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2018 NAPLAN Results

Senior staff have spent time recently undertaking detailed analysis of our 2018 NAPLAN data. I thank Mrs Gallaway for much of this preparatory work.

I am pleased to advise that in all areas assessed across Years 3 - 9, SCG students performed as either above or significantly above the national standard.

Particular school strengths were identified in: Reading, Number and Algebra, Spelling, Statistics and Probability, as well as Grammar and Punctuation.

This information will be triangulated with other feedback to support our 2019 school improvement plan which we are in the midst of reviewing.

While there are many factors that contribute to student achievement, for the record here are Hattie's top 10 in order:

1.62 Teacher attributes (estimates of students), 1.57 Leadership, 1.33 Student prior knowledge, 1.29 Strategies emphasising feedback (intervention), 1.29 Strategies emphasising learning intentions, 0.92 Student beliefs and attitudes, 0.88 Teacher education, 0.86 Meta cognition / self-regulated learning (seeking help), 0.82 Scaffolding learning, 0.79 Student effort and practice.

You will notice that I have listed alongside each the impact measure.

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

We now have a number of very happy Year 12 students who have completed all of their exams. There has been lots of excitement as they have walked out of that last exam with huge smiles on their faces!

Wow! I don't think they can believe it is finally all over! A few still have one exam left, but not long to go now. These students are to be commended on the manner in which they have approached their exams. If they were nervous underneath, they haven't shown it.

They have been composed, organized, well prepared, compliant and keen to do their best. Let's hope they are rewarded for their efforts. Well done, Year 12 students!

Year 10 - 11 Exams

The Year 10 and 11 exams finish tomorrow afternoon. I am sure many of these students will be looking forward to finishing their last exam after a pretty intense couple of weeks.

It has been good preparation for the demands of VCE, but has also been a learning experience for a number of them.

Despite this, these students have handled the exam period pretty well and are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Year 7 - 9 Exams

The Year 7 - 9 exams start next week on Wednesday 21 November and end on Friday 23 November.

The Year 7 - 9 Exam Timetable has once again been included in this newsletter so families can have a clear understanding as to when exams have been scheduled.

Teachers will assist Middle School students with the preparation for exams during classes, but preparation will be more effective if, at home, students have a quiet space to work, plenty of sleep, a healthy diet, regular meals, exercise and a homework and study routine.

I wish our Middle School students all the best for their upcoming exams.

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

Senior School Presentation Evening

We look forward to welcoming all students and families to the Senior School Presentation Evening next Thursday 22 November.

The evening will be celebrated at the Moonee Valley Racecourse and formalities will commence promptly at 6:00 pm. As this is considered part of our core program, all students are expected to be in attendance by 5:45 pm in The Meeting Place, a function room on the



first floor. Up to four guests per student are warmly invited to attend the evening and share in the celebration of the 2018 school year.

Access to the venue is via McPherson Street and parking is available at no cost, in the member's parking area.

Students will need to wear their formal summer uniform, including blazers, which are compulsory for all students.

To ensure consistency of appearance and comfort during the evening, it is requested that jumpers are left at home.

Male students are required to wear their short sleeve shirt, tie and shorts with their shirts tucked in and their top button done up.

As is customary, the evening is focused on celebrating the achievements of students in our Senior School.

Several external awards will be announced as well as our internal school awards as follows (see below table):

Award Title	Criteria	Recognition
Subject Study Award	Presented to the student who has achieved the highest academic results in each subject/study in 2018.	Students are acknowledged with a Certificate and a badge to be worn on the Blazer lapel.
Academic Excellence Awards	Presented to those students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in at least 4 subjects/studies.	Students are acknowledged with a Certificate, a \$20.00 gift voucher and a school ribbon on the Blazer pocket, with year embroidered in white.
Shooting Star Awards	Presented to one student in Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 who has shown persistent academic growth and effort in 2018.	Students are acknowledged with a Certificate, a \$20.00 gift voucher and a Shooting Star on the Blazer pocket. If repeated, a Laurel is embroidered.
Star of the Southern Cross	Presented to one student who exemplifies the 10 attributes of the Student-Centred Vision. This award is considered one of Southern Cross Grammar's premier awards.	The student is acknowledged with a Certificate, a \$50.00 gift voucher and a School Pin to be worn on the Blazer lapel.
Prefect and Deputy Prefect	Presented to Year 12 students based on demonstration of leadership, peer and staff voting, interview and speech to peers.	The student is acknowledged with a Certificate, a Prefect Tie and a School Pin to be worn on the Blazer lapel.
Vice Prefect	Presented to Year 11 students based on peer and staff voting, interview and speech to peers.	The student is acknowledged with a Certificate and embroidery on the Blazer pocket.
Senior School Captains	Presented to Year 10 students based on demonstration of leadership, peer and staff voting, interview and speech to peers.	The student is acknowledged with a Certificate and embroidery on the Blazer pocket.
NGL, Sport, Arts and Social Justice Portfolio Captains	Presented to students based on demonstration of leadership, peer and staff voting, interview and speech to peers.	The student is acknowledged with a Certificate and embroidery on the Blazer pocket.



