to all the students and staff who attended and made the event such a success.

Photos of the event are available for purchase using the following [link](#).

Oliphant Science Award Winners

Congratulations to Nidhi Sinhal (8 Carob) and Shaya Ismail (9 Antholiza) for their success in the 2024 Oliphant Science Awards.

Touch Football

Congratulations to Fleur Croser (9 Sparaxis) who recently competed at the State School Sport Girls Touch Football Competition. Senior School students, Jasmine Thirwell (12 Antholiza) and Bella Browning (11 Antholiza), were also involved and are pictured with Fleur.

Middle School Showdown

At the end of last term, the Middle School Showdown was held at lunch. It was a wonderful collaboration between the Middle and Señor School SRC girls and involved a range of activities across Year 7, 8 and 9. The House Captains were there to encourage spirit and representatives from each Middle School Form competed for their House.

Congratulations to Antholiza who won the day.

Celebrating the Mid-Autumn festival

To celebrate the Mid-Autumn festival, some Year 8 and 9 Students played murder mystery games and shared dinner together. Thank you to Vivian Han and Angela Sciberras-Xiong for their support of this initiative.

School Policies and Codes of Conduct

A reminder to parents that policies, guidelines and codes of conduct are available on SEQTA Engage under the documents tab.

Rhiannon Giles

Head of Middle School





SENIOR SCHOOL

Welcome Back to a Celebratory Term of Achievements and Milestones

[Kate Hanson](#)

Gold Duke of Ed

Recently our Year 12 students, Sophie Grice, Anna McAuliffe, Lucy Lydeamore, Jasmine Huynh and Grace Munro were awarded their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards. This is a significant and prestigious award. Congratulations!

Term Reminders

We are looking forward to seeing the girls back for Term 4. In preparation for the new term, I have listed some reminders below.

Uniform

Now that Term 4 has commenced, all girls should be in summer uniform. This includes knee-high white socks and the summer hat worn to and from school.

Year 12s are reminded that the hoodie cannot be worn with the uniform outside of school – blazers must be worn if an additional layer is required.

Please check that your daughter's dress is knee-length or longer, as she may have grown over the winter. Earrings should be small studs or sleepers; no dangling charms or hoops are permitted. We ask that all girls give their school shoes a clean and polish during the break.

Stage 2 Examinations

Information regarding final Stage 2 examinations has been communicated to families. Please speak to [Mr Hawkins](#) if you have any questions.

The girls will require their school-allocated device for examinations, with the app DigiExam installed. If there are any concerns with devices, please ask your daughter to visit The Hive as soon as possible.

End of Year Events

There are several key events during Term 4 to farewell our Year 12s and to celebrate the achievements of our school community. Information regarding events such as Valedictory, Advent Service and Speech Night will be sent separately. If you have any questions about these events, please contact the school on 8344 6688.

Student Drivers

All student drivers are required to submit a Permission to Drive form. Please complete this for the new term if your daughter will be driving to school.

Year 10 Homework Timetable

Some minor changes have been made to the Year 10 Homework Timetable which can be found [here](#).

Kate Hanson

Head of Senior School





SPORT

Highlights from Our Recent Sporting Achievements

[Jonathon Koutsikas](#)

Middle/ Senior Athletics Carnival

At the end of Term 3 assembly we handed out the awards for our Middle/Senior Athletics Carnival. Please [click here](#) for the awards list.

9/10 Statewide Knockout Soccer Finals

On Tuesday 24 Sep, our Year 9/10 Knockout Soccer team competed in the state finals at Service FM Stadium. The girls put up a strong fight, narrowly losing 1-0 to three-time champions and eventual winners, Henley, in the first match. They bounced back with an impressive 6-1 victory against Loreto in their final game, securing 3rd place in the state. We must thank coach Kieran Jackson for his outstanding work with this team all season and his assistant coach Charlie Bower.

