

# Life in the Wilderness

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## A Year of Gratitude

Belinda Arnfield, Principal

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Thank you for being part of the Wilderness community in 2022.

Of all my years at Wilderness School, this is one which will always remain close to my heart. I am grateful to everyone who has made my first year in the role of Principal so memorable—whether as a parent, a staff member or, most importantly, as a student.

When I reflect on the past 12 months, I am grateful for so many wonderful moments. One highlight was certainly the opportunity to send a group of students and staff overseas to represent Wilderness at the Round Square International Conference. This was our first opportunity to resume overseas travel in several years. The Round Square IDEALS—International Understanding, Democracy, Environmental Stewardship, Adventure, Leadership and Service—align strongly with our school values, and we were excited for this group to experience these ideals in another country as they collaborated with students from all over the world.

It was also a one-of-a-kind year for our Wilderness Old Scholars, who participated in a record number of 15 school reunions. These graduating classes all received a warm welcome as they returned to the School for a tour around the campus, through which I had the fortune of seeing Wilderness through the eyes of several generations of Wildy

women, before they enjoyed a meal reminiscing together.

On Monday night, at the Year 12 Boarders Parents Dinner, I shared what a privilege it is to have third- and fourth-generation Wildy girls in our graduating class of 2022, who are representative of the strong intergenerational family relationships we have across all year levels. A great strength of our School is the established link to our history, which influences our values and practices; through this, we have built longstanding connections throughout the decades—for families who are new to Wilderness this year, we hope you will always remember 2022 as the first year of your own Wilderness legacy.

Our girls' growth and development inspire me every day, and I am immensely proud of what I have witnessed each girl achieve this year. I hope that they can each name something they learned, experienced or tried for the first time which will mark 2022 as a special year for them, too.

I am thankful for our passionate and highly skilled educators; with their expert teaching, and the ability to find wonder and spark interest in each subject area, it is no surprise that our girls continue to excel. By working together with our professional support staff—the engine room of our school—we are able to maximise opportunities and student wellbeing, which enables all girls to thrive.

As we head into the final weeks of the year, I hope that you are able to reflect on what you are grateful for in your lives. What has made 2022 unique, or special for you and your family, or what you are looking forward to most next year?

Thank you all for your support, and for trusting us with your daughters in 2022. This year, our girls have achieved incredible results, conquered challenges and strengthened lifelong relationships—and we cannot wait to build on this in 2023.

We look forward to welcoming your daughters back to Wilderness next year. Until then, I wish you all a wonderful Christmas with your loved ones and a Happy New Year.



EARLY LEARNING

## A Year of Special Projects and Treasured Learning

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

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As our 2022 academic year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for an exceptional year. Thank you for selecting us for your daughters' early education, as it has been a tremendous privilege to be involved in each of your little girls' learning journeys this year.

In the coming weeks, you will receive your daughter's beautiful and informative school report and our special 2022 ELC Keepsake Book. The teachers have spent an incredible amount of time reflecting on and documenting your daughter's learning journey in accordance with the Early Years Learning Framework and through our special projects. They have then carefully selected what are truly the most beautiful photos of your daughter that represent her identity and the learning that has been important to her. For this exceptionally time consuming yet incredibly important work, as a parent and leader, I would like to express my immense gratitude to the teachers, and to the co-educators for their support.

Finally, you will receive information in January reminding you of the final transition visit (scheduled for **Tuesday 31 January** between 9.00am and 11.00am) and informing you of the designated days for the specialist lessons in the ELC.

For those of you continuing into Reception, your teachers will send you timetables for specialist lessons. We are already busily preparing for the girls' commencement, including purchasing brand-new readers and finalising plans for the implementation of



a new, exceptional literacy program.

We wish you a safe, happy and healthy holiday and look forward to seeing you in 2023.









JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Outstanding Outdoor Education

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

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As yet another school year draws to a close, it is a time of both reflection on the year that has been, as well as holding a forward-looking focus ensuring we are prepared for the year that is to come.

