FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

It is with pleasure that I welcome you to our 2015 school year. We have had a fantastic start to the year and I have really appreciated your support and ongoing partnership, evident from day 1.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW AND CONTINUING FAMILIES

We have an absolute commitment to supporting your child to achieve their potential. The last two years has involved major review and reform across the school.

Our partnership with our families is crucial and as such we encourage ongoing communication and a partnership in learning. Our priority as a staff is to work in partnership with you to ensure that every student, all the time, without exception is empowered to become the best they can be and achieve their potential.

COMMUNICATION

Access the Day Map Parent Portal (via our school website). Please follow the prompts. You will be asked to enter your child’s student ID (on their timetable) and an email address. The email address is linked to our records so, if you have changed your email address since enrolment, please contact the school and we will adjust your details. Email is a really effective way of maintaining contact with your child’s teacher to share information, receive information regarding your child’s learning.

Please note my email address - cezanne.green@seafordhs.sa.edu.au

We will be utilizing class group and House emails this year to further ensure on-going communication.

NEW STAFF

It is with great pleasure that I welcome staff new to Seaford Secondary College in 2015. All bring to our school skills and experiences that will value add to your child’s learning journey.

Mr Roy Webb, Deputy Principal;
Mr Grant Gotley, Information & Data Systems Leader;
Ms Deb Scotton, VET Coordinator;
Ms Sally Shearing, Senior School Counsellor;
Ms Christine D’Arcy, Speech Pathologist;
Ms Bec Morrison, English & Humanities teacher;
Mr Jodi Corfield, Learning Support Worker;
Mr Phil Brown, PE & Maths teacher;
Mr Luke Harding, Performing Arts teacher;
Ms Angela Vause, Japanese teacher;
Ms Emma Sewer, PE & Humanities teacher;
Ms Hongyan Huo, Mathematics & Science teacher;
Mr John Jamieson, English & Humanities teacher.

CONTINUED
Congratulations to our 2014 Year 12 students. We are very proud of all of our graduates and I thank our staff for their support of our students throughout their time at Seaford Secondary College.

I would like to acknowledge the achievement of David Hopkins who received the highest ATAR for 2014 for Seaford Secondary College. His commitment and dedication to learning throughout his time at Seaford has been inspirational. We wish David the very best for his studies at Flinders University.

ACQUAINTANCE EVENING
It was fantastic to have so many of our families with us at our Acquaintance Evening held on Tuesday 10th February. The new format for the evening provided our families and teachers with an opportunity to meet together in an informal setting to share key priorities for learning in 2015. Following Care Group teacher meetings, was an opportunity to attend spotlight seminars focusing on the Personal Project, SACE or the International Baccalaureate.

NEW UNIFORM
Thank you so much for your partnership and support as we begin the 2015 school year in our new school uniform for our students in Years 7 – 10.

THANK YOU
Seaforth Secondary College would like to say a big ‘Thank You’ to the Walters family for their generous donations of food to our Breakfast Club.

STUDENT FREE DAY
Our first student free day will be held on Tuesday 10th March at Morphettville Race Course. Our staff, in partnership with all staff from sites in the River Hub Cluster, will meet together to focus on learning. We will have the opportunity to focus on the work of Carol Dweck and continue our focus on supporting our students to develop growth mindsets.

Sun, surf and sand was the backdrop for Seaford Secondary College’s annual Year 12 Induction, better known as ‘Big O Day’. Held at Moana Surf Life Saving Club on Thursday 5th February, students began the afternoon with a healthy catered lunch overlooking the beach.

Students were then welcomed and introduced to Kirrilie Smout, a clinical psychologist who specialises in working with young adults through challenging times. Kirrilie discussed how our brain works and also provided strategies to help with focus, motivation and study skills. The students were enthusiastically engaged in her presentation and spoke later about how these tips and hints will help them be more successful in Year 12.

Students were also asked to write a card to themselves offering advice and encouragement for the year ahead. Teachers collected these keepsakes and will present them back to the students at the end of the year.

Following the formalities, students headed to the beach where they participated in various team-building activities. Care Group against Care Group saw the competitive streak come out in the Year 12s as they battled it out for House points. Nashwauk was the big winner of the afternoon, taking home first place in tug-o-war and the sponge/bucket race.

