



Important Dates

Rowing - West
Lakes Regatta
Saturday 8 March 2025

Adelaide Cup Public
Holiday
Monday 10 March 2025

Year 10
LifeChanger Mentor
Training
Tuesday 11 March 2025

School Photo Catch
up Day
Tuesday 11 March 2025

NAPLAN - Writing
Wednesday 12 March 2025

Year 7 LifeChanger
Workshop
Wednesday 12 March 2025

NAPLAN - Reading
Thursday 13 March 2025

Year 11
LifeChanger
Leadership
Workshop
Thursday 13 March 2025

College Community
BBQ Night and
Meet the Educators
Thursday 13 March 2025

SFOAC Swimming
Carnival
Friday 14 March 2025

NAPLAN -
Conventions of
Language
Monday 17 March 2025

AGM College
Board Meeting
Monday 17 March 2025

NAPLAN -
Numeracy
Tuesday 18 March 2025

Year 7 LifeChanger
Workshop
Wednesday 19 March 2025

Harmony Day
Friday 21 March 2025

Combined Catholic
Schools Athletics
Carnival
Tuesday 25 March 2025

Year 7 LifeChanger
Workshop
Wednesday 26 March 2025

Year 7 Retreat
Thursday 27 March 2025

Year 9 LifeChanger
Self-Esteem
Workshop
Thursday 27 March 2025

Terra and Ignis
Parish Mass
Wednesday 2 April 2025

SA Schools
Secondary Athletics
Championship (C
Grade)
Tuesday 8 April 2025

Term 1 Finishes
Friday 11 April 2025

Year 10 Careers
Camp: 7-9 May
Wednesday 7 May 2025

White Card Training
Monday 12 May 2025

VET and SBAT
Information Evening
Wednesday 28 May 2025

SFOAC Careers
Expo
Wednesday 4 June 2025

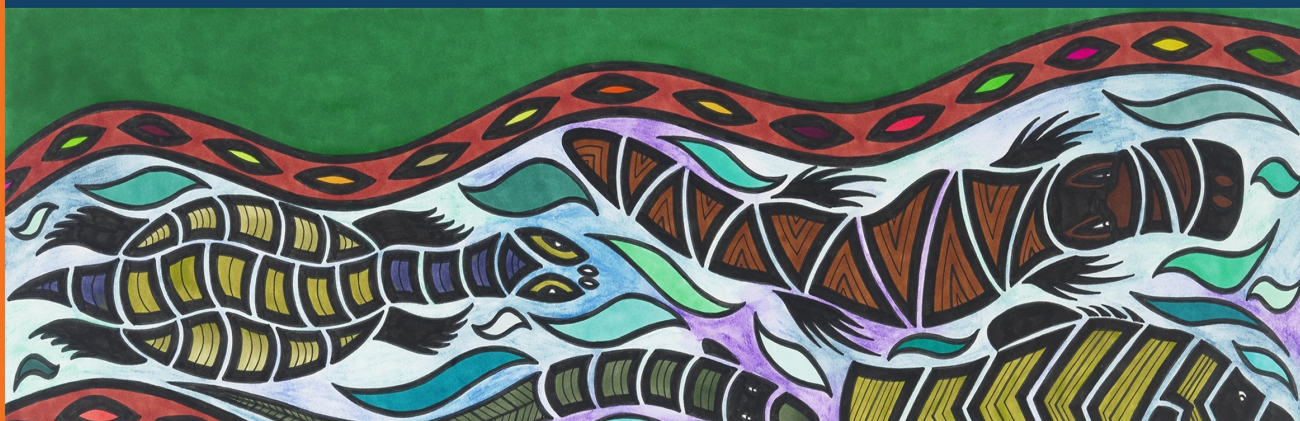
Year 10 Work
Experience: 23-27
June
Monday 23 June 2025

SFOAC Athletics
Carnival
Friday 19 September 2025

REMEMBER If you are reading this newsletter from your email don't forget to click '*read more*' to expand your view and access all of our feature photos!

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge that we meet today on Meru Country, and recognise the Erawirung and Ngintait peoples as the Traditional Custodians of this land. We recognise their continuing connection to the earth and waters, and thank them for protecting this land and its ecosystems since time immemorial. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging and extend that respect to all First Nation peoples present here today.



From the Principal

Lenten Season and Project Compassion – Unite Against Poverty

This week we celebrated Ash Wednesday which marks the start of Lent; the season in which we prepare for Easter. Students are being encouraged in class to develop a communal action during the Lenten season to bring about change in our world. Fundraising throughout the six weeks of Lent will contribute to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion Campaign. Once again, this Lent Caritas Australia calls us to support Project Compassion under the theme of 'Unite Against Poverty,' which is an expression of hope, and reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. It invites us to make the world a better place by working together now and finding long-term solutions to global issues.

SFOAC Educators Professional Learning Day

On Friday 7 March, our educators gathered for a day of professional learning, with two focuses:

1. Training to support our whole of school wellbeing model, working with David Kelly from the Life Buoyancy Institute. The training focused on strategies for 'Activating Student Learning and Wellbeing'.

- The impact of our experiences can be viewed on a continuum of activating versus suppressing.
- Activating experiences are the messages or events that have the potential to grow (or activate) an individual's capacity to learn, grow, engage, and connect.
- Suppressing experiences are the messages or events that have the potential to impede (or suppress) an individual's capacity to learn, grow, engage, and connect.
- Every event in life has the potential to be either activating or suppressing in nature.

2. Launching our Communities of Practice initiative for 2025.

The Community of Practice initiative in 2025 aims to embed professional practice through the exploration of issues and topics related to student wellbeing and teaching pedagogy.

Communities of Practice are “groups of people who share a passion for something they know how to do and who interact regularly in order to learn how to do it better.” (Wenger, 2007)



Learner Conversations

Parents will receive information about the learning conversations in Week 10, including how to book an interview with your child’s home group teacher. Home group teachers play a key role in supporting students pastorally at school, and this is why the initial conversations in Week 10 are with the home group teacher.