This year has been another dynamic, complex and successful year in our Junior School, with us commencing in the most unusual of ways—not in person, but in an online learning environment. While this seems like a lifetime ago and the enforced restrictions related to COVID-19 have diminished, we have still had a year largely influenced and altered by the pandemic and all that is has brought. We have had to maintain our ability to be flexible and pivot in our planning for events, camps and simply in the way we work and come together. I am proud to say that we have worked hard to achieve a balance between the safety of our community and ensuring that the experiences for our girls are rich, memorable and focussed on their learning growth.

Earlier this week, we had the opportunity to celebrate excellence in our Junior School at our Prize Giving and Year 6 Graduation Assembly. Our prize winners were recognised for their consistent effort and application across the school year, as well as their engagement that ensured both their progress and success. Writer, historian and philosopher Will Durant said, “We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.” The girls recognised at our assembly demonstrated just this. Excellence is not achieved with one great lesson of engagement, one great project or test result or one high-scoring match. It is achieved with consistency of application, with ongoing effort

and, as Durant said, then it becomes a habit—something that becomes part of who and how we are. It was wonderful to present our prize winners to our Principal, Mrs Belinda Arnfield, and to acknowledge and congratulate them as a Junior School community.

#### Junior School Awards

- **Art Prize:** Sacha Feeny (Year 6)
- **Caroline Verco Memorial Prize for English:** Miao Miao Zhu (Year 6) and Sirui Tang (Year 6)
- **Digital Technology Prize:** Reese Liu (Year 6)
- **Drama Prize:** Sky Jeffries and Scarlett Desyllas (Year 6)
- **Humanities Prize:** Evangeline Lee (Year 6)
- **Junior Debating Prize:** Selin Cinar (Year 6)
- **Junior School Chess Prize (highest score):** Alice Gao (Year 4)
- **Languages Prize:** Asha Dan (Year 6)
- **Old Scholars' Prize for Junior School Mathematics:** Sharon Zhai (Year 6)
- **Parents and Friends Prize for Music:** Evangeline Lee (Year 6)
- **Principal's Junior SRC Prize:** Evangeline Lee (Year 6) and Saskia Kuchta (Year 6)
- **Science Prize:** Nidhi Sinhal (Year 6)

#### Values Awards

- **Adventurous Learning:** Edie Lydeamore (Year 6)
- **Nicholson Prize for Responsible Citizenship:** Ariarne Galbraith (Year 6)
- **Respectful Relationships:** Clementine Waltham (Year 6)
- **Sarah Hayward Prize for True and Courageous Self:** Selin Cinar (Year 6)

#### Sport Awards

- **Australian Rules Prize:** Addison Munt (Year 5)
- **Basketball Prize:** Matilda Kennedy (Year 6)
- **Cross Country SAPSASA Prize:** Asha Dan (Year 6)
- **Hockey Prize:** Rachel Chisholm (Year 6)
- **Netball Prize:** Matilda Burns (Year 6)
- **Rita Curnow Prize for Tennis:** Rachel Chisholm (Year 6)
- **Soccer Prize:** Linah Kafagy (Year 6)
- **Swimming SAPSASA Prize:** Ivy Dowd (Year 5)
- **Teeball Prize:** Fatima Muazzam (Year 4)
- **Touch Football Prize:** Addison Munt (Year 5)
- **Volleyball Prize:** Tara Salerno (Year 6)
- **Prize for Effort & Enthusiasm in Sport:** Edie Lydeamore (Year 6)
- **Harris Cup for Best All Round in Junior Sport Prize:** Linah Kafagy (Year 6)
- **Wynnie Brown Shield for the Top House Aggregate – Top House 2022:** Cedar

We also had the joyful opportunity to celebrate and farewell our Year 6 leaders as they completed their Junior School journey and prepare to enter the Middle School. The 2022 Year 6 cohort have been an exemplary group, having brought such diversity in their skills, talents and personalities, with each individual playing their part to contribute to the whole. It has been both a joy and a privilege to watch them grow from the very little girls, who joined us either in our ELC, Reception or at various stages along the way, into the confident, well-prepared and articulate girls who graduated this week. We thank our Year 6 girls for all they have contributed throughout their Junior School journey. Their influence has truly made a positive difference to our community and we wish them the very best as they continue to learn and grow in the Middle School and beyond.

