

## ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:

- New Gymnasium
- Adelaide Fringe Festival Competition winner
- Student Wellbeing Team Welcome
- School Photos

(Pictured: New Gymnasium)

## DIARY DATES

Please check the parent calendar via our website for any last minute changes to scheduled events.

14/2	All year levels face to face learning
15/2	<b>CANCELLED</b> - Governing Council Meeting 6.00pm
16/2	<b>CANCELLED</b> - Acquaintance Evening Years R-12
18/2	<b>POSTPONED</b> - Stage 1 Outdoor Education Rock Climbing

## 2022 PUPIL FREE DAYS/ SCHOOL CLOSURE:

**Term 2**  
Friday 10 June (Term 2, Week 6)

**Term 3**  
Friday 2 September (Term 3, Week 6)  
Monday 5 September (Term 3, Week 7) - School Closure Day

**Term 4**  
Thursday 15 December (Term 4, Week 9)

\*Please note that there will be one additional Pupil Free Day in 2022, when it has been confirmed, we will ensure it appears on the parent calendar and newsletter.

**Click here** to view our online calendar

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our first newsletter for the 2022 school year at The Heights School.

Congratulations to our 2021 Year 12 Students for achieving excellent results. The Heights Year 12 results have continued to improve with A grades over 25% and A or B grades over 60%. We are very pleased because this high level of achievement has become the norm. Well done to you all.

We are into the second week of somewhat of a different start to a year with some year levels present and others accessing remote learning.

No doubt this has been difficult for families and we thank you for your patience and support whilst we work through required restrictions and changes to normal practices.

We look forward to welcoming Years 2-6 and 9-11 back to the face to face learning program from Week 3. We ask parents to continue to minimise their presence on the school grounds.

We've begun the year with over 80 Preschool children and 1750 students from Reception to Year 12 and 30 flexible learning program students. We have 750 students in our primary and 1000 in secondary.

The Executive Leadership Team for this year involves:

Deputy Principal and 7-12 – Meg Fay  
Assistant Principal P-6 – Rebekah Goodall  
Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning – Val Westwell  
Assistant Principal Student Support P-6 – Laura Tambe  
Assistant Principal Student Support 7-12 – Nathan Elliot  
Business Manager – Vicki Cook

New appointments for the year include:

Lynda Rymer – Physics and Maths  
Bradley Innes – Maths and Physics  
Maria Provatas – Chemistry and Maths  
Navpreet Khokar – Biology and Maths  
Robyn Humphries – Spanish and HASS  
Emily Cowgill – Spanish and English  
Leah Kovacic – Spanish and English  
Jimmy Dimou – Physical Education and Year 6  
Kerry Murrell – Year 3  
Debbie Bishop – Primary PE  
Deb Mastin – Reception  
Angela Zviedrans – Year 1  
Siobhan Royle – Year 2  
Maya Lange – Year 2  
Bradley Cooper – Year 4

Emma Yeomans – Year 4

Jett Weir – Year 5

Stephanie Bell – Reception, Year 3 and 4

Victoria Esposito – English

Matthew Hayward – English

Brianna Hartwell – HASS and English

Jenni Stam – Music and Drama

Algis Laurinaitis – Music

Talia Dawson – Arts

Talia Zellmer – Technologies

Ben Parry – Maths and Technologies

We also welcome new support staff appointments:

Lauren Archer – Administration

Daniel Arnold – Stephanie Alexander kitchen Garden

Brooke Hoppe – Student Support

Georgina Palmer – Student Support

Daniel Hosking – Student Support

Katie Bartlett – Preschool Support

Alex Spalding left The Heights over the holiday. Although we didn't get a chance to farewell him, we thank him for his impact over the last couple of years and wish him well. Given the timing of his departure the following message is from him.

To lead the Arts this year I'm pleased to let you know we have appointed Beth Sztekel.

Dear students and families,

At the end of 2021 an opportunity within statewide Music leadership led me to make an incredibly difficult decision in moving to the Instrumental Music program. Throughout the past two years I have been blown away by the diligence and dedication of the Music, Drama and Visual Arts students at The Heights. The strive for excellence is as clear as the sense of belonging and community mindedness. The support that families have given to our Visual and Performing Arts programs has been phenomenal and instrumental to the success of the program. I look forward to seeing the continued flourishing of the Arts at The Heights in 2022 and beyond.

