



Important Dates

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 28 May 2024

R-12 Saint Columba Day Liturgy (Week 6)

Friday 7 June 2024

King's Birthday Public Holiday - Pupil Free Day (Week 7)

Monday 10 June 2024

Year 12 Retreat Begins (Week 7)

Tuesday 11 June 2024

Year 6 Aladdin Performance (Week 8)

Monday 17 June 2024

Year 10 and 11 Mid-Year Examinations Begin (Week 8)

Monday 17 June 2024

Reception 100 Days of Learning (Week 9)

Thursday 27 June 2024

Year 9 - TRJ City Bound Tour (Week 10)

Thursday 4 July 2024

R-5 Lunchtime Concert (Week 10)

Thursday 4 July 2024

Term 2 Ends (Week 10)

Thursday 4 July 2024

Staff Professional Learning - Pupil Free Day (Week 10)

Friday 5 July 2024

Junior School



The importance of wellbeing lies in its ability to help students understand who they are, recognise their strengths, and harness their abilities. This self-awareness enables them to flourish academically, socially, spiritually, and emotionally, leading to a more balanced and fulfilling life. Throughout the term, there are many opportunities that students take part in to enhance their wellbeing.

Year 5 Camp

We are excited that our Year 5 students will be heading to Woodhouse in the Adelaide Hills during Week 5 for an unforgettable camp experience. This camp is designed to challenge students, promote teamwork, and build independence. Throughout the week, students will participate in a variety of activities including:

- Bouldering
- Challenge Hill
- Disc Golf
- Ice Blocking
- Labyrinth
- Laser Skirmish
- Survivor
- Team Challenges
- Tube Slide

These activities are not only fun but also provide valuable opportunities for personal growth and the development of important life skills. We look forward to seeing our students rise to the challenges and support each other as they navigate these adventures.

Peaceful Kids Program

Our Peaceful Kids program continues to make a positive impact by teaching students resilience and strategies to cope with difficult situations. This program helps students build connections with their peers and develop a deeper understanding of their emotions. Through guided activities and discussions, students learn to manage stress and enhance their emotional wellbeing.

Zones of Regulation

The Zones of Regulation program is integral to our approach in teaching students about emotional awareness. By recognising and understanding their emotions, students can better manage their responses and interactions with others. This program helps create a supportive and empathetic school environment where everyone can thrive.

Character Strengths Awards

Each week, we celebrate students who display a specific character strength. These students are acknowledged at our weekly assembly, highlighting their positive contributions to our school community. This recognition not only celebrates individual achievements but also inspires all students to cultivate their own character strengths.

Student Retreats

Our student retreats offer a time for reflection and spiritual growth. During these retreats, students explore their understanding of who God is and develop the character strength of spirituality. These retreats provide a serene environment for students to reflect on their personal journey and strengthen their spiritual foundation.

All these exciting events and programs contribute to the holistic development of our students. Thank you for your continued support in making our school a nurturing and dynamic learning environment.

Mr Craig Bonnett | Acting Head of Junior School



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Middle School



Year 6 – Peer Support

This term marks the exciting commencement of our Peer Support program, where Year 9 students will be supporting and mentoring Year 6 students. This initiative fosters leadership skills among the older students while providing the younger ones with valuable guidance as they transition to middle school. The program aims to build a strong sense of community and connectedness within our school, ensuring that every student feels supported and valued.

In Week 5, we will be hosting the Encounter Youth Sessions for Years 7 to 9. This program is tailored to address the specific issues faced by young people during these formative years, providing age-appropriate information and support.

Year 7 – What’s the Deal?

Year 7 students will explore topics such as the introduction to alcohol and other drugs, medication safety, reasons behind people's choices regarding substance use, character strengths, and help-seeking strategies. These sessions aim to lay a strong foundation for making informed decisions and seeking help when needed.

Year 8 – Regard the Risks

For Year 8 students, the focus will be on trust and communication in relationships, standing firm in personal choices, building resilience, and navigating new social environments. These lessons are crucial as students begin to encounter more complex social scenarios.

Year 9 – Know your Limits

Year 9 students will delve into topics that shape personal identity and self-worth, such as the impact of alcohol on brain development, risk-taking behaviours, and strategies to handle challenging situations. Additionally, they will learn about vaping, e-cigarettes, and the importance of personal values and choices.

Kinship Program - Open Parachute

We are also thrilled to introduce the Open Parachute wellbeing program into our Middle School Kinship classes. This comprehensive program includes lessons on relationships, stress management, mental health supports and self-esteem. These sessions are designed to equip our students with essential skills to navigate the challenges of adolescence. By addressing these critical areas, we aim to promote a positive school culture where every student can thrive.

Wellbeing Presentations - Key Dates:

- Week 5 – Monday 27 May: Year 7-9 Encounter Youth Presentation
- Week 8 – Thursday, June 20 - Year 7 and 9 Sammy D Foundation Presentation

We are committed to providing our students with the knowledge and tools they need to make healthy, informed decisions and build a strong, supportive school community.

Mr Shane Dowling | Head of Middle School



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Senior School



It is evident that our Senior Students continue to shine brightly in various domains, demonstrating exceptional talent and enthusiasm for learning.

The Year 11 and 12 drama performance, 'Where Words Once Were' was a true testament to the creativity and dedication of our students. With incredible performances that showcased their talent and passion for the arts, the production left the audience mesmerized and inspired. It was a celebration of teamwork, creativity, and the power of storytelling.

The Year 11 Business class embarked on an exciting excursion to the Adelaide Oval, immersing themselves in the world of commerce and entrepreneurship. This hands-on experience provided invaluable insights into the dynamics of the business world, igniting their entrepreneurial spirit, and fostering a deeper understanding of real-world applications.

The Year 11 Outdoor Education kayaking excursion offered students a refreshing opportunity to engage in nature while learning important life skills such as teamwork, resilience, and environmental awareness. It was a day filled with laughter, learning, and unforgettable memories.

The culinary prowess of our Year 10 Food and Hospitality students was on full display during their catering function, 'A Taste of South-East Asia', where they wowed guests with their culinary delights and impeccable hospitality. Additionally, their visit to the Career Expo at the Adelaide Showgrounds proved to be enlightening, as they explored diverse career pathways and gained valuable insights into future opportunities.

Lastly, the Road Awareness Program, organised by the Metropolitan Fire Service, provided our students with essential knowledge and skills to promote safer driving habits on the road. With all students actively participating, the program underscored the importance of road safety and instilled a sense of responsibility among our young drivers.

It has been another busy four weeks in the Senior School, and we look forward to more in the upcoming weeks.

Mrs Deirdre Walters | Head of Senior School



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Term 2 Photo Highlights



[Click here to view the Term 2 Highlights Photo Gallery that includes](#)

- Junior School Mother's Day Liturgy
- Reception Excursion to the Gorge Wildlife Park
- Middle School Humanities Awards and Peer Support Training
- Year 10 'Taste of South East Asia' Catering Event and 'Careers and Employment Expo' Excursion
- Senior School Road Awareness Program
- Year 12 Drama Performance and Cake Decorating

Visit our Facebook, Instagram and TikTok pages to see photos from recent events.







Annual General Meeting



The 2023 – 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the St Columba College Council will be held on Tuesday 28 May 2024. The meeting will commence at 6pm and conclude by 7pm.

The AGM is open to all parents and community members to hear firsthand the performance of the College, ask questions and vote on any agenda items. To do this you must complete the Membership Form using the link below.

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