



Mr Andrew Ponsford
Principal

A warm welcome to 2019 – may this year prove your very best to date!

Communication

The newsletter provides key advance information, arguably some of our most important summary information and is issued each Thursday to keep families informed and up-to-date. The primary intention of the newsletter is to recognise student achievement and to provide advance general advice regarding upcoming school events.

Specific letters to cohorts via your nominated email address will provide the more detailed information required – it is critical that families provide a reliable email destination in this regard and regularly check this source. Emerging information will be provided to this link.

With our school becoming increasingly complex, the importance of the newsletter increases as does the job of parents of finding effective ways of staying in touch.

Our website also plays an important role with key guiding information. Increasingly over 2019, Schoolbox will provide an e-platform of access to information such as timetables, daily schedules and the like. We are working in earnest to have this available as soon as possible. Trials among students and staff are on-going and commenced in 2018 to facilitate as smooth a transition as possible here. A pilot parent program will commence soon.

If in doubt please do not hesitate to contact Reception (8363 2000) or contact your son/daughter's Homeroom Teacher via email.

2018 VCE Results

Our first results reflect the wonderful efforts of many students and the support they have generously received from teaching staff and their families. The following statistics bear testament to this:

- All 18 students received an ATAR that enabled them to be accepted into a university course
- 90% of students obtained their first or second preference

- 30% of students achieved an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 80 or higher; an impressive achievement when ranked with over 40,000 students
- More than 60% of students achieved an ATAR above 70, with the median Victorian ATAR score in the mid-60 range
- The median SCG Study Score of 31 was higher than that of other schools in our area
- 6 Southern Cross Grammar students achieved a total of 11 Study Scores of 40 or higher in six different Studies
- The SCG DUX received an ATAR score of 93.25

It is widely agreed that the VCE is a very narrow measure of success however given that 2018 was our first group, I think it is worthy of special mention and the efforts of support and dedication that resulted in this success are to be acknowledged and highlighted.

Our very best wishes go to this group who are excited to have safely and successfully negotiated this important stage of the educational journey.

2018 Magazine

Our annual magazine or yearbook has recently arrived. Please note that this will be distributed to all 2018 students during next week.

Calendar of Events

A list of our key events for 2019 is listed within this Newsletter – please note these major event dates. A more detailed calendar of Term 1 events is also being compiled and will be distributed in Week 2. This will be placed on the website as is our customary practice over the last few years. In time, Schoolbox will provide the access to this type of information.

Imminent Events

Please be aware of advance arrangements concerning the following important events over the next 3 weeks:

January

- 31- Y7 Camp Information Night (6.00pm-7.00pm)

February

- 4 & 6- Meet the Teacher (3.30pm to 6.00pm)
- 6- SCG Y7-12 Swim Carnival
- 6- PFA Meeting



- 11 to 15- Yr7 Anglesea Camp
- 11- Senior School Information Evening (6.00pm-7.30pm)
- 12- SCG Yr3-6 Swimming Carnival
- 18- Junior School Information Evening (6.00pm-7.30pm)
- 25- Middle School Information Evening (6.00pm-7.30pm)

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

Welcome to the 2019 school year!

I trust everyone has enjoyed some quality family time over the past few weeks. A special welcome to our many new students and staff members. We hope they will thrive in our wonderful Southern Cross Grammar community. The staff bring with them an amazing diversity of expertise and experience from which our students and other staff will benefit considerably. We wish them all the best as they settle into our community.

I am really excited to be able to congratulate our first cohort of Year 12 students. Their results were commendable and are a reflection of their persistence and hard work as well as the dedication and commitment of their teachers.

While we can thank the Year 12 teachers for supporting and preparing their students throughout last year, it is important to remember these scores are only achieved as a result of 13 years of outstanding education, not one year. So, we must recognise the efforts of those who have taught these students since they commenced their schooling at the age of 5 years and we must not forget the hard work the students have put in during their primary and middle school years. For this reason, we will continue to develop and improve our academic programs to help ensure our students have access to the highest quality education possible across the whole school. We will also continue to impress upon our younger students why it is important to be engaged in their learning at all times. A focus on aiming high, achieving your best and striving for excellence are important and are also aspects of our student centred vision. I wish our staff, students and families, particularly our staff and new families, all the best for the start of what should be an exciting school year.

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

Ready? Set... GO!

The Junior School was all set for a wonderful start to the 2019 year today.

Classroom teachers have been busy personalising learning spaces and preparing activities for friendships, futures and fun to thrive!



It was lovely to see our Junior School students well-dressed in their SCG uniform and ready to learn.

Thanks you to parents/carers and families for your support in helping your child/ren be prepared and making our first day a successful one.



A few reminders for all;

- All students should wear their SCG hat when outdoors (breaks and during PE)
- Personal items must be clearly labelled with your child's name (drink bottle, uniform items, lunch box/bag etc)
- School commences at 8:30am, so student arrival prior to this is important

OHSC – Outside Hours School Care

An Outside Hours School Care program is available at Southern Cross Grammar. Students from Foundation to Year 6 are welcome to attend. This is operated in the Junior School Building by the Camp Australia group.

Children enjoy a variety of activities including cooking, art, craft, games, drama, dance and indoor and outdoor play, both structured and unstructured. There is open, supervised access to all facilities including the Junior School Learning Resource Centre (Library), computers, playground and sports field.

The program runs from 6.30am to 8.30am and 3.05pm to 6.30pm each school day.

Any student from Foundation to Year 6 who arrives at school prior to 8.15am must attend OSHC. Those students who are not collected from school by 3.30pm will, for their own safety, be placed in the Outside School Hours Care program.

To find out more or register for OHSC go to <https://www.campaustralia.com.au>

iPads will begin to enhance student learning in the Junior School from next week [Week 2].

All students are required to supply their own iPad for use during class time. The following iPads are compatible with school requirements:

- iPad (Generations 2-6)
- iPad Pro
- iPad Mini
- iPad Air

Students are encouraged to use iCloud, Airdrop and have camera capability. The preferred storage option is 32GB or 64GB due to apps, usage and imagery captured throughout the year.

These devices will be used under supervision by staff during various learning times and are not to be used during breaks of the day [Recess & Lunchtime].

We thank you for your support in this matter.

Wishing everyone a super start to the year and many successes along the way!



Use of the School Crossing increased last year – it was great to see so many students and family members taking advantage of the weather and some exercise.

Please be safe and use designated School Crossings around the School site at all times.

PF New to You Uniform Shop 2019

In 2019 the PFA *New To You* Uniform Shop will operate on tomorrow and each Friday from 2:00 – 3:30pm each week, commencing tomorrow and each Friday

Parents/Carers and students are welcome to use this service. Cash & EFTPOS facilities are available.

Have a question? Contact pfa@scg.vic.edu.au



Reminders

Parental Permission forms are due back on or before Friday 8 February. Please return these forms to your child's Homeroom Teacher or email a signed copy to admin@scg.vic.edu.au

Blazers that were submitted at the end of last year for embroidery or a pocket changeover are still busily being worked upon. Noone Imagewear are hoping to deliver many of the blazers by Monday 4 February with the remainder arriving late next week.