



## Student Absences

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

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

It's hard to believe that the end of the term is almost upon us, but then I saw mince pies in the supermarket yesterday and realised that, although they are incredibly early, we are fast approaching the end of the year!

Term 3 has been a productive and successful term; so many remarkable learning experiences for our students to engage in.

We would like to thank the many parents and caregivers who attended the school recently for course counselling and subject interviews, and thank those too who made appointments for other times. It was terrific to see so many of you supporting your amazing young people in striving to be the best learners they can be. We had a fabulous turn out for the senior school information night too. It is certainly an exciting time for our College as we embark on our senior school program. Check out Ben's article later in the newsletter for more information.

The weather was incredible for our year 7 and 8 students and Connect teachers during their Mylor Adventure Camps last week. Travis and I had the privilege of attending the first night of the year 7 camp, and Ben and Paula were also able to visit at other times throughout the week. We were all super impressed with the way the students worked together on the various team-building challenges and generally had fun together. I'd like to thank and acknowledge the commitment of our staff for their willingness to put their own family lives on hold for a few days and take away big groups of adolescents! Check out our photo gallery later in this newsletter - many terrific moments were captured.

Our Studios this term have had a big impact within the local and wider communities. Most recently, the Me to Market crew had a stall at the Goolwa markets and raised nearly \$900 for Ronald McDonald House selling handcrafted items. Developing empathy and compassion, and understanding that each one of us can make a positive difference, is so important for improving the quality of not only our own lives, by of those around us and our communities in general. We are so proud of these students making a difference.

In these last two weeks of term our educators and students are participating in a Cross Curriculum unit of work, building on the highly successful program that was delivered at the end of Term 4, 2022. This year we have again captured our student voice in determining the focus for the unit - 'Entertainment options for young people on the South Coast'.



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Our students will go through a design thinking process (see diagram to the left) to try to understand their specific issue or idea. This year our year 7 and 8s will complete steps 1-3 and our year 9s will look to complete up to step 4. We have community organisations and group speakers participating in various workshops designed to develop specific skills and knowledge relevant to the particular focus of students. I can't wait to see what solutions and ideas our students come up with and I know the Alexandrina Council are interested to hear their voice too.

The end of any term can be a time when our young people become increasingly tired and with assignments due staying on top of healthy sleep levels and diet helps enormously. Andrew has included some terrific sleep information later in this newsletter.

Next term, our year 9 students are off on camp and our Operation Flinders crew embark on their adventure. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Operation Flinders in some way. It has been great to see the community get behind this amazing initiative. I know our team of students appreciate it. Hopefully, I'll see many of you tonight at the Quiz Night.

Don't forget to check out the 'Dates to remember' at the end of this newsletter so that you don't miss out on any important events next term.

Enjoy the upcoming school holiday break. I hope that you all get to enjoy some slower mornings and evenings and, especially appreciate not having to make school lunches!

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday.

**Rebecca Moore**  
Principal

## BEN'S SENIOR MOMENTS

The past few months have been filled with accomplishments, challenges, and opportunities for growth as we approach the end of another exciting term. It is fantastic that I can share the latest news and updates from our students as we look to invite our first cohort through to senior school at Goolwa Secondary College in 2024.



### Connecting through Programs

We are proud to have offered several programs throughout the year that empower our senior students to reach their full potential:

- **Tumbelin Program:** Camping can be a great setting for conversation and community. Tumbelin (a Ngarrindjeri word meaning "Awaken and Live") – helped our young group discover new strengths, resilience and abilities within themselves. The program helped establish stronger relationships with peers and teaching staff, encouraging participants to challenge themselves in new settings.
- **Thrive Online:** Thrive is a comprehensive program that provides students with access to interactive and engaging activities and career education resources. In addition to developing important skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, and effective communication, the program also includes learning about positive relationships. Our first cohort will graduate Thrive at the end of Term 3 and will be well-placed to tackle the rigours of Senior School.
- **Op Flinders Program:** We are thrilled to be a part of the Op Flinders program, which offers life-changing experiences to at-risk youth. Through outdoor adventures and personal development, our students gain valuable skills and self-confidence, setting them on a positive path toward the future.
- **Youth Opportunities Program:** Commencing in the fourth academic term, our Youth Opportunities Program complements the prior Thrive Online learning experiences at our school. For students who did not participate in Thrive, this program offers a weekly opportunity to connect with our Youth Opportunities team offsite. During these sessions, students engage in activities aimed at nurturing positive relationships while also developing greater resilience and self-confidence.
- **Adelaide 36ers X-venture** – more information coming soon!

