

Excitement and Growth



It's been wonderful to witness the smooth transition of all the Junior Primary students into their new classrooms and routines for 2024.

In Reception, we explored how we belong as a member of our class, school, and the wider community.

We shared our family cultural backgrounds with each other and had an adventure to Northgate Reserve to learn more about our neighbourhood. We loved getting to know our Year 5 Buddies, with the Teddy Bears' Picnic being a highlight. It has been special to be a part of our Cedar Assemblies and Chapels, where we celebrate being a valued part of God's family.

The Year 1s have had a great time settling into the year.

They have been learning about colour mixing and line work in Art, numbers to 120 and skip counting in Maths, God's creations and promises in Devotions, and poetry in Literacy. They also visited the Migration Museum as part of their History unit, where the children stepped back into the 19th century and enjoyed dressing up, writing on slate boards and playing old fashioned games such as quoits and knucklebones!

The Year 2 students had an eventful term full of exciting learning experiences,

from mastering numbers up to 1000 and refining measurement skills in Maths, to diving into stories and investigating the life cycle of monarch butterflies, including firsthand observation from egg to butterfly. They also

showcased their creativity in Art, crafting minibeads using a variety of mediums such as collage, oil pastels, and watercolour paint.

A special highlight was their visit to the Motor Museum, where they discovered the fascinating history of transportation and witnessed the remarkable evolution of technology, sparking their curiosity and deepening their understanding of progress and innovation.

The start of the 2024 school year for our Junior Primary students has been filled with excitement and growth. From Reception to Year 2, each year level has embraced new experiences with enthusiasm. Whether it's exploring belonging, mastering numbers, or diving into the world of butterflies, our students are eagerly learning and growing together. We look forward to the adventures ahead as we continue to celebrate achievements and nurture a love for learning.

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| 1. Year 2 Butterflies | 8. State Opera Performance |
| 2. State Opera Performance | 9. 80s Day |
| 3. Year 12 Prayer Partners | 10. Meet The Teachers Night |
| 4. R & Yr 5 Teddy Bears Picnic | 11. Year 12 Prayer Partners |
| 5. R & Yr 5 Teddy Bears Picnic | 12. Playberry |
| 6. Primary School Chapel | 13. Playberry |
| 7. Primary School Chapel | 14. 80s Day |



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Spiritual Growth and Development



Term 1 in Senior School proved to be a very busy start to the year, with our senior students commencing their studies and extra-curricular activities in a positive manner.



It was exciting to recognise the outstanding achievements of some of our 2023 graduates at our first Chapel service. Our current Year 10, 11 and 12 students were able to learn from the wisdom of our 2023 College Dux, Nathan Priest, and Runner-Up Dux, Tushar Pillai, as they shared some of the strategies that led to their academic success. Both boys are wonderful role models, and we are very grateful for the contribution that they have both made to the College.

The timing of this event always provides an amazing platform for our Year 12 students to launch into their year, with the experiences shared and bonds formed uniting the group to face the challenges that are part of the final year of schooling. Staff feedback on the engagement of students at the retreat suggested that this group started their year exceptionally well, and this engagement continued throughout Term 1.



Not Ashamed of the Gospel was another highlight for the term. It was such a blessing to have 210 students and 30 staff from 11 different schools come to Cedar to learn more about how to share their faith in Jesus with others. A massive thank you must go to Pastor Jeremy, our Veta Morphus students, Reg Thompson and Shamiah Tiller (Veta Morphus teachers), Elmeirra Gask and Talia Sparks (our Faith and Fellowship Prefects), Emily Little, and our Worship Band, on organising another successful day of equipping students to make an eternal impact.

High School Sports Day was another highlight, especially for those belonging to Gould, who raised the trophy at the end of the day, despite some very stiff competition from Bradman who came a close second. Congratulations to Mr Watson and his team for tasting success on this day of celebration for the entire College.



This term, among other things, we look forward to our Year 11 students experiencing their camp, our Year 10 students gaining valuable information for their future at their Careers Expo, and our Rijken Cup team plying their trade against other senior sporting teams in Week 4.



Our Year 12 students enjoyed physical challenge, personal development and spiritual growth on their retreat early in the term.

It promises to be another exciting and rewarding term!

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- 1. High School Sports Day
- 2. High School Sports Day
- 3. High School Sports Day
- 4. High School Sports Day
- 5. Year 12 Retreat
- 6. Harmony Day
- 7. Harmony Day
- 8. Harmony Day
- 9. Year 12 Retreat
- 10. Year 12 Retreat
- 11. Year 12 Retreat
- 12. High School Sports Day
- 13. Not Ashamed



Launching into Learning, New Activities and New Relationships



The Middle School students launched into a new school year, and are embracing the opportunities of early adolescence and thoughtfully navigating the trickier aspects.

Camps for the Year 7s, 8s and 9s were wonderful times to connect with both peers and staff.

Relationships are so critical and delicate during this age and stage, so the opportunities to encourage one and other, while embracing new challenges, has helped form stronger relationship connections. The camps provided valuable opportunities for students who thrive in the learning activities beyond the classroom to shine and have their strengths recognised among peers. Year 7 Science practicals were another highlight of the term, as students observed vivid reactions among solutions, and learnt to use heat to enhance reactions.

