

Respect

Resilience

Ambition

Community

Principal's Report



Important Dates

- **Wednesday 27 March 2024**
PIMS 11am—7pm
(Not student free)
- **Thursday 28 March 2024**
Last Day Term 2.25 finish
- **Monday 15 April 2024**
Term 2 Commences
- **Wednesday 24 April 2024**
ANZAC Day Assembly
- **Thursday 25 April 2024**
ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- **Friday 26 April 2024**
Curriculum Day (Student free)
- **Monday 29 April 2024**
Open Night
- **Thursday 9 May 2024**
Whole School Athletics Carnival
- **Wednesday 15 May 2024**
Year 9 Outdoor Ed Camp commences
- **Friday 17 May 2024**
Year 9 Outdoor Ed Camp concludes

College Absence Line: 9744 0500

A reminder to parents that when your student is absent to call the College Absence Line and leave the following information:

- ♦ Parent/Carer name
- ♦ Student name
- ♦ Home Group
- ♦ Reason: please give detail of absence
- ♦ Phone number

Dear Sunbury Downs College Community,

I would like to acknowledge and thank all students and staff for the positive way in which we have engaged with learning in Term 1.

Community is one of our school values which is very important. Observing the College coming together to participate in whole school events throughout Term 1 has been very rewarding as we commence a new year. Activities such as assemblies, camps, sporting activities (House and Interschool) provide opportunities for us to work together towards a common goal. Formal occasions such as the Year 11 Debutante Ball allow us to celebrate milestones and achievements together.

I encourage the Sunbury Downs College community to continue to be positive and optimistic particularly with our conversations and discussions with our young people. Please continue to focus on improvements and encourage the pursuit of goals and aspirations.

College Council Elections

We welcome our newly elected parent members of the Sunbury Downs College Community to College Council.



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Welcome to Mr Neil Christie (returning), Mr Sean Bassett (returning), Ms Cassandra Pieroni (returning), Ms Natalie Harrison (returning) and Ms Katherine Michell (new member). We thank retiring parent member of School Council for their contribution to our school: Ms Simone Hazelman and also thank the retiring Staff Representative Ms Shobana Sebastian.

We also thank outgoing College Captains Andrew Bracken and Charlotte Le Guier for their contribution to Council as Co-opted Members and wish them well in their future endeavours.

Our elected staff representatives are Ms Nicollette Plakas and Mr Dwayne Stojcevski. We look forward to the positive contributions and interaction that they will bring to School Council.

The elected student members for 2024 are Bella Jackson (Year 11) and Diya Ninan (Year 12). College Captains are Co-opted Members of School Council: David Geissler (Year 12) and Prisha Maini (Year 12).

Our Office Bearers for the March 2024 – March 2025 term are:

President – Mr Neil Christie

Vice President – Ms Tanya Hennessy

Treasurer – Ms Natalie Harrison

I thank all members of School Council for their commitment to the College and for being a valuable part of the school improvement process.

Harmony Day

On Thursday 21 March 2024, the College community celebrated Harmony Day. It was a time to come together to celebrate and recognise the value of multiculturalism, and the benefit that diversity of culture can bring to us all. We currently have students enrolled from 47 different national backgrounds - we are proud of our diverse community.

Progress Information Meetings

Student progress meetings will be conducted on Wednesday March 27 from 11.00am – 7.00pm. These meetings provide opportunities for families to receive feedback on their child's academic progress to date in 2024.

Inter School Swimming Carnival

The College competed at the Secondary Schools Swimming competition at Melton Waves Leisure Centre on Wednesday 6 March. A successful day for Sunbury Downs College who were again victorious in 2024. We are confident that the representative school team will acquit themselves well at the Western Metropolitan Regional Swimming Carnival this week.

Year 7 Camp

The 2024 Year 7 Orientation Camp at the Lady Northcote Recreational Camp in Rowsley was held from Monday 26 February – Wednesday 28 February. A successful camp with students having the opportunity to make new friends and interact with teachers outside the classroom.



