



# Springbank Secondary College

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### Vision Statement:

We are committed to an inclusive and engaging learning environment that promotes a culture of excellence and creativity.

### 2022 TERM DATES

Term 1	30 January – 14 April
Term 2	1 May – 7 July
Term 3	24 July – 29 September
Term 4	16 October – 15 December

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Wear It Yellow Day

Friday, 2 June

*Wear Yellow & Bring a Gold Coin Donation for Children's Ground*

### King's Birthday Public Holiday

Monday, 12 June

### Pupil Free Day

Tuesday, 13 June

### MAD (Music, Art & Drama) Showcase

Friday 16 June

### Governing Council Meeting

Monday 19 June, 6pm

### SWD (Students with Disability) Basketball Carnival

Friday 22 June

### Last Day of Term

Friday 7 July

*Early Dismissal 1:15pm*

Dear Springbank Secondary College Community,

Term 2 has commenced with inspired dedication and drive. Students have found their feet from the start of the academic year and are now settling in to their subjects for deeper and enriched learning. It has been a privilege to be a part of this school and build strong connections with the students, parents, and the staff here at Springbank Secondary College. The care and commitment from the teachers and the student support staff far exceed my previous experience and I would like to acknowledge their efforts and formally thank them.

We are thrilled to inform the Springbank community that we have finally appointed our Senior Leader of Inclusion position. This role has been left vacant since Chris Lee retired at the end of 2022 and has been challenging to find someone of equal caliber. We would like to announce that **Dr Alison Coppe** has been appointed for the remainder of this year.

This week, we acknowledge Reconciliation Week. On Tuesday our students were lucky enough to see an advance screening of *"The Last Daughter"* and other students remained onsite to view *"Brand Nue Day."* The celebrations for this special event will continue next week as we host our **"Coming Together"** event. Students will engage in activities throughout the day, such as wheelchair basketball, quizzes and more. Keep an eye on your inbox with more information to follow in the coming days.

The construction is nearing its final stages! We recently did a walkthrough of the Central wing with our new learning areas. The purpose built Art Centre looks incredible. The sleek modern design will support and enhance our means to deliver curriculum. We are grateful to the students and staff for their patience. Our Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) has just opened up with our students able to enjoy the basketball and outdoor gym facilities. In the coming weeks we will be able to remove all the fences and have our school return to normal – with a few upgrades!

On a personal note, I would like to thank the Students, Parents and Staff at Springbank Secondary College for their warm welcome and support as I have been learning and settling into the Springbank model.

**Brock Traeger**

*Curriculum Pedagogy Innovation*

*Acting Principal (Weeks 4 and 5, Term 2)*



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## MAD Night 2023

Students across Springbank Secondary College are gearing up for a fantastic MAD (Music, Art & Drama) Night. The last few years its been cancelled, but in 2023 our Arts Showcase is back and entitled “ The Classics”.

The Springbank Singers choir is an enthusiastic group of students from years 7-10 who have been rehearsing and fine tuning their voices for a number of weeks. They have been rehearsing famous Queen songs like ‘We will rock You’ and Elton John’s ‘I’m still standing’.



The Senior Music Ensemble named Wednesday Jam band has been working on original songs and rehearsing on Wednesday lunchtimes playing drums, guitar and keyboards.



The Springbank Theatre Company which has members from years 7-12 have also written scripts, rehearsed and will present their final product on film with some Drama students performing on the night.

Visual Arts students participated in designing the MAD night poster and all teaching and learning areas are contributing student work which will be displayed in the TAC foyer.

Tickets will be on sale from Thursday, 1 June, with more details to come. We hope to see you all there!

**Anna Watt and Amelia Pickard**  
*Drama and Music Teachers*



## Daymap Parent Portal

The Daymap Parent Portal is a great way to stay in touch with your child’s education. You will be able to view their timetable, assessment tasks and results, and contact their teachers if needed.

Please use the QR codes below to download the app and contact the front office if you require assistance.

