



**Mr Andrew Ponsford
Principal**

This newsletter provides me with one final opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to all members of the Southern Cross Grammar community—students, staff, parents and supporters for a memorable and rewarding school year.

From good to great and building to last

The journey from ‘good to great’ occurs through the openness and courage to know and test yourself, having a clear plan and frequently with the support, encouragement and assistance of others, the willingness to undertake a journey of improvement where persistence and effort are your best friends!

Successful people and organisations employ both stable and agile practices to negotiate this journey. In a world of increasing complexity, rapid change and exponential growth, to be able to respond and adapt quickly is the key competency. To be agile, one needs to be both dynamic and stable.

Dynamic practices enable individuals and groups to respond nimbly and quickly to new challenges and opportunities, while stable practices cultivate reliability and efficiency by establishing a backbone of elements that don’t need to change frequently. I imagine this journey as being similar to the rock-climber, using pitons to anchor themselves securely before negotiating the next challenge of the rock face. They utilise both stable and agile practices to find their way to the top.

In order to fully flourish in this wonderful and interesting world, it is a journey that you must take, for no one else can truly take this journey for you. It is for you and you alone in many ways ! You will meet key people along the way – your parents and carers, family and friends, your teachers and coaches, fellow travellers (your peers), however in the end, the journey is yours and you’re the one responsible for its success!

In this journey there is no destination, but rather in my opinion, a series of stops along the way to enjoy, to appreciate, to experience and to learn from. Enjoy and savour each of these vantage points as your journey moves from good to great and, as you endeavour, to build things that will last and endure within yourself and others!

With every good wish for a rejuvenating and enjoyable holiday period.

The 2018 Senior School Presentation Evening, the Middle School Exhibition of Learning, and the Junior School Celebration of Learning provided the perfect opportunities to acknowledge our students and their achievements as well as showcasing their considerable talents and abilities in appropriate ways.

Congratulations to our 2018 award winners.

Star of the Southern Cross Award Winners

Junior School	Sophie Fosnaugh
Middle School	Thomas Pham
Senior School	Vincent Muneretto

Caltex All-Rounder Award Winner (see page 5)

Year 9	Kayla Jones
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Academic Excellence Award Winners

Junior School	
Year 3	Charlie Cook
	Kiro Georges
	Elisha Kong
	Brandon Lim
	Vanshika Madan
	Tiana Marnik
	Madalyn Meseiha
	Saksham Nagpal
	Kayla Vasilevski
	Tameia Veitch
Year 4	Isla Abbott
	Amaan Anverdeen
	Aaryan Chadha
	Sophie Fosnaugh
	Ben Harbour
	Yi-Jen Hsu
	Lachlan Jaensch



	Lukas Li Rosi
	Tewin Nanayakkara
	Lily Pham
	Jacob Pilovski
	Zayaan Tabish
	Aleesha Thotakura
	Gabriella Valdes
	Caitlin Vasilevski
	Elisa Vigniuoli
	Edward Woollard

Middle School	
Year 5	Zayd Abdur-Razik
	Nicolas Camilleri
	Connor Majstorovic
	Mia Cook
	Menara Ranatunga
	Yashvardhan Singh
	Olivia Skrekovski
	Veronica Kaszkiel
	Jessica Dimovska
	Yash Padmawar
	Taylah Roberts
Year 6	Josie Woollard
	Sakari Clarke-Oldani
	Talia Chambers
	Jake Williams
	Sabrina Boyd
Year 7	Arya Banerjee
	Sienna Gauci
	Alice La
	Kristoffer Liska
	Hermione Marasigan
	Eric Nguyen
Year 8	Antonio Magro
	Chinmay Patil
	Victoria Skrekovski

	Zara Woollard
	Tehya Clarke-Oldani
Year 9	Joanne Vuu
	Dan Mai
	Shiraz Mallah
	Tomai Laspas

