



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'.



Please note the Front Office is closed from 3:30pm. Please leave a message using the voicemail service.

Contact Us

 (08) 7505 4027

 dl.1915.info@schools.sa.edu.au

 2-30 Glendale Grove,
Goolwa, South Australia, 5214



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Department for Education

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear GSC friends and families,

As the end of the school year fast approaches, and we look forward to the summer holiday break, it's a great time to reflect on 2023.

Our second year of teaching and learning was bigger and better than the first! As our college grows, so does our amazing community and the terrific, innovative range of curriculum offerings and resources.

This year some highlights have included the incredible community-based studios, the Operation Flinders trip, the Tumbelin and Youth Opportunities programs (which Ben refers to later in this newsletter), as well as our first-ever school camps for students in years 7 and 8.

In 2023 we, again, provided our students with lots of opportunities to engage in school sports, including e-sports. Our outdoor education students explored their local environment on bikes and on foot. Our students exhibited artwork at the SALA event in Victor Harbor, as well as hosting exhibitions here at school. Our pillars of innovation and collaboration were on show at our Cross-curriculum Learning Showcase. And, of course, the pillar of excellence is one that all students worked towards.

We are proud of what each and every one of our students and staff achieved throughout the year.

At our recent awards night, we recognised a number of students who demonstrated academic excellence (achieving in the top 5 Grade Point Average), the highest levels of academic growth, or pillar, leadership or community excellence.

In year 7 students recognised for academic excellence were:

- Orlando Haddon
- Alex Thompson
- Sawyer Porter
- Lilly Scollin
- Lilly Brennan



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Year 7 students recognised for demonstrating the highest levels of growth were:

- Arnhem Jarrett
- Indee Wray

In year 8 students recognised for academic excellence were:

- Alyshia Foster
- Corey Allsop
- Brooke Gowland
- Mia Francis
- Odin Dommerdich

Year 8 students recognised for demonstrating the highest levels of growth were:

- Holly Lines
- Cooper Spencer

In year 9 students recognised for academic excellence were:

- Demi Trethewey
- Chloe Lewin
- Emily Brennan
- Maddi Cox
- Finn Broeckelmann

Year 9 students recognised for demonstrating the highest levels of growth were:

- Brydie Allsop
- Isaac Linnell

Pillar awards:

- Goolwa Secondary College Innovation Award – Mason Trowse
- Goolwa Secondary College Collaboration Award for School Leadership – Finn Clark
- Goolwa Secondary College Excellence Award - Vinny Jose

Community awards:

- Zonta Women in Leadership Award – Brydie Allsop
- Lions Citizenship Award – Olivia Fletcher
- Office for Finniss Community Leadership Award - Seb Thompson

We are at a really exciting point in our establishment journey, moving next year into senior secondary school. The subject selection counselling sessions for our current year 9 students were another highlight. It was great to see parents and students come into the school to spend time with their Connect teacher exploring possible pathways for their futures.

As the school year closes, we need to say 'bon voyage' to Sarah Carter. Sarah is taking a year of leave to explore the world near and far. We will certainly miss her here at the college, but are excited about the adventures she will have over 2024 and look forward to hearing all about it when she returns in 2025.

We also farewell Jo Colbeck, who has been the Business Manager whilst Amanda Jackson was on leave from GSC. We thank Jo for all she has done for the college over the last 6 months. The Business manager role is a big and complex one, overseeing the finance and facilities of the site, and she has embraced the challenges with the GSC 'can-do' attitude we love to see. Jo will head back to Port Elliot Primary School in 2024. We wish her all the best.

Over the last 6 months, the staff have been discussing and planning the next layer of leadership roles across the college.

We are excited to announce the internal 12-month appointment of three new leaders:

- Leader of Digital Innovation: Joe Davidson
- Leader of Effective Learners: Lottie Penno
- Leader of Culture and Community including Learning Pathways: Sean Beath

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These teachers will have reduced teaching responsibilities so that they are able to support school priorities. We look forward to their contributions to our continuous improvement journey as we strive for excellence, innovation and collaboration in all that we do.

We are pleased to let you know that Anjie Collins, Christine Fitzpatrick and Hugo Moore will continue in the wellbeing and inclusion team next year as well as Kasey Wendelborn who will be teaching agriculture and horticulture.