Android:

IOS:



# Student Free Day

## Tuesday 13 June

## School Access

To ensure the safety of our staff and students, we require all visitors (including parents / carers) to report to the Front Office if they need to be on school grounds during the school day for any reason. Please find attached map for your reference

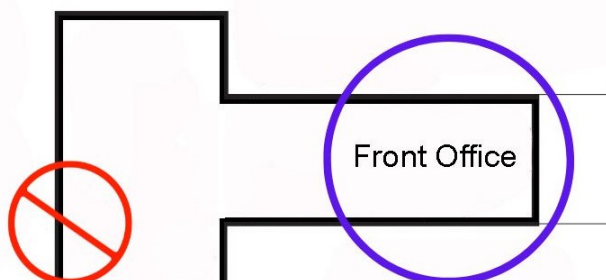
All visitors are required to sign in, and wear a visitor sticker. Visitors are not to access any part of the school, apart from the front office, without permission from school leadership. This includes the student services foyer, canteen, stadium, TAC and all classrooms.

Parent vehicle access is through Gate 1. Please do not use Gate 2, which is reserved for taxis and emergency vehicles.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Daws Road



# THE MAD CLASSICS



• MUSIC ARTS DRAMA •

## SHOWCASE

7PM FRIDAY 16 JUNE 2023

SPRINGBANK SECONDARY COLLEGE



## Out of Uniform Day Fundraiser Update

A huge thank you from the Year 12s for the support the school community showed us through their participation in the Out of Uniform Day. The money we raised will contribute to the Year 12 End of Schooling celebration. We are currently looking into the hiring of a jukebox or a photo booth to make the night lots of fun. Thanks to all the students who donated money either on the day or in the following days. We are very excited to say, with your help we raised \$210!

**Natasha Grundy**

*On behalf of the Year 12 Celebration Committee*



## Year 12 Update

There has been lots happening both academically and organisationally for our Year 12 students so far this year. At the beginning of the year each student in 1201 care group was given a school term planner to help them visually map out assessment due dates and manage their time. We have a large version of this in our care group room. In P2S classes we spend time discussing and adding any important information to this planner.

Also, in P2S class we have been looking at pressures faced by teens and workplace issues. Students have been given a link so they can apply for a tax file number to assist them in their next steps. We have also spent time developing student wellbeing through team building activities including going outside to play bocce or the domino challenge.



Jumpers: There have also been the more social elements of year 12 to organise and students across the two Year 12 care groups spent last year designing and ordering the commemorative Year 12 jumper. These were delivered during the last school holidays and with the weather getting cooler it is fabulous to see the students wearing these.

Graduation Celebrations: A call was put out to set up a committee to help in the planning and organisation of the end of year ceremony later in the year. Care group teachers were delighted with the number of students who attended, and the mature way in which they engaged in discussions. We have set the date for late November and booked the venue.

**Natasha Grundy, Brendan Mann, Fiona Roberts, and Liz Johnson**



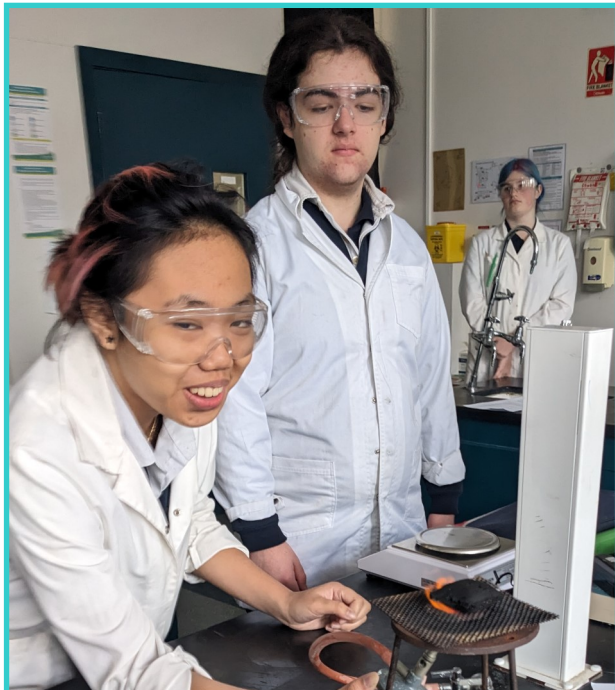
*Year 12 Care group Teachers*



## Year 10 Science

The students of Year 10 Science have started to turn up the heat with their knowledge of chemical reactions!

Would you believe that some things can get heavier when you burn them? Not what you might expect, right?



As the learners of 1001/1002 were keeping warm by burning (oxidising) some

charcoal, they were considering the various products of combustion: Carbon dioxide and gaseous water.

Naturally, the heat of the flame pushed both gas products away from the charcoal and into the atmosphere, creating a lighter piece of charcoal, most of which were covered in ash.