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## Course Counselling and Senior School Information Night

As our Year 9 students become our first senior classes next year, our main focus is on supporting students to gain the skills and knowledge they need to thrive beyond school. Our course counselling day provided a vital insight into the possible career pathways our students are exploring. It was also a fantastic opportunity for Connect teachers and parents to guide students towards selecting the right subjects for them in 2024.

I want to thank our Connect teachers for supporting students through this day and during Connect activities throughout the year.

Our Senior School Information Night also provided essential information about the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) and the diverse range of student career pathway options available. As a family, your engagement and commitment to your child's education are invaluable. These events will continue into the next academic year, recognising the significant role they play in shaping our students' future. Ensuring that our students are well-prepared for their journey beyond school remains a top priority, and these initiatives will continue to play a pivotal role in achieving that goal.

## Student Growth and Achievement

At the College, we like to celebrate student successes where growth in learning is always a significant achievement for students. In Year 9, 42 of our students improved their GPA from Term 1 which is a significant percentage of our cohort. 16 of those by 1 whole grade band or more which shows significant growth in learning across multiple subject areas.

Something to note here is that historically Year 9 and Year 11 are difficult years for students as they transition to a more challenging workload and greater expectations in behaviour. To see growth like this in a Year 9 cohort is a fantastic achievement.

GPA:	
Over 1	16
0-1	26
0	4
-1-0	7
Under -1	1
NA	0

## Assessment Submission Process

**ASSESSMENT SUBMISSION PROCESS**  
At Goolwa Secondary College

**Responsibilities**

**Students will...**

- Submit required work by all due dates.
- Upload completed work to Frog or other submission methods for physical assessment tasks (performances or physical products).
- If required, seek extensions for tasks from their subject teacher one day (Years 7-9) or two days (Years 10-12) prior to the deadline via email (Cc parent in email).
- Request help and support from their teacher prior to a deadline, if required.
- Answer honestly when teachers check-in with your progress on a task.

**Teachers will...**

- Design assessment tasks allowing all students to demonstrate success.
- Use formative assessment to monitor student progress and differentiate teaching in response to evidence collected.
- Set the due date on Frog for assessment tasks with the due date and time during lesson time.
- Communicate with parents/caregivers if concerned about student progress before the final due date.
- Utilise Catch Up to support students at risk of missing a submission. (If four or more students need to be assigned to Catch Up - a teacher needs to be present.)
- Consider adjustments and accommodations for students on One Plans or intervention programs.

**Parents will...**

- Monitor student learning and engagement by regularly checking Frog.
- Discuss, monitor and support their child in their learning. This can be done through:
  - having conversations about their learning
  - attending learning conversations at school
  - checking their progress with assessment tasks
  - contacting the College to discuss any questions or concerns

**Leaders will...**

- Manage Catch Up, supporting students to complete overdue work for checkpoint due dates.
- Support teachers in meetings and conversations with students and parents/caregivers, as required.
- Monitor student achievement and work submission through Frog, GRATA and PowerBI.

**Processes**

**Extending Deadlines**

**Communicating Request**

Student communicates with teacher via email (Cc parents) requesting an extension. This must take place at least two days or more from the due date.

**Approved Reasons for an Extension**

Extensions to due dates are only granted in exceptional circumstances, including illness, and family reasons.

- For some SACE assessments, a medical certificate will be required.

