



Important Dates

R-12 Remembrance
Day Assembly
(Week 5)

Monday 11 November 2024

Stage 2 Visual Art
and Tech Exhibition
4-5pm (Week 5)

Thursday 14 November 2024

Year 12 Graduation
Dinner (Week 6)

Thursday 21 November 2024

Year 5 Rite of
Passage (Week 7)

Friday 29 November 2024

JS - Prayer &
Presentation 9am
(Week 8)

Wednesday 4 December
2024

MS - Aladdin Jr
Performance -
Parent Viewing -
4:30pm (Week 8)

Wednesday 4 December
2024

MSS - Prayer &
Presentation
2:00pm (Week 8)

Thursday 5 December 2024

R-5 Lunchtime
Concert (Week 8)

Friday 6 December 2024

Year 9 - The Rite
Journey
Homecoming
Ceremony 1:30pm
(Week 8)

Friday 6 December 2024

Term 4 Ends -
Normal Dismissal
Time (Week 8)

Friday 6 December 2024

Dynamics Choir -
Playford Carols 5-
6pm (Week 8)

Saturday 7 December 2024

Junior School



Students across the Junior School have been engaged in a variety of activities this term that fostered growth, connection, and joy.

Transition programs for our Year 5 students and our 2025 Receptions helped set the stage for such experiences. The Reception transition program is a process that gently introduces our youngest learners to school life, creating an environment that nurtures exploration and friendship. Year 5 students, meanwhile, were guided in building leadership and independence skills, preparing them for their final year in the Junior School.

Assemblies provided a platform for recognising student achievements and fostered pride within the College. Each week, students were acknowledged for their hard work, kindness, and contributions, encouraging a supportive and motivating environment. Assemblies also featured class presentations, musical performances, and project highlights, giving all students a chance to shine.

Several excursions and special activities brought students face-to-face with new ideas and experiences. The Year 1's visit to the Adelaide Zoo explored animal habitats and adaptations, while Reception students delved into marine life on their trip to the Marine Discovery Centre at Henley Beach. Our Year 2s hosted the Animals Anonymous incursion, where students learned about native wildlife, and all students participated in a Jon Madin music workshop, sparking their enthusiasm for music.

The term also focused on wellbeing through Advent Wellbeing Day and Spirit Week. These events encouraged emotional wellness and mindfulness, while also emphasising kindness and a strong sense of community. Together, students engaged in activities that fostered empathy, reflection, and school spirit, creating a supportive and joyful atmosphere.

Year 5 students took part in two enriching cultural experiences. 'Walk a Mile in My Boots' raised awareness about homelessness and encouraged empathy by allowing students to reflect on the lives of those less fortunate. 'China Day' immersed students in the history of the Australian gold rush and the influence of Chinese culture, broadening their understanding of cultural heritage and diversity.

In addition, our Parent Reading Workshop offered parents and caregivers insights into supporting their children's literacy development at home. By exploring techniques to foster a love of reading, families strengthened their bonds through shared learning.

Each of these experiences has contributed to a vibrant and supportive environment within the Junior School, where students have grown in knowledge, character, and connections.

Mr Craig Bonnett

Head of Junior School





Middle School



As the final term of the school year unfolds, students are balancing coursework, assessments, and personal goals. This critical period challenges our students' focus and resilience, but also offers opportunities for growth and accomplishment.

Transition Program

Our Year 5 students have embarked on an exciting transition program to help them prepare for their move to Middle School. This program is designed to build confidence, ease anxieties, and give students a glimpse of what to expect in 2025. Through a variety of activities including school tours, sessions with future teachers, and mentoring with older students, the Year 5's are gradually familiarising themselves with new routines, expectations, and environments. By the end of the program, we trust that students feel more equipped and motivated for the challenges and opportunities that await them in Middle School.