I will truly miss being part of this community and wish you all the best. – Alex Spalding



**Nigel Gill**  
Principal

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## FUNDRAISING

# People's Choice

COMMUNITY LOTTERY

THE HEIGHTS  
SCHOOL  
Preschool - Year 12

## DON'T MISS OUT!

There's still time to buy  
your \$2 tickets.

To support The Heights School fundraiser AND be in the draw to win some amazing prizes buy your \$2 tickets online by scanning the QR code below or head to:

<https://communitylottery.peopleschoice.com.au/products/the-heights-school>

TICKET  
SALES  
CLOSE  
24/2/2022

MAIN  
PRIZES  
DRAWN  
3/3/2022

## Instrument?

We will be taking auditions  
for students interested in learning:

<p style="color: brown; font-weight: bold;">Years 3-12</p> <p>Violin Viola Cello Double Bass</p>	<p style="color: brown; font-weight: bold;">Years 5-12</p> <p>Trumpet Trombone Flute Clarinet Saxophone Classical Guitar Drums &amp; Percussion</p>	<p style="color: brown; font-weight: bold;">Years 8-12</p> <p>Bass Guitar Electric Guitar Voice (singing)</p>
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Applications close at the end of Week 2  
so hurry to secure a spot!

Please ask your Classroom or Home Group teacher  
for more information.



## 2021 YEARBOOK

The 2021 edition of the school yearbook should be delivered to school no later than the end of this month.

Copies will be delivered to home groups for distribution to families that have already purchased. If a family has left the school a copy will be posted to the last mailing address we have on file.



## SUPERVISION BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL AND CAR PARK SAFETY REMINDERS

### Supervision Before and After School:

We would like to remind families that yard duty supervision begins at 8.25am Monday-Friday. There is no supervision for students before this time. Yard duty supervision in play areas and the Resource Centre finishes at 2.40pm on Mondays and 3.25pm on Tuesdays-Fridays. The Resource Centre will close and students will be asked to leave at the conclusion of yard duty with the exception of students participating in scheduled supervised after school activities.

Please make arrangements to have your children collected by the conclusion of yard duty supervision or speak with our Out of School Hours Care Service to arrange enrolment if you need care for your children outside these times. Leaving children on site without supervision is a safety issue and we would like to ask for your assistance in ensuring the best care for your child.

