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## Mr Andrew Ponsford Principal

Welcome back to the new term and best wishes to all students for what I trust is your most successful and rewarding time yet at SCG.

### Camps and Adventure program

On the theme of rewarding and exciting – I wanted to extend special thanks to all associated with our camps and adventure programs at the Years 8 and 9 levels. A great deal of effort and planning goes into these experiences – some are several months in the planning.

The numerous positive comments I received regarding the final week of Term 2 was overwhelming – our students certainly enjoyed themselves, whether this was at Mt Buller at Year 8 or China, Broome and Melbourne/ Tasmania in the case of our Year 9 students.

Having attended one of these experiences I was overwhelmingly impressed by the efforts of the teaching staff together with the involvement of our students who were rated by our external hosts as the best group of students they had experienced all year!

Please view our website for pictorial information that will feature over the coming weeks.

### 2011-2018

Today we celebrate 8 years of activity since commencement on 18 July 2011 when 46 students and 7 staff attended Day 1.

As a school we have come such a long way. I thank our new Communications Co-ordinator Ms Victoria Foss for her post and the material that is being shared. Read our news article commemorating our eight year celebration [here](#).

The day for me is a reminder of what determination, vision and commitment can achieve in the face of adversity.

Congratulations to a community of determined people who dared to dream, believed in the dream and in doing so achieved.



## Deputy Principals' Address

### Mrs Julie Baud

#### Deputy Principal Head of Teaching and Learning (F - 12)

I trust our families enjoyed some quality time together over the past couple of weeks. It was lovely to welcome the students back on Tuesday and they all seemed so eager to learn as classes commenced. Let's hope the enthusiasm continues!

Our Year 12 students and the Year 11s studying a Year 12 subject are to be congratulated on the manner in which they approached their Unit 3 Trial Exams over the last three days of the holidays. Their attitude and commitment was commendable and should help ease the pressure when it comes to preparing for their final exams on Units 3 and 4 later this year.

As indicated in the letter emailed to Year 11 and 12 families last week, the 2020 Subject Application process has commenced. The first interviews were held this afternoon with some of the current Year 10 students and their parents/carers. Families of this cohort were contacted last week to arrange these interviews so planning for next year is well underway.

The [2020 Year 10-12 Handbook](#) containing the list of subjects on offer is now on the school website as well as the [Year 11 Subject Application Form A](#).

This form, including the student's Semester 1 results and the proposed 2020 subjects, is to be brought to the interview. It is therefore important to read the Handbook carefully and have some family discussions prior to the interview.

### Ms Louisa Rennie

#### Deputy Principal Head of Senior School (10-12)

As a school, we look forward to meeting with parents and students in Week 5 for our Student Progress Interviews.

Interviews provide opportunity for three-way conversation, student reflection and for students, parents and teachers to work together to ensure our students are supported to achieve the best possible learning and personal development outcomes.

All students are encouraged to attend interviews with their parents. Students attending the interviews must be in full school uniform. Dismissal time for students on Monday 12 August is per the normal times, 3:05pm in the Middle and Senior School and 3:10pm in the Junior School.

Wednesday 14 August is a non-teaching day for F – Y11. All Unit 3/4 classes will continue as per the Daily Schedule on Wednesday 14 August.

Access to the booking site will be made available soon. For now, please put measures in place to be available to meet with your child's Semester 2 teachers and gain insight into your child's progress and achievement.

Interviews will be conducted:

- from 3:30pm – 8:30pm on Monday 12 August
- from 8:30am – 8:00pm on Wednesday 14 August

The interviews will take place in the JS, MS and SS buildings with Homeroom teachers from F – Y6 and with Subject teachers from Y7 – Y12.

## WHOLE SCHOOL CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

Team Peru will host a whole school casual clothes day on Tuesday 23 July to raise funds and awareness for their ambassadorial journey to Peru.

All students are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation and wear casual clothes that are appropriate for our school setting. Gold coin donations will be collected by members of Term Peru during homeroom and students are also welcome to purchase from the Team Peru Sausage Sizzle / Soft Drink stand which will run during the lunch break.

The MS/SS lunch stand will run from 1:15pm – 1:45pm. JS classes are required to submit their pre-order sausages and/or soft drink by Friday 19 July. Their sausages and/or soft drink will be delivered to their classrooms by 1:15pm.

- Sausage sizzle \$3.50
- Soft drink \$2.50



## What's on Next Week

### Friday 19 July

Year 9 Industrial Revolution Melbourne Walk

### Monday 22 July

VCE Biology Excursion

### Tuesday 23 July

Brainstorm Productions, F - 6

Peru Ambassador Team: Casual Clothes Day (F - Yr12)

School Tour MS/SS at 9am

### Wednesday 24 July

Y12 Excursion: Parliament House & Court

PFA Meeting at 7pm-8:30pm

### Thursday 25 July

School Tour JS at 9am

Year 9 Metacognition Incursion

Metacognition Parent Information Evening at 6pm

### Friday 26 July

Foundation 100 Days of School

Chinese Speaking Competition at 6:30pm

## Yi-Jen's Silver Medal Win

Yi-Jen of Year 5, recently competed in the Table Tennis National Junior Championships held in Wollongong. She participated in team events as a member of the Victorian Under 11 team and in individual events.