Senior School	
Year 10	Liam Giacchi
	Tahlia Balliet
	Annalise Anstee
	Michael Ah Ching
Year 11	Kasey Mercieca
	Stefan Banovski
Year 12	Lily Mirabito
	Vincent Muneretto

Learning Area Award Winners

Creative Arts - Visual Art	Kristoffer Liska (Year 7) Kiani Ulloa (Year 8) Olivia Capitanio (Year 9) Joanne Vuu (Year 9)
Performing Arts - Music	Sienna Gauci (Year 7) Dhruv Menon (Year 7) Emily Williams (Year 8) Dan Mai (Year 9)
Performing Arts - Drama	Lachlan Andrews (Year 7) Bethany Ferraro (Year 7) Udaiveer Minhas (Year 8) Olivia Capitanio (Year 9)
Health and PE	Thomas Stoitsis (Year 7) Chinmay Patil (Year 8) Stefan Filippone (Year 9)
Mathematics	Hermione Marasigan (Year 7) Jason Tran (Year 8) Dan Mai (Year 9)
English	Arya Banerjee (Year 7) Antonio Magro (Year 8) Damian Trajkovski (Year 9)



Chinese	Sophie Salomon-Best (Year 7) Zara Woollard (Year 8) Shiraz Mallah (Year 9)
Science	Kristoffer Liska (Year 7) Victoria Skrekovski (Year 8) Olivia Capitanio (Year 9)
Humanities	Arya Banerjee (Year 7) Shaina Kaur (Year 8) Joanne Vuu (Year 9)
STEM	Arya Banerjee (Year 7) Rebecca Dimovska (Year 8) Victoria Skrekovski (Year 8) Hannah Merry (Year 9)

Subject Award Winners

Year 10 Introductory Biology	Liam Giacchi
Year 10 Business Studies	Annalise Anstee Tahlia Balliet
Year 10 Introductory Chemistry	Liam Giacchi
Year 10 Digital Technologies	Liam Giacchi
Year 10 Engineering	Liam Giacchi
Year 10 English	Liam Giacchi
Year 10 Health and Physical Education	Liam Giacchi
Year 10 Humanities	Tahlia Balliet Liam Giacchi
Year 10 Legal Studies/Politics	Annalise Anstee
Year 10 Literature	Stephanie Merry
Year 10 Introductory Mathematics - General	Annalise Anstee
Year 10 Introductory Mathematical Methods	Nurainy Azman
Year 10 Media	Elaf Elsheikh Isra Elsheikh
Year 10 Introductory Physics	Liam Giacchi
Year 10 Introductory Psychology	Liam Giacchi
Year 10 General Science	Tahlia Balliet
Year 10 Visual Arts	Taylor Stoitsis
Year 10 Visual Communications and Design	Amilia Sleman

Study Award Winners

Units 3/4 Accounting	Alicia Ciacic
Units 1/2 VET Applied Language - Chinese	Tahlia Balliet
Units 3/4 VET Applied Language - Chinese	Phoebe Singh
Units 1/2 Biology	Grace Muneretto
Units 3/4 Biology	Kasey Mercieca
Units 1/2 Business Management	Elisha Lay
Units 3/4 Business Management	Kyle Maravilla
Units 1/2 Chemistry	Kasey Mercieca
Units 3/4 Chemistry	Muneib Rauf
Units 1/2 Computing	Harrisen Andrews
Units 3/4 Computing - Informatics	Shaan Khokhar
Units 1/2 Drama	Sasha Gorman
Units 1/2 English	Stefan Banovski
Units 3/4 English	Sharna Bahl
Units 1/2 Health and Human Development	Amani Balla
Units 3/4 Health and Human Development	Stefan Banovski
Units 1/2 History	Stefan Banovski
Units 1/2 Legal Studies	Kasey Mercieca
Units 1/2 Literature	Sasha Gorman
Units 3/4 Literature	Phoebe Singh
Units 1/2 Mathematics - General	Kasey Mercieca
Units 3/4 Mathematics - Further	Lily Mirabito Deniz Kaya
Units 1/2 Mathematical Methods	Liam Giacchi
Units 3/4 Mathematical Methods	Shaan Khokhar
Units 1/2 Media	Sasha Gorman
Units 3/4 Media	Cameryn Morgan Leheny
Units 1/2 VET Music	Enrico Arreza
Units 3/4 VET Music	Jesse D'Aloia
Units 1/2 Music Performance	Lauren Jones
Units 1/2 Physical Education	Paris Laspas