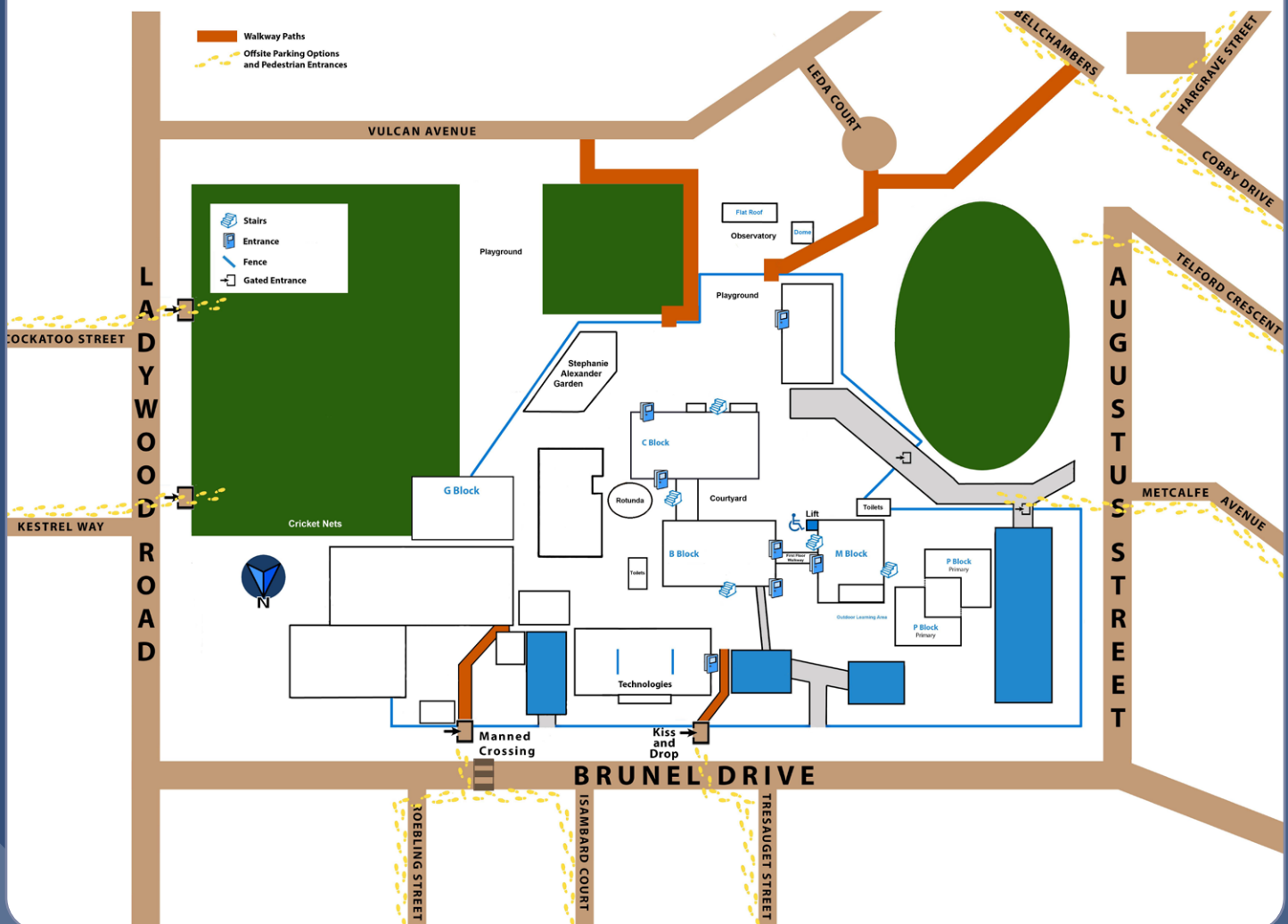
### Car Park Safety:

We would like to advise families that we do not have any on-site parking for parents to drop off and collect their children. Double parking/ waiting in any school car park is not allowed. In the past, students have been placed in unsafe situations with cars waiting in front of parked cars which affects visibility to other drivers.

If you need to park and exit your car for pick up/drop off, please check the map for streets around our school which can be used for parking and enter the school grounds on foot. We do advise that you check parking signs when you park your car in adjacent streets so you do not incur a fine from the council. For students old enough to be dropped off and collected without parent assistance, please use the drop off/ collection lane on Brunel Drive, this area is designed for your child(ren) to exit and enter both your vehicle and school gate safely.

We are also aware that some families are using the staff car park in front of Reception to quickly drop off or collect their children. We ask that families do not enter the staff car park unless they are parking to use the OSHC service in the early morning or later afternoon. This car park has no safe turnaround point for extra vehicles and is a safety concern for those students exiting the school on foot through this gate.

We appreciate that car-parking at these busy times is challenging and thank you for your co-operation to ensure the safety of both students and families.





