



**Mr Andrew Ponsford**  
**Principal**

Much activity and focus over the last 3-4 months has gone into the area of Student Services. Additional funding from the federal government (linked to the NCCD) has enabled us to substantially develop this important area and focus for our programs from the start of this year.

Please note the new staffing and structural arrangements from the commencement of 2019:

|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| Head of Student Services                | Ms. Lorraine Macdonald |
| Literacy Improvement Coordinator (F-6)  | Ms. Leanne Glascott    |
| Literacy Improvement Coordinator (7-10) | Ms. Casey Ferris       |
| Numeracy Improvement Coordinator (F-10) | Ms. Aarti Ram          |
| Learning Support Coordinator (F-4)      | Ms. Nicole Saunders    |
| Learning Support Coordinator (5-9)      | Ms. Lisa Denys         |
| Learning Support                        | Ms. Rebekah Nielsen    |
| Learning Support                        | Ms. Natasha Zahariadis |
| Learning Support                        | Mr. Tim Zabell         |
| Learning Support                        | Ms. Elin Lin           |
| Well-being Coordinator (F-12)           | Ms. Shellie Cooper     |

The above represents a significant increase in activity.

Southern Cross Grammar also liaises closely with educational consultant group, Dee Wardrop to provide a suite of out-sourced support in speech therapy and occupational therapy. These visiting staff work in conjunction with SCG on a regular basis to provide additional, specialised programs to support our students, their teachers and families.

The work of lead consultant in the area and former head of school, Ms. Sheona Carter has been critical during 2018 in reviewing our strategies, structures, programs and activities.

Student Services at Southern Cross Grammar works as part of an integrated health and wellbeing team, who focus on providing group-based and individual support, workforce capacity building and the provision of specialised services.

It is comprised of a broad range of professionals including teachers, counsellors, learning support staff, psychologists, speech pathologists and youth engagement workers. Student Services is committed to

the Student Centred Vision and its core value of providing a quality educational experience to all students.

A booklet providing further details and information is in development and will be available shortly from Reception for those with a particular interest.



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

I remind families of Years 11- 12 students that the Student Declaration Letter is to be signed by parents and themselves and returned to the VCE Coordinator, Ms Megan Unthank. As this is a VCAA (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority) requirement, it is extremely important we receive this signed document by 3.30pm tomorrow, 22 February, as indicated on the form. Students have been reminded of the importance of this on numerous occasions so I urge Years 11- 12 parents, as a matter of urgency, to follow this up to ensure the form is returned to Ms Unthank. Year 10 students studying a VCE subject will receive this form next week.

The Student Declaration Letter confirms students have received, read and agreed to abide by the VCAA and Southern Cross Grammar



rules outlined in the 2019 Senior School Policy Handbook. One important policy is the Attendance Policy that states students must attend a minimum of 80% of classes for each of their subjects per semester. I therefore also urge families to consider very carefully the impact of family holidays during term time as such absences can have a detrimental effect on students' results and their learning, with extended absences potentially influencing the outcome of a VCE unit.

Attendance is also compulsory for all examinations, internal and external, across the school. This includes the Trial Exams for all Year 12 subjects to be held in the third week of the September holiday break from Monday 30 September - Thursday 3 October. It is therefore recommend family holidays are not arranged for this holiday break for these students.

**Mr Joseph Hedditch**  
**Assistant Head of Senior School (10 - 12)**

I am delighted to introduce our Ambassador Team, a group of students from Years 10 – 12 who have made a shared commitment to raising funds to travel to Peru in December 2019. The Ambassador Team is made up of: Chloe Baillie, Chanelle Baldevia, Barath Baskaran, Paris Ekladious, Ronan Ennis, Taylah Erhart, Paris Lapsas, Joshua Macpherson, Kasey Mercieca, Andjela Micic, Grace Muneretto, Damien Razmovski and Maxine Shettigara.

The objective of the Ambassador Program is to provide opportunities for personal development, discovery and challenge through safe, professionally organised experiences. Students involved also develop and acquire skills that will assist them in their future careers whether it is further education, training or employment. The Ambassador Program is a yearlong enterprise where team members learn to work together as they plan their journey and fundraising initiatives. Funds raised support the Ambassador Program students with planning, support and expedition delivery costs. Fundraising is also used to invest in the local Peruvian economy, community, wildlife and environment conservation projects that the students will be directly involved with. Our participating students are keen to have a lasting impact through the contributions they will make to the local community when they visit in December 2019. Specifically, students will work on local projects including:

- Community: building new classrooms
- Environment: tree planting, establishing sustainable practices and education
- Wildlife: reforestation or digging water holes.

