



Important Dates

Riverland Field Day

Friday 15 September 2023

Riverland Field Day

Saturday 16 September 2023

Teacher / Parent /
Student
Conversation

Tuesday 19 September 2023

Teacher / Parent /
Student
Conversation

Wednesday 20 September
2023

Whole College
Assembly -
Celebration of
Learning

Friday 22 September 2023

Showcase of
Learning - \$20
BOSS Expo -
Limitless
Possibilities

Monday 25 September 2023

College Board
Meeting

Wednesday 27 September
2023

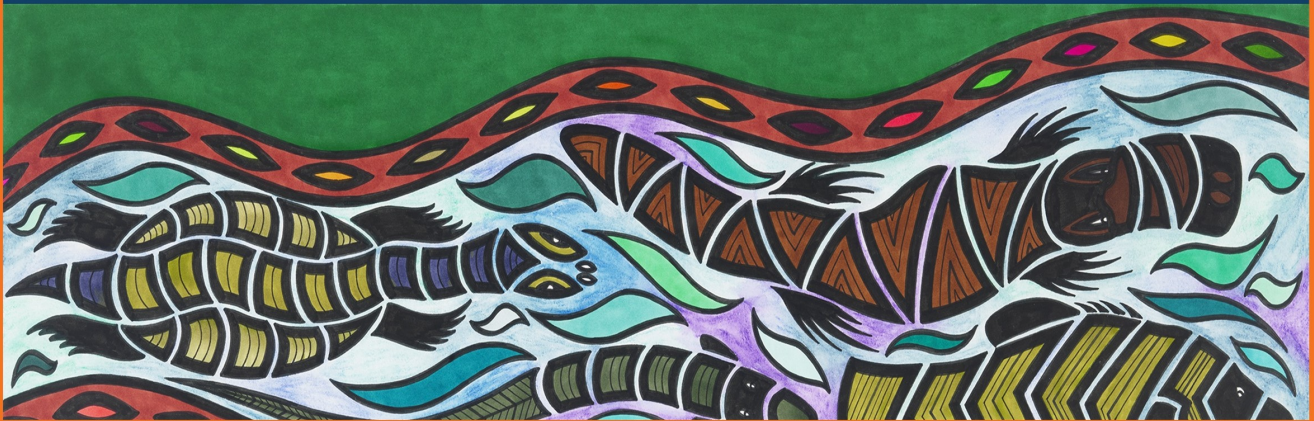
Early Finish -
2:15pm Last Day of
Term 3

Friday 29 September 2023

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.



SEASON OF CREATION CELEBRATION GUIDE

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Experiential Learning

On Monday this week, we held our second Showcase of Learning, where parents and families were invited to explore the College to see examples of the learning our students have been engaging in. Highlights were the \$20 Boss Market, and the showcasing of the year 9 students' Limitless Possibilities product concepts. Our year 7 students have been engaging in a similar process in HASS, during their Business and Economics unit this term.

The real-world application of these initiatives led to high levels of engagement for the students, and allowed them to express their creativity, and critical thinking skills required to think like a business owner.

Personalised learning and real world application are consistent priorities in the learning opportunities at the College, and the current development of our Productive Garden is another example of this. Currently the first section of this area is being developed for use in our Kitchen Garden Program. With support from our Community and Industry Engagement Sub-committee the remainder of the area is being planned out to provide further learning opportunities, relevant to our local context, for our students.

It was terrific to see the high number of parents and families who attended the evening, sharing a meal organized by our Community and Industry Engagement School Board Sub-committee. The members of this committee are looking forward to further opportunities for our families to connect socially.

Staffing Announcements

Throughout this term, we have been working through an appointment process for 2024 teaching and curriculum ESO's for student support.

There will be more announcements to come, and more detail provided when we gather in person, initial announcements are:

Teaching Positions:

Sarah Vater

Sarah will be joining us from Berri Regional, Sarah's main teaching areas will be Years 7-12 English, and Years 7 – 12 HASS (specifically senior History).

Rebecca Ward

Rebecca will be joining us from Renmark High School, Rebecca's main teaching areas are 7 – 12 Visual Art, HPE / Outdoor Education, English.