At St Francis of Assisi College, learner agency is valued, and we encourage students to attend and play an active role in these learner conversations, with parents / carers and home group teachers.

I do emphasise to parents that you are most welcome to contact the College if you would like to make a time to meet with a specific subject teacher, in addition to the home group teacher.

Please contact the College administration office with any queries.

Board Annual General Meeting – Monday 17th March, 7:00pm

Parents and carers are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting, held on Monday 17th of March, starting at 7pm in the Collaboration Centre (Year 7 – 9 teaching building).

Please refer to previous communication sent directly to families, or further below in the newsletter, regarding the process for nominations to the board.

College Swimming Carnival

Our swimming carnival is running on Friday March 14th, whole school events such as this are invaluable for our college culture. There are opportunities for students to be involved and support their House, whether swimming is a strength, or not. Already the excitement is building as students have been working on House murals, chants and the like, in readiness for the big day! It has been terrific to see the ownership taken by our senior student leaders in each House, and this interaction students have with peers across all year levels within their House, is important to build connection and feelings of safety at school.

Visit from Catholic Education SA - Port Pirie Diocese Executive Team

On Thursday, March 6, we were pleased to welcome the Executive Team from Catholic Education SA – Port Pirie Diocese to our College. During their visit, the team took part in learning walks across classrooms, observing teaching practices and engaging with our students. It was a valuable opportunity for them to see firsthand the active and engaging learning environment within our school. A part of the Learning Walks process was for our educational leaders to meet with the Executive Team following the Learning Walks and collectively provide feedback and reflections on the experience. Through this process, the Executive Team provided significant positive, specific feedback and reflection endorsing the outstanding work of our educators, and the engagement and openness of our students. This was an excellent endorsement highlighting the importance and positive impact, of our students, parent, school partnership. We

appreciate the chance to host the team and share the great work happening at our College.



Executive Team from the Catholic Education South Australia - Port Pirie Diocese

L-R: Mary Manning - Catholic Identity and Mission Consultant, Justin Matthews - Assistant Director of Port Pirie Diocese, Nathan Hayes - SFoAC Principal, Geoff McManus - School Performance Lead, Nichii Mardon - Director of Port Pirie Diocese.

Photo credit - Jannette Fulham Photography

Mr Nathan Hayes, Principal

Catholic Mission and Religious Identity

Lent Begins at St. Francis of Assisi College

This week, our College community came together to mark the beginning of Lent with two significant events: Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday.

On Tuesday, we celebrated Shrove Tuesday with delicious pancakes! A huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers—parents, staff, and student leaders—who helped prepare and serve them. Your support made this tradition possible. Shrove Tuesday, also known as Pancake Day, is the day before Lent begins. Traditionally, it was a time to use up rich ingredients like eggs, milk, and sugar before the fasting season of Lent. Today, it remains a special time for gathering and reflection before our Lenten journey.

On Wednesday, we entered the solemn season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Three of our student leaders, accompanied by Mrs. Trudgian, attended the Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Therese's Parish in Renmark with Fr. Hau. They then brought the blessed ashes back to school, where our students and staff gathered in House Groups for a reflective liturgy. During this time, we also launched Project Compassion, a key initiative for our Lenten almsgiving.

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual Lenten appeal, supporting life-changing programs for communities in need. This term, Terra House will be leading our fundraising efforts by encouraging donations through the Project Compassion Boxes distributed across the College. The Project Compassion Boxes for families are a way to encourage practical giving during Lent. They allow families to collect donations at home throughout the season, supporting Caritas Australia's work in helping vulnerable communities locally and globally.

Looking ahead, Terra House will also be hosting a House Spirit Day in Week 10 to raise further funds for Project Compassion. Students are invited to wear their house colours and join in a BBQ. More details will be shared via EdSmart closer to the date.

As we journey through Lent, may we reflect on the themes of prayer, fasting, and giving, embracing this season with hearts open to faith and service.

Prayer during Lent

Loving God,

As we journey through this season of Lent,

Help us to open our hearts to You.

May our prayers bring us closer to Your love,
Our fasting remind us of what truly sustains us,
And our giving reflect Your generosity.
Guide us to walk in faith, hope, and compassion,
So that we may share Your light with the world.
Amen.

Mrs Sheridan Bonney, Assistant Principal, Religious Identity and Mission
Mrs Isabella Trudgian, RE Coordinator



Leader of Learning

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2024 for Years 7 and 9 students will begin next week. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in writing, reading, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The results of the test provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student

achievement.

Later in the year you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact the college.

Term 1 Student Progress Update Reports

Student progress update reports will be released through SEQTA on Thursday 13 March. To access these reports, click on assessments and the relevant subject.

The aim of this report is to provide parents/carers feedback about their child's progress before a formal grade is given in the end of semester report. Feedback enables a student to monitor their learning and focus on areas of improvement. It also provides a starting point, for parent/carers to discuss their child's attitude to learning, to ask about your child's strengths and how they can be enhanced, to ask which subjects are most challenging for your child and why, and to focus on your child's learning growth and progression rather than the grade. We hope you find these progress reports valuable.

Learner Conversations

Learner conversations will occur over two nights, 1 and 2 April, from 4-6pm at the College. These meetings will involve home group teacher, parent and child. Your child is an important part of this conversation as they reflect on their strengths and needs as they become a capable learner.

Further details will be provided on how to make a booking with your child's home group teacher.

Mrs Natalie Meuret, Leader of Learning

College Community Wellbeing

Student Leadership Applications

A final reminder that applications for Year 7 Student leadership close on Monday 10th March at 5pm. Please email applications to luke.cotter@assisi.catholic.edu.au over the weekend.

