

The Southern Star

Principal

Mr Andrew Ponsford

As we embark on the final month of school, our attention naturally turns to the following – exams, end of year celebrations and the 2018 school year and associated commencement activities. I would hope that another of our key priorities would be finishing strongly.

Time and time again in the sporting arena, which is a great window to life itself how many matches are won or lost in the dying minutes (basketball and netball), on the final hole (golf), over the last 5 metres in a sprint or the last throw, kick or strike. Our aim should be to focus on finishing well only by doing so are we truly successful!

Very special wishes to our students in Year 11 who sit our first VCE (3/4) exams tomorrow and Monday. We are proud of the way you have prepared yourselves and each other, especially since the external exam feedback mid-year. We are thinking of you all!

I also take this opportunity to commend our Music students and staff on the Music Recitals that are currently taking place – the poise, focus and approach adopted are just as impressive as the musicality on show. Well done!

Please remember and note in your planners arrangements for the following key end-of year events listed below and my best wishes for these important celebratory occasions:

Year 10/11 Formal	17 November
Year 6 Graduation	1 December
5-11 Presentation Evening	5 December
F-4 Celebration of Learning	7 December

2018 will see the lowest number of students departing and our largest intake. It will also see some staff changes and I summarise these below. Please note that due to the short week there will be no Newsletter next week – Week 6.

2018 New Staff

Name	Brief Description
Ms Richards	A lead VCE teacher in English and Legal Studies and the current Head of Rowing at Geelong College, Ally comes with very high student and parent recommendations.
Mr Hedditch	Joseph has experienced international, government and independent appointments. Leadership of Sport, Health and PE have all been part of his previous experiences prior to SCG. Joseph has also previously acted as a SSV sport region coordinator.
Ms Macreadie	Most recently Sophie has been teaching at St Peter's Cranbourne following a background at KPMG and a Bachelor of Business. At St Peter's, Sophie had leadership opportunities as a Head of House and on the Curriculum Consultative Committee.
Ms Vincent	Kirsten comes to SCG from Braemar College and Folkestone School for Girls in Kent where she has been a senior Chemistry and Mathematics teacher. Originally from a chemical engineering background, Kirsten has also been a Head of Mathematics.
Ms Unthank	With a M.Ed. Megan has spent the last 4 years at Williamstown HS where she has taught VCE classes and been the Student Leadership Co-ordinator. Megan has also been an exam assessor for the VCAA.
Mr Watkins	A very experienced teacher of English from Balwyn High and MLC, Richard has also taught at a remote indigenous school in NSW. Richard has also acted as an IB mentor, an English Convenor in large settings and rugby and golf coach.
Ms McKerrow	Rozie comes to SCG from Cathedral College, Wangaratta as a primary teacher with a M.Ed. degree.
Ms Wang	Currently Chinese teacher at PLC, Melbourne.
Ms Vu	With a proven track record, Trish has had significant experiences at Camberwell HS and Salesian College at the VCE level in Mathematics and Chemistry.
Ms Temuskos	Vicky has spent the last 12 years working and leading literacy support in both the catholic and government sectors in Northcote, Spotswood and Altona areas.
Ms D'Alton	Currently Head of Y10-Y12 at Hume Anglican Grammar, very Experienced Humanities teacher and Pastoral care leader.
Mr Kendjer	Tarik has spent significant time as the Head of VCE Maths at Melbourne Girls' Grammar and prior to that as the Head of Maths at St Bernard's College (7-12 for 11 years).