We will also be welcoming some new teaching faces; Erin Hicks and Sam Cuontis will be joining the team. Erin currently teaches at Adelaide High School across all year levels. She has extensive experience in outdoor education, freelancing for 13 years with a range of schools across the state. Erin is a kayaking leader, bushwalking assistant and top rope assistant (a form of rock climbing). Sam has most recently been teaching in the UK. Sam is highly collaborative, dedicated and passionate about teaching and learning, particularly in the areas of Physical Education, Health, Outdoor Education, English and HASS. Sam is connected to the local community as he lives locally. He aspires to build strong connections and belonging amongst our adolescent learners at GSC. We can't wait for them to start with us!

Hopefully, you have seen that Semester 2 reports were emailed home earlier this week. If you have had trouble accessing your report, or if it hasn't shown up in your inbox (or other mailboxes), please contact the College before Wednesday next week.

Our staff team feel privileged to be working within such a positive and supportive school culture and community – great students, colleagues and families. Thank you for being part of this.

Have a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Kind regards,

Bec, Travis, Ben, Paula and Andrew
Goolwa Secondary College Leadership



FINANCE NEWS.... OUTCOME OF MATERIALS AND SERVICES POLL



We would like to inform you of the outcome of the Materials and Services Charge (sometimes referred to as 'school fees') poll, recently conducted by the Governing Council.

In conducting the poll, the Governing Council sought your support for our school's 2024 Materials and Services Charge of \$515 to be compulsory, and therefore recoverable. This means if the charge is not paid, we can legally recover the debt from families.

The poll endorsed the Governing Council's proposal to make the school fee charge of \$515 compulsory.

The Materials and Services Charges will allow us to offer the resources, technology and programs that we believe students need to complete their curriculum learning.

Examples of what the Materials and Services Charge helps to cover:

- access to electronic and printed materials in relation to the educational program (such as electronic textbooks)
- access to student information technology (such as licenses and applications)
- access to materials, machinery and equipment that students will consume or use in the process of their learning program (such as those related to hospitality, design and technology and digital technology classes)
- access to library resources (including digital subscriptions)

In providing these resources, students benefit through engagement in a full and broad range of learning experiences, providing them with the opportunity for learning outcomes across all curriculum areas.

The Materials and Services Charge will be invoiced in the new school year. For further information about payment of fees please refer to the article "Be Ready For A Good Start To 2024" later in this newsletter.

We thank you for your ongoing support of our school, where student learning is at the forefront of everything we do.

The GSC Finance Team

MACQLIT GRADUATION AND MORNING TEA...

This week we celebrated our MacqLIT graduates with a special graduation morning tea. We welcomed families into the MacqLIT space to celebrate the success of these students, watch students be awarded their MacqLIT graduation certificates, and meet our dedicated program facilitators.

MacqLIT is a comprehensive and structured reading intervention designed for small groups, focusing on essential components crucial for effective reading (phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension) and this year we've seen some incredible growth among our students. Well done, everyone!



AG SHED MORPHS INTO ART CANVAS...

Thanks to students and staff working with talented artist, Chad Spencer, the College Agriculture shed is receiving the ultimate glow-up this term, transforming its bleak exterior into a magnificent giant canvas beaming with brilliant colour.

We've loved witnessing this explosion of colour and design happen before our very eyes and what a treat it is to see this mural design progress as Chad works on it. We can see below that it has been a beautifully vibrant mural in the making and the result will be a beautiful display of local flora and fauna including a chicken, protea flowers, bees and a fairywren front and centre with its stunning blue feathers. To complete the work, we're super excited that the Ag shed will also feature our Goolwa Secondary College Agriculture logo, designed by student Eve Polmear.

A few finishing touches are all that's left to do. Keep your eyes out each time you pass it next week to see the finished mural. Take a look at the makeover progress below!



BE READY FOR A GOOD START TO 2024!

Student device deployment - 17th January 2024

For young people starting at the College in 2024, you **must book a Student device deployment time via SOBS**. You will have received information on how to book these sessions in an email sent earlier this week or alternatively, you can find the SOBS link on our website 'College Interviews' page.