There will be four successful Year 7's (one from each House – Aqua, Ignis, Terra, and Ventus). These four students will be selected by Leadership staff through the below process:

- Reviewing Applications
- Shortlisting to a minimum of two students per House who will be notified by Friday Week 7
- Shortlisted students undertaking an interview (notes allowed) in Week 8
- The broader student body voting on their preferred shortlisted candidates
- College staff consultation

Please note that successful applicants will be selected based on their application, interview, vote results and staff consultation.

The successful applicants will be notified by Monday Week 9.





[Click here to download the Student Leadership Application Form.](#)



A reminder that if you have any concerns or questions or information to share regarding your child's wellbeing or academics, please contact their home group teacher in the first instance via email or through the College phone number - (08) 8595 4500.

Additionally, during Weeks 8-11 of Term 1, Mr. Cotter (Leader of Wellbeing) will be absent on Long Service Leave. In this period, Mrs. Trudgian (Wellbeing Coordinator) will take on the position's role and responsibilities with support from the broader leadership team.

If you have any high-level queries or concerns that are unable to be resolved by your child's home group teacher or subject teachers, please contact Mrs. Trudgian via email (isabella.trudgian@assisi.catholic.edu.au) or via the College phone (8595 4500).

House	Home Group	Teachers	Email
	AQUA1	Ms. Anita Modlinski	anita.modlinski@assisi.catholic.edu.au
	AQUA2	Ms. Neven Daoud	neven.daoud@assisi.catholic.edu.au
	IGNIS1	Mr. John Lyons	john.lyons@assisi.catholic.edu.au
	IGNIS2	Ms. Amy Hunt	amy.hunt@assisi.catholic.edu.au
	TERRA1	Mr. Fraser Sampson	fraser.sampson@assisi.catholic.edu.au
	TERRA2	Ms. Tahlia Woodgate	tahlia.woodgate@assisi.catholic.edu.au
	VENTUS1	Ms. Isabella Trudgian	isabella.trudgian@assisi.catholic.edu.au
	VENTUS2	Ms. Jean Booyesen	jean.booyesen@assisi.catholic.edu.au

Quote of the Week



Mr Luke Cotter, Leader of Wellbeing



Expressions of Interest - Industry and Community Partnership Group and Parent Engagement Group

Dear Parents, caregivers and families of St Francis of Assisi College

We are excited to invite you to join two important initiatives aimed at enhancing the experiences of our students and strengthening the connection between the college, families, and the local community. The Industry and Community Partnership Group and the Parent Engagement Group have both been designed to provide valuable opportunities for involvement and collaboration.

Industry and Community Partnership Group

The aim of this group is to focus on developing sustained community and industry partnerships to create pathways for our students. By joining this group, you will be part of an effort to:

- Help students understand the skills most sought after by local businesses and industries, offering them opportunities to develop those skills in a real-world setting.
- Ensure that both the College and our students are actively contributing to the growth and success of the Riverland region.
- Establish sustainable connections between the school and local businesses, providing vocational pathways for our students.

We believe these partnerships will significantly enhance the education and career opportunities available to our students.

Parent Engagement Group

Our focus for this group is to develop a positive and welcoming school community. The Parent Engagement Group will create opportunities for:

- Parents and families to meet and connect socially with one another.
- Parents to meaningfully engage with their child's education and have a voice in school activities and initiatives.

We want to create an environment where all families feel involved and supported as part of our school community.

Your Involvement

We welcome all parents and caregivers to engage with these groups in a way that works best for you. Whether you are able to attend regular meetings, participate when you can, or offer help on an occasional basis, your involvement will make a difference.

Expressions of Interest and Meeting Invitation

We would like to extend an invitation to all interested parents, caregivers and families to register their Expressions of Interest for either one or both of these groups. EOI's can be submitted by emailing [Emma Warner](mailto:emma.warner@assisi.catholic.edu.au). Please provide your name, email address and group/s you are interested in being involved in.

In Term 2, we will provide further communication to invite interested parents, caregivers and families to attend an initial meeting to learn more about the work of these groups and hear about the 2025 priorities. The meeting will also serve as an opportunity to register your interest in becoming involved.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Emma Warner at the College via email emma.warner@assisi.catholic.edu.au or phone 8595 4500.



06.03.25

School Photo Catch Up Day

For students who were absent on photo day, there will be a catch-up day on Tuesday 11th March. Formal uniform is required to be worn for school photos.

Please refer to the EdSmart broadcast for further details.

04.03.25

Community BBQ Night and Meet the Educators



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Community BBQ Night

and meet the educators

Join us for a BBQ Dinner and drinks to connect with other families and meet our college educators.

Thursday 13th March | 5:30-7:00pm

Dinner and drinks will be provided, with thanks to our Parent Engagement Group.
For catering purposes, RSVPs are appreciated:
www.assisi.catholic.edu.au/news-events-calendar/events

View this article online to read more

2025 Swimming Carnival

2025 SFOAC Swimming Carnival Event Schedule



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SWIMMING CARNIVAL

**FRIDAY
14TH MARCH**

REMARK SWIMMING CENTRE
CNR RAL RAL AVE & COWRA ST

04.03.25

College Board AGM

There are vacant Board positions available for parents/caregivers interested in nominating to be an elected member. If you would like to nominate for a position, please contact Claire Smith (Board Secretary) at the College on 8595 4500 for a Nomination Form. Nominations close on Monday 10th March 2025.

Elected Board Members hold office for two years.

During the AGM there will be reports from our College Teaching Leadership and our Student Leaders. Once the new Board is formed the new Board members will elect the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Chair of the Finance Committee.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

04.03.25

2026 Enrolments Now Open

2026 Enrolments Now Open for New Students!

Great news for those looking to join our school community! Enrolments for new students for the 2026 school year are now officially open. If you're excited to start your high school journey with us, now is the perfect time to secure your place.