Ruby Orchard

Ruby is a Graduate Teacher joining us from Adelaide, her specialist areas are Years 7 – 12 HPE, and Years 7 – 10 Mathematics.

ESO Positions:

The appointment process for the ESO positions was competitive, and we are really pleased to add to our already very talented team, the new members below all bring a range of skills and experience that collectively will support the variety of needs our students have.

Stephanie Prokopec

Emma Warner

Haylee Poulish

James Goodman

Key Dates for Beginning of 2024

Week 0:

Tuesday 23rd of January College Leadership Planning

New Staff Induction

Wednesday 24th of January All Teaching Staff Planning

Thursday 25th of January All Teaching Staff Planning

Week 1:

Monday 29th January All students commence.

2024 Pupil Free Days

Term 1:

Friday 8 March 2023

Term 2:

Friday 7th June

Term 3:

Friday 6th September 2024 – Staff Retreat

Term 4:

Thursday 12 and Friday 13 December 2024

St Francis of Assisi Feast Day – October 4

During the school holiday period, we celebrate the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. The inspiration for the naming of our College comes from our current pope, St Francis, who has taken his name from St Francis of Assisi.

Our College ethos, *Laudato Si'*, comes from Pope Francis encyclical, which also draws inspiration from the life and purpose of St Francis of Assisi.



“Jesus... said to them, ‘Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it’” (Mark 10:14-15).

“I believe that Saint Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically” (LS 10).

Confronting the challenges of the present day can be overwhelming.

From the climate crisis to poverty to various forms of violence and discrimination, the crises we face require careful attention to facts – facts about nature and human society that are often discouraging.

In the Gospels, Jesus approves of prudent forethought, asking, “which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?” (Luke 14:28).

Our work to confront a problem like the climate crisis or global poverty needs to be realistic, attuned to the true nature of the crises, the communities most at risk, and the political realities that constrain our initiatives.

Yet, the joyful ethos of St. Francis and Jesus’ welcoming of the children point to another dimension of Christian spirituality which is likewise required for meeting the current moment.

St. Francis had a deeply otherworldly perspective. While he rejoiced in the physical, tangible, splendid beauty of nature, he also appreciated this in light of Jesus’ redeeming actions toward the world. This gave St. Francis a sustaining hope in all his trials.

Similarly, St. Francis reached out toward his neighbour with radical generosity, responding based on God’s moving impulse and, again, God’s grace in his life.

Term 4 Uniform

Please ensure your child’s uniform is ready for term 4 students are required to wear hats at all times when outdoors during Term 4 and Term 1.

Nathan Hayes, Principal



Community Open Night Showcase of Learning 2023 and \$20 BOSS Expo

A evening of action packed entertainment!

5pm - 7pm - Monday 25th September

Following last year's great success we have combined our *Showcase of Learning* and *\$20 Boss Expo* into one evening of community fun. Come along and see what our students are learning and sample their \$20 BOSS business products.



BBQ, salads and drinks courtesy of our
Industry & Community Engagement Sub-Committee



St. Francis of Assisi College's Showcase of Learning Night

Monday, September 25, 2023 marked an exciting evening at St. Francis of Assisi College as the school opened its doors to parents, carers, and the wider community for a remarkable event: the Showcase of Learning Night. This event provided a platform for our Year 7-9 students to shine and exhibit their academic prowess, creative talents, and the skills they've developed so far over the year.

The Showcase of Learning Night is an annual event that showcases the incredible progress and achievements of our young learners. It's not just a night for displaying projects and assignments; it's a testament to the dedication and hard work that both our students and educators put into their academic journey.

The heart of the evening was the \$20 Boss Twilight Market. Our Year 8 students sold their products with enthusiasm and pride, with most stalls selling out and making a profit. Another highlight was the Year 9 Limitless Possibilities Exhibition, which showcased students' products or business which aimed to drive social or environmental change within our Riverland community.

The Showcase of Learning Night also recognized the hard work and dedication of our exceptional educators. Teachers worked tirelessly to guide and support their students in their learning journeys. Their commitment to providing a rich and engaging learning experience was evident in the quality of the projects and presentations on display. St Francis of Assisi College aims to inspire a lifelong curiosity and enthusiasm for knowledge. Through different learning experiences, students able to learn the value of persistence, creativity, and critical thinking, all while having fun in the process.

