



# Important Dates

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Feast Day

Tuesday 8 August 2023

St Alberts School -Year 6 Immersion Day

Thursday 17 August 2023

Year 9 Excursion -Banrock Station

Wednesday 9 August 2023

Parish and College Liturgy - 9am

Wednesday 9 August 2023

St Josephs Barmera - Year 6 Immersion Day

Thursday 10 August 2023

ool - National Day of on Action against Bullying and 2023 Harassment

Friday 18 August 2023

Yr 7 & 8 KO Soccer

Friday 18 August 2023

Relay for Life - Quiz Night

Saturday 19 August 2023

SuperHIRO Day

Friday 18 August 2023

Catholic Schools Open Week - 21-27 August

Monday 21 August 2023

Principal's Twilight College Tour - 6pm

Monday 21 August 2023

Girls KO Soccer

Wednesday 23 August 2023

New & Current Families Information Night -Berri Town Hall

Wednesday 23 August 2023

St Joseph's Renmark -Immersion Day

Thursday 24 August 2023

Year 9 LifeChanger Retreat

Friday 25 August 2023

# Acknowledgment of Country

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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



#### Welcome Back!

As another new term gets underway, it has been great to see our College community grow as we welcome eight new students and their families. It has been rewarding to see our College values of Faith, Compassion, Integrity, Acceptance and Care put in action by our students in their approach to welcoming our new members to the College.

We have hit the ground running, with outstanding experiential learning opportunities underway such as the year 7 and 8 Knockout Football this week, and our Rowing Squads first full day coaching clinic at the Renmark Rowing Club, facilitated by our Coach, Mrs Stephane Turnbull.

Stage 2 of our Building Program has been in full swing over the holiday period, with work on the framework for the year 10-12 building underway in earnest.

As students re-engage in their curriculum, please don't hesitate to contact any of your child's teachers if you have any queries about their learning.

# The Season of Creation

The Season of Creation runs for September 1<sup>st</sup> until October 4<sup>th</sup>, and with our College ethos of *Laudato Si'*, this period in the Liturgical Season of the Catholic Church has particular importance to our school community.

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

In recent years, statements from religious leaders around the world have also encouraged the faithful to take time to care for creation during the month-long celebration.

# **CESA Community LLL Perception Surveys**

CESA Community LLL Perception Surveys by the conclusion of Week 5 of Term 3 all Catholic Schools in South Australia will complete the CESA Living, Learning, Leading Perception Surveys. The surveys are a product of a collaboration between Catholic Education SA (CESA) and Curtin University and are focussed on the development, validation and use of a system-wide survey to examine the understanding of the vision and extent to which Catholic Education SA's Living Learning Leading Framework is taking place in schools as perceived by students, family and staff.

Teacher and student surveys will be conducted at school between Week 1 and the end of Week 3, Term 3. Parent surveys can be conducted anytime up to the end of Week 5.

There are 4 relevant surveys for the St Francis of Assisi College community:

- 1. Middle School Years 7, 8 and 9
- 2. Teacher survey
- 3. ESO staff
- 4. Parent survey

The surveys will be deployed to all schools ready for completion by the end of Week 3 in Term 3. Each survey has been trialled, refined and piloted in a range of CESA school settings and the development team is confident that schools will derive very useful information for planning and improvement. To administer the LLL Parent and Caregiver Survey at St Francis of Assisi College in 2023: Parents go to www.NSIPartnerships.com.au and enter the code SFARLLLP in the 'Start Questionnaire' field.

#### 2024 Enrolments

I am very pleased to see that the College continues to experience significant demand in relation to enrolments. Current projections indicate our two year 7 classes will fill to capacity and parents planning to enrol their child are encouraged to do as soon as possible.