“Look around girls, it seems like yesterday that we were graduating from Annies and singing ‘What A Wonderful World’. Fast forward seven years and our Junior School journey is ending with countless memories to savour.



Many of us sitting here today started our journey in Mamies those seven years ago. Wide-eyed and full of hope, we entered the Mamie house with our huge backpacks to start our adventure through the Wilderness. Although we started small, many friends have joined us along the way and we have formed an amazing bond.

The memories that we have created will stay with us for a lifetime. Countless laughs, camps, adventures and a whole lot of learning. It hasn't always been easy, but we are so proud of the grit we have shown throughout our Junior School ride.

As Dr Seuss once said, "Sometimes you will never know the value of something, until it becomes a memory."

On behalf of the Year 6s, we would like to thank all of our Junior School teachers who have guided us through the years. A special thank you to Mr Kieran Jackson and Ms Laura Sieradzki for making our final year such a memorable one, and to our parents for the opportunity to experience this amazing school.

In 2028, we're sure the world will have changed a lot. We, however, will be standing in a similar position to this, graduating from our final year of Wildy. So, girls, let us enjoy the rest of our journey as we're sure the next six years will pass as quickly as a click of the fingers.

And I'm thinking to myself, what a wonderful world." - **Saskia Kuchta and Evangeline Lee**, 2022 JS SRC Presidents

## Year 4 Camp - Walking the Boundaries

In Week 6, both Year 4 classes had the opportunity to stay in Douglas Scrub and participate in a camp based on the Jackie French novel Walking the Boundaries. 4R went on Monday and stayed until Wednesday, while 4Z travelled to the camp on Wednesday and returned on Friday.

After arriving and getting familiar with the beautiful environment, playground and dorms, the girls went on bush walks within the campgrounds to explore the environment using

all their senses. They also participated in an exciting drama production. On the first evening, after enjoying a delicious dinner, half the girls got comfortable in the tents and half settled into their dorms.

The next day, the girls were transported to Onkaparinga River National Park to do an entire day of hiking through the spectacular bushland. The girls were rewarded with lunch by a running waterfall and a spot of yabbying. The girls got to see amazing native animals and plants. In the evening we had an informative and fun session learning about Ngarrindjeri culture and country led by members of the Deadly Nannas group, Auntie Pauline Walker and Auntie Georgina Trevorrow. After this session everyone was quick to get ready to sleep in the dorms and tents.

In the morning, the girls quickly packed up their sleeping bags, ate breakfast and cleaned the campsite. The final activities included candle making and a tour led by Jan Forest, learning about the wonderful animal nesting boxes. These have been placed high up in the gorgeous gum trees for various animals as a replacement for natural tree hollows that the animals find harder to locate in our modern times due to land clearing. The girls were shown these boxes and even what was living inside them through the powers of technology. Finally, Jan Forest encouraged the girls to make a pledge to be an advocate for the environment.

All the girls were able to reflect on something that they were challenged by on camp and how they walked their own boundaries, learning about resilience and how we can support ourselves and one another to overcome challenges.

**Celine Zammit**

Year 4 Teacher

## Year 6 Outdoor Education Bike program

During Week 7, the Year 6 students had another exciting experience in the outdoors on their bikes, riding along the Linear Park trail following the Karrawirraparri (River Torrens). The students rode from Henley Beach to Lochiel Park and return, stopping for many playground adventures, paddle boating, Green Belt creating, painting, creating bee hotels and climbing at Mega Adventure.

The students explored their own backyard, learning about the local flora and fauna, Kaurna history and how important the river is to the community. The students worked collaboratively with each other, supporting and encouraging one another along the way as they immersed themselves in the experiences and enjoyed the sunshine.

“I believe that cycling across Linear Park in small groups instead of a large one allows you to collaborate and develop your patience, which is a skill you will need throughout your lifetime.” - **Asha Dan**

Rosie Smith  
Outdoor Education Teacher

## 2023 Booklist

We wish to remind you that the booklists for Junior School students are now open via [Box of Books](#) for you to complete your order.