The event was not just an opportunity for parents to see what their children have been up to; it was also a chance for the community to come together. Thank you to our amazing Industry and Community Engagement sub-committee, for providing the BBQ, salads and drinks. These connections strengthen the partnership between the school and the community, fostering a supportive environment for our students.

We are proud of our Year 7-9 students and the remarkable work they've showcased. We look forward to holding this event again next year.

Thank you to everyone who joined us on this special night.

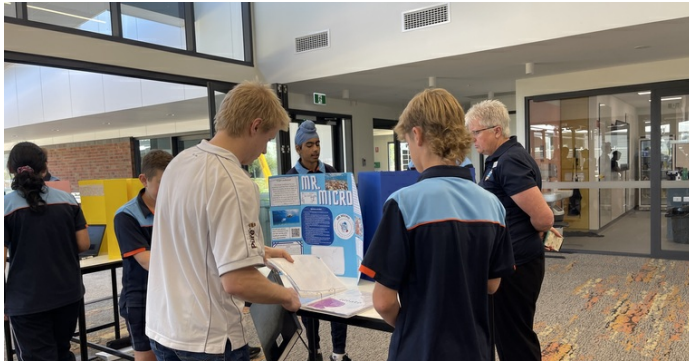
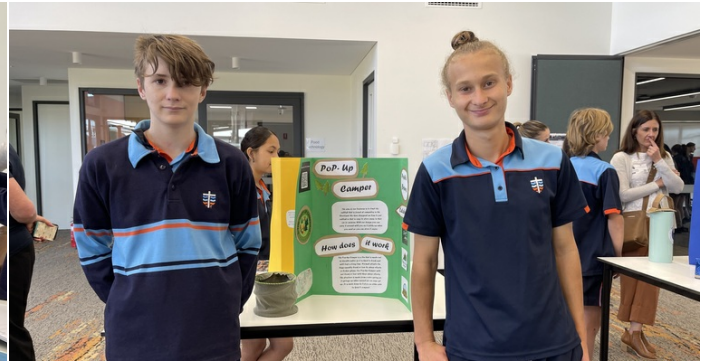
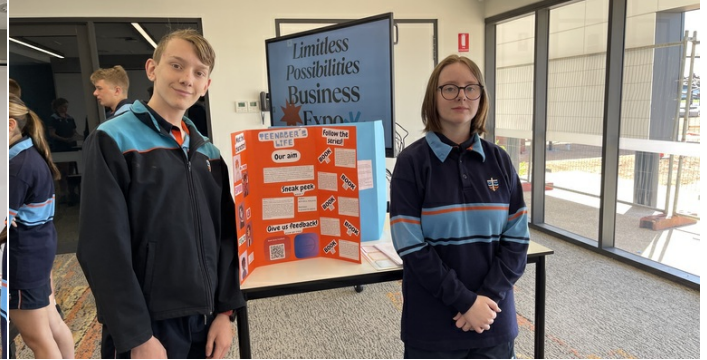
(and enjoy a short video courtesy of Mrs Trudgian: The BIG event 2023)

Natalie Meuret, Leader of Learning

Year 8 \$20 Boss



Year 9 Limitless Possibilities





College Community Wellbeing

Student Transitions

We look forward to meeting our 2024 Year 7 cohort at our two formal transition days held on Thursday November 30th and Friday December 1st.

Year 7 Transition Program

Thursday Nov 31st | Friday Dec 1st

Limited Spaces for 2024
Enrol Now!