Toward the end of the journey, our Ambassador Team will also have the opportunity to trek to Macchu Picchu together. They are looking forward to an exciting year ahead and are keen to gain your support in directly helping local communities abroad through this life changing experience. It is not too late to join the team – if you are a Senior School student and you are interested in understanding more about the Program, its benefits and how you can join us, please see me as soon as you can.



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

**Middle School Information Night - 25 February 2019**

Next week we look forward to welcoming parents to the Middle School Information Evening. This evening will give an overview of some of the aspects important to the student experience in Middle School, including academic policies, the role of teacher mentors and communication. This evening is also an opportunity to meet their child(ren)'s teachers. Additionally, there will be an overview of the Year 9 Camp Experiences for Year 9 parents.

The schedule for the evening will be as follows:

| When   | What  | Where                                  |
|--------|---|--|
| 6:00pm | Years 5 and 6 Classroom Teacher Presentations<br>Years 7 – 9 Meet & Mingle with MS Teachers | Years 5 and 6 classrooms<br>VCE Lounge |
| 6:30pm | Presentation from Head of Middle School & Assistant Head of Middle School                   | C104                                   |
| 7:00pm | Year 9 Camps Program  | C104                                   |
| 7:30pm | Finish  |  |



Middle School students are welcome but not required to attend on the evening. Due to space, only parents will attend the presentations commencing in C104 at 6:30pm and students will be supervised by teachers outside at that time. If students attend, they will be required to attend in their School uniform.

## Camp

During Week 3, the entire Year 7 cohort went away on camp to Anglesea Valley Lodge. The camp was designed to build new relationships among the students as well as exposing many to new and exciting challenges.

Students were provided with opportunities to take part in a surf school before they hit the waves and surfed, paddled a canoe, bushwalked through some picturesque national park, mountain biked, displayed their culinary talents during a 'Masterchef' competition, and undertook a variety of 'team challenges'. All students conducted themselves in a very positive manner and built a number of new friendships, setting them up for a wonderful year ahead. The entire Year 7 group should be proud of their efforts!



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

Learning, as we know, comes in all shapes and sizes. This week in the Junior School, we had learning for the young of our community, as well as the older...

Our Junior School Information Evening was an interactive series of workshops placing Mums and Dads in the learner's seat! They got to experience Spelling, STEM Quizzes, a cloud activity in Visual Arts, warm-up Maths tasks and even Music with Ms Sathiseelan and the Boom-Whackers to create a tune!



*Parents and Carers went 'back to school' this week through our Information Evening interactive workshops*

Everyone got to take home some resources to help connect School-Student-Home which we know is so important to success in learning. A huge thanks to all those in attendance for having a go and making the sessions so much fun. Of course, a night like this is never possible without the passion and commitment of the Junior School Team - what a great bunch to work with!

## Year 2 Incursion ~ Reptile Encounters

*This week 2LH and 2SM had an incursion about living things. We saw very interesting animals.*

*A man named Dan came and showed us all the animals. We saw a Saltwater Crocodile, a Long-Nose Potter-Roo, a Barn Owl, a Turtle, a Frill-Neck Lizard and a big snake called Tiny.*

*Did you know that an Olive Python's skin looks rainbow in the sun? Did you know that a Barn Owl can hear a mouse' heartbeat from 5m away?*





*I think our incursion was great and everyone enjoyed it. I can't wait for our next incursion!*

*By Lina 2LH*

*On Tuesday we had a Reptile Encounter incursion!*

*We saw a Murry River Turtle; did you know only Australian turtles can turn their heads to the side to hide? We saw a shingle back Lizard and it looked like it had two heads!*

*I think the incursion was amazing my favourite animal was the Olive Python.*

*By Aidan 2LH*



*2SM girls were brave and held a snake...a very long one!*



*2LH students stretched and stretched the snake with Dan*

**Mr Anthony Clark**  
**Corporate Services Manager**

### **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)**

The CSEF is a Victorian Government incentive to ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to participate in important, fun and more importantly, educational activities.

Families with a Health Care Card may be eligible. For an application form, cut off dates and eligibility criteria please visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/documents/about/programs/health/csefapplicationform.pdf>

**Mr Robert Graham**  
**Learning Area Leader - Music**

### **Choral Program**

It has been encouraging to witness the growth of our choral program during the early stages of the school year. Students who enjoy singing are welcome to sign up or audition for our two school choirs. Please see Miss Sathiaseelan or Mr Graham for more information.

| Group                    | Schedule                                      | Students   |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| Advanced Choral Ensemble | Tuesday during MS/SS Lunch in the Music Room  | Senior School Students with auditioned students in Years 7-9 |
| Years 3-6 Choir          | Wednesday during JS Lunch in the Learning Hub | All students in Years 3-6 welcome to attend                  |

### **Guitar Ensemble**

Guitar ensemble will be held each Tuesday morning at 7.50am in the Middle/Senior School Music Room. For students wishing to join the ensemble, please contact the Music Department.

