

# The Southern Star

# Southern Cross Grammar

## Principal

**Mr Andrew Ponsford**

## Student Leadership

Last week's student gathering that involved all students from Years 1-12 on the Junior School lawn was an uplifting occasion in many respects.

The occasion was largely run by our leaders; this in itself was highly impressive as were their words of encouragement to their peers. Similarly, the reverence and respect shown at the gathering by our students was also commendable.

Congratulations to the students below who have been elected by students and staff to lead us in the 2018 school year.

## Senior School Prefects

Y12: Alicia Ciacic, Garang Dekuek, Tori Merrin, Claudia Privitelli, Phoebe Singh, Kate Vukoja.

## Senior School Vice-Prefects

Y11: Kasey Mercieca, Ellie Codman, Antonio Filippone, Lauren Jones.

## Senior School Captains

Y10: Athif Rauf, Maxine Shettigara, Amilia Sleman, Taylor Stoitsis.

## Middle School Captains

Y9: Shivaan Bahl, Stefan Filippone, Hannah Merry, Joanne Vuu.

## Junior School Captains

Y4: Sophie Fosnaugh, Lukas Li Rosi, Lily Pham, Lana Sapcanin.

Y6: Sakari Clarke-Oldani, Nivethan Nakuladeva, Noah Veljavovski, Josie Woollard.

Our class captains recently elected will be listed and announced to our community in next week's newsletter.



- Refreshments on arrival
- Student led tours
- Tour the brand new state-of-the-art VCE Centre
- Meet the Principal and Heads of School

Bookings are essential. To confirm your attendance please email [admin@scg.vic.edu.au](mailto:admin@scg.vic.edu.au) or call 8363 2000.

We look forward to welcoming you to Southern Cross Grammar. Come and see the difference.

## Deputy Principal and Head of Senior School

**Ms Louisa Rennie**

## Student Leadership appointments

Celebration of student leadership emerged as the theme at last week Assembly where our 2018 Portfolio Captains were announced. Portfolio Captains are here to make a difference. They set out to learn with and from others, to understand themselves better, share their talents and passions and uncover the talents and skills in others. Many applications were received for these important appointments and we are proud to know that so many students recognise how important it is to stand up and be counted, and to lead others. Thank you to all students who applied and congratulations to those listed in the table below.

Title		ALPHA	BETA	DELTA	GAMMA
NGL Captains	JS MS SS	Isla Abbott Toby Browne	Lachlan Jaensch Aimee Vukoja Hamza Kashif	Claire Iulianella Jessica Dimovski Hussein Zoghaib	Tewin Nanayakkara Esma Urun
Sport Captains	JS MS SS	Ben Harbour Thomas Stoitsis Obydah Abu-Hassan	Simar Tokhi Tayla Aykutlu Tahlia Balliet	Aaryan Chadha Sophie Salomon-Best Lylana Anstee	Jacob Pilovski Saanvi Venkat Tijjani Rees Farrugia
Social Justice Captains	JS MS SS	Amaan Anverdeen Shaina Kuar	Michaela Arcuri Shiraz Mallah	Aleesha Thotakura Tehya Clarke-Oldani	Aarush Khurana Kristoffer Liska
		Liam Giacchi, Tarun Chidambarabharathi, Stephanie Merry			
Arts Captains	JS MS SS	Alyssa Daulo Emily Williams	Gabriella Valdes Angelica Krstevska	Caitlin Vasilevski Joseph Iulianella	Monique Luu Dan Mai
		Elaf Elsheikh, Jami Declerck, Damien Razmovski, Grace Muneretto			

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## Elevate Education

A reminder to parents of all Senior School students that we will host a Parent meeting in the VCE Centre on Monday 5 March from 6:00pm – 7:45pm. We will commence with a briefing on a number of VCE matters and a chance for parents to meet and connect over refreshments. The Elevate Education seminar will begin at 6:45pm and focus on ways to support your child with time management, procrastination and technological distractions, motivation, stress and what it means to use effective study strategies. Support materials will be made available to parents at the Seminar. You can read more about Elevate here: [www.elevateeducation.com](http://www.elevateeducation.com). I am hopeful of your support and would really like to see as many Senior School parents as possible at this event. Please note the date and time in your diary.

