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DIARY DATES

JANUARY 27
STAGGERED START:
YEARS 7, 8 & 12 ONLY

JANUARY 28
ALL STUDENTS RETURN

FEBRUARY 3
ONLINE ACQUAINTANCE TIME
YEARS 7 - 10

FEBRUARY 10 - 12
YEAR 7 CAMPS

FEBRUARY 11
WHOLE SCHOOL ID PHOTOS

FEBRUARY 15
AGM & GOVERNING COUNCIL



Government of South Australia

Department for Education

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



DEAR FAMILIES,

As a school community, we can be proud of how we have navigated, and will continue to deal with, this ever-changing world, even though there may be some uncertainty in our world.

There is certainty that as a school, we have, and we will, work through it.

2020 SACE RESULTS

Our 2020 SACE results have come in and our school continues to improve every year. In summary, our SACE completion rate is the highest it has even been at **98.6%** compared to the state at 98.3%.

Charlotte Bevin received the highest ATAR of 86.6 (SATAC rank of 95 with school adjustment points).

Our 2020 Top 10 student ATARS are:

Charlotte Bevin	86.6
Jazmyn Heinrich	84.65
Soumik Sinha	82.3
Alana Squires	81.85
Ebony Gibbons	80.4
Georgia Moro	79.1
Callum Chew	77.75
Alisa Astashova	77.15
Meranda Hewitt	75.05
Ahan Sivakumaran	72

We also had the highest mean ATAR of 80 over the last 5 years, which are great results as it representative of our cohort not just relying on a small group of high flyers.

Our SACE intervention strategies are working, however more importantly, what we are doing at our school with literacy, numeracy and pedagogical practice is working. Our continued focus on individualised learning programs has provide all our students to successfully access SACE.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2020 SACE teachers for all their hard work, expertise and unwavering commitment in getting our students to achieve so well in 2020. They are the ones that bring our collective work together. We can all be proud of year 12 and SACE results.

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE STUDENTS AND STAFF OF OUR SCHOOL

Despite restrictions, we have managed to undertake several activities, excursions and events throughout the year which include:

- Sports Day
- Arts Showcase
- Graduation assembly
- Year 12 Graduation Night (photos page 3)
- and finally our year 12 formal on Monday 14th of December.

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I would like to acknowledge; the work of all staff that provide these opportunities for our students to experience these valuable learning opportunities outside the school environment. Our students who represent our school when in the wider community, with numerous members of the public contacting the school to congratulate them on their behaviour.

Ms Julie Lambert, our Deputy Principal, has retired after what has been an amazing career over 4 decades. Julie has positively influenced the lives of people she has worked with and taught. She is truly a trailblazer. Julie is an amazing teacher, leader and a colleague that is highly respected and valued by all. On Behalf of our school, I wish Julie a very happy and well-deserved retirement and all the best for the future.



National Teacher Award 2008 presented to her by Australia's first female Prime Minister Julia Gillard

FAREWELLS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and farewell staff. To our colleagues that are on contact, we wish you all the best in 2021 and thank you for your contribution in 2020.

To the following staff who will be moving on from Seaford Secondary College, we thank you and appreciate your work over the years.

- Ms Emma Hage has won a permanent position in Whyalla
- Ms Lauren Scarfe has won a position at Adelaide Botanic High School
- Ms Dani Gagliardi has won a 1-year position as a year 7 transition leader at Norwood Morialta High School
- Ms Lori Turner has won a 1-year position as an Office Manager for SAFSSA
- Ms Paulene Angus who will be retiring in 2021
- Ms Colleen Maloney has won a position at Urrbrae Agricultural High school
- we wish them all the best in 2021 and beyond. On behalf of our school. Seaford Secondary College we wish all our families a happy and safe festive season. Thank you for your support this year and we look forward to a fantastic 2021.

Kind regards,
Harry Stassinopoulos, PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL UNIFORM & PAYMENT OF FEES 2021

Dates for the purchase of school uniforms and payment of fees before the school year begins will be:

- Monday January 18:** 9.00am – 3.00pm
Tuesday January 19: 9.00am – 3.00pm
Wednesday January 20: 12.00pm – 6.00pm

2021 IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

The following immunisations will be available in 2021 to students free of charge through the school immunisation program:

Year Level	Visit 1	Visit 2
Year 8 students	THU 18/3/2021	WED 13/10/2021
Year 10 students	WED 26/5/2021	THU 19/8/2021

Deb O'Connor, School Immunisation Program Coordinator, Middle School Office

VET AND CAREER PATHWAYS NEWS

The VET and Careers Team at Seaford are committed to providing our students with support and advice about pathways and transitioning from school to work. Whether it is a short course, a certificate qualification, University, work experience, Apprenticeship or Traineeship. If you would like to know more, please email **Deb Scotton** (SACE & VET Career Pathways Leader) deb.scotton@seafordhs.sa.edu.au or phone **8327 5200**.