### **PFA "New to You" uniform shop**

We are pleased to announce that SCG caps are now available from our uniform shop. We have also received brand new bucket hats and socks. Caps and bucket hats \$16.50, sport socks \$10 and boys black socks \$11.

The "New to You" uniform shop is open Friday 2.00pm- 3.30pm in Junior School building.



### TERM 1 2019 Enrichment Program

|                  | BEFORE SCHOOL, 7:50 – 8:30AM   | MS LUNCH, 1:05 – 1:45PM   | JS LUNCH, 1:35 – 2:00PM   | AFTER SCHOOL, 3:15 – 4:00PM   |
|------------------|--|---|---|---|
| <b>Monday</b>    | Mini Strings, Selected F-12 Students, JS Learning Hub, Bridgitte Dias  | Chess Club, MS/SS Students, B207, Howard Lacey<br>Drama rehearsals, selected MS/SS students, B103, Lincoln Busby                                |   | Drama rehearsals, selected MS/SS students, B103, Lincoln Busby  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Guitar Ensemble, Selected F-12 Students, B101, Trevor McQuade  | Chess Club, MS/SS Students, B207, Howard Lacey<br>Advanced Vocal Ensemble, Selected 7-12 students, B101, Genevieve Sathiasseelan and Vivien Lee |   | Robotics Club, Selected MS/SS Students, B102, Rajnesh Ram<br>Science Support, MS Students, B109 (Week 3, 5, 7 and 9)<br>Mathematics Academic Support, MS Students, B205 (starts Week 3) |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Junior Strings, Selected F-12 Students, JS Learning Hub, Samantha Calvert  | Chess Club, MS/SS Students, B207, Howard Lacey  | Year 3-6 Choral, Selected 3-6 Students (1:15pm), JS Hub, Genevieve Sathiasseelan and Vivien Lee |   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Senior Strings, Selected F-12 Students, JS Learning Hub, Samantha Calvert  | Chess Club, MS/SS Students, B207, Howard Lacey<br>Wind Ensemble, Selected 12 Students, B101, Adrian Perger and Rohan Laird                      |   | English & Humanities Academic Support, MS Students, B204 (starts Week 3)  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Junior String Quartet, Senior String Quartet, Selected F-12 Students, JS Learning Hub, Samantha Calvert and Bridgitte Dias | Chess Club, MS/SS Students, B207, Howard Lacey<br>Drama rehearsals, selected MS/SS students, B103, Lincoln Busby                                |   |   |

