

CEDAR NEWS



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FROM **THE PRINCIPAL**

Term 1, Week 3 - February 14, 2024

A Buzz Around the College

Reflecting on the past few years, you may recall the intriguing problem surrounding the bee hive nestled in the large gum tree on the corner of our oval, facing Fosters Road. This created a genuine dilemma: should we leave it be, risking potential bee stings, or relocate it, possibly endangering the hive itself?

Fortunately, our very own Mr Crinon, who works in our Design Technology department, emerged as the hero of the hour. A keen apiarist, he successfully extracted the queen bee and her colony from the tree on the oval and established Cedar College's very own beehive, temporarily housed at his residence.

But have you ever pondered the fascinating process behind honey production? It all begins with the gathering of flower nectar by the bees. This gets broken down into simple sugars which are stored within the honeycomb. The design of the honeycomb and constant fanning of the bees' wings causes evaporation, creating sweet liquid honey. The diverse hues and flavours of honey are a testament to the varied nectars sourced by our industrious bees, and we were able to sample the distinct flavour of the Cedar bees' honey last week!

Amazing Creation

Indeed, witnessing the intricate workings of nature offers us yet another glimpse into the marvels of God's creation.

Wouldn't it be remarkable if the hive were to one day return to our school grounds, providing a hands-on opportunity for our students to learn about beekeeping and caring for these amazing creatures, all while observing God's amazing design? Of course, such an endeavour would require careful consideration to ensure the safety of all involved, with the hive positioned well away from student activity areas.

As we continue to nurture a spirit of curiosity and appreciation for the wonders around us, **let us eagerly anticipate the possibilities that lie ahead for 2024**, and enjoy the exciting buzz of our amazing college community.

Mr Peter Thomson, Principal



A guide to major events this term

Please see our fortnightly online newsletters, Term Planner or online calendar for the latest details.

Dates are subject to change.

FEB 26 **Year 7 Camp**
Monday Feb 26 – Wed Feb 28

FEB 26 **SSSA Swimming Carnival**
(Individual students)

MAR 1 **Veta Morphus Retreat 1**
Friday March 1 - Sunday March 3

MAR 4 **SACSA Swimming Carnival**
Selected students 3–12

MAR 7 **Year 11/12 Beach Volleyball**
Selected students, Year 11/12

MAR 11 **Public Holiday**
Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

MAR 13 **NAPLAN Testing**
(March 13-22) Students Year 7 & 9

MAR 15 **High School Sports Day**
All High School students 7–12

MAR 20 **Canopy Parent Evening**
Parents will be informed

MAR 28 **High School Easter Chapel**
Details to come

MAR 29 **Public Holiday**
Good Friday Public Holiday

APR 1 **Public Holiday**
Easter Monday Public Holiday

APR 3 **Year 8 Camp**
Wednesday Apr 3 – Friday Apr 5

APR 3 **Year 9 Girls/Boys Camps**
Wednesday Apr 3 – Friday Apr 5

APR 8 **SACSA 9/10 Boys Volleyball**
Carnival - selected students

APR 9 **SACSA 9/10 Girls Volleyball**
Carnival - selected students

APR 10 **SACSA 7/8 Boys Volleyball**
Carnival - selected students

APR 11 **SACSA 7/8 Girls Volleyball**
Carnival - selected students

APR 12 **Last Day of Term 1**
Students 7–12 finish 3:20pm

**A New High School Year**

A new High School year always brings changes and challenges, as students settle into new classes, subjects, and learning environments.

This year, we are please to welcome some new teaching staff to both the Middle and Senior School.

Mr Jake Battersby, already well-known to many of our students, is a new addition to our Health and Physical Education department; Mr Richard Debrah joins us to teach Physics and Mathematics, while Mrs Jocelyn David will teach Middle School Mathematics and Canopy. Our Humanities and English departments welcome Mr Rodney Hrvatin, while Mr Glen Surtees joins us as our new Digital Technologies Coordinator and English Teacher.