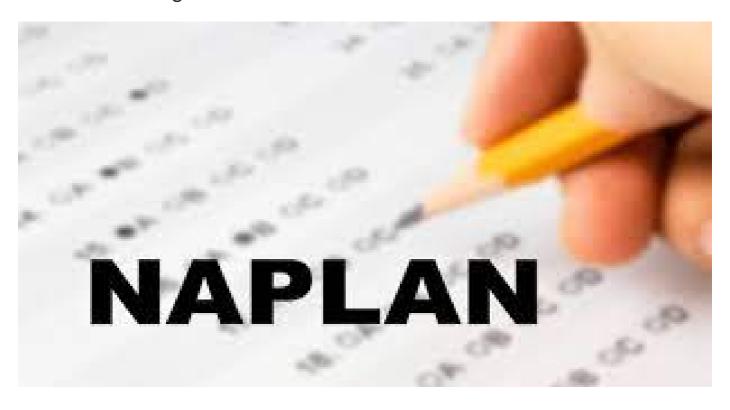
To assist with our medium and long-term planning I encourage parents to lodge an enrolment form with the school as soon as they have decided to enrol their child at the school.

There remain places for enrolment open in years 8, 9 and 10 for 2024.

Should you wish to discuss this further please contact our College Registrar, Claire Smith (phone 8595 4500, or email claire.smith@assisi.catholic.edu.au).

Nathan Hayes, Principal

# Leader of Learning



# **NAPLAN** Reports

Individual NAPLAN reports have arrived at the College for year 7 and year 9 students and will be distributed in envelopes to families via students early next week. NAPLAN individual student reports provide information about what students know and have achieved in reading, writing, conventions of language and numeracy.

Student achievement in NAPLAN for 2023 is reported using proficiency standards for each assessment area at each year level. The standards are set at a challenging but reasonable expectation of what students know and can do at the time of testing. There are four proficiency levels:

- Exceeding: the student's result exceeds expectations at the time of testing.
- Strong: the student's result meets challenging but reasonable expectations at the time of testing.
- Developing: the student's result indicates that they are working towards expectations at the time of testing.
- **Needs additional support**: the student's result indicates that they are not achieving the learning outcomes that are expected at the time of testing. They are likely to need additional support to

The aim of the descriptions is not to describe each individual student, but to provide a fair summary of typical skills and understandings for a student at the level. If you have any concerns about your child's NAPLAN report, please contact your child's teacher. The College will analyse the data from the NAPLAN reports to inform our teaching and learning, however we understand that the tests are only one snapshot of a child's learning and therefore we also consider teacher assessment and every child's needs. We value all students for who they are and the qualities they bring to the college.

Natalie Meuret, Leader of Learning

# College Community Wellbeing

#### Student Transitions

We welcomed Year 5/6 students from OLOR on Thursday who engaged in STEM, Cooking and Wood Tech lessons.

School	Term 3
St Jo Barmera	10 <sup>th</sup> August (Week 3)
St Albert's	17 <sup>th</sup> August (Week 4)
St Jo Renmark	24 <sup>th</sup> August (Week 5)

If your child is enrolled at a non-Catholic school, please contact Claire Smith the College on (08) 8585 4500 or via email claire.smith@assisi.catholic.edu.au

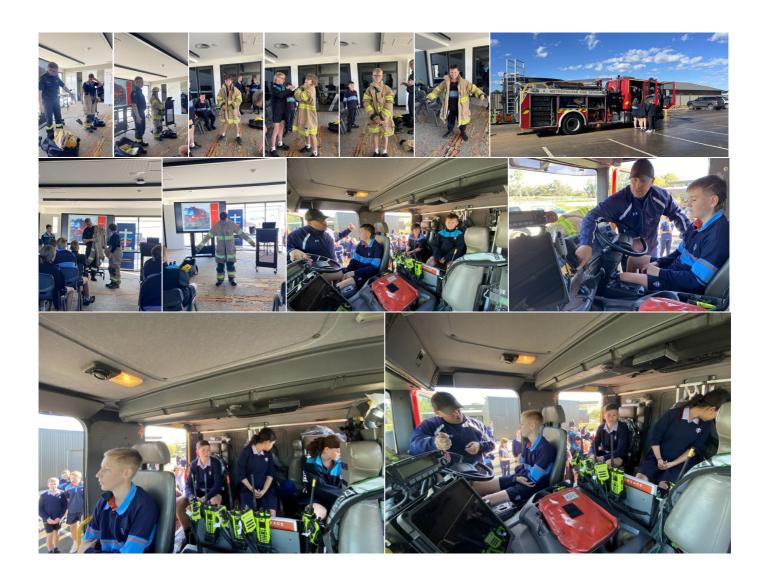
# Wellness Hub



#### MFS Education Session

Last Friday, we welcomed Daniel Humeniuk (Community Engagement Officer | South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service) to the College to deliver a Home Fire Safety presentation. The stduents were an excellent audience and even better at contributing to discussion and asking questions. Thank you Daniel for your time!