Overall, it was a fantastic afternoon for the students to hear valuable information, learn some new study strategies and to have fun with their peers. We wish them all the very best for the year ahead.

Sandra Greenan, Kylie Trenorden, Ben Hardy, Amy Whyte & Jen Griffin, Year 12 Leaders
OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Seaford Secondary College would like to warmly welcome our International Students Zhi (Ee) Ning, Shun Nakamaru and Ayane Sato!

Hi, I’m Zhi Yi Ning, but please call me Ee. I come from Thailand Bangkok. Now I’m 13 years old. My school name is Bangkok Christian College (BCC), the biggest School in Thailand. I’ve come to Australia for 1 term. In Australia I like the beach. The friendly people at Seaford Secondary College make me happy since I’ve been in Australia.

I’m Shun Nakamaru. Please call me Shun. I’m from Tokyo, Japan. I’m sixteen years old and tenth grade. I will stay here for ten months. I’m looking forward to learning Australian culture and making friends. If you see me, feel free to talk to me.

Hi! My name is Ayane Sato. I’m from Tokyo, Japan. In my high school in Japan, I belonged to a band music club, played the drums and sang. My hobbies are music, drawing, paper arts and origami. I want to make many friends and to enjoy this experience. Please speak to me and tell many things about you and Australia to me.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

In the school holidays our International Program Coordinator, Mr Adam Pearce, participated in a teacher-exchange program with the Bangkok Christian College (BCC). Two other DECD staff from Reynella East College and Salisbury East High School joined him for the two week program.

BCC is Thailand’s first private boys school, founded 162 years ago. Boasting close to 6,000 students, BCC delivers world-class programs for their students, including an English Intensive Program, where students are immersed in English within each of their subject areas from Reception to Year 12.

CONNECTING WITH THAILAND

This exchange opportunity has paved the way for ongoing international relations with BCC, and as a result, we would like to welcome Zhi Yi Ning from BCC, a Year 8 student into the Tingara House, for Term 1. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to two BCC teachers who will be working at Seaford Secondary College in Week 6; Oraya Aumnajjaroenporn and Paveena Tangpamornjit. We are looking forward to further developing our relationship with the Bangkok Christian College!

INTERESTED IN HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT?

At Seaford Secondary College, we have a variety of International Programs where students come from various countries to study here. This includes short Study Tours, or longer Study Abroad programs. All host families receive $250 a week to host an International student, and gain valuable, life-long friendships.

If you are interested, please call the school on 8327 2222, or email Mr Adam Pearce: adam.pearce220@schools.sa.edu.au

Adam Pearce
International Program Coordinator
JAPAN TRIP

Our trip to Japan is back! Scheduled for September 2015, this is a call for any interested students who would like to visit Japan, utilise their language skills and immerse themselves in a unique culture.

Over 10 days we will be visiting the cities of Tokyo, Kyoto and Hiroshima to see famous sites such as the Golden Pavillion, Hiroshima Peace Park, Miyajima Island and even Tokyo Disneyland! The trip includes return airfares, all accommodation and breakfasts, insurance, rail and bullet train passes and the memories of a lifetime.

A deposit of $500 will need to be paid by Week 10 this term (23rd March 2015) to secure a place on the tour. The final cost will be dependent on fund-raising and the final number of students going. This opportunity is not to be missed, and is open to all students of any year level. For more information, please email Mrs Kelly Burford: kelly.burford209@schools.sa.edu.au

Arigatou!

Kelly Burford, Japanese Teacher
Adam Pearce, International Coordinator

INTER HOUSE CUP

The 2015 Inter House Cup has started, following its success in 2014 where Tigress House came out the inaugural victors. The purpose of this initiative is to:

- Improve House Culture amongst all 4 Houses
- Promote physical activity and participation in school events
- Provide students with enjoyable activities during break times
- To recognize and celebrate the success of our students

Last year activities included year level sporting competitions, whole school events such as sports day, Math and Science competitions, debating competitions, and much more. We are always looking for new activities so students are encouraged to take activities and ideas to their SRC reps and House Captains.

