



Mr Andrew Ponsford
Principal

Congratulations to Ms Bronwyn Jessup on the safe arrival of her third child, a baby girl named Aubreigh Jean Wake. Congratulations to Ms Samantha Calvert on her recent engagement.

Congratulations to students, staff, and parents for a wonderful community evening last Thursday that showcased the musicality of the SCG community (brass and woodwind music players pictured below).

Having viewed all progress reports and having commented on almost every one of them, I was very impressed by student progress and development. Statistically, ninety-nine per cent of our students fell into this category. It is on this basis that I say well done, and offer best wishes for the three-week break.

Ms Louisa Rennie
Deputy Principal
Head of Senior School (10 – 12)

Spotlight on Tori Merrin

Tori joined SCG in 2014 as a Year 8 student. The biggest highlight of her school journey has been the Broome and China camps in Year 9 and Year 10. These camps provided many new experiences for her as an individual and for her peers, including exposure to different cultures and environments.

Tori's favourite subject has been Literature, as this has enabled her to develop and strengthen her literacy skills, as well as express her creativity in the form of writing. Year 12 has been both a challenging and rewarding experience, and in the conclusion of secondary education, Tori hopes to move forward to the career pathway of becoming a veterinarian.





As her journey at Southern Cross Grammar comes to an end, Tori looks forward to the new beginnings to come.

Tori, we are very proud of all you have achieved to date and wish you every success in the months ahead.

Spotlight on Claudia Privitelli



Claudia started her journey at SCG in 2016 as a Year 10 student. Her highlight has been the Year 10 camp to China, as she was able to experience another culture while also enjoying time with her friends.

Claudia enjoys Chemistry and Biology and is keen to pursue a career in the science field, hoping to become a veterinary surgeon after

completing university. Claudia hopes to be able to travel the world throughout her time at university, she wishes to be able to study abroad in London, and volunteer in Africa. Claudia's plans for the future sound exciting and we wish her well as she prepares for this next important stage on her journey.

Elevate Education

Tomorrow, our Year 12 students will partake in a session with Elevate Education called 'The Finishing Line'. The session aims to reinvigorate students as they approach Year 12's end.

They are provided with a road map for the final few months and with practical strategies to manage the pressure and potential stress that comes with aiming high and achieving success.

We wish all VCE 3/4 Studies students every success as they prepare for trial exams during the three-week break.

Mrs Julie Baud
Deputy Principal
Head of Teaching and Learning (F – 12)

NAPLAN Results and Term 3 Progress Reports

NAPLAN results have been packaged with the Term 3 Progress Reports, and will be available for collection from the Junior School Hub from 3.10pm on Friday 14 September.

Any report envelopes not collected on Friday can be collected from Reception during the holidays.

Trial Exams

Students enrolled in Unit 3/4 subjects (studies) are reminded the compulsory Trial Exams commence at 9.00am on Monday 1 October with the last exam scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday 4 October.

All students are to attend and prepare for these exams as thoroughly as possible.

They are a vital part of the preparation process for the final November VCAA exams and will provide valuable feedback for staff and students.

All exams will be held in Rooms C102/C103 in the VCE Centre.

Congratulations

All of our students should be congratulated, as they have achieved so much this term.

From those in Foundation who have been learning to count, spell, form friendships and do so many more things — to the older students who have had so many different opportunities for learning.

These opportunities have included state level robotics competitions, the recent musical performances, preparing



applications for tertiary courses, debating, attending art shows, Scienceworks and live theatre performances and participating in the GATEWAYS program. The list is endless. A big thank you to our staff and parents for your ongoing support and assistance to help make these opportunities possible. They are such a valuable part of our learning program. So, a well-deserved holiday for everyone! Enjoy the next three weeks and we will look forward to seeing the students return refreshed and revitalised, ready to learn in Term 4.

Mr Robert Graham
Head of Music (F – 12)

Music Showcase Concert:

Congratulations to all of the students involved in last week's Music Showcase Concert (participant Lauren pictured above).

There were many wonderful performances by our students and a number of highlights throughout the evening. Thank you to the parents and members of the School community who took the opportunity to be a part of an important event in the history of the school's Music Program. For more information about our Music Program, contact music@scg.vic.edu.au.

Brass and woodwind lessons

For the remainder of 2018, the hire fee will be waived on a limited number of brass and woodwind instruments for new students who enroll in group or private lessons.

These instruments are recently cleaned and serviced and are currently not required for the classroom brass and woodwind program. Also, as our program continues to grow, we are able to offer a number of new initiatives, including the School Wind



Ensemble, who recently featured in the Music Showcase Concert. If you would like any further information about our Wind program or wish to enroll in Private or Group lessons, please contact the Music Department.

Ms Cynthia Drossinis
Learning Area Leader – Creative Arts (F – 12)

Congratulations to our Creative Arts students, the creative arts showcase was testimony to your commitment, talent and creativity.

The annual School Art Exhibition (two pictures on previous page) took place 6 - 7 September in the Senior School Building.

The Arts is a very personal demonstration of creative expression—it's a means of communication, a way of critiquing the world we live in.

It is problem-solving at its highest form through the act of creating.

It is a means of showing others innovative ways of seeing the world and offering new interpretations, experiences and discoveries.

Congratulations to all our students who exhibited. Your efforts, the long hours, practice, and refinement of skills and ideas are evident in the quality of work presented.

Ms Samantha Calvert
Learning Area Leader – Strings

Congratulations to the following children who completed their AMEB Violin Examinations last Friday 7 September.