St. Francis of Assisi College offers a nurturing and dynamic learning environment for students in Years 7 to 12. Committed to academic excellence, the college provides a broad curriculum, including opportunities in technology, sustainability, and the arts, all grounded in Catholic values. With a focus on wellbeing, community, and personal development, the college fosters a supportive atmosphere where students are encouraged to grow academically, spiritually, and socially. Through a range of extracurricular activities, including sport and experiential learning, St. Francis of Assisi College ensures that every student is well-equipped for future success.

If you have any questions or need assistance, or if you are ready to enrol your child, please contact Claire Smith, Executive Administrator for all the information you need. Claire can be contacted [via email](#) or phone 8595 4500.

Our Common Home Podcast



At the end of last year we launched a College podcast "Our Common Home". Students worked tirelessly with staff to research, create, record, edit and launch our very own podcast.

We aim to connect our community through personal stories and inform people of current events and achievements. We will discuss topics that are important to our students and to the wider community.

Two episodes have been launched so far that includes interviews with our Principal - Nathan Hayes and our Rowing Program Coordinator - Stephanie Turnbull.

Make sure to tune in to support Our Common Home by streaming on Spotify!

Inside the Classroom and around College: Weeks 5 & 6 Highlights and Happenings

German

During Week 5 this term, students in Year 7 and 8 German worked hard on a new cultural activity to introduce them to their new topic on 'Schule' (School).

'Schultüten' (School cones) are a very important tradition and rite of passage for students when they begin school in German speaking

countries. Schultüten are usually filled with lots of goodies to start the year such as stationery items, lollies, toys and chocolates. The Year 7 and 8 students also researched schooling in German speaking countries and spent time discussing the similarities and differences between the German and Australian school systems. They are now in the middle of creating their 'Dream Timetables' in German which will help them learn new vocabulary including: Days of the Week and School Subjects.

Mrs Julia Chukwuani, German Teacher

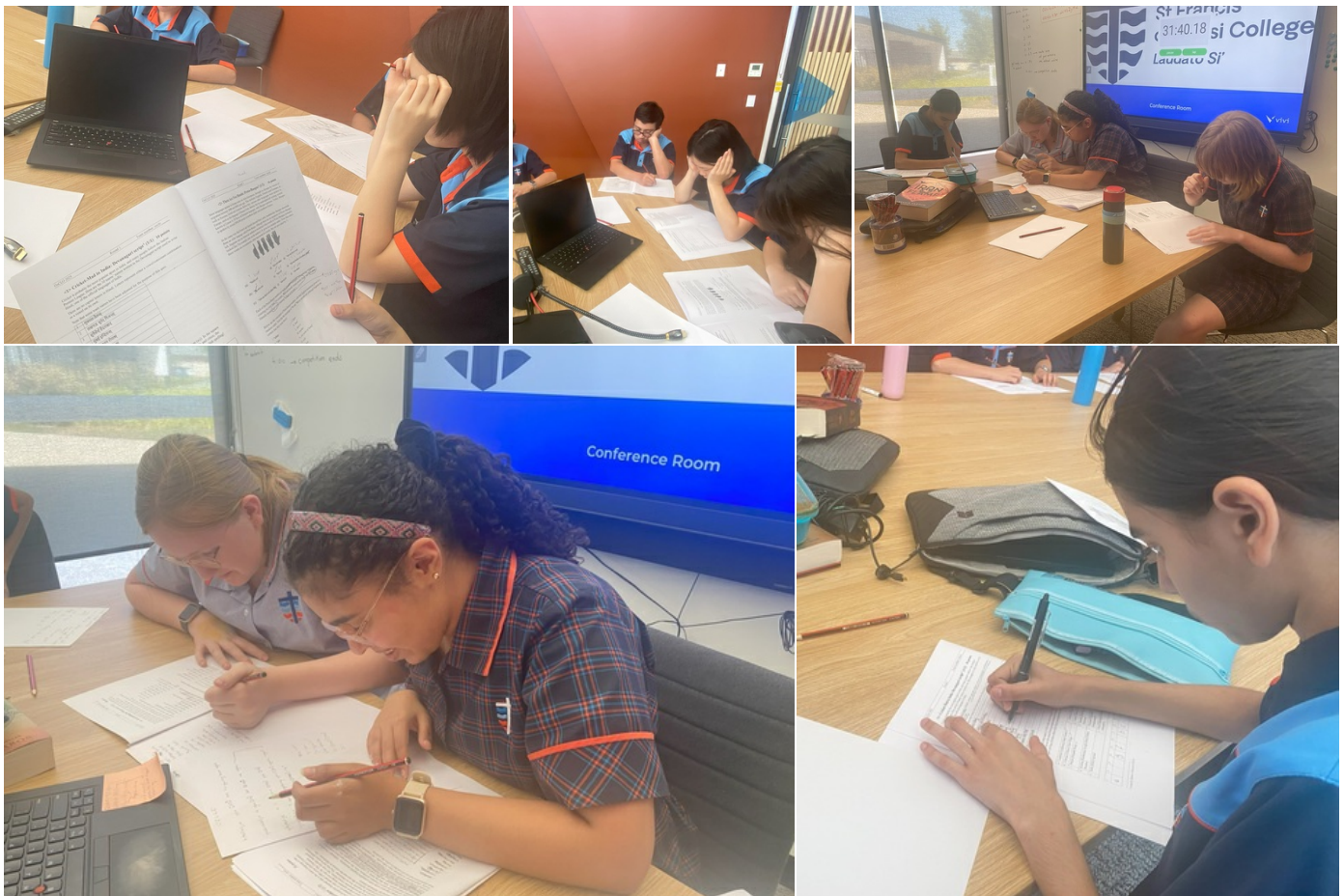


Students Showcase their Linguistic Talent at OZCLO

Eight of our students had the exciting opportunity to represent our college for the first time in the OZCLO competition. OZCLO, the Australian Computational and Linguistics Olympiad, is a prestigious national competition where students work together to solve challenging language and logic puzzles.

The competition encourages creative thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving, while introducing students to the fascinating field of linguistics. Our students showed great enthusiasm and commitment, and we look forward to participating again in the future.