### 2023 Reception to Year 4 Parents:

Please note that to ensure orders are delivered to the School before the end of the year, Box of Books are asking you to **complete your orders by Friday 9 December 2022**. Please select 'delivery to school' to ensure that your order is sent to Wilderness School. Any orders for Reception to Year 4 made after this date will be delivered to your home address (please ensure this is included in your information). You will need to bring the books and stationery items to school on the first day of Term 1.

### 2023 Year 5 to Year 6 Parents:

Orders must be made by **Friday 9 December 2022** to guarantee delivery before the beginning of Term 1, 2023. Box of Books will do their best to deliver orders made after this date before the beginning of term, however they are not able to guarantee it.

Please [click here](#) to view the steps to order.









MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Ethics Olympians Advance to the Final

[Rhiannon Giles, Head of Middle School](#)

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Recently, two Year 7 Wilderness teams competed at the South Australia/Northern Territory Ethics Olympiad. The team of **Manha Abaid, Annika Ganesh, Saanvi Khanna, Sarah Mah** and **Akshaya Thiru** received an Honourable Mention from the judges and the team of **Mihika Kanhere, Bella Pasin, Alexandra Pringle, Addison Raeside** and **Seraphina Sun** were the overall winners of the event and have been awarded the Gold Medal!

Our winning team will progress to the International Middle School Ethics Olympiad Final to be held online in February next year. The girls will be presented their medals at a Middle School Assembly early next year.

Thank you to Ms Alison Short for her work with the teams.

## Middle School Drama

It has been a very busy end to the term for the Middle School Drama classes and there have been a number of performances for the community to enjoy. Thank you to Ms Jessica Foster, Ms Rebecca Williams, Mr Hal Bruce, Ms Candace Gwyther and Ms Stephanie Fisher.

The Year 8 Drama classes performed *James and The Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl for girls in the Lower Junior School.

The Year 9 Commedia dell'arte students performed their two original, student-devised

plays *The Bachelor Party* and *The Worst Wedding* in Naples last week on Tuesday evening. The plays were incredibly physical and the girls were wonderfully witty and foolish. Both performances used traditional characters and it was wonderful to contrast the different interpretations of these century-old characters.

The Year 9 Physical Theatre students performed their devised interpretation of *Fan Girls 2.0* in the Newman Theatre last Friday at lunch. The girls worked hard and were very proud of their work.

## Year 7 Artemis

Year 7 girls have been busy up-cycling their wardrobe this term as a part of their Nifty Thrifty and Wise Artemis unit. Students explored the effects of fast fashion and clothing production on the environment and explored the various ethical dilemmas associated. Up-cycling means to take old, worn out or damaged clothing and transform it into something new. Some examples of their wonderful creations include pyjama pants transformed into a handbag and old bed sheets transformed into a dress.

## Year 9 Mathematics

In Year 9 Mathematics classes, the girls have been learning about geometric reasoning to explain the similarity and congruence of triangles. This led to an exploration of conjectures, which are mathematical conclusions made without proof. The Year 9s looked for patterns connecting the relationships between faces, vertices and edges of various polyhedra. What better way to model these shapes than with spaghetti and marshmallows? Euler's Formula was proven, and the girls enjoyed their sweet treats, despite the sticky fingers!

## Middle School Minimesters

This week, Middle School girls have been enjoying a variety of activities to keep them busy to the very last day of school.

The Year 7s have enjoyed a program called Connection to Community, Country and Culture. The girls have experienced sessions of storytelling, visual arts, making feather armbands and developing their own individual project based on their interests and passions.

The Year 8s have participated in an 18-hour Film Festival, collaborating in small groups to develop their ideas then act in, shoot and edit short films. The girls were able to watch their films in Hender Hall today as a group.

The Year 9s have had a storytelling focus in their Minimester entitled "The Moth". The



girls have listened to the stories of staff, created mandalas with Cathy Gray and developed their own stories. Today, the girls also enjoyed an afternoon of sports at the Park Lands.

Thank you to all the teachers who made the week possible, particularly Ms Jessica Foster, Mr Hal Bruce and Mr Mathew D'Aloisio.

