



Important Dates

Term 2 Ends

Wednesday 5 July

Pupil Free Day
(Staff Professional
Learning)

Thursday 6 July

Pupil Free Day
(Staff Professional
Learning)

Friday 7 July

St Columba Arts
Competition Ends

Friday 21 July

Term 3 Begins

Monday 24 July

Futures & Careers
Expo (Week 2) -
Middle/Senior

Wednesday 2 August

St Columba Arts
Competition
Awards - 3:30pm
(Week 3)

Wednesday 9 August

Junior School -
Academic Assembly
(Week 4)

Thursday 17 August

Middle & Senior
School - Academic
Assembly (Week 4)

Thursday 17 August

Book Week Begins
(Week 5)

Monday 21 August

College Tour
(Week 5)

Wednesday 23 August

Religious Heart of the College

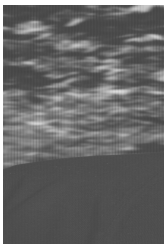


The whole College celebrated Saint Columba Day with a special Liturgy on Friday, 9 June. This was a joyful occasion that involved both students and staff in prayer, song and the Word of God in our worship. We reflected on the theme of foundations. Luke 6:46-49 tells the story of two men who built their houses on different foundations: one on rock and one on sand. The house built with a rock foundation was kept strong amid the chaotic storm, while conversely, the house established on sand could not withstand the harsh conditions and collapsed.

This analogy is reflected in Saint Columba's life. When his actions were based on the firm foundation of love, he was fulfilled and had purpose. He was successful and brought happiness to those he encountered. Jesus teaches us that the foundation of all things is love, and if we act with love as our base, then we will always endeavour to do what is right in the world.

It was a joy to see our students act with respect and reverence for the occasion and for our choirs and musicians to share their talents to the glory of God.

Mrs Jane Bailey | Spiritual Director R-5





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Junior School



Term 2 has been another busy and exciting one in the Junior School. We have once again engaged in many opportunities, including the expansion of Student Life activities. These have enabled students with opportunities to explore their personal gifts and talents, and also being able to give new activities a go! We thank the staff involved in organising, supervising and giving of their own time to these various events for students.

- Year 3-5 Adelaide Youth Sinfonia's Schools Day
- Year 5 & Year 6 SACPSSA North Basketball Carnival
- Year 4 AFL Max Camp
- Basketball Clinics
- Morning Health Hustle
- Cross Country Running
- Year 4 - Year 6 SACPSSA North - Football Carnival
- Junior School Performing Arts Lunchtime Concert
- Casual Clothes Fundraiser (R-5) - Food donations going to Magdelene Centre.

This Semester we have seen a lot of growth in student learning through our intervention and extension programs. Around 300 students have engaged in regular sessions for Literacy and Numeracy, MaqLit and Mini-Lit, Life Skills and Lego Therapy. We thank our Director of Diverse Learning, Mrs Monique Lagana, Assistant Head of Curriculum and Learning, Mrs Michelle Arthur and Diverse Learning Teacher and Officers for coordinating and implementing these programs. They have made such a difference to literacy and numeracy outcomes for students. Each student who has engaged with a program will receive a Summary Report communicating their progress. Learning reports will be released on Wednesday, 5 July through SEQTA. If you would like a printed copy, please contact Student Services.

As the school holidays approach, we encourage you to explore some great activities for children and families. Many are free and provide rich learning and opportunities to spend quality time together.

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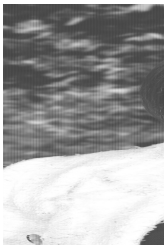
<https://getoutwithkids.com.au/school-holiday-activities-adelaide/>

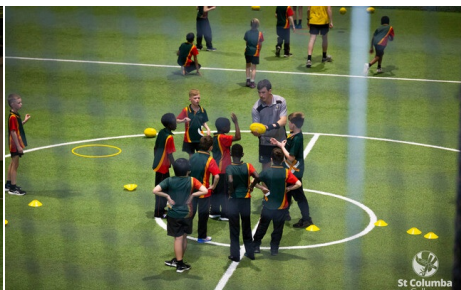
Check out this Girl Power program by Andrea White and other community events:

[community/community-notices](#)

Enjoy the school holiday break.

