



# 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.

Principal	Wendy House
Senior Leader - Operations/SACE/VET	Kathryn Harrison
Senior Leader - Curriculum/Pedagogy/Innovation	Kerry-ann Grace
Senior Leader - Inclusion	Chris Lee
Student Wellbeing Leader	Karen Jones

### 2021 TERM DATES

Term 1	27 January - 9 April
Term 2	27 April - 2 July
Term 3	19 July - 24 September
Term 4	11 October - 10 December

### IMPORTANT DATES

First day 2021  
Wednesday 27 January

Acquaintance Night  
6pm - Wednesday 3 February

School Photos  
Wednesday 10 February

Pupil Free Day  
Friday 5 March



As we near the end of this challenging year, I will highlight the positives and achievements of the students and staff of 2020.

At each of the major disruptions to our planned teaching and learning program this year, I was so impressed with the focussed response and commitment of the staff. At the first round of COVID impacts and the announcement of the end-of-term pupil free days in term one (to focus on developing online learning), the staff of Springbank 'put their heads down' and worked together to develop new skills and understandings. This meant that by the end of those professional development days, they were ready to present their lessons with the students online. This was the standard of commitment and efforts that continued throughout the year. I extend my thanks to each of them for their amazing work across the year.

On Wednesday this week, we hosted the 2020 Presentation Ceremony. It was a pleasure to acknowledge the outstanding achievements of so many young people. While it was fabulous to celebrate their achievements, it just didn't have the same atmosphere without the families and guest presenters (restricted due the COVID). We will release the video of the celebratory event as soon as possible, so you too can enjoy the event. Congratulations to all the recipients.

Sadly, the end of the year usually means farewells. To the students who are leaving us for other places, we thank them for their contribution to the school and wish them well into the future. We also thank and farewell, Mr James Schueler, Ms Helen Pike, Ms Laiya Lochowiak and Ms Alicia McInnes. We wish you all the very best for the future and sincerely thank you for your contributions to the school.

Ms Kerry-Ann Grace has led our professional learning across the last 20 months and her contribution to the teaching and learning programs at Springbank have been sensational. *Kerry-Ann, we wish you well on your leave and thank you sincerely for driving improvement in our practice and pedagogy.*

Ms Anna-Maria Zupancic has worked tirelessly to support and influence the creativity of students at this school for many years; she has ensured the 'A' in STEAM was present in our interdisciplinary learning and has provided a safe, calm and creative haven for students across our school throughout every day. *Anna-Maria, we wish you every happiness and thank you sincerely for all you have done for Springbank.*

As this year concludes, I also thank Governing Council members for their endurance and dedication and I thank the families of Springbank Secondary College who have provided amazing support for the school in the most challenging of years. I am so grateful for your commitment and encouragement. I look forward to leading the school into a wonderful future.

*Wishing you a restful and refreshing holiday and Christmas break... and of course, a very happy New Year.*

Wendy House  
Principal



### Thank you, Julie Rungie.

For the last six years Ms Julie Rungie has been a member of Governing Council. Since 2019, Julie has been the Chairperson of Governing Council and has led the council through the development of Springbank Secondary College from Pasadena High School. She has kept our attention on developing a truly inclusive school and sharpened our focus on our practice and pedagogy that has helped us to take a lead role in this space in South Australia. Julie intended to retire from Governing Council when her son graduated at the end of 2019. Instead of concluding her service to the school she stepped up when we most needed the leadership and governance through the Ministerial Review process. This was an enormous undertaking. Then in term 4, Julie committed to the merit selection panel for the appointment of the Principal. This role required significant time and commitment.

Julie has been a positive and influential leader among the Governing Council and has willingly made significant commitment of time and energy to ensure the best possible outcomes for the students and young people of Springbank Secondary College.

Thank you, Julie - from the students, families and staff of the school.



## Congratulations Zac

Ms Carolyn Power MP – Member for Elder, invited students across her electorate to submit designs for her Christmas card again this year. Zac A (year 11) designed a card with a rather Aussie Christmas scene influenced by his work in the school's grounds and gardens. We were thrilled by the announcement that Zac was one of the successful entries and he is pictured here receiving his certificate and recognition from Ms Power and his

teacher Ms Therese Molloy. Congratulations Zac - great work!



## Inclusive Education report

Another year draws to a close and what an exciting and productive year it has been at our school. As we continue our journey and our commitment to becoming a fully inclusive school we have seen co teaching in many classrooms, the establishment of a professional learning community around inclusive education and staff involved in many Zoom webinars around inclusive education, co teaching and differentiation.

This term we have held two very successful transition days for year 7 students who will be attending Springbank next year. As well as that, we held two extra transition experiences for those students who required them.