Touch Australia National Championships

In week 10 last term 3 of our girls headed to Coffs Harbor in NSW to represent South Australia at the Touch Nationals Competition.

U18

Bella Browning

Jas Thirlwell

U16

Fleur Croser

The girls performed extremely well and should be extremely proud for being selected to play on the national stage.

Hockey Achievements

Congratulations to Molly Dwyer, who was part of the Premier League Women's Grand Final winning team (Adelaide Hockey Club). Molly shared this honour with one of our Wilderness hockey Senior A coaches, Eliza White.

The Hockey SA Under 18 Hockey Premiership winners, Adelaide Hockey Club) also starred many Wilderness hockey players:

Molly Dwyer

Natasha Lippett

Rosie Lioulis

Annika Hancock

Ella Meyer

Congratulations to Molly on the double hockey Premiership wins, and to all our Wildy hockey girls.

Jonathon Koutsikas

Director of Sport and Recreation





COMMUNITY

Celebrating Our Old Scholars and Upcoming Reunions

Advancement

Old Scholars in the News

We are delighted to share that old scholar Madeleine McNeil (Class of 2017) has been announced as the 2025 Rhodes Scholar elect.

As the Valedictorian of her class, Madeleine graduated with First Class Honours in Law and a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy at The University of Adelaide. At Oxford, she will pursue a Bachelor of Civil Laws, focusing on applying human rights law in international tribunals.

Madeleine's accomplishments embody the values of Wilderness School. Her commitment to excellence and positive change inspires us all. We look forward to the remarkable impact she will have in her field and are excited to follow her journey at Oxford! Congratulations Madeleine!

For Year 12 - Welcome to Wilderness Old Scholars' Association Breakfast

Thursday, 17 October 2024 at 8.30am

[Welcome to WOSA Year 12 Breakfast 2024 | TryBooking](#)

International Reunion

While Principal Belinda Arnfield is in the UK, she will host an Old Scholars gathering in London.

When: Friday 11 October 2024

Where: The Orange, Belgravia

Term 4 Reunions

Class of 1994 – 30 years – Saturday 19 October 2024 - [30 Year Graduating Reunion -](#)

[Class of 1994 Tickets, The Kentish Hotel | TryBooking Australia](#)

Class of 1964 – 60 years – Saturday 26 October 2024 - [60 Year Graduating Reunion -](#)

[Class of 1964 | TryBooking](#)

Class of 2004 – 20 years – Saturday 2 November 2024 - [20 Year Graduating Reunion -](#)

[Class of 2004 | TryBooking](#)

Class of 1984 – 40 years – Saturday 16 November 2024 - [40 Year Graduating Reunion -](#)

[Class of 1984 | TryBooking](#)

Old Scholars Golf Day

Monday 21 October 2024 - [WOSA Golf Day 2024 Tickets, Royal Adelaide Golf Club,](#)

[SEATON | TryBooking Australia](#)



LEARNING, PATHWAY AND INDUSTRY

Learning, Pathway and Industry

[Caroline Palmer](#)

Year 10 Pathways Week

This year, we expanded Year 10 Pathways Week by introducing an Industry Immersion Program, followed by three days of Work Experience in Week 10 of Term 3. Students engaged in various industry and university experiences, including half-day visits to Adelaide University, Flinders University, and UniSA, along with three days of work experience from Wednesday 25 to Friday 27 September.

The program aimed to expose students to different industries and higher education pathways, helping them make informed career decisions. During industry visits, students explored key business functions and supporting roles, gaining a broad understanding of career opportunities within the industries they visited.

This initiative was designed to inspire students to consider diverse study options, internships, and careers, encouraging them to think creatively and pursue fields where females are often underrepresented. After their workplace visits, students toured The University of Adelaide, with further visits to Flinders University and UniSA, before transitioning into work experience later in the week.

