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Principal: Mr Andrew Ponsford

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For us to move forward and become even better, we need people who are prepared to lead, to initiate improvement, to be willing to find and give something more.

Thank you so much to those, during the last week:

- Who led and participated in last Sunday's visits to Melbourne University, Monash University, and Victoria University for their Open Days.
- Who planned and conducted our first Year 8 Ski Camp—a very successful one indeed from all reports!
- Who have led our Book Week celebrations and Character Parade.
- Who are behind improvements to our website and communications.
- Who are preparing so diligently for our Performing and Visual Arts Showcase on 6 September.

You are the people, frequently working in teams, that take our school from good to great! We thank you, and say well done.

## Ms Louisa Rennie Deputy Principal Head of Senior School

### Academic Enrichment opportunities

At SCG, we encourage all students to strive towards achieving their best at all times. In accordance with the needs of our students, we provide a range of opportunities to consolidate their understanding of particular course work.

Additional Academic Study sessions are available on a weekly basis, as outlined on the next page. Students are encouraged to attend the weekly sessions and to maintain lines of communication with their respective teachers in relation to their learning.



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## Creative and Performing Arts

# Showcase



## 06 SEPTEMBER 2018

Exhibition of Art, Design and Media from Junior, Middle and Senior School Students in the **VCE Centre open from 5pm - 8pm.**

Music concert from **7pm in the Learning Hub,** for tickets contact [music@scg.vic.edu.au](mailto:music@scg.vic.edu.au)



Senior School Academic Enrichment Opportunities						
Day	Time Start	Time Finish	Location	Subject	Staff	Year Levels
Monday	3:15pm	4.00pm	C105	English	Ms Richards	10, 11, 12
Tuesday	3.15pm	4.00pm	C204	Health (Wk A) Psych (Wk B)	Mrs Smith	12
Wednesday	3.15pm	4.00pm	C105	Literature	Ms Boulton	12
Wednesday	3.15pm	4.30pm	C201	SAC re-sits	On rotation	10, 11, 12
Thursday	3.15pm	4.00pm	B203	Physical Education	Mr Hedditch	12
Thursday	3.15pm	4.00pm	C105	History	Ms Brkic Ms Robinson	11
Thursday	3.15pm	4.15pm	C101	Biology	Ms Rojiwadiya	11, 12

## Spotlight on Alicia Ciacic



Alicia joined SCG in 2013 as a Year 7 student.

Her highlight during her time at Southern Cross Grammar so far has been the vast range of exciting and adventurous camps, especially the one to Broome in Year 9, in which she got to experience and travel to a beautiful part of Australia.

Alicia has really enjoyed Business Management and Accounting this year, and studies best when she is organised and stress is at a minimum. One of the challenges she faces in Year 12 is being confident in her work and believing in herself.

At the end of Year 12, Alicia is planning to continue on with her sporting interests and travel before the commencement of university.

She is planning to attend La Trobe University in 2019 and study a Bachelor of Commerce degree, in her hope to one day become an accountant.

In the upcoming months, Alicia plans to complete as many practice exams and revise as much as she can, as well as drawing on her teachers and other resources in order to achieve the best results possible in the upcoming VCE exams.

Alicia is excited to see what the future holds, and looks forward to keeping in touch with friends that she has made at Southern Cross Grammar.

## Spotlight on Shaan Khokhar



Shaan joined SCG in 2013 during Year 7. He has enjoyed school life at SCG and being part of something great in the making as the school has grown with each coming year, advancing from Year 7 to Year 12.

Shaan continues to enjoy Further Mathematics, Mathematical Methods and Physics. Shaan has reflected on the level of continuous organisation and management that is required to stay on top of his learning across all subjects as one of the greatest challenges he has



faced. Upon completion of Year 12, he will make a short trip overseas, and then plans to study at Swinburne University, to undertake a Bachelor Degree in Professional Piloting. In the months ahead, Shaan aims to continue revision exhibit confidence in his study skills.

As the final year of his Secondary studies comes to a close, Shaan comments, 'it is fair to say that Year 12 has come with its unique challenges, all of which I have loved to face headon and overcome'.

**Mrs Julie Baud**  
**Deputy Principal**  
**Head of Teaching and Learning**

It is an important time of the year for our students, especially those in the senior years. With Term 3 flying past at a rapid rate, VCE teachers are looking ahead, towards the final stages of their courses and the Term 4 exams.

All Year 7-12 students, particularly those studying VCE subjects, should be starting their preparations for the November exams. Any revision completed now will make life so much easier in the lead up to the exams.

Different students will approach revision in different ways, with strategies including completing past exam questions, preparing summary notes, learning definitions, 'teaching' concepts to other members of the family and studying in a small group in a local library for a change of scenery. Students have been encouraged to seek assistance from their teachers if they are unsure about how to approach their revision.

### Unit 3/4 Trial Exams

Compulsory Trial Exams to be held in the VCE Centre, are scheduled for all Unit 3/4 subjects in the third week of the September holidays, from Monday 1 October – Thursday 4 October.

The exam schedule is included in this newsletter and has been made available to all relevant students. These exams are an excellent practice run for the final November exams as students will have exposure to VCAA Supervisors as well as external markers.

### NAPLAN

Families would be aware that NAPLAN results have been mentioned in the media recently. It is our intention to pass these on to families when they arrive. We are not sure yet when this will happen but they will be packaged with the Term 3 Progress Reports if we receive them in time.