## Year 8 Chinese Excursion

Please enjoy this reflection written by **Evelyn McArdle** (Year 8) about last week's Chinese film excursion.

Our final unit for this year concluded in a movie, I Am What I Am (also known as Lion Boy and '醒狮'), about overcoming obstacles, self-discovery and newfound passion for lion dancing. To fully understand the depth and meaning behind the movie, we had to understand the power behind Lion and Dragon dance.

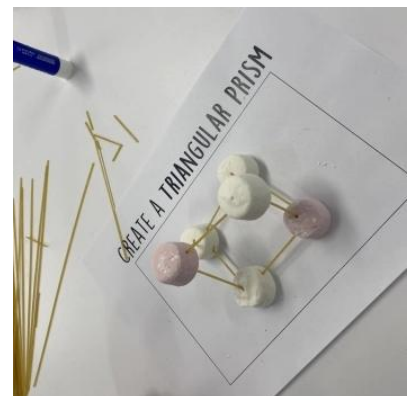
To broaden our understanding, we answered these six questions:

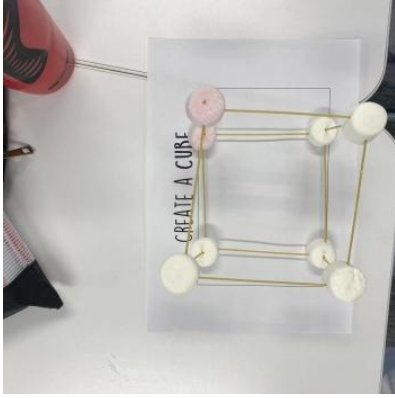
- When did it start?
- What is the meaning behind it?
- Why is it so loud?
- Why is lettuce so important?
- What is acrobatic lion dancing?
- Where can you go to see acrobatic lion dance in Adelaide?

While learning the history of dragon and lion dance was increasingly important in this unit, we needed experience. This is where the Dragon Challenge was involved. In teams, students were able to create their own dragon costumes. Paying close attention to details and meanings behind colours was crucial. The creative costumes and captivating dance routines

were enough to engage and entertain the audience.

Both the history and experience tied in well while watching the movie; not only was the movie a captivating experience (that often tugged at the heartstrings), but it also framed the cultural value of lion dance, in particular.









SENIOR SCHOOL

## Celebrating Extraordinary Achievements

[Ben Manifold, Head of Senior School](#)

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It does not seem that long ago that we were starting 2022. While the year has flown, I am sure the girls and staff are looking forward to a well earned break after a busy year.

This week featured our end of year celebrations for 2022. These events present us with the opportunity to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our girls and to recognise the start of the Christmas season.

It was wonderful to return to St Peter's Cathedral after a three-year hiatus due to COVID-19 for our annual Advent Service. This is a special service that marks the start of the festive season for the School. Thank you to Mrs Anna Lenartowicz and all the Music staff for their coordination of the choirs for this special service.

We farewelled our Year 12s on Tuesday night at Speech Night—their final official school event. As we send them on their way, I look forward to hearing about their individual journeys in the years ahead. I also congratulate all Senior School prize winners acknowledged at this event. The girls' dedication and commitment do not go unnoticed, and it was wonderful to highlight the extraordinary efforts of girls in various areas this year, whether they be academic or in the co-curricular arena.

This week, Year 10 and 11 girls participated in minimesters to conclude the academic year. They also met with their 2023 subject teachers in preparation for next year.

A reminder that all book orders through Box of Books need to be completed by **Friday 9 December (today)** to ensure that your daughters have all the necessary texts for the

start of next year.

The Year 11 girls participated in a range of sessions that focussed on life skills they will need for life after school. This included study skills, car maintenance, preparing for interviews, healthy eating, financial literacy, the future of work and personal care. I thank Mrs Caroline Palmer for her assistance with planning this program and all staff involved in the running of these sessions.

Year 10 girls participated in Off the Grid, a two-day science practical where girls were split into groups, given a country and allocated a budget to suit their country's economy, which they used to finance themselves in each challenge. Creatively thinking outside the square, the girls tackled the challenges head-on. A big thank you to our Science staff, particularly our Head of Science, Ms Simone Burzacott Gorman, for developing opportunities like Off The Grid, which supports our girls to be Adventurous Learners.

