



Important Dates

Year 8G Senior
Citizen Visit
Tuesday 7 May 2024

Year 10 Post School
Careers Excursion
(8-10)
Wednesday 8 May 2024

R-6 SAPOL
Incursion
Thursday 9 May 2024

SAPSASA
Football/Netball
Friday 10 May 2024

Caritas Cubs
Reception
Transition Program
Friday 10 May 2024

GRIP Conference
Friday 10 May 2024

Catholic Education
Week (13-19)
Monday 13 May 2024

TAFE -
Electrotechnology
(14-16)
Tuesday 14 May 2024

SSSSA 7/8 Girls
Netball
Tuesday 14 May 2024

Years 10-12
Assembly
Thursday 16 May 2024

Caritas College
153rd Birthday
Friday 17 May 2024

Caritas Cubs
Reception
Transition Program
Friday 17 May 2024

Years 8/9 Football
Game vs Clontarf
Academy
Friday 17 May 2024

TAFE Auto Block
Week (20-24)
Monday 20 May 2024

From the Principal, Mr Damian Smith

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school for Term 2. I hope all our families had a nice term break. The beginning of a new term brings fresh opportunities. We have the ability to build upon our successes from the first 11 weeks of school and learn from any particular challenges that we encountered. Let's use the beginning of Term 2 to renew our commitment to our school theme for this year to *'Let Our Light Shine'* so we can continue to grow in love, wonder and understanding for everyone in our school community.

Radiant God,

You bless us by shining Your light in us, with us, and around us. Your light brings compassion, warmth and hope in times of lightness and darkness. May we embrace your mission to strike the match, ignite the flame, sprinkle the salt and be the light within Your beautiful Creation. As the salt of the earth, we are called to flavour the lives of others through sharing our gifts with us all. Enable us to walk alongside others, listen to their stories, light their way, and celebrate their gifts. Bless us and keep us. May Your light shine on us and be gracious to us. Look kindly upon us and give us peace.

Let our light shine!

Amen.

Sr Catherine Clark

May our prayers be with Sr Catherine Clark rsj who died peacefully on Monday 22 April. Sr Catherine was a Josephite who had strong connections with our Diocese. She was born and raised near Orroroo and she served in many communities in our Diocese. She was a strong and faith-filled leader. Her contributions to Catholic education across South Australia were many. She was a Teacher, Principal and the Chair of the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools for an extended period of time. Her committed work over many years contributed greatly to the strong legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop. May we remember Sr Catherine's family and the Sisters of St Joseph as they grieve the loss of an extraordinary woman.

Caritas Cubs Reception Transition Program

Our Caritas Cubs Reception Transition Program started this week. This program supports our mid-year reception students, and their families, prepare for the beginning of their schooling journey. Today was a special day for these young people as they had their first 'school' experience. Over the next 10 weeks we look forward to embracing the newest members of our school community and supporting them to grow in confidence before they start Reception in Term 3. We welcome all our new students and families and wish them all the best as they engage in the Transition Program.



Anzac Day

During the term break our School Leaders laid a wreath on behalf of our College at the ANZAC Day Commemorative Service in Gladstone Square to pay our respects to all those who have served our nation during war. Charlee Morgan and Joe Clancy represented our school with pride at the special ceremony.



Post School Careers Excursion

Next week our Year 10 students will travel to Adelaide for their Post School Careers Excursion. This experience will support them as they begin to make decisions regarding post school pathways and related subject selections for their senior years of schooling. The purpose of the excursion is to provide an opportunity for students to experience a wider range of options, through visits to both tertiary and vocational education campuses, as well as job and business sites. They will also attend the Careers and Employment Expo, which hosts over 150 organisations and employers, and other careers focussed experiences. This is a fantastic opportunity for our senior students to explore options and possibilities for post school pathways. At Caritas College, we have a proud record of supporting our students to successfully transition to post school pathways. The Post School Careers Excursion is an important 'cog in the wheel' of the work that we do in this space to ensure that we are setting students up for success beyond school.

Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week is being celebrated in Catholic schools throughout South Australia from 13 – 19 May 2024. This week is an opportunity to reflect on and share all the things that we love about Caritas College and what makes our community special. We are looking forward to celebrating the strengths of our college community with students, staff, families, parish and the broader community. More information will be communicated over the next couple of weeks.



