



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

For our VCE students, 20% of their year is almost behind them ..... it is a timely reminder that none of us can afford to waste a moment, nor an opportunity for growth and development.

Consider the Chinese bamboo tree.  
The seed is planted and for the first four years, there is no visible growth. During the fifth year however, the bamboo grows nearly thirty metres in six weeks.

Did the tree take five years to begin growing? Not at all. Although growth was not visible, the root system experienced tremendous development, thereby making it possible for the bamboo to stand sturdy and secure.

Growth does not manifest itself overnight.  
I say to our Years 7-11 students, understand the importance of what you are now doing in an emotional, personal and academic way and its importance for your future success. I also say to our current Year 12 students – trust in your previous efforts, remain calm in the current and work as hard as you can to ensure you flourish like the Chinese bamboo in the last six weeks of your journey this year!

Sometimes the growth made is not always obvious until the end!

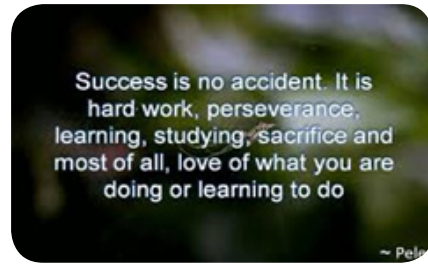
**Mrs Julie Baud**  
**Deputy Principal**  
**Head of Teaching and Learning (F – 12)**

**Learning** is at the centre of everything we do. It is the core business for students, staff and our community. Everywhere we walk around the school, we see evidence of learning. Year 5 students involved in their woodwind program, Foundation students learning how to enter a classroom quietly, school leaders speaking during Assembly, a teacher observing a colleague in the classroom, Chemistry students setting up experiments, Robotics students designing and constructing machines. The list is never ending and learning is ongoing.

A couple of well know quotes about learning include:  
*“The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice.”*  
*“Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty and persistence.”*

Our Student Centred Vision is reflective of these quotes and has a focus on developing students who aim high, strive to do their best, take risks, question and explore, problem solve, listen and are respectful.

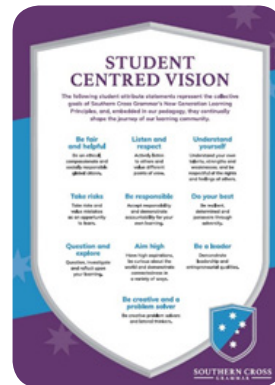
With learning at the core of our Southern Cross Grammar community, I encourage parents to become involved in the learning as well. To be a part of this important learning journey and to encourage your children to persist, to question, reflect, think laterally and to not be afraid of making mistakes. The most important thing to consider is that they learn from their mistakes, and that this learning can ultimately lead to success.



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

Our *Student Centred Vision* is at the core of all we do. Staff and students alike use its vocabulary in our every day, as well as work in ways to strive to be better through the 10 attributes of this vision.

In the past couple of weeks, student have been working with their teachers to set goals for this semester in line with our Student Centred Vision.



A Student Personal Goal Plan, or PGP, requires an individual to focus on the 10 attributes of our Student Centred Vision, and formulate goals to strive for, developing them personally, both now and for the future.

These plans will be sent home in the next week or so to be shared with families.



Parents/carers can certainly share in understanding the Student Centred Vision with the children by:

- Asking your son/daughter to explain the goals in their own terms - and give them time to share with you
- Understanding the process they might undertake to achieve their goals - not just the end result
- Talking about what might occur if they don't achieve the goal- what may be the process?

Setting goals and understanding how to achieve them is a reflection of *Understanding Self and Personal Best*.

Of course, as adults, many of us might re-adjust or align our goals and outcomes. Importantly, through the PGP strategy, we hope to instill this method of resilience in our students at SCG.

To help us understand our Student Centred Vision and goal setting even better, the Year 3s are leading our **assembly on Friday morning this week** (8.45am in the Hub), with a special performance from the Year 1s. We hope to celebrate with many parents and family members.

### Getting SMART about our Spelling

Junior School Teachers have been working with their classes through our structured spelling program this year, SMART Spelling.

