10 APRIL 2025



WHAT'S ON

11 April Easter Liturgy

12 - 27 April Term 1 Break

18 April Good Friday

20 April Easter Sunday

21 April Easter Monday

25 April ANZAC Day

28 April Pupil Free Day

30 April Outdoor Education Excursion

Year 9 Sport and Recreation Excursion

1 May Parent Teacher Evening

2 May Try-A-Day (Expo Day)

5 May Year 12 PE Excursion

6 May Parent Teacher Evening

Outdoor Education Excursion

Year 11 Reflection Day Year 12 PE Excursion

7 May Year 9 Sport and Recreation Excursion

8 May Year 11 Information Evening and

Careers Expo

Earth and Environmental Science

Field Trip

9 May Open Day

12 May Year 12 PE Excursion

13 May College Cross Country

Year 11 PE Excursion

14 - 16 May Year 9 Sport and Recreation Camp



15 May Year 10 Sport and Recreation

16 May Act Up! Stage Managers Workshop

Year 10 Sport and Recreation Excursion

19 May Year 12 PE Excursion

20 May College Assembly

Year 12 PE Excursion

Outdoor Education Excursion

21 May Year 9 Sport and Recreation Excursion

Year 10 Sport and Recreation Excursion

Act Up! Guest Artist Workshop

ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

Monday

Junior Band

Maths Tutorial

Musical Rehearsal

Production Crew

Tuesday Maths Tutorial

Musical Rehearsal Percusssion Ensemble Philosophy and Ethics Club

String Ensemble

Wednesday Cal Bruton Basketball Program

Choir and Karaoke Dance Troupe Maths Tutorial Musical Rehearsal **Thursday** Guitar Ensemble Maths Tutorial

Musical Rehearsal Production Crew Robots and Rocketry Sustainability Club Theology Club

Friday Strategic Games Club

FROM THE PRINCIPAL









Dear Parents, Carers and Students

I wrote to you last week to advise that we had heard the sad news about the accident that had occurred outside of St Edmund's College involving two of their students. I have since been in contact with their Principal Tim Cleary and have offered our prayers and practical support. The boys continue to recover, and St Edmund's has asked that we continue to keep the boys and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

I was absolutely delighted with our recent Year 7, 2026 Information Evening at which we had over 1,300 current and prospective families and their children visit the College to view our facilities and talk with staff and our students. Our Information Evening was an opportunity for us to showcase the College, and the opportunities our future students will have to excel and flourish under the care of an outstanding Faculty of women and men. I cannot express enough my pride and gratitude for the number of junior and senior students who volunteered their time to assist with the Information Evening as speakers, tour guides and assistants. Our students' pride in their school and willingness to talk about it with such clarity and confidence speaks volumes about them and their experience of life at their school. I am also very pleased with the number of enrolment enquiries we are receiving which at present has exceeded our expectations and the number we received at this same time last year. This is very promising for the future of the college but speaks of our reputation and the quality of the educational experience we offer. Please continue to let your family and friends know that we are enrolling now and in preparation for 2026.

I am delighted to advise that we have taken possession of our newly refurbished theatrette. As you are aware I am keen to develop and refurbish the facilities of the College and to provide contemporary, flexible learning spaces for both senior and junior students. With the endorsement of Catholic Education and our College Community Council we now have a first class Performing Arts learning and community space. This project has occurred as part of our College Master planning which will strategically map our facilities needs and planning over the next 5-10 years and provide impetus for our current and medium term building projects.

As Term 1 draws to a close I wish to offer my congratulations to your girls and boys for all that they bring to the life of this vibrant community. They have made a great start to the academic year and their engagement in their learning programmes has been very impressive. Their interest in and engagement in their studies, NAPLAN tests, AST trials, fieldtrips and research projects, and our extracurricular and community life of the College are an inspiration to me and a credit to them. I am very proud of their many academic and extracurricular achievements, their courtesy and generosity and their pride in themselves and the College.

I wish each of you and your families a restful and peaceful mid term break.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Sandra Darley College Principal

VET & CAREERS IN ACTION: EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS

SFX POP-UP CAFES: A CULINARY SENSATION!

If you've been at the College this term, you've likely witnessed (or tasted!) the buzz of our incredible popup cafés brought to life by the Hospitality Department. Masterminded by our talented teacher, Charmaine Givens, our senior VET Hospitality students have been hard at work, crafting mouthwatering delights and flavour-packed creations that showcase their impressive skills and expertise.

