# THE S/SY SCOOP

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R U OK? DAY WHOLE SCHOOL EVENT @BONYTHON PARK
An Australian not-for-profit suicide prevention organisation, founded in 2009.
The event revolves around the slogan "R U OK?" and advocates for people to have conversations with others.

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## **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. Term 4 begins Tues 15th Oct.

#### WEEK 1

Tuesday 1st Oct Wednesday 2nd Oct Thursday 3rd Oct

#### WEEK 2

Tuesday 8th Oct Wednesday 9th Oct Thursday 10th Oct



## A note from the Editor

# Something from our CE

To our dearest readers,

What a pleasurable term it has been taking over from our previous Editor Kelly and settling into my new job as Marketing Assistant! What a privilege it has been to step away from the front desk and become more involved with what our young people and floor staff get up to daily, one highlight would be joining in the 'Amazing Animals' program, meeting the cutest Quokka!

I want to reflect on the wonderful and jam-packed term it has been. With many changes, and new staff on board. SASY welcomed our new Receptionist Chloe, Enrolments & Funding Officer Katherine and Lisa Teacher in Ignite.

Our young people have once again proved that success has many lenses. With an element of wonder and anticipation in the air here at SASY, I found our students working hard to ensure things were completed on time, deadlines were made and most importantly a sense pride shone throughout all the events SASY had in Term 3.

How amazing it was to see our staff develop and create programs and events that showed our young peoples skills and talents. We thank all our staff for their hard work and dedication throughout term 3.

We have had so many events and many things happening that I am sure the holidays couldn't have come soon enough for most. Bring on term 4!

#### Sunny Stefanovski | Marketing Assistant



Hello SASY community,

As I look back on my first 6 months at SASY, I find myself continually in awe at what our young people achieve. I think a standout quality that our young people display is their courage; the courage they show in the face of adversity, the courage to show up, to form relationships and to learn, and perhaps most importantly, the courage to try new things.

This courage was particularly on display during our annual Celebrate event. Celebrate is an immersive exhibition of student work that invites our community to connect, experience and engage with SASY spaces. It was a lovely evening filled with voices, smiles and a sense of pride as students share with their families, peers and staff, their own individual successes and growth this year. Success looks different for everyone at SASY but Celebrate is a way for us all to see that there is no one singular goal or achievement in learning, it is in fact about growth and improvement.

Other highlights this term included the SASY music night held at The Jade in Flinders St and the Mural Madness program.

The music staff and students put on an incredible evening with our young people undertaking all aspects of the event from set up to performance and everything in between. Even our music staff got up on stage and performed......'Gangsta's Paradise' will forever take on a whole new meaning for me now! If you were unable to attend, I strongly recommend you keep an eye out for the next one and come along!

After extensive planning from a group of art students and a consultative editing and refinement process, this group proposed murals to Senior Leadership for their offices upstairs in building 27. My amazing mural, which is almost done, references many of things that I hold dear in life, including a dragon relating to my Welsh heritage, my appreciation for a good red wine, my favourite strong colours, with some bees and foliage to be added after the holidays. I can't wait to see the others take shape.

As we move into the last term for 2024, I wanted to acknowledge our staff, who have worked tirelessly to plan and implement programs and activities for young people across SASY and who have shown up for our students and supported them in their personal learning and wellbeing journeys. Thank you. And a big thank you and happy holidays to our young people and their families! We will see you all next term.

Karen Taylor | Chief Executive

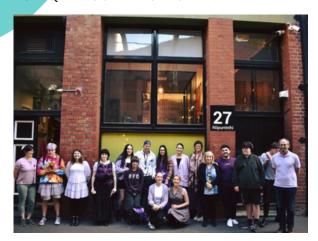
# **Mural Madness program**

## Wear It Purple Day @ SASY

Wear it Purple Day is an annual LGBTQIA+ awareness day especially for young people, based in Australia. Supporters wear purple to celebrate diversity and young people from the LGBTQIA+ community.

SASY strives to ensure all young people are heard and feel safe when at school. If you want to learn more about WIPD <u>visit Minus18</u>.

STAND AGAINST THE DISCRIMINATION OUR LGBTQIA+ YOUTH FACE TODAY!



# **RUOK?DAY**

SASY's annual R U OK? Day event was a great success, an event very dear to SASY's history.

