



Mr Andrew Ponsford
Principal

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

To the Class of 2018

In my experience, we often find out the most and gain the truest understanding of a person or group's nature in times of trial or final moments. How one undertakes this final part of the journey frequently provides the most accurate picture and our lasting impression. I want to place on record my sincere appreciation and regard for our Year 12 students (pictured above with members of the School Executive Team and the School Board) and the clever and fun-filled manner with which they concluded their time at SCG. It has been memorable for all the right reasons. Well done! They depart having left a very positive legacy.

Know that we are thinking of you and wish you every success at this important moment in your educational journey. And while it is significant, also know that you are not defined as a person by one event! Our best wishes to Sharna Bahl, Alicia Ciacic, Zac Coakley, Jesse D'Aloia, Garang Dekuek, Deniz Kaya, Shaan Khokhar, Kyle Maravilla, Tori Merrin, Lily Mirabito, Vincent Muneretto, Jacob Oehl, Claudia Privitelli, Muneib Rauf, Steven Sandhu, Phoebe Singh, Kate Vukoja and Mounirh Zoghaib.

Our F - 11 students provided the group with the most warm of farewells on Tuesday morning. I commend our students for their generous expression of respect and support. It was a heartwarming and uplifting occasion!

Year 12 Farewell

As you are aware, our Year 12 students were farewelled this week. Their BBQ and games afternoon was a time to relax a little and have some fun, prior to our formal farewell on Tuesday 23 October. The day started with a breakfast with staff, signing of signature bears and photos galore. They then prepared for two farewell assemblies. The assemblies were very special, because as a whole school community, we farewelled our Year 12 students.

Many have been at SCG since the school began, and just as we have watched them grow, they have watched their school grow and change as well. As you all understand, our Year 12 students are very busy at the moment, as their final exams lie before them. However, we marked their departure by taking a moment to pause, and participate in a farewell together.

Why would we bother to do this? This farewell leaves a lasting impression, it forms part of their legacy, part of what they leave behind, in our hearts and in our minds. This year they have been living the standard, but their departure marks the setting of that standard, and those who follow will have the task of upholding it, or in fact, improving upon it. It is also a chance for those they leave behind to be grateful for all they have given, to acknowledge their hard work, effort and contribution to the rich tapestry that makes up our community. It was our chance to wish them well on the next stage of their life journey, and we did this alongside their parents. Our Year 12 parents



have walked every step of this VCE experience, felt every test score, waited for the results of every SAC, planned for every exam. This is their journey too, and I thank them for asking us as staff and fellow students to walk alongside their sons and daughters, to guide and shape, to build character, commitment resilience and grit.

The Valedictory Ceremony at the MCG was a delightful evening and a time for our collective pride to be expressed. The photo presents all of our Valedictorians and the members of the School Board, who were all there to celebrate this auspicious occasion.

These Year 12 students are now in Exam Preparation Week, and have a climb in front of them. They are fit and ready to tackle it, and they have the resources at their disposal to achieve the climb.

We wish each and every one of our Valedictorians great success in the coming days as they attend to final preparations for exams and set out to achieve their absolute best.

Spotlight on Deniz Kaya



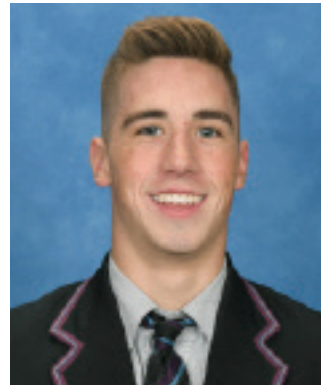
Deniz joined SCG in 2012 when she was in Year 6. Her highlight this year was the Year 12 Leadership Retreat, where she was able to bond with her peers.

Deniz has really enjoyed studying English, Maths, Psychology, Health and PE this year.

She is a visual learner and finds it useful to make plenty of notes and diagrams. She studies best when she is in a group. Some challenges this year have been balancing school and her extracurricular activities like soccer and her job at the hair salon.

Deniz has achieved a good balance through time management and organisation. She hopes at the end of Year 12 to study at university and explore the business industry. We wish Deniz every success for the upcoming exams—she is now focused upon preparation.

Spotlight on Zac Coakley



Zac Coakley joined SCG at the start of 2017 to undertake Year 11. His biggest highlight from his time at SCG was the Year 12 Leadership Retreat. He enjoyed this the most because he got to spend time with friends and get away from school before the hectic year began.

He studied Business Management, Further Mathematics, English and Sport and Recreation and has enjoyed Sport and Recreation the most. Zac has encountered many challenges throughout the year, including maintaining his motivation and keeping up with the workload.

After Year 12, Zac plans to travel and take a gap year, before finding what he truly is passionate about, to pursue his professional future. We believe in you Zac, and know you will make the most of your exam preparation week. Do your best!

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

Unit 3/4 Students and VCAA Exams

We are about to host our first external VCE exams on site! An exciting time for the school! The first exam will be the 3 hour English exam from 9.00am on Wednesday 31 October.

