

NEWSLETTER

TERM DATES 2023

Term 4 16 October - 15 December

TERM DATES 2024

Term 1 29 January - 12 April

Term 2 29 April - 5 July

Term 3 22 July - 27 September

Term 4 14 October - 13 December

DIARY DATES**HOUSE EXCURSIONS YEAR 7 - 9**

Wednesday 13 December

COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR STUDENTS

Thursday 14 - Friday 15 December

LAST DAY OF TERM 4**DISMISSAL 2:12PM**

Friday 15 December

DIARY DATES 2024**YR 7, YR 11 and YR 12 STUDENTS ONLY**

Monday 29 January 2024

ALL YEAR LEVELS YR 7- YR 12

Tuesday 30 January 2024



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PRINCIPALS REPORT

Dear families,

It's been another very busy year. As a school community, we can be proud of how we have navigated, and will continue to deal with, this ever-changing world. Even though there may be some unease in our world. There is certainty that as a school, we have, and we will continue work through it.

Presentation Night Wednesday 29 November

On Wednesday 29 November, we celebrated the success of our students and formally farewelled the year 12 class of 2023. I would like to thank and congratulate the parents and families of our year 12 students. Your guidance and support are an example of the complex skills you displayed over the years. It's on this foundation that we at Seaford Secondary College build a culture of high expectations and high standards. We wish our year 12 "Class of 2023" all the best for life beyond school and we eagerly await your results in a few weeks.

The school thanks its staff and students for providing valuable learning opportunities within and outside the classroom. The students have represented the school well in the wider community, with positive feedback from the public regarding their behavior.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR STUDENTS' FIRST DAYS Monday, January 29 and Tuesday, January 30 2024

To facilitate a seamless and supportive transition to start 2024, Seaford Secondary College has committed to a staggered start to the school year.

Year level starting times will be:

- Monday January 29 - Year 7, Year 11 and Year 12 STUDENTS ONLY
- Tuesday January 30 – All year levels (7-12)

Having only students that are at critical transition points with their schooling on the first day provides a unique opportunity for extra support. All staff will be available to help students transition as smoothly as possible into our school and promote a successful start for our Stage 2 cohort.

On the first day (Monday January 29) our Year 7 students will be undertaking supportive transition programs including familiarisation with the school, teachers, classes and programs. Year 12 students will begin timetabled lessons.

The second day (Tuesday January 30) will involve all students YR7 - YR12 starting in care group until recess and then timetabled lessons begin after this YR8 - YR12. Our YR7 students will continue with their transition program until the end of week 1.

Term 4 Student Free Day

During our student free day on Friday 25 November we focussed on reflecting 2023 and planning for 2024. We reviewed our current Site Improvement Plan (SIP) Goals of Literacy, Numeracy and SACE. Overall, we have met Literacy and Numeracy targets. We were able to identify the areas for improvement and the next steps for 2024 to further improve student learning.

Farewells

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and farewell staff who will be moving on from Seaford Secondary College in 2024 and thank them for their contributions to our school in 2023. We wish them all the best in 2024 and beyond.

This year we celebrate the career of Jennie Fraser after 30 years in the department, including 16 years at Seaford Secondary College, Jennie will be retiring in 2024. We thank her for her considerable contribution to the English department, her generosity with both her time and resources. Jennie's creativity and passion will be missed.

On behalf of our school. Seaford Secondary College we wish all our families a happy and safe festive season. Thank you for your support this year and we look forward to an even better 2024.

Regards

Harry Stassinopoulos

Principal

2024 Materials & Services Fees

Dear Parents / Caregivers

From 9 November to 23 November 2023, the Governing Council conducted a poll of the school community seeking your support prior to setting the Materials and Services charge for 2024.

We received 238 responses for a total of 234 votes (4 votes were not applicable).

The result of the poll is: YES 158 - NO 76

Therefore the Governing Council is pleased to inform the school community that the Materials and Services fee for 2024 will be \$385 per student.

Kind regards

Bron Hall

Business Manager

ACE NEWS

Thank you to Tony Wardell of Top Quality Upholstery for sponsoring both activities for ACE.

Students of ACE were treated to exciting experiences which included a visit to Glenelg's Beach House and an onsite visit from Farmer Darcy's Travelling Petting Zoo. At the Beach House, students enjoyed waterslides, bumper cars, arcade games and golf on this fun-filled day.