Principal's Report

Year 11 Debutante Ball

On Friday 8 March the Year 11 Debutante Ball was held at the Luxor Function Centre in Taylors Lakes. This was an outstanding school event, and all debutantes and partners are to be congratulated on the way in which they participated, demonstrating the College values of Respect, Resilience, Ambition and Community. Feedback from staff, parents and family members who attended as guests was very positive.

NAPLAN

Last week and the week before, the College completed the 2024 online NAPLAN testing program with Year 7 & Year 9 students. Staff and students are to be commended for the efficient way in which the testing process was completed. The regular teaching and learning program has resumed for all students for the last week of term.

I wish all members of our school community a safe and restful school holiday break. We look forward to welcoming students back for the resumption of Term 2 learning on Monday 15 April 2024.

Thank you for your continued support of the College.

Warm regards,

Warwick Beynon
Principal



Mr Warwick Beynon | PRINCIPAL



Interschool Sports

Interschool Swimming Sports

On Wednesday 6 March the Interschool Swimming Team ventured down to Melton Waves to represent our College against other schools within the local community. Once again this year, Sunbury Downs College were successful in winning the Western Metro Swimming Carnival. It was a great day and many students were successful in both individual and team events.

A special mention must go out to the following students who competed in multiple events; Aaliyah Phung, Sonechka Javier, Ashley Hennessy, Chase Green, Dayne Weiler, Abbey Caldane, and Nathan Richards. Also thanks to Harry Leader and Charlize Micallef who did a fantastic job as the Starter for the event. The 40 plus students who formed the swim team need to be commended on their effort and enthusiasm throughout the day.

Interschool Cricket

On Friday 1 March the Year 8 Boys Cricket Team qualified for the division final after a comprehensive win over Alice Miller. Adam Simpson was the man of the match with a blistering 58 not out and 3/12 with the ball.

Interschool Tennis

On Friday 8 March our senior girls Tennis Team qualified for the WMR finals in Term 2 with a walkover in the interschool rounds. Anna Tirpkos will be leading the charge once again in her final year of representing the College in Interschool Sport.



Matthew Quigley | SPORTS COORDINATOR



Interschool Swimming Carnival





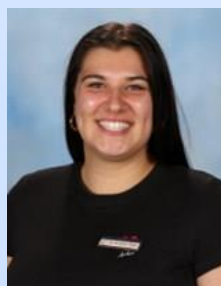
Careers Expo

The Year 11s recently went to the Careers and Pathways Exhibition. This was a great way for students to engage with tertiary institutions and employers that they may want to work for after finishing school. There were a lot of different stalls for different career pathways with different schools present along with ours.

This Careers Expo was slightly different to previous years as this year we went into more detailed explanations. Everyone who went to different stalls got information booklets to help them understand things a bit more and I myself went to different stalls to gather information. The goal for this Expo was to figure out what students at SDC can do after Year 12.

I believe that this excursion was a great opportunity to ask questions regarding the career students want to pursue after school finishes.

Aash Makol 11B



Nicollette Plakis | YEAR 11 COORDINATOR AND SWPBS PROGRAM COORDINATOR

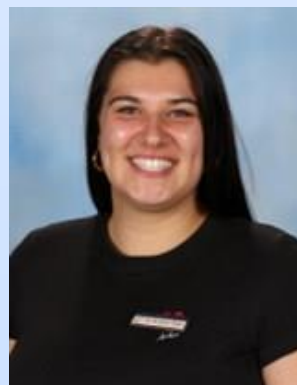


Debutante Ball

The Year 11 students who participated in the 2024 Debutante Ball have made our College community so proud. The students were active participants in learning their dances, role modelling our school values of ambition, resilience and community, and the group created an amazing night for family and friends who attended. Thank you to all staff who supported and attended and to the families who made an effort to come along and create a wonderful night!