But then, the learners changed their independent variable and swapped it for some steel wool (or iron, Fe) and tried the same steps - igniting the steel wool, the weight of the steel wool increased!

Ask your Year 10 learner about the oxidation which occurred, and why the charcoal oxidation products were lighter than the steel oxidation products.

**Lewis Williams**

*Maths & Science Teacher*



## Maths: Carrot Cake Investigation

Students across year 7 and 9 are working on their task about ratios, percentage and decimals in maths. The task is to design and develop a most efficient plan of making a carrot cake and measuring how much you waste in resources in your shopping.



Students were asked to create spreadsheets and use data to find the most "efficient" carrot cake recipe. Some of the end results were very delicious!

**Andy Reavley**

*Maths & Science Teacher*



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2023

27 MAY — 3 JUNE

**BE A VOICE  
FOR VOICE  
GENERATIONS**

**ACT TODAY FOR A RECONCILED TOMORROW**

#NRW2023

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## Ice Hockey Term 2 2023

We are in the middle of the term and the Ice Hockey team is looking ahead to the Tournament in week nine. Ambrose and Sami have set the team some goals to improve their game, so that potentially we can score more goals in the tournament.



This year we have introduced a try out method into our weekly training sessions. Interested students can come with the team to Ice Factor and learn to skate before being given an Ice Hockey bag.



Once students are confident in their skating skills (which can take up to a term), they are given a bag with all items needed to skate on the ice, and to protect them from injury once competitive drills start.

The team has two events this year that we are looking forward too. A visit to Government house to meet the Governor, and the Ice Factor Spectacular at the Hilton Hotel in the city.

This year we are having some fundraising events to raise money for the team, we will have the team run a BBQ so that they can have a firsthand experience cooking and serving.

**Paul Howlett**

*Ice Factor Manager*



## Basketball

On Thursday 25 May, year 7/8 students had the opportunity to participate in the School Sport SA 5 v 5 basketball carnival at St.Clair. There were 11 students from Springbank who participated on the day and we played 4 games against opposing schools, including; Woodville High, Thomas More College, Mark Oliphant College and Gawler.



Thank you to Andrew from School Sport SA for organising a great opportunity for the students. Well done do our students for their cooperation and ability to play with great effort throughout the day and thank you to Mr. Howlett and Ms. Cunnington for supporting the students. Well done team!

**Brendan Mann**

*Basketball Academy & PE Teacher*



## National Reconciliation Week 2023

*Be a Voice for Generations- act today for a reconciled tomorrow*



National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to further our understanding of how we can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. As part of NRW this year, on Friday, 2 June we are encouraging all students and staff to take part in a yellow-themed casual dress day to raise funds for a First Nations organisation, Children's Ground. The NRW theme for 2023 is **Be a voice for generations- act today for a reconciled tomorrow**. This theme encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we live, work and play. That is why our school has chosen to participate in Children's Ground's 'Wear It Yellow' day. We are proud to fundraise for Children's Ground and promote the wonderful work they do supporting First Nation people and advocating for a better future. As part of 'Wear It Yellow Day', students will engage with National Reconciliation Week learning materials throughout the week and have vibrant discussions about First Nations culture and history. Students and staff who take part are invited to donate what they can to Children's Ground via this link

<https://wearityellow.org.au/springbank-secondary-college> or bring a gold coin donation on the day. For more information on Children's Ground, head to <https://childrensground.org.au/>

### Excursion for NRW

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> of May, our senior students from years 10 to 12 were fortunate to attend a private screening of the film 'The First Daughter'. We were among a few fortunate groups in Australia to have such a special experience to see this film before it premieres on June 15. The film explores the life of Brenda who is a stolen child and took us on her healing journey through a powerful documentary exploring love, loss, culture and reconnection. In Brenda's words "I share this story out of love and forgiveness, hoping to bring our two worlds together, and share in a collective healing". Understanding the truth about the Stolen Generations will build our comprehension and compassion for the many families impacted. The intergenerational trauma from past Australian government policies is ongoing.

The hope is that we move forward together for a better future for all Australians.

It is an Australian story that I am sure will stay with everyone long after they leave the cinema, and is certainly a film all Australians should take their families to see. For more information about the film and book released, please visit [thelastdaughter.com.au](http://thelastdaughter.com.au)

In Week 6, Tuesday, 6 June, our college will come together for a 'Coming Together Day'. Students will be allocated their teams by Friday this week and are welcome to showcase their team colour on the day. Please ensure students are dressed in appropriate clothing to participate in sporting activities. We ask that students do not use paint or similar products on their skin, and do not use coloured hair spray.