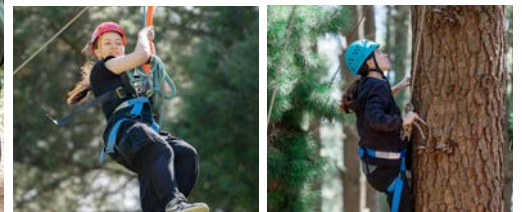
Jake Battersby **Jocelyn David** **Richard Debrah** **Rodney Hrvatin** **Glen Surtees**

I hope that all of our new High School families have been able to connect with their child's teachers, either on the Welcome Evening or via Canvas, and look forward to journeying with you throughout 2024.

Mr Andrew Lock, Head of High School

A “Turning Point” for Year 12s

Week 1 was a whirlwind adventure for our Year 12s as they geared up for a camp full of turning points. Here's what they had to say about this unforgettable experience!



“The Year 12 Retreat was a wonderful opportunity to **reconnect with classmates and share our aspirations for Year 12.** My favourite was tree-climbing as it built trust among our teammates.” - **Kavya**

“One of my favourite moments was cleaning up after dinner, as much as that sounds horrible. My team and I didn't let such a boring job stop us from having fun, **singing and dancing, which brought smiles and laughter to the kitchen** despite washing dishes.” - **Caitlin**

“One of the most memorable parts of the retreat for me was when we had the “Girl's Night In”. We got to spend time together as girls, reading the Bible, playing games, and fostering relationships.” - **Zaneta**

“Year 12 camp was an unforgettable experience filled with adventure, fun, and personal growth. Evenings were spent helping with meals, washing dishes (so fun), laughter, and preparation for Year 12. It was a memorable time, and created lifelong memories that will be cherished for years to come.” - **Jess**

“**Our retreat theme was ‘Turning Points’.** A highlight was the prayer session where students had the opportunity to bring before God in prayer their hopes and worries for the year ahead. This was a wonderful way to start off the year and helped give students a sense of peace for the future year.” - **Talia**

“Throughout the camp we indulged in fun activities such as tree climbing, zip lining, frisbee golf, laser tag, and my personal favourite - Challenge Hill. One which I struggled with was the hanging ropes over the river at Challenge Hill in which I fell face first into the river (lucky it was a hot day!)” - **Eric**

“My highlight of camp was definitely the prayer time that Talia and I, the Faith and Fellowship Prefects ran. **Seeing so many people show up to pray for each other** and the year ahead was a truly beautiful thing to witness.” - **Elmeirra**



Year 12 Success, 2023

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The College community would like to congratulate the Year 12 class of 2023 on the success achieved throughout the year.

Every graduating student achieved their South Australian Certificate of Education, as has been the case for many years at Cedar. This is a significant achievement that speaks a great deal of the students themselves and the teachers and family members who have supported them during their Cedar journey.

In terms of the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR), **26% of our graduating Year 12s achieved an ATAR of greater than 90**, placing them in the top 10% of students in South Australia. Additionally, **42% of our students achieved an ATAR of 80 or more**, placing them in the top 20% of students in the state. Remarkably, we also had **16% of our students achieve an ATAR higher than 95**. It is also worth noting that **89%** of the grades awarded to our Year 12s in 2023 were either an A or a B, further highlighting the outstanding results achieved by Cedar students. **Our students also received five SACE Merits for outstanding achievement within a subject.**

Tertiary Pathways

Further to this, **98% of our students applying for a University course received a first-round offer**, and of these students, 78% were offered their first preference course (these figures always rise after subsequent offer rounds). It is exceptionally pleasing to see so many of our students able to pursue the pathway of their choice. We continue to be very proud of the outstanding results that our Year 12s achieve, and feel extremely blessed to be part of a school community where students can fulfil their God-given academic gifts, and progress to exciting post-school opportunities and pathways.

The completion of Year 12 is the culmination of many years of effort and hard work, and all students should be proud of their achievements. Cedar wishes each member of the 2023 Year 12 cohort God's richest blessings as they pursue study and employment in the coming years.

