

WHAT, WHEN & WHY

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Year 12 Formal



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On Friday 28 July, the 2017 Year 12 cohort dressed in glitzy, glamorous and gorgeous outfits and headed off to the National Wine Centre to celebrate the Year 12 Formal.

The Formal Committee, leading up to the event, was hard at work making decisions on menu, table settings, centre pieces, linen colours and the all-important song list.

The girls, in a vast array of dresses in assorted colours and styles, along with their dates, scrubbed up nicely to enjoy the evening.

We enjoyed a three course meal, a photo booth and professional photography stations, a bit of dancing and awards including the most likely to be late to their own wedding or teacher's nightmare, throughout the course of the night.

Thank you to all staff who celebrated this eagerly anticipated event along with the students.

Gemma Brunckhorst | Year 12 Manager



Subject Selection for 2018

Students are currently in the process of selecting subjects for 2018 using a program called "Web Preferences". Web Preferences allows students to lodge their subject selections online directly, doing away with much of the paperwork and data entry processes used in the past. This reduces the incidence of lost paperwork and data entry errors.

Students have been emailed personalised log in details and subject selection instructions for Web Preferences to their school email address. As part of our preparation for Course Counselling, Care Group teachers have explained the Course Counselling processes and timelines and, in many cases, have accessed Web Preferences during Care Group time.

Once subjects have been finalised in Web Preferences, we ask that a receipt be printed signed by a parent/caregiver, and returned to the Care Group teacher. This ensures the subjects selected are completed in conjunction with a parent/caregiver as we encourage parents/caregivers to discuss subject selections and post-school pathways with their daughter.

Students in Years 10 and 11 along with their parent/caregiver, will have the opportunity to discuss their subject selections with trained staff members on the afternoon/evening of Wednesday 6 September or during the day on Thursday 7 September. Appointment request forms have been distributed to students and are also available on the school's website. Appointment times will be issued on a "first in first served" basis so please return the forms as soon as possible.

Tony Sims | Deputy Principal

Adelaide Switched On Schools Sustainability Summit

On 7 and 8 June students from the Mitcham Girls High School Sustainability Group and other students interested in Sustainability attended the Australian Youth Climate Coalition Switched On Schools Sustainability Summit.

On day one, we had a climate scientist speak to us about how our climate has changed, the damage that has been done to our planet and the cutting-edge innovations that scientists are using to predict global warming. Next, we were split into groups doing different activities. In one of the activities, we explored the notion of climate justice and were asked to re-enact the perspectives of people who benefit, or are affected negatively by climate change. Another activity we did was the personal narrative session which was about developing a personal story of how we became aware of environmental issues. NRM education also ran an activity about climate adaptation and mitigation. Students explored different processes that people can do to act more sustainably.



On the second day, we were lucky to have Lord Mayor, Martin Haese speak to us about Adelaide's carbon neutral plan which they hope to achieve by 2025. We then had time to plan an environmental campaign for our school. As a group, we discussed how we could improve recycling, composting and resource usage at school. Finally, we were given time to make posters with our messages about why we care about climate change and we presented them to the South Australian Minister for Climate Change, Hon Ian Hunter.

Our messages ended up being delivered to the Premier of South Australia which was really exciting. Overall, we have taken away knowledge and resources from the summit and look forward to introducing our ideas to the school.

Michela Skipp | 10.33

YMCA SA Junior Parliament

YMCA SA Junior Parliament is an apolitical program that gives young people an opportunity to learn about democracy, parliament, team building, public speaking and leadership in a fun and supportive environment. Junior Parliament is run by young people for young people. It's a chance for young people to have their say on issues they care about, meet some new friends and develop their leadership skills. Participants take part in a three day / two night camp which involves skills and leadership training and some fun recreational activities.

About the program:

When: Monday 9 - Wednesday 11 October 2017 (the second week of the school holidays)
Where: Rostrevor College and Parliament House Adelaide
Who Can Apply?: Junior Parliament is open to anyone in South Australia aged 12 - 15 years old
Cost: Participant fee of \$220 per person which covers meals, accommodation and transport while on camp

Applications are now open at <https://form.jotform.co/72151854527862>.

If you require further information please email Melanie Munday at melanie.munday@ymca.org.au.