Additionally, Mr. Prokopec and a colleague from the Renmark MFS walked our stduents through one of the fire trucks filling them in on the roles and tasks of the job!



# Laudato Si' Action Group

# Meetings

Meetings are held at Recess on Thursdays in Week 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 in the STEM room.

### Chess Club

The Laudato Si Action Group have formed a Chess Club! Please see the noticeboard for further information.

Laudato Si' Action Group	
Bookmark Creek	Peer Support
Inclusion and Diversity	Arts Development
Student Clubs	Community Outreach

# Wellbeing Focus Article

Keeping Safe in Cyber Space



Scan to View: TOP TIPS in CYBERSPACE

At the end of Term 3, the College invited Susan McLean to speak to our students about Cybersafety. Susan's extensive background and experience can be viewed at Susan McLean - Cyber Safety Solutions.

In Susan's presentation, several topics were highlighted and discussed with our students including:

- Fact v Fiction
- Cyberbullying
- Digital Reputation
- Online 'friends'
- · Sexting & Sextortion
- · Staying safe online

You can download and access fact sheets here: Fact Sheets - Cyber Safety Solutions

A key focus in the presentation was regarding sextortion with specific examples of this occurring in the last 3 months across South Australian schools. Please use the below infographic to report inappropriate behaviour towards minors online.

# accce.gov.au/report

Have you seen inappropriate behaviour towards children online?

# What can I report to the ACCCE?

- Suspected online grooming or inappropriate contact. Report here.
- Live streaming and consuming child sexual abuse material. Report here.
- An individual having a conversation with a child online and saying and doing inappropriate things or trying to meet in person.

  Report here.
- Coercing and blackmailing children for sexual purposes, including sexual extortion.

  Report here.



There is no information too small or insignificant. Something that may appear small or insignificant could prove vital to a police investigation. It is important to understand that the police are here to protect children from online child sexual abuse. They will not blame or criticise you for being a victim.

#### Need more information?

- Decision chart: How to make a report
- Webpage: How and what to report

# **Ongoing Support**

At St Francis of Assisi College, we have a well-rounded Wellbeing team with broader access to professional support. Please get in touch with Mr. Luke Cotter (Leader of Wellbeing) if you wish to seek support for your child.

# Wellbeing Webinars

In exciting news, we have partnered with Wellio this year to support student wellbeing through the delivery of lessons in Pastoral Care.

Wellio helps students proactively improve their mental wellbeing using research-backed habits and techniques. Their programme supports students in improving their sleep, managing social media use, building healthy relationships, improving physical well-being, and reducing anxiety.

Alongside their work with students, Wellio will be delivering a webinar each term to parents. The upcoming webinar next term is titled "Phone Addiction & Social Media". Drawing on the latest psychological science, this webinar helps you guide your child to better habits and beat back phone addiction.

If you would like to attend, you can register here: https://www.wellioeducation.com/en\_au/webinars.

Wellio will record the event, so please register if you can't attend but want access to the recording.

"The behaviours you walk past, are the behaviours you accept."

- Lieutenant General David Lindsay Morrison

Luke Cotter, Leader of Wellbeing

# Current and New Family Information Sessions



#### Current Families Information Session - Berri

Would you like to know more about the College, or would like to get to know our senior staff better? Come along to an information session.

Wednesday 23 August 2023 6:00pm @ Len Mahoney Room, Berri Town Hall , 17 Wilson Street, Berri

# New Families Information Session - Berri

Are you considering your child's secondary education and thinking of St Francis of Assisi College? Come along meet our senior staff and learn more about the College at our New Families Information Session.

Wednesday 23 August 2023 7:00pm @ Len Mahoney Room, Berri Town Hall , 17 Wilson Street, Berri

Register: https://www.assisi.catholic.edu.au/news-events-calendar-events/events?eventID=344095

# Current Families Information Session - Renmark

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Wednesday 6 September 2023 6:00pm @ St Francis of Assisi College

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# Principal's Twilight Tour



Do you have family or friends interested in having a look around the College? We are inviting the general community to join our Principal on a College Twilight Tour at 6pm Monday 21 August 2023.

