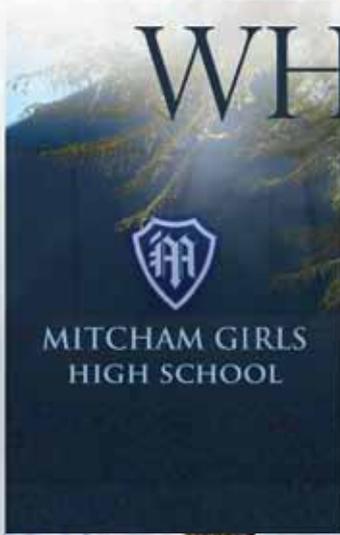


WHAT, WHEN & WHY

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From The Principal

Introducing our new Business Manager

Mitcham Girls High School welcomes Kate Burdett who has been appointed as Business Manager to the school.

Sue King has supported the school immensely by acting as Business Manager since Margaret Neumann retired last year. Sue worked extremely hard and we commend her for highly developed skills. Not only did she fulfil the role of Business Manager for twelve months, she also supported others in their role as Finance Manager. We thank Sue for her generosity and for her commitment to Mitcham Girls High School. We hope Sue can now enjoy her well-earned leave!

Schools in Business

Mitcham Girls High School is one of four schools who has worked with business people to form an organisation called "Schools in Business" (SIB). Its main aim is to build links between businesses, teachers and the school community by providing a range of activities to increase knowledge and opportunity for careers and further education for the students.

Last year, through this organisation, our students attended lectures and excursions and a small group of girls even attended a forum which had input into the planning of the new Tonsley Park complex.

This year SIB has made it possible for our students to:

- Connect with Tonsley Park TAFE
- Join the eChallenge
- Attend the "Women in Business" forum on 31 July

Connecting with Tonsley Park TAFE

Last week several members of staff had the opportunity to visit the newly established TAFE complex at Tonsley Park to investigate how our students may be able to access their state of the art facilities.

On 31 July we will take all of our Year 10 students on an excursion so that they can also be exposed to the Vocational Educational Training (VET) options available to them.

We are keen to work with Tonsley Park to develop short term courses to make our students aware of courses available; courses include Interior Design and Decoration, Residential Drafting and Building Design, Electrical Instrumentation, Electrical Engineering, Building Construction, NatHERS Assessment, Advanced Programmable Logic Controllers, Electrotechnology, System Applications and Programmable Logic Controllers 1.

Interested students may then be able to study VET certificate courses while at school as part of the Middle School or SACE programs.

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From the Principal (cont.)

Women in Business

On 31 August, a group of business women will talk to our Year 10 students about their experiences as workers and leaders in various spheres of work. We hope that our students will be inspired by these women who are leaders in their own right while at the same time show the students a variety of work available to them.

eChallenge – Presented by the University of Adelaide: Will you sponsor our teams?

Through SIB, our school has been able to enter two teams into the Australian eChallenge in Schools stream. The students develop a business plan for a new, previously unfunded business concept. To help them in this process, the Australian eChallenge offers competitors access to top South Australian business acumen and expertise.

The University of Adelaide is looking for sponsorship to award the winning teams. If you think you can support, financially or in kind, please contact me and I will be able to provide greater detail about the competition.

International Teachers and Students

As from 18 June, a group of teachers from West Java, Indonesia, will be in our school for a total of 8 days. These teachers are keen to learn about our teaching methods and learn a little about our culture; they will not teach but will observe a number of our teachers.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us and for our students to welcome international visitors into our school and to learn about their culture.

In Term 3, we will also have a total of twelve international students studying at Mitcham for three weeks. Three students come from Japan and nine students come from Korea. I would like to thank the families who have been very generous in accepting the Japanese and the Korean students into their homes. I am sure you will find this experience extremely rewarding.

Holiday Courses at Mitcham, Year 12 Students

As it is usually the case, the Year 12 students are encouraged to attend the extra classes provided by their teachers. A timetable will be posted on our website.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and relaxing break? I will be on leave from 26 June until 11 July. During this time Tony Sims will act as Principal.

Antoinette Jones

Computers at MGHS in 2015

The school is moving towards students bringing a device to school from a prescribed list of appropriate devices.

Information will be included with your daughter's Semester 1 report on Friday 4 July.

Middle School News

Year 8 Excursion to the Museum

A great deal of learning can occur outside the classroom, not just in, so it was with some level of excitement that thirty eight Year 8 students set off to the SA Museum on Tuesday 3 June.