We have named the day Coming Together Day, in the spirit of both Reconciliation Week and Harmony day. Taikondi is the Kurna word for coming together. This is a celebratory day where we encourage all students to participate in different events across the day. The day represents the themes of kindness, community, and everyone belonging.

Further details will be sent via email to all families.

**Tamara Seaman**

*Wellbeing Leader*



## Royal Adelaide Show Competitions

Royal Adelaide Show Competitions entries close soon.

Categories include: Art, Craft & Design, Photography, Textiles, Baking, Cookery, Handicrafts and Technology. Check out the website for more information and please let us know if you enter.

<https://www.theshow.com.au/2023-competitions/>



### Drive SLOWLY in the carpark



Please drive SLOWLY and CAREFULLY in our carpark. Students walk through it to get to the Stadium and the TAC, as well as at drop off and pick up times. The speed limit (10kmph) must be observed at ALL TIMES for everyone's safety.

# Year 7, Year 8 and Year 10 2023

## School Immunisation Catch Up Clinic

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

Vaccines that will be available include:

### **Year 7 and Year 8 Students**

HPV - Gardasil 9 and DTP - Boostrix

### **Year 10 Students**

Meningococcal B - Bexsero First Dose only

Meningococcal ACWY - Nimenrix

## ***Where and When***

**Thursday 8 June 2023**

**3.30pm - 6.00pm**

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](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au) for more information.



# A message from the Chief Public Health Officer



## Health risks of e-cigarettes / vapes

Dear Parents and Carers

As the Chief Public Health Officer but also as a parent and a paediatrician, I have been very concerned about young people's access, use and in some cases addiction to e-cigarettes/vapes. You may well have felt the same.

South Australian laws ban the general sale of nicotine-containing e-cigarettes but investigations have shown that regardless of what the packaging says, the vast majority of vapes found in Australia (including 'single-use vapes') contain nicotine and often in high amounts. Nicotine is colourless, odourless and tasteless and therefore extremely difficult to detect and police. Nicotine is a schedule 4 Prescription Only Poison because of its harmful effects on humans.

We are also seeing increasing numbers of parents ringing the Poisons Information line after finding very young children have either inhaled or ingested nicotine from e-cigarettes.

The nicotine in one e-cigarette is equal to 50 cigarettes and can be even higher. Nicotine is highly addictive and children with a nicotine dependency may have difficulties concentrating in class, difficulty sleeping, anxiety, irritability, restlessness, frustration, anger and strong cravings to relieve symptoms with repeat nicotine exposure.

If you find your child is vaping it would be natural to feel upset and even angry. Instead, I strongly encourage you to be as supportive as possible because your young person may find stopping very difficult, they will need your help and they may even need advice from a doctor or healthcare professional.

Alternatively, support your child to call Quitline anonymously on 13 78 48. Quitline is a child safe and child friendly service that will respect and support children and young people in age-appropriate ways, that are also culturally safe and inclusive.

SA Health is working with the Department for Education to implement a Vaping Action Plan. Strategies include information for students, teachers, and parents and carers on the harms of vaping and supports available, and improving guidance to schools on managing incidents involving vaping.

While smoking and vaping is prohibited at all school premises and activities in South Australia, it is important to remind your child that there will be no repercussions if they seek support from you or their school to stop vaping, or bring issues to the school's attention.

Reducing access to vapes is obviously key to protecting young people from nicotine addiction. I was delighted with the recent Commonwealth Government announcement to ban all e-cigarettes for recreational use and tighten border controls on these products. Soon, the only way to obtain any form of e-cigarette will be from a pharmacist on a doctor's prescription for smoking cessation.

Importantly, funding will also be allocated to help people to quit vaping and measures put in place to ensure those people do not take up smoking cigarettes instead. This will include supporting our children who have developed a nicotine addiction.

Carers and schools will continue to play an important role in the implementation of the State's Vaping Action Plan. Please visit the SA Health website at [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/vaping](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/vaping) where you will find a number of resources about vaping, including fact sheets for young people, parents and carers.

To learn more about the Vaping Action Plan, please visit the Department for Education's website at [www.education.sa.gov.au/vaping](http://www.education.sa.gov.au/vaping).

Yours sincerely



**PROFESSOR NICOLA SPURRIER**  
Chief Public Health Officer  
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