To register: https://www.assisi.catholic.edu.au/news-calendar-events/catholic-schools-open-week-principal-s-twilight-tour

# Year 8 & 9 Rowing Day Camp



On Wednesday, our Rowing Program students took part in their first Day Camp, it was a full day of learning. With the assistance of my former Australian Rowing teammate, Anna Petersen, students were stepped through some of the more technical aspect of rowing. We spent time working through some key drills and introducing them to the universal language used in rowing. It highlighted the need to be mentally switched on throughout a session, working as a crew, reacting to changing drills and how to respond to coach feedback. Tim Pfeiffer volunteered his boat and captaining skills, allowing Anna and I to rotate between our 3 crews. This additional coaching added great value in supporting our young rowers.

Students were based in set quads (4x+) for the day, which really gave them a great opportunity to focus on and develop the skills introduced. After three on water sessions, there were many sore hands and weary bodies. Well done to all rowers and coxswains, it was a great day and sets the tone for what is sure to be an exciting season ahead!

An extra special thank you to Anna Petersen and Tim Pfeiffer for assisting during our day. Thanks, must also go to Mrs Camporeale and Miss Gibbons, whose continued support in the Rowing Program, make any of this possible.

Enjoy a video of the Rowing Day Camp https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAaOz0N6Vo4

Stephanie Turnbull, Rowing Program Coordinator and Rowing Coach



# Important Message: Missing College Sports Tops



We are missing a number of the College's sports tops used by students when they are representing the College for a range of different sporting events.

Can we please ask both parents & students to have a good look at home for any St Francis Sports tops.

These can be returned (preferably laundered) to either Mr Sampson or Mr Prokopec in the Staff Office.

With several events coming up these missing tops will be needed.

Any help with this is greatly appreciated.

# Year 7 & 8 Knockout Football



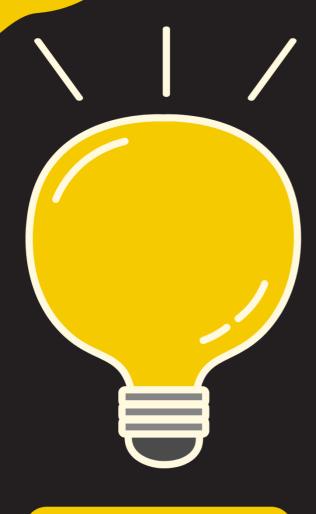
On Tuesday of Week 2, Mr Sampson and Mr Prokopec took 21 Year 7/8 boys to Lameroo to compete in Round 1 of the Year 7/8 Boys Statewide Schools Football Competition. We faced off against Unity College from Murray Bridge, and a combined team of smaller River Mallee schools. In our first game against Unity College, our boys battled hard but were beaten convincingly by a Unity side that were much bigger and faster! Our boys bounced back well in the next game to be more competitive against the River Mallee side, only going down by a few goals.

The standout players for our College were Samuel DePalma and Jack O'Bryan, who worked tirelessly all day to both attack and defend. It was great to see a handful of players step-up to play without having experience playing football before, ensuring that we had enough numbers to compete in the competition. A big thank you to Henry Dring and Kaiden Nixon, who as part of their Year 9 Sports Academy focus on Football, gained experience as coaches and officials on the day.

"I enjoyed the opportunity to have a go at coaching and taking responsibility of a football team" Henry Dring, Year 9 Sports Academy.

Fraser Sampson, HPE Teacher

Relay for Life - Quiz Night



# Night

Join us for a Family Fun Quiz Night, hosted by students and staff of St Francis of Assisi College.

Register teams of 2-10.

BYO Platter and Drinks.

Great prizes up for grabs!

\$10 per person bring spare change for fun games planned by students

# SAT 19TH AUGUST

# 5:30pm for 6pm start

St Francis of Assisi College, Renmark

All proceeds will go towards our Relay for Life team!

