



Student Absences

If your child will be absent from school for any reason, please let Student Services know.

You can call Student Services from 8:40am on (08) 7505 4027 and selecting 'Student Services'.



Contact Us

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Welcome back to term 2!

We hope that you all enjoyed the slower pace school holidays provide – no school lunches, rushed morning drop-offs and evening homework.

Over the break, our leaders and educators have been busy planning new and engaging learning experiences for our students this term, including a new selection of Studios designed to take our learners outside the range of standard curriculum content, and instead explore and develop competencies such as citizenship, character, communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity in new and different ways.

It is great to see our students embrace their return to learning this week. In the yard and in our learning hubs I've seen our students re-connect with each other and with our educators and staff – sharing holiday stories, as well as talking about what they are looking forward to this term. We hope that you've had a chance to log on to Frog with your young person to check out what they are doing in their subjects and what assignments they have coming up. If you need help getting onto Frog, please contact the College and we can get one of our friendly IT team to assist you.

Another way to connect with what your young person is doing, and how they are going, is through the *Student-led Learning Conferences* which are fast approaching in week 3. Very soon you will receive a link to book in to these sessions – keep your eye on your inbox for this terrific opportunity.

Encounter Youth will be visiting the College next week and then again in week 3 to run a series of learning experiences for our students, staff and parents. The first round of student workshops will be year level specific and focus on providing information to ensure students understand risk and have strategies to effectively navigate the world of increased exposure to drugs and alcohol. The workshops are titled:

- Year 9 - Know your limits
- Year 8 - Regard the risks
- Year 7 - What's the deal?

The second round of workshops will also be year level specific but will all focus on vaping. Educator and parent workshops will focus on how to supportively discuss alcohol and drugs with young people. Check out the flyer in this newsletter to register your attendance at our parent workshop.



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We have no changes to our staff team this term, but the College will welcome 3 pre-service teachers this term. Jaz, Simi and Skye will all be part of our educator team working with our teachers across a range of curriculum areas. We are delighted to be able to support the development of new graduates – our future educators.

I was so proud of our students last term. Our year 7s embraced the challenges of starting high school – learning to navigate new physical and educational environments, developing independence and what we call executive function skills (mental processes that enable us to plan, focus attention, remember instructions, and juggle multiple tasks successfully). The development of our year 8s and 9s was equally impressive; stepping up to the increased expectations of a higher year level. I can't wait to see and celebrate the successes of term 2.

Rebecca Moore
Principal

ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUG EDUCATION SESSION FOR PARENTS - 15TH MAY

SAVE THE DATE for this upcoming **Alcohol & Other Drug Education session** on the **15th of May** at Goolwa Oval Recreation Precinct Building.

Are you a parent or community member who works with young people?

Would you like to learn more about how to talk to your young person about alcohol and other drugs and how to stay safe?

Then this is the seminar you've been waiting for.

Join Encounter Youth at one of our upcoming sessions this May.

You will leave feeling confident in how to have an open conversation with the young people in your care about how to support them to stay safe around alcohol and other drugs.

Mark your calendar to attend - it's sure to be time well spent and we hope to see you there!

Book your FREE seats via [Eventbrite](#). (TIP: click the link to book.)



FREE PARENTS & COMMUNITY
ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUG EDUCATION

Join Encounter Youth and your local high school at any of the **FREE** upcoming sessions, designed to give YOU - parents, caregivers and community members the tools and confidence to talk with young people about alcohol and other drugs and how to stay safe.

LEARN MORE ABOUT

- Current uses of alcohol and other drugs among young people.
- Hosting a party and legal considerations.
- Talking to a young person about alcohol or other drugs.
- Positively influencing young people's choices.

UPCOMING SESSIONS

 **MONDAY 15 MAY**
WHERE: Goolwa Oval Recreation Precinct Building
TIME: 6PM - 7:30PM

 **MONDAY 22 MAY**
WHERE: Tyndale Christian School, Strathalbyn
TIME: 6:30PM - 8PM

 **WEDNESDAY 31 MAY**
WHERE: Online
TIME: 6PM - 7:30PM

Book your seat via [Eventbrite!](#)
www.eventbrite.com.au

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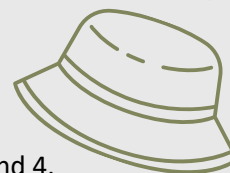
HOLISTIC > POSITIVE > INTERACTIVE

SCHOOL HAT WEARING IN TERM 2

Our sun protection policy sees students and staff wearing hats when outdoors in terms 1, 3 and 4.

We call on all students who have misplaced their hats in term 1 to please check the lost property box in Student Services to see if it has found a home there. During term 2, hat-wearing isn't enforced so it's the perfect time to find and launder lost items!

Too little UV radiation from the sun can lead to low vitamin D levels. Vitamin D is essential for growing healthy bodies, especially children. However, protection measures come into place if the UV level is predicted to be 3 and above.



OUR STUDENT SERVICES ARE OPEN!

We're excited to announce that our Student Services is OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

Open from 8:40am, Student Services is where parents can call or visit to inform the College of absent students, late attendance and early departures.

It's also where students who are feeling unwell can be made comfortable while they wait to be collected by parents or caregivers.

Lost property is also held here, so if your child is missing a hat, jumper or anything else – make Student Services your first spot to check!

Contacting Student Services is as easy as calling the College on (08) 7505 4027 and choosing 'Student Services' when directed.

If on-site, parents can find the Student Services office around the right-hand corner from the Front Office doors.



SPORTS DAY RECAP

Prior to the school holiday break, we held our second GSC Sports Day, and what an epic day it was! If you couldn't make it, here are the results from the day:

House Cup went to **No:ri** on **547** points, **2nd place Ngunundi** on **447** points and **3rd place Kondoli** on **421** points.

