

NEWSLETTER

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MITCHAM GIRLS
HIGH SCHOOL

DIARY DATES

June

Monday 24

Semester 2 begins

Wednesday 26

Stage 2 Drama Production (PAC)
6:00pm

Friday 28

Music Showcase (PAC)
6:00pm

July

Tuesday 2

Year 10 Immunisations

Friday 5

Year 11 Reflection Day

End Term 2 – reports distributed at
3:10pm

August

Monday 5

Governing Council 7:00pm

Monday 5 – Wednesday 7

Year 12 Exams

Thursday 8 – Friday 9

Year 12 Retreat

Thursday 22

Casual Day

Friday 30

School Closure (Show Day)

Friday 30 – Monday 2 Sept

Ski Trip

September

Monday 2

Student Free Day

Sunday 15

Dance Showcase
Scott Theatre, 6:00pm

Wednesday 18

SACE Dance Assessment
PAC, 7:00pm

Dear Mitcham Families,

On Tuesday 28 May, the Premier of South Australia chose Mitcham Girls High School as the venue to announce to the wider community that the Year 7 Pilot would go ahead. At this point in time, we have 171 registrations of interest from students across Adelaide and the Minister for Education was delighted by the huge response from parents wishing to send their daughters to Mitcham Girls in 2020.

Tuesday 28 May was certainly a busy day for the school as this was also the pre-organised official opening of our STEM Centre. The centre was opened by Sam Duluk MP, the local member for Waite. There were a number of invited guests including departmental representatives, local community group representatives, partnership Principals and members of the Millhouse family. The Centre has officially been named The Millhouse Centre in honour of the school's long-time benefactor, the Hon Robin Millhouse QC.

On the Student Free Day in Week 7, all teaching staff attended the Partnership Moderation held at Urrbrae Agricultural High School. This day allowed staff to work collaboratively with their counterparts in local partnership high schools to discuss and moderate work samples using the Achievement Standards from the Australian Curriculum.

During Term 1 and into Term 2, all Senior School Care Groups have been engaging in community activities, some of which were fundraising including funky socks, pyjama day and crazy hair. Each Care Group chose a charity to support in some way with successful outcomes.

There's only a couple more weeks until the school holidays and I do hope you get the chance to slow down and enjoy the break. Please remember, we teach until the very last lesson on Friday 5 July. Reports will be issued at 3:10pm, and no earlier to any students that are absent or departing early.

Year 12 teachers will run classes during the holidays and students are advised to attend. The timetable will be on Daymap.

Linda Baird
Principal



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Middle School

The cold, wet weather hasn't dampened the dynamic learning experiences the students in the Middle School are enjoying.

Last week, I was impressed by the level of professionalism demonstrated during the Year 8 Drama performance. Students confidently acted, directed, designed costumes and ran the lighting and sound. Our girls used their interpersonal skills to create a vibrant and successful performance.

I spotted other classes using hands-on learning to solve problems in Maths; students told me about their struggles with the problem and how they persevered to complete it. An English class excitedly explained the process of creating a podcast, their theme *The Odd One Out*. I am looking forward to hearing them on completion.

Congratulations to all the girls who are throwing themselves into their learning with gusto, keep up the great work.

It is imperative that all students attend school as the curriculum is designed to build on from one concept to the next. When students are absent from school, they miss important instruction; class/group discussions; interaction with peers; individual clarification conversations and context to the learning. In the case of sickness, please call the school on the day and 3 days or more require a doctor's certificate. All students should be striving for 100% attendance; congratulations to those who have achieved this.

Summer Bowles

Assistant Principal Middle School



Science

STEM Ambassadors

Two of our Year 8 Gift students were chosen to represent the Mitcham Plains Partnership as STEM ambassadors.

They enjoyed attending a conference at the Adelaide Oval, meeting with other ambassadors from around the state, and are now planning and organising their STEM strategies for 2019.

Education Perfect Science Competition

Congratulations to all the Year 8 and 9 students who participated in this competition.

Mitcham Girls came 1st, winning their division and were 3rd in the state, competing against much larger schools.