In SMART Spelling, we



incorporate the meaning of words, syllables, sounds and letters and the most useful spelling rules.

SMART Spelling uses the 4 areas of spelling knowledge phonology, orthography, etymology and morphology. It does however prioritise the meaning (vocabulary), phonology (sounds) and orthography (letters and letter

patterns) when teaching spelling to children.

Speak to your child about their recent spelling experience – or even try the SMART strategy out yourself at home!

You can learn more at:

<https://www.smartspelling.com.au/>

### Are you READY to RIDE?



Ride 2 School for Years F-9 aims to maximise the number of students and families who choose an alternative to car travel to commute to school as well as providing an opportunity for students to partake in an inclusive House event.

Points will be awarded for each student who:

- Ride their bike or scooter to school to their allocated House gate
- Ride or scoot safely wearing a helmet
- Wears a House Colour t-shirt with their PE uniform on the day

We hope everybody will join in!

Please be reminded that driveways are not car parks – not for one second, one minute or a moment in time.

Student safety is important to all of us, so appropriate use of roads and car parks around the school site should be a collective goal.



**Mr Anthony Clark**  
Corporate Services Manager

### Board Nominations and Annual General Meeting

The School Company Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held Tuesday 23 April.

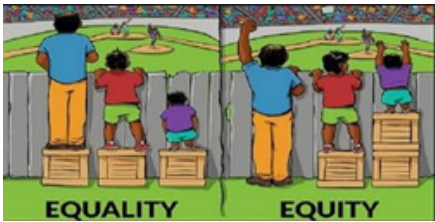
Company members will next week be asked to nominate other company members to stand for positions on the School Board. When required, elections are held at the AGM with only company members eligible to vote on these important appointments.

Company membership application forms are available from the School Reception located in the Junior School as well as online on the school's website <https://www.scg.vic.edu.au/the-scg-board/>



**Ms Lorraine MacDonald**  
Head of Student Services

### Personalised Learning at Southern Cross Grammar



**Rick Riordan** (author):  
“**Fairness** does not mean everyone gets the same. **Fairness** means everyone gets what they need.”

On Monday 3 March all members of the SCG teaching and learning community spent some time reflecting on the diverse needs of our students and how we as a community can support all learners through explicit teaching, planning and the evaluation of our practices through differentiation and personalising learning.

We celebrated the different methods by which students can access what they need to be successful in their learning journey and as a teaching community we shared our thoughts and ideas on what differentiation could look like across all learning areas of our school.

All students in every classroom have multiple, diverse and changing needs that are shaped by their learning histories and we here as a community at Southern Cross Grammar are committed to providing education that is life-long and personalised.



**Ms Jade Panozzo**  
Head of Sport (3 - 6)

On Thursday 28 February 2019, 22 eager Year 3- 6 students represented Southern Cross Grammar at the annual CSPSSA District Swim Carnival. For the first time since competing in this competition, Southern Cross Grammar were victorious in taking out the overall first position. All students are to be commended on their efforts when competing as well as the sportsmanship they displayed to opposing schools throughout the day.

We congratulate the following members of the team:

- Ruby Spiteri
- Renalda Veli
- Alannah Vigniuoli
- Gabriella Valdes
- Zachary Micevski
  - 1st 9/10 year old Freestyle Relay*
- Samuel Findlay
  - 1st 50m Freestyle, 1st 9/10 year old Freestyle Relay*
- Wilson Vu
  - 1st 9/10 year old Freestyle Relay*
- Matija Kvesic
  - 2nd 50m Breaststroke, 1st 9/10 year old Freestyle Relay*
- Elisa Vigniuoli
  - 2nd 100m Freestyle, 1st 50m Freestyle, 1st Backstroke, 3rd Open Medley Relay, 2nd 11 year old Freestyle Relay*
- Yi-Jen Hsu
  - 3rd Open Medley Relay, 2nd 11 year old Freestyle Relay*
- Ashton Dessman
  - 3rd Open Medley Relay, 2nd 11 year old Freestyle Relay*
- Megan Scott
  - 3rd Open Medley Relay, 2nd 11 year old Freestyle Relay*
- Luke Findlay
  - 2nd 50m Backstroke, 2nd Open Medley Relay, 1st 11 year old Freestyle Relay*
- Lukas Li Rosi
  - 2nd 50m Butterfly, 2nd Open Medley Relay, 1st 11 year old Freestyle Relay*
- Xavier Walker
  - 3rd 100m Freestyle, 1st 50m Butterfly, 2nd Open Medley Relay, 1st 11 year old Freestyle Relay*
- Elliot Tam
  - 2nd Open Medley Relay, 1st 11 year old Freestyle Relay*
- Tyana Su
  - 1st 12/13 year old Freestyle Relay*