## Procrastination

An inspirational video about Procrastination by Tim Urban, encourages us to think harder about what we're really procrastinating on, before we run out of time. [https://www.ted.com/talks/tim\\_urban\\_inside\\_the\\_mind\\_of\\_a\\_master\\_procrastinator](https://www.ted.com/talks/tim_urban_inside_the_mind_of_a_master_procrastinator)

## House Swimming Carnival expectations

I am keen to see all Senior School students at the Y3 – Y12 House Swimming Sports on Monday. Events that bring our students and school community together provide a key opportunity for our senior students to be role models for their younger peers. Best of luck to all students for Monday!

## Deputy Principal and Head of Teaching and Learning

### Mrs Julie Baud

It has been wonderful to see our students so excited and engaged in their learning in all areas of the school this past week.

Year 2's have had an incursion with a visit from "Reptile Encounters"; an organization that captivates students as they learn about the weird and wonderful characteristics of Australian reptiles. They saw, and some even held, an Olive Python named 'Tiny', Charlie the Salt Water Crocodile and Jasmine the Sugar Gilder Possum.



Other very engaging learning opportunities have included Year 3's singing "Stand By Me", as part of their Music lesson, various outside activities in Physical Education classes and the large Year 10 Robotics Engineering class trialling their "creations" in the downstairs corridor of the Middle school building. One of the Robotics students then left his group to participate in an on-line 'Nanotechnology' class; a subject he is enrolled in through the John Monash Science School.

I often reflect and consider how fortunate our students are to have these opportunities available to them. They are opportunities that will help facilitate problem-solving and critical thinking skills, teamwork and leadership development and other skills that will be important, no matter what career they pursue in the future.

Head of Middle School, Ms Janis Coffey, mentioned the significance of this during her presentation at the Middle School Information Night last week. She also explained our increased focus on thinking and problem-solving in the Middle school curriculum, including the role of the Design Thinking program at Year 9.

During the Senior School Information Night, I stressed the importance of families reading the 2018 VCE Student Policy Handbook together. Students and parents/guardians should have a good understanding of the many policies and rules outlined and are to both sign the VCE Student Declaration letter that was distributed earlier this week. This signed letter, a requirement of the VCAA (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority), is to be returned to the students' Homeroom teacher by **3.00pm on Friday 23 February**.



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## Head of Junior School

### Ms Romina Pimpini

Our Student Centred Vision is alive and well in the Junior School, with evidence of Leadership, Aiming High and Understanding Self.

Our Year 4 Captains worked together as a team and showed great leadership and poise when we held our first Junior School Assembly for this year. They warmly welcomed everyone to the Junior School for this year and focused on our School Vision, as well as setting goals for our learning and life.

We also acknowledged our House Portfolio Captains in the Junior School and announced our Class Captains for Term 1.

Congratulations to Sophie Fosnaugh, Lukas LiRosi, Lily Pham, and Lana Sapcanin for their passion and Commitment to this task – they should be very proud!



2018 Junior School Captains

JS House Portfolio Captains  
—ready to lead!



As the school year has begun to gather momentum, students will be bringing home books to read and Home Learning tasks to undertake. Of course, these will look different for the various year levels across the Junior School. We thank parents and carers for their support and encouragement when your child/ren undertake such tasks. Of course, building independence in their learning is important and feedback via the Seesaw App is important. If you have any questions about logging on or access this App, please email your child's teacher.

Of course, supporting your child in their learning comes in many forms – check this out for some practical advice, no matter their age!

<https://www.parentingideas.com.au/2017/01/building-resilience-in-kids-practical-tips-for-parents/>

The aim of our Assembly Program is to:

- engage students in school life,
- share in accomplishments and celebrations
- provide a sense of belonging and shared purpose, as well as,
- providing opportunities for leadership and the development of both public speaking and presentation skills.

Our assemblies will be held fortnightly in 2018, with announcements of them to be posted in the School Newsletter. Understandably, students will be at the core of each Assembly and we invite parents/cares and family members to share in these gatherings with us. In particular, when we are celebrating or sharing in the success of any of our students, we will be certain to make contact with parents/carers so these occasions may be shared.

We hope you will be able to join us in our Junior School Assembly Program as we continue to strengthen the culture of our wonderful school community.

Please help us fundraise for some sports equipment that we can share at break times.

### Junior School Challenge:

From Mon 26 February – Friday 02 March, the F-4 class that collects the most Coles vouchers will win a prize from Ms Pimpini. So – be sure to help Mum or Dad get the shopping done & bring your coupons in to your teacher!



