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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

***"It does not matter
how slowly you go as
long as you do not
stop."***

-Confucius

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 8th, Wed 9th, Thurs 10th July

WEEK 2 HOLIDAYS:

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

Term 2 begins Tues 22nd July

A note from the Editor

To our dearest readers,

Time really flies when you're having fun, and Term 2 has been absolutely fantastic!

At the start of Term 2, Reconciliation Week was a standout. It was amazing to see our community come together to celebrate and learn about the rich cultures of our First Nations people. The excursion and programs were not only educational but also deeply touching. The Celebration Showcase was incredible, with our students and staff putting on some truly memorable performances and presentations and was a testament to the creativity and dedication of our community.

Marketing has been busy, with the progression of our new branding and website coming soon! Socials have been on fire with so much more engagement from our awesome community! I cannot wait for Semester 2 with so many amazing things finally coming to fruition!

As we look ahead to the rest of the year, there's so much to be excited about. We can't wait to see what our amazing students will achieve next. Let's keep the momentum going and make the second half of the year just as awesome as the first! Thanks for being part of this journey with us. Here's to more great times ahead!

If you require any extra mental health support over the break or if you are really concerned for a peer please refer 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

Hi there SASY Community

It is hard to believe we are at the end of term 2, half way through the 2025 school year!

This term has seen the commencement of construction work at our new Middle School campus on Port Rd. Completion is expected by mid- November with opening still on track for first term 2026.

SASY has contracted architectural firm LDSa to design and manage this project, who have worked with SASY for more than 5 years, and construction company Built Projects, who have also previously worked with SASY on Chesser Street buildings. Working with stakeholders who understand our school, our vision, and the importance of our classroom design and feel were vital to SASY's decision to engaging both LDSa and Built Projects, and we are confident that our new campus will be a contemporary space that both feels like SASY and addresses the needs of our middle school young people. As construction progresses, we will endeavour to keep you updated on this exciting project.

In other exciting news one of our Young People in senior school, Kasey Reid, was selected to represent team Tenpin Results Australia at ANC2025 as part of the junior Team. This year the event is being held at Suncity Tenpin, Alexandra Headlands, Queensland, from 13th to 22nd August 2025 inclusive, and incorporates Ultimate Team Clash Jnr & Ultimate Tenpin Cup Jnr Events. Best of luck from all of us at SASY Kasey!

Head of Student Outcomes, Harvey, has been awarded an ACEL SA Education Leadership Award. Harvey has provided exceptional leadership to ensure SASY delivers positive learning experiences and outcomes for all of our young people. His approach to leadership has created a positive workplace in which staff and young people can excel. Congratulations Harvey!

It is people like Kasey and Harvey who are at the heart of SASY. Without our community and the dedication and hard work shown by all our staff and young people across Middle and Senior school, exciting progress, as well as the day-to-day achievements are not possible.

Thanks to all of you. Rest up and enjoy the break. Look forward to seeing the continued progress in Term 3.

Karen Taylor | Chief Executive

Barista Skill Set Course

Middle School young people engaged in a 'Barista Skill Set Course' through Australian Institute of Hospitality. They were ready to brew up some magic, from perfecting latte art to mastering the espresso shot!



Mary Retires



Many of you know Mary from our VET department, who after 12 incredible years with SASY has entered retirement! SASY wishes Mary the best of luck with the next chapter of her life!

2024 Annual Report



Our 2024 Annual report was unveiled to the community. We thank all that played an important part in the publication of this document!

Read it here:
<https://sasy.sa.edu.au/assets/volumes/images/Annual-Report-2024.pdf>

The SA school breaking all the rules....

On the 10th of June, The Post published an article where they interviewed our Co-Founder and Head of Operations, Nic, and Senior School student Charlotte. The article outlined the many ways SASY is changing the way we think about education.

“SASY is designed for young people who’ve become disengaged from traditional education,” explained Nic.

One of the many success stories from SASY is Charlotte's. She found mainstream school challenging but has thrived at SASY, working towards a Certificate III in Personal Training. Her journey is a testament to the positive impact of SASY's innovative approach.

We are proud to have such a forward-thinking institution in our community. SASY is not just a school; it is a place where students can grow, learn, and succeed on their own terms. Head to our Instagram for the link to the full article in our bio!



LEFT TO RIGHT : NIC AND CHARLOTTE

MIDDLE SCHOOL



FLYING FOX- MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVENTURE

The end of semester one already...

