

The Southern Star

Principal

Mr Andrew Ponsford

Each year races by so quickly and 2017 has been no different in that regard. Families are reminded that End of Year Reports will be available for collection from the Junior School Office over Thursday 14 December and Friday 15 December. Reports not collected by 3pm on Friday 15 December will be posted. This report contains a comprehensive summary of the progress of your children over the past 6 months. I believe 2017 has again been a pivotal year in the School's short history and one that many have positively contributed to and can be very proud of.

Reports

The staff have been very busy over the past few weeks preparing the Semester 2 reports and marking assessments and exam papers. The feedback on their students' achievements and growth has been very positive with suggestions as to how their students might further their development are also included in the reports.

Semester 2 Reports

To be collected from JS Reception at the following times:

Thursday 14 December, 9am – 4pm

Friday 15 December, 9am – 3pm

2017 Awards

The 2017 Year 5 to 11 Presentation Evening and Year F to 4 Celebration of Learning provided the perfect opportunities to acknowledge our students and their achievements as well as showcasing their considerable talents and abilities in appropriate ways. Congratulations to all our 2017 award winners; proudly documented in this newsletter.

School Office hours

Please note that the Office will be closed from 3pm on Thursday 21 December 2017 and re-open at 9am on Monday 8 January 2018.

Deputy Principal and Head of Senior School

Ms Louisa Rennie

Student Leadership

While we are working toward strengthening our House model, there is still work to do to build house culture so that leadership comes from within the ranks. We will continue to work on this throughout 2018. Appointments this time were adapted as some houses were not represented in the application process. Our Senior students gave us a difficult task to achieve, simply by the standard of their speeches and the calibre of their sentiments toward Southern Cross Grammar.

I felt immensely proud to hear them address the Senior School, and extremely hopeful for our future – confident that we will be led by capable, aspiring and inspiring young people. I hope that our student leaders can be relied upon to contribute to a culture that celebrates diversity, inclusivity and collaboration and reflects the world in which we live. They are here to make a difference, to learn with and from others, to understand themselves better, share their talents and passions and uncover the talents and skills in others. Further roles will be appointed next year to complete our model. Congratulations and thank you to all students who stepped forth to apply. To those who were not appointed on this occasion, I hope that you gained from the experience and will continue to consider leadership opportunities in the future.

VCE Results Breakfast

Some of our Senior students will receive their VCE results next week for Biology, Chinese, Physical Education, Further Maths and Sport and Recreation. Information was distributed to these students to download the ATAR App or set up their email to be ready to access their results from 7am on Friday 15 December. These students are invited to join staff for a "VCE Results Breakfast" from 8.30am–9.30am on Friday 15 December in the staffroom. I will be in contact with each student next week.

Thank you and best wishes

Thank you to students, staff and parents for welcoming me into the community this year. I have been fortunate to work with so many dedicated and accomplished staff, and to have the opportunity to connect with so many students and families. It has been a fruitful year in many ways, a time for observation, learning, reflection and growth. I am looking forward to 2018, welcoming our new staff and students into the senior school and the commencement of our first Year 12 cohort. Best wishes to all for a safe holiday season.

Deputy Principal and Head of Teaching and Learning

Mrs Julie Baud

Our students are to be commended on their many achievements this year; something that was highlighted during both Presentation Nights. Even though awards are presented to particular students on these occasions, we must remember so many others have also excelled in different areas of school life. It is not possible to acknowledge every student's achievements at these events so many of our teachers have taken time to do this individually on a more personal level. Congratulations to all of our students who have grown in so many ways this year. It has been wonderful to observe.

It was lovely to see the Southern Cross Grammar student-centred vision so prominent on Tuesday night, being mentioned in nearly every speech delivered by staff and students. Our focus on resilience, leadership, creativity, passion, trust, teamwork, independence and questioning was certainly evident. They are aspects of our school community we should be really proud of. Let's hope this continues in 2018 as we continue to develop as a learning community.