CONGRATULATIONS

- **Jacob K** has been successful in gaining a full-time Apprenticeship in Plumbing. We wish Jacob all the best for the next 4 years of working and training to become qualified in his chosen career pathway.
- **Eleanor M** graduated this year and been working part-time at Seaford Physiotherapy in reception. Congratulations to Eleanor – this is a fantastic opportunity!
- **Dillon S** has commenced some work experience with the potential of employment at McLaren Vale Enterprises where he is working in the wine packaging area. This opportunity comes from the partnership that Seaford Secondary College have with McLaren Vale Enterprises to support students in work experience with potential employment opportunities.

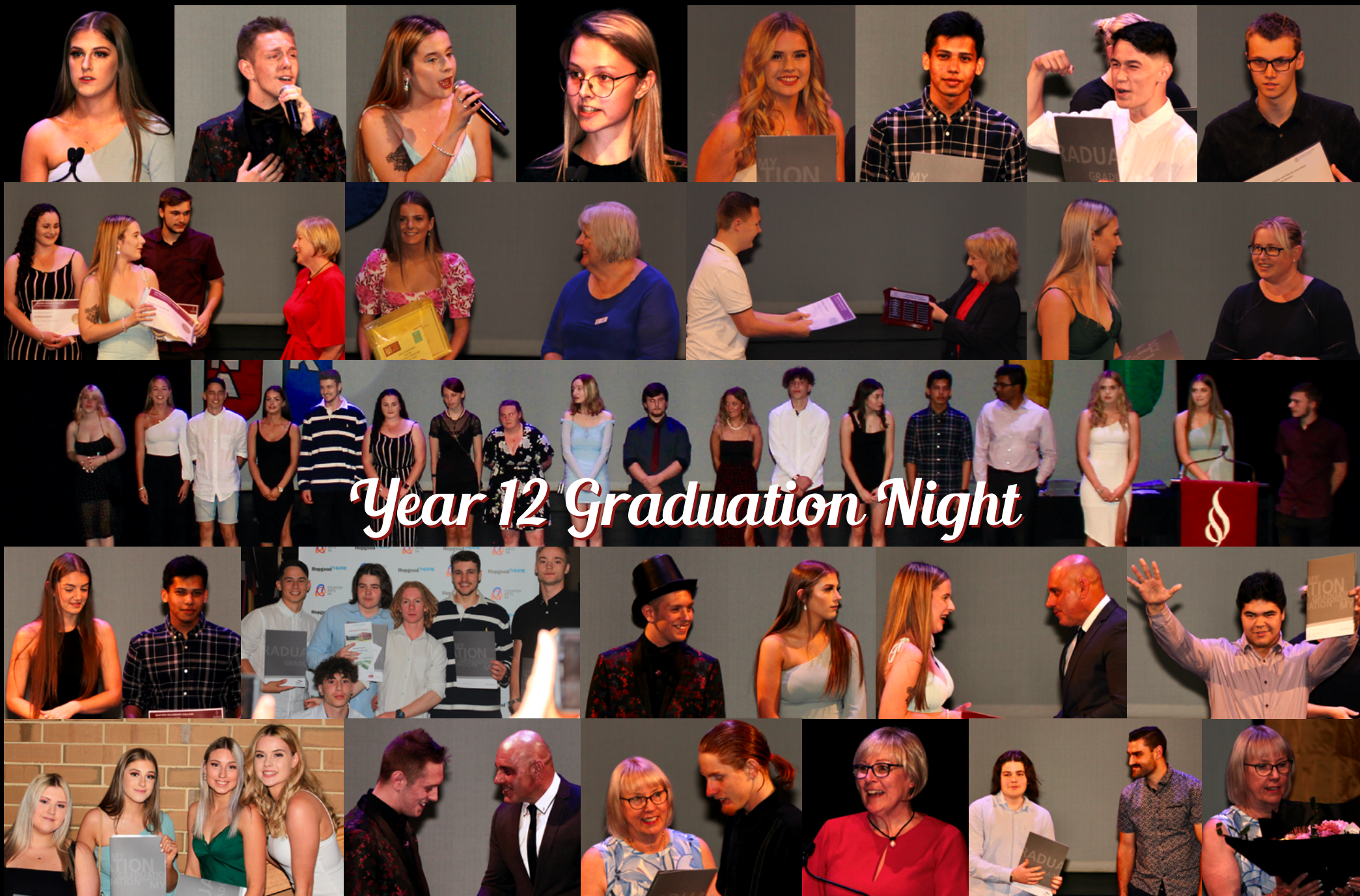
VET IN 2021

In 2021, 81 students will be commencing or continuing a VET qualification in their chosen career pathway. This is not including students that are continuing in their School Based Apprenticeship. Pathways include Community Services, Early Childhood, Construction, Plumbing Electro technology, Hospitality, Hair and Beauty and Media.

Pathways In Teams (Using Microsoft Office 365) Accessible To Students At School And At Home

Utilizing the online platform of Office 365 (which all students in the senior school have access to) we have created a 'Pathways Team' where students can find current and relevant career resources. These include University pathways, vocational training qualifications, short courses, apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities, STEM careers, online activities and career exploration tools, employment trends etc. We are encouraging students to regularly check the site as updates and new information are posted throughout the week. As students in the senior school, it is important to be pro-active in starting to plan and make decisions related to subject choices and how these will relate to future career pathways and employment outcomes. As part of care group activities and tasks students will become familiar with accessing this platform.

Deb Scotton, SACE & VET Career Pathways Leader





INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

It has been a quieter year for our international program. Usually in term 4 we would be hosting students from Ritsumeikan Junior High School, the largest study tour Adelaide sees each year, with 240 students spending 2 weeks in one of 17 schools participating in the program. It is a shame we have not had any study tours this year, not only for the benefit of our international student visitors, but for our school community. The joy of hosting a student for 2 weeks and the cultural exchange and friendship being a buddy at school can bring has been deeply missed this year. We hope, all going well, we will be able to welcome study tours back in Semester 2 2021.