**Test, Exam or Oral-Non-attendance**

If a student is away on the day they must provide evidence to the teacher:

- Illness (Medical certificate required for SACE or communicate via EMS Community Portal or Student Services for Years 7-10)
- Extenuating family circumstances (parent communication required)

**Modified Due Date**

If approved, the teacher will adjust the due date for the student on Frog.

**Submission Process for summative tasks**

Teacher sets due dates for assessment tasks. This includes a checkpoint (to monitor progress) and a final due date.

**Student submits required work by due date**

**Student does not submit or complete task by due date**

**If checkpoint due date is missed or if the submission is incomplete or insufficient**

- Student is issued a Catch Up session to attend (refer to Behaviour Procedures)
- Parent/caregivers are contacted via email/phone and informed of incomplete work and that a Catch Up has been issued.
- Student completes required work during Catch Up.

**If a final due date is missed**

- Teacher assesses work from checkpoint or other evidence collected through learning cycle.
- If the student received a D, E or N (No Evidence), the parents will be informed of the non-passing grade.
- Parents/caregivers are contacted via email/phone and informed (Cc student in email).

**Definitions**

**Formative Assessment** involves teachers collecting evidence from students to check their progress. This helps teachers to decide what students need to learn next, make appropriate adjustments to their teaching program, to monitor student learning, and to provide feedback to students. It also informs students about their learning.

**Summative Assessment** is to measure what students know, understand and can do against a set of standards being assessed. These standards are the Achievement Standards in the Australian Curriculum and Performance Standards in SACE. Summative assessments are used by teachers to report to students, parents and carers on the progress and achievement of students.

**Summative assessment** occurs at the end of a learning cycle.

**Checkpoints** are requirements (such as check-ins, @40%, and smaller components of a larger task) for summative work before its final due date. These checkpoint dates occur before a final due date, providing enough time for teachers to check progress, provide feedback and support students as required.

Our new student work submission process was also launched with students this term. This process supports students to complete their assessment tasks for marking as well as provides students a chance to have summative assessment feedback through a checkpoint submission. Checkpoints provide students with valuable feedback during the assessment process to ensure they are meeting the requirements of the task.

Moving into senior school, this is an important process that helps drive the academic reporting process for both students and staff and supports students to be successful as they complete SACE subjects. If you haven't had a chance to take a look yet, you can view this document closer on our school website [here](#).

If you want a chat about senior school at Goolwa Secondary College or have some questions for me, please feel free to reach out to my email at [Ben.Evans844@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Ben.Evans844@schools.sa.edu.au).

Thanks!

**Ben Evans**  
Assistant Principal: Senior Years



# CARTER'S CORNER



In this edition of our College newsletter we have a focus on Healthy Habits for teens.

What better way is there to kick off our new Healthy Habits segment than by playing a game of *What am I?* Take a look at the clues below:

I help teenagers stay energetic, improve mood, think clearly and make good decisions.

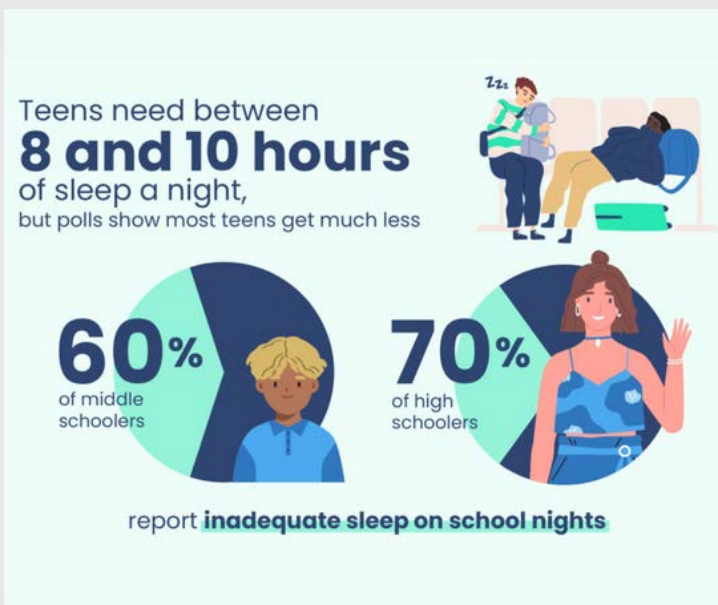
Without it, teens can become moody, lack enthusiasm, have difficulties concentrating and make poor decisions.