College Uniform Fitting Session - 17th January 2024

If your young person needs a College uniform refresh, mark your calendar with this date - **17th of January, 2024**. On this day, Devon Clothing will be setting up a pop-up uniform shop here at the College for new and existing families to come and see uniform items, try on sizes and purchase on the day. You don't want to miss this opportunity!

School is back - don't miss the first day

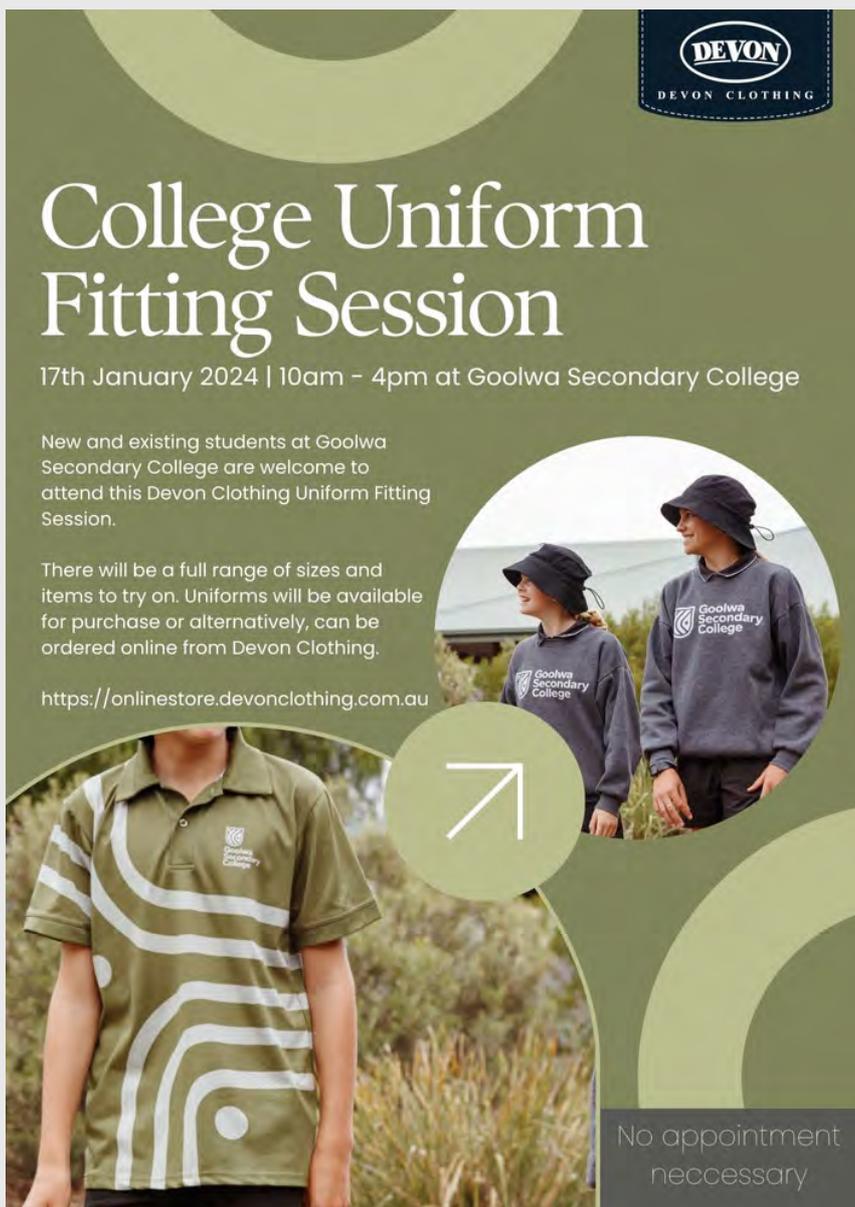
The 2024 school year starts on **Monday, 29th of January 2024 at 8:50am**. Students who are not in the classroom by 8:55am are considered to be late, so please encourage your young person to move quickly. For students arriving after 8:55am, please sign in at Student Services.

Don't forget hats in term 1!

As per our SunSmart Policy, young people must wear hats whenever outdoors during term 1. If your young person needs a new hat, they can be purchased from the Devon uniform fitting session on the 17th of January or over the Front Office desk for \$11.