First they had to negotiate the train's ticketing system; some students explained that it was actually the first time they had travelled by train to the city. Then to the Museum where students visited a number of the Exhibitions and completed appropriate tasks: Observation and Poetry in the Egyptian Room; a close examination of rocks to supplement their understanding of Geology; and a focus on Indigenous populations and their connection to the land. An extra highlight was the opportunity to observe the Museum's pigeon population close-up.

Overall, the students represented their school proudly and gained some valuable extra insights into a range of topics. Thank you to Ms Langhans and Ms Upton (pre-service teacher) who accompanied the students on this excursion.

Zinta Ozolins
Assistant Principal, Middle School

Senior School News

Subject Selections 2015

As part of our annual review of curriculum offerings we have changed the way in which Year 10 choice subjects are offered. This will not only have positive implications for Year 10 students but also for Year 11 and 12 students.

When Year 10 students select their choice subjects for 2015 they will be able to choose some SACE Stage 1 subjects. These subjects will replace their Year 10 equivalent. SACE Stage 1 subjects that will be offered to Year 10 students include:

- Drama
- Multimedia
- Food and Nutrition
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Technology Workshop
- Visual Arts

There will be no change to the way we offer all other subjects at Year 10.

This translates into an increased number of classes in the above areas across Year 10 and 11. This means that for Year 11 students there will be greater availability of subjects significantly decreasing their chances of clashing with another chosen subject.

It will also mean that students going into SACE Stage 2 will do so from a broader base of SACE Stage 1 subjects, hence opening up far more possibilities when selecting their Year 12 subjects.

The SACE Stage 1 subjects above will be offered on a two year rotation to ensure that the content varies from Year 10 to 11 for those students wanting to specialise in a certain area across the two years.

Tony Sims
Deputy Principal

Science News

ConocoPhillips Science Experience

The ConocoPhillips Science Experience is a fun three days of Science activities for Year 9 and 10 students. Students with an interest in science are given a taste of life at University as well as exposure to different areas of science study and career opportunities.

At the Science Experience students will:

- ENJOY 3 days in which they will be introduced to some of the wonders of Science and Technology
- PERFORM interesting experiments in university laboratories
- HEAR lectures in Science, Technology and Engineering
- LEARN about careers in Science and Technology

Applications are now being taken for the 2014 Science Experience. The dates for the South Australian events are:

Flinders University	2 - 4 December 2014
University of South Australia	9 - 11 December 2014
University of Adelaide	21 - 23 January 2015

The full fee to register and attend a program is \$115.00 (incl. GST). The Mitcham Rotary Club is willing to sponsor one or more students for full or part of the registration fee.

If students are interested in attending the event they need to write an application letter explaining why they would like to attend and submit this to their Science teacher by Tuesday 1 July (week 10).

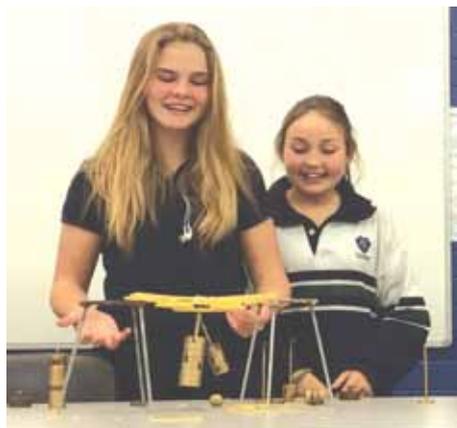
For further details go to www.scienceexperience.com.au or contact me either at school on 8272 8233 or via email elizabeth.rogers438@schools.sa.edu.au.

Year 9 Bridge Design

The Year 9 Gift class recently researched bridge design and construction prior to making bridges out of spaghetti and glue. They were tested to find out which ones could support the most weight.

This information will be applied when they compete at the Aurecon Bridge Building Challenge being held at the Art Gallery in August. Students compete in teams of three by designing and building their own bridges made of balsa wood, string, glue and cardboard. The bridges are then put to the test on competition day using a specially built rig to see which school's bridge can withstand the heaviest load before failing.

Liz Rogers
Science Teacher



Whole School News

Interschool Debating Competition: Term 2 Update

Congratulations to the four Mitcham Girls teams participating in the SA Debating Association Interschool Competition this year. There have been three rounds so far with students debating a range of current event and social issue topics. Students are developing valuable skills in teamwork, public speaking, persuasive argument and rebuttal.

We would like to acknowledge the commitment of students who give up lunchtimes and time outside of school to participate in this valuable program. Thanks also go to parents who provide transport to debating venues and engage in lively discussion with their daughters about debate topics. Teams have had mixed success so far, and coaches and parents, as well as the students themselves, have noticed significant improvement in their skills at debating, working collaboratively and presenting with confidence.