Mrs Neven Daoud, Teacher



7B & 7C Science - Separating Sand, Salt, and Water

Students in 7B and 7C had a blast in science class as they explored the fascinating process of separating sand and salt. Using filtration, they skillfully separated the sand from the mixture, followed by evaporation to recover the salt. This hands-on experiment helped students understand physical separation techniques in a fun and engaging way. Everyone enjoyed getting involved, and it was a great learning experience that sparked curiosity about the science behind everyday processes!

Check out the photos below to see the students hard at work during the experiment!

7B Science - Chromatography investigation

Year 7B recently completed an exciting Chromatography investigation as part of their separating mixtures unit. The students explored how different substances, such as inks and dyes, can be separated based on their unique solubility and affinity for paper. Using paper and solvents, they observed the movement of various pigments, creating colourful patterns that highlighted the effectiveness of chromatography in identifying components of mixtures. This hands-on activity deepened their understanding of scientific separation techniques.

Mrs Neven Daoud and Ms Anita Modlinski, Year 7 Science Teachers

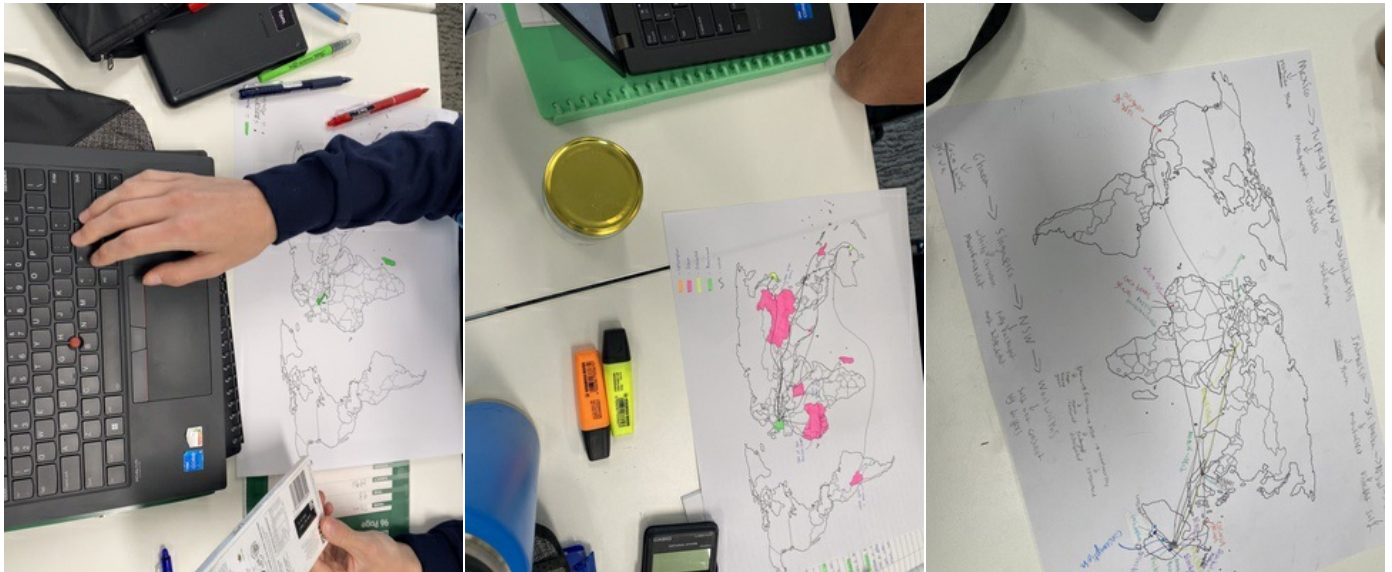




Year 9 HASS

In week 5 Year 9 students explored global supply chains as part of their unit, by tracing a common product from raw materials to consumer purchase. Using world maps, they marked the key stages: extraction, manufacturing, distribution, consumption, and waste. This hands-on activity deepened their understanding of interconnections between biomes, food security, trade, and sustainability.

Mrs Isabella Trudgian, Year 9 HASS Teacher



Rowing Program update

SA Rowing Championships Camp

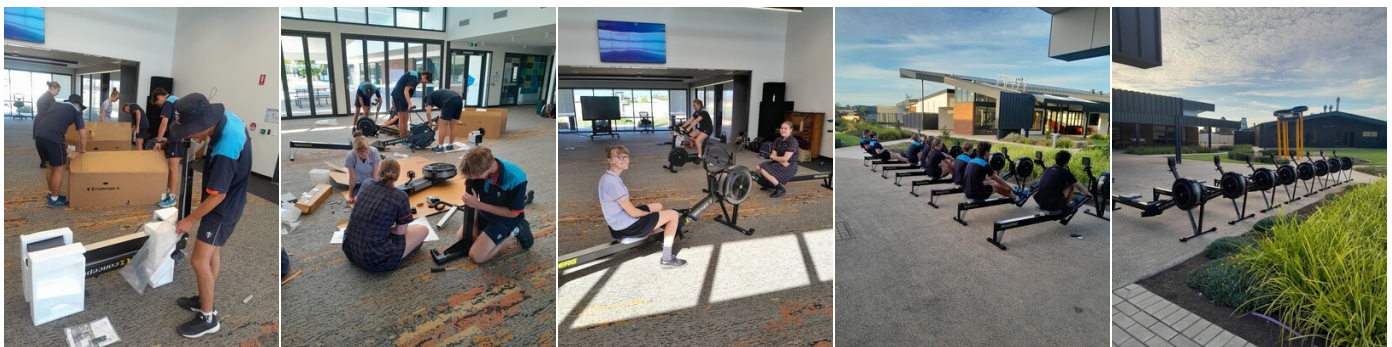
At the end of Week 4 our Senior and Junior Rowing Squad travelled to Adelaide with staff John Lyons, Molly Gibbons and Stephanie Turnbull. Our camp started with a tour of the South Australian Sports Institute (SASI), a new world-class facility, home to SASI, the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing, and the University of South Australia (UniSA) Sports Science Hub in Mile End. It was somewhat overwhelming, but a truly incredible experience to witness the level of support available to supporting our states top athletes. From here we travelled to the Port Adelaide Rowing Club where students experienced a row in an 8+ for the very first time. This is the largest boat class in the sport and they were made to feel quite small amongst the large shipping containers. They also rowed alongside a playful dolphin.

