



## Important Dates

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**Term 3 Commences**  
Monday 25 July 2022

**Year 12 Mid-Year  
Exams Commence**  
Monday 25 July 2022

**Year 12 Mid-Year  
Exams Conclude**  
Thursday 28 July 2022

**Awards Assembly**  
Thursday 28 July 2022

**Year 9 Retreat Day  
1**  
Wednesday 3 August 2022

**Year 9 Retreat Day  
2**  
Thursday 4 August 2022

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## From the Principal

Kath McGuigan



# GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP!

## 3-10 JULY 2022

As we approach the end of Term 2 it is important to acknowledge and farewell staff who have been with us this term and now leave for other opportunities.

We say thank you and farewell to Jasmin Watkins who has been working with us for the last 18 months in the music co-curricular area of the College and assisting with many arts focused events. Jasmin wishes to pursue a career in the film industry, and we wish her well with her endeavours.

Virginia Arter and Isabella Silvestri will complete their contracts at the end of Term 2, and we thank them for their service to the school community.

Josh Dunstan has been working as an intern in our Marketing and Communications department and now returns to university to complete his studies.

We say goodbye to David Bentley, our pre-service teacher from Flinders University.

Matt Gilliland will be taking long service leave in Term 3. We hope that enjoys some rest and relaxation

We welcome Elicia Baldwin and Monty Mott, both beginning their career in the teaching profession, and we know that they will enjoy their time at MacKillop. Elicia is no stranger to the College community as she is an old scholar, has previously been our sports assistant, a volunteer Saturday sport coach and has also assisted at many assemblies and College events. Monty was a pre-service teacher and volunteer Saturday sports coach at the College and now returns in Term 3 as a registered teacher.

Zoe Duffy has returned from parenting leave to her position as Sports Coordinator of the College. We thank Zoe Politis for undertaking the Sports Coordinator role as well as the Year 9 Pastoral Care Coordinator role in Semester 1. Zoe Politis will continue with the Pastoral Care Coordinator Role for the rest of the year.

The College community is now aware that the next Principal of Mary MacKillop College will be Sonia Nelson, who currently holds the position of Deputy Principal of St Francis de Sales College at Mount Barker. There will be many opportunities for students, staff and parents to meet Sonia over the next few months. Sonia is very keen to meet everyone, and I know that she will enjoy being the Principal of this wonderful College.

I hope that the term break brings the opportunity for rest and relaxation. Year 12 students should be preparing for exams and finishing assignments.

Let's pray for sunny days so that we can walk in nature, take things a bit more gently and catch up with family and friends.

**Kath McGuigan**

Principal



# From the Acting Deputy Principal

Kate Kilpatrick



## Big Freeze

In Week 7 of this term, the whole school gathered on the oval for the long awaited Big Freeze. Over the duration of Semester 1, the SLT and student body have been fundraising for Project Compassion. The girls conducted bake sales, raffles, designed and sold school beanies & scarves as they worked towards their final goal of \$1100, unlocking 10 teachers in the Big Freeze. As a result of their hard work, commitment and creativity the girls raised a total of \$3,200 for Project Compassion, absolutely smashing their original goal! This is the most money the College has ever raised for Project Compassion and something our girls should be very proud of. Staff embraced the challenge with a sense of fun, dressing up for the occasion and even putting on a show. The SLT girls hosted the event and were extraordinary MCs. It was wonderful to gather as a community and have a bit of fun in the spirit of social justice. The girls embraced the beanies & scarves and they looked fantastic! A wonderful addition to our Winter PE uniform.

## NAIDOC Week

This week, MacKillop girls learned the meaning and importance of NAIDOC Week. Led by their HASS teachers, girls explored how past generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have stood up and fought for rights and freedoms. While much has changed through years of activism, there is still much to 'Get Up, Stand Up and Show Up' for. Girls explored the future of Australia and how we can work together to heal the past and to move towards an equitable future for everyone. Moreover, they explored how we can address the injustices towards our First Nations peoples and unpacked the Uluru Statement from the Heart and why an Indigenous Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Constitution is needed.