## NEW GYMNASIUM

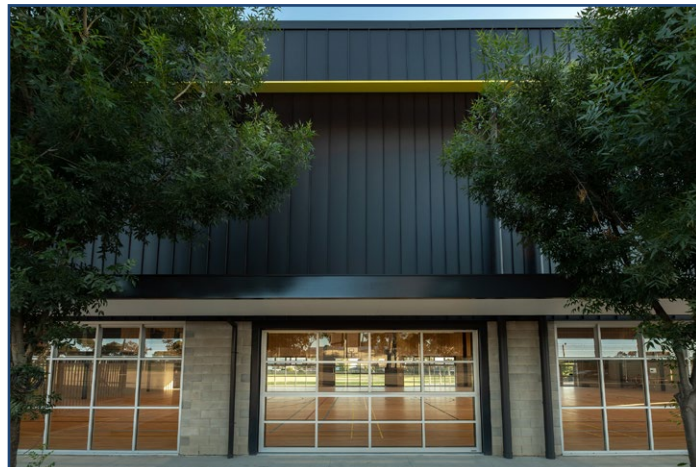
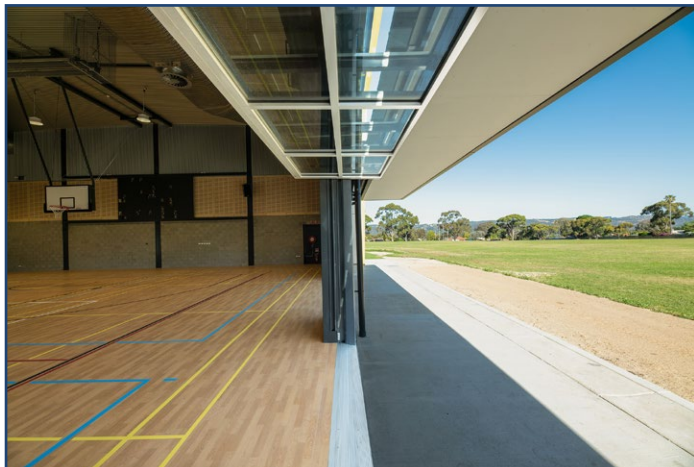
Our highly anticipated, purpose built gymnasium has been handed over to the school and it is a pleasure to welcome students back to the new facility this year. Strategically located adjacent the existing half court gymnasium, the external hard courts and the oval, the new build completes the overall sporting precinct at The Heights School. The gymnasium is designed with full height glazing and tilt up doors to provide a physical and visual connection from the oval, through the gymnasium and onto the hard courts and vice versa. The new building aims to provide a welcoming and highly visible beacon for the school with views from Ladywood Road and Brunel Drive. The full court gymnasium will support physical education all year round with air-conditioning and heating and hopes to provide a facility for team sports, additional performances space and assemblies among many other things. We look forward to welcoming the extended school community into the space when restrictions allow.

In addition, the new Primary Building completed mid last year is fully occupied providing 12 new classrooms in two L shaped buildings that are articulated around a central covered outdoor learning area. The classrooms are directly connected to the outdoor learning environments, shared commons and paired strategically to allow for flexibility between rooms. The new classrooms and outdoor learning area provide 21st century learning environments for the staff and students at The Heights.

We thank the architects, facility planners, interior designers and support staff from Thomson Rossi along with the builders and staff from Chappell Builders who worked diligently to complete the work.

We look forward to welcoming you, the extended school community, into the space when restrictions allow. Until then, we hope you enjoy the photographs supplied by Thomson Rossi Architects.

Kellye Rowe



## IGNITE



## IGNITE

at The Heights School

## REGISTER NOW

IGNITE is a specialist program for students with high intellectual potential. The Heights School is the official Department for Education school for gifted learners in the northern metropolitan area of Adelaide.

### HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS GIFTED?

The characteristics of gifted learners vary, however, many display some or all of the following traits:

- High levels of curiosity and deep levels of knowledge in one or more areas
- Excellent creative thinking and ability to problem solve
- Strong empathy and sense of social justice
- Highly developed sense of humour

Initial selection for the IGNITE program is based on performance in the Australian Council for Education (ACER) Gifted and Talented Assessment.

**Year 6 students are eligible to sit the test for a place in the Year 7 IGNITE program for 2023**

### IGNITE SELECTION TEST

**Due to Covid Restrictions the date for testing has changed to**

**YEAR 6 TEST: SATURDAY 26 MARCH 2022 9AM-1PM**

LOCATION: THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL, BRUNEL DRIVE, MODBURY HEIGHTS, 5092

Register your child to sit the test at: <https://www.theheights.sa.edu.au/index.php/programs/ignite/>  
A registration fee of \$125 applies for non-school card holders. Registrations close Friday 18 March 2022



## RESOURCE CENTRE WELCOME

### Welcome to our Resource Centre

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school after the holidays and interesting start to the year!