Mrs Julie Hancock | Head of Junior School





Middle School



It is a pleasure to highlight some of the incredible work and experiences that our Middle School students have been involved in during the second half of Term 2. I have worked at St Columba College for some time now, and I never cease to be amazed by the talent, effort and attitude these young people exhibit every day.

Year 6 students engaged in a Decision-Making Workshop in Religious Education, and a Harry Potter-themed Business Design Expo. They have also been busy rehearsing their 'Aladdin Kids' Musical Performance, showcasing their talents for parents and friends. The students did a wonderful job and should be very proud of their efforts.

The Year 9 students complete The Rite Journey throughout the year, which is an exciting and empowering program designed to support the 'development of self-aware, responsible, respectful, resilient, resourceful and reflective adults.' The City Bound Discovery Tour is one of several wonderful opportunities for students to enhance their profile as independent and capable young people. In Week 10, students navigated the Adelaide CBD, demonstrating a range of skills and highlighting their personal growth as global citizens.

We are blessed to offer the Middle School students a wide range of Student Life activities. Throughout the term, the school has been abuzz with students extending themselves in extra-curricular activities, including Year 7/8 Girls and Boys Knockout Soccer, Debating, Year 6 Knockout Netball and various other offerings across the Middle and Senior schools. It has been fantastic to see students flourishing in their chosen pursuits.

Finally, Week 9 was an opportunity to promote College values through the Year 6-9 Middle School Gold Slip Celebration. Congratulations to the students who took part! We are excited to hear about the wonderful things our Middle School students will be recognised for in the second half of the year.

I wish you a safe, restful break, and we look forward to seeing you back in Term 3.

Mr Alexander Corletto | Assistant Head of Middle School





Senior School



It has been an eventful second half of Term 2, with various initiatives aimed at supporting our students' growth and development.

Our Year 12 students recently participated in a series of life skill workshops focused on stress management. These sessions aimed to equip them with valuable tools and strategies to effectively navigate the challenges they may encounter during this crucial year of their education. In addition, an Academic Futures Presentation was organised to guide our students in making informed choices about their future pathways, including university options.

Our Year 11 students had the opportunity to jumpstart their individual projects through Intensive Research Project Days. This initiative aimed to foster their research and critical thinking skills, preparing them for the challenges of higher education. Similarly, the Year 10 students participated in a Religious Education Intensive Day, laying the foundation for the Stage 1 course they will study next semester.

