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#### **Vision Statement:**

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

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Student Wellbeing Leader	Tamara Seaman
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	2022 TERM DATES	
Term 1	31 January – 14 April	
Term 2	2 May – 8 July	
Term 3	25 July – 30 September	
Term 4	18 October – 16 December	

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Monday 17 October PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 18 October First day of term 4

Friday 11 November
Remembrance Day
and
Last day for year 12 students

#### Dear parents and carers

As term 3 ends we have plenty to celebrate and much to look forward to beyond the school holidays. In recent weeks Springbank students participated in a number of excursions and community events. Photographs and reports from some of those are included in the newsletter. I do hope you will take a moment to read the articles and enjoy the photographs.

On Friday 30 September, the Minister for Education, the Hon Blair Boyer and Mr Martin Westwell, Chief Executive of Department for Education visited Springbank along with Nadia Clancy MP. Their visit was at the invitation of Governing Council and an opportunity to see the progress of our current building works and more importantly to consider the school's request for additional funding to complete the build refurbishment in the science wing. We believe this is essential for our students to have access to 21st Century science learning spaces in a STEAM—focused school. The renders for the proposed upgrade of that wing are included in this edition of the newsletter.



Hon Blair Boyer (Minister for Education) with Tom (year 12) and Nadia Clancy (MP) at the visit to Springbank on Friday 30 September.

Progress on Phase 1 of the Capital Works is evident form the recent walk through with the builders and architects. The classrooms and spaces specifically designed for Springbank students and are really taking shape. We are hopeful now that the project will be completed by mid-December. New furniture is ordered and will make each area comfortable and supportive of effective learning and teaching. The IT upgrade across the whole site will provide state of the art, efficient and robust IT connectivity to further support student learning and creativity. We are excited about commencing 2023 in the new facilities.

I wish the student and staff a refreshing and enjoyable break as they prepare for the final term of 2022.



Wendy House Principal



## Year 10 HASS Tree Planting Excursion



As part of the Year 10 Geography 'Liveability' unit of study, students were invited by the City of Mitcham Council to participate in the 'Schools Tree Planting Project' in nearby Thurles Park, St Marys.







This annual tree planting action took place this year on 1
September to coincide with national Arbour Day activities.

Students worked alongside council representatives and environmental groups to learn how to plant small scrubs and larger fruit trees. Having learned these skills our students then worked as leaders supporting children from

Pasadena Kindergarten and St Bernadette's Primary School to plant out a designated area.

The weather was perfect and upon returning to school, students reflected on the effects this event would have on the liveability of our local area. Students identified positives such as; being in the outdoors, learning skills from others (rather than on You Tube), providing habitat for birds and bees, increasing the amount of shade, improving air quality and providing fruit for the community to eat in the future.

We are hoping to revisit the park later in the year to see the progress of the planting and look forward to participation in future community events.

Natasha Grundy and Alex Brook English / HASS and PE / Research Project



#### Year 10 Science: Aurora Program

Since launching their rockets at the start of term 3, the Year 10 Science students have been learning with the Andy Thomas Space Foundation's Aurora Program.

On 31 August, students travelled to the Australian Space Discovery Centre on North Terrace, to learn about the locally developing space industry. While there, the Year 10 cohort was presented with inspirational animated films, engaging space facts, and they explored the Discovery Centre's Space Gallery.



As students engaged with the exhibits, they learned about CubeSats, space junk, and the challenges of living in orbit. This experience connects with their current challenge: to design and print a model of a device, tool, or gadget to help them live or work in space.

The Aurora Program, a collaboration between the Andy Thomas Space Foundation and Makers Empire, has provided Springbank Secondary College with its first ever 3D printer.



The current year 10 students will be working through the engineering cycle to solve the problems identified with living in space. Prototyping with the Makers Empire software and 3D printer will be key to developing their problem-solving skills and reflecting on their designs.

A huge thank you to Mandi Dimitriadis and the team at Makers Empire for providing the opportunity and resources for Springbank Secondary College to engage with some authentic 21st century learning.

**Lewis Williams**Maths and Science Teacher



#### **Basketball Academy**



In recent weeks, the Springbank
Basketball Academy students have had the opportunity
to work with Flinders University and PEAQ Conditioning.



These sessions have included a pre-testing and an education session to support the students with their strength and conditioning. This will allow students to evaluate their current strength and conditioning status. Students have been prescribed a 6-week training program to apply before the third session which will include students being tested again in term 4.



This has been a positive collaboration working with outside specialized staff and we thank Dr Maarten and the Flinders students and Sean from PEAQ for their time and commitment to this community collaboration.

**Brendan Mann**Basketball Academy





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## **Capital Works Update**













## **Proposed Science Wing Upgrade**