### Opening times

The Resource Centre is open from **8.25am** before school and closes at **3.25pm** except for Mondays when it closes at **2.40pm** due to staff meetings. Students may visit during lunch times to read, borrow, play board games or participate in other activities that may be offered during the term.

### Important dates

The **National Simultaneous Storytime** is happening on Wednesday 25 May. This annual event features a picture book written by an Australian author and is read at the same time throughout Australia and other parts of the world! The text chosen this year is *Family Tree* by Josh Pike.

A highlight of every year is **Book Week**. This year it is being celebrated 20-26 August. The thought-provoking theme "*Dreaming with eyes open...*" stimulates our thinking.

Please make sure you have these dates in your diary.

### Returning books

Please search for any Library books you may still have at home and return them as soon as possible. Invoices will be sent out in the next few weeks for those resources that have not found their way back to school.

We look forward to sharing the year with our school community.

Ms Simpson & Mr Powell  
Teacher Librarians

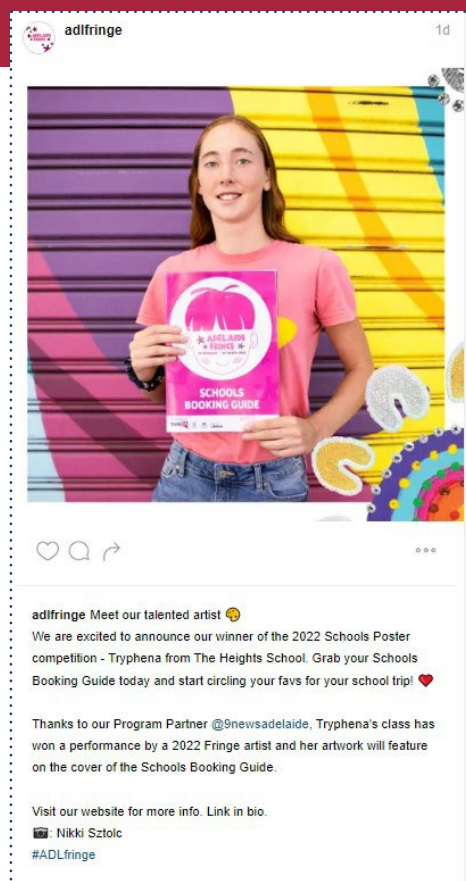


## ADELAIDE FRINGE FESTIVAL COMPETITION WINNER

Last year Design teacher Hannah Darling encouraged her Year 10 students to enter the Adelaide Fringe Schools Poster Competition. We are very proud to announce that Tryphena Hewett (now Year 11) won the competition, and her design is on the 2022 Adelaide Fringe Festival Schools Booking Guide. Well done Tryphena! Congratulations to Hannah Darling for leading the students in this excellent opportunity. The prize involves giving her class free tickets to a Festival event of their choice.

We look forward to seeing more of your award-winning work Tryphena!

Mrs Beth Sztekel  
Arts Curriculum Leader



## THE HEIGHTS SRC 2022

The Year 7-12 Student Representative Council (SRC) nomination process is now **OPEN**. The link for students can be found in the student bulletin on Daymap.

### Why you should want to be on the SRC?

- ✓ To represent your year level and whole school and participate in a number of useful projects in the school and local community
- ✓ To develop leadership skills which may be beneficial when you are applying for a job or for University placement
- ✓ To improve the learning and physical environments of the school
- ✓ To develop public speaking skills and organising skills

### What are the expectations as an SRC member?

- ✓ To be a good role model by exhibiting high standards of behaviour and punctuality
- ✓ To be cooperative and courteous to staff, students, and guests of The Heights School
- ✓ To wear the uniform correctly
- ✓ To actively participate in school life
- ✓ To show initiative and interest in a range of school activities
- ✓ To demonstrate a capacity for leadership by actively participating in a range of SRC activities