We have been fortunate to have still welcomed 10 study abroad students from years 9 to 11 this year. **Ronja, Shiori, Haruki, Reina, Yu, Kazuki, Hibiki, Teppei, Nao** and **Kei** all arrived prior to Australia's lockdowns and were able to experience Australian school life and living in Adelaide, even with restrictions.

After saying farewell to most of our international students who have returned home already, we prepare to say goodbye to our remaining students from Mishima High School, Japan. Nao and Kei have spent 3 terms with us at Seaford after spending term 1 at Reynella East College completing an intensive English curriculum. We wish them all the best as they prepare to depart Australia, returning home to family and friends after spending a globally challenging year apart.



2021 will start very differently for our international program, but not without being prepared for a sooner than expected return of international students to Adelaide. For the international experiences Annette had planned this year, she was not without the support of our staff, offering their unique skills and passions to ensure our students had memorable experiences to share when they return home. Also, the willingness of students (buddies) to support in these experiences where needed.

With no study tours this year, we have missed the opportunity to spend time with our many amazing host families at farewell celebrations for our study tour students. We look forward to hopefully being able to run a full international program again from mid-2021 and reconnecting with the many warm and welcoming host families we have here in our community.

MISHIMA ACTIVITIES WEEK

During week 8 this term, students from Mishima High School attending Seaford Secondary College, Reynella East College and Aberfoyle Park High School, joined together and attended each school for a day to participate in different activities. On Monday students were at Seaford, and with the help of Ms Deb Halse and some of our students, made a variety of Australian foods.

Krystle Gertig, International Program Manager

POSTER WINNERS

Mr Disley's year 10 Digital Design class collaborated with the Food Technology teachers to create and design a 'Seaford Secondary Cafe' logo. Thank you to all the innovative logos that students created.

We did have 2 winners - **Evie W** and **Tahlia Z**. Well done on the logos, which will now be utilised on our Seaford Secondary aprons, serving boards and will be seen within our hospitality hub.



YEAR 11 CHILD STUDIES

We recently had children visiting from Seaford Community Childcare Centre.

Students had an assignment to make community connections, but also teach the 4 year olds about getting off their devices and being physically active.

Kirsty Ramsay, Middle School Leader Tigress



ARTS NEWS

ARTS SHOWCASE

The Hopgood Theatre was alive and pumping for 2 nights this year as we catered for COVID restrictions. It was an amazing opportunity for students to hone their onstage skills and showcase their many talents in Dance, Drama, Music, Musical Theatre and Visual Arts.