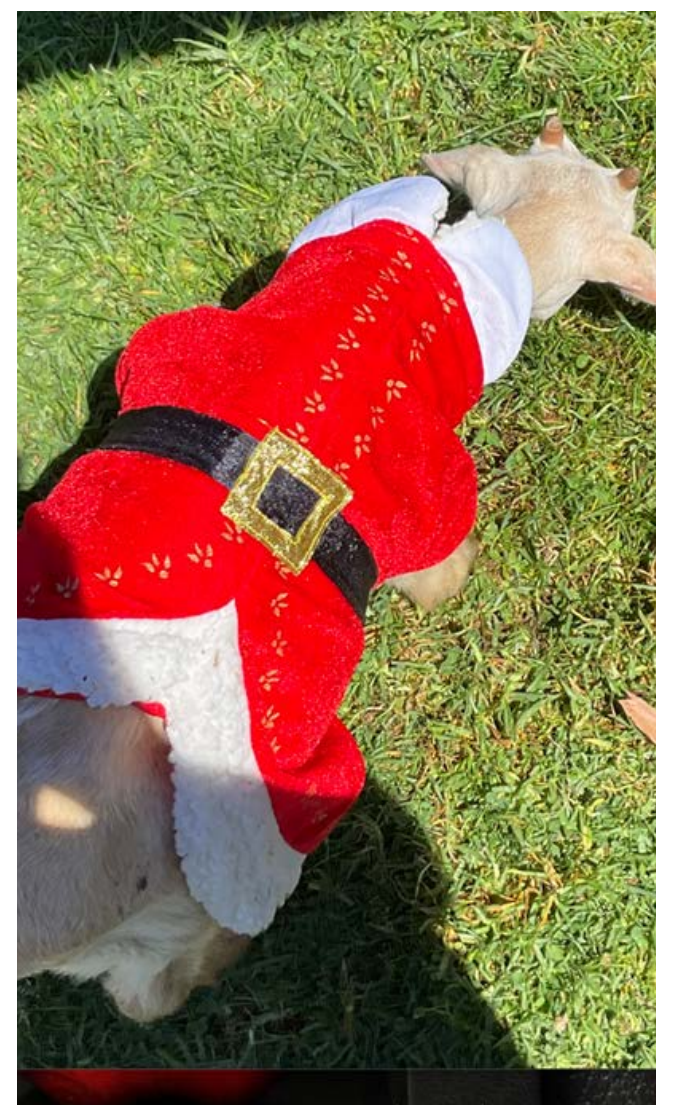
During the Farmer Darcy experience, students were able to interact with a range of lovely animals such as goats, chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs, cows, and alpacas. Both events assisted students in gaining skills essential for interacting within the community environment and also self-regulation.

Year 12 student Riley (pictured below) presented a thank you card. Unfortunately, Tony was unable to attend but his wife, Michelle however, was happy to accept on his behalf.

Some of the descriptive phrases the students used for Tony's card were -

- Thoughtful Tony
- It was a spoiling experience
- Thank you for letting us all go to the beach house, it was so exciting!

Lindsay Walters
Special Education Teacher



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

FAREWELL TO OUR STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS (SAP)

This term we farewell 7 of our international students, Anton, Daniel, Kaya, Kazuki, Marie, Masaki and Rian. Four of these students have been with us all year and have made a big impact on our school community.

Some of the student's highlights have been -

- Visiting many of our beautiful beaches
- Participating in school camps and sporting activities
- Surfing/aquatics program
- Making new friends
- Attending the Fringe, Ozasia festival and the Christmas Pageant
- Visiting many local areas
- Traveling interstate



Students will return to their home country to finish off their schooling. We wish all students a safe trip home and all the best in their future endeavours.

We would also like to acknowledge all the hard work our staff do in supporting our international students in - modifying work, challenging students, supporting them and encouraging them to never give up. THANK YOU.

MORIOKA CHUO – VISITING TEACHER

In week 5 we had Mr Itoi from Morioka Chuo, Japan, Ms Fusae, Adelaide agent and Ms Pixie, from International Education Services (IES) visit us to talk about the up-and-coming study tours visiting us in March 2024.

We discussed –

- Our program and what past students have enjoyed and what 2024 will look like for our new visiting students
- Host families and the benefits they bring to the study tour program
- The possibility of team teaching
- Seaford visiting Morioka Chuo High School in October 2024 and being apart of their homestay program and school community.



Also part of the Mr Itoi visit is to continue strengthening relationships with our sister school Morioka Chuo High School.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

HOSTING A STUDY TOUR STUDENT/S – SHORT TERM

Hosting an international school student is an amazing opportunity to make a new connection, see a new perspective and discover a new culture.