In the team events, the Victorian under 11 female team lost to New South Wales and finished as the runner up.

In her individual events, Yi-Jen fought hard in her single matches and made it to the final, where she lost to the No.1 seed.

Yi-Jen showed sportsmanship beyond her years and we wish her the very best of luck when she travels to New Zealand for the National Championships in early October.

## Uniform Changes Reminder

Please be reminded that as of the first day of Term 1 2020, all students' uniform must have the new logo. This includes their: blazer, bucket hat, peak cap, polo top, pullover, shirt, softshell jacket, sports jacket, sports shorts, spray jacket, track pants, VCE tie, vest, and winter blouse

School bags featuring the old logo can be used until the conclusion of 2022. New bags purchased from 2019 feature the new logo.

Thank you for your support with the uniform changes.



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# THE SOUTHERN STAR

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## Ms Louisa Rennie

Deputy Principal

Head of Senior School (10-12)

A warm welcome back to all Senior School students and families!

### SENIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the following age group champions who were acknowledged at our end of Term 2 assembly for their sporting prowess at our Term 2 Athletics Carnival. Each of them received a medal from our Senior School Sport Captains Hussein Zoghaib and Stephanie Merry.

- Male 16 Years: Cody Simmons
- Female 16 Years: Olivia Malek-Jeffs
- Male 17 Years: Michael Ah Ching
- Female 17 Years: Tahlia Balliet
- Male 18 Years: Linden Cini
- Female 18 Years: Ellie Codman



## Mr David Wildsmith Head of Middle School (5-8)

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and is ready to tackle an exciting 9 weeks. A big welcome from me to the whole Southern Cross community as we prepare ourselves for the second half of the year in Middle School.

I would like to take this opportunity to also welcome Judith Gowdy as the Acting Assistant Head of Middle School. Judith brings a number of terrific attributes to the role and she will be a real asset in the Middle School.

Prior to the holiday break, we had a number of exciting camps taking place across Year 8 and 9. The Year 8's attended Mount Buller, where they participated in a week of skiing and snowboarding. From all reports, there were some serious talents amongst our cohort!

The Year 9's all went to 1 of 3 locations, those being China, Broome or a Melbourne/Tasmania trip.

Each camp enjoyed a number of amazing experiences. From bike rides on the Xian City Wall in China, to finding mud crabs and pearls in Broome, to trips across Bass Straight on board the Spirit of Tasmania, the Year 9's did it all!

Here's what they had to say about their adventures:

**“Good learning experience and lots of fun had with my friends”**

Dhruv M (Year 8 Mt Buller Camp)

**“Pearl tours, camel and boat rides, beaches, amazing weather and the accommodation were all real high-lights for us”**

Zain B and Vasilios (Year 9 Broome Camp)

**“We saw some cool wildlife; crabs, turtles, stingrays and frogs!”**

Kristina and Cindy (Year 9 Broome Camp)

**“Culturally eye opening”**

Aimee (Year 9 China Camp)

**“It was a great experience – I got to learn how to ski!”**

Sienna S (Year 8 Mt Buller Camp)



**“Travelling on the Spirit of Tasmania was fun to explore the ship and it was really comfortable (surprisingly!)”**

Maaz (Year 9 Melbourne/Tasmania Camp)

**“Xian City Wall was cool – we got to ride bikes on it and see some good views”**

Ved (Year 9 China Camp)

**“One of the best camps I have ever been on – it was an experience not many of us had done before!”**

Ben (Year 8 Mt Buller Camp)



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



### FINAL DAY ASSEMBLY RECAP

The Junior School celebrated at the end of last term with a vivid reflection of **learning by doing**.

Our final day assembly was highlighted by 3VTs performance of Compound Words, which helped us to develop our literacy skills. The Year 1s pre-empted NAIDOC Week with a Dreamtime Story about **How the Bird Got its Colour**.

The Dreamtime story helped Year 1 students develop their writing skills as they practiced the strategy of "Talking for Writing". Re-telling the story at our final day assembly highlighted their use of language and descriptions, as well as sequencing of the story.

How inspiring!

### THE GRATITUDE GARDEN

And while everyone was having a Winter break from school, a Garden magically appeared at Reception in the JS Building!

The Gratitude Garden is a project that Year 2s have been working on in their Positive Education Program.

They have learnt about gratitude, what it means and shared things they are grateful for. Some of these include the sun, family and fresh air.

Congratulations Year 2s on planting a beautiful display of your learning and sharing this with our SCG community.

### PLAYGROUND SAFETY

I recently sent some communication home to all Junior School families about our Playground.

Please note that the Playground on-site is not part of our supervised area before and after school. Any children using the playground should be supervised by parents/carers for their safety.



iChina 2019 is coming...  
16 August will be rich in colour and culture