Softball training at Renmark
Number 2 oval all girls
And boys over 8 years and
Senior players welcome.
No skill level required
Hit run and have fun
27/9/2023 4:30 to 6:30 pm
Bring a hat and water bottle and
Glove . Apologies to Sue Jungfer
0429852748

# **Employment Opportunity - Bus Drivers**



Our partners, LinkSA are currently recruiting bus drivers for permanent positions! LinkSA would like to employ someone from our College community and are also open to applications from the broader community. Driving hours are between 7am-9am and 3pm-5pm and the role would suit a semi-retired person. Support will be provided to the right applicant to obtain accreditation and extensive training will be provided.

### Requirements -

- As a minimum a MR licence is required
- Applicants need to be willing to get bus accreditation
- Working with Children Check is required

Please contact Paul on 08 85322633 or 0437 860 539



# **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 aro



# **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, or absent@assisi.catholic.edu.au, or call 8595 4500





Term 3 Dates

# Years 7-12 | 11 Mortimer Road, Berri

7pm Start | 9pm pick up







← For more information, check out our socials or contact us on 0435 000 398

# Week 1 ~ 28/07/23

Youth Bonfire Night 6-9pm | Address available by texting 0435 000 398 BOY chair, torch & plate of food to share. Enclosed shoes MUST be worn.

# Week $2 \sim 04/08/23$

Connect Groups

Bring along your favourite snack, your bible, something to note take and a friend!

Week 3 ~ 11/08/23 Youth Service: Relationships Panel

Week 5 ~ 25/08/23
Connect Groups: Mixed
Juniors & Seniors

# Week 6 ~ 01/09/23

Aussie Night

Come dressed up as your favourite Aussie hero or a typical bogan!

Week 7 ~ 08/09/23 Connect Groups: Smash Night

Week 8 ~ 17/09/23
Youth Sunday Service
Takeover

Week 9 ~ 22/09/23
Board Games Night



They run a program for high school-aged students each Friday night from 7-9pm at 11 Mortimer Road, Berri, offering games, dinner and talk about how to navigate being a teenager in our 21st century.

# **RYT**

# THE BACCHAE

The god of madness, theatre and parties comes to town and is asking - no demanding - that you dance. Or else.

Auditions: COMPLETED
Rehearsals: Tuesdays and some weekends (full schedule available to cast)
Performance: December 22 and 23
Contact: fleur@ryt.org.au





# TERM 3

# **TEENS**

https://ryt.org.au/current\_events/

Term Passes per class **\$60** or **FREE** for low income families



# **ONLINE CREATIVE CLUB**

Weekly digital hangs for young people in regional Australia. Participants will explore and experiment with digital creation – writing, visual art, video-games, film-making, performance skills and more. This group is about connection, creation, curiosity and courage.

After booking, Alysha will send through instructions of how to get started!

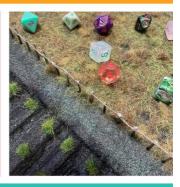
Wednesdays from 26th July to 27th September | 5:15pm - 6:45pm



So many of you are excited about D&D, and just so we don't miss anyone we've made an online session with Jay! Grab your dice, he's got a very important journey to take you on.

After booking, Jay will send through instructions on how to get set up!

Thursdays from August 17th to September 21st |  $4 \mbox{pm}$  -  $6 \mbox{pm}$ 





# **3RD PLACE & DIGITAL ART JAMS**

A 3rd Place is a space for teens (aged 12 to 18) that isn't home or work. Our 3rd Place & Digital Art Jams facilitated by Zoe Lathbury, and digital illustrator, Kirste Vandergiessen, is relaxed hangout time or the option for some digital art drawing.

Please note: Kirste will not be hosting Digital Art Jams on \*\*August 24\*\*

Pick ups available. Two Surface Pros available. Please contact **admin@ryt.org.au** to confirm pick up times, locations and whether you'd like to borrow a Surface Pro.