On Friday 8 March, Sunbury Downs College held a Debutante Ball for the Year 11 students. 15 couples participated, attending rehearsals to learn three dances creating an enjoyable experience and something to remember for a lifetime. On the day of Deb, we gathered together, took millions of photos and performed our dances for our friends and family. The night of Deb was one of a kind, we got to socialise and have fun with teachers and people from our school. Thank you to the teachers and for all of the effort put towards this special night.

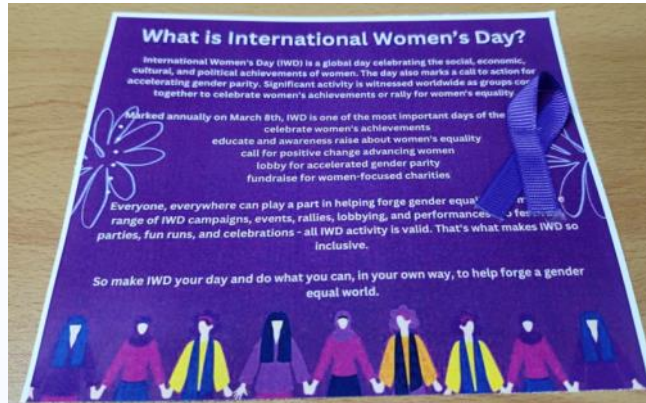
Kitty Sinfield 11D



Nicollette Plakis | YEAR 11 COORDINATOR AND SWPBS PROGRAM COORDINATOR



International Women's Day



In support of International Women's Day, Student Services held a biscuit decorating and card making activity to celebrate the great women that are in each of our lives. Students immersed themselves in the spirit of the day and it was lovely to see so many students embrace the day positively interacting with one another.

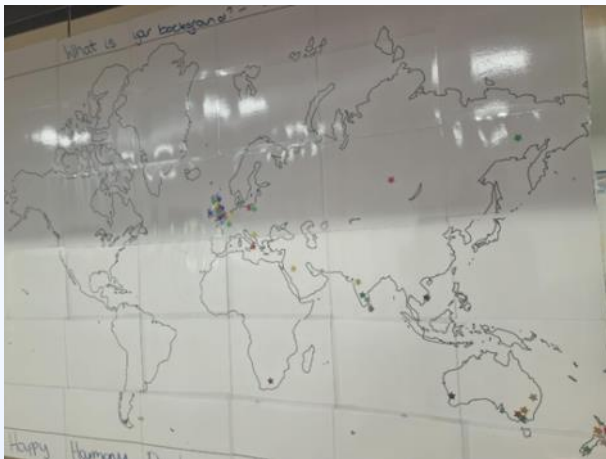


Katherine Norris | STUDENT WELLBEING COORDINATOR



Harmony Day

On Thursday 21st of March, Sunbury Downs College celebrated Harmony Day with activities run by student services. With the theme this year “Everyone Belongs”, our students participated in a special trivia based on multiculturalism, along with a lotus and world map activity to celebrate our cultural diversity. We thank all the students who joined in and demonstrated our school values. +



Sarah Lay | YOUTH WORKER



Production



Update

We are delighted to share that our rehearsals are progressing smoothly with our talented students, who are mastering the Jolly Holiday dance and are now diving into the linguistic marvel of Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious! It's a joy to witness their dedication and enthusiasm as they work hard and, hopefully, have a lot of fun along the way!

We're also thrilled to announce the wonderful staff members who have joined us this year

to support our production:

Choreography: Mel Hatch

Vocals: Shobana Sebastian

Tech Coordinator: Alex Bryce

Costumes and Sets: Barbara Trigg and Suzie Woolley

Front of House and Marketing: Nicollette Plakas and Michelle Evans

A heartfelt thank you to all of you for your support!

Our Year 12 VM class is also actively involved in supporting the production. They are working in teams to build, source, and create props, manage marketing and fundraising events, and organize front of house activities.

In the coming months, we may reach out for specific props or costumes that we need. If you believe you have something that could contribute, please don't hesitate to contact either myself or the relevant staff member.