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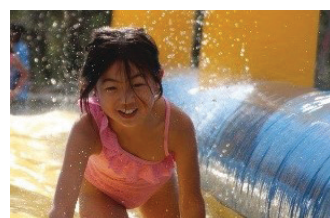
The past week has been both adventurous and reflective, but all with a sense of community, as always, at SCG.

Year 3 and 4 students spent three days on camp at Lake Nillahcootie. They built, flew, slipped 'n' slid, climbed, walked and even canoed their way through an array of activities. Whether in small groups or as individuals, they were challenged to try new things and take risks, just as in our Student-Centred Vision.

Isla and friends developed skills of accuracy in archery (below left). Isabella was supported by friends in Year 3 and 4 as she flew along the Flying Fox (below right).



Happy campers enjoyed a bustling fire to celebrate their final night at camp (below left). Anni slipped and slid her way along the Nillahcootie water slide (below right).



Remembrance Day 2018

Last Friday we paid our respects to the service men and women of Australia in our annual Remembrance Day Assembly.

This student-led ceremony included a keynote from Kiani (Year 8), and a ceremonial commentary from Ben (Year 7), while Orlando (Year 1) and Vishak (Foundation) were representatives of the Junior School who laid a wreath in honour of those we remembered.

We were also very fortunate to have Bill Tewson of the Caroline Springs RSL Sub-Branch at our service. Bill was also at the Sub-Branch service held at Woodlea on 11 November, where three of our Junior School Captains represented SCG. Sophie (Year 4), Lukas (Year 4) and

Lily (Year 4) proudly wore their uniform and presented a wreath on behalf of our School community. Congratulations and thanks to these students and their families who supported their involvement in such an important community event.





Ms Elaine Mou
Acting Learning Area Leader - Languages (F - 12)

Participating in the SBS National Languages Competition

The SBS National Languages Competition (see flyer on next page) is encouraging Australians learning languages to reflect on the cultural, linguistic and ethnic diversity of our multicultural country.

Year 5 to Year 9 Chinese learners at SCG are participating in the competition and taking this chance to celebrate their love of learning Mandarin.

As a diverse school, we believe it is significant to celebrate cross-cultural understanding between all members of our community.

For the past two weeks, students have been working in class to brainstorm the benefits of learning a language.

They have been learning to visualise their ideas by drawing pictures, taking photos or making collages to show the amazing possibilities language learning opens for them. It is a class activity in which Chinese classes from Year 5 to Year 9 have been taking part.

For those who would like to submit their entries online, parents permission form needs to be filled in and returned to me.

This competition closes 11:59 pm on Sunday 18 November 2018 (AEST).

Mr Anthony Clark
Corporate Services Manager

2019 School Fees

The 2019 Tuition and Composite Fees were recently confirmed by the Southern Cross Grammar School Board and are listed below. The full 2019 Fee Schedule is available on the School's website under Enrolments.

Year Level	Tuition Fee	Composite Fee
Foundation	\$8,590	\$550
Year 1	\$8,590	\$550
Year 2	\$8,590	\$550
Year 3	\$9,010	\$1,050
Year 4	\$9,010	\$1,050
Year 5	\$9,370	\$1,500
Year 6	\$9,370	\$1,500
Year 7	\$10,680	\$1,500
Year 8	\$10,680	\$1,500
Year 9	\$10,680	\$1,500
Year 10	\$11,990	\$1,000
Year 11	\$11,990	\$1,000
Year 12	\$11,990	\$1,000

The Composite Fee includes education subscriptions for students, stationery packs and camps up to and including Year 8. Information and pricing for the Year 9 camping program will be provided during the 2019 school year.

The 2019 tuition invoices will be emailed to all families in the coming weeks. Fees are due and payable in four instalments prior to the commencement of each term. The invoice lists a range of payment options including direct debits which allows payments to be spread across February to November.



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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