Currently in 2015 Nashwauk have jumped out to an early lead on 60 points, through great performances in the 2014 final week competitions and Year 12 Big O Day. Tingara are close behind on 40 points.

SOUTHERN SUBURBS YOUTH FORUM

If you teach or even see the students involved as our representatives at the Southern Suburbs Youth Forum, please congratulate them on being fantastic ambassadors for our school.

They listened to all perspectives attentively and contributed articulately to the discussion forum, in both a local and national context. The students involved were Stacey (10 03), William (12 05), Tyler (12 03) and Lucy (12 01).

It was a pleasure to accompany them and watch them in action, contributing to the round table discussion.

Stephanie Johnston, Head of House

PEER SUPPORT WORKSHOP

Late last year around 50 Year 9 students took part in a two-day Peer Support Workshop at Moana SLSC to develop their leadership skills in preparation to become Peer Support Leaders. 2015 marks our pilot year of the Peer Support Program at Seaford Secondary College.

Each week, groups of 8-10 students (from Years 7 and 8) will meet with 2 Peer Leaders (from Year 10) and work through a range of activities that focus on resilience. Meeting in small groups allows meaningful connections to form, assisting students with the transition to secondary school. Over a period of 7-8 weeks students will acknowledge their strengths and achievements, identify people who support them and learn how to view challenges as opportunity for growth.

Ely Haussen
Peer Support Mentor
High Hopes

As voted in by the 2014 Seaford Secondary College Governing Council, the new school uniform has been introduced for students in years 7-10 this year. Year 11 and 12 students are still able to follow the old uniform expectations as they complete their final years at Seaford.

The purpose of the uniform is to:
- Promote a high standard of dress common across all learning environments.
- Develop a sense of identity and pride in the school.
- Reduce peer pressure and promote equality.
- Improve students’ sense of belonging to their school.
- Redirect student focus to learning rather than appearance.
- Lower costs associated with buying a variety of clothing for school wear in the long term.

The expectation is that all students will be in full school uniform every day and to support this we have a variety of loan uniforms for students to wear which are new, washed daily and in perfect condition. Students who are not in full school uniform will be asked by their House Leader or Care Group teacher to change at Student Services.

The appearance of students in the yard and in the community has been excellent and a big thank you must go to all students and families who have supported the uniform change. Please refer to our uniform brochure and price list, mailed to all families last year, for specifics on uniform expectations, or check the uniform section of the school website.

Please contact your child’s relevant leader with any concerns and communicate with the finance office if payment plans or financial support are needed.

Ben Hardy, Head of House

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Reminder

PACTS Workshops with a Disability Focus

Wednesdays - 25/2, 4/3 & 18/3 in Library Conference Room
10.00-12 noon light refreshments provided
It’s not too late to register.

Denise Luker 0429439011
denise.luker@seafordhs.sa.edu.au

Karen Michelbach
Pastoral Care Worker

School uniform
CONGRATULATIONS COOPER

A big congratulations to Seaford’s Cooper Saunders who took out the Under 18 Division at the SA Subway Summer Surf Series on Saturday. Cooper dislocated his knee in the final stages of the heat but had already amassed 2 convincing wave scores. He wins a 3 day trip to the Surfing Australia Hi-Performance Training Camp.

Give him a pat on the back when you see him but watch out for his knee.

Ian McGregor, School Surfing Coach

YEAR 8/9 BOYS KO CRICKET

On Thursday the 12th of February, Seaford Secondary College Year 8/9 Boys Cricket Knockout team hosted Willunga High School in the first round of the tournament.

Both teams played extremely well and it was an exciting match to watch. Seaford won the toss and elected to bat first. Willunga had a very strong bowling team, with the opening bowler taking an early wicket. Seaford answered back with Ben (B09) and Cooper (C08) digging their heels in and producing a really good batting partnership scoring 47 runs between them, with Cooper making 31 runs, which was the highest score of the day from either team.

Willunga restricted Seaford to a score of 97 with some great fielding. Seaford then went out in the field with the task of getting Willunga out before they reached our total. Although this didn’t eventuate, the boys did a great job in the field with a few great catches and some outstanding spells of bowling. Tyson (C07) had a great day and took 3 wickets and Ben (B09) was able to muster up a 2-wicket maiden.

