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DIARY DATES

12 – 24 MARCH
NAPLAN TESTING

26 MARCH
OPEN NIGHT

31 MARCH
STUDENT FREE DAY

11 APRIL
END OF TERM 1

28 APRIL
FIRST DAY OF TERM 2



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



DEAR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

I would like to welcome all new students, parents, and staff to Seaford Secondary College. We have started the year on a high note, celebrating our Year 12 students'

impressive achievements, with 100% SACE completion for the second consecutive year and an increase in grades in the 'A' bands.

Our school community is actively involved in reviewing our core values, demonstrating our commitment to continuous improvement. We are seeking feedback from parents and the wider community to ensure these values truly reflect our collective aspirations. Once the consultation process is complete, we look forward to celebrating our newly refined values in Term 2.

This term, our students have already enjoyed enriching experiences beyond the classroom. Excursions and camps, such as kayaking at the Coorong, the Year 7 Woodhouse, and Year 8 Tree Climb excursions, have provided exciting opportunities for growth and learning.

Our '**Challenge of Practice**' for our school improvement continues to focus on purposeful learning, encouraging students to interact, make connections, and express their voices. By providing

actionable feedback, we aim to empower all students to succeed in their learning journeys. The development of a quality curriculum and classroom practice has supported our Challenge of Practice.

To further enhance student learning, we have planned student-free days and Wednesday afternoon professional development sessions for 2025. These will allow our dedicated staff the time and resources needed to focus on improving educational outcomes.

Our student mobile phone policy aligns with all South Australian government schools. Students must keep their mobile phones and other personal devices switched off and out of sight during school hours. Thank you to our parents and caregivers for supporting the policy, which has been effective in helping promote safe classroom environments with reduced negative impacts on learning. Where teachers can teach and students can learn, free from distractions caused by personal use of devices. We have noticed that breaks provide quality time away from screens, encouraging physical activity, play, and meaningful face-to-face connections with peers.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Together, we will make this year a successful and memorable for everyone.

Kind regards,

Harry Stassinopoulos, Principal

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INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

WHATS ON IN 2025 FOR THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

- 26 students for term 1
- Welcoming many teachers and agents from overseas
- Morioka Chuo Study Tour – week 8
- Nihon University Mishima High School exchange program – Chase, April school holidays
- 26th Global Forum to our sister school Morioka Chuo – William & Laker, August
- Negotiations are well on the way for accepting 2 more study tours – term 2 & 3
- Advertising for our 2026 Japan cultural/study tour – term 2
- Welcoming new homestay parents to our program
- Building our buddy program
- Homestay Network Meeting – week 5

WELCOME TO OUR STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM STUDENTS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our 23 new and 3 returning international students who have joined our Study Abroad Program (SAP) this year. We have students who are staying from 4 weeks through to 1 year. They are from Germany, Japan, Vietnam, France, America, Norway and Chile in years 9 through to year 12.

This term we have also welcomed many agents and teachers supporting our Japanese students while they are studying at Seaford Secondary College. Our visitors have also enjoyed looking around our school and its facilities and seeing their students in their learning environments.



- **Ms Akaike** and **Mr Schultz** – supporting students from **Josai Kawagoe, Mita International High School, Nihon Gakuen High School, Kori Nevers High School** and **Kwansei Gakuin Senior High School**
- **Mr Matsuoka** – supporting 5 of his students from **Josai Kawagoe Junior High School**
- **Ms Simpson** – supporting 2 students from **Morioka Chuo High School.**
- **Mr Hirase** – supporting students from **Kindai High School** and **Meisei Junior High School**



Our international students will be participating in many excursions and are getting a taste of what Adelaide and our local area have to offer.

- School surfing at Port Noarlunga Aquatics Centre
- International Education Services (IES) welcome party with around 750 new international students from all around the globe
- Urimbirra Wildlife Park and a walk at The Bluff, Victor Harbor
- Adelaide City, taking in the sights of the Adelaide Oval, the museum, Rundle Mall and the Central Markets
- Sports Day
- Bush walking



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM CONTINUED

STUDY TOUR

In week 8 we have 22 students arriving from our sister school, **Morioka Chuo, Japan**. They will be with us for 1 week arriving on the 15th and departing on the 23rd of March.

We would like to thank our homestay parents who will be hosting students during their stay and showing them around our local area. It is very much appreciated. During their stay, students will participate in a fun and engaging timetable supported by our staff.

BUDDY PROGRAM

In preparation for up-and-coming study tours, we are looking for buddies to join our international buddy program. It is a great way to learn about another culture, make new friends, help others and contribute to the Seaford Secondary community.

A study tour buddy will be assigned to a student with the goal of learning about our Australian culture and improve their English-speaking skills. Buddies meet study tour students at break times and show them around our school, introduce them to others, help them to practice their English through conversation and involve them in breaktime activities. Depending on the timetable, buddies may have the opportunity to join excursions to Adelaide city, a welcome BBQ and other school-based activities offered to each group as well as a farewell party.

If you are interested in being a buddy, please come and speak to **Ms Wedding** in Tingara office and **Mrs Burford**.

