

From the Principal

Dear Families,

It has been a fantastic start to 2026 at Seaford Secondary College (SSC)! Our staff and students have settled in well, and there is a real sense of positivity across the school. This smooth transition reflects the careful planning and teamwork that took place throughout 2025. Together, we are continuing to foster a learning environment where pride in our school shines through.

A very warm welcome to all students, especially our new Year 7s, who are already showing great excitement and eagerness for learning. To our Year 12 students, we wish you every success as you journey through your final year—many of you already have clear goals and aspirations beyond school, and we are here to support you every step of the way.

We are also pleased to welcome the following new staff to our community:

Ms Taliesha Arthur – English and HASS
 Mr Luke Bartlett – Nashwauk and HPE Leader
 Mr Bas de Groot – Admin SSO
 Ms Sophie Disley – Mental Health Practitioner
 Ms Hannah Everett – English and HASS
 Ms Leia Glenn – Japanese and Mathematics
 Ms Sarah Molloy – VET and Pathways Leader
 Ms Natalie Perkins – Music and HASS
 Mr Callum Petrie – Chemistry and Mathematics
 Ms Michelle Pinto – On-Site Tailored Learning
 Ms Ashleigh Rathjen – English and Drama
 Mr Ben Williams – Mathematics, Science and Technology

These staff bring a wealth of experience and new ideas, and we look forward to the contributions they will make to our students' learning.

What Makes a Difference at SSC

At Seaford Secondary College, we know that strong literacy and numeracy skills are key to student success. Literacy is about more than reading and writing—it empowers young people



to understand, question, and engage with the world. Similarly, developing numeracy skills allows students to recognise patterns, solve real-world problems, and build confidence in their thinking. These are the skills that will carry them far beyond the classroom. We are also focusing on formative assessment, which means checking for understanding and providing feedback throughout the learning process. This approach helps students identify their strengths, take greater responsibility for their learning, and strive for continual improvement. These collective efforts are already making a positive impact. We are proud to share the achievements of our 2025 Year 12 graduates: an increase in A and B grades, 100% SACE completion, and successful transitions to a wide range of pathways—including electrical engineering (with a focus on robotics), law, physiotherapy, and biotechnology. These outcomes show what is possible when students, families, and staff work together.

Building Connections with Our Community

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who joined us for Acquaintance Night. Your involvement in meeting teachers, learning about classroom activities, and discovering the opportunities ahead means so much to your children and to us.

This term, we were also pleased to host Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia. Congratulations to school captains Marley and Elissa, and to all students who participated in the visit on Tuesday, 10 February. Our guests toured Minya Wirra Mai (the Little Food Forest) and our cultural garden, led by Karl Telfer and First Nations students. Our students represented themselves—and our school—with pride and respect. We look forward to another exciting and productive year at Seaford Secondary College. Thank you for your ongoing support—together, we can ensure every student has the opportunity to thrive.

Regards,

Harry Stassinopoulos
Principal

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International Program

Welcome to our Study Abroad Students Program

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our 25 new and 3 returning international students who have joined our Study Abroad Program (SAP) this term. We have students staying from four weeks through to one year. They come from Germany, Japan, America, Austria and Brazil, and are enrolled across Years 9 through to 12.

We have also welcomed many agents and teachers who are supporting our Japanese students while they study at Seaford Secondary College. Our visitors have enjoyed touring the school, viewing our facilities, and seeing their students engaged in their learning environments.

Our international students will be participating in a range of excursions and are getting a taste of what Adelaide and our local area have to offer, including:

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



What's On

- 28 students for Term 1
- Welcoming many teachers and agents from overseas visiting our school
- Morioka Chuo Study Tour – 14 – 22 March (Week 8)
- Nihon University Mishima High School exchange program – Georgia, April school holidays
- Japan Study Tour Trip – 16 students, Sept/Oct, Term 3
- Salman Al Farisi from Indonesia – 3 – 9 May, Term 2
- Kyoto Board of Education Study Tour – Term 3
- Ritsumeikan Study Tour – Term 4
- Welcoming new homestay parents to our program
- Building our buddy program

International Program – cont.d

STUDY TOUR

In Week 8, we are delighted to welcome 19 students from our sister school, Morioka Chuo in Japan. They will be with us for one week, arriving on 14 March and departing on 22 March.

We extend our sincere thanks to the homestay families who will be hosting our visitors and introducing them to our local area. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

During their visit, the Morioka Chuo students will participate in a varied and engaging program, supported by our dedicated staff.