We need short-term host families. Our short-term hosting is one to two weeks. All family types are eligible – singles, couples, families with children, empty nesters or retirees.

Homestays are financially supported and have 24-hour support while the students are here.

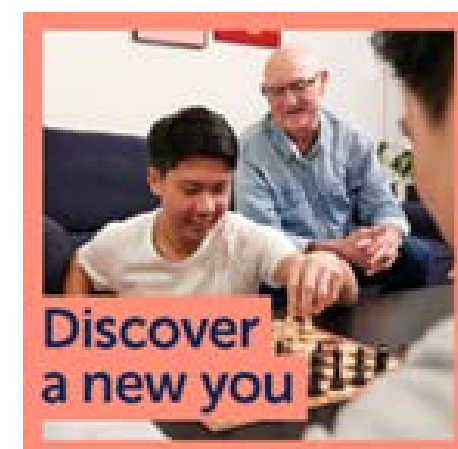
We have 2 study tours arriving in Term 1 2024

- 10 – 17 March
- 17 – 24 March

For more information, please contact –

Annette Wedding on 0418 826 133 or email annette.wedding90@schools.sa.edu.au

or you can watch this short clip on the joys of hosting - <https://youtu.be/QurWaBp8PH4>



WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM (WEP) & SOUTHERN CROSS-CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM (SCCE)

There are plenty of opportunities for students to travel and study overseas with many countries to choose from. Both organisations offer arrange of programs from short term, a semester or a year's program. Programs are available for students aged 15 yrs or older. This is a unique opportunity for students to gain maturity, confidence, resilience and become more accepting of different views and ways of living.

For more information contact –

- World Education Program www.wep.org.au - Donna Lack on 03 9598 4233 or email, donnalack@wep.org.au
- Southern Cross-cultural Exchange Program www.scce.com.au - Jenny Hanson on 8323 0973 or email jenny.h@scce.com.au
- Annette Wedding, International Program Coordinator – Tingara C04, 0418 826 133 or email annette.wedding90@schools.sa.edu.au



**SOUTHERN CROSS
CULTURAL EXCHANGE**



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

JAPAN TRIP – SEPTEMBER (term 3, week 10) / OCTOBER (first week of holidays) 2024

In week 5 we had our first information evening which was well attended by Parents/Caregivers and students. Discussions are well on the way to building an exciting itinerary and visiting our sister school, Morioka Chuo High School. There is also a small group of parents/caregivers working on fundraising events to help with the cost of the trip.

Below are the benefits for students participating in this great opportunity -

- Global perspectives
- Personal self-development
- Confidence
- Ability to confront challenges
- Enhanced interest in global issues
- Language acquisition through social immersion
- Development of life-long friendships
- Gain a rich understanding of another culture
- Gain experiences and maturity through facing challenges outside of comfort zone
- Become aware of career and further study not considered before
- Enjoy the excitement of being in another country with the support of a host family and sometimes a new host brother or sister
- Fostering appreciation of home and family.

This trip will be offered again in 2026

For more information please contact –

- Annette Wedding – annette.wedding90@schools.sa.edu.au
0418 826 133



Annette Wedding & Adam Stribley
International Team

FLINDERS UNIVERSITY

LIFE IN THE UNI LANE

On Monday 27 November, we took the bus to Flinders University to participate in 'Life in the Uni Lane'. This is a program run by Flinders University to provide Aboriginal students with the opportunity to experience a series of workshops based on university degrees and to gain an understanding of what it is like to attend university.

We participated in three workshops based on criminology, nursing and chemistry. The criminology workshop involved students unpacking the stereotype of a criminal and understanding why people commit crime. The nursing workshop involved students safely using a range of medical equipment such as stethoscopes, neurological penlights, oximeters and exploring the different fields of nursing. The chemistry workshop involved understanding the role smell and genetics play in taste through a series of experiments involving Phelylthiocarbamide (PTC) strips, miracle berries and foods such as lemon wedges and salt and vinegar chips.

All students were extremely engaged in the sessions and learnt a lot about not only the fields of study but life as a university student. It also broadened their horizons and opened students up the possibility of studying at university in the future.



Graduation Evening- The Year 12 Class of 2023

Week 7, Wednesday evening at the Hopgood Theatre, we had the pleasure of bidding farewell to our outstanding Graduating Year 12 students of 2023. It was an emotional moment, filled with both pride as we celebrated the culmination of their academic journey.