Colleen Tomlian | HASS Coordinator

Middle School News

Welcome to mid Term 3. Our girls in Years 8 and 9 are much closer to their next year of schooling than they were at the beginning of the year. Hopefully, this means that they also have a better understanding of the expectations of secondary schooling and an increasing sense of what they would like to do next. Students have been emailed instructions about subject selection for 2018. It is important that they ensure final choices are considered and accurate, as it may be very difficult to make changes later.

This term many students will be involved in excursions designed to deepen their understanding of topics that are being covered in their subject areas. Excursions are a valuable adjunct to students' studies, and we look forward to hearing their accounts of these events as they have the opportunity to see in real life what others may only experience through text books.

Term 3 has an important focus on data gathering; the DECD Wellbeing and Engagement Collection has been undertaken, Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) for literacy and numeracy are scheduled for September, and the NAPLAN results become available. This data, which is collected by various agencies, helps schools assess the needs of their students and where possible provide support.

The Children's University Graduation for 2017 will be held on 19 September at the Bonython Hall, University of Adelaide. It is particularly important that students involved have had their completed hours accurately recorded, and parents have completed an RSVP regarding their attendance at this ceremony.

Zinta Ozolins | Assistant Principal Middle school

Arts News

Year 9 Drama Production

Year 9 Drama students will be performing *We Open Tomorrow Night*, by Michael Wehrli, during two matinee performances: one is for an invited audience performance on 12 September at 10:00am, and the second matinee performance on 13 September starting at 1:00pm — all students and parents are welcome to attend.

This play looks into the final dress rehearsal of a school talent show, in front of an invited audience. Just when the cast and crew think the show is running smoothly, another disaster strikes! *We Open Tomorrow Night* pokes fun at the behind the scenes operations of school productions and the staff, students and parents who get involved: the PTA mum is being very pushy, the British act can't get a grip on their accent, and class clown, Ian, wants to perform his lasso act, even though he doesn't really know what he is doing!

Led by a high energy cast, who provide fun and vigour to this play, the audience will be entertained by 'talent' shows, hilarious characters and unexpected complications. As they say in the business, the show must go on!

Come along and enjoy the hilarity!

Kate Ralph | Drama Teacher

Visual Art Student Success

Pia Noble, Skye Hartman-Kearns, Brianna Fantis and Elisabeth Badge participated in workshops in Life Drawing and Self-Portraiture at the Art Gallery of South Australia earlier this year. Their work is currently on display at the Art Gallery in the Student Exhibition.

At the opening of the exhibition Elisabeth and Skye both won awards for their work resulting in Mitcham Girls winning two of the five state awards. Congratulations!

Meredith Arnold | Arts Coordinator

Year 8 Art (Advanced)



Senior School News

PLP Mock Interviews

On Monday 19 June, Year 10 Personal Learning Plan students were involved in Mock Interviews. Part of a SACE task, the students had to apply for a casual job in either Retail or Hospitality by submitting a cover letter and resumé. Invited interviewers from the local community then interviewed applicants for the jobs. Interviewers gave the students feedback on their interview skills, cover letters and resúés.

Many thanks to:

Lions Club

Brian Whitfield, Sam Duluk MP

Zonta Club of Adelaide

Aileen Connor, Maxine Panegyres, Mary Burford, Helen Jorasfalsky,
Val Baldwin, Erica Majba

City of Mitcham

Lynee Norton, Therese Willis, Ulus Fuat

ISCA Apprenticeship Broker

Russell Attwell

Mitcham parents

Nik Klar, Conny Meyer, Leslie Atkinson

Jill Olifent | Student Counsellor & Pathways Co-ordinator



Year 11 Reflection Day

On the last day of Term 2, all the Year 11 students and Care Group teachers gathered at the Australian Education Union for Reflection Day. Reflection Day is a time for Year 11 students to look back at their senior schooling so far and identify focal points that they need to develop in readiness for the remainder of their high school life.

The morning session consisted of a range of growth mindset activities run by Ms Arnold (Year 11 Coordinator) who spoke to the students about personal wellbeing, including how to overcome difficulties and how to make the most of certain situations. Students were also given some helpful hints on achieving their personal best in their SACE subjects. Jill Olifent ran a meditation session which highlighted the importance of not only identifying stress but also knowing how to manage it.

After morning tea, the annual SACE Survivor Quizzes and activities saw some highly contested competition. Teamwork, creative thinking, class spirit and superior dress sense were on full display. All students involved had a rewarding morning and it was a great way to celebrate the end of the semester.

The outright winners on the day for Best Dressed and the SACE Quiz were the 11:01 Double Denim Divas.

