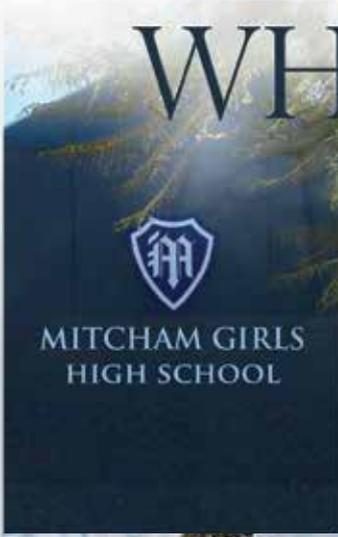


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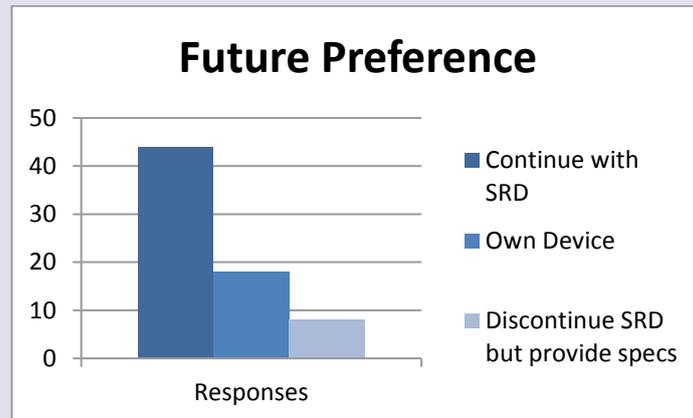
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From The Principal

SRD Survey

Thanks to all the parents who took part in the SRD survey. The following slide (Section C), answered by all respondents, certainly advises the school to continue with the SRD program. However, the written comments encourage us to consider more modestly priced computers as well as different brands.

SECTION C: Total Respondents - 70



We will now look at the various options offered by various companies before we come up with a recommendation to present to the Governing Council. If any of our parents wish to help with the research, please get in contact with me and we will set up a sub-group to work on this very important issue.

Year 10 and 11 Exams

I trust your daughters have told you that our exam week has been very rigorous. All exams were completed under strict exam conditions (similar to conditions set by the SACE Board) in an endeavour to better prepare our students for Year 12. The exam result will appear as a separate grade on school reports.

Year 12 School Holiday Program

Once again our teachers are offering extra lessons/support to the Year 12 students during the holidays. Please encourage your daughter to attend any extra lessons provided.

Happy Holidays

Term 2 finishes on Friday 7 July. School finishes, as usual, at 3:15pm and reports will not be issued before the end of the school day. However, Year 11 students participating in Reflection Day will be issued with reports at the end of their activity.

I wish all of you a more relaxed time over the school holiday period.

Antoinette Jones

Middle School News

In recent weeks, students in Years 8 and 9 have had the opportunity to demonstrate their learning through the Music Showcase, Dance Night and class Drama Performances. Their commitment and abilities are awe inspiring, as is the dedication shown by their respective teachers. The students from Year 9 who presented at the STEM Showcase were a credit to the school and we thank them for their efforts.

Semester change and the end of term are almost upon us. On the last day of term students will receive a report that indicates their achievement in relation to the Australian Curriculum. In some cases this could be the final assessment for a subject, in others it is an indication of how well a student is moving along as the course of study has only been partially completed. If parents or caregivers have concerns, you should contact your daughter's teacher or use the Parent Portal to access Daymap where teachers record student achievement as well as a range of other information.

There has also been some discussion around the nature and purpose of homework for students in Years 8 and 9. If you would like to contribute, please email me at zinta.ozolins995@schools.sa.edu.au and provide a written response outlining your views or describing your experiences with the school's homework expectations.

And finally, a gentle reminder that school holidays should be for resting, re-charging and spending time with the family; Terms 3 and 4 are bound to be jam-packed.