# **TERM 3 WEEKLY CLASSES**

# TERM PASSES PER CLASS \$60 OR FREE FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES

#### MONDAY

#### MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

0-5 YRS | RENMARK INSTITUTE | 9:30AM-10.15AM | GOLD COIN DONATION

#### **DUNGEONS & DRAGONS WITH DAGZ**

10-14 YRS | RENMARK INSTITUTE | 4:15PM - 6:30PM | \$60 (+BF)

#### **DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: WAIKERIE**

10-13 YRS | WAIKERIE SCOUT HALL | 4PM-6PM

#### **WEIRD ONES**

9-12 YRS | WAIKERIE SCOUT HALL | 4PM-5PM

#### TWEEN SKETCH COMEDY

9-13 YRS | LOCATION TBC | 4PM - 5:30PM

#### WEDNESDAY

#### **ONLINE CREATIVE CLUB**

13-18 YRS | ONLINE VIA DISCORD | 5:15PM-6:45PM | FREE

# **THURSDAY**

#### **MESSY AFTERNOONS: SENSORY PLAY**

3-12 YRS | RENMARK INSTITUTE | 4PM-5PM

# **DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: ONLINE**

14-18 YRS | ONLINE VIA DISCORD | 4PM-6PM

#### **3RD PLACE & DIGITAL ART JAMS**

12-18 YRS | LOCATION TBC | 4PM-6PM

# AND THE FORTNIGHTLY ONES

# PONDI: A SAFE SPACE FOR ABORIGINAL CHILDREN

8-16 YRS | RENMARK INSTITUTE | SUNDAY FORTNIGHTLY
4PM-6PM | FREE

DATES: July 30, August 13, August 27, September 10, September 24



# SENSORY PLAY

Sensory play session for our autistic and texture sensitive young people! Parent, guardian o carer needs to remain present through the duration of the class.

Thursdays, from August 17th to September 21st | 4pm - 5pm

Pick ups NOT available.



# TERM 3

# **TWEENS**

https://ryt.org.au/current\_events/

Term Passes per class \$60 or FREE for low income families

# TWEEN SKETCH COMEDY

Welcome to the wonderful world of making things up and seeing if it gets a laugh! Join actor and singer, John Molden, to create your own sketch comedy show. This class is for busy, creative tween brains (ages 9 - 13) or those who want to get more confident being

Mondays from August 14th to September 18th | 4pm - 5:30pm

Pick ups NOT available.





# D&D WAIKERIE | D&D WITH DAGZ

#### WAIKERIE

From August 7th to September 25th | 4pm - 6pm | **There will be no session on \*August 28th\*** Pick ups available. Please contact admin@ryt.org.au to confirm pick up times and locations.

#### **RENMARK WITH DAGZ**

From 31st July to 4th September | 4.15pm - 6.30pm Pick ups NOT available | Contact: delvingaroundgamez@gmail.com

# **WEIRD ONES**

Join Axel in their weekly class to be a little weird, a little whacky and a whole lot of wonderful Participants (ages 9 to 12) will be tackling a new craft or activity every week! Axel has so many skills

Mondays from August 14th to September 25th | 4pm - 5pm | **Please note there will be no session on \*August 28th\*** 

Pick ups NOT available.



# Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)

RYPEN is a three-day residential program of enrichment for young people aged 14 to 17.

The program aims to provide opportunities for young people to develop important life-skills, and to assist them to progress their communication and leadership skills through a range of formal and informal activities.

#### Details:

- RYPEN will be held at Woodhouse Activity Centre from Friday 1 Sunday 3 September 2023.
- The cost of the program is approximately \$425, but most students will attend at no cost, fully sponsored by Rotary.
- Based on each student's registration details, their local Rotary Club will contact the student directly. The club may interview the student and ask for the interviews to occur at the student's school.
- RYPEN facilitators are aged between 19 and 24, have attended Rotary leadership training, have their Working With Children Check (WWCC) and have been vetted for suitability by Rotary.

RYPEN 9510 - Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

# Renmark Paringa Council Youth Sponsorship Program



# Youth Sponsorship



# **ARE YOU:**

- An individual aged 24 years and under and live in the Renmark Paringa area?
- Participating in events representing the District, State or the Country within South Australia, Australia or internationally, for example sport and recreation, the arts eg visual, creative, performing, music, dance; debating; youth leadership eg youth parliament, youth forums; community, culture and heritage; First Nations; environmental; technology and innovation; events or workshops that develop personal or professional skills and experience; leadership programs or conferences or something else?
- Looking for funding to help you attend your event?

Renmark Paringa Council offers youth sponsorship funding to assist youth attend these type of events. All you need to do is complete the application form and submit to Council to be reviewed and assessed.

Download the application form at www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/community/grants/youthgrants

Contact Emma Warner or Laura John for more information - 8580 3000 or grants@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au