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VCE Orientation

The 2018 VCE students completed the Orientation Program on Tuesday. It was pleasing to note how well they settled in to their classes and commenced their studies. On Monday we also welcomed many of the new VCE teachers who will be taking these classes next year. They were all very impressed with the general approach of our VCE students and are looking forward to working with them. The students now have holiday homework that is to be completed before they return at the start of the next school year.

Thank you to our families for your support this year. I hope you all have a safe and relaxing holiday and that you enjoy this opportunity to spend some quality time with your family and friends. We can all look forward to another exciting year in 2018.

Head of Middle School

Ms Janis Coffey

What a wonderful year it has been in the Middle School. Middle School students have exhibited grit and determination, resilience and perseverance and achieved many successes across the year. I wish all Middle School students and families a happy and safe holiday and I look forward to seeing you in 2018.

Head of Junior School

Ms Romina Pimpini

A final reminder to all families that classroom allocation letters will be provided to families with the 2017 End of Year Report.

Thank you and best wishes

Thank you to staff, students and the school community for what has been a fantastic year. I have enjoyed watching each and every student progress and this could not have happened without the dedicated support from the Junior School Staff, both teaching and non-teaching. Furthermore the ongoing strengthening of the school's connect with home is paramount to student ongoing growth and success, both individually and collectively. Safe holidays to all, may it be a time of rejuvenation and connecting with family and friends. Happy holidays!

Of course, we know that we could not offer the programs and events we do at Southern Cross Grammar without the support of our parent and family volunteers. Last week we hosted a "thank you" morning tea event for the many volunteers that support our School each and every week. It was great to reflect upon the rich array of events we have offered in 2017 and we look forward to strengthened support next year.

Volunteers
Morning Tea



Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to Antonio Filippone, Stefan Filippone, Elena Micic and Andjela Micic who won their NSJTA A Grade 1 tennis final on Friday despite the rainy forecast!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2018

Stationery Packs

Foundation to Year 7: Stationery packs are available for collection from the Junior School Office on Thursday 14 December between 9am—4pm and Friday 15 December between 9am—3pm and from January 8 to February 9, 2018. Payment is required on collection of the stationery packs.

Year 8 to Year 12: Stationery packs are available via OfficeMax: www.officemaxschools.com.au. Instructions and an access code were sent via email this week. If you have not received this email please contact Administration at your earliest convenience.

Student Laptops in 2018

In 2017 students in Year 7 to Year 11 trialled the use of laptops for class and home studies.

In 2018 this program will continue with students in Year 7 to Year 12 now able to bring a laptop of their choice. This program development provides for the selection and purchase of a device that best meets both the functional and financial priorities of each family. Whilst not compulsory it is desirable that students have access to a device when required.

The school does require that devices use either a Windows10 or MacOS operating system.

Students in Foundation to Year 6 will continue to be required to bring their own iPad, with students in Year 7 to Year 12 also welcome to bring an iPad in conjunction with their laptop.

2018 Fees Schedule

Fees for 2018 were listed in last week newsletter and are also available on the website under Enrolments / Fees.

The invoices have been emailed to all families. If you have not received your invoice, please email accounts@scg.vic.edu.au.

Learning Resource Centre

A big **thank-you** to everyone who has helped out in the LRC this year. This year in the LRC, we held the Scholastic Book Fair, Book Week Dress-up, Great Book Swap and the MS Readathon. Your support and help in holding these events is much appreciated.

A big **thank-you** to the group of volunteers who always help out with the contacting.