Zinta Ozolins | Assistant Principal Middle School

Senior School News

Year 12 Retreat

At the end of Week 3, most of the Year 12 cohort participated in the Year 12 Retreat. The Retreat focused on managing a school life balance and aimed to support students to make effective use of the remainder of the rest of the year. The program included time for reflection and planning, relaxation and wellbeing workshops, taking place at the Union House building in The University of Adelaide.

The aim of the Retreat was to provide girls with an opportunity to reflect on their achievements thus far, to support their resilience, independence and health and to re-focus on their studies in the lead up to the second part of the year, including successful completion of externally assessed major tasks and exam preparation.

Students had the opportunity to participate in a range of 'taster' fitness activities including Zumba, Yoga, Meditation, Pilates, Boxing and Belly Dancing. On Thursday night 'Masterchef' came to Mitcham Girls, and the students, in their room groups, cooked their own meal on a budget. Students also welcomed the opportunity to reflect and look forward, receiving letters they had written to themselves in Year 10 and Year 11.

Gemma Brunckhorst | Year 12 Manager

HASS News

River Torrens Excursion

On Thursday 16 March the Year 9 Gift Geography class visited the River Torrens. The class went to study interconnections between people, including the use of the river by the Kaurna people, how the river is used by people recreationally and how the environment is affected by the city's activities.

Students completed a booklet associated with the topic, based on their observations. For two hours we explored around the area, answered questions and recorded data in small groups. One of the things we learnt about was the biodiversity of the area and how it is affected when species are introduced. We also learnt a lot about the history of the river and how it played a big role in the development of Adelaide.

Overall, it was a good learning experience and an enjoyable day full of exploration and discovering more about the history of the River Torrens and its changes.

Sustainability Group Prize

Congratulations to Michela Skipp who recently won a state-wide prize for Outstanding Environmental Initiative. Michela was the recipient of the Wilkins Prize in the Middle School Category which was presented at the Geography Teachers Conference on 25 May.

Michela is the Vice President of the Sustainability Group at Mitcham Girls and is also an active member of the Youth Environmental Council of SA and the Adelaide Zoo Educational Program.

Well done Michela!

Sharyn Clarke | Geography Teacher



Sustainability Group News

This year the Sustainability Group has been going to Year 8 Care Groups to undertake various activities centred on the environment. The first was in Week 4 Term 1 in which we introduced them to sustainability and resource use. We played a game about resources using M&Ms, which reflected how resources are needed to survive, but aren't always shared out evenly. We returned to Care Groups in Week 9 and looked at resources and recycling. We rotated in groups of four and undertook four activities including a board game about recycling that we had created.

Finally, we went to the Year 8 Care Groups in Week 10 and focused our lesson on plastics. We discussed with the classes the problems associated with plastics and how much plastic they thought they used. We had a box full of different plastics and asked which could be recycled and which couldn't.

Throughout the year the Sustainability Group hopes to continue going to Year 8 Care Groups to teach and remind them about the environment and sustainability.

Caitlin Selge | 9.12

Global Citizenship Excursion to Parliament House

On 30 May students from Mrs Tomlian's Year 10 Global Citizenship class went on a tour of Parliament House with the Hon Martin Hamilton-Smith, the Independent Member for Waite. The excursion was an extension on our depth study of government and democracy. Our tour guide described the history of the building's design and features such as the bloodline in the House of Assembly, the red and green colour scheme, architecture and the artwork. We found out some interesting facts: how the debates that take place can get quite intense, so much so that the Members of Parliament would be going to the focus room all the time if they were at school. We learnt about the positioning of the members of government, opposition and independents, as well as how lucky Australia is to have a stable government and democracy. The excursion was very insightful and it enabled us to explore Parliament House in real life, which was more enjoyable than reading about it. On behalf of Mrs Tomlian's Global Citizenship class, we thank the Hon Martin Hamilton-Smith for providing us with a valuable experience based on our state's parliamentary system.