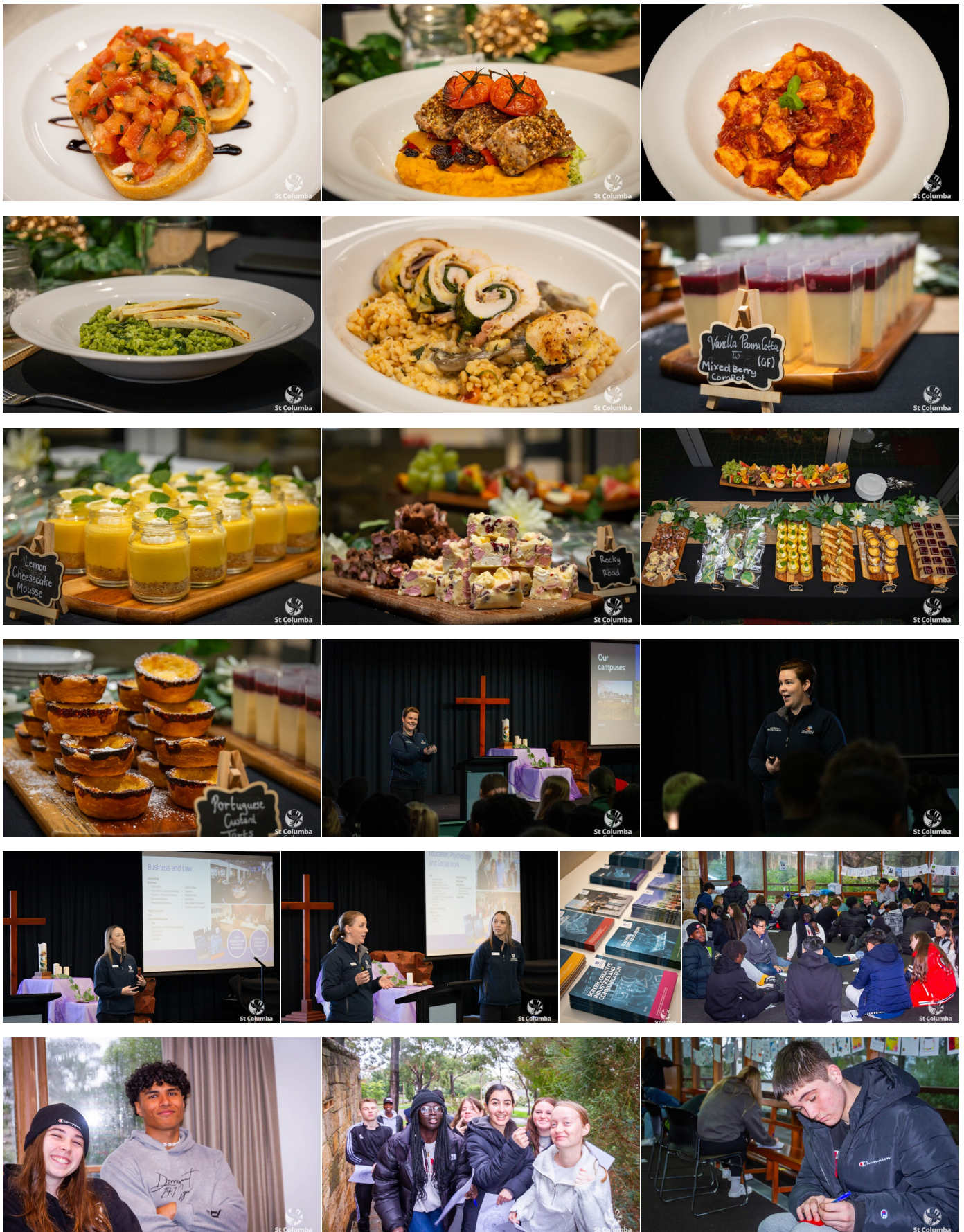
Our Year 12 students engaged in community learning by volunteering with the Reception reading program. They showcased their experiences and the impact they made through insightful presentations, highlighting the value of giving back to the community. It was a delight to see them demonstrate their learning through 10-minute discussions.

We take pride in showcasing our students' talents and skills. The Year 12 Food & Hospitality Catering Function on Wednesday, 21 June was a splendid display of their abilities in culinary arts. Their dedication and hard work resulted in a memorable event that delighted all attendees.

To promote wellbeing and connection, the Year 12 students embarked on a retreat at Nunyara Conference Centre from Thursday, 22 June – Friday, 23 June. This retreat provided them with a valuable opportunity to bond with their peers and find grounding for the challenges that lie ahead in the remainder of the year.

Mrs Deirdre Walters | Head of Senior School





Futures and Careers Expo



St Columba College

FUTURES & CAREERS

EXPO 2 AUG

Expo Arena in the Gymnasium, Senior School

Open 3:00 - 6:00pm | Free entry | No booking required

Year 12	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
3:00 - 4:00pm	4:00 - 5:00pm	4:30 - 5:30pm	5:00 - 6:00pm

Learn more about future subjects & pathways from our Learning Area Leaders.

Plus discover over 25 Further Education & Employment exhibitors, including:





In conjunction with the 2024 Subject Selection process, all current Year 9, 10 & 11 students are required to attend the Futures & Careers Expo on Wednesday, 2nd August 2023.

The evening will be held in the Gymnasium, where Learning Area Leaders will be available for subject discussions, and external exhibitors will be providing information on career and post-school pathways.

This will give students and families the opportunity to learn about SACE, discuss potential subject choices with Learning Area Leaders, and to interact with a variety of training providers, apprenticeship brokers, tertiary and vocational education providers and professional institutions.

[More Information](#)

St Columba Arts Competition



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TUESDAY 2 MAY - FRIDAY 21 JULY

Entries for our annual #stcolumba_arts_competition_2023 close at the end of Term 2 Holidays (Friday 21 July)

The competition is open to all students from Reception to Year 12.

R-2 - Art and music only

3-5 - Art, Music, Drama & Dance

6-12 & Staff - Visual Art, Drama, Music and Design

We look forward to celebrating the creativity of our students and staff at our Arts Awards on Wednesday, 9 August.

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