As we head into the Christmas break, I thank you for your support again this year and hope that you and your family have a joyous and safe holiday season spent with your loved ones.

## Muriel Matters Award

We are very proud of Year 12 student **Anesha Rahman**, who received her Muriel Matters Award last Tuesday night at Parliament House. Hosted by the Speaker of the House of Assembly, The Honourable Dan Cregan, Anesha was one of five students selected to speak on her work to revive the Badimia indigenous language, which is now extinct.

The award profiles and recognises the work and life of Muriel Matters (1877 to 1969), a South-Australian born suffragist, educator and social reformer who made a difference in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century through her work and activism to further the rights and freedoms of women, promote universal access to education and have careers open to talent.

In recognition of the change role Muriel played in societies around the world, the Muriel Matters Award aims to identify and recognise young people in our schools who show the qualities of self-initiative, determination to make a difference despite personal challenges and a commitment to make the world a better place for all. Congratulations Anesha.







BOARDING

## Jingle Bells

[Renee Coventry, Head of Boarding](#)

Santa came early to the Boarding House this year with a guest appearance at last week's Birthday Dinner. Making a grand entrance with Rudolph, the Grinch and Olaf by his side, Santa made his way around to each of our boarders with a little gift for the festive season. The birthday dinner was a lovely celebration of our Term 4 birthday girls and the Christmas season. Boarders put in a lot of effort to be in the running for our best dressed prize this term. Well done to **Portia Martin** (Year 11), **Alex Sandow** (Year 9) and **Emily Robertson** (Year 9) for their winning outfits.

A big thank you and congratulations to our 2023 leaders who assisted with the preparation and planning of the event: **Ella Scholz** (Year 9), **Annabel Sanders** (Year 9), **Steph Davidson** (Year 11), **Evie Basham** (Year 11) and **Milly Shepherd** (Year 11).









SPORT

## Thanks for a Year in Sport

[Ashleigh Young, Director of Sport and Recreation](#)

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As the year ends, we are shifting our focus to Sport and Recreation at Wilderness in 2023.

We will be sending out our nominations email to parents/caregivers and girls next week for the girls to select their sport preferences for 2023. The email will contain detailed information on how to select your sports and information to assist with making your selections.

We would like to thank all our staff, supervisors, umpires, coaches and volunteers for their incredible support and input this year. We would also like to thank our parents/caregivers and girls for their contributions to the Wilderness Sport and Recreation Program in 2022.

We wish all our community a restful break and look forward to seeing your return in 2023 for another successful year of sport.





GLOBAL OUTREACH

## WIN Bhadaure Medical Clinic and Treks

[Dr Sally Nobbs and Ms Lauren Walker, on behalf of WIN](#)

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Wilderness in Nepal (WIN Ltd) is pleased to announce the recommencement of medical clinics and treks in Nepal, organised by our In-Country Representative, Mr Ang Tshering Sherpa (Keep Walking Nepal) and in conjunction with the Kushudebu Public Health Mission (KPHM). Expressions of interest are now open.

The fifth WIN Medical Clinic is to be held at Bhadaure, Annapurna Region, from **Tuesday 3 October to Friday 6 October 2023**.

The Medical Clinic is to be held at our newly opened WIN Health Post at Bhadaure, the village in the Annapurna region where the Shree Bahadure Secondary School and Wilderness Bahadure Boarding House are situated (the Bhadaure community has been supported by the Wilderness community since 2005).

The newly-appointed Health Assistant, Mr Cheewang Sherpa will be co-ordinating the Medical Clinic, and it is envisaged that a number of Nepali specialist doctors and nurses will also be involved, working alongside our attending medical personnel. This Medical Clinic will be run in the same way as our successful Medical Clinics at Junbesi. You can view the [WIN website](#) for more information about past clinics.