Students then spent Saturday and Sunday at the West Lakes Regatta Centre volunteering for the SA Rowing Championships. This regatta is becoming quite the event, with crews travelling from Melbourne, Sydney and Perth to compete, running from Friday through till Sunday. Our rowers assisted in boat holding, boat driving, timing, scrutineering and bow numbers. It was a great weekend gaining insights into how a regatta runs and also challenges some crews are faced with in racing situations. The students received great feedback from the RSA Boat Race Officials and this is something that we will continue to do in years to come.



New Equipment!

The college continues to invest resources into our Rowing Program, last week unpacking two additional rowing machines and an exercise bike. Our Senior and Junior Squad put the equipment together and were quick to put it to use. These assets will assist in promoting the sport during Yr 7 & 8 HPE sessions, as well as supporting rowing trainings.



Support the College Rowing Program

The Rowing Program will be hosting a raffle during the Community BBQ Night on Thursday 13th March. Funds raised are used to subsidise the costs of camps and regattas, as well as purchasing training resources. We would appreciate your support.



Upcoming Learn to Row Sessions

Is your child new to the school and missed the opportunity to try rowing during Years 7 or 8?

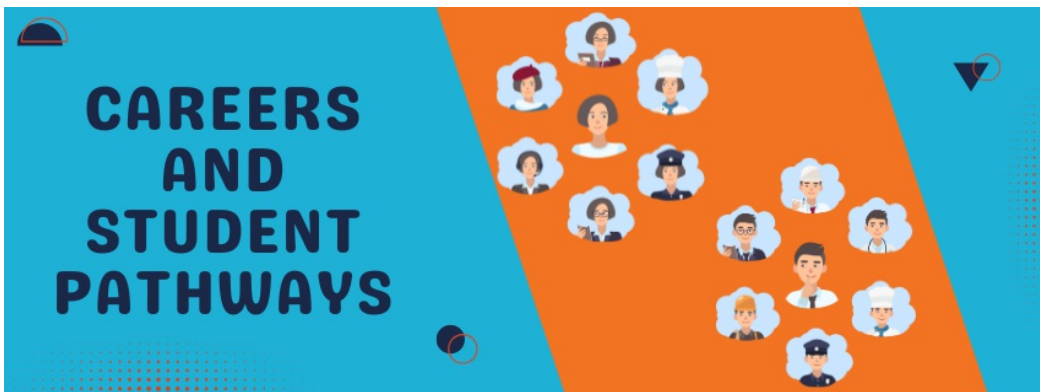
During Term 2 we will be holding Learn to Row sessions for any students (new or old) in Year's 9,10 and 11 who want to give rowing a go. These sessions give students the opportunity to try the sport in a fun and relaxed environment before committing to the program,

which commences in Term 3. Sessions will be held on Mondays afterschool, alternating between strength and conditioning sessions at the College and on-water sessions at the Renmark Rowing Club. More information will be circulated in coming weeks, but please email Rowing@assisi.catholic.edu.au if you have any questions.

Year 8's will experience rowing during HPE in Weeks 7-11 this Term, with Year 7's completing a rowing unit in Term 2. More information on additional Learn to Row sessions and involvement in the Rowing Program for these cohorts is to come!



Mrs Stephanie Turnbull, Rowing Program Coordinator and Rowing Coach
Ms Molly Gibbons, Strength and Conditioning Coach



STUDENT PATHWAYS

Hi everyone,

I'm excited to introduce myself as the Student Pathways Coordinator at St Francis of Assisi College. My role is to support students in exploring and preparing for their future pathways, whether that's through work experience, VET qualifications, or achieving success in SACE.

My goal is to help students build the skills, confidence, and readiness they need for life beyond school—whether they're heading into further study, apprenticeships, or the workforce.

Recently, I completed my Graduate Certificate in Career Education and Development with RMIT. This experience allowed me to learn from inspiring lecturers and teachers from across the state, Victoria, and Tasmania, deepening my understanding of how to best support students in their career journeys.

This year we have had Kerryn Van Dyk join the team and she will be supporting students in class and also with their pathway queries, she brings a wealth of knowledge to the role and we are incredibly lucky to have her on board.

If you have any questions about career pathways, VET opportunities, or work experience, feel free to reach out—I'm here to help!

Amber Burgess
Student Pathways Coordinator - SFoAC

Email me:
amber.burgess@assisi.catholic.edu.au



SUCCESS STORIES

Congratulations to the following:

Marissa.F - School-Based Apprenticeship with Wire Works Electrical

Ethan.T - School-Based Traineeship with Brett Hammerstein Concreting

Fantastic results from recent work experience opportunities.

IMPORTANT DATES

7th-9th May: Yr 10 Careers Camp

12th May: White Card Training

28th May: VET & SBAT Info Evening

4th June: SFoAC Careers Expo

23rd-27th June: Yr 10 Work Experience



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PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS: Career Expo

Keep an eye out for further updates as we plan for the College's first Career Expo

DATE
Wednesday: 4th June 2025

TIME
5pm-7pm

LOCATION
St Francis of Assisi College

ENQUIRIES TO KERRY

8595 4500
kerryn.vandyk@assisi.catholic.edu.au



Uniform buy/swap/sell/giveaway Facebook Page

Uniform Buy, Swap, Sell, Giveaway



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www.assisi.catholic.edu.au

Don't forget we have a Facebook page for parents/caregivers to exchange College uniforms.