## Good News Assembly

We gathered as a College community this week for our final Good News Assembly for Term 2. A chance for student leaders to share updates on initiatives and celebrate the achievements of the term. Our Year 7s gave us an insight into the Journey to Oz production and wowed the audience with their performance and Lioness costumes. We were also blessed with an extraordinary rendition of 'A Nightingale Sang in Berkley Square' by our Combo ensemble. Our leaders and year level representatives shared insights into Retreats,

Futures Week, Sport, the Arts & other experiences. Videos were created and the girls enjoyed seeing the broad range of opportunities available to MacKillop girls. Our Wellbeing Ambassadors even distributed Kit Kats at the end, encouraging girls to enjoy a well deserved break. The gathering was also an opportunity to promote JJAMM Week and the week-long celebration of the Feast of Mary MacKillop. The Captains also revealed the exciting news that the Family Breakfast will return in Term 3 following a break due to COVID-19. Information and invitations to this event will be shared early next term. As a community we are thrilled to be welcoming families back onsite!

As the term draws to a close, we have much to be grateful for. MacKillop truly is a magical place!

Enjoy the break when it comes.

**Kate Kilpatrick**

Acting Deputy Principal

## Good News Assembly Gallery



## Big Freeze Video



# From the Religious Education Coordinator

Adriana Sotira



## Celebrating our Faith

At Mary MacKillop College we value the times where we unite to celebrate and develop our faith.

Despite the challenges of 2022, the College community was able to join together to celebrate the Corpus Christi Mass at St Ignatius Church, Norwood. The school community was given the opportunity to reflect on the Eucharist being the spiritual food provided to the faithful. The Eucharist commemorates God's new and definite covenant with his people through Jesus and it should not be a private devotion, but the building up of a community. Therefore, as a College community we celebrated this feast of the Eucharist which was so important in St Mary of the Cross MacKillop's life. We also welcomed Father Gaetan Pereira who was our celebrant for the Mass.

## Retreats

A significant part of celebrating our faith at Mary MacKillop College is to find time for prayer, reflection and personal development. Our Josephite tradition reminds us of the importance of discernment in our lives so as to bring ourselves present to God, who loves us and knows each one by name. Our Retreat Program aims to provide this opportunity.

Last week, the Year 12 students experienced an overnight retreat at the Monastery Conference Centre in Glen Osmond. The theme was "Our Call to Love", where the students were given the opportunity to reflect on themselves, their faith journey and reconnect with God. It was a time to pause from their busy schedules and reflect in a peaceful environment. The students explored the following on the retreat:

- That they are created in God's image and likeness.
- To appreciate the gift of their own uniqueness and worth and to love themselves.
- To recognise the unconditional love of God and their parents

The days were filled with small group discussions, individual stories, creative activities, and reflections. The focus of the retreat was for the students to genuinely respect and love themselves so that they would be more comfortable with others. To learn that to accept themselves and to know that God would always love them for who they are, and challenges them to attempt to love as He loves us – unconditionally.

The retreat experience was positive and meaningful, with students and staff gaining new insights about themselves and each other. Students were given the opportunity to write affirmations for their peers and this was an overwhelmingly positive experience for all students.

Comments by some of the Year 12 students:

"I had a good time on retreat coming closer to everyone in the year level."

"Best retreat, recommend this for next year."

"The reconciliation session allowed us to recognise our imperfections knowing that God always forgives us."

"The whole retreat was a great opportunity to connect with other students that we may not have spoken to before, so by placing us in small groups and not necessarily with our friends allowed us to make new ones. It was not only a spiritual retreat, but also fun and allowed us to use our creativity."

"All activities were fun and worthwhile because I was able to reflect on aspects of my personality that I do not tend to think about and made me think in depth of myself, as well as self-love and relationships."

"The retreat has made me more aware that God is always there."

"Has given me a deeper understanding of the important things in life and to appreciate my parents more."

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to the wonderful staff members who assisted in facilitated the retreat, so that it could be one of the most memorable experiences for the students this year. Special thanks to Jeanene Corbo, Elena Tatarelli, Michelle Attwood and Claude Iannace for all their assistance on the retreat and to Kate Marks for the pre-retreat preparation, as unfortunately she was not able to attend. Special thanks to Kath McGuigan and Kate Kilpatrick for taking the time to visit the students on the Thursday night.