Jo Rains



Production

Cast List

(In order of appearance)



Bert- Declan O'Donovan
George Banks- Kody Hughes
Winifred Banks- Kate Lorenzi
Jane Banks- Acer Jay
Michael Banks- Darcy Baird
Katie Nanna-Maddy Said
Policemen-Trisha Tailor
Miss Lark-Zoe Watts
Admiral Boom-Izzy-Bella Ross
Mrs Brill-Tammy McMahon
Robertson Ay-Nayoni Muralidharan
Mary Poppins-Ella Wallis

Park Keeper-Charlotte Hedges
Neleus-Alex Rosewall-Davison
Bank chairman-Riveen Randeniya
Miss Smythe-Zoe Watts
Von Hussler - Navya Johar
Northbrook-Holly Barker
Bird Woman-Charlotte Brennan
Mrs Corry-Sandra Abeywardena
Valentine-Maddie Farrall
Teddy bear-Tasha Xuereb
Punch-Scarlett Jensen
Doll-Jasmine Calder-Mcardle
Miss Andrew-Aash Makol

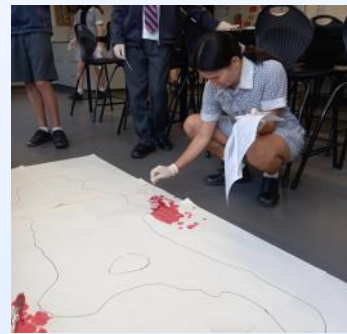
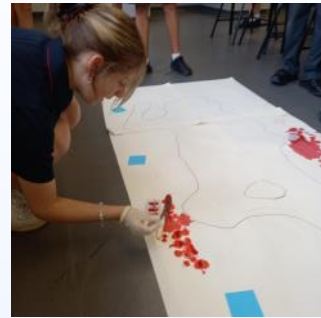
Park strollers, Statues, Customers, Kite Flyers, Sweeps
Aash Makol, Alex Rosewall-Davison, Amelia Morison, Charlotte Brennan, Charlotte Hedges, Cienna Montesalvo, Claire Sojin, Ella Pumpa, Riveen Randeniya, Holly Barker, Izzy-Bella Ross, Jasmine Calder-Mcardle, Jayden Barbera, Kitty Sinfield, Leni O'Sullivan-Snow, Madeleine Said, Madison Farrall, Margaret Rout, Natasha Xuereb, Navya Johar, Nayoni Muralidharan, Peyton Patience, Ruby Rowbottom-Thorneycroft, Sandra Abeywardena, Scarlett Jensen, Summer Barratt, Tammy McMahon , Trisha Tailor, Zoe Watts



Forensic Science

On Tuesday 19 March the Year 9 Forensic Science class arrived to find a heinous crime had been committed – Ms Jenny Wadeson our wonderful Laboratory Technician, had been murdered!

The students used all the skills they have been learning to collect and analyse physical evidence left at the crime scene and try to identify the killer!



Lachlan Senior | SCIENCE TEACHER



Open Night

SUNBURY DOWNS COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT

Monday 29 April 2024

Tours between 5:00pm and 7:00pm

Presentation at 7:30pm

Bookings Essential



On our Open Night

Join College tours
Meet our students
and teachers
Experience our culture
Explore our facilities

For more information call 9744 0500
148-174 Mitchells Lane Sunbury
www.sunburydowns.vic.edu.au

'Confidence to Achieve'



Mathematics & Numeracy

Essential Assessment & Oxford Maths: Year 7, 8 and 9

Most students have started to use Essential Assessment to complete some pre-tests. Teachers will use the results to target student learning gaps more effectively and students will be able to work on the 'My Numeracy' portal to check their understanding. A learning library with videos of key concepts is available for content from levels Foundation to 10A.

Students will need their laptops in class to use Essential Assessment and to access their digital textbook. The Oxford Maths online program allows teachers to set work at appropriate levels for all students regardless of their starting point. More support or extension can be accommodated.