Governing Council Annual General Meeting - Hold the Date!

The Goolwa Secondary College Governing Council Annual General Meeting will be held on 13th February 2024, so please mark your calendar and save the date. We look forward to seeing you there!



DEVON
DEVON CLOTHING

College Uniform Fitting Session

17th January 2024 | 10am - 4pm at Goolwa Secondary College

New and existing students at Goolwa Secondary College are welcome to attend this Devon Clothing Uniform Fitting Session.

There will be a full range of sizes and items to try on. Uniforms will be available for purchase or alternatively, can be ordered online from Devon Clothing.

<https://onlinestore.devonclothing.com.au>

No appointment necessary

Materials and Services charge

The 2024 Materials and Services charge is payable via the Qkr! app or in person at the College Front Office. We'd like to remind families that for the third year running, the Malinauskas Labor Government has granted a **\$100 discount on the 2024 Materials and Services charge for each child at a public school**.

If you would like to arrange a payment plan to pay your school fees, our Finance team is happy to assist. Please call the College on 7505 4027 and choose extension 2 'finance' to connect with them.

School Card scheme eligibility

If your family received School Card in 2023, Finance Officer, Tamara, will send you an email at the beginning of the 2024 school year with details on applying for the year.

If you haven't previously been eligible for the School Card scheme but circumstances have changed and you might now qualify, please see this link: <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

ACTIVITIES WEEK SNAPSHOTS!



Both students and staff have enjoyed participating in Activities Week this week with lots of different fun on offer for everyone. Though our Colour Run was cancelled due to the terrible weather on Tuesday, we've still packed the week full of entertainment!

Students have been treated to watching a movie at the beautiful Centenary Hall, a basketball competition with SAPOL, a whole school Christmas lunch, Christmas crafts, cooking, volleyball playing, Lego activities, table tennis, painting - even doughnut decorating - plus loads more!

Our students have also enjoyed a BBQ or two this week and we thank the Lions Club of Goolwa and Neighbourhood Watch for their help in getting those prepped, cooked and ready to feed hungry bellies. The continued support from our community is valued and always appreciated.

Activities Week really is a wonderful celebration for us to hold at the end of the school year - a welcome reward for a year of hard work from all!



↑ **ACTIVITIES WEEK FUN!** ↑

CARTER'S CORNER



Congratulations all, we have made it and the summer holidays are upon us!

I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work, dedication, and resilience our students have shown throughout 2023.

With the school holidays just around the corner, the Alexandrina Council has produced a Fleurieu School Holiday Program, listing a range of programs and events occurring on the South Coast. For more information head to this link: <https://www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/connect/wellbeing/school-holiday-activities>. There's also the Goolwa Community Center looking for Christmas workshop helpers, as well as the Goolwa Gym offering a great deal for young people wanting to work on their fitness over the summer break. All great reasons to switch off from screens and get out and about in the community!

The holidays are also a great time to explore new interests, read books, or even learn a new skill. However you may choose to spend your time, I encourage our families to continue nurturing your child's curiosity and enjoy following passions and interests.

If this time may be difficult for you or your young person, please reach out for support. It's only a phone call away. Here are a few local support providers who may be able to assist:

- Kids Helpline (online or phone) - 1800 55 1800
- HeadSpace (Victor Harbor) - 8391 0123
- ConnectCare (Port Elliot) - 84067715

Enjoy your holidays, stay safe, and I look forward to seeing you in the new year, refreshed and ready for the challenges and excitement of 2024.

Andrew Carter
Assistant Principal
Inclusion, Engagement & Wellbeing

THE Goolwa Gym
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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PROGRAM
Either to avoid injury in life, build a stronger core or to be more powerful in your teens chosen sport, its important that we show correct form in exercises by strengthening their muscles and increasing their flexibility and endurance EARLY in life.

The Goolwa Gym is offering **2x 1hr** technique Strength Training sessions per week for **4 weeks**. Supervised by a qualified Strength and Conditioning Coach and Personal Trainer to create good habits for your teenager.