Mr Peter Thomson
Cedar College Principal

Mr Tim Maddern
Head of Teaching, Learning and Innovation

100%

of Cedar Graduates

SACE Completion



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SACE Merits for Outstanding Achievement

Specialist Mathematics
Nathan Priest

SACE Christian Living
(Integrated Learning)

Sukhmani Kaur
Daniel Mira Solorzano
Lydia Thewodros

Scientific Studies
Dhaneesh Viridi



Additional SACE Merits received in 2022



Mathematical Methods
Nathan Priest

Research Project
Caitlin Schaefer

University

First Round Offers



98%

99.75

Cedar Dux ATAR



Nathan Priest - 99.75
Cedar College Dux 2023



Tushar Pillai - 99.65
Runner-up Dux 2023

89%

A or B grades

of all Stage 2 Grades

Tertiary

Pathway Offers

Bachelor of Architectural Design

Bachelor of Architectural Studies

Bachelor of Business (Design and Marketing)

Bachelor of Business (Economics, Finance and Trade)

Bachelor of Business (Management)

Bachelor of Business / Master of Finance

Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology (Honours)

Bachelor of Computer Science (Advanced)

Bachelor of Creative Arts (Fashion)

Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Laws

Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (Honours)

Bachelor of Education (Secondary)

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours – Civil Double Degree)

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours – Mechanical & Mechatronic)

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours – Mechanical)

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours - Electrical & Electronic)

Bachelor of Film & Television

Bachelor of Finance

Bachelor of Health & Medical Science

Bachelor of Health Science (Public)

Bachelor of Health Sciences (Physiology & Neuroscience)

Bachelor of Health Sciences (Vision Science)/Master of Optometry

Bachelor of Health Sciences/Physiotherapy

Bachelor of Human Movement

Bachelor of International Relations & Political Science (Honours)

Bachelor of Mathematical & Computer Sciences

Bachelor of Mathematical Sciences (Advanced)

Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Medical Imaging)

Bachelor of Music

Bachelor of Music (Creative Practice)

Bachelor of Nursing **Bachelor of Paramedicine**

Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)

Bachelor of Primary Education (Honours)

Bachelor of Psychological Science

Bachelor of Psychology

Bachelor of Psychology (Honours – Cognitive Neuroscience)

Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)

Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience)

Bachelor of Social Work

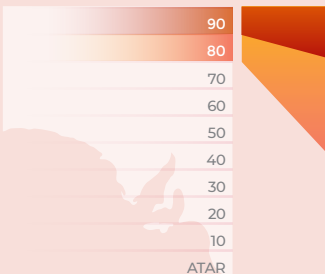
Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)

Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours)

Bachelor of Visual Effects

Diploma of Health Science

Foundation Studies



26%

in the top 10% of the State

42%

in the top 20% of the State

28

"A" grades Research Project

Year 11 Students, Stage 2

78%

First Preference



University course offer

71%

At least one A Grade



All students in Year 12

75

Mean ATAR



Average score - all students



Welcome to 2024!

The Primary School has enjoyed a wonderful start to the year, with the opportunity to connect at our "Meet the Teachers Welcome Evening".

It was a great opportunity to chat and meet new families over a sausage sizzle and coffee, and I hope that you were able to meet your child's teachers and enjoy exploring their classrooms for this year. You may have also

spotted a few new faces amongst our teaching staff, and it brings me great pleasure to introduce you to the newest members of our Primary School faculty. We welcome Mr David Gardner to Year 4, Mrs Sharon March as our new CLIC Coordinator, Miss Tarni Heath, who is teaching Year 2, and Mrs Verona McDonald, our new Reception teacher.



David Gardner



Sharon March



Tarni Heath



Verona McDonald

There will be a number of opportunities to connect in the coming weeks, with Chapels and Assemblies, Upper Primary Sports Day, and our Learning Conversations held later this term.