I'm something that many of us don't get enough of and always want more of!

Did you guess what it is? **It is SLEEP!**

Teenagers need **8-10 hours of sleep**, while pre-teens (tweens) need **9-12 hours** minimum sleep per night. As for us adults? We need as much valuable shut-eye as we can get!

Research tells us that **healthy routines**, **minimising screen time** before sleep, **exercise** (even a simple walk or bike ride) and **napping** are great ways to ensure a good night's sleep.



### TIPS FOR HEALTHY SLEEP

- 1 DAILY SCHEDULE
- 2 REGULAR WORKOUT
- 3 WALK MORE DURING THE DAY
- 4 AVOID HEAVY FOODS
- 5 DIGITAL DETOX
- 6 BATH BEFORE BED
- 7 KEEP YOUR ROOM DARK
- 8 COMFORTABLE BED

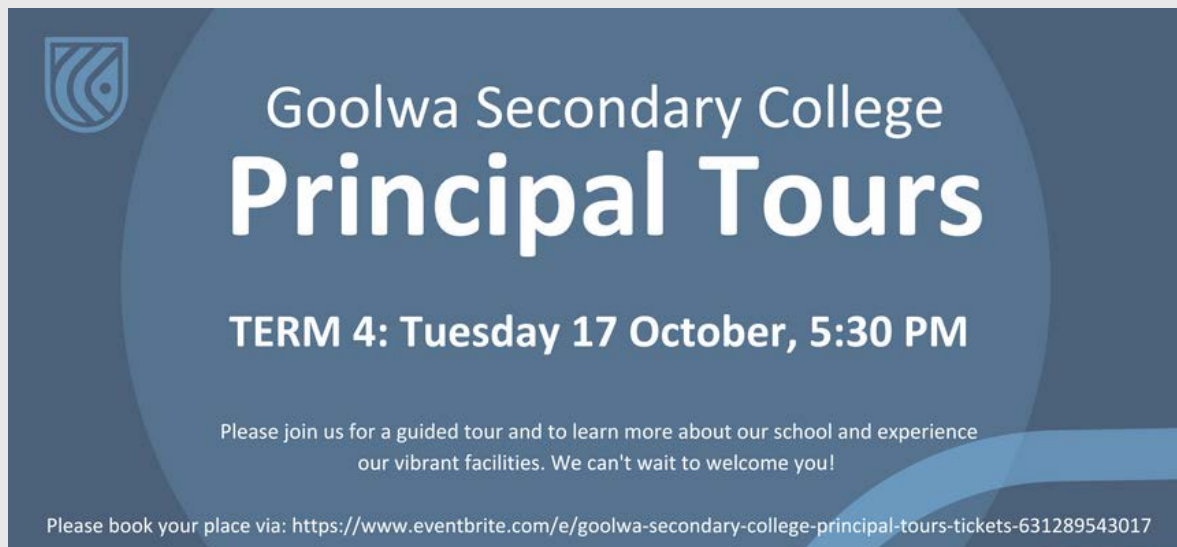
Your teen's sleeping environment **DOES** make a difference to their quality of sleep too. A darkened, clutter-free bedroom with clean bedding, a supportive mattress, minimal noise and a temperature between 15-22 degrees Celsius at night will set them up just nicely for a good night sleep.

I look forward to bringing you even more helpful healthy habits information in our next newsletter!