Units 3/4 Physical Education	Vincent Muneretto
Units 1/2 Physics	Alaa Elsheik
Units 3/4 Physics	Shaan Khokhar Vincent Muneretto
Units 1/2 Psychology	Lauren Jones
Units 3/4 Psychology	Sharna Bahl
Units 3/4 VET Sport and Recreation	Zac Coakley
Units 1/2 Visual Communications Design	Damien Razmovski

Middle School	
Year 5	Megan Scott
	Chanelle Cimbaljevic
Year 6	Trisha Ram
	Joseph Iulianella
Year 7	Dave Wong
Year 8	Dilan Kaya
Year 9	Paris Eklaudious

Sports Award Winners

3 - 6	Jasmine Lim
7 - 12	Kayla Jones

Senior School	
Year 10	Adem Aykutlu
Year 11	Harry Failli
Year 12	Deniz Kaya

Sporting Excellence Award Winners

Year 4	Yi-Jen Hsu (Table Tennis)
Year 6	Coen Sykes (Hockey)
Year 6	Jasmine Lim (Swimming)
Year 8	Elena Micic (Tennis)
Year 9	Kayla Jones (Swimming)

Shooting Star Award Winners

Junior School	
FBU	Milan Saini
FRM	Jacine Randhawa
1SK	Claire Saad
1VT	Arielle Judnic
2LH	Joshua Scott
2KS	Aarin Dang
3AB	Saron Natnael
3CG	Annhi Mai
4DM	Liam Gauci
4DW	Monique Luu



2019 Student Leadership Team			
Student Representative Council	Head Prefects	Y12	Ellie Codman Antonio Filippone
	Deputy Prefects	Y12	Cameryn Morgan Leheny Synesios Frangos
	Vice Prefects	Y11	Amilia Sleman Athif Rauf
	SS Captains	Y10	Stefan Filippone Callum Weir
	MS Captains	Y6/Y9	Kiko Urgel (Alpha) Jacob Pecevski (Beta) Rebecca Dimovska (Delta) Kiani Ulloa (Gamma)
	JS Captains	Y4	Arabella Borg (Alpha) Tameia Veitch (Beta) Kayla Vasilevski (Delta) Charlie Cook (Gamma)
Portfolio Captains	NGL Captains	SS	Maxine Shettigara Megan Tolson
		MS	TBA in 2019
		JS	TBA in 2019
	Sport Captains	SS	Stephanie Merry Hussein Zoghaib
		MS	TBA in 2019
		JS	TBA in 2019
	Social Justice	SS	Grace Muneretto Sophie Frangos
		MS	TBA in 2019
		JS	TBA in 2019
	Arts Captains	SS	Lauren Jones Chloe Su
		MS	TBA in 2019
		JS	TBA in 2019

Congratulations to 2018 Caltex All-Rounder Award Winner

The winner of the Caltex All-Rounder Award for SCG is a high-achieving swim star.

Kayla Jones (Year 9) takes a disciplined and hardworking approach to her studies, as well as dedicating much time towards her swimming and music. She is well-regarded by her student peers and also by her teachers. Congratulations on your impressive achievement, Kayla!

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

Our Junior School students' 2018 achievements are commendable. Tuesday evening was a wonderful celebration of their learning. It was certainly a joy to be a part of it and confirmed why I chose to become an educator all those years ago.