HOMESTAY INTEREST

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

Hosting an international student is a wonderful and mutually rewarding experience. Whilst 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 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. To see how reward this opportunity could be please watch this short YouTube clip: <https://youtu.be/QurWaBp8PH4>

If the thought of opening your home and heart to an international student sounds like an exciting opportunity and you want more information, please contact **Annette Wedding** on **0418 826 133** or email annette.wedding90@schools.sa.edu.au as we are always looking for new host families.

STUDYING ABROAD OPPORTINITIES

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



This term **World Education Program** are holding online information sessions for students and their families, (see flyer on next page with dates and times), watch this short YouTube clip - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IDWF0sGBnQ&t=1s>

or alternately you can contact - www.wep.org.au
Emma Prentice on 03 9598 4733 or
email info@wep.org.au



SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Southern Cross-cultural Exchange Program is also offering free information sessions on 25th February and the 13th of March at 5:30pm. Alternative you can contact www.scce.com.au
Jenny Hanson on 8323 0973 or email jenny.h@scce.com.au

For future information contact **Annette Wedding International Program Coordinator** Tingara C04, 0418 826 133 or email annette.wedding90@schools.sa.gov.au

Annette Wedding & Kelly Burford
International Team



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Join our homestay program

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SPORTS DAY 2025

On Friday 7 March 2025, we held our annual sports day where the 4 houses Nashwauk, Tigress, Tingara and Boon Boona battled it out for the Nina Avery Sports Day Plaque.

The students enjoyed an inclusive and fun-filled day, despite the warmer weather. The scores were close, but overall Tigress walked away worthy winners with a strong showing of students in both the middle and senior school.

Thank you to all the staff for their contributions on the day and the preparation leading up to the event. It was a great day enjoyed by all and we look forward to doing it again next year.

Good luck to our students selected in the school athletics team that will be competing on 2 April 2025 – teams to be announced soon.

FINAL SCORES:

Tigress	4,469	Tingara	4,382
Nashwauk	4,333	Boon Boona	4,287



SCHOOL VALUES DEVELOPMENT

As a school community, this year we are working on developing new values for Seaford Secondary College. We want to ensure our new values are meaningful to our community and are lived out each day here at school.

Our student leaders having been working with classes across the school to develop a range of options for our new values but we also want to hear perspectives from our whole community.

On Friday at Sports Day, families that attended were asked to provide their opinions on a range of values, but we wanted to make sure our whole community including family members, local

businesses, and other community members had an opportunity to contribute their thoughts.

Please see survey link below which includes 15 values as developed by our students. We encourage you to vote for up to 2 of these values which will help identify those most important to our school community:

<https://forms.office.com/r/1f4Y1yF7hv>

This survey is open until 11:30pm next Wednesday 19 March 2025.

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.

CONTINUOUS REPORTING

At Seaford Secondary College we are now using a continuous reporting process.

Our teachers provide regular updates on your child's academic progress, with grades and feedback posted at least every five weeks, ensuring you have real-time access to your child's performance.

You can view your child's progress by logging into the Daymap Parent Portal, where you will find detailed information, including student work, rubrics, grades, and feedback provided by teachers, helping to eliminate surprises in semester reports.

When logging on to the Portal, select your child's profile and click the Assessment tab. This will show you a summary of your child's subjects and grades for tasks.

If you are wanting to also see the feedback that teachers are providing, click the 'summary for 2025' link, select 'Tabular' and click 'Apply'.

This will then show grades and any feedback given by teachers. If you have any concerns or questions about your child's progress, please feel free to contact their teachers directly through Daymap, as teachers are available to discuss your child's learning and provide additional support if needed.

We are having our parent teacher interviews at the beginning of Term 2 and you will receive a communication with details on how to book interviews at the end of this term. We encourage you to engage with your child about their learning, as reviewing their progress together can be a valuable opportunity to set goals and address any challenges they may be facing. Your involvement and support are crucial in helping your child succeed academically.

If you are unable to access the Daymap Parent Portal, please follow this link. If you are still having difficulties, please contact the school.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education, and should you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

https://www.seafordhs.sa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Daymap_Connect_-_Parent_Guide_2.pdf

SEAFORD LIBRARY NEWS

NEWS FROM THE SEAFORD LIBRARY

The Seaford Library continues to offer library services to the Seaford Secondary College community. Welcome to all of our Year 7 students who have had a chance to explore our services with an orientation of the library. We hope that the library becomes a big part of your journey though secondary school. We offer a huge range of resources and programs to assist with your learning. The library is also a great place to come at lunchtime and after school. Please see us at the library if you would like to take

part in the Premier's Reading Challenge. You can pick up a 2025 Reading Record from the library. The Challenge requires you to read 12 books in total – can you do it! Be in the running to win an awesome prize on completion.



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

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.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH THE FRONT OFFICE IF ANY OF YOUR DETAILS HAVE CHANGED



Home Address



Mobile Numbers



Email Address



Emergency Contacts



Family Information



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WEP STUDENT EXCHANGE TERM 1 EVENTS

WEP Talks - 6:00 pm AEDT

Wednesday 19th February

Thursday 6th March

Tuesday 18th March

Wednesday 2nd April

WEP Buddy Q&As - 6:00 pm AEDT

Thursday 27th February

Tuesday 1st April

Find out more & register here!



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