Since 2019, SASY has annually hosted whole school event for this day and 2024 was no different, with young people and staff shutting shop onsite and heading down to Bonython Park for a range of activities and fun! The community feel and vibe shone throguhout the day!



Mural Madness is a whole school program which involves young people in real-world public art projects which promote collaboration and cooperation.

This term a group of YP have been working closely with our Senior Leadership Team to design and consult on murals for 3 admin office spaces. The young people needed to meet with the 'clients,' develop a brief which met the needs of the client and then propose a range of concept designs. Once approved, the project culminates with the installation of 3 murals 3x4 metres in size.

Jo Empower Teacher











The Connect students 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.

A highlight of this term was their enthusiastic participation in the recent RUOK? Day activities, where students worked together to create artistic displays and objects that promoted positive mental health. Participation in races and games was at an all-time high and ongoing conversation about mental health awareness helped to challenge the stigma that continues around suicide. Their genuine concern for their peers' well-being demonstrated their maturity and the supportive environment they are fostering within the school.

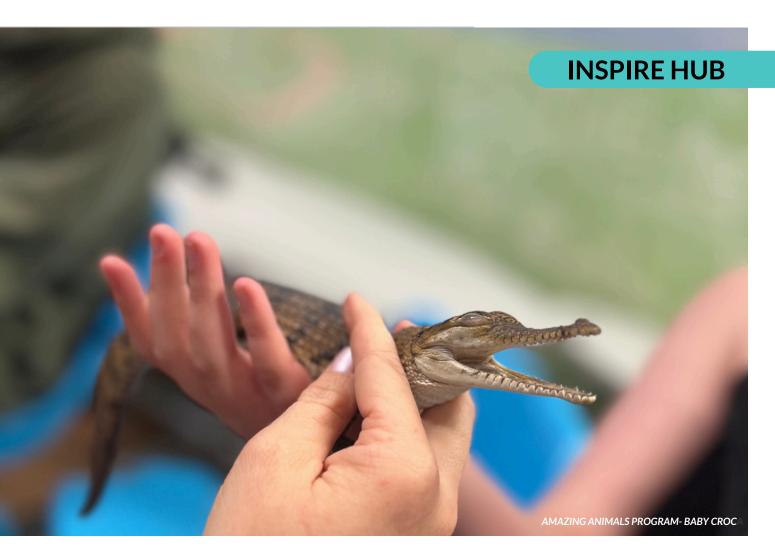
In addition to their community involvement, students also embraced the artistic process in preparation for the Celebration Showcase. Their projects, ranging from visual arts, interactive displays, multimedia presentations, 3D models, jewellery making, poetry and story writing reflected the diverse talents of our students and their dedication to expressing themselves through different forms of creativity.

Furthermore, a group of students completed their White Card Training, a significant milestone for those interested in pursuing careers in construction and other related fields. This certification not only equips them with essential safety knowledge but also opens up opportunities for future work placements.

"We are incredibly proud of all our students for their hard work and commitment to both personal and community growth in the Connect Hub. Keep up the fantastic work!"

Al Connect Teacher





#### **INSPIRING THE WAY....**

Term 3 has flown by in the blink of an eye! Inspire young people have shared many successes throughout the Term, thanks to the amazing support from the Teacher and Youth Worker teams.

"Inspire was very grateful to welcome back Youth Worker Josh from his Paternity Leave. Josh has re-joined the Ice Factor/SASY Assassins Program also."

Some of our Inspire young people had a taste of external programs when they joined the "Try a Trade" program. This is a one-day course designed to give young people an opportunity to "try" a trade. Young people explored programs such as Hair and Beauty, Barbering, Plumbing and Carpentry. These proved successful and some of our young people are now exploring VET programs for 2025.

Inspire Teacher Dina (and Connect Youth Worker Mel) have been super active in implementing the new "Amazing Animals" program. We have had visits onsite where we had a quokka (with joey in pouch), snakes, lizards, baby crocodile plus many more animals visit SASY.

Within the Hub this Term the BKSB (Basic Key Skills Builder) is now online at SASY. The program is popular amongst the young people. It initially identifies the strengths and areas to work on for individuals and it changes the levels individually as required to improve Literacy and Numeracy skills. We have seen great engagement and positive results already in such a short space of time.

This Term has also seen great participation in both onsite and offsite programs including Mountain Biking, Adventure, Fuel Up and the Gym. Great news on the Gym front is we have purchased some great new machines which we hope will be up and running in Term 4.

