

THE SASY SCOOP

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MIDDLE SCHOOL FISHING CAMP AT SECOND VALLEY

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

***"The future belongs
to those who believe
in the beauty of their
dreams."***

-Eleanor Roosevelt

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SASY is open for those who need support during the school holidays period. We are staffed and open for young people on the following dates between 10am-3pm.

WEEK 1 HOLIDAYS:

Tues 15th, Wed 16th, Thurs 17th April

WEEK 2 HOLIDAYS:

SASY WILL NOT BE OPEN

Term 2 begins Tues 29th April

A note from the Editor

To our dearest readers,

What a fantastic start to the year this term has been!

Marketing started off busy with content preparation for SASY's 2024 Annual Report. We are super excited to show this to our SASY community once it has been printed!

Week 4 came about quick and SASY hosted our very first Community Activity Day at Thorndon Park! This was a great success and young people and staff really grasped the vibe the CAD committee was hoping to convey. CAD also created an awesome opportunity for student Charlotte to help create an event that allowed young people to connect with each other and staff, well done.

We quickly found ourselves preparing for our SASY Graduation and Senior School Dinner event on the 5th of March. SASY got to present our 2024 SACE Graduates and celebrate our current Senior students.

The long weekend for the Adelaide Cup came at a perfect time and I got to travel to Perth with some family for some much needed RNR. Thankful for some quiet time amongst the busy term.

In the growing world of tech and social media, I have increased our online presence and interaction and I am finding our community is growing more and more every day thanks to all of you amazing people! Always happy to hear your thoughts on content you'd like to see and what can be improved! Email me at: js@sasy.sa.edu.au

With all that occurred this term I found myself thinking "is it Term 4?" But no, we still have 3 more terms full of lots of fun and excitement! Get ready SASY!

I wish you all a happy and safe Easter holidays! Remembering, that holidays can be hard for some, so if you know anyone that is alone, give them a call, invite them over for a chat and if you are really concerned for a peers mental health please refer them to following services:

Mental Health Triage Service: Call 13 14 65 for a mental health emergency or crisis.

Lifeline: 13 11 14 for 24/7

Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636 for 24/7

Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800

13YARN: 13 92 76 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Sunny Stefanovski | Marketing Assistant

Something from our CE

Dear SASY Community,

Term 1 has been a term of growth for SASY. We've welcomed new young people and their families into our community, young people have moved into different Hubs, some have left SASY for positive pathways such as employment or further study, and we continue to adapt our learning delivery and offer new programs to suit the interest and needs of our young people.

We have had a great term of events such as our Senior School Dinner where we celebrated with our 2024 SACE Graduates and current senior school young people, and our first SASY CAD Day, our version of a sports day at Thorndon Park!

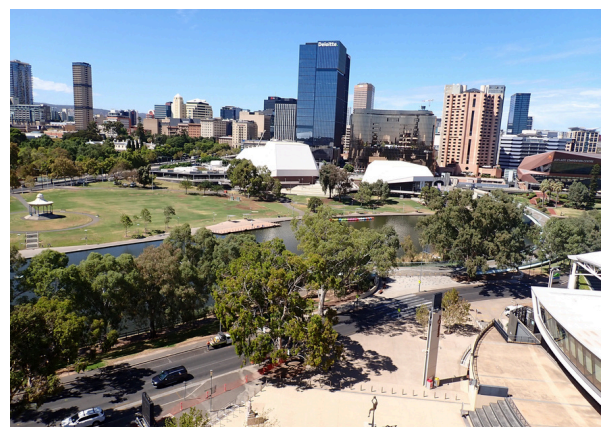
One thing that remains consistent at SASY is our vision to re-engage young people in their learning and providing wraparound support to students, whatever that may look like for them. Whether it is case management, social emotional support, diverse program choices, nutritious meals, connection, adapted teaching to suit learning needs or simply a friendly face and a listening ear, SASY is here for young people.

I warmly welcome our new young people and families to the SASY community, and welcome back our existing families.

I send a heartfelt thanks to all our staff for the incredible work they do and their dedication to our young people. Over the school holidays, I hope you all have the opportunity to spend time together with loved ones, rest and do things you enjoy.

We will see you all in Term 2!

Karen Taylor | Chief Executive



VIEW FROM ROOF CLIMB EXCURSION



STEPPING OUT PROGRAM

Congratulating Amber, a 2024 SACE Graduate! The Stepping Out program help Amber secure an Apple Mac for their Uni studies. Amber researched, worked hard to save and contributed to the cost!



YOUNG PERSON VOICE GROUP



SASY young people engaged in their first Young person Voice Group meeting with Harvey (SASY's Head of Student Outcomes) and Amber Brock-Fabel (founder of the SA Youth Forum).

CAD AT THORNDON PARK



SASY held our very first Community Activity Day at Thorndon Park! Young people and staff got the chance to build connections, form friendships and have some fun!