Students work as a team to set up front of house, prepare food and beverages, financial management, customer service, cleaning up, shut down and feedback. Specialised roles and duties include beverage maker, Pass, back of house, front of house servers and Maître D.

Each café is not just a feast for the senses—it's also a key part of student assessment, highlighting their ability to design, plan, and execute a professional-level dining experience. Café themes served up in Term One include:

- Cocktail party offering mini prawn tacos, prosciutto cups, salmon canape, brie canape, spring rolls, and salt and pepper calamari.
- American Diner offering loaded fries, beef burger, chicken tenders, fries, chocolate mousse, milkshakes, and baja blast.
- Brunch offering waffles, croque monsieur, corn fritters with avocado salsa, turkish eggs.
- Loaded Potatoes offering salted roasted potatoes and sweet potatoes with pulled pork, chili con carne, and bean ratatouille.
- Pies and Tarts offering carmelised beetroot tart, guiness beef, chicken and leek, lemon tart, and warm chocolate mud cake.

Stay tuned for upcoming dates and get in fast—these seats fill up quickly! Don't miss your chance to indulge in what's sure to be an unforgettable dining experience.







KINGPIN: MORE THAN JUST FUN & GAMES!

Our Senior Business and Year 10 IT students were 'bowled over' during their recent hands-on industry experience at KingPin Entertainment Centre! Led by our passionate educator, Gerrie Elias, and supported by Heena Kher, students stepped behind the scenes of this dynamic business to uncover the secrets of its success.

The venue's owner, Stefan, shared invaluable insights into business strategy, customer engagement, and the power of building strong relationships to create unforgettable experiences. Meanwhile, IT students had an exclusive opportunity to lift the lid on arcade machines, exploring how hardware and software interact to craft an immersive gaming experience.

This exciting excursion wasn't just about fun—it was a real-world learning experience, contributing directly to student assessment while strengthening their skills, knowledge, and understanding of business operations and technology.

Julia Cattanach Head of VET and Careers







AROUND THE COLLEGE

SCIENCE AT SFX

Science education continues to be one of the most important facets of student's education. Preparing students for an increasingly technological and complex world, the critical thinking skills of the scientific method enable students to evaluate evidence and make logical conclusions. Science cultivates curiosity about the natural world, and inspiring lifelong learning and future careers in many STEM related fields. Complex global challenges such as climate change and future energy needs require a scientifically literate population that can distinguish fact from fiction and a solid grounding in Science allows student to act as responsible and thoughtful individuals through their entire life.

Students in Junior Science classes have been engaged in Chemistry and Biology as their units in the first term. Year 8 has been looking at the fundamental elements of the universe, discovering atoms as the building blocks of matter. Year 9 students have been looking into the nervous and endocrine systems, and how the body maintains homeostasis – the ability to maintain a constant internal environment. Year 10 students have been investigating genetics, and how traits that allow populations to thrive are passed on through multiple generations.

Senior students have commenced or continued their studies of Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Psychology and Human Biology. We also introduced two new courses in Years 11 and 12, with the commencement of Health Science and Earth and Environmental Science to our offerings at the College.

Our science students continue to exemplify the spirit of innovation and discovery, giving us confidence that the future of scientific exploration is in capable hands.

lan Stace-Winkles Head of Science



SPORTS IN TERM 1

Another busy Term One has almost come to an end and as usual our sporting stars have been busy! We have had a busy end of the term with multiple teams out representing the College.

Over the course of two days we had teams compete in the ACT Futsal Titles for the first time. All teams represented the College with distinction and all achieved some outstanding results. All played strongly in the group stages and came away with some victories. A special shout out to our U16 Boys side who made it to the quarter finals before falling to a very strong Gold Creek side. A big congratulations to the U14 Boys who under the coaching of Mr Charles went through the whole day undefeated and came out as champions. The boys are now the U14 ACT Futsal champions. Well done to everyone involved.





The College recently sent three Boys Rugby League team to the Alan Tongue 9s Gala Day. Once again all teams battled strongly throughout the day and saw some outstanding results. The 16s were placed in an extremely strong pool and had some fantastic results against strong opposition. The Senior team battled injuries throughout the day but showed great resilience to finish 3rd overall. The U14s were a dominant force in the group stages and made it through to the Grand Final. The boys came up against a very strong Daramalan College team who were stronger on the day.

We also have some students who competed at the 2025 ACT School Sport Golf Championship. Congratulations to Jason B, Minh V, Bailey G, Harrison O and Riley M who all competed strongly.

If you have made a sporting team, please let a teacher from the PE Department know so we can celebrate your success!

Tim Sloman Health and PE Teacher



AROUND THE COLLEGE

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YEAR 12







Year 12 has also been getting active, with the Outdoor Ed class camping in Jervis Bay last week. Elyse S, one of the Year 12 Outdoor Ed students has offered a few sentences of her experience on the excursion, including the range of activities they participated in.

"Camp was an unforgettable experience! We had the chance to snorkel with seals, sharks and a variety of other incredible sea animals, which was amazing. We also spent some time surfing, catching waves, feeling the rush of the ocean, we tried stand-up paddleboarding, which was such a fun way to explore the water and stay active. It was the perfect mix of adventure, nature and water sports, and I couldn't have asked for a better time!"

Another event was Community Day, which Pindari won through its involvement in activities and amazing spirit. It was exciting for the SLT to have their first school event where they got to lead the school in a day of fun and community building.





Year 12 has done so well to come through a heavy assessment period. Our solution to reducing this stress and pressure is through our annual Athletics Carnival. Our annual Athletics Carnival allows students to have a break from schoolwork, encouraging connection within the school community and allowing students to participate in physical activities. This time outside and connection with peers have positive impacts of wellbeing and help students to reset before they begin working on their assignments for Term 2.

In Term 2, the SRC will host a **Senior Social Night** for Years 11 and 12. We are also anticipating the annual **Senior Wellbeing Morning** with stress-relief activities designed to help us relax before our exams.

It has been a good start to the year, and we hope to continue this pathway to have a great final year!

Alexandra Oliver

COLLEGE PROGRAMS





EXCITING LAUNCH OF SENIOR WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM!

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our Senior Work Experience program! This fantastic opportunity allows senior students to gain valuable, real-world experience in their chosen fields, building essential skills that will help them thrive in their future careers.

Not only do students gain hands-on experience, but they also develop a professional network, enhance their employability, and better understand the demands of the workplace. It's the perfect way to bridge the gap between school and career, and we are excited to see our students take this important step in their career pathways.

If you are searching for an AsbA placement, this is a sure fire way to get yourself noticed.

Watch for further announcements on how to get involved! This is an incredible opportunity not to be missed!





START YOUR CAREER PATHWAY TODAY WITH A SCHOOL-BASED ASBA!

Everyone's career journey starts somewhere – and there's no better place than through a school-based AsbA program! With 13 of our students currently gaining hands-on experience in Electrical, Sheds and Roofing, Carpentry, Plumbing, and Business Carpentry, this is the perfect opportunity to build your future.

Senior Students can get involved in an AsbA NOW. If you're interested, please see Mrs. Cattanach in the first instance to learn more.

AUSSIE KIWI WATER SKIING CHAMP

Our Year 9 Coordinator, Mr Beerworth, recently sat down with Oscar C (9D2) for an interview about his recent achievement in water skiing.

How did you get into water skiing?

My family were already water skiers when I was little, skiing on Blowering Dam, near Tumut. I was introduced to the sport and I think I was first able to stand up on the skis at about 6. I went into my first tournament at 9 years old. The Aussie Kiwi competition was my first Australian squad selection.

What do you love about the sport?

Water skiing is a "cool" sport, as you are always around the water! It is a very exciting sport to participate in and to watch. The community is small, but very supportive. I love to do tricks, especially flips. It can have its dangers – I had to get 8 staples in my head after an injury!





Aussie/Kiwi Challenge-Oceania Junior Championship Bridgewater

Under 14 Boys Tricks Results

Homologation: Ranking List - 13/03/2025 - 16/03/2025

Name	Country	Categ.	Round 1	Round 2	Overall	Team
1 Cowan Oscar	AUS [U14 M	3400	3740	1000.00	1000.00
2 Millward Carter	NZL 🌉	U14 M	3130	3560	951.87	951.87
3 Runciman Joshua	NZL 🌉	U14 M	2860	3160	844.92	844.92
4 Reeves Taj	AUS 🧱	U14 M	2610	2670	713.90	713.90
5 Keenan Tim	NZL 🌉	U14 M	1580	1650		441.18
6 Dowding Archie	AUS 🧱	U14 M	1590	1320	425.13	
7 Paterson Jack	NZL 🌉	U14 M	840	1440		
8 Millward Cody	NZL 🌉	U14 M	640	890		
9 Shaw Braden	NZL 🌉	U14 M	480	880	235.29	235.29



Tell me about your most recent event!

I went to Bendigo to compete in an event called Aussie Kiwi. It's a competition between Australian and New Zealand skiers. In great conditions I won first in trick skiing and fourth for jump and slalom.

What's next?

In a few weeks I compete at Nationals. That is pretty exciting and I am really looking forward to the event.

We wish Oscar the best of luck for his next competition!



STUDENT VOICE

For this edition of *Student Voice*, our Communications Captain, Amelia, spoke with Year 7 and Year 11 students to hear their perspectives on Term 1 as SFX's newest junior and senior students.

How are you finding senior school so far? What's been the best part?

Nick: "I enjoy the freedom and the change in how our lessons are taught."

Paige: "I've been really liking senior school so far! I especially love the free periods and the freedom us seniors get here at SFX."

How have you been enjoying high school so far? What's been the best part?

Hayley: "High school so far has been really fun and it is so much better than primary school. The best parts so far would have to be the Year 7 Camp, learning Japanese and my teachers. I really enjoyed surfing and body boarding at camp."

Lachlan: "The Swimming Carnival was the best part and making new friends. High school has been good for meeting new people."

What's your favourite subject so far, and why?

Hayley: "My favourite subject so far would have to be Japanese because I like learning the language and my teacher is really nice. The other subject I like is Digital Technologies because my teacher explains what we have to do then I can do my own thing at my own pace which I really enjoy."

Lachlan: "PE, because it's fun and I get to be with my friends."

What's your favourite class this year, and what do you enjoy most about it?

Nick: "Outdoor Education is my favourite subject and I enjoy the camps and the excursions."

Paige: "My favourite class so far has got to be literature. It wasn't an option in Year 9 and 10 so it feels like a cool way to take English a step further."

What did you think of Year 7 Camp? What was your favourite part?

Hayley: "Year 7 Camp was so much fun, I went there in Year 6 and this time it was so much better. The food was surprisingly good and my favourite parts would have to be surfing and the giant swing."

Lachlan: "It was really fun! I have really enjoyed meeting new people and making more friends."

Are there any clubs or activities you'd like to join, or any you'd like to see at school?

Hayley: "I have joined the dance troupe and at lunch sometimes I go into the music room which is really fun. I like the clubs at SFX, so I don't have any ideas for new

Lachlan: "I'm currently in the Dance Club! I don't think we need any more clubs because there are plenty of options now."



L-R: Lachlan R, Paige D, Nick A and Hayley L

Is there anything you've learned so far that you've really enjoyed or found interesting?

Hayley: "Last year we learnt about citizens and civics and we are doing it in Humanities again which I find enjoyable, and it is really interesting."

Lachlan: "Preparing for the Athletics Carnival in PE was fun! I love sports, so I really enjoy those kinds of activities. It was also great learning how to improve for the carnival."

If you could go back and give your Year 7 self one piece of advice about high school, what would it be?

Nick: "Get your assignments in on time and don't leave things to the last minute!"

Paige: "I would tell myself not to procrastinate! However in saying that, I would also tell my younger self to find a balance between stressing myself out and organising my schedule."

We look forward to more stories from our students in Term 2!



JOIN OUR UPCOMING EVENTS!

FRIDAY

2
MAY

TRY-A-DAY 10 am - 2 pm

THURSDAY

8
MAY

YEAR 11 ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING AND CAREERS EXPO 5 pm - 7 pm

FRIDAY

9

MAY

OPEN DAY 9 am - 2:30 pm

For more information: enrolments@sfx.act.edu.au 02 6258 1055





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Bluebell Skippers



Who are we?

Established in 2024, Bluebell Skippers is the newest skipping club in Canberra, named after the ACT's floral emblem, the Royal Bluebell.

With 70+ years of combined experience, we're dedicated to spreading the joy of jump rope across Canberra.

Our club values

Bluebell Skippers prioritises four main values which we aim to uphold in every aspect of our club:

Inclusivity, Teamwork, Open communication, Kindness.



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Very social – lawn bowls is a social sport; you'll make new friends of all ages in no time.

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