**Adriana Sotira**

Religious Education Coordinator

## Corpus Christi Gallery





## Year 12 Retreat Gallery



## Student Leadership @ MMC



## Leadership Day with Caritas College

On Monday 20 June, College Captains, Alexis and Anida and Social Justice Captains, Alexandra and Daniella met their counterparts from Caritas College, a Josephite school in Port Augusta. The student leaders made connections and discussed the important responsibility they all have in continuing the legacy of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

**Jasmin Eckert**

Director of Teaching & Learning



## Future Well Summit

On Thursday 23 June, we attended the Future Well Summit at The Lights Community and Sports Centre. The day began with an expo, where we were able to network and engage with professionals, and learn about opportunities to enact change. We were then treated to various guest speakers, who enlightened us with their wellbeing tips and tricks. Guest speaker, Louka Parry spoke first, educating us on the importance of acknowledging your emotions and being able to effectively express them in many situations. The critical message from Louka was to be the star of your own movie, you can choose every day, every minute, to act in a way that may uplift someone or yourself.

One of the highlights was listening to Matt Purcell give a talk about social Kung Fu. Social Kung Fu taught us how to stand up for others and ourselves in a way that does not repeat the cycle of bullying. He also highlighted the importance of our inherent value and how important this is to acknowledge when talking about wellbeing.

Following this, we heard from a panel of 'exceptional human beings', these people educated us on the changing nature of social media and how wellbeing evolves through different stages of life.

During recess and lunch, we embraced the opportunity to network with other students from other schools, and we enjoyed a silent disco, hot chips, live music and a photo booth.

After lunch, we witnessed an outstanding dance performance, then got on our feet and choreographed our own dance.

We also heard from a panel of student leaders from other schools, and learned of the wellbeing initiatives they integrated in their school community.

The day concluded with an announcement of the winners of the challenges, including our own Izzy, who will receive a one-of-a-kind t-shirt of her own design from The Ethical Student.

Overall, the day was filled with opportunities to learn about enhancing our leadership and wellbeing skills. We were also able to leave with various ideas to improve our wellbeing program, Mary MacKillop College students should be excited for what is to come.

### Wellbeing Ambassadors

## Future Well Summit Gallery





# Pastoral Care @ MMC - The Hurting Game

Mary Lepore and Ida Parente



Our Years 7 and 8 students had a wonderful opportunity to engage with a live performance of The Hurting Game, which provided strategies for resilience, help seeking, online safety and positive relationships. Students were captivated from the beginning of this creative, humorous and relevant performance to the end of it, where they were able to ask questions addressing issues arising from this presentation.

Below is feedback from our students:

"The Hurting Game is an impressive performance filled to the brim with amazing messages and morals that will help any teenager thrive." - Amelie, Year 7 student

"This performance showed us the importance of being ourselves as we are all unique and to not be different simply to fit in with a particular group." - Chiara, Year 7 student

"I really enjoyed this performance because it helped explain current day issues for teenagers in an entertaining, yet informative way. Lots of useful advice was also shared." - Savannah, Year 7 student

"I learnt what to look out for in my future years of high school and how to get past challenging situations, which may arise." - Sophie, Year 8 student

"Surround yourself with positive people who accept you for who you are." - Chloe, Year 8 student

**Mary Lepore and Ida Parente**

Year 7 and 8 Pastoral Care Coordinators

# From the Future Pathways Coordinator

Angelika Portolesi



In the week commencing Monday 20 June, the Year 10 students participated in a four-day event known as Futures Week.

The week comprised of various excursions, activities and workshops, along with tours and hands-on experiences, immersing the students into new and exciting environments, with an emphasis on future careers and pathways to success.

On Monday 20 June, students travelled to the University of South Australia's City West Campus, where they were given the opportunity to explore the campus through a guided tour, before given the option of participating in two out of three activities including: Not Your Average Lawyer (Law), Enterprising Careers in Business (Business) and Animation and Illustration (Creative Arts).

Following this, our Year 10s journeyed to the University of Adelaide. Here they enjoyed workshops about Social Media, creating their own viral video, Crater Chaos on Mars (Space Science & Astrophysics), and Zoology and Evolutionary Biology. The day concluded with a Q&A Session with some of the university's staff, learning about university life, clubs and societies, the difference between a Bachelor and Masters degree and the various career opportunities available to them.