Semester One has presented many opportunities for Middle School young people to continue to grow and explore their identity and abilities, as well as experiencing the benefits of co-regulation and self-regulation to support their emotions and interactions.

A highlight this semester was SASY's first-ever Community Activity Day (CAD). This exciting event brought young people together through a variety of connection-building activities, as well as opportunities to form new friendships with one another.

As friendships have formed, SASY young people have also been preparing for the upcoming Celebration at the end of Term. This event showcased their creativity and personal expression through the work they've done across various programs.

"A special shout-out goes to SASY's Middle School Music participants, who did an amazing job on Celebration night."

Beyond Celebration, Exploring Identities and Futures (EIF) has been in high demand with a consistent engagement from young people, as well as the popular Podcasting program, and Sex, Lies and Videotapes.

This semester also marked a few staff changes. We bid farewell to Grace, and to Teacher Jade as she begins her parental leave journey. SASY extends heartfelt wishes to both Grace and Jade for their contributions to Middle School.

Middle School Team Leader, Nathan

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONT...

Maker Mindset...

This term in Maker Mindset, young people have been working hard on their themed diorama projects, which will be showcased during Celebration Week. It's been fantastic to see their creativity shine through!

They began by choosing a theme and they've carefully planned the elements they want to include. From there, they've brought their ideas to life using a range of techniques & processes including 3D printing, crafting, and upcycling everyday materials.

Their dioramas are beginning to come together, and it's been exciting to watch them problem-solve, experiment, and collaborate along the way.

Here are a few "before" pictures to give a glimpse into their work so far. We have some really imaginative and resourceful young people!



"This Term, the Middle School Hubs have been alive with colour, curiosity, and just the right amount of controlled chaos."

Each week, students have been "paying their R.E.N.T."- Reflection, Expression, Noteworthy, and Teamwork- through activities that stretch the brain and spark collaboration.

Whether it's designing personal pride flags, solving creative challenges, or working together on thought-provoking tasks, these sessions have turned critical thinking into something genuinely fun.

Wellbeing support...

The Wellbeing Support Space has been its usual delightful self- a cosy corner of calm, creativity, and connection.

Young people have made their own word searches, collaged their moods, created pet rocks, and helped decorate the Hub with spontaneous bursts of art. It's a space where silly meets soothing, and where every visit feels like a mini adventure in self-expression.

Adventure...

Students have embraced challenge through the Adventure program, stepping outside their comfort zones with activities like hiking, indoor rock climbing, the big flying fox, the "Leap of Death," and team challenge activities.

These experiences have built confidence, resilience, and teamwork as students faced fears and supported each other. Whether scaling walls or working together to solve problems, each activity has encouraged personal growth.

We're proud of their courage and the unforgettable memories they've created together.



SASY YOUNG PEOPLE ON ADVENTURE

SENIOR SCHOOL



SENIOR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY

Halfway Through 2025 – What a Semester!

Wow – we’ve already reached the halfway mark of 2025! Whilst the time seems to have flown by, the achievements of our Senior School students this semester have been truly outstanding.

Many of our young people have successfully completed their SACE Stage 1 Maths and English subjects, along with EIF (Exploring Individual Futures).

EIF is a unique subject designed to challenge and broaden students’ thinking around their future pathways.

“it’s inspiring to see the level of engagement and reflection that EIF has sparked in our students.”

We’re also thrilled to continue building our partnership with Community Bridging Services (CBS). Their support has been invaluable in helping our students explore further education and employment opportunities.

A new and exciting addition to SASY in 2025 is the launch of our Student Voice Group. Meeting regularly each Term, this group provides an important platform for our students to share their ideas and insights.

The group ensures our education model remains responsive, engaging, and aligned with both curriculum expectations and the real interests and needs of our young people.

With a successful Semester 1 behind us, we’re excited for what lies ahead. We look forward to watching our young people continue to grow, thrive, and achieve even more as we head into Semester 2 and beyond.

Senior School Team Leader, Bruce

Programs and VET...

This semester, students have also participated in a diverse range of programs that support both academic and personal growth. Some highlights include:

- First Nations Culture (including Reconciliation Week)
- Research Project
- Arts and Photography
- Physical AF and Outdoor Education
- Shock Jockey

Our newest Senior School students have made a strong start to their journey, settling in well and embracing both the SACE curriculum and various VET pathways.

