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Important Dates

Little Lions Session
2 - Monday Group
Monday 5 August 2024

K/O Football Open
Boys
Monday 5 August 2024

NATSI Children's
Day
Monday 5 August 2024

Mini Mark's
Playgroup -
Olympics Fun with
Little Athletics
Tuesday 6 August 2024

SMC Sports Council
Tuesday 6 August 2024

K/O Football Y7/8
Boys
Tuesday 6 August 2024

Year 10 Retreat
Thursday 8 August 2024

K/O Netball Open
Girls
Thursday 8 August 2024

Reception Red
Excursion
Thursday 8 August 2024

Little Lions Session
2 - Friday Group
Friday 9 August 2024

Reception Blue
Excursion
Friday 9 August 2024

Year 11 Music and
Creative Arts
Excursion
Friday 9 August 2024

Interschool Summer
Carnival- Y5 and 6
Friday 9 August 2024

Little Lions Session
3 - Monday Group
Monday 12 August 2024

Year 9 Performing
Arts Excursion
Monday 12 August 2024

Mini Mark's
Playgroup - Farm

Visit

Tuesday 13 August 2024

P.A.R.T.Y Program
Tuesday 13 August 2024

**SAPSASA Soccer
(Wed - Fri)**
Wednesday 14 August 2024

**Copper Coast
School Livestock
Showing
Competition**
Friday 16 August 2024

**Reception Yellow
Excursion**
Friday 16 August 2024

Upcoming Events

Encounter Youth Parent Seminar

Date: Wednesday 7 August
Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Venue: Bosco Campus
Student Hub - Port Pirie

R-12 Mass & Activities

Date: Thursday 15 August -
Monday 30 November
Time: 12:20pm
Venue: St Mark's Sports
Centre, Bosco Campus -
Port Pirie

Principal's Update Term 3, Week 2 2024



Enrolment conversations are in full swing, and we have new students joining us this term, including our new Reception students. I extend a warm welcome to all our new families. The pride our students have in the College was on full display on Friday as they showed their Grandparents and Grandfriends around the Benedict campus. It was wonderful to welcome hundreds of family members into the school. Community, parish and family partnerships are so valuable and an essential part of College life to support learning and wellbeing.

[Click here](#) to view our *Grandparent's and Grandfriend's Photo Gallery*.

NAPLAN Reports

Individual Student NAPLAN Reports have been sent home this week. In each learning domain, Reading, Writing, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar and Numeracy, students are evaluated as Excelling, Strong, Developing or Needs Intervention. It has been great to see an improvement in Writing levels because of the learning strategies we have been implementing over the past year. Research indicates that reading regularly has a significant impact on learning outcomes, so we encourage students, with the support of parents, to take a break from devices each day and let their imaginations get lost in the pages of a book.

Please remember that NAPLAN results are just a snapshot in time and only one of many measures of students' learning. Students' self-worth should not be determined by performance on standardised tests. Each student is unique and valued for all that they are.

I hope you enjoy the new format and the glimpses into daily life and learning at St Mark's College.

Dr Sandra Hewson, Principal

Faith & Mission

Grandparents and Grandfriends Day

Friday 26 July marked the feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, the parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus. Since 2021, the Catholic Church has used this occasion to celebrate World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme for this year's celebration, selected by Pope Francis, is "Do not cast me off in my old age" (see Psalm 71:9).

Students at Benedict Campus celebrated the occasion by inviting their grandparents and grandfriends to visit the school. Far from "casting off" their grandparents and grandfriends, the students welcomed them with great excitement and pride. After a special prayer service, students showed their grandparents and grandfriends around the school grounds and shared examples of their learning. Students and their visitors engaged in a range of activities together, including portrait drawing, painting and interviews. The grandparents and grandfriends ended their visit by gathering in the Good Samaritan Hall for tea, coffee and biscuits, no doubt sharing with one another how proud they are of their grandchildren.

We thank all who attended and made this day so special for our students.

Salesian Youth Ministry Art Competition

For Salesian Secondary School Students ONLY (12-18 years old).

Within the Salesian Youth Ministry, we are always wanting to find new ways to connect Salesian schools, and now for the first time we are hosting a Digital Art Competition for all of Australia!!

[Click here](#) to find out more information.

The Witness

[Click here](#) for the latest edition.

Southern Cross

[Click here](#) for the latest edition.

*Ms Brodie Nugent, Mr Isaac Ellis, Ms Fiona Clarke and Mrs Megan Congdon
St Mark's College Catholic Identity Team*

Celebration of Success

At our Celebrations of Success this week we recognised students for their academic success and their endeavour. Learning is not meant to be easy. In fact, we should be finding things tricky as that is when we are in the learning zone. The key to success is not giving up when things become difficult. When things are too easy, we are not learning much. When things are tricky, we work out strategies to learn, including asking for help, persevering and practising until we get it. Learning is a collective endeavour. Teachers teach new content, scaffold and guide learning, but student attendance, participation, engagement and effort are fundamental to success, which of course comes in many forms.

Congratulations to all recipients of Academic Achievement Awards and Diamond Endeavour Awards in Semester 1.





Benedict Campus - Welcome

This term we welcomed our mid-year students into Reception White with Mrs Kayla Hastings and Mrs Nikki Edwards.

This week we have also welcomed our newest groups of Little Lions who enjoyed their first sessions on Monday and Friday.





02.08.24

Bosco Campus Reminders

Activating Identities and Futures (AIF)

The results of our Stage 2 Activating Identities and Futures Semester 1 classes were released last Tuesday. I am pleased to share the impressive achievements of our Year 11 students. Firstly, every student enrolled successfully completed their Stage 2 Activating Identities and Futures achieving a result from A+ to C grade.