It is important families are aware these exams to be held over the next three weeks, with the last one on Wednesday 21 November, will have some impact on the school community and other areas of the school.

These exams will all be held in two of the downstairs rooms in the VCE Centre. Strict protocols have to be followed at all times so the areas surrounding the VCE Centre and the eastern side of the oval will be inaccessible when an exam is underway. Large clearly-labelled signs will provide details around this and extra staff will be on duty, particularly when



there is a late exam (3.00pm - 5.15pm) that cuts across school dismissal time.

Year 10 - 11 Exams

The Year 10 - 11 exams have been scheduled in the VCE Centre around the VCAA exams and commence on Thursday 8 November. VCAA trained Supervisors will be in charge of these exams with Southern Cross Grammar teachers assisting, so students become familiar with VCAA policies prior to sitting their Year 12 exams. Year 10 - 11 students have the option of studying at home or at school during this time as a supervised study room will be available.

Parents/carers should note that Year 10 - 11 classes conclude on Friday 2 November and that Wednesday 7 November is an exam preparation day.

Year 7 - 9 Exams

The Year 7 - 9 exam timetable is published in this newsletter. These exams are in Week 7 from Wednesday 21 November to Friday 23 November and are compulsory for all students.

Teachers will assist students with the preparation for exams during classes, but parents are also encouraged to provide support at home. This can be done in a number of ways. For example, by ensuring students have a quiet space to work, plenty of sleep, a healthy diet, regular meals, exercise during breaks and a regular homework and study routine.

We wish our students all the best as they enter this exam period and trust they will be rewarded for their hard work. I know the Year 12 students will be very relieved when it is all over!

Ms Romina Pimpini Head of Junior School (F – 4)

'Understand Yourself' is one of the important elements of our Student-Centred Vision at SCG.

This week, Junior School classes have displayed their understanding of various learning elements around the building, as they build understanding in areas of Mathematics and Literacy. Various JS classes have been sharing their learning in the Hub, including discovering Coordinates in Mathematics and

practicing 'puns' in their writing. So, why *did* the chicken cross the road?



Foundation students had an incursion linked closely to their units of inquiry of 'Pet Ownership' and 'Senses/Observable Properties'.

Students met Liv, a Seeing Eye Dog Guest speaker, and her working dog Jethro.

They heard a great deal about dogs helping vision-impaired people in their everyday lives.

This was then followed by a hands-on 'senses' activity led by one of our Foundation parents, Nicole Migani-Roberts, who works for Vision Australia.

Students were blindfolded and were asked to write their name, as well as to try using braille to move around a map of the Junior School Building. What an experience for them to participate in!

Liv and Jethro from Seeing Eye Dogs Australia talked about pets and how they can help in everyday life (left image below). Foundation students were blindfolded and tried to write their name this week—there was much concentration in the air! (right image below).





On Tuesday our students contributed very proudly to our inaugural Year 12 Farewell Assembly. They presented tokens from the school, sang, cheered and even threw a streamer or two! Tomorrow we will have a Junior School Assembly as we prepare for several exciting events ahead, including:

- Our PFA Colour Run Explosion event on 2 November
- The F - 2 House Sports Carnival on Friday 2 November
- The F - 3 Swimming Program in Week 6
- Our Orientation Program for new students and our welcoming of our 2019 Foundation cohort.

Label your belongings to avoid lost property

A reminder to all families that any personal items brought to school including drink bottles, lunch boxes, hats and uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Some items that have been found on school grounds are currently held at Junior School Reception.

Mr Robert Graham Learning Area Leader - Music (F – 12)

Congratulations to the students and Instrumental Music staff for a hugely successful series of Music Recitals last week.

The musical growth on display was impressive and our music students represented the school admirably.

Thank you to the parents in attendance for their support of this important occasion for the school's Music Department.