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Educating High School Students on the importance of:

- Technique while lifting heavy
- Correcting weak Activators
- Muscle Maintenance
- Nutrition Talk 'How to grow HEALTHY MUSCLE'

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
FOR 4 WEEKS
2-3PM
STARTING JAN 5TH
\$120 PAID UP FRONT

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-12 YEARS **COST:\$5**
(must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver)
Bookings essential!

10am-12pm
Tuesday 19th December
Melty Bead Christmas Decorations

10am-12pm
Wednesday 20th December
Felt Christmas Creations

10am-12pm
Thursday 21st December
Decorating Gingerbread Biscuits

Goolwa Community Centre, 25 Cadell St
Ph: 85553941 or Email:
admin@goolwacommunitycentre.org.au

SENIOR MOMENTS WITH BEN...



As we reflect on the end of the year, I am delighted to share the incredible achievements and positive initiatives that have set the tone for an outstanding academic year ahead in 2024, our first year with senior students.

Tumbelin Program Returns

We are thrilled to announce the return of the Tumbelin Program, an integral part of our commitment to holistic student development. Tumbelin provides a unique platform for students to engage in experiential learning, fostering teamwork, resilience, and personal growth. The return of this program reflects our dedication to providing diverse and enriching experiences for our students.

Operation Flinders Returns

We are pleased to share that the Operation Flinders program will be returning in 2024. This initiative has proven to be transformational for our students, offering challenges that build character, instil leadership skills, and promote a strong sense of community.

Youth Opportunities Program Thriving

Our first Youth Opportunities group graduated only a few weeks ago with the graduation occurring at Centenary Hall. The students presented their reflections and growth in four key areas; decide to be happy, decide to goal plan; decide to send stars and decide to grow. This initiative provides a platform for students to explore their potential, develop leadership skills, and make positive contributions to the community.

Looking Forward

I am very excited that next year will be the start of the senior school at Goolwa Secondary College. In our third year, we eagerly anticipate the continued growth and success that lies ahead for our Year 10 students. Together, as a united community, we will nurture the potential of each student, guiding them toward a future filled with promise and achievement.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and here's to a year full of learning, growth, and success at Goolwa Secondary College!

Ben Evans
Assistant Principal
Senior Years



GOOLWA SECONDARY COLLEGE NOTICE BOARD...

BE INSPIRED. EMPOWERED. INFORMED.

2024 FLEURIEU YOUTH CLIMATE SUMMIT



**DAY 1:
SUMMIT**

TUES, 28 MAY 2024
9AM – 2PM

ENCOUNTER BAY FOOTBALL CLUB,
16 ARMSTRONG ROAD, VICTOR HARBOR

**DAY 2:
FIELD TRIP**

WED, 5 JUNE 2024
9AM – 3PM

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.

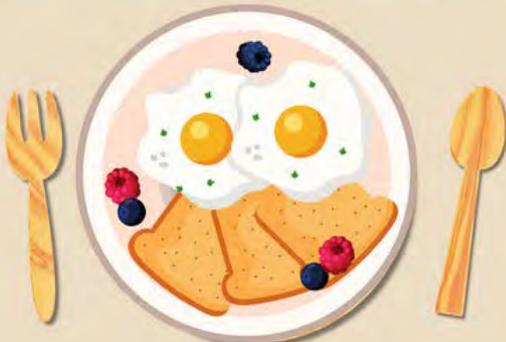
Direct Debit
Parents/caregivers are able to authorise our school to process ongoing payments to pay for school fees, invoices and other payments as agreed under a signed payment plan. These payment plans may be scheduled weekly, fortnightly, monthly or per term depending on the payment type and circumstance.

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

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!



**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!




Dates to remember.....

- 📅 Monday, 17th January - College uniform fittings (holiday break)
- 📅 Monday, 29th January - First day of term 1
- 📅 13th February - Governing Council AGM
- 📅 Monday, 26th February - Year 8 Aquatics
- 📅 Tuesday, 27th February - Year 9 Aquatics
- 📅 Monday, 11th March - Public Holiday
- 📅 Monday, 29th March - Public Holiday
- 📅 Monday, 1st April - Public Holiday
- 📅 Friday, 12th April - Year 10 Immunisations
- 📅 Friday, 12th April - Last day of term 1 (early dismissal)

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