**Andrew Carter**  
Assistant Principal  
*Inclusion, Engagement & Wellbeing*

## TERM 4 PRINCIPAL TOUR

Our primary to secondary transition days are in full swing with lots of excited year 6 students visiting the College grounds and meeting our current students. Parents don't miss out either, they're welcome to come for a look at all of our amazing facilities. Book a place or two for our upcoming Principal Tour next term!



## OPERATION FLINDERS QUIZ NIGHT - TONIGHT!

Our Quiz Night is **TONIGHT**, Friday 22nd September and we're looking forward to seeing all you trivia buffs on tables!

The Operation Flinders team will also be holding a silent auction during the evening where you can place your bid and hope for the best! All proceeds will be going towards the Operation Flinders camp, so your support means a lot. We can't wait to join you in what is sure to be a spectacularly fun night (even if your trivia knowledge isn't *that* great!).

You certainly don't need to arrange a whole table to attend, you can come and join a table with others, no problem!

Purchase your Quiz Night tickets at **Eventbrite**.  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/operation-flinders-fundraising-quiz-night-tickets-671283977447>

If you would like to donate towards Operation Flinders, please contact Amy MacKenzie at [Amy.Mackenzie60@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Amy.Mackenzie60@schools.sa.edu.au).

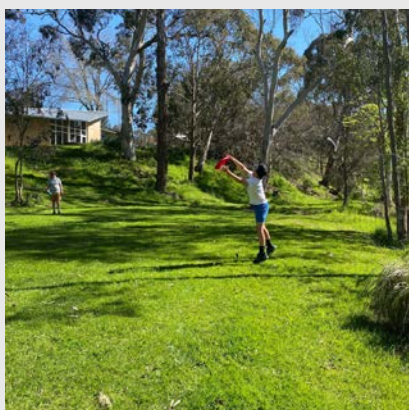
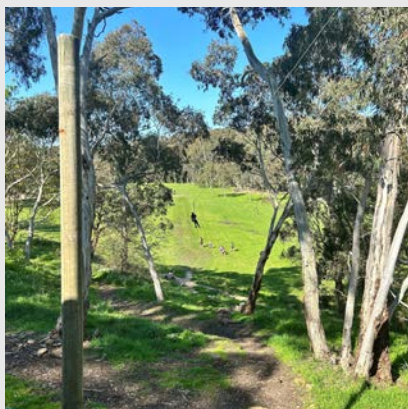
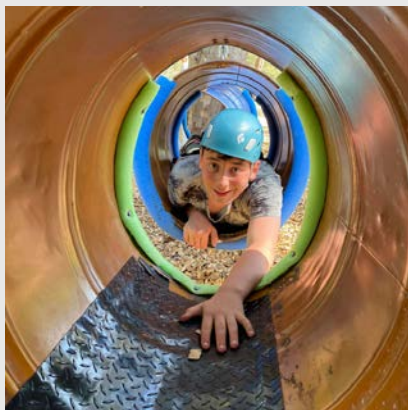




# POSTCARDS FROM YEAR 7 & 8 MYLOR ADVENTURE CAMP!

The year 7s and year 8s were each off an adventurous few days last week, enjoying our very first College Mylor Adventure Camp.

The days were filled with activities including a giant swing, orienteering, raft-making and more! Even a HUGE flying fox. What fun brilliant adventures they had!





# STUDIO SPOTLIGHT!

## ME TO MARKET...

The perfect Studio for our crafty, entrepreneurial-minded students, the Me to Market Studio is an opportunity for students to connect with the wider community by creating wares to sell at our local Goolwa Wharf Rotary Markets.

The students together with Studio teachers Lottie and Brett, designed and created timber chopping boards, beautifully scented candles, acrylic initial keyrings, acrylic earrings and several designs of coasters - all packed and presented beautifully for the community to buy in a pop-up market stall.

The Me to Market students decided that all proceeds from their sales would be donated to Ronald McDonald House, a not-for-profit charity that helps families carry on while a child is undergoing hospital treatment.

Following both a beautiful and successful market day last Sunday, we are very proud to announce the Me to Market team will be making a donation of \$878 to Ronald McDonald House.