The launch of the Middle School Play Equipment in Week 11 was a personal highlight,

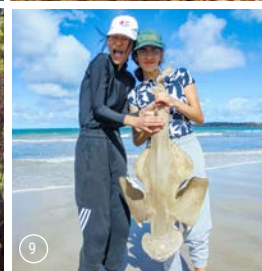
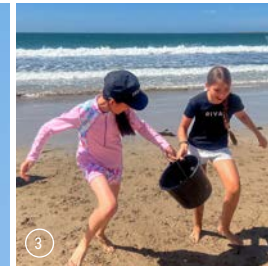
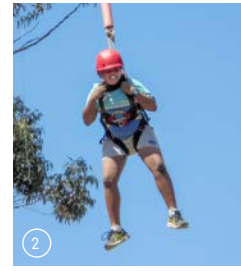
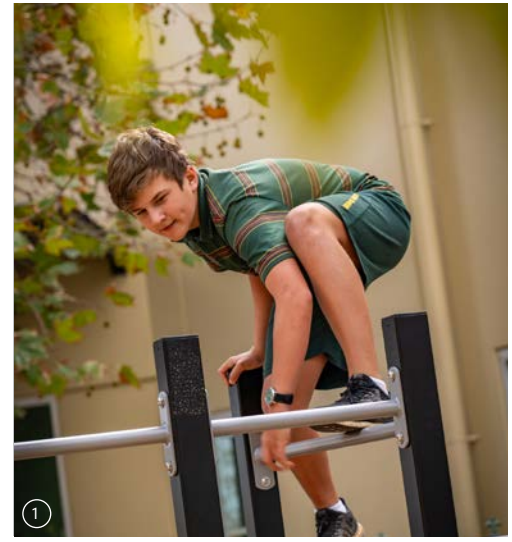
as our students have more opportunities to be active, regulate, connect with others, and play during their time on campus. It has been particularly pleasing to maintain the vision for play equipment that can be as accessible as possible, challenging and requiring

users to regulate their behaviours to match the rules. Rather than forming explicit rules for this equipment, we are having success with these four expectations of all users: *Consider Others; Show courtesy; Be Safe; Have Fun*. I thank the students, and the adults of the college community, who have used this equipment while upholding the rules of this area.

As Term 2 commences, we look forward to students continuing to strengthen their connections with peers, and to their continued maturity in navigating their relationships and learning at Cedar College.

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| 1. MS Play Equipment | 8. MS Play Equipment |
| 2. Year 7 Camp | 9. Year 8 Camp |
| 3. Year 7 Camp | 10. Year 8 Camp |
| 4. Year 9 Boys Camp | 11. Year 8 Camp |
| 5. Year 7 Science | 12. Year 8 Camp |
| 6. Year 9 Girls Camp | 13. Year 9 Boys Camp |
| 7. Year 7 Science | |



Immersive Learning and Activities



It has been a successful start to the year. We have appreciated the completion of the Outdoor Learning Space; a beautiful area for our students to work, collaborate and socialise.

Our Year 6 Prefects and Sport Captains thoroughly enjoyed attending the GRIP Student Leadership Conference at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre and networking with other student leaders across the State. They came back to school inspired and filled with fresh ideas. They then had the opportunity to participate in a thought-provoking meeting with Clint Hendry, General Manager Commercial of the Adelaide Football Club, who shared his experiences as a leader, and challenged the students on what kind of leader they would like to be here at Cedar College.

The excitement continued at the Upper Primary Sports Day—a joyous occasion filled with spirited cheers, excellent sportsmanship, ribbons, and a delicious sausage sizzle, culminating in a triumphant victory for the Gould team.

The Year 3s embarked on a journey that included a guided tour of Adelaide Oval and a scenic Popeye boat ride down the River Torrens, enriching their understanding in their Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) lessons.

The Year 4s have been growing vegetables from seeds including corn, rocket, carrots, coriander and spinach. They have also been propagating plants indoors from cuttings the students have brought in from home.

The Year 5 cohort had a wonderful camp at Narnu Farm. The students made and cooked damper, built their own mud bricks, made butter, fed animals, cuddled guinea pigs and searched for the golden key! It was a lot of fun and a wonderful chance to build and strengthen friendships and learn outside of the classroom.

Friday of Week 10 saw a delightful transformation as Primary School students donned an array of neon hues, leg warmers, and retro denim—a fun-filled day organised by our Primary School Prefects that raised over \$500 for our Compassion Sponsor Children.

It certainly has been a wonderful start to the year, and we look forward to great things ahead.



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- 1. Upper Primary Sports Day
- 2. Year 6 Student Leaders
- 3. Primary School Chapel
- 4. Year 4 Planting
- 5. Year 4 Planting
- 6. Upper Primary Sports Day
- 7. Upper Primary Sports Day
- 8. Upper Primary Sports Day
- 9. Upper Primary Sports Day
- 10. 80s Day
- 11. 80s Day
- 12. 80s Day
- 13. Year 6 Student Leaders
- 14. Outdoor Learning Space
- 15. 80s Day
- 16. 80s Day