Michela Skipp | 10.33

Year 9 Geography Excursion

On 4 May the Year 9 Geography class went to the Adelaide Zoo to explore the impact of agriculture on rainforests. We particularly focused on palm oil production and how it impacts on the environment and animals.

For instance, sun bears are poached and driven out of their homes due to high production of palm oil, as it has a higher yield than any other crop that produces oil. The rapid increase of palm oil plantations also forces animals to interact with humans more, causing them to be killed.

We also found out about the increased use of sustainable palm oil and why this is important.

All in all, it was very beneficial day for our learning and great to be in a different environment.



Sustainable Food

Students may have noticed some vegetable boxes appearing outside the Home Economics Centre. These have been assembled by our Year 9 Geography class as part of an Inquiry in which we are growing vegetables in order to understand the agricultural processes required to produce food. This unit is part of the course on food sustainability and feeding the world.

This hands-on Inquiry includes team work and problem solving. After we have grown the herbs and vegetables we are hoping to trade them with our classmates before cooking delicious meals using staples of the world.

To start this process we first created fact sheets about our chosen vegetables to learn how to grow and cook them. Then we filled our garden beds and planted our seeds. We will continue to care for them and nurture them until they are ready to be harvested. We look forward to completing this assignment and seeing our hard work come to fruition.

Sharyn Clarke | Geography Teacher



Sports News

Knockout Sport

During Term 2, Mitcham has been involved in several Knockout Sport Competitions. To date, Mitcham's Open Football, Netball and Soccer teams have participated in the first round of their respective competitions. Unfortunately all three teams were knocked out. However, it was a great experience for the teams to participate at such a high level of school sport.

- Open Netball team defeated Mary MacKillop, but lost to the Australian Science and Mathematics School in the deciding game.
- Year 8/9 Netball team travelled to Underdale to play Underdale and Woodville and came away with two big wins to progress to the 2nd round of the competition.
- Year 8/9 Soccer team will play Charles Campbell and Underdale in Week 9.
- Open Volleyball team will play their first round of games early next term at Marion.

Well done to all students who have participated and good luck to any teams who are still in the running to win their competitions!

Zone Sport

Term 2/3 Southern Zone Sport kicked off in Week 4. Mitcham has teams participating in Year 8/9 Soccer, Year 8/9 Netball (two teams) and Open Netball. So far, the Year 8/9 Soccer team has won three from three games: 8-0; 8-0; 12-0; and are on top of the table. Our Netball teams have just started their competition after grading and having early byes, and have had some mixed results so far. Good luck to each team for the remainder of the Term 2/3 competition!

Thank you to all staff who have been coaching the teams.

Cross Country Championships

On Thursday 1 June a small group of students competed in the School Sport SA Cross-Country Championships at Oakbank. It was a freezing morning with temperatures starting in the minuses. This did not stop Jacinta Sydenham-Carter, Hayley Meyer and Madeleine Wallace from taking on the 3km course. All three students finished mid-range in their age group which is a fantastic effort!

Dimi Sianis | Sports Assistant

Science News

Science Writing Competition for Years 8 - 10

If you love writing, exploring, or following your sense of curiosity, this prize is for you. The UNSW Bragg Student Prize for Science Writing is a great way for you to show off your skills and win amazing prizes.

When: Sunday 20 August (no later)
Cost: Free
Topic: *'Future Earth: Creating a more sustainable planet by 2030'*

Students write an 800 word essay about their own ideas on sustainability or current research and go in the running to win a \$500 UNSW Bookshop voucher, a subscription to the Australian Book Review and a trip to the launch of The Best Australian Science Writing 2017 in Sydney! All schools receive a prize and early bird entries win an awesome book pack including Adam Spencer's *World of Numbers*.