You'll need to be a member of the group to access and can then directly communicate with others wanting to exchange uniforms.

The College also keeps a small supply of emergency uniforms that are needed from time to time. If you would like to donate pre-loved

uniforms please drop them into the College office. Thank you.

College Office - Open Hours

A circular inset image showing a black sign with white text that reads "St Francis of Assisi College". The sign is mounted on a black post and is positioned in front of a building with vertical black slats. The background of the sign is dark, and the text is in a white, sans-serif font. The sign is set against a light-colored concrete base and some greenery in the foreground.

UPDATED OFFICE HOURS

**WEEKDAYS
8:20AM-3:45PM**

The Ways We Communicate



Stay Connected!



SEQTA

SEQTA is used in many ways. Students and Parents/ Caregivers are able to access lesson details, assessment submissions, grades and feedback. SEQTA Engage is great for parent/teacher communications, student timetable details and to keep up to date with the College notices.



EDSMART

Edsmart enables parents to sign and return permissions electronically. Our College utilises Edsmart to send out school policy information and agreements, permission and consent forms, general updates and information around upcoming events.



FACEBOOK

St Francis of Assisi College Facebook page features exciting event updates and general information. We share school sporting results, student achievements, along with many photos and videos of our students and activities both inside and outside the classroom.



NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter is sent out fortnightly via email. You can also find our newsletter link on our webpage. In our newsletter, we share what's happening in the College community, upcoming events and general notices.

Absentees to be notified via: SEQTA Engage, absent@assisi.catholic.edu.au, or call 8595 4500

Don't hesitate to contact the College office on 8595 4500 if you have any difficulty with the various mediums used by the College to communicate with families. Or alternatively complete the form below.

Family Business Directory

We are championing our Family Business Directory and inviting families to be part of the Directory.

The Family Business Directory is an opportunity for families who run businesses to promote their business via our College webpage and Facebook page.

The Family Business Directory gives members of the College community a chance to support businesses from the Directory when making their purchasing decisions.

The Family Business Directory is free of charge for current families of the College.

To be included, send the following information to info@assisi.catholic.edu.au

Family Surname (not for publishing):

Business Name: Sample Family Business

Business Phone Number: 1800 SAMPLE

Business Email Address: sample@familybusiness.com.au

Business Website: www.sample.com.au

And your business logo or photo (small file size is fine).

We look forward to seeing many College families' businesses get involved!

Riverland Athletic Training Day

The Berri Hotel Riverland Athletic Training Day

A fun-filled day of athletics for
children of all abilities!

DATE

Saturday March 8 2025

TIME

9:00am - 3:00pm

LOCATION

Glassey Park - 25 Chiton
Road, Berri

AGE GROUPS

U6 - U16 (6-hour clinic) \$10
per athlete

3-5 year olds (1-hour motor skill
development session - FREE)

SCAN ME



Farm grown. Family made.





GATHER ROUND ROADSHOW

AUSKICK AND JUNIOR FOOTBALL KICK & CATCH

5PM - 7PM THURSDAY 13 MARCH 2025 - LOXTON OVAL

INTERACTIVE COME & TRY SESSIONS	INFLATABLES & GAMES	EXCLUSIVE LOOK AT AFL/W & SANFL/W CUPS	SANFL COACHING STAFF	UMPIRING SEMINARS
MUSIC BY DJ NAGS	FOOD & DRINKS IN PRECINCT MEZZANINE		PRIZES & COMPETITIONS	UMPIRING CLINIC 5.30 - 6.30

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REGISTER YOUR INTEREST



GET INTO UMPIRING ANYONE CAN BE INVOLVED



You know and love the game of Footy, why not help umpire it?

It's a great way to earn tax free money, stay active in the community, be part of a social group and improve your fitness and leadership skills.

With different grades, game times and locations, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved either as a Field, Boundary or Goal Umpire.

Community Umpires can earn between \$30-\$230 a game

Umpiring is flexible around your commitments, you can play and umpire in the same season and training is optional, making it a time and family friendly way of being involved in Footy.

If you want to get involved, come along to our Umpiring Clinic
Thursday March 13th - Loxton Football Oval
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Part of the Gather Round Regional Roadshow
Men, Women, Boys and Girls of different experiences and ages are all welcome.



To express your interest, please scan the QR code and submit your details

Renmark Olympic Soccer Club



COME AND TRY REGISTRATION DAYS

**WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH
&
WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL**

REGISTRATION DAYS

Please come along to the soccer shed on Wednesday 26th March or Wednesday 2nd April from 4:00pm - 6:00pm to register your child's name in their age group and receive information about this upcoming season.

PLAYER REGISTRATION

Registrations will have to be done online with the national play football registration system. This can be done via this link <https://www.playfootball.com.au> Due to an upgrade of the system a new flyer on how to register can be collected from our soccer shed.

Please keep an eye out on our Facebook page for when registrations go live.



TRAINING TIMES

Training for Under 14 Girls will begin on Tuesday 25th March and all other grades will begin on Wednesday 26th March at the Steve Poutakidis Sports Grounds (Renmark Soccer Grounds)

UNDER 6 & 8	UNDER 10 & 12	UNDER 14 & 16	UNDER 14 GIRLS
WEDNESDAYS 4:00PM - 4:45PM	WEDNESDAYS 4:00PM - 5:00PM	WEDNESDAYS 5:00PM - 6:00PM	TUESDAYS 5:00PM - 6:00PM

If you are unable to attend trainings or game days you MUST notify your Coach/Team Manager by text or phone call. Coaches contact details will be given out to parents once we have confirmed all our coaches.

Keep up to date with the latest information:

Follow our Facebook page Renmark Olympic Soccer Club or visit our website

www.renmarkolympicsoccer.org

www.reallygreatsite.com

Need to contact us? Email us at renmarkolympicsoccer@gmail.com or DM our Facebook page



Gamechanger - Building Stronger Sporting Clubs

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BUILDING STRONGER SPORTING CLUBS

GAMECHANGER

APRIL 5 2025

8.30am-4pm
St Francis of Assisi College
Renmark

REGISTER HERE



FREE!

WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER
**STEVEN
BRADBURY**
WINTER OLYMPIC
GOLD MEDALLIST

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GUEST SPEAKERS

ROOM 1

TIME	Presenter	Organisation	Topic
9am	Juliet Haslam & Julie Anderson	Sport SA	Women in Sport
10am	Andrew Hamilton	Red Tape Busters	Grant writing & fundraising
11am	Troy Henderson	Renmark North Cricket Club	Building club culture
12pm	STEVEN BRADBURY	KEYNOTE SPEAKER	
1pm	Julie Anderson	Sport SA	Club management & succession planning
2pm	Mick Sparnon	Loxton Football Club/Nutrien	Mental health & wellbeing
3pm	Julie Anderson	Sport SA	Child safeguarding

ROOM 2

9am	Emma Vallelonga	Volunteering SA/NT	Creating a sustainable volunteer program (Part 1)
10am	Emerson Fielke	Emerson Fielke Creative	Introduction to social media
11am	Emma Vallelonga	Volunteering SA/NT	Creating a sustainable volunteer program (Part 2)
12pm	STEVEN BRADBURY	KEYNOTE SPEAKER	
1pm	Sally Underdown	Good Sports/ADF	Drugs & alcohol prevention
2pm	Chrissy Eleftheriadis	Berri Basketball Club	Setting up an inclusive sports program
3pm	Emerson Fielke	Emerson Fielke Creative	Social media & digital marketing

KITCHEN

9am-11am	Michelle Jordan	District Council of Loxton Waikerie	Food preparation & safety procedures
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ROOM 3

9am-4pm	Alex Hendrick	South Australian Sports Medicine Association	Level 1 trainers course
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

STEVEN BRADBURY

Steven Bradbury OAM has been dubbed the 'Luckiest' Olympic Gold Medallist, but luck is when preparation meets opportunity. He won hearts worldwide for his spectacular win at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

- 4 time Olympian and the Southern Hemisphere's 1st Winter Olympic Gold Medalist.
- Australia's 1st Winter Olympic Medalist winning Bronze for the 5000m Relay in Lillehammer.
- received The Don Award for Australia's best sporting performance in 2002 and an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for services to Sport.
- has been the Director Olympic Winter Institute of Australia (OWI) since 2002.
- The saying 'Doing A Bradbury' was officially included in the Macquarie Dictionary in 2014.

Steven trained 5 hours a day, 6 days a week for 15 years to suddenly become an overnight success. His story leading up to the gold medal is not widely known and Steven is amazing at telling it.

You will actually hold, and have your photo taken wearing Steve's Olympic Gold Medal.

As well as being entertained and inspired Steven's keynote ensures you will leave with the knowledge that much of the prize is in the journey and success takes Passion, Persistence and Teamwork.



Attention Riverland

LEVEL 1 SPORTS TRAINER COURSE

SUPPORT SAFETY IN YOUR CLUB
CLUBS NEED TRAINED PERSONNEL!

What you'll learn:

- ✓ SPORTS TAPING TECHNIQUES
 - ✓ CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT
 - ✓ SPORTS INJURY MANGEMENT
- + More

PROUD TO BE A PART OF:

SIGN UP TODAY!



For additional details on the course, or to register, scan the QR code or follow the link below.
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Air Force Cadets 603 Squadron Berri

Are you 13-16 years of age? Looking for some fun and adventure, all while making new friends? 603 Squadron in Berri is recruiting new Air Force Cadet members for 2025.

Some skills you will learn include:

- flying
- camping
- gliding
- survival skills
- weapons training
- navigation
- drill and so much more.

For more information see the flyer below.



AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS

REACH FOR THE STARS

603 Squadron
Australian Air Force Cadets

What do we do?

Flying	Gliding
Camping	Survival Skills
Drill and Ceremonial	Weapons Training (Rifle/Sword)
Aeromodelling	Navigation
Interstate / International Trips	

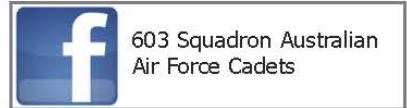
When?

Tuesday Nights - 6pm - 9.30 pm
&

Selected Weekends

Cost?

\$250 - First Year (Inc all name tags)
\$150 Subsequent years.



Cadets are issued two uniforms: Ceremonial Uniform and Camouflage Uniform are provided at NO COST!

To Join you need:

- Be an Australian Resident
- Commitment to attend for at least 12 months
- Be in High School in 2025.
- Turn 13 years old in 2025
- Participate from 12 - 18 years old

Recruit Intake 2025

Come, Try and Apply Night

6 p.m. 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th February 2025
Expression of Interest Registration required online @ www.airforcecadets.gov.au
Training Commences 4th March 2025.



Your Local Unit is:

603 Squadron – Berri

Berri Training Depot

Loc: 8 Foreman Road, BERRI

Ph: 8582 2874

E: co.603sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au

W: www.airforcecadets.gov.au



Parent webinar series - Elevate Education

Elevate Education delivers high-impact workshops to our students that help to develop their study skills, motivation, and exam preparation. Over the next term, you're invited to join their parent webinar series, where you can help support your child at home by

reinforcing the skills they're learning at school!

Register today with Elevate Education.



Elevate Education's Term 1
Parent Webinar Series

Hear expert advice on the following topics:

- How to Get (And Keep!) Your Child Motivated***
12th February 6:30pm (AEDT)
- How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time***
26th February 6:30pm (AEDT)
- How You Can Make Technology an Ally (& Not the Enemy!)***
12th March 6:30pm (AEDT)
- How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory***
26th March 6:30pm (AEDT)

Click the link in the caption to reserve your space.



Contact Us for More Information