# SOUTHERN CROSS GRAMMAR

## Semester 1, 2019 Calendar

| Sunday           | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |       |
|------------------|---|---|---|--|---|--|-------|
| Recurring Events | Chess Club<br>Mini Strings 7.50am<br>Advanced Vocal Ensemble 1.05pm             | School Banking (F-Y6)<br>Guitar Ensemble 7.50am   | Canteen Open<br>CHIP Program<br>Junior Strings 7.50am<br>Y3-6 Choral 1.15pm                                     | Canteen Open<br>Senior Strings 7.50am<br>Wind Ensemble 1.05pm  | Canteen Open<br>Junior Quartet 8.00am<br>Senior Quartet 8.00am<br>Drama Production Rehearsal 1.05pm |  |       |
| 13-Jan           | 14-Jan  | 15-Jan  | 16-Jan  | 17-Jan   | 18-Jan  | 19-Jan   |       |
| 20-Jan           | 21-Jan  | 22-Jan  | 23-Jan  | 24-Jan   | 25-Jan  | 26-Jan<br>Australia Day                                    |       |
| 27-Jan           | 28-Jan<br>Australia Day Holiday (in lieu)                                       | 29-Jan  | 30-Jan<br>Term 1 begins Y12<br>Y12 Leadership Retreat<br>Foundation - 'Come and Play' activity 8.30am - 10.30am | 31-Jan<br>Term 1 begins F-Y11<br>Y12 Leadership Retreat<br>Y7 Camp Information Evening 6.00pm - 7.00pm | 1-Feb<br>Y12 Leadership Retreat   | 2-Feb  |       |
| 3-Feb            | 4-Feb<br>Meet the Teacher F-Y9 3.30pm - 6.00pm                                  | 5-Feb   | 6-Feb<br>SCG Swim Carnival Y7-12<br>Meet the Teacher F-Y9 3.30pm - 6.00pm<br>PFA Meeting                        | 7-Feb<br>Principal's Tour  | 8-Feb   | 9-Feb  |       |
| 10-Feb           | 11-Feb<br>Y7 Camp Anglesea<br>Senior School Information Evening 6.00pm - 7.30pm | 12-Feb<br>Principal's Tour<br>Y7 Camp Anglesea<br>SCG Swim Carnival Y1-6                  | 13-Feb<br>Y7 Camp Anglesea  | 14-Feb<br>Principal's Tour<br>Y7 Camp Anglesea   | 15-Feb<br>Y7 Camp Anglesea  | 16-Feb   |       |
| 17-Feb           | 18-Feb<br>Junior School Information Evening 6.00pm - 7.30pm                     | 19-Feb<br>Principal's Tour<br>Reptile Encounters, Yr 2 Incursion                          | 20-Feb  | 21-Feb<br>Principal's Tour<br>Y7 Immunisations   | 22-Feb<br>Whole School Dux & Leadership Assembly 8.45am   | 23-Feb<br>Principal's Tour<br>2019 Scholarship Exams Y7-11 |       |
| 24-Feb           | 25-Feb<br>Middle School Information Evening 6.00pm - 7.30pm                     | 26-Feb  | 27-Feb  | 28-Feb<br>Principal's Tour<br>CSPSSA Swim Carnival   | 1-Mar   | 2-Mar  |       |
| 3-Mar            | 4-Mar   | 5-Mar<br>Principal's Tour<br>SSV Swimming Y7-12   | 6-Mar<br>SSV Tennis Y7  | 7-Mar  | 8-Mar   | 9-Mar  |       |
| 10-Mar           | 11-Mar<br>Labour Day Public Holiday   | 12-Mar<br>Principal's Tour<br>Top Class VCE 3/4 Drama Solo, The Playhouse, The Art Centre | 13-Mar  | 14-Mar<br>Principal's Tour<br>Y10 Geography Field Trip   | 15-Mar  | 16-Mar<br>Principal's Tour<br>PFA Disco Bingo              |       |
| 17-Mar           | 18-Mar  | 19-Mar  | 20-Mar<br>VCE 3/4 Top Screen Media, ACMI, Federation Square<br>SSV Tennis & Volleyball Y8                       | 21-Mar   | 22-Mar<br>Ride to School Day F - Y9   | 23-Mar<br>Principal's Tour                                 |       |
| 24-Mar           | 25-Mar  | 26-Mar  | 27-Mar<br>VCE 3/4 Drama Excursion: Robot Song Theatre Production, Theatre Works                                 | 28-Mar   | 29-Mar<br>SSV Tennis & Volleyball Y9/10   | 30-Mar   |       |
| PFA Lego Movie   | 31-Mar  | 1-Apr   | 2-Apr   | 3-Apr  | 4-Apr<br>SSV Western Metro Region Swimming Y7-12<br>Y5 Wilsons Prom Camp                            | 5-Apr<br>Y5 Wilsons Prom Camp<br>Term 1 ends               | 6-Apr |
| 7-Apr            | 8-Apr   | 9-Apr   | 10-Apr  | 11-Apr   | 12-Apr  | 13-Apr   |       |
| 14-Apr           | 15-Apr  | 16-Apr  | 17-Apr  | 18-Apr   | 19-Apr<br>Good Friday Holiday   | 20-Apr   |       |