This term has also seen students attend work experience at Bedford as part of their modified SACE Personal Learning Plan. The students thoroughly enjoyed this first experience of working and are looking forward to continuing with some more experience next year.

Students who were part of the Quicksmart numeracy intervention program have completed their final assessment tasks and all of them are to be congratulated on their improvement in their basic numeracy skills.

Staff have begun planning for 2021 and we are looking forward to another busy, productive and rewarding year. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and I look forward to working with you next year.

**Chris Lee**  
**Inclusion Leader**



## Ice Hockey - term 4

We resumed the Ice Hockey program this term, playing almost all Wednesdays on the ice. It has been a difficult year for all the students at Springbank, including the Ice Hockey team.

Week eight was the tournament week and our students were looking forward to this event. We won 3 games outright, then the one game we lost went to a shootout. The shootout went to the last of their three players for them to win 2-1. Our team went to the grand final and after a hard fought game the Springbank Sabres lost 2-1.

We were lucky enough to have his Excellency the Governor Hieu Van Le give a speech and make some presentations to the teams taking part on the day. Also our Principal, Wendy House and our Captain, Emily Baird presented the Governor with one of our old Pasadena Predator's Guernseys. To make two grand finals, win 1 and lose 1, is a great achievement from our players. Well done to all who played this year. Thank you to Katherine Harrison and the staff who supported the program.



**Paul Howlett**  
Ice Factor Manager



## PRESENTATION DAY AWARD WINNERS Wednesday 9 December 2020

<b>YEAR 8 AWARDS</b>	
Academic	Chloe, Toby, Hassan, Xander and McO'Connor
<b>YEAR 9 AWARDS</b>	
Academic	Gwilym, Molly, Zen, Kylie, Jaxon and Ricky
<b>YEAR 10 AWARDS</b>	
Academic	Emily, Peri, Emmaline, Lucy, Carys and Kiara
The Rusty Cup	Tyzana
Australian Defence Force Leadership and Teamwork Award	Emily
<b>YEAR 11 AWARDS</b>	
Academic	Marley, Christopher, Caitlin and Angus
Caltex Best All Rounder Award	Caitlin
Molly Byrne Award	Kayla
Arts Achievement Awards	Caitlin (Visual Art) Jack (Performing Art)
Commitment to Sport Awards	Campbell Kane Lachlan
Ice Factor Awards	Anjalie Xander
<b>YEAR 12 AWARDS</b>	
Commendation	Christopher (Yr11), Caitlin, Sana, (Jack - Principal's Commendation), Jordan, Jandre, Caitlin (Yr11), Harry, Faith and Ella
Glenelg Kiwanis All Rounder Award	Harry
Neil Wallace Award	Jack
City of Mitcham Mayor's Award	Harry
Dennis Gamlin Award	Harry

## Year 8 Geology Art-STEAM project

After learning about different types of rocks and minerals in geological science, year 8 students participated in a STEAM project to finalise their science learning. They selected their favourite rock sample and used this as the basis to create their own art work.

Firstly, they observed their selection (acting) thinking like a geologist and sketched the shape of the rock and the shapes within it with the help of Art teacher Ms Zupancic. Then students researched the physical properties of their chosen rock and created a colour scheme in proportion to the colours of their selected rocks or crystals. They then created their own art work based on inspirations from practising artists who were inspired by geological science. In the end, students reflected on their final art work and all were very satisfied with their achievement.

Thanks to Ms Zupancic for providing this unforgettable art experience. The students appreciated the support they received to develop their art skills in the context of science.