If you would like to learn more about these programs please contact your child's maths teacher.

Maths Olympiad (Year 7 and 8) Round 1: Wednesday 8 May



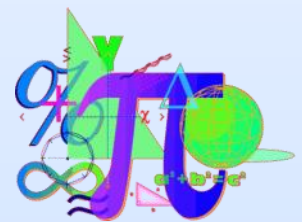
This competition builds on important mathematical concepts and helps students to consolidate strategies and develop their problem-solving skills. It also provides high achievers with an opportunity to compete against themselves and others across Australia.

Students answer 5 problem-solving questions over 4 rounds. No notes or calculators are allowed. There are practice questions and resources available. Teachers will also go over solutions after the competition to ensure students continue to improve their maths problem solving skills.

Students in Year 7 and 8 ACE classes are automatically enrolled. If your child is a high performer in maths and would like to participate, please let their maths teacher know.

Afterschool Maths Homework Club: Mondays 3:30 – 4:30pm Venue: Room 4A

For all students from Year 7 to 12. There are no costs and no booking is required.



Lauren Jackson | LEARNING SPECIALIST (NUMERACY)



Tyler Locker | MATHEMATICS DOMAIN LEADER



Robotics

Robotics: Sunbury Schools FIRST Lego-League



SDC Year 7 and 8 students are participating in the Sunbury Schools FIRST Lego League Challenge again this year.

This program has 4 key components:

- **Robot Design:** Design and program a LEGO Spike PRIME robot to follow lines using sensors, push objects or pull levers as they negotiate the mission mat.
- **Robot Game:** Complete as many missions as possible on the Challenge mat in 2.5 minutes. Each mission scores points.
- **Innovation project:** As a team, develop an innovative solution to a competition problem.
- **Core Values:** Throughout the competition students must demonstrate the core values of Teamwork, Inclusion, Impact, Fun, Discovery and Innovation.

The first workshop with all Sunbury schools was held on Friday 8 March.





Robotics



Students had a great time participating in team building challenges and building and programming their robots. Well done everyone.

If you have any questions regarding mathematics or numeracy please contact us.

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Lauren Jackson | LEARNING SPECIALIST (NUMERACY)



Jenny Wadson | LABORATORY TECHNICIAN



International Program

Homestays needed for International students

As part of the International Students Program, students will require homestay provision through which accommodation, meals, internet facilities and services (e.g., meals, gas, electricity, desk, etc.) are provided by the nominated homestay provider. The homestay experience is an excellent way for students to improve their English, learn more about Australian culture and to make the most of their International education experience. It is essential that homestay accommodation is in compliance with the Department International Student Program Quality Standards. In preparation for our intake of International Students in 2025, the College welcomes expressions of interest from families who are interested in providing homestay. Weekly fee that students pay for homestay is \$320.00.

Please contact Anina Alexander on 9744 0500 - International Students Coordinator.



Anina Alexander | INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS COORDINATOR



Breakfast Club

SUNBURY DOWNS
COLLEGE

BREAKFAST CLUB

FREE!



WHEN: EVERY WEDNESDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL

TIME: FROM 8AM

LOCATION: COURTYARD



Community News

REGISTRATION & AVAILABILITY



U12 Girls

2 Spots

U12 Boys

3 Spots

U13 Boys

3 Spots

U14 Boys

4 Spots

U16 Boys

2 Spots +
Goalkeeper

Registrations are encouraged to be submitted promptly to avoid disappointment. Please fill out the form in the registration section on our website

www.sufc.com.au



Community News

Premium Partner



Plenary Health



2024 Walk West



We're back!
7 April, 8am-12pm

Join the fun and help Western Health purchase two ECMO machines, allowing patients to recover from life-threatening heart and lung conditions. **All welcome.**




Sign-up today!

walkwest.whfoundation.org.au



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Major Event Partner: **fernwood** FITNESS

Sponsors: **MULTIPLEX** **BankVic** **QUBE** **Maxxia**