



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 and Pathways	Ross Templeman
Senior Leader - Inclusion	Chris Lee
Student Wellbeing Leader	Karen Jones
Student Wellbeing Leader	Tamara Seaman

2022 TERM DATES

Term 1	31 January - 14 April
Term 2	2 May - 8 July
Term 3	25 July - 30 September
Term 4	17 October - 16 December

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 2 May
First day of term 2

Monday 9 May
9am-10am - Principal's Tour

Tuesday 24 May
2.25pm - Student Led Conferences

Greetings

Since our last newsletter we have welcomed several new staff to the school:

- Ross Templeman - Senior Leader Operations, SACE and Pathways (replacing Kathryn Harrison) until the end of term 2.
- Nadine Venning, Susan Toska and Chloe Van Zetten - classroom support SSOs
- Diamanda Georgakakos – Admin Office SSO

We are pleased to welcome Leah Markey back from leave and thank Darren Siwes for his work in art in Leah's absence.

We were pleased to welcome year 7s to secondary school at the same time as we welcomed the year 8 students. Term 1 this year has presented a few more challenges than we usually see at the beginning of the year. The staggered start to the year was an unusual beginning, but once underway, most students were happy to be back at school with their friends and peers. We continue to work within the COVID-safe guidelines of the Department for Education (DfE), and that includes wearing masks. During the term, we had some students and staff who tested positive to COVID. Classroom contact families were notified where this occurred. Thank you for your support and understanding as we work through the pandemic and relevant guidelines.



We were thrilled to be able to host several tour sessions on Open Night on 30 March and the Principal Tour on 6 April. The students who stayed for the Open Night displays were wonderful ambassadors for the school, describing the learning and sharing their thoughts about what Springbank offers them. Many thanks to the students and to the staff who supported them and presented to the visitors on the tours.

At the end of the term we will distribute term one student reports. The reports have a new format. Hard copy versions will be available at the end of the last day of term (Thursday 14 April) and will be uploaded to Daymap during the holidays for parents and carers access. Thanks to David Moore and to Ross Templeman for their work to bring this process together.

I hope that the April school holidays are refreshing and enjoyable for students, families and staff.
Keep safe.

Wendy House
Principal



Springbank Secondary College Governing Council 2022

The Governing Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held online on Monday 14 March.

Welcome and congratulations to the 2022 Council parent members including office bearers Danielle Duffield (Chairperson), Jody Moate (Deputy Chair), Erna Johns (Secretary), Damien Jackaman (Treasurer), Candice Page, Katie Nuttall and Jessica Loan.

The parents will work with the principal and the staff representative (Natasha Grundy) and ex-officio members Councillor Yvonne Todd (City of Mitcham) and Nadia Clancy MP (Member for Elder) to continue the governance of Springbank Secondary College.

Refurbishment of Springbank

The **Capital Works** program is well underway with the four floors of Phase one already gutted and initial fixings in place. Some delay has occurred while lead dust found in the ceiling was removed within strict DfE guidelines. Next week, during the holidays, the **site will be closed** while Building 5, next to the stadium, will be demolished. The site must be completely cleared (except for the builders and demolition crew) as there is some asbestos removal within the demolition.



As per my letter issued last Wednesday, Governing Council has approved the school takes on a loan \$1M from DfE to ensure that phase 2 of the Capital Works program (the science wing redevelopment) is completed. Skyrocketing costs of building resources and labour pushed the cost of Phase two beyond the original \$10M budget. Governing Council will support the school to seek funding to offset this loan.

Wendy House
Principal

April School Holiday program - out now

Keep the kids entertained in the school holidays with Easter crafts, a drama workshop, Dungeons and Dragons and more. City of Mitcham's school holiday program offers low cost or free activities for all ages.

Find out more and book on our [School Holidays](#) page.

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Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

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Corridor Murals

Students have taken up the opportunity to design and paint a mural on the wooden hoardings that have been erected as a barrier to the building works.

There are four such hoardings within the corridors. One group is working with Ms Grundy in their lunch breaks to develop their mural.



Individual students have contributed to the design and transferring the designs onto the wall. Next term we will seek more students to assist with mural design and painting on the other hoardings.