To have the opportunity to help shape these young peoples' lives is certainly a privilege. So, well done to the Junior School students and staff and the parents for their support throughout the year.

Even though awards were presented to particular students on each of our Presentation Evenings, we must remember each one of our students has excelled in their own way.

It is not possible to acknowledge every student's successes at these events so our teachers have taken time to do this individually on a more personal level. Congratulations to all of our students who have grown in so many ways this year and contributed so positively to the life of the school. It has been wonderful to observe.

Thank you to our families for your support this year. I hope you all have a safe and relaxing holiday and that you enjoy this opportunity to spend some quality time with your family and friends. We can all look forward to another exciting year in 2019.

Reports

Semester 2 Reports will be available for collection from Reception from: 9.00 am - 4.00 pm on Thursday 13 December.

Ms Janis Coffey Head of Middle School (5 - 9)

What an exciting week it has been in Middle School with so many engaging events. From Cyber Safety with the Victorian Police (first image, next page) to our visit from 'Evelyn' from Body Image Incorporated, the students have been involved in a range of activities designed to keep our Middle Schoolers minds ticking along!

I wish all of our Middle School families a fabulous and safe holiday break and I look forward to seeing you in the new year. There are a few final notes to make before our finish tomorrow afternoon.



F - 9 Final Assembly

All F - 9 Students will participate in our Final Assembly of 2018 at 2:30pm which will take place on the JS Lawn, or alternatively in the JS Hub depending on the weather. At this Assembly, the Epsilon Cup will be presented to the JS and MS students leaders of the winning House for 2018.

2019 Class Allocations

Teachers are working to devise 2019 class allocations and students and parents will be notified via email of their Homeroom allocation for 2019 by the end of next week.

Middle School Exhibition of Learning

I would like to extend my thanks to our fabulous Middle School team for their collective contribution to last week's Exhibition of Learning. The displays of student work, the golf demonstrations, the Robotics track, the Chinese role-play and the stupendous efforts of our two MCs for the evening, Aaryan (Year 9) and Ananya (Year 6) all made the evening so memorable and impactful.

Congratulations to the MS students for shining on that evening. I know your parents and teachers were incredibly proud of you!

Orientation Activities

Last week our Year 6 students mingled with our new incoming Year 7 students for 2019. The students had time to bond, make connections with one another and learn something about their new peers.

We played Human Bingo and had a Fashion on the Fields Hat Challenge. I commend our Year 6 students for their warm welcome of the new SCG students for next year. What a great way to start Year 7! Well done, Year 6!



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

There's been much fun in the sun across the Junior School as we wrap up the year.

Celebration of Learning - A star-studded night

Our 2018 JS Captains and our Portfolio Captains led an amazing night of fun, movement and reflection on what has been a very positive year. Congratulations to Sophie Fosnaugh, Lukas Li Rosi, Lily Pham and Lana Sapcanin for their teamwork, adaptability and showmanship.

It has been a pleasure to work with such a wonderful team of leaders across all portfolios this year. The stage was set, and our 2018 JS Captains (pictured below) did a great job as MCs.





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On the night, we recognised a number of achievements, including Shooting Stars from each class in the JS—these awards acknowledged the persistence of so many students.

We also announced our 2019 JS Captains. We congratulate Arabella Borg, Charlie Cook, Kayla Vasilevski and Tameia Veitch.

We look forward to the impact they will have in 2019, together with the Portfolio Captains in Art, NGL, Social Justice and Sport.

These Portfolio positions will be announced very early in Term 1 of next year.

We look forward to working with our 2019 JS Captains (pictured below).



Team Building Day - Our SCG way

Today we shared in some fun activities with staff and students. We jumped, wove and challenged ourselves through obstacles, castles, games and problem solving tasks.

Thanks to Xtreme Party Hire for our fun-filled inflatables. Thanks to Mrs Hedditch, Mr Wildsmith and Mr Hedditch for planning the day.