The Debating teams this year are as follows:

Intermediate A (coached by Maria Ivey)
Hibra Shujaat, Esther Burnett, Bethany Peartree, Nina Hampton, Jaymee Langrehr

Intermediate B - Mitcham I
(coached by Shelley Alexander, Marg Clarke and Laura Harvey)
Shayla Woolf, Sachkiran Ahluwalia, Nicola Bray, Megan Watts

Mitcham II (coached by Laura Harvey)
Autumn Lennard, Summer Till, Zeneb Hassan, Ashlee Parrott

Senior B (coached by Caroline Bamford and Zinta Ozolins)
Tamara Norman, Tarmia Klass, Alice Robertson, Alina Ahmad, Jaimie Conlon

Laura Harvey
English Coordinator

50 Year Celebrations: 70s Morning Tea

On Friday 30 May we hosted the second of our 50 Year Celebrations. Thirty five Old Scholars from the 1970s attended a morning tea, sharing memories and meeting up with old friends. This group included the first cohort to complete Year 12 "Matric" at Mitcham Girls High School.

Thanks go to the SRC tour guides and to the Year12 Food and Hospitality class for catering this event.

Meredith Arnold
Senior Leader



Whole School News

Reconciliation Week

To celebrate Reconciliation Week, a small number of Mitcham Girls' Indigenous students Edwina Lynch, Julie Kerinaiaua and Judy Kerinaiaua attended and participated in a Reconciliation event held at the Unley Town Hall on Friday 30 May. Around 80 students from the local area including Urrbrae Agricultural High School and Unley and Goodwood Primary Schools also attended the event.

Mitcham Girls and Urrbrae students worked together to finish a piece of Aboriginal artwork, that involved getting a painted hand print on canvas from every student and staff member who attended. Visiting schools were treated to an engaging Aboriginal performance by local Kurna man Robert Taylor and welcomed by the City of Unley Mayor, Lachlan Clyne.

Jasmine Ingram
Aboriginal Community Education Worker

Australian Geography Competition

The Australian Geography Competition is based on the new Australian Curriculum, testing students' knowledge, understanding, skills and analysis of a range of aspects of physical and human geography. Students were tested on their general knowledge of places around the world, interpretation of various forms of data (maps, graphs, diagrams, photographs) and use of skills.

All students in the Year 9 and 10 Gift HASS classes were entered into the competition by the school. Across Australia over 70,000 students entered from 760 schools. The following students achieved outstanding results:

Credit

Esther Burnett, Hayley Rhodes, Stephanie Clark, Amalee Saunders, Zali Craig and Rebecca Ballans

Distinction

Britney McKay and Megan Wittwer

High Distinction

Zeneb Hassan



Congratulations!

Geography, as a separate subject, is a relatively new course in the Australian Curriculum. Students are gradually developing its specific knowledge, skills and understandings and we hope to see more students achieving such results in coming years.

If you would like to have a look at past questions please go to <http://www.geographycompetition.org.au/> and test yourself. It's fun!

Maria Ivey
HASS Coordinator

Whole School News

Entertainment Book

Great news, selling for just \$65! The new Entertainment™ Digital Membership has been designed so it can be shared with your partner or immediate family, just like you have been able to do with your Entertainment™ Book. That's value your family can count on all year!

Order your new 2014 | 2015 Adelaide Entertainment™ Membership from Mitcham Girls High School and 20% of your Membership purchase goes towards our school.

Entertainment™ Memberships are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for the best local restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more! Available as a traditional Entertainment™ Book OR the new Entertainment™ Digital Membership for your Apple or Android device, your Membership gives you over \$20,000 worth of valuable offers valid through to 1 June 2015!

Tell your family and friends, as the more Memberships we sell, the more funds we'll raise!
Buy your new Membership now.

Visit this link to order via the secure online order page <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/161m056> or contact: Mitcham Girls High School on 8272 8233.

Quiz Night

Date:	Friday 29 August 2014
Venue:	Goodwood Community Centre 32-34 Rosa Street, Goodwood
Time:	6:30pm for a 7:30pm start
Tickets	\$15.00 each and can be purchased from the Finance Office

We invite members of our School Community to join us for our annual MGHS Quiz Night. To book your table of 8-10 people, or if you would like to be placed with a group, contact the school on 8272 8233 or email jennifer.stewart490@schools.sa.edu.au.