If you are interested to reserve a place for your child or to book a tour, please contact the College on (08) 8585 4500 or via email info@assisi.catholic.edu.au

Student Leadership

Next term, we invite applications from our students to fill the positions on the Student Leadership Council. The College has the following leadership positions to be filled by appointed members from the student body for 2024 in each of the four houses:

AQUA		
Year 7 Leader	Year 8 Leader	Year 9 Leader
Year 10 Leader		

TERRA		
Year 7 Leader	Year 8 Leader	Year 9 Leader
Year 10 Leader		

IGNIS		
Year 7 Leader	Year 8 Leader	Year 9 Leader
Year 10 Leader		

VENTUS		
Year 7 Leader	Year 8 Leader	Year 9 Leader
Year 10 Leader		

These positions will be held by the successful students for the entire school year and will involve responsibilities such as:

- Regular (weekly or fortnightly) student leader meetings
- Rotating Attendance at College events (e.g. tours, ceremonies, fundraisers etc.)
- Rotating Attendance at Community events (e.g. ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day, Riverland Field Days, Rose and Garden Festival etc.)
- Master of Ceremonies for Term Assemblies
- Participation in Student Action Groups
- Other duties as invited by the Leader of Wellbeing or Principal

The process adopted by the College allows for multiple inputs into the decision making process by the College leadership team. Each applicant's application is reviewed and a shortlist of applicants are invited to an interview. Additionally, shortlisted applicants are also listed in a democratic voting system and voted upon by the student body. All aspects of this process are treated equally and give guidance to the selection panel in their decision making.

Timeline	
Week 1	Application forms emailed to students by home group teachers
Week 5	Applications due on Wednesday November 15th 2023

Week 6	Interviews conducted & Student vote
Week 8	Announcement at Whole School Assembly

Wellbeing In Focus

Next term, the Year 9 female students will be visited by the Pelvic Pain Foundation of Australia as part of our Pastoral Care program. The session, lasting one hour, is delivered by fully trained educators and incorporates animation, video and interactive components. It includes specifically developed resources for use during the session and resources for girls with pain to take home and discuss with their parents.

You can read more about their mission here: [About the Foundation - Pelvic Pain Foundation](#)

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.

"I believe in living in the present and making each day count."

- Matthew McConaughey

Luke Cotter, Leader of Wellbeing

Rowing & Wood Tech Community Project



This term, 8A's Wood Tech Community project was building and painting five sets of rowing trestles which would support our Rowing Program and also be used by Renmark Rowing Club members. A big thank you to Mr Hunt, Mr Sampson and all the students involved in the construction process. Our rowers think they are great and will be valuable asset next term as we transport our own boats to regatta

in Waikerie, West Lakes and Berri.

On Wednesday afternoon our rowers had their last training session of the term. While it was too windy to row, Miss Gibbons put everyone through an on-land workout. The group worked in pairs but it was great to see the overall comradery within the group. We are so proud of the way they encouraged each other through out the session but also how they have learnt to push themselves physically. It was a great end to what has been a very rewarding term of training. Well done all!!

Thank you to Miss Gibbons for capturing the session and putting together this video [LAST TRAINING TERM 3](#).

Stephanie Turnbull, Rowing Program Coordinator and Rowing Coach



College hosted Catholic Primary Schools Sports Days

This week St Francis of Assisi College was pleased to open up our facilities to Our Lady of the River, St Joseph's Renmark and St Joseph's Barmera Primary Schools for their schools sports days.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to continue to develop their leadership skills as they supported the younger students.

Employment Opportunity - Finance, Administration and Human Resource Support Officer



EMPLOYMENT Opportunities



Head to the Positions Vacant tab on the CESA website for more information!



Inviting applications for a permanent Finance, Administration and Human Resource Support Officer. For full details visit:
<https://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/working-with-us/positions-vacant/job-detail/93759>

YOUTH CLIMATE TRAINING WEEKEND

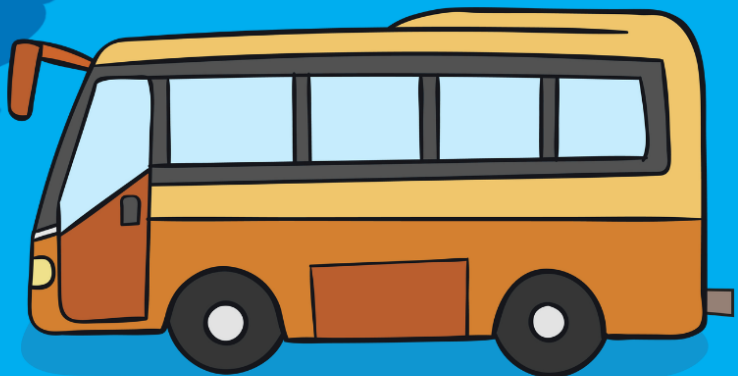
Travel scholarships available!