School Immunisation Catch Up Clinics

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

Vaccines that will be available include:

Year 8 Students

HPV – Gardasil 9 and DTP - Boostrix

Where and When

Friday 8 April 2022

& Wednesday 27 April 2022

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 for more information

National Action Day against Bullying Day at SSC

On 18 March, Students from our Student Representative Council (SRC) held lunch time activities to promote **National Action Day against Bullying...** and around the corner on the following **Monday was Harmony Day!** As a school community it was important to bring these days together to relay the message to our students around the significance of 'everyone belonging'. **Both days have the colour orange as representation of the messages of kindness, acceptance, and mutual respect.**



Over lunch times on Friday and Monday, we had celebration activities near the oval, which included making kindness message bracelets and creating a Kindness garden for students to share their message of kindness with their peers; "By building a Kindness Culture together, we can promote inclusion, respect and community belonging for all students". While the activities may be simple, they provided a chance for connection and involvement, bringing everyone together for a positive message of "Choosing Kindness".



Students in our SRC are in the process of completing a "Be Kind" painting to share to their peers their message of being actively kind to each other and promoting student ownership in the school yard around bullying prevention through promoting a culture of Kindness. This art piece will be completed in Week 1 Term 2 and will be signed by all students to promote anti-bullying at SSC.

Tamara Seaman
Student Wellbeing Leader



Science news

YEAR 9 SCIENCE – LIGHT AND EYE DISSECTION

The Year 9 students have been busy in recent weeks exploring the science of light.

Students commenced this topic by exploring the various properties of light, including reflection and refraction. Using our light boxes, they could explore how light waves converge and diverge using different lenses. They also explored the nature of light and colour using a prism to split white light into the colours of the rainbow. Extension activities included the exploration of how light is seen in the natural world such as a blue sky, red sunset and the Aurora Australis.



This part of our curriculum culminated in the dissection of pigs' eyes to look at the anatomy of an eye and relate it to its function. Many students were nervous to commence this activity but once they recovered from their initial shock of observing a mammalian body part most enjoyed this learning activity. Others could participate from a distance using YouTube as their tool to investigate this subject.

Linda Thurlow
Science teacher



Unit Science – Putpa Garden

Maintenance of the Putpa Garden

Whilst the weather remained pleasant the Unit Science students wanted to undertake some gardening and maintenance work in our Putpa Garden.

For many students they noticed that many of the plants had grown over the spring and early summer and were beginning to look straggly and unkempt. The grasses had quadrupled in size and needed a cut back to remove the dead seed heads. The trailing vine lilac looked spindly and had some dead wood and some weeds needed removing.

With the support of Mr Brett Richards, the school's groundsman, the students spent a lesson pruning, pulling, trimming and digging.



Following instruction from Mr Richards, Zanden learnt how to use a hedge trimmer safely and accurately and spent his time trimming the grasses and overgrown bushes.

Tyson and Jordan topped up the two dry creek beds with new gravel and Jake helped to cut back and remove some weeds.

With the cooler and wetter months approaching the students plan to plant some more ground cover. The Pigface plants have always done well in this garden and the students will be research different local varieties of Pigface to purchase and plant.

We are grateful to Mrs Jody Moate who has offered some Running Postman and Scurf Peas which we can plant out in the Spring.



Linda Thurlow
Unit Science teacher



Term 1 Basketball

Term 1 has been a packed term with several basketball events and games, including both the senior and middle school 3X3 basketball carnival held at Springbank Secondary College.

It was a great opportunity for all students to learn and apply their skills in this modified version of the game that provides players with more time and pace.



This year we were able to nominate several teams in the middle school event which was fantastic! They all represented the school with pride and displayed respectful and positive behaviours towards each other, the opposition, and the event organisers.

Thank you to School Sport SA for organising a great day under difficult circumstances. The students and school staff really appreciate the hard work and opportunities provided.

A big thank you to Mr Howlett for all your hard work organizing the basketball teams for the after-school zone sport this term. Well done to all the players and well done to Eli and Jaxon for supporting the year 9/10 boys' team with your coaching!

We are looking forward to participating and supporting future events next term!

Brendan Mann
Basketball Academy





DEVON CLOTHING

Springbank Secondary College is now offering beanies and scarves in its uniform collection.

To keep your child warm in winter please visit the online Devon Clothing store on our website and view all our uniform items available now for purchase.



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