Keep Walking Nepal is putting together the itinerary and costings for the following

options:

1. Medical Clinic only
2. 4WD Journey to Upper Mustang – Tour (13 days)
3. Poon Hill Trek and Chitwan Jungle Safari – Trek and Tour Combo (5 – 12 Days)
4. Annapurna Dhaulagiri Trek (14 days)
5. Mystic Mountain (Nagarkot), Pokhara tour and Chitwan Jungle Safari – Tour
6. Annapurna Royal Trek (10 days)
7. Visit Junbesi Experience
8. Everest View Trek (13 days)
9. Ama Dablam Base Camp Trek (16 days)
10. Gokyo Lakes Trek (19 days)

Ang and Keep Walking Nepal would be able to adjust these options to suit individuals or groups; for more information about these and other options please visit their [website](#).

Individuals will have to organise their international travel so that they are in Kathmandu on the night of **Sunday 1 October 2023**, as well as their own travel insurance. Singapore Airlines, Thai Airlines and Malaysian Airlines all fly from Australia into Kathmandu, while some flights from the Middle East (Emirates, Qatar) and from India also fly into Kathmandu.

[Click here if you would like more information](#) about this event, and to register your interest. You can also email [Dr Sally Nobbs](#) for further details.

## Congratulations

Thank you to **Georgia Davis** (Year 1), **Amelia Davis** (Year 3), **Lucy Davis** (Year 6) and **Chloe Herbert** (Year 7) who did a significant amount of fundraising for the Walk Everest in a Day fundraiser. They were presented with certificates and WIN water bottles in recognition of their efforts.





CAREERS CORNER

## Careers Corner

Caroline Palmer, Careers Counsellor

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### Key Tertiary Application Dates

**Monday 19 December 2022** at 8.30am: SACE results and ATAR release.

**Wednesday 4 January 2023:** Change of preference deadline for Semester 1 offers.

**Thursday 12 January 2023:** Main offer round. Offers emailed by 5.00pm.

**Wednesday 25 January:** Second January offer round, emailed by 5.00pm.

**Thursday 2 February 2023:** Further offer rounds, emailed every Tuesday and Thursday until **Thursday 9 March 2023**.

### University of South Australia

If your daughter applied to study at UniSA in 2023, she can find various information to support her transition by using [this link](#).

#### Explore new worlds with creative events at UniSA

Visit their [events and exhibitions](#) to inspire your daughter's creative journey and connect with some of the finest creative minds SA has to offer across architecture, art and design and film and television



## Australian Chiropractic College (ACC)

The ACC is one of only five higher education institutions in Australia able to deliver a Bachelor of Chiropractic degree, and they are the only provider in South Australia. The ACC now also offers a general Diploma of Health Sciences, that flows seamlessly into the degree or allows graduates to explore other areas. Please follow this link to find upcoming events.

## The University of Melbourne

### Domestic Students

**Thursday 22 December 2022** at 4.00pm: VTAC change of preference period closes for the January offer round.

**Friday 13 January 2023:** Domestic January offer round.

### International Students (studying in Australia for Year 12)

**Thursday 22 December 2022:** VTAC change of preference period closes for the January offer round one.

**Friday 6 January 2023:** International offer round one.

**Tuesday 10 January 2023** at 4.00pm: VTAC change of preference period closes for January offer round two.

**Thursday 12 January 2023:** International offer round two.

**Tuesday 17 January 2023:** International offer round three.

**Friday 20 January 2023:** International offer round four.

**Monday 30 January 2023:** International offer round five.

Please note that students who have completed an Australian Year 12 Program in South Australia will NOT receive an offer from the University of Melbourne in the December offer round.

### Bachelor of Agriculture at the University of Melbourne

A degree in agriculture can lead students to career prospects in innumerable areas, spanning from agronomy, management and agribusiness to consulting and senior leadership.

Forecasts for the agricultural industry show strong, continued growth in all areas, with the opportunity for graduates to contribute on a global scale.

- Offers a springboard to meaningful careers in the agriculture and food sector and in

natural resource management.

- Gives students the ability to solve complex problems, deliver better outcomes and make tangible contributions towards building a healthier and more sustainable world.

Hear the story of [Putri Shafira](#), who graduated with a Bachelor of Agriculture.

## Study in Sydney

Find out more about [Western Sydney University](#).