SASY GRAD AND SENIOR DINNER

On March 5th, SASY hosted our Graduation and Senior Dinner! Celebrating our 2024 Year 12 Stage 2 SACE Graduates and Senior Students of 2025, at the Adelaide Convention Centre!

The night was adorned with a masquerade theme of black and gold. A hint of wonder and excitement filled the air as we presented our 19 2024 SACE Graduates! Our largest cohort of SACE Graduates in SASY's history!

Award presentations, speeches and amazing food, photobooth fun and a rather interesting magician for entertainment, made the night progress and young people were able to take pictures, connect with their friends, and be inspired by our 2024 Graduates.

SASY thanks all who attended, from our staff and young people to our SACE Graduates and their families! Well done to all and good luck in your next step.



LEFT TO RIGHT 2024 SACE GRADUATES: LILY AND LIAM





KUITPO FOREST- MIDDLE SCHOOL EXCURSION

Reflecting on the term that was...

The Connect Hub has experienced a very successful Term 1, indicated by an increase in student attendance and active participation. Our weekly RENT activities have been a highlight, fostering a sense of community and belonging amongst students.

These sessions have not only enhanced social connections but have also been instrumental in the formation of diverse friendship groups, contributing to a supportive peer network. Incorporating student interests into these activities has been a key strategy, ensuring high levels of motivation and engagement.

The Connect staff are committed to creating an environment that promotes both learning and wellbeing.

Program 'Black Sabbath' looked at the Bubonic Plague and is currently looking at the similarities and differences between it and the impact of Covid 19 as global pandemics.

The students are currently using their creative and artistic skills to create artefacts and costumes from the past including a Dr Death mask, fashion and accessories of the time and burial techniques. The students have a wide range of historical skills and are using primary sources as the first point of evidence in their many discussions.

The hub remains a pivotal space where students are encouraged to connect, learn, and grow together.

“We are excited about the opportunities Term 2 will bring and are confident that our students will continue to thrive in their new educational environment.”

Connect Hub





SLEEPS HILL TUNNEL- MIDDLE SCHOOL EXCURSION

Inspiration in many forms...

This term, Inspire has welcomed quite a number of new young people to our space. Everyone has been so warm and friendly towards each other; it really feels like we've been together as a cohort for far longer than 11 weeks!

Whilst welcoming a new teaching and youth work team this year, the Inspire team have put in a lot of effort into making sure young people feel safe and connected, and have built many positive relationships with each other.

We've achieved this through fun weekly questions such as "If you were a hot dog, would you eat yourself?", and also making sure staff have time to bond with each other.

"Our young people have demonstrated a huge amount of bravery in trying new programs this year."

Students have displayed perseverance to manage the challenges that have come with adopting a new Rhythm structure. As they are growing in confidence, we're seeing them begin to connect

their personal interests and skills into their learning, which has seen some really cool projects arise. These include making jewellery/charms, exploring marine biology, working on art commissions, as well as learning to use the Cricut machine.

We are so proud of the achievements of all our young people this term and look forward to their continued growth as the year goes on.

Inspire Hub





ART PROGRAM EXCURSION- DRIP SPLASH

Wow, that Term has gone quick!

It is hard to believe that we have flown through Term 1 already. Senior School has seen some changes implemented that is moving SASY through our growth stage.

2025 has seen Leadership and staffing changes, to align with SASY's Framework and growth model. These changes are taking shape, and SASY's young people and stakeholders, are benefitting from the system, with positive results already shining through.

Much has been achieved already throughout Term 1, with many young people accessing VET pathways, working with external providers and educational outcomes achieved.

SASY held our Senior School event mid-term and this was an incredible success.

“Many of our young people had the opportunity to attend their first ever “big night.”

The smiles and happiness throughout the Adelaide Convention Centre typified the enjoyment that was had by all. Young people were still talking about it weeks later

Term 2 will see further successes and young people will keep working towards their goals and pathways.

SASY will continue to support growth in our young people and we look forward to seeing more successes in Term 2.

Bruce
Senior School Team Leader



IGNITING PASSIONS!

The young people in the Hub have been demonstrating a high level of participation and engagement in a range of programs, showcasing not only their increased commitment to their learning but their willingness to engage in a range of new activities. Key young people have showcased their voice in reflecting highlights for them over the term:

“I have enjoyed the structure and knowing what I am doing everyday”
– Ruby T

“Graduation was fun, I got to meet new people, had photos taken and ate some great food”
– Scarlett M

“I have really enjoyed our Clubhouse program, we went shopping together to design our launch party. We had control to make decisions of how we wanted it to look and the freedom of choice!”
– Holly A.

“I have enjoyed making progress on my SACE”
– Anonymous

We have seen active contribution of voice in our space with the development of Ignite values for one another and the space we use. These values have provided clear direction of how our young people wish to engage with the Ignite hub along with supporting each other in setting up 2025 for success.