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2017 Presentation Evening Awards

Junior School Academic Excellence

Year FBI	Lina Anverdeen Oliver Gavran	Owen Caruana Trisha Kulkarni	Annalise Daulo Aaresh Thotakura
Year FBU	Ayush Banerjee Hayley Im	Jerome Georges Indiana Veitch	Aidan Hughes Carlisle Yong
Year 1CF	Sienna Martins	Wilson Vu	
Year 1SK	Phoenix Pecevski	Anabelle Sleman	Ammar Syed
Year 2LH	Arabella Borg Elisha Kong Tameia Veitch	Charlie Cook Brandon Lim Emelia Zammit	Sebastian Gavran Madalyn Meseiha
Year 2KS	Kiro Georges Tiana Marnik	Claire Iulianella Hiya Vyas	Anton La
Year 3CG	Isla Abbott Sophie Fosnaugh Lana Sapcanin Edward Woollard	Amaan Anverdeen Benjamin Harbour Aleesha Thotakura	Janaki Easwar Alena Judnic Gabriella Valdes
Year 3CS	Lachlan Jaensch Jacob Pilovski Caitlin Vasilevski	Lukas Li Rosi Zayaan Tabish Elisa Vigniuoli	Diem-My Pham Simar Tokhi
Year 4DM	Zayd Abdur-Razik Veronica Kaszkiel Henry Pham	Nicolas Camilleri Sienna Kravlevski Yashvardhan Singh	Mia Cook Cruz Merrin
Year 4DW	Jessica Dimovska Hannahpreet Kaur Yash Padmawar	Zali Heenan Tomislav Kvesic Menara Ranatunga	Suthirah Hok Matilda Merry Tayla Roberts

Middle School Learning Area Academic Awards

English

Year 7	Rebecca Dimovska Zara Woollard	Emily Williams Mackenzie Sykes	Shaina Kaur
Year 8	Dan Mai	Kayla Jones	Yusuf Zahran
Year 9	Tahlia Balliet	Liam Giacchi	Enrico Arreza

Maths

Year 7	Antonio Magro	Chinmay Patil	
Year 8	Yusuf Zahran	Joanne Vuu	David Vu
Year 9	Liam Giacchi	Michael Ah Ching	

Science

Year 7	Tehya Clarke-Oldani	Jason Tran	Molly Failli
Year 8	Dan Mai	Joanne Vuu	Yusuf Zahran
Year 9	Tahlia Balliet	Liam Giacchi	

Languages

Year 7	Zara Woollard Leon Li	Kristina Li Rosi	MacKenzie Sykes
Year 8	Kane Lobo	Shiraz Mallah	
Year 9	Bianca Ly		

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Humanities

Year 7	Tehya Clarke-Oldani	Emily Williams	Antonio Magro
Year 8	Yusuf Zahran	Tomai Laspas	Shivaan Bahl
Year 9	Tahlia Balliet	Nurainy Azman	Liam Giacchi

Digital Technologies

Year 7	Ved Padmawar	Victoria Skrekovski	Shaina Kaur
Year 8	Kane Lobo		
Year 9	Michael Ah Ching	Daniel Cini	Tarun Chidambarabharthi

Creative Arts

Year 7	Tehya Clarke-Oldani	Aimee Vukoja	Kristina Li Rosi
Year 8	Joanne Vuu	Queenie Yang	Kayla Jones
Year 9	Philip Boermans	Stephanie Merry	Nurainy Azman

Performing Arts

Year 7	Madeline Mistero Emily Williams	Kiani Ulloa	Zara Woollard
Year 8	Jan Bagci Kayla Jones	Olivia Capitanio	Joshua Rainbow
Year 9	William Wite		

Health & Physical Education

Year 7	Emily Williams	Mason Heenan	Molly Failli
Year 8	Damien Trajkovski	Stefan Filippone	Olivia Malek-Jeffs
Year 9	Maxine Shettigara	Liam Giacchi	Linden Cini

Middle School Academic Excellence Awards

Year 5	Hannah Pascua Talia Chambers Jasmine Lim	Sakari Clarke-Oldani Josie Woollard Jake Williams	Sabrina Boyd James Murphy
Year 6	Arya Banerjee Lachlan Brown	Aidan Andrews Reese Schulz	Sienna Sleman
Year 7	Tehya Clarke-Oldani Elysia Veljanovski Antonio Magro	Emily Williams Mahir Arora Mackenzie Sykes	Chinmay Patil Kiani Ulloa Zara Woollard
Year 8	Tomai Laspas Joanne Vuu Kayla Jones Shivaan Bahl Kane Lobo	Dan Mai Damian Trajovski Mark Kravaris Christian Brinski Victoria Vo	Yusuf Zahran Hanna Merry Olivia Capitanio Dan Mai Stefan Filippone
Year 9	Enrico Arreza Liam Giacchi	Tahlia Balliet Stephanie Merry	Taylor Stoitsis