The Rite Journey Camp

As part of The Rite Journey, our Year 9 students recently went on camp to Little Eagle Campsite, on Hindmarsh Island. This experience provided students with a unique opportunity to step outside their comfort zones, engage in team-building activities, and reflect on their journey toward adulthood. Through challenges like surfing and kayaking, problem-solving exercises, and discussions, students developed resilience, empathy, and a deeper understanding of themselves and each other. It is encouraging to witness how students return from the experience with a renewed confidence and invaluable life skills for the future.

Prayer and Presentation

On Thursday 5 December, our annual Prayer and Presentation Awards will be celebrated. This special event celebrates the achievements of our students across academics, sports, arts and community service. Families of the award recipients will be notified and invited to share in this day of recognition.

Farewell

As I say farewell after 23 wonderful years of working at St Columba College, I want to express my deepest gratitude to the students, families, and colleagues who have filled my journey with such joy and purpose. Watching students grow, learn, and achieve has been one of my greatest privileges, and I cherish the memories and connections we've built together. I am incredibly thankful for the support and trust you've shown me over the years, and I leave with a heart full of appreciation and pride in all that has been accomplished as a community. Thank you for the memories—I will carry them with me always.

Mr Shane Dowling

Head of Middle School



Senior School



As we enter the second half of Term 4, I am delighted to share some of the wonderful experiences and achievements of our Senior School students. It has been a period filled with growth, learning, and celebration.

Our Year 11 students had the opportunity to participate in a golf excursion to the Playford Lakes Golf Course, which was not only a test of their skills but also a lesson in patience and perseverance. This was followed by the Year 10 Outdoor Education Bush Camp at Mount Crawford, where students engaged in various activities that fostered teamwork and resilience. These experiences have been invaluable in teaching our students the importance of both individual effort and collective support.

Another highlight of the term was the Year 12 Food and Hospitality Catering Function, where students presented their culinary skills to staff members. This event showcased their skill for meal preparation and menu design, providing a delightful dining experience for all who attended. The dedication and creativity displayed by our students was truly commendable.

Our Year 12 students also undertook their trial exams with great determination. These exams are a crucial part of their preparation for the final assessments, and I am proud of the effort and commitment they have shown. The resilience and hard work of our students during this period has been inspiring.

Career Day was a memorable event at the College, where Year 12 students came to school dressed as their future selves, providing a glimpse into their personal aspirations. This day also served as a touching farewell to their Reception Buddies, highlighting the bonds formed over the years. It was heartwarming to see the joy and excitement shared between the students.

During Week 3, we held a 'Farewell to Year 12s Assembly', which was a special time for the whole College to celebrate and honour our Year 12 students. This event included the presentation of the following awards:

Caritas Awards

Lucy Lim
 Chloe Rollins
 Hayden Smith
 Coby Ahern
 Ryan Stratham
 Mikaylee Brown
 Teresa Garang
 Dut Arok

Global Citizen Award

Jessica Ishimwe

Sports Award

Georgia McKee

St Columba Medals

Ramani van Kooten
Kevin Hua

Mary Woznitza Award

Robin Wegener

Cum Laude

Kaitlin Coad
Amelie Davis
Naveed Hakimi
Nida Haydari
Jasmine Hoy
Kevin Hua
Aalyeh Kazemi
Amelia Moore
Callan Robb
Ramani van Kooten
Sarah Wells
Zahra Yousefi

Ampol All Rounder Award

Kevin Hua

Goveners Student Citizen

Sarah Wells

Murial Matters

Kaitlin Coad

Excellence in Community Service

Matala Kyemo

On their final day at the school, a special breakfast was cooked by our staff for the students. Following this was a Graduation Liturgy, led by Rev Tracey Gracey, Senior Chaplain to Anglican Schools in Adelaide. It was a fantastic celebration of our community, filled with a mixture of both joy and sadness as we acknowledged the achievements of our students and wished them every blessing for their future.

The start of Term 4 has been a remarkable journey. The experiences and accomplishments of our students have been a testament to their hard work and the supportive environment we strive to create at the College.

Mrs Deirdre Walters

Head of Senior School