What's this about?

- climate justice trainings in different cities across the continent
- run by young people, for young people
- two days of training, relationship-building and planning
- a launchpad for real action on the climate crisis



We have scholarships to cover travel costs for young people in regional and rural areas!



aycc.org.au/training_weekends

The AYCC is Australia's largest youth-led organisation, uplifting youth voices to work towards climate solutions. From extreme heat to extreme rainfall, young people are growing up with the impacts of climate change, here and now. When young people join forces, build their skills and make plans together, they are unstoppable. This Training Weekend will be a **space for students to meet other young people who care about climate justice, to learn more about how to make a difference and to build their confidence as leaders.** It's open to any young person living in South Australia, whether they've been involved with the environment for years or are new to taking action on climate change.

Key Details:

WHAT IS IT?

This will be a weekend of training, skill-sharing and connection for young people who want to fight for a better future. This Youth Climate Training Weekend will be a launchpad for getting involved in campaigning for solutions to the climate crisis.

WHO WILL BE THERE?

The Training Weekend will be a gathering of about 30 young people aged 13-30 who care about climate justice. All young people are welcome, whether they're at school, at uni, working or doing something else with their time.

WHEN IS IT? - Over 2 days on the 7th & 8th October, from 9am-5pm.

WHERE IS IT? - The Minor Works Building, Adelaide CBD.

COST - \$40 for students, also free tickets available, and travel and accommodation support.

RSVP - Young people between the ages of 13 and 30 [can register to attend here](#).

AYCC is also able to provide ongoing support for any students who want to start an action group at their school following on from the Training Weekend. AYCC has run similar trainings for thousands of young people over the past 10+ years, and many high school students have gone on to become powerful leaders in their community.

For more information contact: School Program Organiser Jordan on 0434 987 014 or email jordan.rowand@aycc.org.au

School newsletter

August 2023



School fees for 2024

We are pleased to inform our school families that there will be no increase in school fees for the 2024 school year.

Catholic Education SA has announced it will freeze tuition fees at its 84 Diocesan schools for the 2024 school year.

"We recognise that cost-of-living increases are putting significant pressure on families," says Dr Neil McGoran, Executive Director, Catholic Education SA.

"Growth in enrolments across the State in our 101 Catholic Schools, together with prudent financial management, puts us in a position where we are able to hold tuition fees at this year's level."

Dr McGoran said the fee-freeze will not impact the quality of education.

"We're committed to keeping school fees as low as possible and ensuring a Catholic education is affordable and accessible to all."

Since 2019, Catholic Education SA has been implementing the *Making Catholic Education More Affordable Initiative* to ensure Catholic schools are accessible to any family who wants their child to have a Catholic education.

In addition to the fee-freeze, further fee remissions are available to any family who is struggling to pay school fees due to financial difficulties. Families should contact Anthony Pickering, Finance Manager for more information.

Glossop High School Reunion

Old Glossop High School are holding a school reunion on October 28th and 29th at the Glossop High School

For more information contact: Marie Flavel marieflavel@outlook.com

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.

Strengthen skills.
Build savings.
Take control.



Save \$500 and ANZ will top up your bank account with another \$500.

Income, eligibility and participation criteria apply, go to saverplus.org.au for more information.

1300 610 355 saverplus.org.au

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services, learn more saverplus.org.au



Could your family use an extra \$500? Learn about Saver Plus.

If you save up to \$50 a month for 10 months, Saver Plus will double it.

\$500 saved + \$500 matched = \$1000 (in 10 months)

Participants can put that **money towards education expenses** for themselves or their children, including:

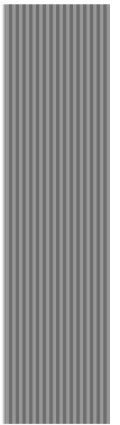
- Computers, laptops, and tablets
- Books, uniforms & shoes
- Sports & music, camps, excursions, and more...