Although Seaford lost by 3 wickets, both teams showed outstanding sportsmanship, values and enthusiasm and should be proud of their efforts.

Marc Snelson, 8/9 Boys Cricket Coach

INTERSTATE SCHOOL SPORT TEAMS

School sport is up and running for another year. In 2014 we had several students represent themselves beyond Seaford Secondary College at the local, state, and national level in a wide range of sports. If your child is skilled and wishes to perform at a higher level, information and nomination forms can be found online at: http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/sport/

Year 7 students can find information under the SAPSASA tab, while students in Years 8 - 12 can find selection information and trial details of their chosen state sport team under the Secondary School Sport SA (SSSSA) tab. If your child is athletically talented and has a mindset to participate at a higher level, please contact me at the school or email craig.ottaway785@schools.sa.edu.au and we will ensure that their sporting ambitions are met.

Craig Ottaway, Sports Coordinator

TERM 1 NASHSWAUK ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to Nashwauk Captains William, Paige, Ben and Jazz. They were sworn into office on Mon 16th Feb and pledged to uphold the traditions of Seaford Secondary College, to make a positive difference to our school and make their family, peers, teachers and our community proud. I have every confidence in their ability to support their peers within Nashwauk House.

We then presented our year 12 students with their Pins and jumpers, recognising the commitment they have made to learning and the leadership they play within our school. It was a moment of great pride and we wish all the year 12’s every success in the year ahead and will all do our very best to support them achieve their goals.

Jen Griffin, Head of Nashwauk House

Volleyball Competition

ALDINGA REC CENTRE are looking for men, women and children 14+ to play in volleyball competitions. Individuals and teams are both welcome.

Competitions are to be held at Aldinga Rec Centre, 2 McRae Street, Aldinga Beach, Fridays from 7.30pm

Please contact Maureen 0401489089 prior to playing to register your interest.
The SA School Based Immunisation Program will be offered at your school by City of Onkaparinga.

Immunisation consent cards will be sent home with students. It is important you read the information provided with the consent card before you provide consent, so that you understand the facts about the vaccines that will be offered and the diseases that these vaccines protect against. If you have any questions about this program, please contact the City of Onkaparinga on 8384 0666 or the Immunisation Section, SA Health, Monday – Friday, 8.30am – 5.00pm, Phone 1300 232 272.

ALL YEAR 8 STUDENTS WILL BE OFFERED:

- 1 dose of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. Please Note: A single dose of chickenpox vaccine is recommended for students less than 14 years of age. If the student is 14 years of age or older, a second dose is recommended 4 weeks after the first dose to receive adequate protection. This second dose is not free and is available at a cost from your Doctor or Council immunisation clinic.
- A full course (3 doses) of human papillomavirus vaccine Gardasil.
- These vaccines will be offered over 3 separate visits.
- 1 dose of Boostrix vaccine – diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough)

If you do not receive an immunisation Consent Card from your child by the end of week 3, please ask at the school office.

Parents / legal guardians should complete, sign and return the Consent Cards, even if the student will not be vaccinated at school.

If your child is not vaccinated at school, please contact City of Onkaparinga on 8384 0666 and arrange for a free ‘catch-up’ dose. If you go to your doctor for the vaccination, they may not have the vaccine(s) in stock and there may be a consultation fee.

REMEMBER:

Keep School Immunisation Program records in a safe place as they may be required for future employment or travel.

Are you the parent or carer of a 10 – 15 year old? Are you worried about their online safety?

Come and hear internet safety experts and a child and adolescent psychologist talk about:
- how teens connect online
- how to talk with them about safety
- making agreements and setting limits
- dealing with cyberbullying.

Register to attend in person:
Phone: 8303 1660
Email: health.parentingsa@health.sa.gov.au
Or
Register for webcast:
When you register you will receive login details

Tuesday 17 March
When: 7.00–9.00pm
Where: Panorama Room
Adelaide Convention Centre
North Terrace
Adelaide

This seminar is designed for parents. Presented by Parenting SA.