In their first attempt at a Stage 2 subject, these results reflect our student's development of metacognitive skills and Agile learner qualities that will support them as they progress towards SACE completion next year.

Parent Seminar - Encounter Youth

Next week, Encounter Youth will be on-campus presenting workshops about alcohol and vaping to students in Years 7-11.

Parents and caregivers are invited to attend a seminar 'How to have a positive influence and talk about alcohol & other drugs' at the Bosco Campus Student Hub on Wednesday 7 August, 6.00 - 7.30pm. [Click here for more information.](#)

Uniform

As we came back from break students were reminded that they need to be in correct uniform every day. Students in Year 8-10 can only wear PE on the designated PE days. This information is available on their SEQTA Timetable. Year 11 students can wear PE Uniform on their GYM day. The Year 11 Gym day is Thursday. The use of PE uniform outside this time will be communicated directly to families via teachers. Please support us with this. Parents will be called in the morning if students present to school in the wrong uniform to bring them the correct uniform. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Welcome Sheri

We welcome Sheri Nicholls to the Bosco staff team. She will be working primarily in the English, Drama and HASS departments.

We look forward to her sharing her knowledge and expertise with us.

Mrs Katie Pole, Deputy Principal, Bosco Campus



Bosco Campus - Student Voice

Welcome to term 3! We hope everyone enjoyed a refreshing holiday break.

Last week, we had the privilege of meeting with the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools (SACCS). During their visit, we gave them a tour of our Bosco and Benedict Campuses and shared the many learning opportunities we have as students, as well as some exciting future plans for the college.

Last term, the Year 12s went on their retreat to Port Hughes, which was a truly memorable experience for all of us. It provided a much-needed break from schoolwork and allowed us to reflect on our journey so far.

Looking ahead this term, the student leadership group is actively working on important initiatives. These include improving our PBIS procedures, promoting the 'Bullying No Way' campaign, organising activities for R U OK week, and implementing new procedures for our waste management system. We are excited about these projects and look forward to making positive changes in our school community.

Best regards

Adam and Zara, College Captains

02.08.24

College Sport

Congratulations to the following players - Meg Hall, Sophie Smith, Lili Bowman, Kaden Hook and Alexis Farr who received MVP for their respective games.

Net Set Go

Our Net Set Go squad had some games out on the PPNA courts to wrap up their program. Thank you to the family members who joined us for the session.

Some of the players came out to watch the A Grade team compete following their presentation.

We hope to see them all next year competing in Under 9 or continuing with their skill development. Special thank you to our coaches,

Jazlyn, Jery and Sarah!

1909 Cup

Last Thursday, the St Mark's Football Club won the inaugural 1909 Cup against the Port Football Club promoting the brotherhood between the intertwined history of the Port Football Club and the St Mark's Football Club. Congratulations to Thomas McBride for winning the MVP of the match.

A reminder to our football families that bacon and egg rolls (\$6) as well as coffee and tea (\$2) will be available at junior games this weekend.

State Representatives

Congratulations to three of our students at Bosco Campus who are representing South Australia at the School Sport Australia Championships in the Gold Coast:

- Lily Merkel, Netball
- Archie Simpson, Football
- Bella Gulin, Hockey



College Calendar

[Click here](#) to access the College Calendar for all 2024 events.

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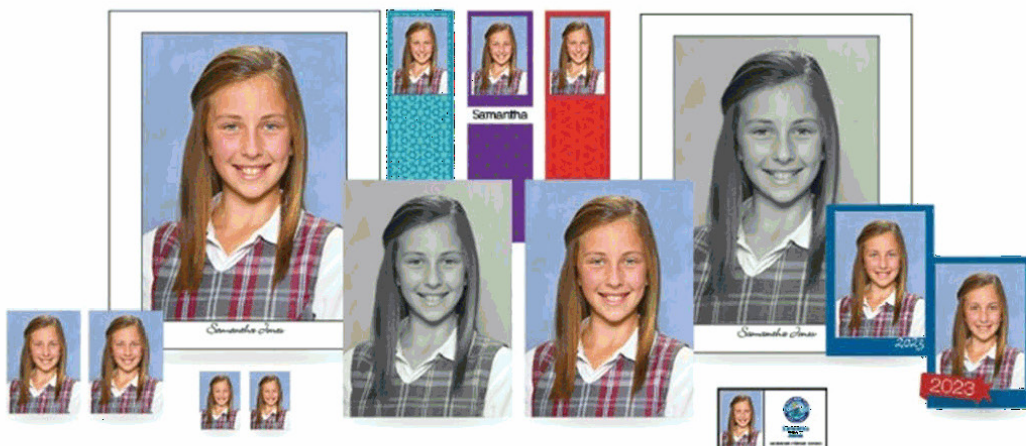
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Community News

> OSHC Before and After School Care

Bookings for OSHC Before and After School Care are now available.

> Start your Health Career

Financial support available for Year 10-12 students travelling to Adelaide for Open Days.

Mini Mark's Playgroup



Tuesday mornings, 9.00am – 10.30am held during term time
All welcome!

[Read More](#)

Study Hub



Need assistance with your study?
Visit the Bosco Campus Student Hub after school daily until 4.30pm.

College Quick Links
College Uniform

Uniform Policy and Guidelines

Uniform Buy, Swap and Sell

Parents + Friends Community

Join our community!

Term Dates 2024

Term 1 - Monday 29 January - Friday 12 April

Term 2 - Tuesday 30 April - Friday 5 July

Term 3 - Tuesday 23 July - Friday 27 September

Term 4 - Monday 14 October - Tuesday 10 December

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