



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

Monday 4 September
School Closure Day

Monday 11 September
6pm Governing Council Meeting

Thursday 14 September
RU OK Day

Friday 22 September
9 am Principal's Tour

Friday 29 September
Last day of Term 3
Early Dismissal 1:15pm

Dear Springbank parents, carers and community,

Students and staff are enjoying the opportunity to use the new facilities in the northern and central buildings this term. We still have some minor tasks to finish off particularly in the grounds area, and students are especially looking forward to regaining access to the fitness equipment. As the weather warms up, students will be able to enjoy spending their break times outdoors in the refurbished courtyards and seating areas.



Thank you to the students and their families for supporting the smooth transition from mobile phone access at break times to locking them away in the Yondr pouches in the morning and accessing them again at the end of the day. With just a few minor adjustments to our processes, students have settled into the new routine.

Parents and carers will probably be aware of the announced industrial action set to take place on Friday 1 September. Further details of how that will impact Springbank Secondary College students has been sent via email. (The day was originally set for our Pupil Free Day for staff training.)

Monday 4 September is our school closure (Show Day).

As I plan to retire next year, I will conclude my tenure at Springbank in January 2024. Last week I sent an email announcing that the merit selection panel for the Springbank Secondary College Principal 2024 onwards has concluded. I am very pleased to announce Mr Andrew Dunn, currently at Whyalla Secondary College, has been appointed. He has been a leader at Mt Barker for a number of years and brings experience and expertise in the curriculum and wellbeing areas.

I am thrilled about this appointment and that the process is already complete. I know that Andrew will work with staff and the community to build on the excellent work and achievements of the school and take Springbank to the next level.

Wendy House
Principal



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Department for Education

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Year 9 Geography

This term, class 902 has been investigating the production, sustainability and transportation of our food. With our pre-service teacher Mikayla Curtis, students have identified and investigated the amount and intake of water for plant health, food miles of their favourite snacks and the significant percentage of food waste grocer's dispose of due to imperfection.



One of our key explorative topics was comparing the taste, texture and aesthetic between the Coles I'm Perfect, Woolworths Odd Bunch, Drakes Save Food and the Uradila 1st grade Apples.



In addition to this activity, Students have viewed content on the War on Waste, short clips on the way people are saving money on groceries through dumpster diving, and the significant cost of foods that are just being thrown out by families, schools and major retailers.

In coming weeks, we hope to have the year 9's engage with a War on Waste movement here at school, recycling movement, and introducing a composting movement for organic waste.

We are excited to hear that Mikayla will be continuing here at SSC after her placement, having won a position as a Student Support Officer.



Amee Allison

Psychology, HASS, English Teacher



Anna Watt

Drama & Music Teacher



Drama and Music in Term 3

After the great success in staging the MAD Night Arts Showcase *'The Classics'* in Term 2, students are continuing to participate in Music clubs such as Tuesday's choir and Wednesday's Jam Rock Band. Students from years 7-12 are working on writing original compositions and are playing a variety of instruments whilst building their repertoire of musical styles and genres.



Students are enjoying participating, collaborating and creating dynamic sounds and experiences fostering musicianship and Springbank's Secondary College spirit of igniting, inquisitive and imagination.



Interview with Ethan in year 8

Ethan is a passionate and enthusiastic drama student who enjoyed the learning and skills development that he gained in participating in drama at Springbank Secondary College in Semester 1. He enjoyed the learning so much that he decided to join an afterschool programme called 'On the Fringe' based at the Cumberland Park Community Centre. He has spent term 3 so far participating in acting workshops, improving his skills in improvisation, team building and along with meeting new people. We are very proud of Ethan and his pursuit of following his passion in drama and theatre.