Scientific Studies Excursions

The Year 12 Scientific Studies class has been on excursions testing the Biological and Chemical properties of the water at Flinders University and Urrbrae Wetlands.

They will complete their practical by comparing these results with the water in Brownhill Creek to identify water cleanliness.



Zoo Excursion

Both Year 11 Biology classes enjoyed a cold but fine day at the Adelaide Zoo.

This excursion helped apply their classroom learning in classification, adaptation and ecology topics.

Space Opportunities

Interested students in Years 10, 11 and 12 can apply to participate in work experience in the space industry during the Term 3 holidays or Term 4.

Applications open in July and more information can be found at <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/teaching/projects-and-programs/space-industry-work-experience>

Helen Marussinszky
Science Coordinator



Performing Arts

Dance Performance

The Dance students have been busy this term, as always, and celebrated the end of semester with a performance in Week 6.

All classes presented work involving choreography by the teachers, incorporating ideas from the students. There were many contrasting themes ranging from human rights issues to musical theatre. The Performance teams were led very capably by older students this term. Thanks to Jessica Wildy and Sunny Caulfield (assisted by Molly Bolt and Mia Bowler) for creating a fun party-style dance for the Year 8s, Taylor Jones who worked with the Year 9 Performance team, and Mia Bowler and Jessica Morton who choreographed for their peers in Year 10.

The SACE students presented a separate performance to showcase their choreographic works to parents and friends. The dances showed an individuality of movement style and unique choreographic ideas. The students are to be congratulated on their commitment to the task and their energy and focus in the performance. The Year 11 and 12 Dance students are definitely providing a strong leadership to the younger Dance students.

We are all looking forward to working hard on the 'big' show to be presented at the Scott Theatre on Sunday 15 September at 6.00pm. The SACE assessment performance, supported by the students in the Gift Program will be held on Wednesday 18 September in the Performing Arts Centre at the school.

Our Dance program will grow even more next year with the introduction of Dance in Year 7, including a Gift stream. A number of students have already been offered a place in this program so the future is looking exciting.

Judy Swan
Dance Teacher



Performing Arts

Instrumental Music Camp

Early Wednesday 29 May, **Suyeon Lee** and **Haruna Suganuma** joined 39 students from SA Schools Concert Band and SA Schools Percussion on a tour to the Riverland for a series of workshops and concerts in the region. This was the first time that the two groups had conducted such a venture together.

At Glossop High School, students played patterns and grooves together on plastic buckets in front of their peers and were presented a 30-minute concert featuring diverse styles of music and a wide array of instruments.

At Renmark High School, both groups performed several pieces and showed musical instruments that many had never seen. At Camp Kedron, dorms were set up before travelling to Berri for mini golf.

The following day the touring party travelled to Loxton for a concert. Then it was onto Monash for lunch before Waikerie for the final workshop and concert. Their performance at the concert was exemplary. Well done, Seunga and Haruna!

Jonathon Pritchard
Music Teacher



Year 8 Drama Production: *Mmbeth*

The Year 8 Drama students and their director **Summer Bretherton** were excited to perform *Mmbeth* by Allison Williams from Theatrefolk to a small public audience during lesson and a school audience, with a full house during lunch time on Thursday 6 June.

The girls have displayed great collaboration in the ensemble and impressive leadership and independence with their varied on and off-stage roles. Students have learnt how to make the themes come to life in *Mmbeth* with new technical skills in sound (Lauren Brown) and lighting (Laiba Khokhar), having been a wonderful opportunity for learning and creativity.

Thank you to Jania Stone for arranging costumes and Ayla Nouri Dashbelagh for arranging the projection and props for the production. Special recognition goes to Laiba Khokhar for learning to use the new digital lighting program and pre-saving many cues to create the mood for each scene. Thank you also to Kate Ralph for taking photos on the day and to Meredith Arnold for introducing the play and supporting the production.

Student commitment to in-class rehearsals and development of their roles is a testament to their willingness to create a show which deals with important issues of loyalty, ambition, death and sacrifice. We hope you enjoy the photos of their performance.

Josie Klovekorn
Drama Teacher



Performing Arts

Year 12 Drama Production:

This Girl Laughs, This Girl Cries, This Girl Does Nothing

Mitcham Girls High School presents the beautiful children's theatre production *This Girl Laughs, This Girl Cries, This Girl Does Nothing* by Finegan Kruckemeyer.