Tegan Su

*1st 12/13 year old Freestyle Relay*

Taylah Roberts

*1st 50m Backstroke, 1st 50m Butterfly, 1st 12/13 year old Freestyle Relay*

Mia Cook

*1st 12/13 year old Freestyle Relay*

Luca Spiteri

Henry Pham

*1st 50m Breaststroke*

Those who came first or second in an individual or relay event now progress through to the Division Swimming Carnival which will be held on Tuesday 19 March.



**Mr Michael Pell  
Head of Sport (7-12)**

Another successful swimming carnival for Southern Cross Grammar on Tuesday 5 March at the Maribyrnong Division Swimming Carnival with the team of 20 students combining for a total of 30 1st places across the day.

Kayla Jones, Lauren Jones and Aaryan Ram clean swept the maximum of five events they were permitted to enter to finish with 5 individual 1st places.

Congratulations to all the students involved for their commitment over the past few weeks with squad training and also the great school spirit they showed on the day.

Kayla Jones (16 years)

*1st – 50m butterfly, 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke, 200m individual medley*

Lauren Jones (18 years)

*1st – 200m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 50m backstroke, 400m freestyle*

Aaryan Ram (16 years)

*1st - 50m breaststroke, 50m butterfly, 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke*

Paris Laspas (17 years)

*1st – 50m breaststroke, 50m butterfly, 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke*

Cristan Apostol (17 years)

*1st – 50m breaststroke, 50m backstroke, 2nd- 50m freestyle 3rd – 50m butterfly*

Josie Woollard (12/13 years)

*1st – 50m breaststroke, 50m backstroke, 2nd – 50m butterfly*

Marley Bragagnolo (14 years)

*1st – 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke*

Kristina Li Rosi (15 years)

*1st – 100m freestyle, 2nd – 50m butterfly, 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke*

Sophie Salomon-Best (14 years)

*1st 50m breaststroke 2nd – 50m butterfly*

Sakari Clarke-Oldani (12/13 years)

*1st – 50m freestyle*

Cody Apostol (12/13 years)

*2nd – 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke*

Brandon Dimovski (14 years)

*2nd – 50m backstroke 3rd – 50m freestyle*

Vincent Vu (12/13 years)

*2nd – 50m breaststroke*





Ethan Thai (14 years)

*2nd – 50m butterfly*

Noah Veljanovski (12/13 years)

*3rd- 50m butterfly*

Antonio Magro (14 years)

*3rd – 50m breaststroke*

1st 15-16 years girls 4x50m medley relay

*Angelique Kravevski, Kristina Li Rosi, Elysia Veljanovski and Emily Williams*

1st 17-20 years girls 4x50m medley relay

*Marley Bragagnolo, Kayla Jones, Lauren Jones and Paris Laspas*

3rd 12-14 years boys 4x50m medley relay

*Brandon Dimovski, Ethan Thai, Antonio Magro and Cody Apostol*

1st 14 years girls 4x50m freestyle relay

*Marley Bragagnolo, Sakari Clarke-Oldani, Sophie Salomon-Best and Josie Woollard*

1st 15 years girls 4x50m freestyle relay

*Angelique Kravevski, Kristina Li Rosi, Elysia Veljanovski and Emily Williams*

3rd 14 years boys 4x50m freestyle relay

*Cody Apostol, Brandon Dimovski, Noah Veljanovski and Vincent Vu*



## Melton City Council presents “Dream Big” Party in the Park - 29 March 2019

Melton City Council are running a Dream Big festival which aims to celebrate art, culture and diversity in the local community.