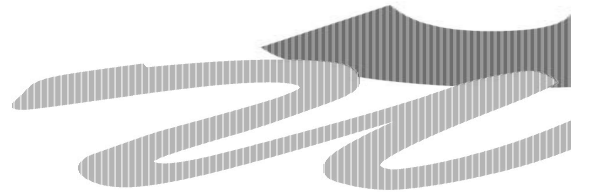
What is Saver Plus?

Saver Plus is a program for people on lower incomes. It's about **boosting their financial skills**, so they can develop (and keep) **good savings habits**.

At its heart, Saver Plus is about steering people towards sustainable, life-changing savings habits that set them up for a brighter future.

KFC Are Hiring





SCA
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Royal Life Saving South Australia - Holiday Swim Program



ROYAL LIFE SAVING
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

HOLIDAY SWIM

HOLIDAY SWIM

Swim SURVIVE

ENROLMENTS OPEN NOW

GET IN QUICK!

Holiday Swim

WWW.HOLIDAYSWIM.COM.AU

Holiday Swim is a Royal Life Saving Society South Australia initiative bringing affordable and educational swimming and water safety lessons to pools and inland waterway locations across Metro and Regional South Australia since the 1950's. The aim of the program is to teach children critical life saving skills and basic swimming skills, to equip them with the knowledge to stay safe in, on and around the water.

The aim of keeping the program affordable, is to reach families and communities that might otherwise miss out on the opportunity to participate in swimming lessons, and as we approach the busy Summer months now is the time to equip them with the knowledge to save a life.

The program will be returning in December 2023 and January 2024 with the newly adapted Royal Life Saving Swim & Survive program.

Royal Life Saving also offer pathways into the aquatic industry with their ICONIC Bronze Awards. The Bronze Star, Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, Award of Merit and Distinction levels are designed for those wanting to further their knowledge and skill set, before moving into the aquatic industry as Lifeguards and Swim Teachers within the local communities.

SATURDAYS ARE FOR THE GIRLS



NEW AND EXCITING FEMALE FOOTBALL
COMPETITIONS IN THE **RIVERLAND**

SANFL X

U16 (born 2007-09)

U13 (born 2010-12)

Register now for **FREE** to be put into one of four exciting teams in each grade.

Each registered participant receives a SANFL pack which includes a football and West Adelaide drink bottle.

WHEN

Saturday mornings.

U13: 9.30am. **U16:** 11.10am.

DATES

October 21-November 25

WHERE

A different RFL venue each week (TBC)

**REGISTER
HERE**

Scan the code to
join the fun!



Contacts: Nick Dillon | 0479 016 854 | nick.dillon@sanfl.com.au
Kayla Mudge | 0429 626 885 | kayla.mudge@sanfl.com.au

SANFL is excited to announce the new format for girls footy in the Riverland.

Starting on October 21, the SANFL will run FREE U16, U13 & U10 competitions and training squads, plus an All-Girls Auskick at the discounted price of \$50!

The exciting new format will give girls of all skill levels - including newcomers - the chance to play in an all girls format.

The **SANFL X** competition will see girls placed into one of four teams (not club-based) at U16 and U13 level and coached by some of the Riverland's top coaches.

The six-week program on Saturday mornings will see the players train and then play at a central RFL venue each week.

Best players, goal kickers and ladders will be recorded too!

Register via the QR codes on the flyers below or here: <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/210e8c>

The **SANFL Stars** program will see U10s come together under the eye of newly appointed SANFL staff member Kayla Mudge, to learn the fundamentals, rules and nuances of footy, but most of all to have fun!

Register via the QR codes on the flyers below or here: <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/210e8c>

And the **All-Girls Auskick** will be headed up by local goal kicking superstar Stacey Geyer.

The first 24 girls to register will also get to take part in the AFLW half time experience at the Adelaide v North Melbourne game in October.

Registrations for All-Girls Auskick will open at a later date so keep your eyes peeled for that information.

If you or your child would like to get involved in any of these programs, please don't hesitate to contact the SANFL staff below:

Nick Dillon | 0479 016 854

Kayla Mudge | 0429 626 885

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

Stay Connected



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



Renmark Paringa
Council

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