A reminder to all parents/carers and drivers of cars—SCG Car Park is reserved for staff.

For the safety of all of our students, please do not park in the driveways drop of your child/ren. This presents a DANGER to all our students, particularly the littlest ones.

Please use the Coles car park on Gourlay Road for adequate parking, ease of access and a health attitude to road use for all.

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## Sport News

Well done to Danidu Aluthjage (7.3) who was selected in the U12 School Sport Victoria Soccer Team. Danidu underwent a highly competitive application program beating 250 highly talented students to attain a spot on the Victorian team. Danidu and his team represented Victoria in a tournament held in Adelaide from 2-9 December, 2017 where the team came second out of all Australian states that competed. Great job Danidu!



## F-12 Parents and Carers' Forum

Thursday 8 March - JS Learning Hub - 7:00pm  
**"Our Children's Digital Dynamics"**

The PFA invite you to attend this event, where we will look at the issues facing our children in the area of digital and cyber safety, and leading research recommends regarding approach. We welcome all parents and carers to attend this workshop. Please rsvp to [pfa@scg.vic.edu.au](mailto:pfa@scg.vic.edu.au)



## Student Laptops in 2018

Students in Year 7 to Year 12 have the choice of bringing a laptop, either Windows10 or MacOS operating system. Whilst not compulsory it is desirable that students have access to a device when required.

Students in Foundation to Year 6 are required to bring their own iPad to class, with students in Year 7 to Year 12 also welcome to bring an iPad in conjunction with their laptop.

A reminder for families who purchased Acer laptops for students in 2017 (through the school), that have not put their laptop in for re-imaging. Please drop them into the MS Administration office at your earliest convenience.

## 2019 Enrolment Program

### Mrs Danielle Andrews—Registrar

Please note that in mid-February we commence our interviews for Foundation 2019 placements. Year 7 interviews will commence in Term 2. Strong interest is evident and therefore it is important that sibling applications for 2019 are held by the School at this point. If you know of any interested family friends, applications need to be received immediately to avoid disappointment.

## Canteen News

Reminder that the canteen on-line lunch ordering system has changed. Please see the following link to re-register for 2018: <https://myschoolconnect.com.au/thelunchpad>

## School Company Membership

Southern Cross Grammar is a company limited by guarantee to which individuals can join as company members for an annual \$10 fee. Becoming a company member entitles you to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will be held early in Term 2. Along with the School Board the AGM is attended by the Principal, Corporate Services Manager and representatives of our external auditor team from BDO Australia.

The AGM provides an opportunity to hear firsthand about the school's financial results and to ask questions of the Board. In the weeks leading up to the AGM company members will be asked to nominate fellow company members for election to fill vacancies on the School Board. When required elections are held at the AGM with only company members eligible to vote on these important appointments.

Company membership application forms are available from the School Reception located in the Junior School as well as online on the school's website [www.scg.vic.edu.au](http://www.scg.vic.edu.au) by navigating to Information \ About Us \ School Board.



# Brimbank Female Football Festival

**Sunday 4 March 2018**

**Keilor Park Recreation Reserve, Stadium Drive,  
Keilor Park (Synthetic Soccer Pitches)**

- WNPL matches
- Inflatables
- Player appearances
- Food trucks

## Women's 7-A-Side Tournament

**9am-6pm (\$35 team entry fee)**

A social 7-a-side tournament for women 15+ on a modified and smaller pitch

- **ALDI MiniRoos Kick-off (Mixed)**

**9.30-10.30am, 4-5pm FREE**

A fun introduction clinic to Football for boys and girls 4-9 years

- **City Girls Clinic**

**10am-11am, 1pm-2pm FREE**

Melbourne City FC proudly presents a Girls Only Clinic for girls 10-15 years

- **Soccer Mums**

**11am-12noon, 12noon-1pm FREE**

A fun and safe introductory program for mums to get fit and learn basic Football skills

- **Female only MiniRoos Coaching Course**

**2-5pm FREE**

A practical coaching course that enables you to organise fun football exercises and teaches you the basic rules of the game

Register your details on the day to take part in a (subsidised) coaching and/or refereeing course

More information and registration for activities: [Brimbank.vic.gov.au/BFFF](http://Brimbank.vic.gov.au/BFFF) or 9249 4000