Congratulations!

Simon Brooks | Care Group 11:01

Sports News

Knockout Sport

Since the last Knockout Sport update, we have had a few teams in action representing Mitcham in School Sport SA State Knockout Championships.

In Week 9 of last term, Mitcham's Year 8/9 Knockout Soccer team travelled to Charles Campbell to take on the hosts and Underdale in their first round of games. A convincing 6-0 win in the first game against Charles Campbell had Mitcham off to a great start for the day. In the second match, Underdale proved too good and would eventually be the team to progress to the 2nd round. A great effort for the team's first try in a knockout competition!

Mitcham's Open Volleyball team travelled to the Marion Leisure Centre in Week 2 of this term to take part in the qualifying round for a spot in the State Finals. While results against fellow schools in the Southern Zone didn't go their way, the team gave it their all on the day.

Finally, the Year 8/9 Netball team played in their second round of games in Week 3 against St Mary's and Pedare at Mile End. Unfortunately, the team lost both their games and fell short of earning a spot in the finals later this term. Having progressed to the 2nd round was a great effort for the team's first campaign in a state knockout competition.

Zone Sport

Another season of Southern Zone After School Sport is about to come to a close. In the Term 2/3 Competition we have had a Year 8/9 Soccer team, Year 8 and Year 9 Netball teams as well as an Open Netball team competing in out of school sport. All Netball teams showed signs of good form throughout the season but unfortunately were unable to secure a top two finish for a spot in next week's grand finals. Thank you to all players, umpires and coaches who have done their bit for our Netball teams this season!

Mitcham's Year 8/9 Soccer team, however, has finished 2nd in their competition after winning most of their games and for the second year in a row and will take part in the Grand Final this week!

Congratulations to coach Mauro Barani and the team and good luck in the Grand Final against Brighton!

Term 3/4 Zone Sport will commence in Week 7 of this term with Mitcham likely to field teams in 8/9 Indoor Soccer, Year 8/9 Volleyball, Open Volleyball and Year 8/9 Badminton. Consent forms for this will be handed out to participants in Week 5.

House Sport

Congratulations to Spence on winning the Term 2 House Sport Volleyball competition! After defeating Fraser in the final, Spence has earned maximum points for the competition to go towards the 2017 Collyer Cup. Term 3 House Sport will start on Friday of Week 7 with a Castleball competition to take place each Friday at lunch time until Week 10. It is open to all year levels and we look forward to seeing a great turnout in the gym for some lunch time fun!

Dimi Sianis | Sports Assistant

Entertainment Book

Thank you to those families that have already purchased an Entertainment Book! So far this year, with your support, our school has raised \$3,750 with proceeds going towards upgrading student facilities.

We have a limited number of Books still available so if you have family or friends that would like to purchase a Membership and support our fundraising they can purchase online at <http://www.entbook.com.au/161m056>.

STEM News

Southern STEM Expo

On 16 August, twelve Middle School students represented Mitcham Girls High School at the Southern STEM Expo. The expo was held at Tonsley TAFE and showcased student STEM projects from the majority of high schools in the Inner South Curriculum Alliance to primary school students. Mitcham Girls presented three different projects which have been introduced into the curriculum in 2017.

Wombat Awareness Project: Year 8 Design and Technologies

This project was conducted in conjunction with the Wombat Awareness Organisation in Flaxley where the girls designed 3D printed moulds for the teats of wombat bottles. The latex teats have been sent to the organisation for testing, they will be used to feed three new born wombats over the next few months.



Adelaide Eye: Year 8 Digital Technologies and Mathematics

The Adelaide Eye project was a collaborative project between Maths and Technologies with a trial group of students in Semester 1. The Maths group investigated all aspects of the London Eye and then in Digital Technologies they constructed a model "Adelaide Eye" Ferris Wheel which included Robotics, 3D Printing and CNC Routing.



Home Automation and Laser Cut Lamp Shades: Year 9 Digital Technologies

This project consisted of two parts which included designing the lamp shades in Autodesk Inventor and programming the lights using different iPad apps. The focus of this project is to highlight the growing industry of home automation and make the girls aware that they themselves can create customisable codes to control items around their own homes.