Our students who will be travelling to Japan later this year will act as buddies, providing a wonderful opportunity to build friendships, practise their Japanese, and help our visitors experience life at Seaford Secondary College by involving them in the many activities our school has to offer.

BUDDY PROGRAM

In preparation for upcoming 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 visiting student with the goal of helping them learn about Australian culture and improve their English-speaking skills. Buddies meet study tour students at break times, show them around our school, introduce

them to others, help them practise their English through conversation, and involve them in breaktime activities. Depending on the timetable, buddies may also 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 the Tingara office or Mrs Burford.

JAPAN CULTURAL STUDY TOUR TRIP FUNDRAISING – SEPT/OCT 2026

Planning for our upcoming Japan trip is well underway, with deposits now paid for our flights. To ensure the trip remains as affordable and accessible as possible for all students and their families, we are commencing fundraising efforts.

One fundraising initiative involves collecting eligible 10-cent containers such as cans, bottles and juice boxes. We kindly ask our school community to support our cause by donating these items.

Donations can be dropped off at the school, or you can contact Annette Wedding to arrange collection. Thank you for your support in helping make this valuable learning opportunity possible for our students. Recycling + reducing waste + supporting our students = winning!



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. While developing their academic skills, students gain an understanding of the Australian way of life.

Likewise, homestay families increase their appreciation of other cultures and enjoy the satisfaction of knowing they have made a difference in a young person's life and formed 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 rewarding this opportunity can 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 would like 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 OPPORTUNITIES

There are plenty of opportunities for students to

travel and study overseas, with many countries to choose from. Programs are available for students aged 15 years or older and offer a range of options, including short-term, semester-long, or year-long experiences. This is a unique opportunity for students to develop maturity, confidence and resilience, and to become more accepting of different views and ways of living.

This term, World Education Program (WEP) is holding online information sessions for students and their families (see the flyer below for dates and times). You can also watch this short YouTube clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IDWF0sGBnQ&t=1s>, or visit www.wep.org.au. Alternatively, you can contact Emma Prentice on 03 9598 4733 or email info@wep.org.au.

Southern Cross-Cultural Exchange (SCCE) is also offering free information sessions on 25 February and 13 March at 5:30pm. Alternatively, you can visit www.scce.com.au, contact Jenny Hanson on 8323 0973, or email jenny.h@scce.com.au.

For further information, you can contact Annette Wedding, International Program Coordinator, in Tingara C04. Phone: 0418 826 133 or email annette.wedding90@schools.sa.gov.au.



Year 7 Woodhouse Activity Centre Excursion

On Thursday, 19 February, our Year 7 students took part in their annual excursion to the Woodhouse Activity Centre, accompanied by Middle School Leaders, Care Group teachers, Youth Workers, support staff and Year 11 peer mentors. This experience plays an important role in supporting students as they transition into high school, offering valuable opportunities to build connections with peers and staff beyond their regular Care Group environment. It also encourages the development of teamwork, communication and emerging leadership skills in an active and engaging setting.

Throughout the day, students rotated through a variety of activities, including Challenge Hill, Laser Skirmish, Orienteering and Rock Climbing, before enjoying a well-earned BBQ lunch. These challenges encouraged students to try new things, step beyond their comfort zones and collaborate effectively to achieve shared goals.

Our Year 7 students demonstrated behaviour aligned with our school values and should be proud of the way they conducted themselves throughout the day. Students also thoroughly enjoyed the experience:

“I really liked Challenge Hill. It was very fun, especially the mousetrap. I also really liked the BBQ because it was delicious.” – Georgia

“My favourite part of the Woodhouse excursion was the laser skirmish. And Challenge Hill, because of the rock climbing in the water, which was nice because it was nice and cold.” – Matteo

“The best part I enjoyed was Challenge Hill because there were many places to climb and scramble up to a labyrinth.” – Lara

“I liked Woodhouse because there were great team-bonding activities. I really enjoyed the laser tag and the rope swing over the water.” – Jayden

“At Woodhouse my favourite things were falling into the lake when trying to do the rope swing, and doing Challenge Hill with all my friends.” – Skye

We look forward to continuing our work with the Year 7 cohort throughout the year as part of our transition program, ensuring every student has the support they need to thrive in their new school environment.