Finally, I would like to extend a special welcome to all of the families who are new to the Cedar community this year, and trust that you have had a positive start to the school year.

Mr Nigel Austin, Head of Primary School

Primary School Chapel, 2024



Emily Little isn't just our Primary School Chaplain. She's also a "swiftie" – she really likes the music of Taylor Swift. Sing one of her songs, and Emily may just sing along. But that's not the only music Emily likes. There's more to her than that.

It's easy to focus on just one or two things we know about a person – and miss so many more interesting things that make up who they are. It's like that with God. God is a whole lot of interesting things. The more we know about those things, the better we understand God.

This year in Chapel we are going to be looking at eight qualities of God: God is good (so we can trust him), God is great (so we don't have to be afraid), God knows (so we don't have to feel alone), God cares (so I can talk to Him), God is just (so I don't have to stay angry), God is gracious (so I don't have to stay guilty), God is here (so I can be happy), God is forever (so I can have hope).



Each term we'll focus on two qualities and see how these different qualities work together. This can be really helpful. When a bad thing happens, we might wonder if God is good but not great and powerful enough to stop the bad thing. Or maybe God is great and powerful, but not good enough to stop that bad thing. When we remember how God is both good and great, things actually start to make more sense.

We're going to be involving students each fortnight in acting, singing, games and the usual Chapel fun.

We'd love parents and friends to join us on Friday mornings of odd-numbered weeks, for Primary School Chapel in the Auditorium, and maybe, just maybe, you'll see Emily dancing to Tay!

Pastor Jeremy Wright, Cedar College Pastor

PRIMARY SCHOOL EVENTS

A guide to major events this term

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Dates are subject to change.

FEB
21

No Reception students

Reception Wednesday off, Week 1-5

FEB
28

No Reception students

Reception Wednesday off, Week 1-5

MAR
4

SACSA Swimming Carnival

Selected students Year 3-6

MAR
6

Year 5 Camp

Wednesday Mar 6 – Friday Mar 8

MAR
6

PS District Swimming

(Individual students)

MAR
6

Year 6 Twilight Tours

Wednesday evening, details to come

MAR
11

Public Holiday

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

MAR
13

NAPLAN Testing

(March 13-22) Students Year 3 & 5

MAR
13

State Opera Visit

Music performance

MAR
18

Learning Conversations

Details to come

MAR
22

Upper Primary Sports Day

All students in Year 3-6

MAR
26

Learning Conversations

Details to come

MAR
27

Year 1 Excursion

All students in Year 1

MAR
29

Public Holiday

Good Friday Public Holiday

APR
1

Public Holiday

Easter Monday Public Holiday

APR
12

Last Day of Term 1

Students R-6 finish 3:15pm

APR
29

Student Free Day

No school today

APR
30

Student return for Term 2

Primary School starts 8:40am

MAY
3

SACSA Athletics Carnival

Interscholar Athletics Year 3-6

CedarNews Print Edition

Welcome to the Term 1 print issue of CedarNews.

The first newsletter of each term is sent home as a printed issue, with the remaining editions being online only. **These newsletters will be sent to parents/caregivers via the email address we have on file**, and are also available on our website.

Public Holidays - Term 1

Monday March 11 – Adelaide Cup Holiday

Friday March 29 – Good Friday Holiday

Monday April 1 – Easter Monday Holiday

Summer Uniform

Full summer uniform, including school hats, must be worn by all students during Term 1.

The Uniform Shop will be open on **Thursdays until Week 6, from 3pm – 5.30pm**, in addition to the regular Monday & Wednesday trading hours.

A reminder to please ensure that all uniform items are clearly marked, this provides the best chance for any lost property to be returned.

Qkr! App Update

Cedar College uses the Qkr! app by MasterCard, for our Canteen, Uniform Shop, and a number of other purchasing options.



Recently, some parents/caregivers have been unable to install the Qkr! App on newer Android devices (the iPhone app is not affected).