Throughout the day the students represented Mitcham extremely well and should be immensely proud of themselves. The feedback from the public was that the girls presented their projects with great confidence and knew their content really well. Congratulations to the following students:

Wombat Awareness Project

Willow Rist
Ciana Coertzen
Maria Borakis
Mia Howland

Adelaide Eye

Phoenix D'Ambrosio
Bonnie Coventry
Sanjana Aneja
Samantha Fielder

Home Automation/Lamp Shades

Bonnie Charvel
Ashlyn McDonald
Tamara Steer
Darcie Smith

All projects are currently on display in the Front Office.



iMac Suite Upgrade

At the beginning of Term 3, the school replaced the old iMacs in the Mac room on the middle floor with the latest iMac model which was only released in June 2017. Mitcham Girls High School is the first school in South Australia to have a room setup with this new iMac model which is now more powerful than ever. The iMac suite will provide students with an excellent desktop experience, allowing the girls to excel in their creative subjects and support STEM teaching and learning across the entire school.

Simon Brooks | STEM Coordinator



Year 9 Photography

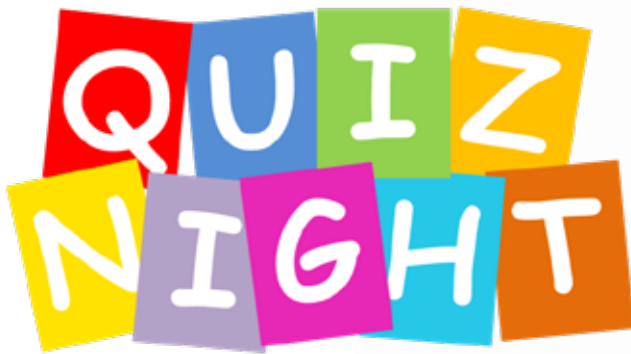


FRI 15th SEPTEMBER
6:45PM for a 7:00PM START
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103-105 Princes Road, Mitcham 5062

Tables of 8-10

TICKETS \$10pp



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for more information or to book a table.

Tables must be pre-booked by
September 8th. Pay at the door.

BYO Food and drink
BYO alcoholic beverages

All proceeds will support
'The Robovengers' as
they become the second
South Australian team to
ever compete in the FTC
Robotics Challenge in
Sydney in December.



Science News

Science Alive

All Year 10 students, our Kyoto visitors and their buddies braved the winter weather and enjoyed their visit to the Wayville Showgrounds to explore many science activities.



National Youth Science Forum STEM Explorer Camp

In the July school holidays two Year 8 students, Sarah Burnett and Willow Rist, attended the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) STEM Explorer camp at Mylor adventure camp. They were joined by students from all over South Australia for this 5-day experience. The aim of the camp was to engage students in STEM activities and teach them how to be STEM ambassadors for their school community.

Sarah and Willow describe some of their experiences at the camp below:

When we arrived at the camp we were given our dorm number and activity group. Each activity group was named after a famous scientist. Our group was named 'Gillanders' after marine biologist Bronwyn Gillanders who has done extensive work on freshwater, estuarine and marine waters.

Throughout the week took part in various workshops with professionals including engineering and coding, visited universities, and listened to talks with scientists about what inspired them to go into science. An amazing opportunity we got was to visit the new South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute or the SAHMRI building for short. We were given a guided tour of some of the areas and got to see the spectacular scenery of Adelaide from the top floor.

At one of the places we visited, we learnt about the geology of earth and used virtual reality goggles to see various locations in our universe, including a skyline view of Tokyo and the surface of the moon! We found it amazing that technology and science has made things like this possible. At another workshop we learnt about animals including mammals, amphibians, birds, reptiles and invertebrate. The professor made all of us jump when he threw a fake tarantula at us!

We are extremely grateful for being given this opportunity and enjoyed meeting and working with students from different schools. It was an amazing experience and we can't wait to move on to Phase 2 of this program where we start our role as STEM ambassadors.

Emma Langhans | Science Teacher



Science News *(cont.)*

2017 Education Perfect Science Championships: Free for all Year 8 to 10 Science Students

Do you do a language and have an Education Perfect login? All you need to do is go to your account and enter the competition.

- Not doing a language? Ask your Science teacher to enter your name and you will be given a login.
- When? 14 to 21 August

If you earn 500 points you will be given an entry into the draw for a trip to Space Camp in the USA for you and your parent/caregiver or favourite teacher! You can also win awards and be part of the \$30,000 prize pool.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Woolworths is once again running the 'Earn and Learn' Rewards Program.

Thank you to every one who has supported Mitcham Girls High School in the past. Your support has enabled us to purchase equipment for Science, which is not readily available through other companies.