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Senior School Subject / Study Academic Awards

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Award</u>	
1/2 Accounting	Alicia Ciacic	
1/2 VET Applied Language—Chinese	Tori Merrin	Phoebe Singh
1/2 Biology	Kasey Mercieca	
3/4 Biology	Muneib Rauf	
1/2 Business Management	Alicia Ciacic	
1/2 Chemistry	Muneib Rauf	Tori Merrin
10 Computing	Stefan Banovski	Paris Laspas
1/2 Computing	Shaan Khokhar	
10 English	Kasey Mercieca	
1/2 English	Shaan Khokhar	
10 Forensic Science	Cameryn Morgan Leheny	
1/2 Health and Human Development	Alicia Ciacic	Stefan Banovski
10 Health and PE	Kasey Mercieca	Cameryn Morgan Leheny
10 Humanities	Kasey Mercieca	
1/2 Literature	Lily Mirabito	
10 Mathematics Core	Elisha Lay	
3/4 Mathematics Further	Shaan Khokhar	
1/2 Mathematics General	Lauren Jones	
10 Mathematics Methods	Kasey Mercieca	
1/2 Mathematics Methods	Shaan Khokhar	
10 Media	Kasey Mercieca	
1/2 Media	Cameryn Morgan Leheny	
1/2 VET Music Industry	Lauren Jones	
1/2 Physics	Shaan Khokhar	
10 Psychology	Ellie Codman	Kasey Mercieca
1/2 Psychology	Sharna Bahl	
10 Science	Kasey Mercieca	
1/2 VET Sport and Recreation	Zac Coakley	
3/4 VET Sport and Recreation	Alicia Ciacic	
10 Visual Arts	Sasha Gorman	
10 Visual Communications Design	Ying Ying Li	

Senior School Academic Excellence Awards

Year 10	Stefan Banovski	Ellie Codman	Chloe Destes
	Sasha Gorman	Lauren Jones	Paris Laspas
	Kasey Mercieca	Cameryn Morgan Leheny	
Year 11	Alicia Ciacic	Shaan Khokhar	Muneib Rauf

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Shooting Star Awards

Junior School

Year FBI	Reese Grant	Year FBU	Kaya Kibar
Year 1CF	Abigail Matta	Year 1SK	Callum Jaensch
Year 2LH	Saron Natnael	Year 2KS	Eli Taranto
Year 3CG	Yasemin Isen	Year 3CS	Fotini Prassinou
Year 4DM	Olivia Skrekovski	Year 4DW	Adrienne Dique

Middle School

Year 5LM	Caleb Della Rosa	Year 5SG	Chalice Harrison
Year 6JN	Kevin Ratnayake	Year 6TT	Charlotte Privitelli
Year 7.1	Cindy Nguyen	Year 7.2	Zac Gorman
Year 7.3	Emma Williams		
Year 8.1	Cody Simmons	Year 8.2	Olivia Capitanio
Year 9.1	Eliz Ahmet	Year 9.2	Nurainy Azman

Senior School

Year 10	Lylana Anstee	Year 11	Alicia Ciacic
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All Rounder Caltex Award

Amilia Sleman

Kwong Lee Dow Award

Ying Ying Li

Sports Award

Year 3-6	Christopher Yangco	Year 7-11	Kayla Jones
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Epsilon House Cup Presentation

1 st	Alpha	2 nd	Delta
3 rd	Gamma	4 th	Beta

Star of the Southern Cross Awards

Junior School	Mia Cook
Middle School	Athif Rauf
Senior School	Ellie Codman