Come along with the whole family on 26 June at 6:00pm to Mitcham Girls High School's PAC for an exuberant Children's Theatre performance and support the hard work our Year 12 students have put into getting this imaginative story to hit our stage!

Join us to watch the epic story of the triplets, Albiene, Beatrix and Carmen, unfurl before your very eyes as they find what makes them truly happy. Be prepared to adventure across the globe to fight Vikings, turn lighthouses into submarines and befriend badgers!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Tickets are on sale now from the Finance Office. Cost: \$10.

Kate Ralph
Drama Teacher

Brooke Burns
Student Promotions Manager



Languages

French Cultural Incursion

Learning French isn't just about language, food, and Paris! Cultural activities are embedded in our curriculum, and in May the Year 10 French class was privileged to host a French dance specialist from Canberra, Madame Lauren de Vries.

Madame de Vries spent 2 hours with 26 girls, teaching them various regional French dances. French learners often have a focus on main cities in France, and this was an important opportunity for the girls to engage with regional culture and stories. Madame de Vries returns to France every year for workshops and conferences, so her contemporary knowledge was both evident and appreciated.

The students had an amazing time, and even the girls who claimed they "didn't want to dance" soon changed their minds! Once again, our students demonstrated their willingness to try something new, and learned a lot in the process. Madame de Vries also expressed her recognition of our students' level of courtesy and commitment. So, *bien fait* all around!

Madame Fox
French Teacher



Sport

Knockout Sport

Term 2 has been a very busy one for MGHS with a number of KO competitions held throughout the term. As always, our students proudly represented Mitcham Girls and displayed extremely positive attitudes and great sportsmanship.

Open Touch Football

On Friday 10 May our touch team travelled to the city to compete in a touch football competition against 6 other teams. Our girls held their own against each team, including the 2018 State Champions, and displayed improvement in their skills throughout the day. A fantastic effort by our students.

Year 8/9 5-A-Side Soccer

Springbank Secondary College hosted the Year 8/9 5-A-Side outdoor soccer competition on Tuesday 28 May. Our young side competed well against the other teams and came away with a win which saw them place 3rd overall for the day. Well done girls.

Open AFLW Football

On Friday 31 May, our football team travelled to Nazareth College to compete in the Open Girls KO Football comp. The competition consisted of teams from Mitcham Girls, Nazareth and Seaton. Our team had trained hard in the lead up to this competition which held them in a strong place against their opposition. We won the first game, showcasing a lot of skill, before winning on a forfeit in the second game. Mitcham Girls will now progress to Round 2 which will be played later this term. Congratulations girls!

Open Indoor Soccer

The indoor soccer team played in a six-team indoor soccer tournament on Monday 3 June at Springbank Secondary College. The squad, accompanied by their coach Mr Finos, displayed some great soccer skills and came away with 3 wins and 1 draw from their 6 games. As a result, the team finished 3rd overall in the competition.

Year 8/9 Netball

The Year 8/9 netball team travelled with Ms Shaw to Birdwood on Wednesday 5 June to compete in the KO netball competition. Our students came away with one win and one loss and played some impressive netball throughout the day.

Open Netball

On Thursday 6 June, our Open Netball team travelled to Mars Sporting Complex to compete against Glenunga, ASMS and Kildare College in the KO Competition. Up against some very strong competition, we played some great netball which resulted in one win on the day.

Open Outdoor Soccer

Mitcham Girls hosted their first KO competition for the year with the Open Girls outdoor soccer competition held on Thursday 13 June. Playing host to Pembroke and Birdwood, MGHS fielded a team of experience and led by their coach Mr Finos displayed



Sport

some impressive soccer skills. MGHS went down in their first game facing Pembroke against a very young and talented side. The team then came out and redeemed themselves in their second game with a 0-0 draw, and despite a few scoring opportunities luck wasn't on their side on the day. Great effort girls.

All teams representing the school in these KO competitions consisted of players who went through a selection process including displaying their skills and team play. Teams were then committed to attend weekly trainings in the lead up to the competitions. Congratulations to all girls involved in these teams.