Notable industry partners included valuable Wilderness contacts who regularly support career department initiatives for the school community. We are most grateful for their ongoing support:

- Rising Sun/UniSA – Anna Hodge
- Woods Bagot – Rosina Di Maria
- Robinsons Aerospace & Fleet Space
- Smart Health – Jenn Guest
- The Crows - Reshma Berggren

The University of Adelaide

Information sessions and activities

Jobs of the Future

Duration: 45 minutes

For Year 10 and above

It is estimated that over 40% of jobs are at risk of becoming automated in the next 20 years. The aim of this presentation is to get students thinking about the jobs of the future, and what this could mean for their career direction. Hear about emerging technologies and industries, as well as the skills students will need to thrive in an ever-changing workforce.

[Booking link](#)

The Academy by Deloitte information session

Duration: 45 minutes

For Year 11 and 12 students

The University of Adelaide and global organisation Deloitte have partnered to deliver a world-class student experience. Come along to learn more about this exclusive offering for Undergraduates, allowing students to become job-ready, while gaining support and insights from industry leaders. The Academy experience goes far beyond finance, with opportunities for students studying undergraduate degrees in science, engineering, technology, health, arts business, law and economics. Participants will emerge ready to kick-start the career of their dreams, with unparalleled industry experience and a recognised Professional Certificate in Advisory Services.

What does a Data Scientist do?

[Data Scientist](#)

What does a Network Engineer do?

[Network Engineer](#)

Take the Change

Interested in a career in Environmental industries?

[Take the Change](#)

The University of Queensland

Queensland Mathematics Summer School – for current Year 10 students

[Registration link](#)

TC Beirne School of Law Leadership, Excellence and Diversity Scholarship

[Link](#)

Enhanced Studies Program

Offering Year 11 and 12 students a test drive of university

[Link](#)

Elite Athlete and Sporting Scholarships webinar

[Link](#)

Language Proficiency Program

For students in Years 9 & 10 or 11 & 12 studying French, German, Indonesian, Japanese, Spanish and Italian

[Link](#)

UQ Summer bridging program – Mathematical Methods, Biology, Chemistry, Physics

A 4-week intensive course to meet prerequisite requirements for undergraduate programs at The University of Queensland.

Applications close 11 November

[Link](#)

Job Highlights

How to become a Medical Doctor

[Job outline link](#)

Youtube – How to become a Medical Doctor

[link](#)

MedEntry

The [UCAT](#) is required for entry to Medicine and Dentistry at most Australian universities.

Students who wish to enter such courses will need to sit UCAT in July-August 2025 as Year 12's. The best way to prepare for the UCAT is by undergoing distributed practice over several months.

ACE your Medicine/Dentistry interview – free session in Adelaide

When: October 20, 9.30am

[Registration link](#)

University Scholarships FAQ's

[Link](#)

Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship

Western Sydney University

[Link](#)

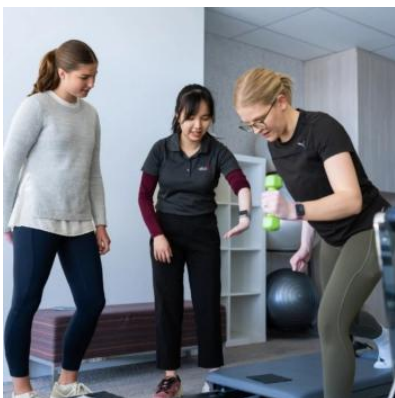
Emerging Fashion Design Scholarship

Billy Blue College of Design and Torrens University

[Link](#)

Caroline Palmer

Careers Counsellor





OSHC

School Holiday Fun!

[Bec Vandermoer & Xin Wang](#)

We had a busy and fun school holiday program for all the girls and their siblings. We went tree climbing, had farm animals visit us, we flew on a mystery flight to Hawaii and also had a silent Disco and of course a first for many was a Limousine Ride travelling through the city to see all the famous sites.

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

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

Bec Vandermoer & Xin Wang

Co OSHC Directors