Chemical Science

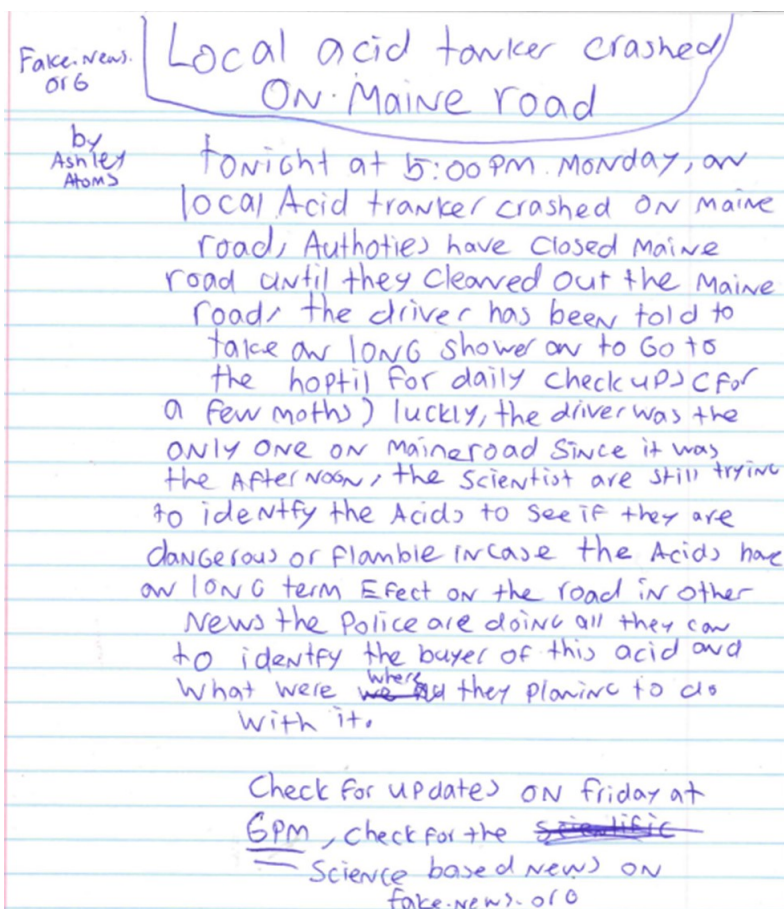
Recently, the Year 8 and 9 students have been investigating chemical reactions as part of their science curriculum. As well as the theory of particles, matter and reactions the students have undertaken experiments to explore the differences between physical and chemical reactions, acids and alkalis and the pH scale.

Students enjoy the practical side of science and are fascinated to observe how different chemicals react together to produce a new product. At all times, safety is paramount and students have learned how to be safe with acids and alkalis and they now have a deeper understanding of the meaning of hazard signs on chemical bottles and how to handle them in a safe way.

As an extension of their work, the Year 9s were asked to write a newspaper report of an incident involving an acid tanker crash on a road near to where they live. Part of this literacy exercise was for the students to explain some of the actions the police and fire services would have taken.

Amelie enjoyed this activity and this is her report:

'FAKE NEWS 016 by Ashley Atoms'



Linda Thurlow
Science Teacher



Ice Factor at Government House

On August 1, 2023, our Springbank Sabres Ice Factor team were invited to Government House to meet the Governor of South Australia. Our students were excellent representatives of Springbank Secondary College and enjoyed meeting Ice Factor Patron Her Excellency the Governor of South Australia Frances Adamson AC.



Subject Selections

This week, students in years 9-11 will be making their initial subject preference choices which signals the start of the Timetabling process for 2024.

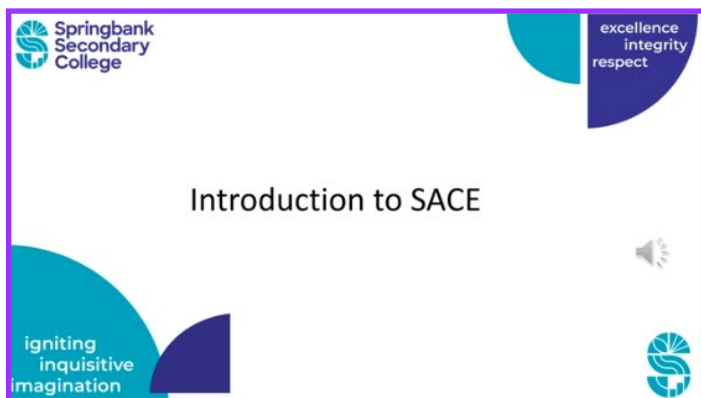
Students along with Care Group teachers and parents and carers are making decisions about what subjects they would like to study at Springbank in 2024.

You can access the [Curriculum Handbook](#) for subject descriptions and pathways.

2024 SSC CURRICULUM HANDBOOK.PDF

I suggest you start this journey by considering what students would like to do after high school. Although this can be a stressful exercise, remind your student that this is not chiselled in stone and can be changed at any time. It is simply a way to work out the easiest path.

Year nine students are asked to complete [this form](#) with their preferences while students in year 10 and 11 will be counselled by myself and Brock Traeger to ensure the correct SACE pattern is followed.