If you, your friends or your family happen to shop at Woolies while the program is running, please try to remember to ask for the stickers that you have earned, bring them into school and pop them in the box outside the Science prep room.

This will enable us to order more science equipment for the school - FREE !

The promotion runs until 19 September. Happy shopping !!



Liz Anderson | Lab Assistant

Community News

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

If you have been thinking about going on exchange to the USA, now is the time to apply with our 'Supersize Your Exchange' promotion.

Students who apply for a Year or Semester Classic Exchange Program departing in January 2018, will get a free guided trip to New York for four nights!

For the full trip itinerary; application process and the promotion on conditions, visit www.scce.com.au/destinations/usa/.

Note: Return transfers to and from New York City are not included. This offer is only available on USA Classic Exchange Programs.

For further information on this program call 1800 500 501 or visit www.scce.com.au.

Community News

Temporary Host Family Needed

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is looking for a volunteer host family for a 16 year old Japanese girl who is currently attending Mitcham Girls High School. She is an easy going girl interested in sport and meeting friends. Her host family will be away from the 30 September until 21 October 2017 so we are looking for a temporary host family for this period. She would love to experience new activities and simply be part of a family's daily life.

If you can help, please phone Isabelle at the Student Exchange Office: 1300 135 331.

Parents in Education Week



For further information go to

<https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/supporting-students/parent-engagement-education/parents-education-week>

Club Tennis - Players Wanted (all ages)

Hope Ward Tennis Club (an ANZ Hot Shots Club) has vacancies for Junior and Senior members of all standards, for the Summer 2017/18 Season (commencing mid October). A family friendly club offering social and competitive tennis. Interested ... then come along to our Open Day (includes free sausage sizzle).

Date: Sunday 27 August
Time: 11:00am to 1:00pm Juniors (17 & under)
12:30 to 2:00pm Seniors
Address: Tweed Street, Cumberland Park

Junior enquiries Lyn Pettman T: 0418 851 873

Senior enquiries Madeline Hill T: 8277 3937

Website: www.hwtc.com.au

VET / Tertiary News

Dental Assistant Traineeships

SA Dental Service is offering more than 20 Dental Assisting Traineeship positions at clinics across the state. The 12 month Traineeship contract includes on the job training and attendance at TAFE where you will gain a Certificate III in Dental Assisting while earning \$17,685 - \$32,761 a year.

You may qualify for a Traineeship:

- If you are 17 to 24 years of age (or up to 30 years if Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander)
- Have finished Year 11

Applications open: 1/9/17 - 22/9/17 for the February 2018 intake.

For more information visit www.sahealthcareers.com.au. Search Job Number: 623462 at this website from 1-22 September to apply.

Jill Olifent | VET Coordinator

University Visits and SATAC Information

Year 11 and 12 students have been privileged to attend presentations delivered by the major South Australian universities. University of South Australia, Flinders University and The University of Adelaide have all visited the school.

This has been a great opportunity for students to hear from current university students as well as school liaison officers with a wealth of knowledge. The universities discussed what courses they have on offer, how to apply, what students need to know, key future developments the universities offer, amongst a range of other things. A spokesperson was also on hand at the end of each presentation to field questions, give out brochures and hand out the never turned down free pen.

Year 12s later in Term 3 will be able to book a 1:1 appointment with a uni consultant, who will visit the school, to answer questions face-to-face and get help with their applications.

Students also have access to the SATAC Guide, which is published with details of all the courses for all the universities, their pre-requisites and entry requirements.

Gemma Brunckhorst | SACE Coordinator

Diary Dates

August	Tuesday 22	Principal's Tour	9:15am
September	Friday 1	School Closure Day	
	Friday 1 - Monday 4	Ski Trip	
	Monday 4	Student Free Day	
	Tuesday 5	Year 10, 11 & 12 Immunisations	
	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
	Friday 15	FTC Quiz Night	7:00pm
	Tuesday 26	Dance Showcase <i>Framed</i>	7:00pm
		Scott Theatre, Adelaide	
	Friday 29	Term 3 ends: Reports distributed	3:10pm
October	Monday 16	Term 1 begins	
	Tuesday 17	Year 8 Immunisations	
	Monday 23	Year 12 Celebration Assembly	12:00pm
	Friday 27	Year 12 Celebrations	10:00 - 1:30pm
	Tuesday 31	Principal's Tour	9:15am