As always, we would not be able to compete if it weren't for the staff who devoted their time to trainings in the lead up and game day. Thank you to all staff who helped in any way with these competitions.

Keep an eye out on Daymap later this term for information regarding the Term 3/4 KO competitions.

Zone Sport

The Term 2/3 Southern Zone Sport competition commenced in Week 4 of this term. This is an after-school competition. For Term 2/3, Mitcham is fielding teams in the following sports:

Tuesday (3:30-4:30pm)

Open Soccer

Open Badminton

Wednesday (3:30-4:30pm)

Year 8/9

We are now 4 weeks into the season and so far, all teams are competing well. One of our Open Badminton teams, which consists of mostly Year 8/9 students, is currently undefeated. We wish all students who are competing good luck for the remainder of the season!

Stephanie Henson
PE Coordinator

Lizzie Anderson
Sports Assistant

UniSA Adelaide Crows Co-coaching Session

Recently, UniSA Sport and the Adelaide Crows hosted a co-coaching session at UniSA's Pridham Hall gym. The training session was for high school students across Adelaide who have an interest in studying Human Movement or Sports Science. Students were required to apply to attend. The winning students participated in a co-coaching session facilitated by UniSA Sport and there were guest appearances by Adelaide Crows players Brodie Smith, Matt Crouch and Marijana Rajcic.

Year 10 student Molly Bolt was one of the lucky few selected to participate in the coaching session. On the day, all students involved were split into groups and worked through stations

involving different fitness tests. These tests included the vertical jump, grip strength, agility, speed and a handball test. All tests were designed to give students a taste of what the Human Movement and Sport Science courses offered.

Molly had the opportunity to meet the players, listen to a "Careers in Sport" presentation and chat with current UniSA students on a panel. What a fantastic experience for Molly, congratulations!

Stephanie Henson
Sports Coordinator



Senior School

Stage 2 Electronic Exams

This year, students in Stage 2 will be doing two exams electronically. These are **English Literary Studies** and **Psychology**. There are plans to increase the numbers of subjects using electronic exams over time.

The SACE Board introduced the electronic examination for English Literary Studies in 2018. School computers are used which ensures all devices have the appropriate locked-down browser and are fully charged for each examination. Students will have the opportunity to practice beforehand in the Exam Week timeslot (Week 3, Term 3) with materials supplied by the SACE Board. Teachers are also providing other opportunities to use this form of assessment.

Students type more quickly and at greater length than they write long-hand, but this does not always result in a stronger response. The SACE information provided to students reminds them of the importance of accurate editing, strong evidence and planning to show their writing at its best.

The locked-down browser will include spell check and an online dictionary for students, to better mirror the tools they have in normal writing. They will also have access to a paper dictionary in both the practice and the final exam.

SACE Stage 2 Examination Week

All students who undertake an external examination at the end of the year will be doing a practice exam during **Week 3 of Term 3**.

Students who study subjects without an external examination will attend all lessons as normal, except when there is a clash with an examination subject. The exam will take precedence.

The exams have been compressed into 3 days, Monday to Wednesday, because of the Year 12 Retreat on the Thursday and Friday. This may involve students attending school at times when they would normally have study lessons. Where the exam occurs outside a normal timetabled lesson, students also attend their normally scheduled lesson/s.

Some exams will last for 3 hours so it is important that students plan their outside commitments in order to attend. The exams will be undertaken as closely as possible to mirror the end of year processes.

These practice examinations play an important role in Stage 2 because there are times when some misadventure occurs, and a student is unable to do some or any of an exam. When this occurs a “derived result” is used for this component of the final result. It is based on the moderated predicted mark for the exam component, given by the teacher of the subject. Teachers need to have evidence of the performance of students under exam conditions.

Sue Howlett
SACE Coordinator

PLP Mock Interviews

As an assessment task in Personal Learning Plan (a compulsory SACE subject), Mitcham Girls in Year 10 have to apply for a casual job in either Retail or Hospitality by preparing a cover letter and resumé, then attending a mock interview. The mock interviewers are mostly members of the community who volunteer their time and energy to interview the students in as life-like conditions as possible.