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Other Staff Updates

Staff	Reason
Mr Vadher	Mr Vadher has accepted a leadership role at another Senior School which will see him as a Teaching and Learning coach.
Ms van der Westhuizen	Is relocating to Queensland with her family.
Ms Shamoail	Ms Shamoail has accepted a position closer to home in the Northern Metropolitan region of Melbourne.
Ms Farrugia	Resigns at the end of the school year to explore a wide variety of opportunities beyond Southern Cross Grammar.
Mr Smith	As part of a change of lifestyle, Mr Smith will relocate to Phillip Island where he is building a new home.
Ms Shang	After six years Ms Shang will teach in a LOTE Senior Secondary role in the Eastern suburbs of Melbourne.
Mrs Sharpe	Congratulations to Mrs Sharpe who will commence maternity leave from March 2018. We look forward to her return in Term 4 2018.
Ms Ferris	We welcome Ms Ferris' return to the school in a part-time capacity in 2018 following a period of maternity leave.
Ms Pualic	MS Maths and Science Teacher Ms Pualic returns following the birth of her second child and a period of maternity leave.
Ms Sathiaseelan	We warmly thank Ms Sathiaseelan for her contribution to Music at Southern Cross Grammar. We wish Ms Sathiaseelan well for life beyond Southern Cross Grammar in 2018.
Mr Hock Tan	Mr Hock Tan has completed a period of important contract work for the school prior to the commencement of Ms Pualic in 2018. We thank Mr Hock Tan for his efforts.
Dr Cassar	We welcome back Dr Cassar after maternity leave during mid-Term 1 and Term 3 of this year.
Mr Grieve	Mr Grieve is thoroughly enjoying his leave in the UK which by mutual agreement we have extended. It is the current intention that Mr Grieve will return either in Semester two 2018 or the start of the 2019 school year.
Ms Murphy	By mutual agreement, Ms Murphy will undertake a year's leave during 2018 with the intention of returning to SCG for the commencement of the 2019 school year.
Ms Knight	2018 will see a new start for the Knight family as they relocate to sunny Queensland as part of a whole family decision.

Deputy Principal and Head of Senior School

Ms Louisa Rennie

Senior School exam schedule

End-of-year Senior School exams will be held from Friday 3 November to Wednesday 22 November 2017. This timeline is inclusive of VCAA exams (Year 12) and SCG internal exams (Year 7–11).

Senior students are permitted to study at home and come to school for specific exams. This is a privilege that is offered, acknowledging their personal responsibility for their learning. Supervised study sessions will be available to all students who need to be at school during the exam period.

All Senior School students are expected to be at school at least 20 minutes prior to the commencement of an exam and are required to sign in at the front Reception desk on arrival to school, and sign out on departure. They are then asked to depart the school premises for the day. The exam period will be a busy time and senior students are not encouraged to congregate at the end of exams. This has the potential to cause disruption to the learning program for other students, and may contribute to far more unnecessary anxiety or stress in some students.

I wish all of our students the very best as they prepare for exam success. I know you have developed a wide range of strategies this year to assist you with study and revision. Have you tried the SQ3R method for remembering and recalling information? You might find this helpful: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0dhcSP_MyJg

Senior School Formal—Years 10 and 11 Dinner

Thank you to the many Senior School families who have already confirmed that they are attending our Senior School Formal Dinner on Friday 17 November 2017. Creating milestones such as the Formal Dinner are important for the growth of our student community.

The purpose of the Formal Dinner is to come together in celebration of the year's achievements. It is a way of recognising our senior students as young adults and providing them an opportunity to enjoy one another's company in a formal setting. We are all looking forward to spending this social time with senior students and appreciate the contributions that they are making to establish our school culture by being present for such events.

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Congratulations Jami Declerck Y10

Congratulations to Jami Declerck who will be performing as part of the Ensemble in the Young Australian Broadway Chorus (YABC) production of WICKED at the National Theatre in St Kilda, January 19-27, 2018. Jami has been with the YABC for many years and is in the advanced Senior-Intermediate Show Chorus. Jami toured the USA in 2016 with YABC as a part of their USA 2016 Tour team and then played the part of Jaybird in their production of HONK Jnr which performed shows at the MTC and at the Adelaide Festival. Jami has recently been in *Singin' in the Rain Jnr* starring as Kathy Seldon with The Youth Production Company. She is also currently studying acting with the National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA) as part of their Young Studio Actors Group (15-18yrs). Jami has worked hard to achieve her goals and we are very proud of her! Well done Jami.



Head of Junior School

Ms Romina Pimpini

In light of Passion Day recently, we saw students across the school engaged in learning with each other. This was celebrated at our JS Assembly this week where Year 1s and 2s shared the many passionate behaviours they see each day around our school community. This includes classroom displays, ways of working, team work and supporting each other in learning.



Learning for teachers for teachers to improve learning is an important aspect of our profession. Our SCG staff regularly undertake professional learning that helps their teacher practice. Just like our SCG student community, our teachers make time to improve their creative skills to make learning engaging, sharing best practice and using latest educational research to reflect on improvements in their own classrooms and beyond. This week, we have worked with Numeracy consultant, Mr Rob Vingerhoets, who set us mathematical challenges. Such fun with numbers!