Spirit Cup went to **Kondoli** on **199** points, **2nd place Ngunundi** on **193** points and **3rd place Nori** on **161** points.

The day was full of good fun and healthy competition with track and field events including sprints and relays, long jump, high jump, javelin, discus and shot-put throwing.

There were also plenty of novelty games for students to participate in including tug-of-war, egg and spoon racing, three-legged races and more.

The fun didn't stop on the oval, this year we featured **e-sports** for students to compete in, earning points for their houses – amazing, right?

A brilliant day was had by all and we wish to extend a special thanks to the Lions Club for being experts on the BBQ tongs and cooking our delicious sausage sizzle on the day – we all really appreciated the energy booster!



NGARRINDJERI LANGUAGE AT GSC

This term our 2023 Ngarrindjeri language classes will be beginning. We have Kyla McHughes and Mick Kilsby coming into the College to lead our Year 7 and 8 cohorts through these lessons.

Ngarrindjeri language classes will be an introduction for students to language and culture. In this subject, students will have the opportunity to explore the different aspects of Ngarrindjeri language through an introduction to a range of different words, phrases, and numbers that are commonly used.

As part of this subject, students will be given the opportunity to engage in a variety of art projects that explore the relationship between country, connection, self, and art. They will be encouraged to use a variety of techniques including; raffia weaving, nga:tji, painting, the use of native plants, and more.

Overall, this subject aims to introduce students to a range of different elements of Ngarrindjeri culture and strengthen their connection to country and self.

CARTER'S CORNER

This year we have partnered with *The Resilience Project* to deliver emotionally engaging programs and provide evidence-based, practical wellbeing strategies to build resilience.



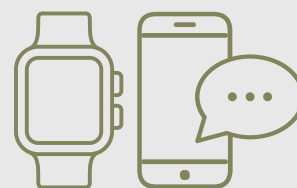
Students have each received a journal which they will work on through Power Connect on a fortnightly basis where we will share a range of engaging stories, activities and proven techniques with a focus on the 3 pillars proven to cultivate positive emotion: *Gratitude, Empathy, and Mindfulness (GEM)*.

Keep your eyes on your emails this term for there will be a range of take-home activities, GEM chats, Project+ links and other valuable information.

If you are interested in diving deeper and discovering more about what The Resilience Project is and has to offer head to their website <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/> or ask your young person about what they have been learning this term.

Andrew Carter
Assistant Principal
Inclusion, Engagement & Wellbeing

STUDENT USE OF MOBILE PHONES - COLLEGE POLICY REMINDER



Please be reminded that we have updated our mobile phone rules for students in line with the Department's statewide policy to support safe and productive learning environments.

Students must keep their **mobile phones off and safely stored away while at school**. This helps our students learn free from distraction and encourages a more meaningful face-to-face time with not only educators but their peers too.

The education and wellbeing of the next generation is one of the government's priorities. Parents are advised to take a look at the [Phones off while school's on](#) page for further explanation of why the government is banning mobile phones in all public high schools. **From term 3 2023, all public high schools will have mobile phone bans in place.**

We appreciate your support of this policy. If you need to contact your child, please call **Student Services**.

OUR 2023 GOVERNING COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON!



Hi my name is Jess Rogers and I am the Chairperson of the Goolwa Secondary College Governing Council for 2023. I am also mum to Archie in year 9. I have been involved with Governing Councils since 2010, from childcare right through to high school.

As a member of the Governing Council, it is my job to be a voice and representative of the parents/caregivers of the college.

I would like to invite you to reach out to me by emailing on the email address below. If you have any concerns or topics that you would like to be discussed at a Governing Council meeting. Governing Council meetings are held twice per term.

Alternatively, if you see me around feel free to stop me for a chat. I look forward to getting to know many of you as the year progresses.

Email Goolwa Secondary College Governing Council at: dl.1915.govcouncil@schools.sa.edu.au

NEED A UNIFORM UPDATE?

The cooler weather is coming and we don't want anyone to be feeling the chill!

If you're in need of new school uniform items, please head to Devon Clothing to make your purchases of Goolwa Secondary College Rugby Tops (\$85), Crew Neck Windcheaters (\$50), Soft Shell Jackets (\$60) and more to ensure students stay snug.

For more information or to order, head to <https://onlinestore.devonclothing.com.au/goolwa-secondary-college/>.

GSC - BREAKFAST CLUB



EVERY MORNING FROM 8:30-8:45 A FREE BREAKFAST IS OFFERED TO HELP ENERGISE OUR STUDENTS FOR THEIR DAY AHEAD!

TOASTIES, MILO, PANCAKES, & SMOOTHIES ARE OFFERED ACROSS THE WEEK

SEE YOU THERE!



GOOLWA SECONDARY COLLEGE
UNIFORM ITEMS
SHOP IN TIME FOR WINTER DELIVERY!



WE ARE NUT AWARE



Please note GSC is 'NUT AWARE'. For the safety of staff and students, please **DO NOT** pack nuts or nut butter in lunch boxes!



Dates To Remember

- ⇒ Monday, 1st May - First day of Term 2
- ⇒ Tuesday, 9th May - Alcohol & Other Drug Education Teacher Session
- ⇒ Monday, 15th May - Alcohol & Other Drug Education Parent Session
- ⇒ Monday, 22nd May - Goolwa Secondary College Principal Tours 2PM
- ⇒ Wednesday, 24th May - Student Free Day
- ⇒ Monday, 12th June - Public Holiday
- ⇒ Tuesday, 13th June - Student Free Day
- ⇒ Thursday, 22nd June - School Photo Day
- ⇒ Friday, 7th July - Last day of Term 3 (early dismissal)

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