Join us for a wine tasting by Hugo Wines prior to the Quiz at 6:30pm.

BYO Supper & Drinks!

We would be grateful for donations of any sort to be used as prizes on the night. Donations can be left at Student Services.

All members of our school community can assist us with business contacts they may have. If you know of anyone; family, friends or business acquaintances, or you work in a business who can donate prizes please contact Jenni Stewart in the front office (email address above) or your daughter's care group teacher and they will pass this information on to us. The more prizes the more winners. Nothing is too big or too small. All donations will be acknowledged through our newsletter and our web site.

Christian Pastoral Support News

'Embrace'

Last year a friend invited me to an evening called 'Developing Daughters' which was hosted by the Body Image Movement. It was a powerful night that highlighted the importance of recognising and valuing beauty from the inside out. We were encouraged to develop what was going on inside our daughters rather than focusing on what was on the outside and also to do this for ourselves so that we can be examples to them. I found the night challenging but also inspiring and since then I have been following the Body Image Movement on social media.

Recently Taryn Brumfitt, who is the founder of this movement, launched an appeal to make a documentary about her own journey of learning to love and accept herself for who she is and to explore why body loathing has become a global epidemic and what we can do to create a brighter future for women everywhere. The documentary is called 'Embrace' and in two weeks over 5.8 million people have viewed the trailer and donated over \$200,000 to make it happen.

I urge you to take a look at her website <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/embrace/embrace-the-documentary-that-will-create-global-ch> and check it out for yourself. It is a powerful message and one that obviously resonates with many people. This is a story that needs to be told.

Bek Brown

Christian Pastoral Support Worker

Tertiary / VET News

New Courses at University of South Australia in 2015

Bachelor of Arts (choice of 7 majors)
Bachelor of Communication & Media
Bachelor of Journalism and Professional Writing
Bachelor of Media Arts
Diploma in Languages
Bachelor of Education (Secondary Design and Technology)
Bachelor of Education (Food and Textiles Technologies)
Bachelor of Design (Product Design)
Bachelor of Psychological Science (Counselling and Interpersonal Skills)
Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)
Master of Data Science
Bachelor of Information Technology (Mobile Application Development)
Bachelor of IT (Networking and Cybersecurity)
Bachelor of Business (Management of Information Technology)

New Double Degrees

Bachelor of Journalism and Professional Writing/Bachelor of Arts (English and Creative Writing)
Bachelor of Journalism and Professional Writing/Bachelor of Arts (International Relations)
Bachelor of Social Work/Bachelor of Arts (International Relations)

Packaged Programs - separate SATAC code for each offering

Diploma in Arts, Bachelor of Arts
Diploma in Business, Bachelor of Business
Diploma in Science & Technology, Bachelor of Health Sciences
Diploma in Science & Technology, Bachelor of Information Technology

Tertiary / VET News

New Courses at University of South Australia in 2015 *(cont.)*

UniSA College (if your ATAR is 50-70, and you won't get into your preferred course)

Diploma in Allied Health (only for people with Cert IV Allied Health)

Diploma in Arts SATAC code: 426011

Diploma in Business SATAC code: 426031

Diploma in Science and Technology SATAC code: 426021

Foundation Studies

New Courses at Flinders University Courses in 2015

Bachelor of Creative Arts (Fashion) SATAC code: 224901

Bachelor of Creative Arts (Visual Arts) SATAC code: 224911

Bachelor of Tourism Management SATAC code: 224931

Bachelor of Psychological Science/Bachelor of Business (Human Resource Management) SATAC code: 224941

Bachelor of Disability and Developmental Education SATAC code: 224531

Bachelor of Design and Technology Innovation SATAC code: 224771

Engineering

All the Engineering courses offered by the University are now at AQF Level 8 Bachelor Honours Degree
SATAC code: 224771

Bachelor of Engineering (Biomedical)

Bachelor of Engineering (Civil)

Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Systems)

Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical)

Bachelor of Engineering (Electronics)

Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical)

Bachelor of Engineering (Naval Architecture)

Bachelor of Engineering (Robotics)

Bachelor of Engineering (Software)

Bachelor of Engineering (Biomedical) / Master of Engineering (Biomedical)

Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) / Master of Engineering (Biomedical)

Bachelor of Engineering (Robotics) / Master of Engineering (Electronics)

New Degrees Under Development

Bachelor of Community Services

Location: Flinders University - TAFE SA

Duration: 3 – 3.5 years full-time (or equivalent part-time) | internal only

Fully integrates a VET Diploma/Advanced Diploma qualification in Community Services: Community Development, Community Services work, Alcohol and other Drugs, Alcohol, other drugs and Mental Health, Case Management, Financial Counselling, Mental Health

Bachelor of Bachelor of Accounting

Location: Flinders University - TAFE SA

Duration: 3 years full-time (or equivalent part-time) | internal only

Incorporating the Advanced Diploma of Accounting.