Passion Day – Kirsten Smart

Passionate Pablo would like to congratulate all students and staff who took part in the recent Passion Day event, 'Learn from Each Other'. It was evident, when roving through classrooms during the Buddy Passion Project session, that students were focused, engaged and most of all learning new skills and enjoying the experience with their peers.



The day saw students collaborating to make iMovies, learn about computer coding, develop vision boards of

passions, undertake an art session with a guest graffiti artist and much much more!

It was encouraging to see the effort and thought that went into the dressing up in aspect of the day. Well done to the winners of the best dressed, most creative and best hand-made costumes.

The day proved to be a success as it clearly demonstrated the ability SCG students have at promoting the key aspects of the Passion Principle by coming together across Years F-9, working within a project based setting and being a role model for those both young and old.



Rob Graham—Head of Music

Music Recitals

Congratulations to all the students who have performed in Music Recitals for piano, flute, guitar, drums and voice this week! The overall standard of our performers has been exceptional. Good luck to students who will be performing in Music Recitals over the coming weeks.



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Performing Arts Showcase:

Our Music and Performing Arts students have been working hard in preparation for the upcoming showcase event on Thursday November 23. The

students will perform highlights from the musical production, Les Miserables accompanied by a live music ensemble along with a drama performance of a scene from Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.' All parents and students are welcome to attend in the Junior School Learning Hub. Stay tuned for further details about seat reservation.

PFA

Colour Run

The event will be held on Friday 24 November from 4.00pm to 7.00pm at Boronia Reserve, 10 Boronia Drive, Hillside. Entry for each student is \$10 and includes sunglasses a wrist band and icy pole. Family members are welcome to join in the fun and do the colour laps with their participant at no additional charge. Please register via the link sent out in last week's email or email Pfa@scg.vic.edu.au

Uniform Shop

Due to the current building works going on, the New to You uniform shop will no longer operate on a Thursday afternoon. If you would like to make an appointment please email Pfa@scg.vic.edu.au.

SSV Regional Basketball Finals

Sheridan Jarvis

On Tuesday 31 October, the Year 7 Girls' Basketball team travelled to Altona Netball and Basketball Stadium to take part in the NWR Basketball finals.



Unfortunately the freeway was at a standstill and we arrived a little late for our first match. Being late (through no fault of our own) we gave away 9 points for a late start to Melton SC who eventually defeated us 41-29. After a slow start our girls fought back in our second match against Strathmore SC and won 36-19. Our third and final match was a nail biter against Hoppers Crossing SC. In what was a very physical game, SCG was able to draw ahead with less than 30 seconds to go, to win 17-19. We eventually came second in Pool A, but didn't progress to the Grand Final.

An extraordinary effort from all 9 girls, especially considering that only 3 of the girls have ever played basketball before.

EXAM TIMETABLE, FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER – FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2017

D5 - FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER	D6 - MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER	D7 - TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER	D8 - WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER	D9 - THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER	D10 - FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER
8.30am Y7-Y9 Classes as per the timetable 11.00am Remembrance Day Assembly, F-Y11	8.30am 1/2 Biology 1/2 Health & Human Development Y9 Mathematics	8.30am 1/2 Accounting 1/2 Chemistry 1/2 Computing Y8 Mathematics	8.30am 1/2 Business Management Y7 Science	8.30am Y10 Core Mathematics Y10 Intro to Maths Methods Pt 1 Y11 Gen Maths Pt 1 Y11 Maths Methods Pt 1	8.30am Y7 Mathematics Y9 Humanities
11.20am RECESS Years F-Y11	11.30am CLASSES/ SUPERVISED STUDY Y7-Y11 students at school	11.30am CLASSES/ SUPERVISED STUDY Y7-Y11 students at school	11.30am CLASSES/ SUPERVISED STUDY Y7-Y11 students at school	11.30am CLASSES/ SUPERVISED STUDY Y7-Y11 students at school	11.30am CLASSES/ SUPERVISED STUDY Y7-Y9 students at school
11.45am F-Y6 Classes as per the timetable Y7-Y11 English exams	12.50pm Y8 Humanities Y10 Science	12.50pm 1/2 Media 1/2 Psychology 1/2 Physics 1/2 VET Sport & Recreation	12.50pm Y10 Humanities Y9 Science	12.50pm Y10 Intro to Maths Methods Pt 2 Y11 General Maths Part 2 Y11 Maths Methods Part 2	12.50pm Y8 Science

*Y7-9 students will have timetabled classes when they are not doing exams or supervised study.