We have been in direct communication with MasterCard regarding this issue, which is affecting hundreds of schools who use Qkr! and have been informed that an update is coming to resolve the problem. Until then, the work-around is to **use the web browser version of Qkr!** (Via a computer or tablet). This is available via the **Canteen Order** link at the top of our website. From this link, you are able to login, or create an account if you don't already have one, and access all of our canteen and uniform shop menus, as per the app.

TERM DATES 2024

Term 1, 2024 - Tue 30 Jan – Fri 12 April

Term 2, 2024 - Tue 30 April – Fri 28 June

Please note: We have a three week break between Terms 2 & 3

Term 3, 2024 - Tue 23 July – Fri 27 Sept

Term 4, 2024 - Tue 15 Oct – Wed 11 Dec

House Team Shirts

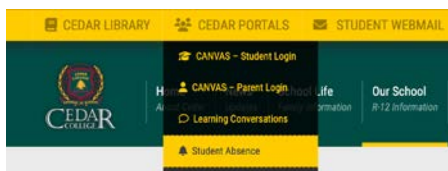
If your student is new to the College, or has outgrown their House team coloured shirt, you will need to **order a new House shirt through the Qkr! app** in time for the upcoming High School and Upper Primary Sports Days.

High School students require a coloured polo shirt and Upper Primary students wear a coloured T-shirt. **Orders should be placed by Friday March 1, in order to arrive in time.**

Absentee Notification

It is important to always notify the College if your child will be absent for school.

Parents/caregivers can use the **student absentee email**, which can be accessed via the Cedar Portals menu on our website. **Clicking the link will open an email**, prompting for the required information.



If required, the Front Office may phone, email or send a text message to confirm the absence.

School Yard Times

Please note the times when the school yard officially opens and closes, and teachers are on duty.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Before-school duty starts at **8:25am**

After-school duty finishes at **3:40pm**

HIGH SCHOOL

Before-school duty starts at **8:10am**

After-school duty finishes at **3:40pm**

Celebrating the Class of '23

We've included a snapshot of our fantastic Year 12, 2023, results in this newsletter. The snapshot includes the academic achievements and Tertiary pathways for our Class of 2023.



Sibling Enrolments 2027

Applications for sibling enrolments for 2027 are now open. It is the responsibility of the parent/caregiver to submit an enrolment application. Please contact Lara Webb on 7221 3606 for more information.

2024 School Fees



Term 1 tuition fees were due by Friday of Week 2 of this term or an approved payment plan put in place.

Thank you to those families who have paid their fees promptly. If you have not yet paid your fees or arranged a FACTs payment plan, please refer to the email sent to your debtor email address, or contact the Finance Office on 8261 3377 for a copy to be sent. This includes families who had an ongoing direct debit in 2023.

If you make a payment directly to the school's bank account, **please include your debtor reference number (shown on your Fee Invoice, which was emailed to you)**, to ensure the payment is allocated correctly.

The school bank details for payments are:

BSB: 065141

Account Number: 10059036

Account Name: Cedar College

Mr Jeff Thorpe, Business Manager

Pedestrian Crossing safety

Pedestrian crossings, such as the "Koala Crossing" on Fosters Road, operate only when the yellow lights are flashing. A 25km/h speed limit applies for cars approaching the crossing, when the lights are flashing.

Pedestrians using the crossing, should never assume that a driver has seen them or will stop for them, but instead follow the steps outlined on the crossing signage.



STOP at the kerb.

LOOK in all directions for traffic.

LISTEN to the sounds of traffic.

THINK about when it is safe to cross.



Always check that all vehicles have stopped, and **only cross if the road is clear.**

UNIFORM SHOP

Regular opening hours during Term:

Monday 8:30am – 4:30pm

Wednesday 3pm – 5:30pm

Thursday Extended Opening Hours:

TERM 1 – Weeks 1-6, 3pm – 5.30pm

TERM 2 – Weeks 1-3, 3pm – 5.30pm

TERM 4 – Weeks 1-3, 3pm – 5.30pm