If you haven't seen our award winning SACE information video, please follow [this link](#) for a simple guide to achieving your SACE.

In addition to traditional ways of achieving your SACE, students can take VET courses in areas of interest (such as automotive, cybersecurity, game design, hospitality) or follow schools based apprenticeships and traineeships (where they can earn certificates and complete their SACE at the same time).

Please call, email or drop by if you would like any further information.

Maya Brookes

Operations / SACE / Pathways Leader



Brendan Mann

PE Teacher



School Sport SA—Badminton Carnival

On Tuesday 1 September, Springbank Secondary College hosted the year 10 – 12 boys and girls badminton day carnival. Thirty teams were involved from visiting schools, including Wirreanda Secondary School, Parafield Gardens HS and ASMS. Springbank had 3 teams participating across the two divisions and competed extremely well throughout the day.



This was a timely event as several of the senior students have completed a practical unit of badminton during their Health and Physical Education class. Thank you to Andrew from School Sport SA for organizing the day and congratulations again to all the participating Springbank students.



Pathways to Success Careers Panel

As a part of Springbank's Pathways to Success program, students in years 9-12 have been working with leaders and their care group teachers on future planning for work and study.

As a part of this process a careers panel with members from the local community was organised so that students and staff could learn from positive stories of career planning and study from people who have forged their own paths in creative industries.



Our guests were Kylie Schmidt, co-owner of Perryman's Bakery in North Adelaide, James Coppe and Kate Richards from the Big Easy Hospitality Group, and singer-songwriter and yoga teacher Naomi Keyte.

The panellists spoke to students about their expectations of work and study while they were at school and how going out into the world changed their ideas and plans over time.



At the conclusion of the session Naomi Keyte performed one of her original compositions for the students who were so impressed they even asked for autographs at the end of the lesson!



Alison Coppe
Inclusion Leader



Book Week 2023

READ GROW Inspire



To celebrate the special impact of children's literature on all of our lives here at Springbank, we chose Wednesday the 23rd of August to celebrate Book Week!



Since 1945, the Children's Book Council of Australia has worked with schools, public libraries and community groups all around the country to highlight the importance of stories and the sharing of stories in fostering literacy and community through books.

Students and staff dressed up as some of their favourite characters and enjoyed sharing memories of their favourite books in their classes during the day.

Thank you to the staff, students and families who contributed to a successful day of celebration.



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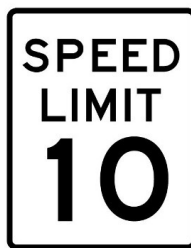


Clubs

Our wonderful staff volunteer their time to run lunchtime clubs. There is a club on every lunch time and a wide variety to choose from. Clubs are a great way to make new friends, learn something new, and do something you enjoy.

Clubs / Groups	Day
'Busy Hands' Lego/Crafts Club	Monday
Chess/ Lego club	Monday
SAGA sexualities & gender alliance	Monday
Breakfast Club @8:10am	Tuesday
Choir	Tuesday
Mental Health Fitness	Tuesday
Book & puzzle club	Wednesday
Jam band	Wednesday
Coding/Robotics Club	Wednesday
Ultimate Frisbee	Thursday
Geeks Unite	Friday
Wellbeing Sanctuary	Friday

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.



School Closure Day

for the
Royal Adelaide Show

Monday 4 September

ICE FACTOR - PLAYER PROFILE

JACK

Age : **16** Guernsey number: **10** Member of Ice Factor since: **2022**
 Favourite AFL-SPORTS Team : **Yamaha Superbikes** Best playing position: **Centre**
 What do you like about the Ice Factor program? **Its an alternate program to mainstream education**
 What have you found most challenging with Ice Factor? **Skills acquisition, skating, puck control**
 What skills have you developed in this program? **Leadership**
 Which team mate is the funniest? **Hassan** What is your favourite food/meal/restaurant? **Dumplings**
 Your favourite movie: **Spinout** Your favourite song: **Karma / Taylor Swift**
 Your favourite TV show: **Adventure Time** Favourite holiday/relaxation spot? **Anywhere with a beach**
 Name 3 famous people you would have over for tea: **1.Dwayne Johnson 2.Haiden Deegan 3.Travis Pastrana**
 Plans after school? **Carpenter / Jackaroo** Favourite memory of Ice Factor so far is: **Tournaments / Competition**

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