On Tuesday 21 June, our Year 10's spent the day exploring Flinders University, with half of our cohort starting at Bedford Park, Flinders' main campus, whilst the other half started at Tonsley. Whilst at Bedford Park, students took an extensive tour of the campus, before participating in a series of Allied Health focused workshops. During these sessions, the girls took part in a number of activities that tested their neurological capacity, including speech, memory, attention to detail and non-verbal communication.

After transferring to the Tonsley campus, SA's old Mitsubishi site, students engaged in hands on workshops that tested their understanding of physics, gravity and kinetic energy, as they were tasked to create their very own rollercoaster. Students also created their own interactive game using an MIT app generator. Whilst challenging, students kept an open mind and thoroughly enjoyed their university visits.

On Wednesday 22 June, students spent the day at the College, where they met with industry specialists including jewellery designer, Cassandra Mamone, representatives from the Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) and the Australian Submarine Corp (ASC), as well as Old Scholar, professional photographer, videographer and business owner, Marie Pittman. In these breakout sessions, students discovered the study options and career opportunities available to them in business, 3D animation, game design and visual FX, naval design, project management, supply chain, construction and engineering, as well as careers in marketing, social media, photography



and videography.

As we moved through the day, we changed pace, creating an emphasis around self-care, mental wellbeing and familial support. To do this, we welcomed old scholar Renee Melizza (Class of 2002), who in 2022, after different career pathways and much self-doubt, became a published author for the first time in her career. As part of this unique session, Renee talked to the students about her love for writing, with an emphasis on journaling and how it has been instrumental in maintaining her mental health and wellbeing. To wrap up the session, each student was gifted a journal and encouraged to answer a series of self-reflective questions; an excellent tool to look back on in the years to come.

Following this, the College hosted a panel of Allied Health professionals, including a Medical Scientist, Registered Nurse, Speech Pathologist, Clinical Exercise Physiologist and Physiotherapist. Throughout this session, students were encouraged to create an open Q&A dialogue with the panelists, asking questions about their studies, placement and internship opportunities, past and current jobs, and the highs and lows of their careers.

This session then led into a specialised presentation from old scholar, Emily Peut (Class of 2008), who has over 10 years of experience working in sports physiotherapist and has spent part of her career as a senior physiotherapy for national premier soccer league teams and South Australian state volleyball teams. With a significant interest in sports and allied health professions, this session gave students a real-world perspective of physiotherapy as a profession.

Students then heard from the University of Adelaide, where they shared information on trending careers and Jobs of the Future, focusing on growing areas of employment such as A.I, Sustainability, Energy, Mining and Resources and Health Technology. This session prompted students to think about careers that currently don't exist, but may be a possibility for them in the very near future.

To finish out this very busy day, the girls participated in a mindful meditation and yoga practice. This session allowed student the time to stop and reflect on the week so far, and embrace the opportunities provided during Futures Week.

To round out the week, on Thursday 23 June, the students visited the Regency Park TAFE SA campus, exploring activities in metal fabrication and welding, baking and cooking and fitness and PT.

Upon our return to school, the girls attended a My Career Match workshop, run by Uni SA, where students used the session analysing their personality traits and the range of jobs suited to their temperament. This was also a great workshop for teaching staff!

To conclude a very busy, very engaging week, the students met with automotive apprenticeship provider, Motor Trade Association (MTA), where they participated in a pit stop activity, changing the tyres on a mock race car in under a minute. Whilst challenging for some, others took to it naturally, showing excellent hand-eye coordination and dexterity, all whilst having fun.

Futures Week was a truly eye-opening and enlightening experience for our students. A big thanks to all staff who volunteered to attend the various excursions and activities, and to the students for keeping an open mind and actively participating in the weeks' activities. Without your support and enthusiasm, it would not have been possible.