Beth Parkin, Head Of Middle School



SEAFORD LIBRARY NEWS

During the school holidays, don't forget that the library has all your entertainment needs. This includes books, DVDs/Blu-ray's, CDs, magazines and graphic novels, or you can come in and escape the heat and relax. Don't forget we also have a huge range of online resources such as eBooks, eAudio, eMagazines and a free video streaming service, Beamafilm, available to our library customers. All of this can be accessed with your student ID card. To see what is in our collection, download the Libraries

SA app, or for further information please contact us at the library on **8384 0044**, or go to: <https://tinyurl.com/seafordlibrary>

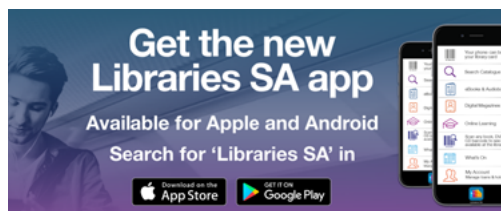
Please note that all Onkaparinga Libraries will be closed for the Christmas break from 5.00pm 24th December and will reopen on Monday 4th January 2021.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday break!

Karla Pickett, School Services Librarian



Call the **Seaford Library** on 8384 0044 or visit www.onkaparingacity.com/libraries for more information



EXTENDED ABSENCES

Student absences of more than 1 week require an exemption form to be submitted. The form is available on request from student services. It should be completed 2 weeks prior to the start date of the exemption. This includes extended exemptions due to medical & other exemptions. Delays could result in an exemption NOT being approved, thus resulting in unexplained absences recorded for students.

STUDENT WELLBEING

PARENT HELPLINE 1300 364 100

LIFELINE 13 11 14 www.lifeline.org.au

HEADSPACE www.headspace.org.au

KIDS HELPLINE 1800 551 800 www.kidshelpline.com.au

BEYOND BLUE 1300 224 636 www.beyondblue.org.au

HIGH HOPES



Congratulations to our class of 2020, you made it! It has been an exceptionally challenging year to do year 12; and YOU DID IT. Well done! I wish you all the best as you venture out into new

directions. I am sure it feels a bit weird, perhaps scary and exciting at the same time. It is a new beginning with a few unknowns, but let's face it, you've been through a year of unknowns and you have survived, that should give you an indication that you have it in you to face new unknowns and survive. You have got this!

The whole school community has also met the COVID challenges head on, and we have survived. It has been incredibly difficult at times, stretching us further than we would like, and that is really uncomfortable to say the least. However, challenging/stretching situations can have great benefits, developing our strength of character in areas such as perseverance, patience, self-control, kindness, and thankfulness.

Before gathering together with friends and family for Christmas celebrations, I encourage you to take some time to reflect on the good things you can find from 2020. What are the positive things you have learnt about yourself that you can take into 2021 and develop further? What can you be thankful for? What things would you like to let go of; things that are holding you back from being the person you would like to be? How can you encourage and build up the people around you?

I wish you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

I am so thankful for our volunteers who have been incredibly faithful to our breakfast program, Brekky @ Eight. This program runs on Wednesdays and Fridays with our lovely volunteers - **Phil Harvie, Glenda Wilcox, Chris Wesslink** and **Grant Davis** (our newbie who started at the end of September).

During this crazy year, they have had to exercise their flexibility skills and nurture their patience prowess all the while dealing with their own apprehensions about this ever-changing world. These wonderful people had to wait patiently during term 2 while Brekky @ Eight was closed. In term 3, they were able to return, but things had to be done VERY differently; we went from indoors to outdoors (during winter!).

Pre-COVID, the students had been able to help themselves to breakfast food; this gave them practice in appropriate food handling and consideration of others (eg. Not taking more than necessary). They would play board games or just hang out with friends before care group. COVID restrictions meant the food had to be prepared and served with great attention to COVID practices. Students have had to line up 1.5 metres apart, be handed a cup of juice and a toasted sandwich or pancake.

Our volunteers have taken it all in their stride and have offered a cheerful welcome to students and staff.

VOLUNTEERS, WE THANK YOU SO MUCH!

I would like to take this opportunity to also mention our wonderful sponsors of **Brekky @ Eight** – Seaford Christian Churches (formerly SEM); providing all food and our volunteers.

Karen Michelbach, Pastoral Care Worker