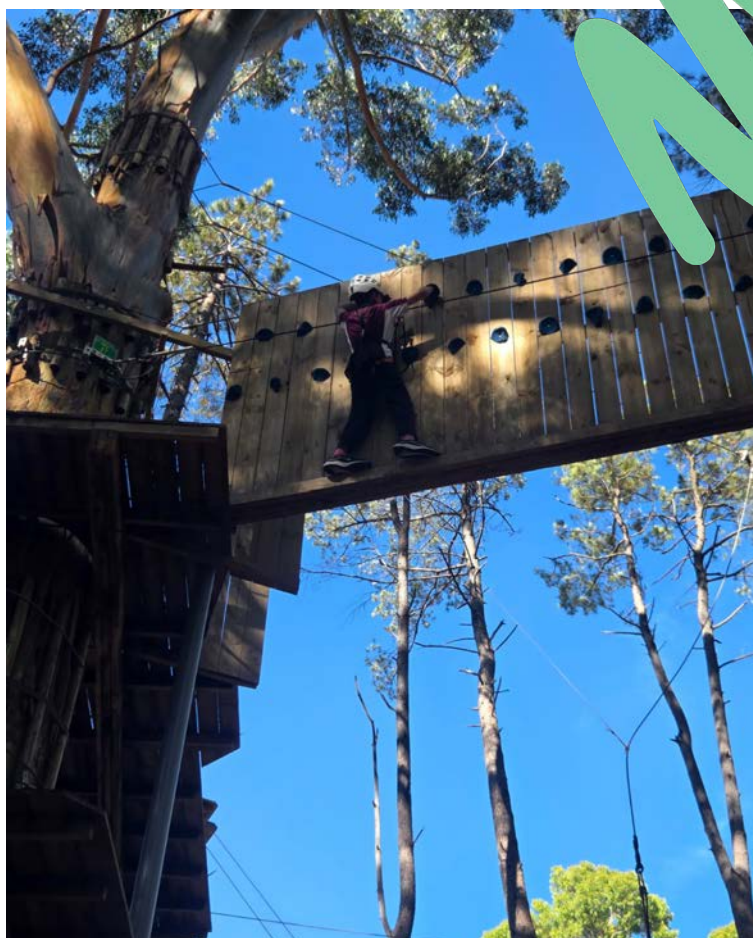
Year 8 Tree Climb Excursion

On Friday, 20 February, 88 Year 8 students attended TreeClimb at Kuitpo Forest, accompanied by Middle School Leaders, Care Group teachers and support staff. The excursion was designed to support the beginning of Year 8 and to provide opportunities for staff and students to build positive working relationships in a collaborative, challenge-based environment.

Students completed four different courses, each with varying levels of difficulty, navigating obstacles and zip lines while harnessed more than 10 metres above the ground. Their determination and the encouragement they showed one another were clear demonstrations of our school values of resilience, kindness and empathy.

Our students represented Seaford Secondary College exceptionally well and received positive feedback from both staff and community members. Students also thoroughly enjoyed the day, with one commenting, "It was the best excursion I've ever been on and I wish we could do it again tomorrow," and another saying, "I didn't think I'd be able to do some of these challenges, but I learned that I could push through even when I was scared."

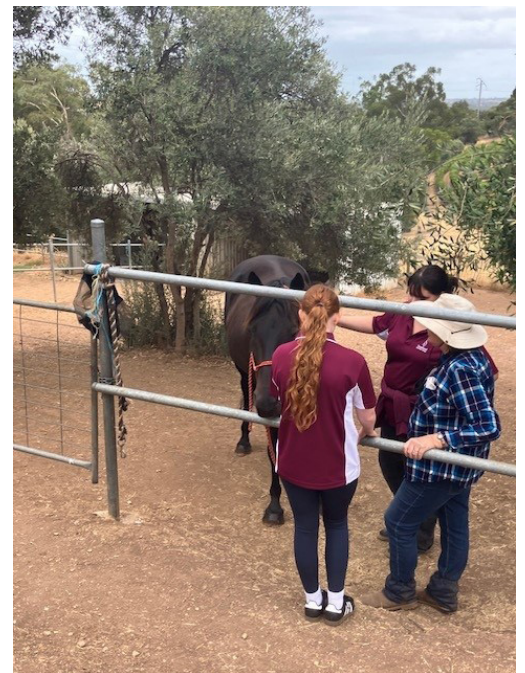
Overall, the excursion was a great success, and we are confident that the skills, confidence and connections developed will continue to support students' learning and wellbeing throughout the year.



