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DIARY DATES

FRIDAY 3 MAY
YEAR 12 FORMAL

WEDNESDAY 8 MAY
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

THURSDAY 16 - FRIDAY 17 MAY
WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS

MONDAY 10 JUNE
KING'S BIRTHDAY

TUESDAY 11 JUNE
STUDENT FREE DAY

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



DEAR FAMILIES,

The school year has started with a lot of energy and excitement as staff, students, and families come together for a new term. There have been many stories shared, old friends reunited, and new

friends made as everyone gets settled into their routines.

We welcome all members of the Seaford Secondary College community to our school, particularly new students and their families.

We hope that everyone has settled in well and we're thrilled to have all students back for a fantastic year of learning, opportunity, and personal growth.

We've had a busy start to the year with many events, including excursions, NAPLAN, Sports Day, and Open Night, as well as two groups of students and teachers visiting from our Sister School Morioka Chuo High School in Japan. The first term is always a busy time for students and staff as they reconnect, build new friendships, and navigate a new part of the school. We know that this takes a lot of energy, and we're sure there will be some tired students, staff, and parents leading into the term 1 holidays.

We'd also like to congratulate all the newly elected members of our 7-12 Student Representative Council (SRC), as well as **Jonathan Moulds & Liam Edwards** on being elected as our 2024 School Captains. Our 2024 SRC had their induction day on Monday 25th March where they focussed on what it is to be a leader and the importance of voice in learning.

Our Term 1 Student Free Day was focused on further unpacking our **"Challenge of Practice"** as a staff in line with our School and Department for Education DfE strategic plan. Our Challenge of Practice (CoP) is central to everything we do, and it involves designing challenging learning tasks that have a clear purpose, learning intentions, and success criteria, and provide for learners to interact and make choices. We also use formative assessment and feedback to differentiate.

Our goal is to see resilient, independent learners who take pride in their learning, are able to solve problems, show ambition and social responsibility.

We're excited about the opportunities and achievements that lie ahead for our school community for the remainder of the academic year.

Kind regards,

Harry Stassinopoulos, Principal

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SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE

We are pleased to announce some exciting updates regarding our school uniforms aimed at enhancing the overall uniform experience for all members of our school community.

In consultation with the Governing Council, Seaford Secondary College have changed the Uniform Shop facility to an off-site provider and uniform will no longer be available for purchase from the school. Loan uniform will be available from Student Services if you urgently require any uniform in the change-over period.

Seaford Secondary College is proud to partner with Lowes Colonnades as the new provider of our school uniforms.

We believe that Lowes School-Wear aligns perfectly with our school's values and priorities. Lowes will provide reliable service options, both in-store and on-line, seven days a week commencing May 3, 2024.

We are also excited to introduce a new addition to our official school uniform – winter weight school pants. These new pants have been selected with valuable input from our students and will be a welcome option, particularly during the winter months. Dark charcoal grey in colour and featuring the school logo embroidered below the pocket, these pants will not only provide comfort and warmth but also maintain a smart appearance. Lowes will offer both cuffed and straight legged versions of these new pants for sale, ensuring that students have options to suit their preferences. The new school pants will be available for purchase early in June.

We understand that these changes may result in some price increases, so we encourage you to talk to Lowes staff about discount and layby options. If you are experiencing extreme financial hardship, please communicate with your child's care group

teacher, who may be able to initiate support through student well-being.

We believe that these changes will significantly enhance the overall uniform experience at Seaford Secondary College. By providing access to high-quality merchandise through Lowes and introducing new student – supported uniform options, we aim to foster a sense of pride and unity within our school community.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we strive to create an inclusive and positive learning environment for all.

Harry Stassinopoulos

YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARDS 2024

The 2024 Youth Recognition Awards ceremony was held at the Port Noarlunga Arts Centre, celebrating the remarkable achievements of young individuals from the Onkaparinga area. The awards are divided into five distinct categories:

- Learning Achievement
- Personal Achievement
- Business & Entrepreneurial Achievements
- Community Participation
- Youth Worker of the Year

This year, the event saw an impressive array of over 90 nominees across all categories, showcasing an inspiring range of accomplishments – from raising \$18,000 in funds to completing marathons and launching new businesses.

Special recognition was given to the SILC case management team – **Mark Orr, Paula Trimboli, Lisa Harvey, and Amy Moses** – who were nominated for the **Youth Worker of the Year** award. This dedicated team has been instrumental in supporting some of our most vulnerable students, achieving outstanding results and bringing unique personal contributions to their roles: The Joker, The Cheerleader, The Mum, and The Accountability Holder.

On behalf of the SILC team and the wider SSC community, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Paula, Amy, Mark, and Lisa on their well-deserved nomination.