Go to www.refractionmedia.com.au/braggstudentscienceprize/ to find all the details and resources to get you started on the Bragg Student Prize for Science Writing together with more information on the competition itself and entry submissions.

Year 8 BIG Science Competition

A group of Year 8 students took up the challenge and competed in the online National BIG Science Competition. Congratulations to all students who competed, especially those who obtained awards:

Credit	Georgie Walsh, Alana Kang, Lizzie Davis
Distinction	Madeleine Wallace
High Distinction	Ciana Coertzen

Well done!

Helen Marussinszky | Science Coordinator

STEM News

Over the course of Semester 1 the STEM faculty has provided students with many opportunities to engage with the area.

- **3 April:** Celebrating International Girls in ICT Day - Women in IT Mentoring Session
Members of the Women in IT group: Teresa Janowski (General Manager -STEM Nation), Linda Carragher (Digital Marketing Manager - Yalumba Winery) and Sonya Weiser (Managing Director – Weiser Connections) shared their personal IT career pathways with the Year 9 Digital Technologies and Stage 1 STEM classes, demonstrating their passion for encouraging the next generation of females in the IT industry.

- **11 April:** Year 9 Digital Technologies class and the Stage 1 STEM class went to The University of Adelaide for the The Big Day In; an ICT conference for High School students. Held in the Bragg Lecture Theatre the girls experienced a snapshot of life at university. The conference showcased possible career pathways within the ICT industry and the emergence of new and exciting areas in virtual and augmented reality.



- **12 April:** The school was visited by a representative from the Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) who spoke to a small group about careers in gaming and animation. They provided information about what is available locally to support students with aspirations in this area, including a course in the July school holidays. If interested, head to the following link for more information http://www.aie.edu.au/courses/holiday_courses/Adelaide_Holidays.

- **8-11 June:** Two Year 9 students attended the second STEM Sista program for 2017. Both Nicola Lieff and Sarah Carragher were accepted into the STEM Professional Development Program for Girls. Throughout the four day course the girls experienced life as a young professional both at The University of Adelaide and Microsoft. The sessions throughout the week were focused on personal development including personality profiling, working in teams, pathways to an engineering career and much more. The girls represented themselves and Mitcham Girls extremely well with very high praise given to the them by the program director.

If you think that this program is for you, STEM Sista will be running two more courses; 10-13 July and 1-4 August. Email Simon Brooks at simon.brooks378@schools.sa.edu.au for an application form.

- **21 June:** Nine students from Years 9 and 10 presented their achievements at the STEM SHOWCASE, held at the EDC. The presentations: Hannah McGrath – Oliphant Award; Claire McCormack and Emily Priest – 100% Dance; Isabelle Warnock and Poppy Craig – Thunderstorm Asthma App; Laura Cole and Emma Fraser – Lego League Project; Skylah Armfield and Ellen Demaagd – Lego League Robotics; were impressive and very well received. The girls were truly fine ambassadors for the school and the opportunities it provides.

STEM News (cont.)

Advanced Technology Project

In 2017, Mitcham Girls High School has been accepted into the Advanced Technology Project which is an initiative funded by the Commonwealth Department of Defence and managed by the Department for Education and Child Development.

The Project aims to increase the number of students studying Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and increase the pool of young people ready to move from school into higher or further education, apprenticeships, scholarships and industry. The Project also aims to increase employer awareness of their options for recruiting young people.

In 2017 there are twenty four schools involved in the Project based in the northern, southern and western metropolitan regions of Adelaide and they include Government, Independent and Catholic schools. The Advanced Technology Project will result in opportunities for teachers and students to access industry tours, mentoring and the development of curriculum materials. Professional Development for teachers includes the opportunity to spend time within a university, TAFE or industry.