IArt programs are as always proving extremely popular. Many young people find Art very therapeutic and love to attend. Our numbers are always high in these programs. SASY is also pleased to announce that we have purchased for the first time, our very own kiln! Staff and young people are very excited by this news.

Overall, a successful Term 3 in Inspire and we look forward to finishing off the Year strongly.

Bruce Inspire Team Leader







Adventure had a plethora of exciting activities to engage in during Term 3! Here are some highlights:

A popular spot for the Adventure program in Winter is to visit Kuitpo Forest where we walked, cooked over the fire, built cubbies, and played hide and seek in amongst the tall pine trees. Known for its stunning summit views, students hiked a few of the local Mount Lofty trails and after the trek to the top the group were rewarded with hot chocolates and a panoramic view.

Gorge Wildlife Park was a perfect place to visit for the animal lovers in the group as it allowed us to get up close with a variety of wildlife.

We explored the ancient landscapes of Hallett Cove Conservation Park, famous for its geological formations and coastal views, students trekked along the board walk and suspension bridge and discovered hidden rock climbing crevices which was pretty exciting.

A beautiful spot to relax and enjoy nature was Belair National Park one of Adelaide's oldest parks. While we were there students participated in bushwalking, picnicking and crawling all over the Adventure playground.

A great place to enjoy a coastal rock scramble was Southport Beach and we were blessed with superb warm winter sun and sea conditions on the days we visited. And for the inner child in all of us we walked along the Bridgewater Fairy Trail for those who enjoy a bit of magic and whimsical adventure. The trail is dotted with fairy houses and enchanting decorations.

"Our students even left a few fairy doors to the collection making it a delightful day in the hills!" Adventure students also participated in many of the regular spots like TreeClimb, Latitude and Woodhouse. Outdoor adventures can be incredibly challenging however beneficial for students, offering them a chance to connect with nature, build confidence and create stronger social relationships with their peers.

Kath Ignite Teacher







SASY'S annual Showcase 'Celebration' was opened to the wider SASY community and public earlier this Term.

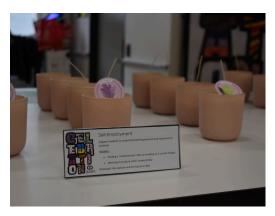
It was so amazing to see everyone connect and celebrate our young peoples' achievements from throughout the year.

Days like this remind us why SASY exists and it wouldn't be possible without the hard work from our talented young people and the dedication of our staff to make these days a reality!









### **SALA Art Exhibition**

On Tuesday 6th August, the SASY community gathered at Foods For Life Cafe to celebrate the opening of our SALA exhibition. A senior student spoke from the heart about the significant role that art has played in his life and the connections that the young people have made by being part of a collective exhibit.

Staff, young people and parents/carers enjoyed amazing catering delights provided by FFL (Foods For Life) and honored the work on display. SASY is proud to partner with Foods for Life Cafe and are so grateful for their ongoing support of our young people and their artistic endeavours.

Connecting with community is such rich learning experience for SASY young people and helps them see themselves as contributing and valued members of society.





TOP & BOTTOM:
-OUR ARTISTS- TAI, SARINA, SAM, SAGE AND ISSY
-ART WORKS ON DISPLAY IN FFL

# 'EXPLORERS' English

HIJINX HOTEL REVIEW

I quite enjoyed the customer service experience as both Ebbie and Charlie where very friendly but not in the "robotic customer service" way. They were both informative but concise.

The Décor was interesting as it was modelled after the popular 1920-30s "Art Deco" style while not being very appealing to me it was very well done. My favourite part was the individual rooms, were entirely different it almost felt like you where being transported into a different dimension. My only qualm is "The Lodge" was very, very similar to the rest of the hotel due to the styling.

The guest experience was quite nice because the lobby and the rest of the hotel felt slightly different but still continual. The flow of the games where good rewarding quick and logical thinking.

There isn't much improvement that would be needed that hasn't already been stated apart from some minor things. Like the windows on the lobby should have some curtains to feel make the room feel sperate from the rest of the building.

I would rate Hijinx Hotel 88 out of 100.

I would Highly Recommend going to Hijinx Hotel if you have a Group with a multiple of 5-6 because 5-6 is ideal for 1 group and if you have 10 or 12 you can go against each other.

BY ZAC (HUB EMPOWER) 19/08/2024



HIJINX HOTEL RUNDLE PLACE, ADELAIDE













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