**Angelika Portolesi**

Future Pathways Coordinator



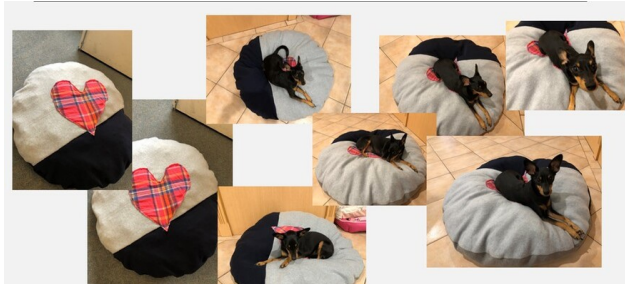


# Food & Fabric Technology @ MMC

Nadia Witton



Semester 1 Year 9 Nutrition & Textiles students used a wide variety of recycled materials such as pre-loved clothes and accessories, discarded fabric and op shop items to create innovative and unique designs. They have done a wonderful job and showed great ingenuity. Upcycling is a way of addressing some of the environmental issues associated with fast fashion. Have a look at the Year 9 students' creations.



finished product







### The University of Adelaide: Young Women in STEM Program

On Tuesday 7 June, 10 students from Year 10, along with Leanne Carr and Jess Di Iorio, participated in the above program which has been designed to inspire young women to pursue careers in STEM.

The program provides students with the opportunity to apply their problem solving, communication and team work skills to a range of interactive activities, listen to the experiences and advice of other young women who are either completing or have completed studies in STEM related fields and additionally obtain information related to a range of STEM courses and careers available at the University of Adelaide. It is hoped that the experience and information provided will help students with the decisions they are currently making in relation to future study choices - particularly in relation to Maths and Science subjects.

The report below, was written by one of the participants who participated in this program.

The 'Young Women in STEM' experience hosted by The University of Adelaide was a day full of insight into the future. We were welcomed by some of the women studying and teaching STEM at the university and heard the inspiring stories of how women got into STEM. We participated in interactive activities covering the areas of architecture where we were encouraged to use our design skills in a team to create a model demonstrating an allocated word. Electrical and electronic engineering, where we built our own motor and viewed a robot that mimicked human movements. We also explored the field of infectious diseases and learnt about the importance of using proper hygiene methods to prevent their spread. Throughout the day, we were required to apply our thinking, problem solving and team work skills. Overall it was an enjoyable day and I am grateful for the opportunity that was provided to me.



Over the past weeks, Kahlea, Poppy, Chiara, Zarah, Kelsey Lily and Reet, students from Years 9 and 10 have been busily preparing their entries for the annual Oliphant Science Awards.

We congratulate these students for their efforts and wish them success as their entries are judged over the coming weeks.

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Congratulations to Lily and Jaymie for being successful in their applications for a position at the 2022 South Australian Space School.

The South Australian Space School and National Space Camp are residential education programs with a focus on STEM careers. SASS, established in 1997, was the first state-based space school in Australia.

The South Australian Space School is an Adelaide-based 3-day residential program for South Australian Year 10 students.

**Josie Spizzo**

Science Leader of Learning



## Acknowledgement of Country



Mary MacKillop College acknowledges and pays respect to the Kurna people, the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we gather on. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of the Kurna people to country and we respect and value their past, present and ongoing connection to the land and cultural beliefs.

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## Opening Prayer





We thank you Lord, for this term. For our challenges, our successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt. Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith. Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others. To be peacemakers in our family.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term. We thank you for our peers, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives.

Amen

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## Discover MacKillop





### **Principal's Tour**

Wednesday 24 August, 9.30am

Wednesday 21 September, 5.00pm

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Join our Principal for a tour of the College.

Principal's Tours are a great opportunity for prospective MacKillop girls and families to visit the College and to meet our Principal. You will meet senior staff and students on an intimate tour of the school and experience our warm hospitality. The tour concludes after one hour with light refreshments where you will have further opportunities to ask questions about your daughter's future with us.

[\*\*Book Now\*\*](#)

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### **Come 'n' Try MacKillop Day**

Wednesday 14 September

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We warmly invite girls from Years 5 and 6 to spend a day with us as a MacKillop girl.

Come 'n' Try MacKillop Days are a wonderful opportunity for your daughter to meet our staff and students while being involved in a range of interactive lessons and meeting new friends.