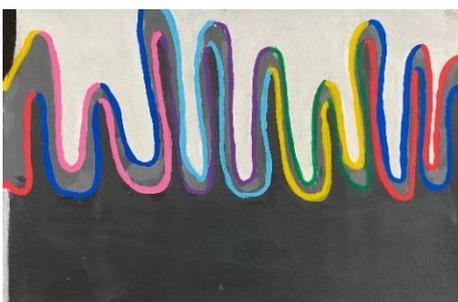


*Li Teng*  
**Science Teacher**

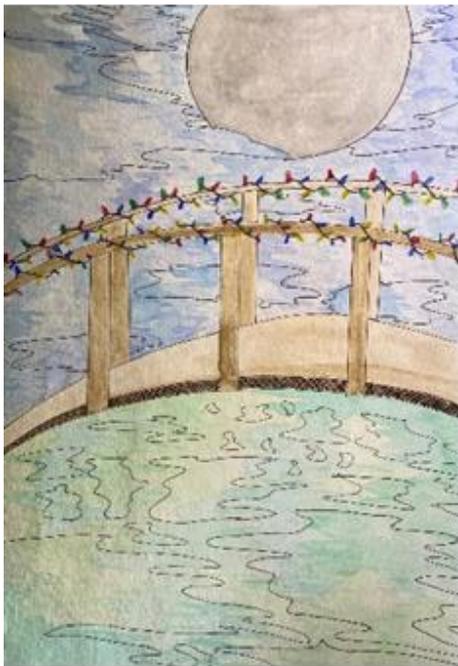


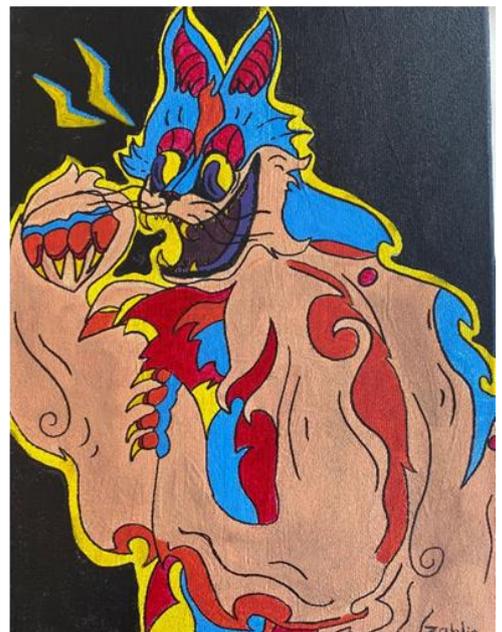
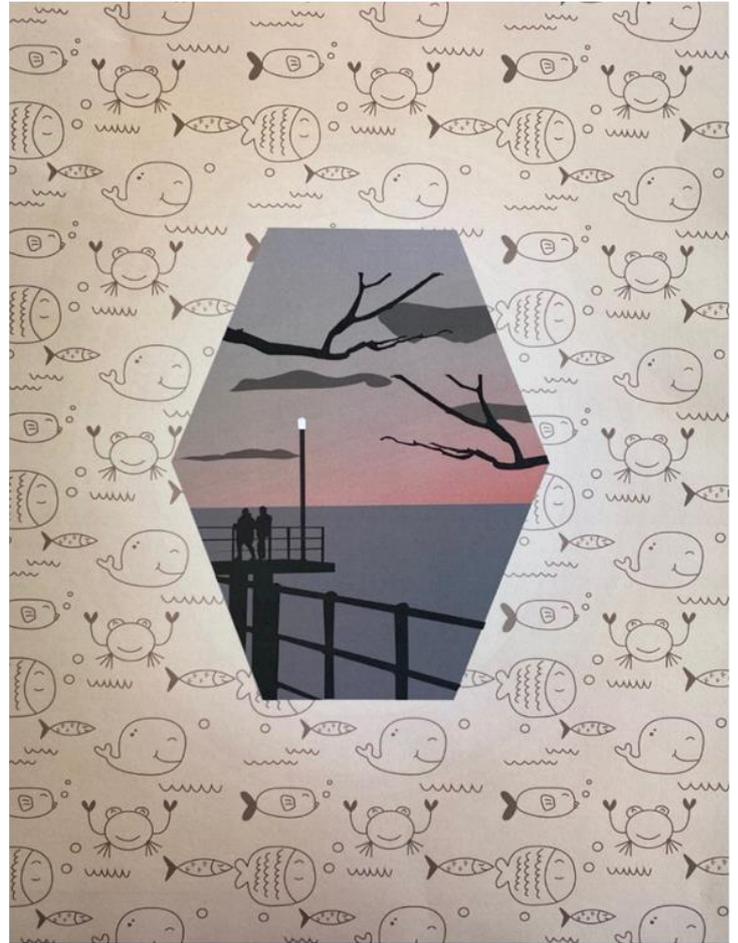
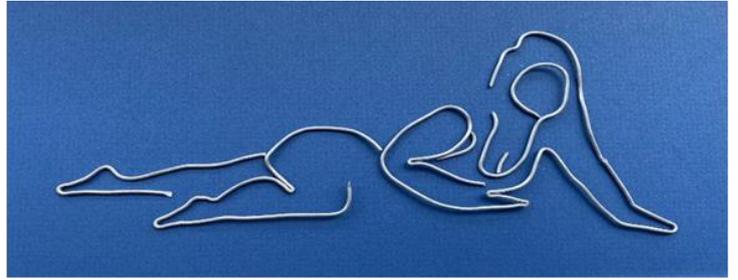
*Anna-Maria Zupancic*  
**Art Teacher**





**Year 11  
Visual  
Art**





The Christmas tree decorated by the students of Springbank Secondary College for Mitcham's Christmas Festival. It will be on show at the CC Hood Reserve.