### What is the role of a SRC member?

- ✓ To perform well in the areas of leadership, and dedication to the improvement of The Heights School
- ✓ To actively participate in a range of SRC activities. For example, whole school celebrations, wellbeing days, open nights, conferences and meetings
- ✓ To listen to the opinions of your peers on various issues and relay them to SRC meetings
- ✓ Contribute to the positive wellbeing of The Heights School community

### What are the responsibilities of an SRC member?

- ✓ To be a positive role model for other students
- ✓ To be loyal to The Heights School and represent our school to the community in a positive way
- ✓ To maintain consistently high standards of behaviour and uniform within the school and in public
- ✓ To encourage students to discuss with you issues which are of concern to them

**Nominations close on Friday 25 February (Week 4).**

*Daniel Brzezinski, Student Wellbeing Leader (7-12)*

## STUDENT WELLBEING TEAM WELCOME

Welcome to the 2022 school year. It is exciting to see students back in the learning environment, whether it be face to face or online lessons. Last year the wellbeing team continued their improvement cycle with lots of presentations, workshops, whole school celebrations and programs happening around the school, some of these included:

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|--|-----------------------------------|
| ✓ Harmony Week   | ✓ Roadset Road Safety             |
| ✓ R U OK? Day  | ✓ SAPOL Cyber Safety              |
| ✓ BATYR wellbeing presentations                        | ✓ Tim Dansie Year 12 presentation |
| ✓ National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence | ✓ Primary Disco                   |
| ✓ Fundraising for KickStart for Kids and Lifeline      | ✓ RAP Presentation                |
| ✓ SRC Youth Leadership Conference                      | ✓ Street Smart High               |
|  | ✓ 'What's the Buzz' Program       |
|  | ✓ Body Kind Schools workshop      |

During 2022 we are planning on running these events again at some stage throughout the year. At times restrictions may impact scheduling but we will strive to make it as accessible to students as possible. The SRC will play a major role in leading a lot of these events and the students have already mentioned more of their own ideas. These include, public speaking presentations, information on voting, motivational speakers, volunteering and building an environmental committee for the school.

Heading into the year we will continue to work closely with our students to ensure their time at school is as comfortable and enjoyable as possible, while reaching their academic goals. We will support students through times of stress and anxious feelings with excellent supports and strategies in place. Students are always

encouraged to speak to a trusted staff member if they have any questions or queries, or may just need a chat with a supportive person.

Students should use their Home Group teacher or classroom teacher as a first contact if help is required. That information can be forwarded on to the relevant staff member or leadership. Students can also email or Daymap message the wellbeing team if needed and we will follow that up with the students as soon as we can. This year we really want to encourage students to be resilient and persist with things that may be tough. There is a lot of positive support around the school that can help them along the way. Students will get better at managing their thoughts and feelings when they come out on top of a difficult situation.

Our Reception and Year 1 students have already begun learning about themselves as learners and how to get along with others through our Collaborative Classrooms program. Year 2-6 classes will be experiencing the Collaborative Classrooms program when they return to school learning. This program is an intensive 1-2 week program designed to establish our classrooms as safe, respectful and productive learning communities. This collaborative work will then be reviewed regularly in classes throughout the year as students build their skills in the social and emotional capabilities.

The wellbeing team is looking forward to the year ahead, we have lots of plans in place and know our students here at The Heights will be enthusiastic and embrace the positive things that happen around the school community.

*Daniel Brzezinski, Student Wellbeing Leader 7-12*  
*Suzanne Ierace, Student Wellbeing Leader R-6*  
*Noelle Wallis, P-12 Wellbeing Support*



## SCHOOL PHOTOS



## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS DATES:

**Reception, Year 1, 7, 8 and 12****Tuesday, 8th February 2022****Family Photos and all student not photographed on 8/2/22****Thursday, 3rd March 2022**

**Order by visiting [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)  
and use the code 4NQ CDT YMN**

**Uniform**

All students will be required to wear correct school uniform, adhering to our normal Uniform Policy. This includes piercings, jewellery and hair accessories. A full copy of our Uniform Policy can be found on the school's website.

**Family Photos, 8 – 8.45am Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2022**

**Orders for family photos must be placed online before midnight on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March to ensure a family photo is taken.**

If you order a family photo, please drop students off in a timely fashion and instruct students to go directly to the Resource Center as soon as they arrive at school.