NOTIFYING A STUDENT'S ABSENCE

Do you know you can text or phone straight through to Student Services for your child's absence, lateness or leaving early?

Student Services has a direct phone line **8327 5241** that can be called to report absences. If the line is busy, the message will go to message bank, which is checked regularly and the absence recorded. Alternatively, you can text absences on **0418 155 901**.

Please note that these numbers are for absences only; for all other enquiries, please call the front office on **8327 5200**

SMOKE-FREE AND VAPE-FREE AREAS NEW REGULATIONS

From 1 March 2024 new regulations will extend the smoke-free and vape-free areas to within 10 metres of site boundaries. This includes:

- school drop-off and pick-up zones that are within 10 metres of the school fence, gate or boundary
- school ovals and sporting fields and within 10 metres of the boundary of the oval or sporting field
- footpaths, roads, public nature strips and public recreation areas that are within 10 metres of a school boundary.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

WELCOME TO OUR STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM STUDENTS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our 21 new and 4 returning international students who have joined our Study Abroad Program (SAP) this year.

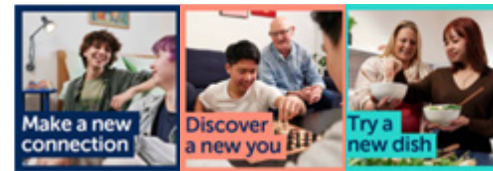
We have students who are staying from 4 weeks through to 2 years and they are from **Germany, Japan, Vietnam, Austria, France, Switzerland and Brazil.**

They range from year 9 through to year 12. We would especially like to welcome **Khuyen (Jen)** a graduate student who will be with us for 2 years and complete her SACE and will graduate from Seaford Secondary College.

Many of our Japanese students came from the same schools, so we have also welcomed many agents and teachers from Japan thorough the term. They have been keen to look at our school and its facilities and to see their students in their leaning environment.

This term, student have been attending:

- The Port Noarlunga Aquatics Centre and participating in surfing
- International Education Services (IES) welcome party with around 750 participants
- Visited Urimbirra Wildlife Park and walked up The Bluff at Victor Harbour
- Adelaide City, taking in the sights of the Adelaide Oval, the museum, Rundle Mall and the Central Markets
- Sports Day



HOMESTAY INTEREST

We would like to send out a warm welcome our new homestay families. Thank you for joining our exciting and rewarding program.

If you wish to be a part of this ever growing program, please contact **Annette Wedding** on **0418 826 133** or email **annette.wedding90@schools.sa.edu.au** for more information as we are always looking for new host families.

Hosting an international student is a wonderful and mutually rewarding experience.



FAREWELL

In week 4 we farewelled our first group of Japanese students from **Josai Kawagoe Junior High School**. During their stay they were visited by their teacher **Mr Tsutomu Ando** and Vice Principal **Mr Tomokazu Taguchi**. Students reported that they enjoyed their stay and wished that they could stay longer.

While developing their academic skills, students gain an understanding of the Australian way of life. Likewise, homestays increase their appreciation of other cultures and have the satisfaction of knowing they have made a difference to a young person's life and along the way have made lifelong friendships. It is truly a win-win for everyone.

Families of all sizes and structures are eligible. You will be supported by our international team at Seaford Secondary College and financially supported while the student/s are with you.

So, if the thought of opening your home and heart to an international student sound like an exciting opportunity or you want some more information, please contact Annette Wedding contact details are above.

STUDY TOUR

This term we had our sister school, **Morioka Chuo** from Japan visit us. We have a back-to-back study tour with the first one arrived on the 10th to the 17th of March and the second tour arrived in the evening of the 17th and departed in the early hours of the 24th of March.

We hosted 19 students in the first group and 16 in the second, both with supporting teachers. We would like to thank our homestay parents who supported us during their stay. It is very much appreciated. Students enjoyed a fun and engaging timetable supported by our staff.

Students attending our 2024 Japan trip to Morioka Chou also supported our visiting students. They built relationships, practised their Japanese, learnt about Japanese culture and supported students throughout their time with us.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

JAPAN TRIP - SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Our 2024 Japanese trip dates are now locked in, 22nd of September – 6th of October and our deposit has been paid. Students will be visiting Kyoto, Tokyo and Morioka, our sister school.

15 students will be taking part in this experience with 3 staff members:



Annette Wedding

International Program Coordinator
Last year attended the Morioka Chou Global Forum with Mr Stassinopoulos and two year 11 students. She led the International Program and has been working in the International sector for the past seven years.



Kelly Burford Leader and Teacher
Kelly has been teaching at SSC for 13 years and in 2015 she took a group of students to Japan and has visited the country on 2 other occasions. Kelly also teaches Japanese and Spanish.