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| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21-Apr<br>Week 1A  | 22-Apr<br>Easter Monday Holiday   | 23-Apr<br>Term 2 begins F-Y12<br>Y6 Camp Canberra   | 24-Apr<br>Y6 Camp Canberra  | 25-Apr<br>ANZAC Day Public Holiday<br>PFA Avengers Movie<br>Y6 Camp Canberra                                    | 26-Apr<br>Y6 Camp Canberra  | 27-Apr  |
| 28-Apr<br>Week 2B  | 29-Apr  | 30-Apr<br>Principal's Tour<br>Galway Faith & Society Workshop   | 1-May<br>Y12 Business Mgt Excursion, Yakult Factory   | 2-May<br>Principal's Tour<br>CSPSSA Cross Country<br>Galway Debating  | 3-May<br>Whole School Photos F-Y12<br>CSPSSA Interschool Sports   | 4-May   |
| 5-May<br>Week 3A   | 6-May   | 7-May<br>Principal's Tour   | 8-May<br>Student Progress Interviews F-Y12: 3.30pm - 8.30pm   | 9-May<br>Principal's Tour   | 10-May<br>CSPSSA Interschool Sports<br>Candide Drama Performance 7.30pm<br>SS Mother's Day Breakfast: 7.50am-8.50am<br>PFA Mother's Day Stall | 11-May<br>Principal's Tour<br>Candide Drama Performance: 2.00pm |
| 12-May<br>Week 4B<br>Mother's Day                                  | 13-May  | 14-May<br>Principal's Tour<br>NAPLAN - Y3, 5, 7 and 9 (online from 14 - 24 May)                                 | 15-May<br>NAPLAN - Y3, 5, 7 and 9 (online from 14 - 24 May)   | 16-May<br>Principal's Tour<br>NAPLAN - Y3, 5, 7 and 9 (online from 14 - 24 May)                                 | 17-May<br>Candide Drama Performance 7.30pm<br>SSV Cross Country Y7-12<br>CSPSSA Girls Football<br>NAPLAN online testing 14 - 24 May           | 18-May<br>Candide Drama Performance: 7.30pm                     |
| 19-May<br>Week 5A  | 20-May<br>Galway Debating<br>NAPLAN online testing 14 - 24 May  | 21-May<br>Principal's Tour<br>NAPLAN online testing 14 - 24 May   | 22-May<br>NAPLAN online testing 14 - 24 May   | 23-May<br>Principal's Tour<br>SSV Netball & Soccer Y9/10<br>NAPLAN online testing 14 - 24 May                   | 24-May<br>Senior School Formal (The Luxor)<br>NAPLAN online testing 14 - 24 May   | 25-May  |
| 26-May<br>Week 6B  | 27-May  | 28-May<br>Principal's Tour  | 29-May  | 30-May<br>Principal's Tour  | 31-May<br>Assessment Closing Term 2 - Y10-12  | 1-Jun<br>Principal's Tour                                       |
| 2-Jun<br>Week 7A   | 3-Jun   | 4-Jun<br>Principal's Tour   | 5-Jun   | 6-Jun<br>Principal's Tour<br>Semster 1 Exams  | 7-Jun<br>Semster 1 Exams<br>Assessment Closing Term 2 - Y7-9  | 8-Jun   |
| 9-Jun<br>Week 8B   | 10-Jun<br>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday   | 11-Jun<br>SSV Netball & Soccer Y8<br>Semster 1 Exams  | 12-Jun<br>Unit 3/4 GAT Exam 10am - 1:15pm<br>Semster 1 Exams  | 13-Jun<br>Principal's Tour<br>Semster 1 Exams   | 14-Jun<br>Exam catch up day   | 15-Jun  |
| 16-Jun<br>Week 9A  | 17-Jun<br>F-Y12 Semester 2 begins   | 18-Jun<br>Principal's Tour  | 19-Jun<br>SSV Netball & Soccer Y7   | 20-Jun<br>Principal's Tour<br>SSV Western Metro Region Cross Country Y7-12                                      | 21-Jun  | 22-Jun<br>Principal's Tour                                      |
| 23-Jun<br>Week 10B<br>Y9 Camp Broome<br>Y9 Camp Hong Kong Tour TBC | 24-Jun<br>Y9 Camp Melbourne Experience TBC<br>Y9 Camp Broome<br>Y9 Camp Hong Kong Tour TBC<br>Y8 Camp Mt Buller | 25-Jun<br>Y9 Camp Melbourne Experience TBC<br>Y9 Camp Broome<br>Y9 Camp Hong Kong Tour TBC<br>Y8 Camp Mt Buller | 26-Jun<br>Y9 Camp Melbourne Experience TBC<br>Y9 Camp Broome<br>Y9 Camp Hong Kong Tour TBC<br>Y8 Camp Mt Buller | 27-Jun<br>Y9 Camp Melbourne Experience TBC<br>Y9 Camp Broome<br>Y9 Camp Hong Kong Tour TBC<br>Y8 Camp Mt Buller | 28-Jun<br>Y9 Camp Melbourne Experience TBC<br>Y9 Camp Broome<br>Y9 Camp Hong Kong Tour TBC<br>Y8 Camp Mt Buller<br>Term 2 ends                | 29-Jun  |
| 30-Jun<br>Y9 Camp Hong Kong Tour TBC                               | 1-Jul   | 2-Jul   | 3-Jul   | 4-Jul   | 5-Jul   | 6-Jul   |
| 7-Jul  | 8-Jul   | 9-Jul   | 10-Jul  | 11-Jul  | 12-Jul  | 13-Jul  |