The event served as a platform to reflect on the collective achievements and growth these students have experienced throughout the year. Emotions ran high as students and teachers alike shared moments and success stories, creating lasting memories that will undoubtedly be cherished for years to come.

In addition to recognising our Year 12 graduates, the evening was marked by the presentation of various awards to deserving recipients from years 8 to 12 across the school. These accolades encompassed a diverse range of achievements, including the Middle School/Senior School Citizenship Award, AMPOL Award, Literary Award, Governing Council Award, Sports Awards, Australian Defence Force Awards, Volunteering Award, and the prestigious Muriel Matters Award. These accolades are a testament to the exceptional talents and contributions of our students, and each recipient was carefully chosen by our dedicated staff and esteemed members of the wider community.

We take immense pride in providing our students with opportunities to excel not only academically but also in areas that shape them into well-rounded individuals. The awards ceremony is a reflection of the dedication and hard work demonstrated by our students throughout the year. To our Graduating Class of 2023, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for all your future endeavours. As you embark on new and exciting chapters, may you carry the lessons learned and friendships forged at our school, propelling you toward success and fulfillment.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating the achievements of our students. Together, we look forward to continuing our commitment to nurturing excellence and creating a supportive environment for all members of our school community.

Kayla Tilling
School Operations Leader



2023 SEMESTER TWO UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

All students are expected to be in full school uniform every day. The Seaford Secondary College uniform is the only acceptable uniform.

Students out of school uniform will be expected to change into appropriate loan uniform with the support of their teachers and leaders. A plan will be implemented, in partnership with parents/care providers, to support students to be consistently in full school uniform.

It is important that school uniforms are returned promptly after borrowing them. This helps to ensure that there are always enough uniform available for all students and that the school can maintain a clean and organised inventory. If a uniform is not returned on the same day it was borrowed, parents and caregivers may be invoiced for the cost of the uniform. By returning school uniforms promptly, we can help to ensure that all students have access to clean and well-fitting uniforms, which can help to improve their overall academic performance and self-esteem.

Uniform Shop Term Time Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 8:15am – 8:45am
Tuesday and Thursday: 3:10pm – 3:30pm
(For an appointment outside these hours, please call 8327 5200)

Advance Notice

Seaford Secondary College will be open for uniform purchases and payment of fees:
Monday 22 January 2024: 9:00am – 12:00noon
1:00pm – 6:00pm
Tuesday 23 January 2024: 9:00am – 12:00noon
1:00pm – 3:00pm

Uniform can also be ordered and paid for using Qkr! Mobile App.



UNIFORM – SALE PRICES ON SELECTED ITEMS

We have reduced the price on the following uniform items. Current stock only - No rainchecks.

	Was	Sale Price
Spray Jackets	\$55	\$ 45
Tartan Dress	\$65	\$ 45
Tartan Skirts	\$55	\$ 50
Chino (Dickies brand) Pant	\$65	\$ 35

All other uniform items are available at regular prices.

Contrast Polo Top	\$32
Elastic Waist Trousers	\$30
Elastic Waist Shorts	\$27.50
Microfibre Shorts	\$25
¼ zip Windcheater	\$40
Bengaline Stretch Pant	\$35



PARENTS/CARE PROVIDERS ARE ASKED TO:

- Understand and support the School Uniform Policy
- Check that their child is in uniform each day.
- Contact the school to clarify any questions in regards to the school uniform
- Supply their child with a diary note for any temporary exemptions. The school will provide a loan uniform for the day
- Ensure all items are labelled with their child's name
- Refer to the uniform and footwear guidelines before purchasing any items
- Communicate and work closely with the school and appropriate medical specialists where there are medical concerns.



WEARING THE UNIFORM:

- Contributes to students' safety by providing clear identification of the students in the school community
- Supports students to develop a sense of identity and pride with our school
- Reduces peer pressure and promotes equality
- Reduces distractions to learning
- Increases students' sense of school pride
- Redirects personal expression to school work rather than personal appearance
- Lowers long term clothing cost
- Promotes a standard of dress common to all in the learning environment
- Provides clothing for students that is practical and safe in all subjects studied.



UNIFORM OPTIONS:

- Official summer dress and skirt, with the option of stockings underneath
- Official maroon and white polo top with school logo
- Official maroon windcheater with school logo
- Official charcoal shorts and pants
- Official spray jacket with school logo
- Plain black shoes are required to be worn by all students as part of the uniform
- Inappropriate shoe styles include: backless, ugg-boots, thongs, sandals, slip-ons or high heels
- Students can change into appropriate sports footwear for HPE lessons.