Mobile Phone & Personal Devices Policy

We now have in place a new Mobile Phone & Personal Devices Policy. Parents/caregivers are reminded to read and familiarise yourself with the policy, which can be accessed [here](#). This has been presented to students and they have had the opportunity to learn and understand their roles and responsibilities. So far, we are pleased with the way they have responded to the changes that have been implemented which are aimed at ensuring a safe and supportive learning environment at school to enhance their learning and wellbeing.

Staff Professional Development - Zones of Regulation

On Monday our whole staff engaged in The Zones of Regulation training in preparation for implementation this term. A letter outlining what this means for their young people was emailed to families on Wednesday, please click [here](#) to access. The Zones of Regulation aids in recognition of emotion in self and others, developing a toolkit of strategies to use to regulate and building the capacity of young people to help themselves navigate the feelings and emotions that come with every day life. Over the term, students will engage with this curriculum through their Social and Emotional Learning programs, pastoral care sessions and natural learning moments as they present. Families can learn more about this curriculum and ways to use at home by visiting the Zones of Regulation website.

From the Leader of Catholic Identity, Chloe Shanahan

Year 12 Retreat

At the end of Term 1, our Year 12 students enjoyed being together at Spear Creek for their Year 12 Retreat. The two days away provided an opportunity to pause, reflect, and to connect with peers, creating memories that they will cherish in the years to come.

Students gained a deeper understanding of their lives and those who have shaped them to be the young people they are today, listening deeply to the stories of others to gain an insight into the interconnectedness of our lives. We were thankful for the presence of Fr Harold Camonias, parish priest of Jamestown, and Deacon Leo, for joining us in our Eucharistic celebration, which included lots of enthusiastic singing, as well as a very competitive quiz night, and a fashion parade.



Port Pirie Information Night

Uni Hub
Spencer Gulf



THE UNIVERSITY
of ADELAIDE

Please register your attendance here:



Date: Thursday, 16th May 2024

Time: 5:30-6:30pm

Location: Uni Hub Spencer Gulf,
97 Ellen St, Port Pirie SA 5540



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Whyalla Information Night

Ani Hub
Spencer Gulf



THE UNIVERSITY
of ADELAIDE

Please register your attendance here:



Date: Monday, 13th May 2024

Time: 6-7pm

Location: Quest Whyalla Conference Room
4 Moran Street, Whyalla, SA 5608

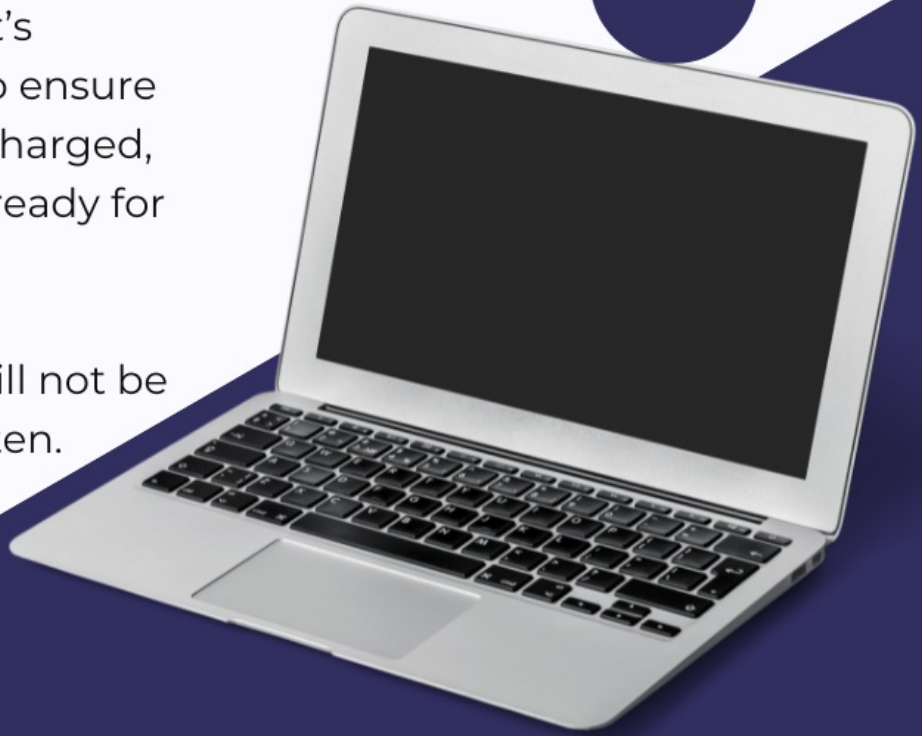


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LAPTOP REMINDERS

It is the student's responsibility to ensure their laptop is charged, protected and ready for learning.