OSTL Way of the Horses

Six of our On-Site Tailored Learning students have recently commenced participation in Way of the Horses, an 8-week hands-on wellbeing program. This experience focuses on building confidence, communication, teamwork, and emotional regulation through practical activities with horses in a safe and supportive environment.

Students engaged extremely well in the first session and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We look forward to seeing their continued growth and participation throughout the program.



VET and Pathways Team



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Hello Seaford community,
 My name is Sarah Molloy and, alongside Kim McCormack, I am proud to be part of the VET and Pathways Team at Seaford Secondary College.

I have recently joined the college from Broken Hill, an outback community well known for its strong spirit and as the home of Adelaide Crow's players Taylor Walker and Isaac Cumming. Coming from a rural background, I value resilience, connection and opportunity, and I am passionate about helping young people identify their strengths and build confident futures.



I feel incredibly fortunate to work alongside Kim, whose local knowledge and experience are such an asset to our college community. I have genuinely enjoyed being warmly welcomed by the students, staff and families of Seaford Secondary College and look forward to building strong relationships across the school.

As the Pathways Team, we are here to support students with:

- Career exploration to identify strengths, interests and potential career directions and to develop the skills to actively manage their own career pathway.
- Exploring post-school pathways including university, TAFE SA, apprenticeships, traineeships, gap years and direct employment.
- VET courses and successfully managing these alongside SACE requirements.
- The Year 10 Work Experience Program.
- Organising meaningful work experience placements for Year 10–12 students aligned with individual goals and interests.
- Industry immersion opportunities that provide real-world exposure.
- Problem-solving and guidance to work through pathway-related challenges or uncertainties.

As a parent of teenage girls myself, I understand that this stage of life is a time of significant growth and change - not only for students, but for families as well. We genuinely care about supporting every student at Seaford Secondary College and ensuring they feel informed, encouraged and confident as they plan their future.

We look forward to working closely with our school community and celebrating the diverse and exciting pathways our students pursue.

VET and Pathways Spotlight

- White Card Training Sessions – 10 and 24 March, open to Years 10,11 and 12
- First Nations Civil Construction Program – Commencing 2 March, running for four weeks.

Brekky@8



Our Breakfast Club runs Monday to Friday from 8:00–8:30am in the canteen, providing students with a welcoming space and a great start to the school day. From Monday to Thursday, students can enjoy freshly made cheese toasties, and on Fridays we celebrate the end of the week with Pancake Day.

Breakfast Club is run by our great youth worker team and our dedicated volunteer team. Students are welcome to sit and enjoy their breakfast in the canteen with friends or grab something to go before heading to class.

We warmly encourage all families to remind their children that Breakfast Club is available each morning. It's a wonderful way to connect, fuel up, and start the day feeling ready to learn.



OPEN NIGHT

25 MARCH 2026

5:00pm to 7:00pm

- Free BBQ
- Welcome by the Principal and School Captains
- Guided tours led by Student Leaders
- Self guided tours
- Interactive learning experiences
- Information stalls and displays

We look forward to welcoming you to Seaford Secondary College.
For more information, please call 8327 5200 or visit
www.seafordhs.sa.edu.au



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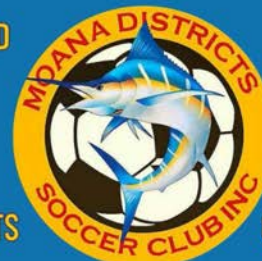
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News from the Seaford Library



Extended Absences

Student absences of more than one week require an exemption form to be submitted. The form is available on request from Student Services and should be completed two weeks prior to the start date of the exemption. This includes extended absences due to medical or other approved reasons.

Delays may result in an exemption not being approved, which would lead to unexplained absences being recorded for the student.

NEW Canteen Menu

<https://www.rorys.com.au/menus/seaford/>

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

Calendar Dates

- 26 February**
OSTL Way of the Horse Excursion
- 27 February**
SRC and School Captains Training Day
- 3 March**
SAP T1 International Surfing
- 3 March**
Student Charger Test and Tag
- 5 March**
OSTL Way of the Horse Excursion
- 6 March**
Sports Day
- 9 March**
Public Holiday
- 11 - 13 March**
Year 12 Yorke Peninsula Camp
- 12 March**
OSTL Way of the Horse Excursion
- 13 March**
Year 11 Drama Excursion
- 17 March**
Year 12 Drama Excursion
- 19 March**
OSTL Way of the Horse Excursion

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

- Home Address
- Phone Number
- Email
- Emergency Contact
- Family Information