Of course, these events and so many others in the Junior School could not have been possible if it wasn't for the love and support of parents, carers and family members.

Coupled with the passion and dedication of staff, 2018 has been a wonderful year and I look forward to working with all of our Junior School Family in 2019.

We will welcome new members, both young and older, which will only enrich the tapestry of our School. Here's to a safe and enjoyable break for all—until we rev-up to do it all again next year!





Mr Anthony Clark
Corporate Services Manager

Embroidery Reminder

Blazers for students requiring embroidery for 2018 Awards as well as those of students in Years 4, 5 and 6 in 2019, for change over to the new school logo, are to be handed into Reception by the end of school tomorrow (Friday 7 December).

Any of these blazers not provided to the school tomorrow will require direct delivery by parents to Noones and will incur additional charges.

2019 Leadership position embroidery and the change over to the new school logos for other year levels will be scheduled later in 2019 with information supplied closer to the respective dates.

Mr Chris Mitchell
IT Manager

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program Update

Consistent with 2018 requirements communicated previously, in 2019 we will be continuing our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program. Students within Foundation to Year 6 are required to bring an iPad. Students Years 7 to Year 12 will bring their own laptop.

The open nature of the laptop program allows for the selection and purchase of a device that best meets both the functional and financial priorities of each family. Whilst the laptop program is not compulsory, it is desirable that students have access to a device when required. Further information regarding the BYOD Program will be distributed to families over the holiday period, providing more detail and useful buying guide suggestions.





Foundation – Year 6 | iPad Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program

Hardware Specifications	
Operating System	Apple iOS 12 or later
Storage	Minimum 16GB Recommended 32GB or greater
Supported Devices	12.9-inch iPad Pro (2nd generation) 12.9-inch iPad Pro (1st generation) 10.5-inch iPad Pro 9.7-inch iPad Pro iPad (6th generation) iPad (5th generation) iPad Air 2 iPad Air iPad mini 4 iPad mini 3 iPad mini 2 *At the time of writing, these are the devices that support iOS 12 or later.
Warranty/Insurance	Devices purchased within Australia will come with a 1 Year Manufacturer Warranty from the supplier by default, and you may be entitled to additional coverages through consumer law and should be aware of your rights. At the point of purchase, we recommend asking about AppleCare+ for iPad which would provide you with up to two years of additional hardware coverage, including up to two incidents of Accidental Damage – very important for when those unfortunate little accidents do happen.

Year 7 – Year 12 | Laptop Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program

Hardware Specifications	
Form Factor	Laptops, tablets or convertible devices are permitted provided a physical keyboard is available to allow for sufficient typing speed Devices should also have a headphone jack, webcam, microphone and WiFi
Weight	Devices should weigh less than 2kg
Screen Size	Minimum 11.6" Display Maximum of 15.6" recommended
Operating System	Microsoft Windows 10 or later Apple MacOS 10.14 Mojave or later (note: upgrade from older versions is free)
CPU	Minimum Intel i3 or equivalent Recommended Intel i5 or greater
Memory (RAM)	Minimum 4GB Recommended 8GB or greater
Storage	Minimum 128GB Recommended 256GB or greater *Always ask for Solid State Drive (SSD) Storage for increased performance
Battery Life	Minimum 6 Hour Battery Life Recommended 8 Hour or Greater Battery Life
Warranty/Insurance	Devices purchased within Australia will come with a 1 Year Manufacturer Warranty from the supplier by default, and you may be entitled to additional coverages through consumer law and should be aware of your rights. We recommend purchasing extended coverage policies with your device, to ensure you can get the most out of your device over its lifetime for your child. Recommended Warranty Coverage: 3 Years Recommended Accidental Damage Protection Coverage: 3 Years *Ensure your coverage policies allow for onsite repairs, not mail-in repairs *Determine if there is an excess payable for a claim, varies between suppliers *Check if your extended device warranty covers the battery, not all do