Year 10 – 11 Exam Timetable Term 4 2018

Monday 5/11	Tuesday 6/11	Wednesday 7/11	Thursday 8/11	Friday 9/11
SCG Holiday	Melbourne Cup	10/11 Exam Prep Day	10/11 Exams	10/11 Exams
VCAA Unit 3/4 Exams 9.00 am - 10.45 am: Further Maths 2 3.00 pm - 5.15 pm: Business Management	Public Holiday	No Year 10/11 Exams	8.30 am - 10.45 am: 10 Humanities Rms C102, C103, C104 12.15 pm - 2.30 pm: 1/2 Physics 1/2 Visual Comm Design Rm C201	8.30 am - 10.45 am: 1/2 Business Management 1/2 Media 1/2 VET Music 1/2 Music Performance (Kasey Mercieca: 1/2 Maths Methods Exam 1) Rm C102, C103 12.15 pm - 2.30 pm: 10 Gen Science Rm C201 10 Digital Technologies Rm C202 VCAA Unit 3/4 Exams: 11.45 am - 2.00 pm Physical Education 3.00 pm - 5.15 pm Accounting
Monday 12/11	Tuesday 13/11	Wednesday 14/11	Thursday 15/11	Friday 16/11
10/11 Exams	10/11 Exams	10/11 Exams	10/11 Exams	10/11 Exams
8.30 am - 10.45 am: 10 General Maths 10 Maths Methods 1/2 General Maths 1/2 Maths Methods Exam 1 (8.30 am - 9.45 am) Rms C102, C103, C104 12.15 pm - 2.30 pm: 10 Visual Comm Design 1/2 Psychology Rm C201 VCAA: 11.45 am - 2.00 pm Literature	*10.00 am: Presentation Evening Rehearsal (all Year 10 & 11 students) 12.15 pm - 2.30 pm: 10 English 1/2 English 1/2 Literature Rms C102, C103, C104 VCAA: 9.00 am - 11.45 am Chemistry	8.30 am - 10.45 am: 1/2 Legal Studies Rm C201 1/2 Art 12.15 pm - 2.30 pm: 10 Introductory Physics 10 Introductory Psychology 10 Literature 1/2 Maths Methods Exam 2 Rms C102, C103 VCAA: 9.00 am - 11.45 am Physics	8.30 am - 10.45 am: 10 Introductory Chemistry 10 Legal Studies/Politics 1/2 Chemistry 1/2 Computing 1/2 Drama 1/2 Physical Education Rms C102, 103 12.15 pm - 2.30 pm: 1/2 History (Liam Giacci; 1/2 Maths Methods Exam 2) Rms C102, C103 No VCAA Exams	8.30 am - 10.45 am: 1/2 Health & Human Development Rm C201 12.15 pm - 2.30 pm: 1/2 Biology Rm C102, C103 VCAA: 9.00 am - 10.45 am VET Sport & Recreation VET Music – Sound Production 3.00 pm - 5.15 pm Computing - Informatics

Other VCAA Unit 3/4 Exams Scheduled Before and After SCG Year 10/11 Exams

Wednesday 31/10	Thursday 1/11	Friday 2/11	Monday 19/11	Tuesday 20/11	Wednesday 21/11
9.00 am - 12.15 pm: English	9.00 am - 11.45 am: Psychology	9.00 am - 11.45 am: Biology 2.00 pm - 3.45 pm: Further Maths 1	3.00 pm - 5.15 pm: Media	No VCAA Exams	3.00 pm - 5.15 pm: Chinese



Year 7 - 9 Exam Timetable Term 4 2018				
Monday 19/11	Tuesday 20/11	Wednesday 21/11	Thursday 22/11	Friday 23/11
Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
Periods 1-4 VCAA Unit 3/4 Exam: 3.00pm-5.15pm Rm C102 Media	Periods 1-4	8.45am: Year 7-9 students move to exam rooms. 9.00am-10.45am: Exams Year 7: English Rms B207/B208 Year 8: Humanities Rms B204/B205 Year 9: Maths Rms C102/C103/C104 10.45am-11.25am: Study Year 7: Rms B207/B208 Year 8: Rms B204/B205 Year 9: Rms C102/C103/C104 11.25am-11.45am: Recess 11.45am-12.15pm: Study Year 7: Rms B207/B208 Year 8: Rms B204/B205 Year 9: Rms C102/C103/C104 12.15pm-1.00pm: Lunch 1.00pm-2.45pm: Exams Year 7: Science Rms B207/B208 Year 8: English Rms B204/B205 Year 9: Humanities Rms C102/C103/C104 VCAA Unit 3/4 Exam: 3.00pm-5.15pm Rm C102 Chinese	8.45am: Year 7-9 students move to exam rooms 9.00am-10.45am: Study Year 7: Rms B207/B208 Year 8: Rms B204/B205 Year 9: Rms C102/C103/C104 10.45am-11.25am: Study Year 7: Study Rms B207/B208 Year 8: Study Rms B204/B205 Year 9: Study Rms C102/C103/C104 11.25am-11.45am: Recess 11.45am-12.30pm: Study Year 7: Study Rms B207/B208 Year 8: Study Rms B204/B205 Year 9: Study Rms C102/C103/C104 12.30pm-1.15pm: Lunch 1.15pm-3.00pm: Exams Year 7: Maths Rms B207/B208 Year 8: Science Rms B204/B205 Year 9: English Rms C102/C103/C104	8.45am: Year 7-9 students move to exam rooms 9.00am-10.45am: Exams Year 7: Humanities Rms B207/B208 Year 8: Maths Rms B204/B205 Year 9: Science Rms C102/C103/C104



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Building Positive School Climate at SCG

~ A Parent Forum ~

Tuesday 30 October @ 7:00pm in the JS Hub



An opportunity to;

- Understand what communication is in a school
- Articulate the various 'lenses' from which communication is seen/heard/shared
- Identify areas of improvement with regards to effective communication in our various roles

We look forward to your valuable input as we grow our wonderful School from *Good to Great!*

Please RSVP your attendance
by 5pm Monday 29 October :
admin@scg.vic.edu.au or call 8363 2000



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The SCG Colour Explosion 2018 is almost here!

1. Register

<https://myprofilepage.com.au/register>

2. Fundraise

3. Run for FUN!



**Friday 2nd November
2018**

after school

★ Face Painting

★ Treats

★ Stalls

★ Community Spirit

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