## Columbia University Irving Medical Centre

**Medicine and Research Summer Program - Saturday 24 June 2023 to Wednesday 19 August 2023**

Virtual Program: Saturdays 10.30am—11.00pm EST

The [Medicine and Research Program](#) is an option for students contemplating a career in health or academia. Students will explore clinical correlates, engage in simulated patient encounters and develop research skills in workshops. Students will hear from several physicians and researchers from Columbia University and New York Presbyterian. Participants will not only learn skills, but be able to apply them throughout the summer as they write a research paper and complete a medical education project. Students are invited to present their projects.

Program Highlights:

- Listen to talks from Medical students, researchers, physicians and surgeons
- Meet diverse students
- Learn various aspects of Health
- Practice simulated patient interviews
- Prepare a research paper
- Participate in the Harvard Alumni for Global Women's Empowerment Essay contest
- Synchronous and asynchronous content.

## UCAT Preparation Course Options

### Fraser UCAT Training

#### [Find State Dates](#)

**Custom Code:** School\_PartnerSW100

Fraser UCAT training are hosting upcoming UCAT [Strategy Weekends](#) to support students in Years 10-12. The event is designed to help students with their UCAT preparation for direct entry into the competitive degrees of Medicine and Dentistry. The workshop is FREE using the custom coupon code above.

The event is designed to provide a fundamental understanding of the UCAT exam, what it is testing, how it tests it and what your daughter's natural strengths/weaknesses are.

The event overview is below:

- Pre-class preparation modules
- 18 hours of interactive teaching (3-days)
- 1 x full length diagnostic mock exam
- Comprehensive performance report
- Personalised UCAT preparation consult with a UCAT advisor
- Access to 6,000+ practice questions.

### NIE (National Institute of Education) Simulate UCAT Day Workshop: 2-Part Program

#### [Find Dates Here](#)

If your daughter is in Years 10 or 11 and considering the UCAT in the future, then this program may be for her. The event is conducted by NIE in partnership with UCAT Preparation Australia, and MICAS (Medical Interviews and Career Advice Services)

The workshop is primarily designed to cover fundamental techniques in navigating all five sections of the UCAT test and for participants to gain a better understanding of their own level of preparedness for the test.

Coming Up **Sunday 18 December 2022:** [Intensive UCAT Training workshop](#) – live, online and interactive.

## Year 12 Graduate of Medicine/□Dentistry Multiple Mini-Interviews



## (MMI) Practice

It was a privilege to have attended Wilderness as the Class of 2019. Since then, I have been fortunate enough to be accepted in to study a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery at the University of Adelaide. This would not have been possible without the support of my teachers and old scholars throughout my journey as a boarder at Wildy. The insight that I gained into the medical field, as well as the support and guidance in sitting the UCAT and interviews from medical students, enabled me to feel confident and empowered to pursue my goal of Medicine.

This year once again, along with old scholars Ishani Sood (2021), Reema Madike (2019) and Dr Caroline De Sousa (1992), I was able to provide support to the aspiring medical students in preparation for their MMI interviews. The Zoom sessions coordinated by Ms Caroline Palmer provided the girls with an opportunity to practise and develop their skills for the online interview process now required by many universities offering these courses in Australia. This experience is highly valuable for the students and allows medical students who previously attended Wildy to reconnect and give back to a community which gave so much to them. I look forward to assisting in future years and encourage others to do the same.

**Emma Lane** (Class of 2019)



COMMUNITY

## A Great Year of Partnership with The Athlete's Foot Burnside

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

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We have some great news to report back from the Parents and Friends' partnership with the sports store The Athlete's Foot at Burnside, with their School Rewards Program for 2022!

It has been a very successful year for Wilderness School with \$715 being raised for our school through the school rewards program, which is a fantastic effort, all due to our purchase of shoes. This year, The Athlete's Foot Burnside store has donated over \$20,000 to local school communities.

We look forward to next year—and don't forget that you can recycle all sports shoes in The Athlete's Foot Burnside store!

### [Parents and Friends Welcome Drinks - Save The Date](#)

**Friday 10 February 2023**

6.00pm – 8.00pm

Memorial Lawn