Last week, members of the City of Mitcham (from HR & People & Culture), Zonta Club of Adelaide and parents of Mitcham Girls spent time interviewing the students and providing feedback on their cover letters, resumé and interviews.

Many thanks to Ulus, Joanne, Alistair, Stephanie and Karen (City of Mitcham), Erica, Mary, Raema, Kathy and Beverley (Zonta Club of Adelaide) and Nic, Judie and Deepali (MGHS parents) for your contribution to the success of the day.

Jill Olifent
Student Wellbeing Leader & Pathways Co-ordinator



Senior School

Year 12 Formal

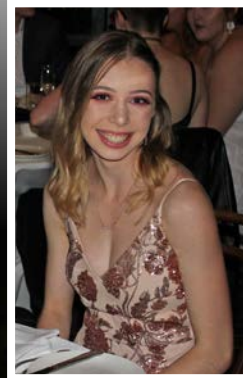
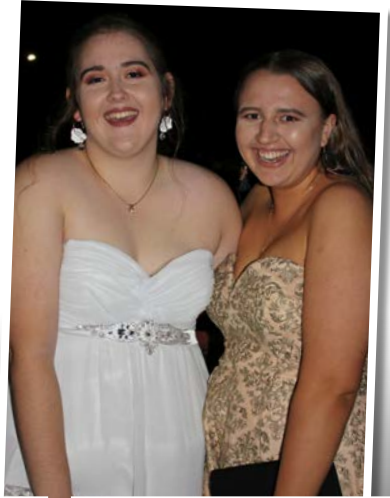
Set in the wonderful grounds of Henri Ayers House Conservatory, the 2019 Year 12 Formal was an evening of singing, dancing, frivolity, pictures, more pictures and still more pictures and tasty food.

Students and their partners looked wonderful in their evening attire and this, along with the wonderful setting of the Conservatory, contributed to the party (dinner-dance) atmosphere.

Thanks, must go to the Year 12 Formal Committee who spent many tireless hours working to make sure that the evening was a success. The doughnut wall made by the Year 12 Home Economics class was a very sweet highlight enjoyed by many.

Thanks also to the many staff who attended and contributed to the evening's success.

Colleen Tomlian
Year 12 Leader



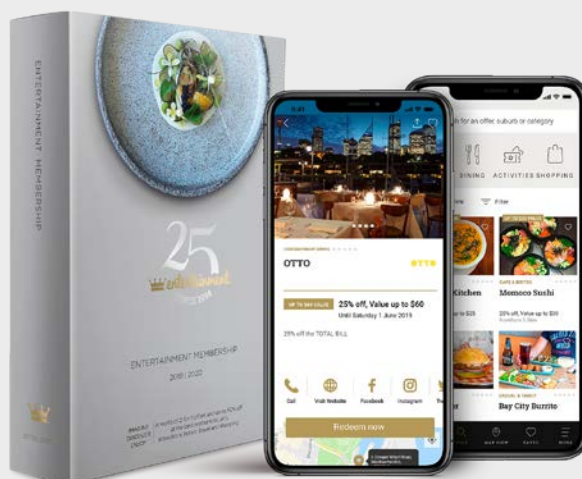
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Year Book

The Year Book is a collection of experiences, insights and history; something that will provide opportunities to re-visit memories in years to come.

If you would like to purchase the 2019 Year Book, and your daughter is in Years 8 to 11, you can pay \$25.00 to the Finance Office, EFT online or give the school a call and speak to Sue King.

Jenni Stewart
Year Book Committee



School Immunisation Catch Up Clinic

The City of Mitcham is conducting a **FREE** catch up immunisation service for students who have missed their immunisations at school.

Vaccines that will be available include:

Year 8

HPV9 – Gardasil 9 dtp-Boostrix

Year 10

Meningococcal B - Bexsero
Meningococcal ACWY - Nimenrix

Year 11

Meningococcal B - Bexsero

Where and When

Tuesday 9 July 2019

4:00 – 7:00pm

City of Mitcham - Civic Centre
131 Belair Road, Torrens Park

Contact the City of Mitcham
on 8372 8888 or visit
www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au
for more information.