Parents of junior primary aged students may accompany their children if necessary.

**Mum Only / Dad Only Orders**

At the checkout page, tick the box titled 'Collect package from front office'; your photos will be held at the Front Office for you to collect in person. They will not be sent home with students.

**Preschool Information**

Our preschool students will have their own photo day, also provided by AdvancedLife Photography, later in the year. Information will be sent home with your child in due course.

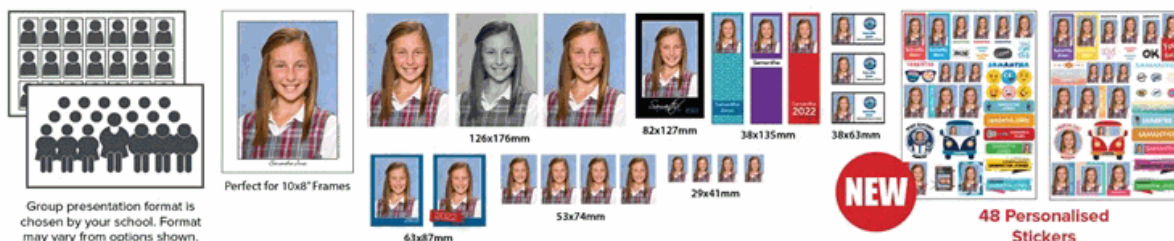
**If you have any further questions, Advanced Life requests that you contact them directly on 8127 3049**



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

### SCHOOL PHOTO DAYS

**Tuesday 8th February 2022 for Years Reception, 1, 7, 8 and 12 Thursday 3rd March 2022 for Years 2 to 6 and Years 9 to 11 (and Family Photos)**



**PLEASE NOTE:** Traditional or Composite group and the presentation format are chosen by your school.  
Sibling photos, if available, can also be ordered online and must be ordered prior to your photo day.  
A late fee will apply for photos purchased after ordering has closed.

## HOW TO ORDER

### ORDER ONLINE

Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard and PayPal.  
Alternatively, you can choose to pay over 10 weeks using LatitudePay.

#### STEP 1

Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) on your computer, phone or tablet.

#### STEP 2

Enter your school code: **4NQ CDT YMN** in the 'order and download' box.  
This will take you to your school's secure online ordering site.

#### STEP 3

Click on 'Order Photos' and complete your details and procedures.  
During this process you can place orders for additional children at your school and sibling photos, if available.

**School photographs will be returned to your school 4-6 weeks after the day of photography**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If parents/legal guardians have not given permission for their child to be photographed/recorded by external media organisations then their child's photo will not be taken, even if a photo order is placed.

If you would like to change your permission preference, please **contact the school** on **8263 6244** and let us know you wish to change permission for your child to be photographed/recorded by external media organisations for publication/broadcast.

You will need to sign a new permission form during the first week of school.

Contact us: [www.advancedlife.com.au/contact](http://www.advancedlife.com.au/contact)

**advancedlife**  
school photography & print specialists

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment\*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

Stacey Hall  
stacey.hall@thesmithfamily.com.au  
0417 048 689 or 1300 610 355

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Find out more at [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.



### JOIN THE FUN! GET INVOLVED NOW

**NORWOOD FC ALL GIRLS AUSKICK**

3:45 - 4:30 Wednesdays 23/2 - 6/4/2022

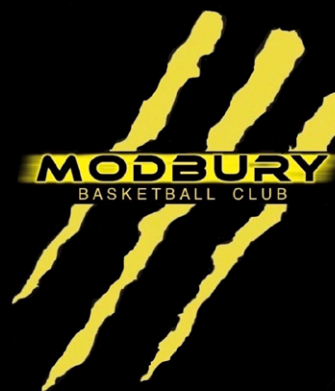
Contact - Nick.harnas@sanfl.com.au



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### MODBURY BASKETBALL CLUB

Looking for new players  
All age groups and skill levels  
U8s through to Adult teams  
Weekday and weekend competitions  
Social basketball with pathways available to join divisional teams

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