## CARING FOR A CAUSE...

Claire's Caring for a Cause Studio was on a roll with their careful packaging of clean birthing kits for Birthing Kit Foundation Australia.

The environmentally friendly, biodegradable clean birth kits are a valuable resource to help prevent infection for mothers and newborns all over the world.

To date, 2.7 million Clean Birth Kits have been distributed to women in need through Birthing Kit Foundation Australia.

Kits are given to mothers through community outreach programs, supplied to health facilities for use by doctors, midwives and nurses or distributed to traditional birthing attendants. These kits are designed to support hygienic practices and environments during childbirth in under-resourced settings.

Well done to everyone involved, we love your work AND your big hearts in this very special Studio.





# GOOLWA SECONDARY COLLEGE NOTICE BOARD...

## Goolwa Aquatic Club Sailing Junior Learn to Sail

Goolwa Aquatic Club Sailing is pleased to announce that bookings are now open for the **junior Learn-to-Sail course** from **10th-13th October 2023**.

We will be running two 3-hour classes, morning and afternoon, for four days with **qualified Australian Sailing Instructors** at The Goolwa Aquatic Club.

This popular course covers the basics of dinghy sailing and is specifically designed for kids in the **7-15 year old** age bracket. Participants will learn the theory and practical aspects of sailing a dinghy - and have a whole lot of fun in the process!

**All equipment is supplied including the PFDs, helmets and boats. For booking and further information see below:**

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/goolwaaquatic/events/202541/>



## Finance and School Payments

Goolwa Secondary College offers various payment options for payment of school fees, student device (Lenovo Laptop), device insurance, camps and excursions.

### QkrApp

Click [here](#) for instructions.

### Direct bank transfer to the school's bank account

BSB: 065-511

Account: 10222764

Please use the invoice number and surname as a reference.

### Direct Debit

Parents/caregivers are able to authorise our school to process ongoing payments to pay for school fees, invoices and other payments as agreed under a signed payment plan. These payment plans may be scheduled weekly, fortnightly, monthly or per term depending on the payment type and circumstance.

To arrange a Direct Debit, please download the form (located at Goolwa Secondary College website) and return it to the front office or email it to [dl.1915.finance@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.1915.finance@schools.sa.edu.au)

### Cash, EFTPOS, credit card (Visa or Mastercard)

The front office is open between 8:30-9:30am for payments via cash, EFTPOS, or credit card (Visa or Mastercard) in person or over the phone.



## 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!**

## Dates to remember.....

- Friday, 29th September - Last day of Term 3 (early dismissal 2:10PM)
- Monday, 16th October - First day of Term 4
- Monday, 17th October - Goolwa Secondary College Principal Tours 5:30PM
- Thursday, 19th October - Sustainability Visionary Workshop 8:30-10:30AM
- Tuesday, 24th October - Transition Day: Innovation Day #2 PEPS+
- Tuesday, 24th to 31st October - Operation Flinders
- Monday, 30th October - Transition Connect Night #1 3:45-6PM
- Tuesday, 31st October - Transition Connect Night #2 3:45-6PM
- Tuesday, 31st October - Governing Council Meeting 5:30PM
- Tuesday, 7th November - Transition Innovation Day #2 GPS
- Monday, 20th November - Student Free Day
- Tuesday, 28th November - Awards Night 5:30-6:30PM
- Monday, 4th December - Transition: A Day In The Life....
- Monday, 4th to 8th December - Activities Week
- Wednesday, 6th to 8th December - Year 9 Willow Creek Camp
- Tuesday, 15th December - Last day of Term 4 (early dismissal 2:10PM)



GOOLWA SECONDARY COLLEGE  
UNIFORM ITEMS  
SHOP ONLINE AT  
DEVON CLOTHING FOR HOME OR COLLEGE  
DELIVERY.



RUGBY TOP  
\$79



WINDCHEATER  
\$50



SOFT SHELL JACKET  
\$60

## 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!



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