Claudia Addicott Teacher
Claudia has travelled to 33 countries and has worked overseas as a tour guide. Claudia has taught a range of subjects here at Seaford and runs a very successful soccer program.

Governing Council has approved our proposals to fundraise for the trip to help students with the cost. Please be on the lookout for our fundraising events, we look forward to your support.

This trip will be offered again in 2026.

For more information please contact:

Annette Wedding – 0418 826 133 or email annette_wedding90@schools.sa.edu.au

FAREWELL TO OUR JAPANESE EXCHANGE TEACHER

In March we farewelled **Ms Miki Shimiz** from Himeji, Japan. She has been supporting our Japanese classes, Japanese teachers, **Archie** (who was our successful applicant for the Mishima scholarship) and some of our visiting Japanese students.

While here Miki enjoyed:

- Meeting and working with our staff and students here at Seaford Secondary College
- Visiting the state library
- A short holiday to Tasmania
- Our beaches, wineries and exploring the local area

We wish her all the best on her return and for the future.



STUDYING ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

There are plenty of opportunities for students to travel and study overseas with many countries to choose from. Both organisations offer a range of programs from short term, a semester or a year's program. Programs are available for students aged 15yrs 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

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SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange Program

www.scce.com.au

Jenny Hanson on 8323 0973

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Annette Wedding

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*Annette Wedding & Kayla Tilling
International Team*

STUDENT WELLBEING

PARENT HELPLINE

1300 364 100

KIDS HELPLINE 1800 551 800

www.kidshelpline.com.au

LIFELINE 13 11 14

www.lifeline.org.au

BEYOND BLUE 1300 224 636

www.beyondblue.org.au

HEADSPACE www.headspace.org.au

EXTENDED ABSENCES

Student absences of more than 1 week require an exemption form to be submitted. The form is available on request from student services. It should be completed 2 weeks prior to the start date of the exemption. This includes extended exemptions due to medical & other exemptions. Delays could result in an exemption NOT being approved, thus resulting in unexplained absences recorded for students.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the Lost Property box (in Student Services) for missing items. Clothing that is clearly named has a chance of making it back to the owner. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of each term.

PREMIER'S READING Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge encourages students to read more books and enjoy reading! The Challenge runs from 29 January until 6 September 2024. Students have plenty of time to get into reading, and have access to a great range of books from the library.

All students who register and complete the challenge are in the running to WIN a laptop. Students can register and collect their student reading record from the Library.

YEAR 12 UPDATE

On Monday 29th January, Year 12 students were welcomed back to their final year of school with a cooked breakfast and a full day of activities. Flinders University delivered an informative 'River Journey' session that included tips on how to get the most out of year 12, and an introduction to life at Flinders to help guide future study aspirations.

As balancing study, commitments and wellbeing is such an important aspect of Year 12 and beyond, **Bianca**, our school Mental Health Care Services Practitioner shared some valuable advice on developing healthy habits regarding; diet, exercise, and sleep and where to seek help if needed. Following on from this, students were able to meet their Year 12 teachers in short lesson rotations. As senior school are not having school physical diaries this year, as we move towards being digital citizens, we strongly encourage students to use an online organiser such as outlook calendar (or their own physical diary if preferred) to keep track of assessment due dates and important dates throughout the year to improve time

TEEN ZINES

Join us on the 2nd Thursday of every month from 3.30-5pm at Seaford Library and learn all there is to know about Zine and Comic Making. Led by local comics legend George Rex! Open to all drawing levels, all materials supplied.

Book online at www.onkapingacity.com/youth



Call the **Seaford Library** on 8384 0044 or visit www.onkapingacity.com/libraries for more information

management and success in Year 12. For lunch, we walked down to Moana beach for a sausage sizzle and then students participated team-building activities- including a sand sculpture competition. The theme for the first round was: Sea Creatures, the second round was: anything that represents Year 12. Teachers were very impressed by the level of engagement and judged groups on the following criteria: Teamwork, creativity, and design.

Day 2, Students were getting to know their care teachers and peers in a fun yet educational activity about how the SACE works by creating an assessed and moderated Paper Jacket. Learning about performance standards, criteria, exemplars and how SACE moderation operates. A great start to the year for the 'Class of 2024'.

We hope it is a great one and remember to reach out to your support networks at school- your Care Teachers, **Ms Scotton** (SACE/VET), **Mrs George** (Year 12 Leader), **Mr Constable / Bianca** (Wellbeing) and **Ms Veale** (Senior School Support).

Extend your family and expand your horizons

Join our homestay program

For more information, scan the QR code, visit internationalstudents.sa.edu.au, or call us on 8226 3402.