Loan laptops will not be issued if forgotten.



year 7-12 students



Mothers Day Stall

Wednesday, 8 May (Week 2)

Stall will be located in the Library and will be held during Lessons 1 & 2.

Gifts for sale between \$1.00 - \$10.00.

Maximum of two gifts per student.
Students will be able to purchase with their class on the day.



DOGS IN THE SCHOOL YARD

It is wonderful to see families walk their dogs to school to drop off and collect their children. For safety reasons, however, we ask that pets do not come on the school site at drop off and pick up time.

While they are often cute and cuddly, we can't assume that all students and visitors are comfortable and feel safe with dogs in the school yard. Further, when we allow one dog in the school yard, we then set a precedent for others. Therefore, we ask that dogs are not brought onsite at drop off and pick up time.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Student Registrations
close Friday 17 May

2024



SA'S LARGEST
SCIENCE
COMPETITION



STUDENT EXEMPTIONS

If your child will be absent from school for 5 days or more, you must complete and lodge an **Application for Exemption Form**. Such exemptions from attendance of school are approved from the College Principal, and in some cases the Director of Catholic Education South Australia.

This must be completed for students 17 years and under who are seeking an exemption on the grounds of:

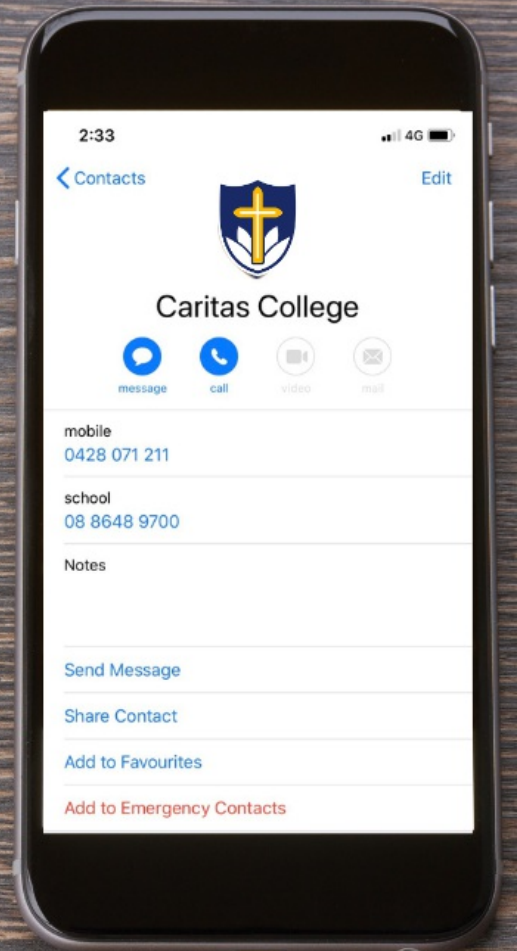
- Family Travel - Holiday between 5 days and 12 months.
- Other / Conditional / Ongoing medical condition of less than 1 month.



COLLEGE SMS

A friendly reminder to families that we have a SMS absentee mobile number.

Please use **0428 071 211** to communicate with the college if your child is going to be absent or is attending OSHC.



YEAR 10 ADELAIDE CAREERS CAMP

8 MAY 2024
TO
10 MAY 2024





HATS!

IT IS A REQUIREMENT THAT ALL STUDENTS HAVE
A HAT WITH THEM AT SCHOOL.

IT MUST BE WORN TO AND FROM SHADED AREAS
DURING BREAK TIMES, HPE LESSONS AND FOR
OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES.

NO HAT MEANS NO PLAY!

IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS A HAT, PLEASE ORDER ONE
VIA THE QKR! APP OR HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE.