

THE SASY SCOOP

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SENIOR SCHOOL CELEBRATION OPENING 2026

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QUOTE OF THE TERM

"Find a reason to smile every day."

– Unknown

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SASY Senior School ONLY is open for those who need support during part of the school holiday period. We are staffed and open for young people on the following dates between 10am-2pm.

2nd Week School Holidays

Tues 29th and Wednesday 30th Sept

Building 29 Chesser St,

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

SASY learns, connects and meets on Tarntanya, the place of the Red Kangaroo Rock or as we know it, Adelaide. We acknowledge Kaurna people have connected to this Land for generations and continuing to this day.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present and acknowledge the Kaurna peoples knowledge and connection to Country and culture. We also extend our respects to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



A Note From The Editor

Dear SASY community,

As we reached the end of another busy and rewarding term, it's hard to believe that we are already three-quarters of the way through the school year! Term 3 has been filled with exciting events, memorable moments, and opportunities for our young people, staff and community to come together, learn, celebrate, and connect.

Hot of the press our 2025 Annual Report was ready and shared with the community some great content was captured by photographer Tom McCammon, thank you Tom for the great pics our young people enjoyed the photo shoots! SALA opening at the Bearded Dragon, displaying our very talented young people's artwork! Shout out to the Bearded Dragon and CBS for supporting this special event, and of course Teachers Bo and Jess for their hard work in pulling it all together.

SASY held the launch of the SASY Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Document, at Bonython Park. A significant milestone for our school community. The event was a wonderful celebration of culture, community, and our ongoing commitment to reconciliation. The launch featured outstanding performances by local rapper Yanni T, an engaging student performance, and a special performance by one of our very own staff member, Tracie, who showcased her incredible talent. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to our amazing Chefs Annamaria and Zach, who prepared a fantastic spread and helped make the day such a success.

One of the highlights of the term was R U OK? Day, which continues to be one of my favourite events of the year. This year's celebration was held at Mary Lee Park, where students and staff came together to enjoy a day focused on connection, wellbeing, and supporting one another. It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved, sharing conversations, and strengthening the sense of community that makes SASY such a special place.

The term concluded with our Senior School Celebration 2026: People Make This Place. This event provided an opportunity for our young people and staff to proudly showcase their learning, achievements, creativity, and growth from Semesters 1 and 2. The displays throughout the school highlighted the dedication and hard work of everyone involved and reflected the incredible journeys that have taken place across the year so far. Looking ahead, we are already excited for the Middle School Celebration in Week 5 of Term 4 and can't wait to see what our students will share with the community.

Three terms down, and what an incredible year it has already been. I am genuinely excited for what Term 4 will bring, with many more events, opportunities, and achievements still to come. As always, I encourage you to keep an eye on our social media channels as SASY continues to share more stories, celebrate successes, and keep our community updated on all things SASY.

Thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year so far, we look forward to seeing everyone back for a fantastic Term 4!

Sunny Stefanovski - Editor

RAP DOCUMENT LAUNCH

In Week 5, the SASY community came together to celebrate the launch of our 2026–2027 **Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)**, reinforcing our commitment to strengthening relationships, deepening respect, and creating meaningful opportunities for reconciliation.

The day began with a powerful Welcome to Country and Traditional Smoking Ceremony led by Uncle John, Senior Kurna Elder, whose wisdom and cultural knowledge created a reflective and meaningful atmosphere for all in attendance.

The SASY Community engaged through a range of activities before enjoying a delicious lunch prepared by our talented chefs, Zach and Annamaria, featuring local and native ingredients.

The celebration concluded with an energetic performance by local rapper Yanni T, including a special appearance from SASY staff member Tracie, who had the crowd cheering along.

“More than the launch of a document, It was a celebration of relationships, culture, community, and the shared responsibility we all have in contributing to reconciliation”

Thank you to the RAP committee and everyone who attended, participated, and helped make the day such a success. Together, we continue to strengthen our journey of connection, understanding, and respect.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Spreading Positivity through SA Rocks

As part of our weekly Connect & Reflect sessions, a group of Middle School young people took part in a community-focused activity with SA Rocks. Young people painted colourful rocks which were then hidden throughout Bonython Park for others to discover and enjoy.

SA Rocks encourages people to find, share, and re-hide painted rocks, creating small moments of surprise and positivity across the community. It didn't take long for our rocks to be discovered, with Facebook posts appearing before we had even shared that they had been hidden!

The activity was a fantastic opportunity for young people to express their creativity while contributing something positive to the wider community. Seeing the joy their creations brought to others made the experience even more rewarding.



Paws Pause at SASY 🐾

Throughout Term 3, SASY was lucky to welcome Derek, a therapy dog from Paws Pause, and his handler Carly each Wednesday.



Derek quickly became a much-loved part of our school week, providing a calm and welcoming presence for our young people. The sessions supported wellbeing, connection and engagement, creating opportunities for young people to regulate, build confidence, connect with others and learn more about the role of therapy animals.

A big thank you to Carly, Derek and Paws Pause for being part of the SASY community this term!

Jam Packed!

This term the Connect Art Revolution crew was invited to attend a two-day JamFactory pottery workshop, learning how to throw pots on a pottery wheel and then later trimming and decorating the pots to be fired.

Our young people surprised themselves with how well they picked up the admittedly-difficult skill of throwing, and were super proud of their creations! We can't wait to see the final glazed and glossed pots!



Ice Factor

The SASY Assassins wrapped up their Term 3 Ice Factor tournament with an impressive effort, winning 2 out of 4 games and showcasing fantastic teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

While they didn't take home the overall title, they represented SASY with pride and gave supporters plenty to cheer about.

A highlight of the tournament was seeing staff, young people, and members of the SASY community come together to support the team from the sidelines, creating an electric atmosphere at every game.

We would also like to congratulate Lawrence Bleeze, one of the SASY Assassins' mentors, who was drafted overnight into the Adelaide Summer League (ASL) Ice Hockey team, The Huskies. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to Lawrence's dedication and skill in the sport. We are incredibly proud of him and wish him all the best for the season ahead.

Well done to the SASY Assassins on a great tournament, and congratulations again to Lawrence on this exciting next step!



Ghosted

This semester, students in the Year 9 and 10 Ghosted program explored Adelaide's fascinating past through visits to Adelaide Gaol and Z Ward, investigating stories of hauntings while learning how attitudes towards crime, punishment, and mental health have changed over time.

Back at SASY, students stepped into the courtroom through a series of mock trials, taking on the roles of judges, lawyers, witnesses, and jurors to examine evidence and reach verdicts. Students quickly discovered the challenges of weighing facts, identifying bias, and making fair decisions.

A highlight of the semester was the Ghosted Photo Competition, where students used shadows, reflections, lighting, and creative camera techniques to capture eerie "ghost-like" images. The activity encouraged creativity while challenging students to think critically about evidence and perception.

Through history, photography, and legal investigations, students developed valuable skills in questioning evidence, considering different perspectives, and making informed judgements.



SENIOR SCHOOL

SASY SHINES AT SALA!

On Thursday, 6th of August, our Stage 2 Art and Photography students proudly participated in the South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival, showcasing their work in a collaborative exhibition at the Bearded Dragon Gallery.

“The opening launch for this event was a tremendous success, with parents, family members, caregivers, and friends attending to celebrate and support the students' achievements”

The exhibition, titled “Peak to Peak and Still Climbing,” celebrated creativity, resilience, and personal growth through a diverse collection of student artworks and photographs. The theme encouraged students to reflect on their individual journeys and artistic development, resulting in a powerful and inspiring display.

A highlight of this year's exhibition was the inclusion of selected Stage 1 students, who were given the opportunity to exhibit their work alongside their senior peers. This provided valuable insight into what studying Stage 2 Art or Photography may be like in the future, while also offering a platform to showcase the talents of our emerging young artists.

Stage 2 students were also able to offer their artwork for sale through the gallery, providing a unique opportunity to experience the professional art industry firsthand and gain an understanding of the process of exhibiting and selling creative work.

The exhibition remained on display until 31 August, allowing members of the wider community to view and appreciate the talents of our young artists.



Senior School student Ruby, competed this term at the 2026 PCA National Championships.

She competed in mounted games, placing 6th overall, returning home with ribbons and a mighty bruise.

We're proud to support Ruby's passion and dedication to equine sports.



CELEBRATION 2026

Our recent Senior School Celebration: **People Make This Place**, was a wonderful showcase of the incredible learning, growth, and achievements of our young people throughout Semesters 1 and 2.

“It was fantastic to see students, staff, families, and community members come together to celebrate everything that makes SASY such a special place”

The evening began with a heartfelt Acknowledgement of Country delivered by young people Charlotte, Lawrence, and Hope, setting the tone for a night centred on connection and community. The event was then officially opened with a bang, as confetti cannons filled the street with colour and excitement, creating a memorable start to the celebrations.

Guests explored our learning spaces and buildings, experiencing the diverse range of opportunities available across SASY. From impressive displays of student work to live performances from the Music Group and enthusiastic singalongs to Pink Pony Club, there was something for everyone to enjoy. The photo booth was also a popular stop, capturing plenty of fun memories throughout the night.

A huge thank you to our Senior School Chef, Zach, for once again providing delicious catering and keeping everyone well fed most importantly, thank you to our young people for sharing their learning journeys and reminding us that people truly do make this place.

We look forward to celebrating with our Middle School community during the Middle School Celebration in Week 5, Term 4! 🎉



RU OK? DAY

SASY's much-loved R U OK? Day tradition returned this year, and we were reminded of the importance of **checking in with those around us** and creating meaningful opportunities to connect.

While our annual celebration is usually held at Bonython Park, this year we made the move to Mary Lee Park, and it's safe to say we may have found our new favourite location! With **beautiful weather** and plenty of space to gather, it provided the perfect setting for a fantastic day outdoors.

The community enjoyed a **delicious sausage sizzle**, once again catered by our talented SASY chefs. There was plenty of laughter during games such as **Donut on a String**, Tug of War, and the always-popular student versus teacher footy match and races.

The cutest guest, **Darcy a beautiful labrador from Guide Dogs SA** joined us with their handler Judy joined us for the, safe to say Darcy was a bit of a celebrity amongst the young people.

To top off a memorable day, **Gelatissimo** arrived with a sweet treat for everyone to enjoy, providing the perfect finish to an already wonderful event.

A huge thank you to Teacher **Allira**, as well as **Charlotte** and the Health and **Wellbeing Year 12s**. Charlotte planned and ran the sports activities and other Year 12s were responsible for the logistics side of things on the day. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Rosie for the dedication, organisation, and care she brings to this event each year!

With sunshine, laughter, great food, and plenty of opportunities to connect, this year's R U OK? Day was a wonderful reminder that sometimes a simple conversation can make all the difference. ❤️





DARCY @ R U OK? DAY



SALA OPENING- PHOTO BY BANJO



YANNI T PERFORMING AT THE RAP LAUNCH



MIDDLE SCHOOL- ARTING AROUND EXHIBIT



STAFF AND STUDENT FOOTY MATCH @ R U OK? DAY



YEARLY WHOLE SCHOOL R U OK? DAY PHOTO