Young people in Senior School have supported connections with peers in Middle School with collective attendance at the Western Adelaide Job Expo held to support engagement and spark curiosity in pathways and job opportunities within community. Young people reflected positively, hearing from experts on resume tips, lived experience and current trends in the workforce.



EMPOWERING THE YOUNG PEOPLE...

It has been wonderful to witness our Empower students start the term with such enthusiasm and determination.

Whether they are completing their SACE or exploring alternative pathways through our partners like CBS, it has been inspiring to see our young people planning and looking forward to their futures.

This term has been bustling with activity, and our dedicated Empower staff have worked tirelessly to provide a variety of engaging learning experiences for our students.

Program Highlights:

Physical AF: Our students have delved into the components of fitness, strength training techniques, and methods to measure improvement. They visited D8 gym, where they tested their strength and muscular power, comparing their results to those of athletes their age. They also participated in a workout session with Neven and Dan, the personal trainers at D8.

Photography: Our photography students have been exploring various locations, with a highlight being their visit to Gorge Wildlife Park. They captured stunning photos of the wildlife, showcasing their growing skills and creativity.

Weekly Bouldering: These sessions have provided our students with the opportunity to challenge themselves and work collaboratively to conquer difficult climbs.

Overall, it has been a very enjoyable term. We are excited to continue offering diverse learning opportunities and celebrating the successes of our students in Term 2.

Sally
Empower Senior Teacher



UNVEILING THE CANVAS...

SACE Stage 1/2 Art has launched with a bang this Term. We have had various levels of engagement from 38 Yr 11s and 3 Yr 12 students, most of whom are working hard towards exhibiting an artwork in SALA in August or at the Hutt Street Library in November or at our own SASy event 'Celebrate: Showcase' during Week 10 Term 2.

Young people are embracing the concept of developing a folio of work that carefully documents their learning, creative processes and imaginative ideas.

Program Art N About has been to MOD, Drip Splash, and super cool fringe event: Sleeps Hill Tunnel.

“ We also had a very special visit from a lovely local Adelaide Printmaker and Book Illustrator Sally Heinrich”



Sally interacted with our Seniors for a workshop and Q & A about what a career in the field of art and illustration is really like. Young people asked thoughtful questions and engaged with Sally in a heartfelt way.

SASY was privileged to have David Booth, a artist and performer, originally from Yuggera Country Brisbane, visit SASy in Week 11.

The program participants got to co-create narrative artworks with young people which represent their stories with Aboriginal symbolism.

Kiln news – after many logistical hurdles, finally the Kiln was fired up for the first time this term. Huge thanks to Rosie for carefully navigating the WHS aspects of this purchase and tricky installation.

We are so lucky to have our own SASy kiln! This means that the young people will be able to fire and glaze their ceramic creations in record fast turnaround time, rather than sometimes weeks/months when using external providers for firings.

“This kiln, coupled with the pottery wheel, will make an awesome duo coming into Term 2 programming”



SALA – planning is already underway for our 4th SALA exhibition, held again this year at our longstanding partners fabulous CBD café Foods For Life (FFL). This will be on display for the entire month of August. Opening event date TBA.

What a Term! Bring on Term 2!

Jo
Teacher in Empower



SASY ASSASSINS

SASY Assassins had a fantastic season, welcoming new members and training hard for the Division One Hockey Tournament.

They played with determination, achieving two wins, two losses, and a draw. Special recognition goes to Hope and Tulsi, who received Leadership Awards for their outstanding dedication and positive influence.

“The tournament was not just about the scores; it was a great opportunity for team bonding, making memories, and showcasing sportsmanship.”

Overall, it was a successful and fun experience for everyone involved, and we're excited to see what's next for this talented group!



LEFT TO RIGHT: HOPE, LAWYER
BOTTOM: SASY ASSASSINS IN TRAINING



RUSTIC REVIVAL

Our mission is to create a welcoming, inclusive, and vibrant SASY Swap Shop, providing SASY young people with free access to clothing that celebrates upcycling and sustainability.

The Rustic Revival program is designed to operate with mutual respect, encouraging young people to take what they need, and give back what they can.

Through our give-back project, we aim to raise awareness of sustainability to inspire positive change, whilst making clothing accessible and meaningful for everyone.

Rustic Revival is a fabric of kindness, we ignite awareness towards sustainability while providing a generous space to explore rescued fashion.

“Created by SASY young people, for SASY young people.”





SASY 2024 GRADUATION AND SENIOR SCHOOL DINNER



2024 SACE GRADUATE SAOIRSE



2024 SACE GRADUATE TAYLA



BLACK SABBATH PROGRAM



CONNECT WELLBEING JOURNALS



DAVID BOOTH



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