For further information speak with Jill Olifent, Sue Howlett, www.unisa.edu.au or www.flinders.edu.au.

Jill Olifent
Student Counsellor

Community News

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

- Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is offering a Year 10, November 2014 - 3 month program Scholarship to the student's choice of France, Italy or Germany. This is an exciting, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students who are interested in joining an overseas exchange program which departs late October 2014 and returns to Australia late in January 2015, ready to start Year 11.

Full details of the Scholarship and application instructions are located on their website www.scce.com.au. The Scholarship is valued at \$3,950 towards the full program fee.

Applications close 1 August 2014 and the winner will be announced on 8 August 2014.

- Students and parents of Years 9 – 12 are invited to an information session on Tuesday 29 July from 7:00 to 9:00pm at the Marion Cultural Centre, 287 Diagonal Road, Oaklands Park. More information can be found on their website www.scce.com.au/programs/information-sessions. Please take this opportunity to learn more about a decision that could make a difference to your daughter's future. Countries that participate in the program - France, USA, England, Germany, Italy, Japan, Spain, Denmark, Sweden, Holland, Finland, Norway, Ireland, China, Mexico and Argentina.

Learn about:

- the best time to go
- selection
- fees
- living as a local
- which country
- host families
- preparation
- schooling
- program length
- results
- support

The Southern Cross Cultural Exchange program is an established route for thousands of Australian high school students who have successfully ventured overseas to learn about different cultures while living with a volunteer host family. For over 30 years, SCCE's students, including past Scholarship winners, have benefited from their timely overseas immersion in a different culture while advancing in their international understanding, resilience and facility with a foreign language.

School Dental Service

The School Dental Service is the major provider of dental services for babies, children and young people under 18 years in South Australia. The Commonwealth Child Dental Benefits Schedule for 2 – 17 year olds started in 2014.

Dental care is FREE for most children and the School Dental Service will bulk-bill Medicare.

Children who do not qualify for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule can also attend – a small fee will apply for each course of general dental care provided.

School Dental Clinics are located across Adelaide and regional SA. To locate your local School Dental Clinic, and for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au or phone the Mitcham School Dental Clinic on 8271 0371.

Community Achievement Awards

Has someone made a difference in your life? If you know someone, or maybe it is your business, group, club or organisation that is providing an invaluable service in your community, why not nominate for an award.

The Awards highlight the valuable contribution people are making in and for our local communities.

Community News

Community Achievement Awards *(cont.)*

Nominations are being sought in the following categories:

- Haigh's Chocolates Volunteering Award
- Carers SA Carer Achievement Award
- Grandeur and Kookaburra Press Sports Award
- Alzheimer's Australia South Australia Dementia Care Excellence Award
- Hunt & Hunt Lawyers Community Road Safety Award
- Angove Family Winemakers Small Business Achievement Award
- Prime Super Community Group of the Year Award
- Rural Doctors Workforce Agency Rural Community Health and Wellbeing Award

Nominations close on Wednesday 30 July 2014 and winners will receive a \$2,000 Everyday Account from the Commonwealth Bank.

To nominate simply go to <http://www.awardsaustralia.com/community-achievement-awards/sa>.

Diary Dates

June	23	Semester 2 Begins	
July	4	Year 11 Reflection Day	
		END OF TERM 2 Reports distributed	3:10pm
	21	Term 3 Begins	
August	1	Old Scholars 1980s Morning Tea	10:30am
	4 – 8	Year 12 Exams	
	4	Governing Council	7:00pm
	11-15	Well Being Week	
	15	What, When & Why No. 5 published	
	19	Principal's Tour	9:15am
	22	Old Scholars 1990s Morning Tea	10:30am
	27	Course Counselling Years 10 & 11	2:45 – 8:00pm
	27	Year 12 Drama Production	7:00pm
	28	Course Counselling Years 10 & 11	9:00am – 3:00pm
	29	Quiz Night Goodwood Community Centre	6:30pm
Sept	1	Governing Council	7:00pm
	5	SCHOOL CLOSURE	
	5-8	Ski Trip	
	8	STUDENT FREE DAY	
	12	What, When & Why No. 6 published	
	15	MMAD Day	
	26	END OF TERM 3 Reports distributed	3:10pm