We've seen some incredible individual successes this semester, including:

- Completion of a Barista Course
- Securing an apprenticeship in Hairdressing
- Ongoing participation in certificate courses such as Childcare, Personal Training/Fitness, and Automotive

Goodbyes and new beginnings...

This semester, we've said goodbye to a few valued staff members (some off on maternity leave) and have warmly welcomed new team members who bring fresh energy and vision to SASY.

We're also pleased to have some familiar faces returning to the team!

Willow Creek Camp...

The Stage 1 and Stage 2 Adventure crew planned an overnight camp to Willow Creek Adventure Camp this Term.

The students were responsible for the activity planning, menu planning, budgeting and all the organisation that goes with planning a camp.

We participated in mountain bike riding, raft building (and racing), campfire activities, thrift shopping in Victor Harbor and a cruise along the Murray Mouth and to the Coorong National Park on the Spirit of the Coorong. The students came home exhausted and fulfilled!

Sally Empower Senior Teacher



FERRY RIDE AT WILLOW CREEK



TOP TO BOTTOM:
-CAMP FIRE FUN
-RAFT BUILDING
-BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS
-BIKE RIDING THROUGH THE ADVENTURE CAMP

CELEBRATION 2025

Celebration Evening...

The grand finale of Celebration Week was the Celebration Evening, opening our doors to the wider SASY community.

Throughout the day young people and staff were busy with rehearsals, creating displays, and setting up for the event. Their hard work and dedication ensured a memorable and successful evening.

“Adorned with balloons and mirror balls, slushy machine, popcorn and a photo booth, Celebration displays were set up in various areas of the school, showcasing learning projects from throughout semester 1.”

SASY Celebrates!

Facilitated by the ‘Itty Bitty Party Committee’, Celebration ran throughout week 10 of Term 2, marking a vibrant and engaging end to the term.

Throughout the week, young people participated in a variety of activities, including a Reconciliation Week event featuring bush tucker and artifacts. This activity provided a meaningful connection to culture and history.

Delicious breakfast at the Café 29, served by our amazing Chef, Zach! Many Hubs hosted games and created a hangout space, while the 27 Basement offered movie screenings. Young people also had the exciting opportunity to participate in an escape room excursion.

Spotlight performances featuring music and singing from both the Middle School and Senior School took place and the community were able to grab some food and drinks in the Café 29, once again thanks to our awesome Chef Zach!

“Thanks to all who took part in making this event go to plan, and a special shout out to Teacher Daisy, who’s dedication and passion for SASY and our young people, shines through their hard work.”

To the Itty Bitty Party Committee for their incredible efforts in organising this event. Your dedication and creativity have truly made this evening special.



SASY EXPANDS

We are thrilled to announce that our new Middle School campus at 71-73 Port Road, Thebarton is officially under construction!

This expansion marks a significant milestone for SASY, and we can't wait to welcome students to the new campus in January 2026, in Year 7-10.

The construction is well underway, and we are eagerly anticipating the completion of this state-of-the-art facility. The new campus will provide even more opportunities for our young people to thrive in a supportive and innovative learning environment.

We will keep you informed about the progress and exciting developments as we move closer to the opening date.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm for SASY's growth.



MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS

BOWLING BRILLIANCE

We are excited to share the incredible journey of one of our young people, Kasey, who bowled at the Junior Tenpin Bowling Nationals in Melbourne.

This event was a whirlwind of activity, with Kasey bowling an impressive 34 games over the course of the competition! Throughout the week, Kasey competed in three major events:

Junior Nationals: They bowled nine games and achieved a new personal best, with an average score of 158. Kasey's remarkable results included:

- 1st place in Doubles
- 2nd place in Mixed Teams
- 2nd place in Singles (B grade)
- 3rd place in All Events (B grade)

Classic Cup: Qualifying in 24th place, Kasey bowled eight games and finished 15th, improving their average to 169—an increase of 11 pins.

President's Shield: Representing South Australia (SA) and Tenpin SA as part of a team of six, Kasey faced a loud and energetic environment. They bowled 17 games, winning seven and scoring over 200 in three games. This challenging experience resulted in an average score of 164.

SASY is incredibly proud of Kasey's achievements and look forward to seeing even more success in the future!



LEFT TO RIGHT: KASEY, COMPEITION MEDALS