Involvement in this project will enable Mitcham Girls High School to apply for grants that will further support the STEM initiatives which have already begun. One such initiative is our newly created STEM Lab where students are involved in Computer Aided Design, 3D Printing, Robotics, and Electronics. For more information please contact Simon Brooks or visit the Advanced Technology Project website:

<http://dlb.sa.edu.au/atmoodle/>.

Simon Brooks | STEM Coordinator

Arts News

Year 12 Drama Production: *The Cagebirds* By David Campton

Don't miss out on your opportunity to see the Year 12 Production THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING - 28 July!! *The Cagebirds*, by David Campton, asks students and their audience to examine the dangers of power, control, corruption and propaganda in a fictitious, dystopian world.

It is dark! It is reflective! It is a must see performance!

Tickets to this event are ON SALE NOW from the Finance Office at only \$10!!

Come along to enjoy a challenging and revealing performance from the Year 12 Drama class. We hope to see you in the Boardroom at 5:30pm, for a preview of our show, before being ushered into the Performing Arts Centre, for a 6:00pm start. Enjoy the show!

Kate Ralph | Drama Teacher

Music Showcase

On Friday 2 June a group of students had the unique experience of seeing musicians from the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, combined with the Elder Conservatorium Orchestra, perform Stravinsky's *The Firebird Suite* and Ravel's *Mother Goose Suite*. Students saw a huge variety of instruments played by professional musicians who created an amazing, rich, full bodied sound.

On Tuesday 6 June the MGHS Music department held its annual Winter Showcase. The Concert Band opened the show with a Disney Medley and The Hogans Heroes March. The Year 8 and 9 bands performed, as did the choir who sang *Bastille* and *Lullabye*. Zoe and Brianna (Year 11) sang a duet and Kendall (Year 12) played a jazzy saxophone solo. A wonderful evening enjoyed by all.



Whole School News

HASSE Space School International Study Program

As a member of the Alliance of Girls Schools Australasia, Mitcham Girls has the opportunity to participate in the upcoming HASSE Space School Program. This is an immersive Science and Technology program especially tailored to develop leaders of the next generation. One of the real benefits and added advantages of an Alliance expedition is the opportunity for girls to build friendships and connections with like-minded girls from a variety of different schools.

Junior Space School is astronaut training for youth and is an engaging, hands-on adventure. Students learn about space travel, the development of space-related technologies and are led through several simulated missions.

Senior Space School provides students with incredible access to NASA. They visit areas not accessible to the public and engage directly with NASA experts to design and plan their own space mission within a given budget.

An Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 15 August at The Centre of Performing Arts, Seymour College. You can view more information and register online at www.ivicon.com.au/alliance.

An invitation to attend the Information Evening has been forwarded to families this week via email.

Zinta Ozolins | Assistant Principal

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Tuesday, 15 August 2017

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Whole School News (cont.)

Whole School Assembly

On Monday 29 May the entire school came together for our Term 2 Assembly. We celebrated a range of achievements whilst students from the performing arts showcased their skills. The Year 8 Gift Dance class performed a piece titled *Try Everything* to start with, which really set the mood. Recognition was given to Debating, the RYPEN program, RSPCA Youth Summit attendees and a confronting, whilst an intriguing advert for the Year 12 Drama Production *The Cagebirds* to be held in the last week of this term.

The assembly also recognised National Reconciliation Week which celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and all other Australians. This year's theme *Let's Take the Next Steps* asks all Australians to be a part of the next big steps in our nation's reconciliation journey.

Dates that bookend National Reconciliation Week in 2017 are significant milestones in the reconciliation journey:

- 27 May - Marks the anniversary of Australia's most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation's history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census.
- 3 June - Commemorates the High Court of Australia's landmark Mabo decision in 1992, which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land—a relationship that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights or Native Title.

Gemma Brunckhorst | Assistant Principal

AFL Knockout Competition

Earlier in the term, Mitcham Girls High School participated in their first Open Knockout AFL competition in over a decade. The team was made up of mostly Year 11 PE students but also included students from Years 8, 9 and 10.