Liam Gauci received an A (Honors) in Violin Level Grade 2, and Sienna Martins received an A (Honors) in Violin Level Preliminary.

Zarah Navarose received an A+ (High Distinction) in Violin Level Preliminary, and Alannah Vigniuoli received an A+ (High Distinction) in Violin Level Preliminary. Maisie Xia received an A (Honors) in Violin Level Preliminary.

Mr Michael Pell
Head of Sport (7 – 12)

On Thursday 6 September, the Year 7 basketball teams participated in the Maribyrnong Division Interschool Sports competition at Altona Basketball Stadium.

The girls' team got off to a flying start winning their first two games, however, they tired quickly and were overpowered in their last two games, finishing the day with a 2-2 record and a fourth-place finish overall.

It was a huge effort by the girls with only two of the eight players having had any prior basketball experience. In the boys' division, our team of eight boys gave a good account of themselves, however, their lack of experience came back to bite them as they were beaten in all four of their games.

A special mention to Year 11 and 12 students Harry Failli, Ethan Lay and Zac Coakley who as part of their VET VCE Sport & Recreation program ran the whole trial, training and coaching phases of the Year 7 basketball program.

This was invaluable experience for their future endeavors in the sporting industry and the students learnt much from their older peers.

Ms Kylie Lidgerwood
Art Teacher (F – 9)
Junior School Art

On Friday 7 September, 4.1 and 4.2 students visited HEIDE Art Gallery.

This was an opportunity for students to view and discover the collection painted by leading artists of the modernist movement within Australia.

On the day students attended the HEIDE HISTORY workshop, they discovered the unique history of Heide with a guided tour of the fifteen-acre site, and learned about the legacy of John and Sunday Reed and their contribution to the modernist art movement in Melbourne through their patronage, support and promotion of contemporary artists. During our tour, the education guide facilitated discussion to enable students to employ collaborative problem-solving skills.

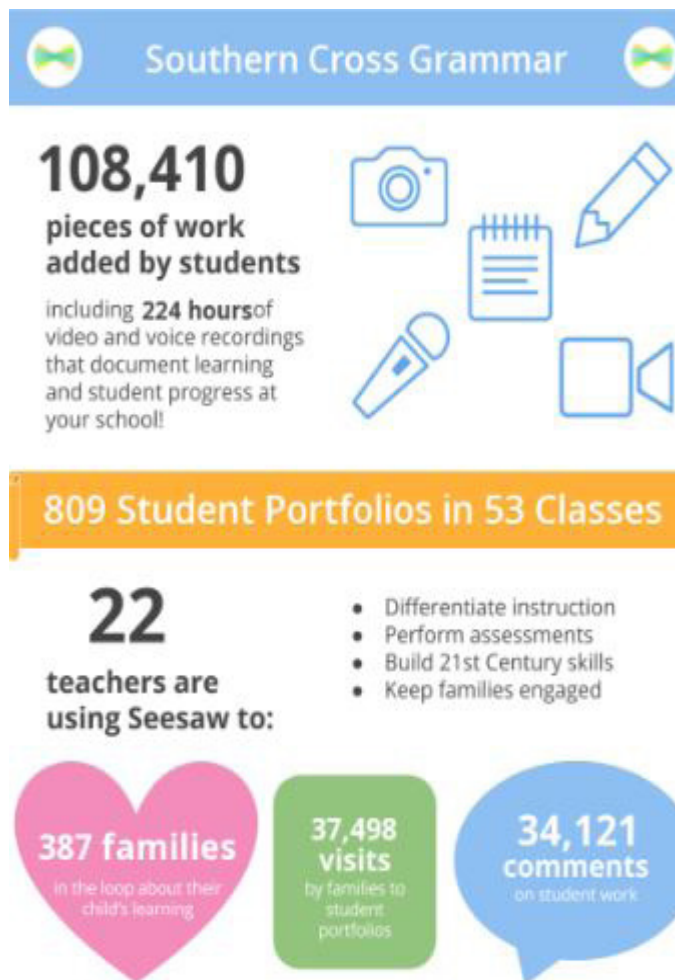


Students looked carefully at selected artworks and talked about what they observed and were encouraged to support their interpretation with visual evidence.

Students ended the day having lunch in the Sculpture Park viewing sculptures created by local and international artists.

Lorraine MacDonald
Learning Area Leader – English (F – 6)

At Southern Cross Grammar students from Foundation to Year 6 have been using Seesaw as an online platform to showcase their learning, create and design and share and reflect upon their learning experiences this year.



The image shown is an infographic about how we at SCG have used Seesaw during 2018 to engage ourselves, the community and each other.

Well done to all the students, teachers and families who have engaged with Seesaw in such a positive and reflective way. Keep it up.

Ms Dina Lira
Learning Resource Centre

English novels / Library book returns

Overdue emails have been sent out to all parents and carers this week. Please send any overdue books back to the school as soon as possible to avoid any late fees.

There is a returns box in the Middle School Think Pad and a returns box in the Junior School Learning Resource Centre for your convenience. Thank you for your cooperation.

MS Readathon

The MS Readathon has now finished.

It's time for students to bring in the money raised and their reading lists (they are not already online) to me in the Learning Resource Centre as soon as possible.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data School Students with Disability

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability, carried out annually as per the Federal Government requirements, has been completed.

The data has been collated and submitted.

Thanks to the staff in the Student Services team and all other staff, for their ongoing support of the students.

For more information, see:

https://docs.education.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/2018_-_nccd_-_fact_sheet_for_parents_and_carers_english.pdf.