[Book Now](#)

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## **Enrolments for Year 7 2023 Closing Soon**

To enrol your daughter or for more information, please contact us via phone **(08) 8333 6300** or email

[admin@marymackillop.sa.edu.au](mailto:admin@marymackillop.sa.edu.au)

*Please note, in order for your daughter to attend our Transition Mornings, the enrolment process must be completed and placement confirmed.*

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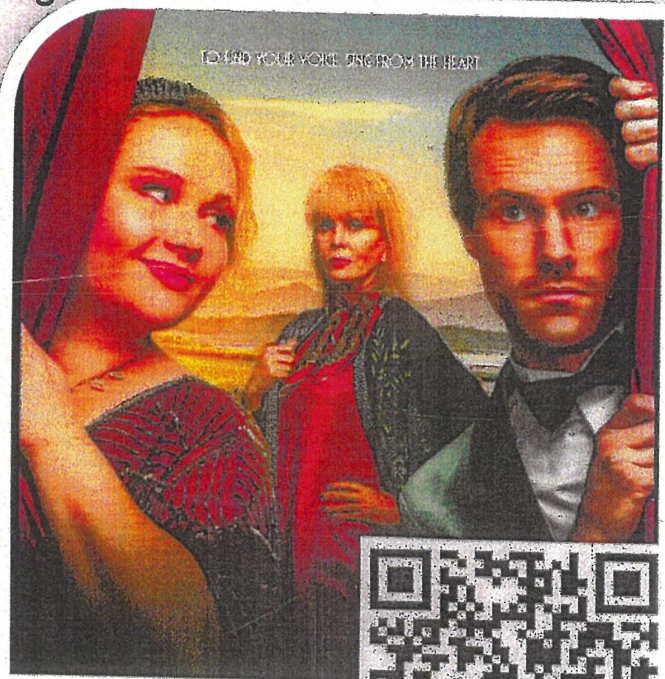
Millie (Danielle Macdonald), an American Fund Manager, realizes one day that her life-long dream is to become an opera singer. Quitting the job and moving away from her boyfriend, she travels to Scotland where she eventually becomes an opera singer following an intense vocal training from former opera diva Meghan Geoffrey-Bishop (Joanna Lumley) and fierce competition from other opera singers including Max Thistlewaite (Hugh Skinner).

**Date:** Sunday 17 July 2022

**Place:** The Regal Theatre  
275 Kensington Road  
Kensington Park

**Time:** 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm

Movie Commences at 4.15 PM



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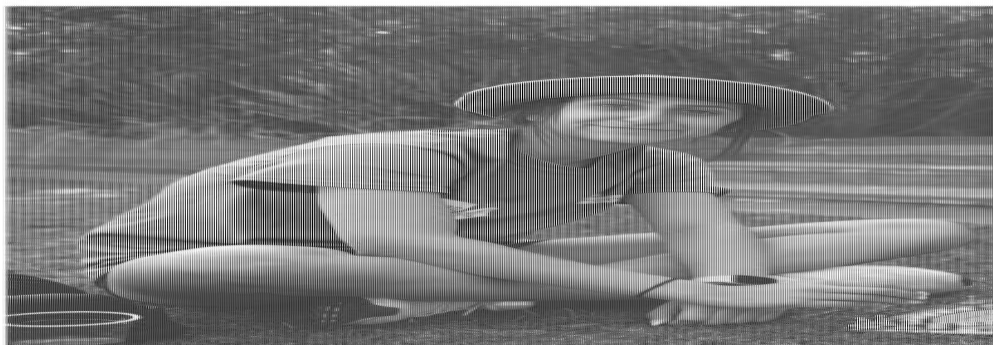
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# Sony Foundation Australia

Children's Holiday Camp



## Sunday 2–Tuesday 4 October 2022

St Peter's College Boarding House

Hackney Road, St Peters

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Wilderness School and St Peter's College are proud to be hosting the Sony Foundation Children's Holiday Camp for children between 8 and 14 years of age with special needs.

This camp is offered free of charge thanks to the Sony Foundation and the generosity of the school communities involved. The camp will offer a variety of activities including:

- Art and craft
- Dance and music
- Aquatic activities
- Mini fair

Year 11 students from Wilderness School and St Peter's College have been selected as companions for the campers. They will be provided with training and assisted by the camp coordinating team including nursing staff.

Please email by Thursday 30 June, 2022 [sonycamp@wilderness.com.au](mailto:sonycamp@wilderness.com.au) if you have a child who is interested in participating.

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