Most of the team had never played AFL before so it was always going to be big ask as they were up against two very strong sides in Cabra College and Loreto College. Unfortunately the girls lost both games but learnt of lot of valuable lessons throughout the day. Some of the highlights included Ayla Rodriguez's dashing runs off of the half back line, Holly Castle's vice-like tackling in the back pocket and Grace Bridge's goal in the 3rd quarter against Loreto. Most importantly, the girls thoroughly enjoyed the day and are super excited about competing in next year's competition.

Simon Brooks | Coaching Team



VET / Careers

All Year 10 Mitcham students attended the ISCA Career Expo held at Unley High School on Friday 12 May. There were over 40 exhibitors from Universities, TAFE SA, Defence Forces, Registered Training Organisations and local industry.

The Career Expo gave students the opportunity to discuss possible career pathways. Mitcham students were also required to complete a task after the Expo as part of their Personal Learning Plan.

A video that showcases all the different ways students can explore their chosen careers and how their thinking has changed in regards to career paths can be viewed at

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/ngwzq5oqq2b0tvp/ISCA%20career%20expo.mp4?dl=0>

Jill Olifent | Counsellor and Pathways Co-ordinator

Community News

Cyber Safety Information Session

- How do young people use technology?
- How to help them overcome challenges online?
- How to report if things go wrong?

Find out at the free cyber safety and security presentation presented by the Sturt Police Crime Prevention Section and Mitcham Council.

Dates:	Monday 26 June	Wednesday 28 June
Time:	7:30 - 9:00pm	7:30 - 9:00pm
Venue:	Blackwood Community Centre 4 Young Street, Blackwood	Cumberland Park Community Centre 388 Goodwood Road, Cumberland Park

RSVP: youth@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au or telephone 8372 8888

Web: www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/communitycentres

43 Army Cadet Unit

The 43 Army Cadet Unit is seeking interest for the next recruit course which commences on 25 July.

We parade at Warradale Barracks on Tuesdays at 1830 - 2130 hrs, throughout school terms. We also hold camps on at least one weekend per term and various other activities are offered during school holidays.

The age group for joining is the year of turning 13 (must be in Year 8) and prior to turning 17 years of age.

This experience may be of interest to students who do not necessarily want to join the military but maybe interested in learning new skills, meeting new people and challenging themselves.

For further information email 2LT (AAC) Amanda Barker at armycadetunit43@hotmail.com or phone 0400 965 116.

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/43armycadetunit/>.

Amanda Barker | 2LT (AAC)
Administration Officer
43 Army Cadet Unit, Warradale Barracks

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Diary Dates

June	Monday 26	Governing Council	7:00pm
	Tuesday 27	Year 10, 11 & 12 Immunisations	
	Wednesday 28	Year 12 Drama Production	6:00pm
July	Friday 7	Year 11 Reflection Day	
		Term 2 ends: Reports distributed	3:10pm
	Monday 24	Term 3 begins	
	Monday 24 - Thursday 27	Year 12 Exams	
	Friday 28	Year 12 Formal	
	Monday 31	GiFT Dance Auditions (Year 8 intake 2018)	9:15am
August	Monday 7	Governing Council	7:00pm
	Monday 14 - Friday 18	Wellbeing Week	
	Tuesday 22	Principal's Tour	9:15am
September	Friday 1	School Closure Day	
	Friday 1 - Monday 4	Ski Trip	
	Monday 4	Student Free Day	
	Wednesday 6	Course Counselling Evening (Yrs 10 & 11)	2:45pm-8:00pm
	Thursday 7	Course Counselling Day (Yrs 10 & 11)	9:00am-3:00pm
	Monday 11	Governing Council	7:00pm
	Tuesday 26	Dance Showcase	7:00pm
		Scott Theatre, Adelaide	
	Friday 29	Term 3 ends: Reports distributed	3:10pm