### 2019 Subject Application Forms

2019 Year 10 students are reminded Subject Application Form B is to be returned to me in the VCE Centre by 3.30pm on Friday 24 August. Late submissions will mean students may not receive their preferred subjects if classes are full. 2019 Year 8 and 9 students have until Friday 31 August to return their Elective Application Form.

Unit 3 / 4 Trial Exam Timetable		
Day / Date	Session 1 - 9.00am - 11:15am	Session 2 - 2.00pm - 4:15pm
Monday 1 October	English (9.00am-12:15pm) Literature (9.00am-12.15pm)	Further Mathematics 1 (2.00pm-3:45pm) Mathemati- cal Methods 1 (2.00pm-3:15pm)
Tuesday 2 October	Accounting Media Physical Education Computing	Physics Psychology VET Sport and Rec
Wednesday 3 October	Further Mathematics 2 (9.00am-10:45am) Mathemati- cal Methods 2 (9.00am-11:15am)	Business Management
Thursday 4 October	Biology Chemistry VET Music	Health and Human Development



**Ms Janis Coffey**  
**Head of Middle School**

**Food for Thought**

What do blueberries, broccoli, celery and dark chocolate all have in common? They are all foods that help boost your brain power and help you concentrate better. They're also easy foods to pack in a lunch! Middle School students need to fuel themselves with good foods during the day in order to focus all the way through Period 4. Students who skip breakfast and rely on sugary snacks during the day aren't getting the nutrition they need to sustain themselves for a full day of learning. It is important that all students bring healthy snacks to school and either pack or purchase a healthy lunch.

**Middle School Exhibition of Learning & Other Important Dates**

With our School continuing to grow and the number of student achievements to show off, Middle School will host its own awards ceremony at the end of the year. On Wednesday 28 November 2018, the Middle School Exhibition of Learning will showcase student talent, student learning and acknowledge the many achievements of our students in Years 5 – Year 9. Save the date for a wonderful evening! Here is a summary of some important dates for your diary:

- 2019 Subject Information Night for Current Year 7 & 8 Families: Thursday 23 August, 6pm—tonight!
- Due Date for MS Year 8 & 9 Subject Application Forms: Friday 31 August
- Year 7 Information Night: Thursday 1 November, 6pm
- Middle School Exhibition of Learning: Wednesday 28 November 2018, 6pm
- Year 6 Graduation: Friday 30 November, 6pm

**Ms Romina Pimpini**  
**Head of Junior School**

There has been plenty to celebrate in the Junior School of late, and we launched this with an Assembly last Friday that was student led and focused. Our Captains introduced several student speakers who showed off their learning and skills. Foundation students shared their writing skills and lists of what



they would like to do before they are 100 years old. 2KS students led us through a dance-freeze combo to promote the PFA F-4 Disco and Year 4s shared their experiences in Robotics.

However, I think the audience was truly engaged when they heard from April Clark (pictured above with her friend Alexa Radburn), who shared her story of illness with them, in a bid to raise awareness about Daffodil Day this week.

Like many families, April's has been touched by cancer and we hope we can make a dent in to helping cancer research and ultimately finding a cure. What a brave thing to do! Congratulations to all of our presenters on Friday.

We hope to see you on the dance floor this week to help make a difference!





*Dillon and Liam told us about their learning in Robotics*

**Lorraine Macdonald**  
**Head of English (F-6)**  
**Middle School Teacher**

### **Competition Finals - Word Mania Leaderboards**

The Word Mania competition run by Literacy Planet has now ended.

A big congratulations to all students from Year 1 to Year 6 who participated; earning certificates and awards but most of all developing their own literacy skills.

The Competition Final leaderboard results are in. Three of our classes made it into the national top 50—what an achievement!

Year 2 ranked 23<sup>rd</sup>, Year 3 ranked 9<sup>th</sup>, and Year 6 ranked 17<sup>th</sup>. As a result the school was awarded with seven licences to teach starter, worth \$139 each.

A very impressive 2018 for Word Mania from all SCG participants.

I am looking forward to seeing what 2019 Word Mania brings. Thank you to all teachers and students who supported this initiative this year.

**Michael Pell**  
**Head of Sport (7-12)**

### **Year 8 Basketball – Wednesday 22 August**

On Wednesday 22 August, the Intermediate Year 9/10 boys and girls basketball teams competed at the Maribyrnong Division Interschool Sports tournament at Altona Basketball Stadium. The boys had a mixed tournament, managing to win three out of their five games to finish in 6<sup>th</sup> place: Lost v Lakeview (22-31); Won v Creekside (34-2); Won v Braybrook (20-16); Won v Footscray City (26-18); and Lost v Brookside (30-20).

The girls won one out of their four games, unfortunately for them, they were drawn up against the strong Maribyrnong College's A and B side: Lost v Maribyrnong A (12-18); Lost v Brookside (10-20); Lost v Maribyrnong B (14-24); and Won v Braybrook (22-4).

A great effort by all students involved.

### **Parents and Friends' Association**

#### **PFA Uniform Shop**

We have recently received a delivery of brand-new accessories from Noones. Hats, ties, sport socks and boys' black socks are now available for purchase. Packs of 40 iron-on name labels are also on sale for \$5 each. Girls' summer dresses in sizes 12+ and boys' shirts sizes 38cm+ are currently wanted.

The end of Term 3 is coming on fast, and while warmer weather may feel far away, the uniform will be returning to summer formal in Term 4.

Don't be caught out by a sudden growth spurt during Term 2 and Term 3.

If you'd like to further support the School, we can accept donations of uniforms, with all profits going to the school. Please let us know when dropping off the uniforms if you would like to choose this option.

Thank you to the families that have already chosen to do this.