This free community event will be held at Mt Carberry Reserve on Friday 29 March 2019, commencing at 6.00pm.

Attached is an expression of interest form for businesses and community groups who would like to be a part of this diverse experience.





To Whom It May Concern,

## **Expression of Interest for the Dream Big Party in the Park**

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Linking Melton South is currently working with the Festival for Healthy Living (Dream Big) to plan a fantastic, fun and diverse **Party in the Park on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2019**. This free Dream Big community event will be held at Mt Carberry Reserve to celebrate the local community and to promote positive mental health and emotional wellbeing for all.

***From 6.00pm there will be stalls, food, activities, and live performances. Between 8.00-8.30pm we will stage a Lantern Procession and a Fire Show, followed by a free Outdoor Cinema screening of The Greatest Showman (PG) from 8.30-10.00pm***

Visit the Linking Melton South and Dream Big Festival Facebook pages to find out more:  
[www.facebook.com/linkingmeltonsouth](http://www.facebook.com/linkingmeltonsouth) and <https://www.facebook.com/DreamBigFestival/>

You are invited to express your interest if you or your community group, organisation, or business would like to perform or facilitate a “come and try” activity at this festival. We invite anyone who can contribute entertainment, or facilitate arts, sports, fun and games for the event. *No experience necessary!*

Below is a list of activities you could be involved in this year. Please join us in this chance to express yourself creatively, and ‘Dream Big’ with us in 2019!

- **Participatory Art Activities** – Happening in the lead up to the Dream Big Festival and during the event from 6-8PM, including activities for all ages, big group artworks, and more.
- **Sports and Recreation** – Participatory sporting activities from local groups, clubs and individuals, including organised sport and other, come and try recreational activities.
- **Music/ Performances** – The opportunity to wow the local community of Melton South. There will be a stage and roving performances! Semi Acoustic bands, ensembles, dance groups, circus, and traditional cultural community orientated performances!

Please return the attached Expression of Interest form **before March 12, 2019** to:

**Health Promotion at Djerriwarrh Health Services**

**Mail:** PO Box 2010, Melton South, Victoria 3338

**In person:** Melton South Community Centre, 41 Exford Road Melton South

**Email:** HealthPromotion@djhs.org.au

For any enquiries please contact Amy on: 0457 501 425

*We look forward to hearing from you...*

*Amy, John, Ben, Bern, Trinity and the Festival Dreaming crew*



[www.facebook.com/linkingmeltonsouth](http://www.facebook.com/linkingmeltonsouth)

[www.facebook.com/DreamBigFestival](http://www.facebook.com/DreamBigFestival)

Thank you for your interest in participating in an activity for the Dream Big event. Please fill in the form below and return to the address below by **March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**1. Your details**

Applicant’s name .....

Business/group name (if relevant) .....

Address .....

Mobile Number ..... Email .....

**2. Event information**

Date: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 Time: *Set up:* 5pm - *Pack down:* from 8pm  
Venue: Mt Carberry Reserve, Exford Rd, Melton South Cost: **Free**

**3. Which activity(s) do you want to be involved in? Tick the box(es) and tell us what you want to do.**

**Art Activities** – Some weekend workshops will be conducted creating lanterns and signs leading up to the event. We also would like to hear from people who would want to run an activity on the day. How would you like to be involved?  
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**Sports and Recreation** – What sporting/physical activity would you like to run or promote?  
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**Music/ Performances** – What type of music or performance would you like to share/do?  
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**Volunteering / Promotion** – Would you be interested in helping us spread the word of this event? Or in workshops leading up to Dream Big, including Art, Drumming, Stiltwalking & Circus? Would you like to donate your time on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup>?  
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**Other** – Are we missing something amazing? Let us know! (please specify)  
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**Thank you for your interest.** We will provide more information and an answer shortly after receiving your EOI. For any enquiries please contact Amy on: 0457 501 425

**Please return completed form to:**

**Mail:**  
PO Box 2010, Melton South,  
Victoria 3338

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**In person:**  
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