

The Heights School

NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 2 | 24 February 2022

> Educating young minds

> Serving our community

> Instilling values and embracing our future



The Heights School has received in excess of \$13 Million over the past three years.

Major redevelopments include two architecturally designed buildings incorporating state of the art furniture and equipment in addition to refurbishment of existing learning spaces.

These facilities will provide a modern and contemporary learning environment which will inspire innovation and spark curiosity.



A Fair Go Have a Go, Go Hard, Keep Going! Go Together

ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Uniform Shop News
- School Photo Day
- Harmony Week
- Bin Shift Recycling System SRC Initiative



DIARY DATES

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

- 28/2 POSTPONED New Reception Welcome
- 2/3 Governing Council AGM 6.00pm
- 3/3 School Photos Year 2-6, 9-11 and Family/Catch up photos
- 7/3 SA School Sport - Year 7 Tennis
- SA School Sport 3v3 Basketball
- Whole School Sports Day *No parents or visitors

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 barent calendar and newsletter.

Click here to view our online calendar

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome Back to School 2022

After a staggered start to school saw Preschool, Reception, Year 1, 7, 8 and 12 return to face to face learning on Wednesday 2 February, we finally got to welcome back all year levels on Monday, 14 February. We are delighted to have all students back with us for an exciting year of learning and thank



both students and families for their resilience, patience and understanding as we navigate the various changes in restrictions.

Nigel Gill Principal



AN INVITATION

Parents and Friends of The Heights School Community are cordially invited to the

Celebrate the success of 2021

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH 2022** 6.00pm

Find out what we aim to improve in 2022

Enjoy nibbles and a drink

Conference Room (Administration Building)

To nominate for Governing Council please email Dani Dunne,

dani.dunne687@schools.sa.edu.au to obtain a nomination slip or collect one from the Front Office.

Nominations are to be returned to Dani by 9.00am on Wednesday, 2nd March 2022 prior to the AGM.

Choose to be a part of the **Governing Council** to support future improvement **briorities**



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REPORTING A STUDENT ABSENCE

Students are absent from school or late at times for all sorts of reasons. Could you please let the school know if your child is going to be late or absent and the reason, so we can record the absence correctly and keep track of where students are during the school day.

You can report your child's absence in the following ways:

- Phone the school on 8263 6244
- Email student services on dl.1430.studentservices@schools.sa.edu.au

If your child arrives late to school or needs to leave early, it is very important that they go to Student Services and sign in or out, so that we know when students are on site. Could you please provide a note in your child's diary or email Student Services if your child needs to sign out early for any reason, as we need parental permission before we can let your child leave the school grounds.

Similarly, a note or email is also helpful when your child signs in late so we can mark the absence correctly, otherwise it will be marked as an unexplained absence.

Thank you,

Student Services

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

We have been very busy this term assisting families to prepare for the new school year.

Whilst we carefully plan and try to predict the stock levels required to meet the needs of our students, sometimes things go wrong!

Unfortunately our supplier is experiencing some difficulty sourcing some uniform items and a few items are currently out of stock.

Quarter zip windcheaters and full zip jackets are out of stock in several sizes, estimated delivery is the end of March.

PE shirts, polo shirts, wide leg track pants, summer dresses and skirts are out of stock in some sizes, estimated delivery is the end of February.

We are also experiencing delivery delays with Year 12 Seniors polos. Estimated delivery is mid March.

I have notified school staff of these delays. If your child has an order in place for an out of stock item, they are able to wear non-uniform clothing to school until orders arrive.

If you have placed an order for an item that is out of stock, we will contact you when your order is ready.

Thank you for your patience and understanding, these delays are out of our control.

I have included the general school uniform requirements for your information.

(Also see Online Ordering Instructions on the next page.)

SCHOOL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Reception to Year 6:

School Shirt (Polo Shirt or P.E Shirt)

Plain navy blue Pants/Shorts/Skirts (school logo not required) NO DENIM OR LEGGINGS

School Windcheater/Jacket

School Summer dress/Tartan skirt/Pinafore (purchased from the School Uniform Shop)

School Hat or plain navy blue hat

Year 7 to Year 12:

School Shirt (Polo Shirt or P.E Shirt)

School Windcheater/Jacket

School Summer dress/Tartan skirt (purchased from the School Uniform Shop)

Pants/Shorts with School Logo (purchased from the School Uniform Shop)

Year 12 students may also wear the white Seniors polo shirt and the commemorative jacket, (however these are not compulsory, and they may continue to wear the normal school uniform).

Again, thank you for your patience and understanding.

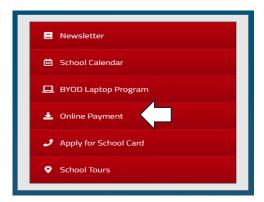
Please contact Maria Parry on 8263 6244 or maria.parry794@schools.sa.edu.au for any Uniform Shop enquiries.



THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL UNIFORM ONLINE ORDER INSTRUCTIONS

The Heights School Uniform Online Order Instructions

Uniform can be purchased online through the school website www.theheights.sa.edu.au follow the instructions below:



- · Click on Online Payment
- Click OK to confirm you are making a payment to the School and not OSHC or Vacation Care



- Enter your family code (please contact the school if you don't have this code)
- Enter your child's name
- Enter the uniform items required in the Description/Invoice line: eg 1 x Sz 14 PE top (You can add a maximum of 50 characters in the Description line, if a large order please email itemised order to Sonia.hahn343@schools.sa.edu.au and include your receipt number).
- Enter total amount \$\$
- Select your payment option, enter your credit card details and click proceed
- You will be contacted when your order is ready (please allow 3-4 business days), uniform orders can be collected from the Front Office between 8.30am & 4.30pm on school days.
- If you have any questions or would like any further information please contact Maria Parry on 8263 6244 OR email your enquiry to maria.parry794@schools.sa.edu.au

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





P-12 2022 PHOTO DAY

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 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

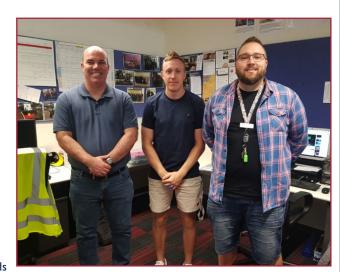


ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

Introducing the Aboriginal Education Team

Nina Marni and welcome to Term I. My name is Aaron Murray-Raschella and I am part of the Aboriginal Education Team here at The Heights School. Myself being the Aboriginal Secondary Education and Transition Officer (ASETO), I have a focus on wellbeing and engagement and our two Aboriginal Education Teachers (AET), Mr Stephen Miles and Mr Luke Barmby have a focus on high expectations and improving outcomes for Aboriginal students through the key learning areas of literacy and numeracy.

It has been a pleasure to work with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students these past 3 years. Our students have been incredibly eager to learn more about their own culture and the culture of others and share their knowledge with their peers. Our team looks forward to supporting each student's wellbeing, education, and cultural learning needs



for the rest of the school year and bringing a greater cultural awareness to The Heights School community.

In case you were wondering about us, here is a bit of background information...

My father migrated to Australia as a child from Calabria, Italy, and my mother was born in Adelaide and raised in Coober Pedy, having Wamba Wamba/Wiradjuri roots. I've grown up in a diverse household, which has given me a great deal of respect for the multiculturalism that is Australia. Having worked for many years in Aboriginal Education out North and in the West I have really enjoyed following my passion for Aboriginal culture and children's education.

Hi, my name is Stephen Miles and I have been the Aboriginal Education Teacher at The Heights School for the last four years. My previous experience with Indigenous students was working for Aboriginal Tutoring. This year I am working with secondary students from Years 7-12 helping them with assignments and tasks so their literacy and numeracy improves. I also run the Rock and Water program, a social program which builds self confidence in students. We are very proud of the Aboriginal students at The Heights who have moved on to tertiary education and employment. I look forward to seeing what our Aboriginal students can achieve in 2022.

Hi, my name is Luke Barmby and I have been teaching for over 11 years with middle school experience and as an Aboriginal Education Teacher. My family is from Australia, with my father's side descending from Wilcannia, the Barkindji people. I grew up with my two brothers unsure of my ancestry and the cultural ties of being Indigenous so I am passionate to work with students to learn about Aboriginal culture, develop their skills as learners and increase their engagement at school.

If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to chat, please feel free to contact us at the school on Monday - Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm.

Aaron Murray-Raschella

Aboriginal Secondary Education & Transition Officer

SRC NOMINATIONS REMINDER

Reminder: The Student Representative Council Nominations for Year 7-12 close this Friday 25th February at 11:59pm.

The link can be accessed in Student Bulletin on Daymap

The SRC is a great opportunity to build your leaderships skills, be a positive role model, and develop your speaking and organisation skills whilst representing the school. All information about the SRC is in the student bulletin.



BIN SHIFT RECYCLING SYSTEM AT THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL - SRC INITIATIVE

The Heights School has recently initiated a whole school recycling system to encourage our students and community to reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfill from our school. The 2021 SRC team worked hard to get this new initiative off the ground in 2021 and we look forward to seeing improvements in many areas throughout 2022! Bin Shift is a local South Australian company. We have purchased:

- Paper/cardboard recycling bins for every primary classroom and all secondary areas
- Soft plastics recycling bins for every primary classroom and all secondary areas
- 10c deposit recycling bins for shared indoor spaces around the school. The cans/bottles recycled through this will be added to our Pedal Prix outside bin system already in place!

Each class and home group has access to a slideshow presentation that explains the new recycling system and the importance of everyone in our community doing their bit to improve how we manage waste at The Heights.

Soft plastics are important to recycle. Our classroom soft plastics bins will be emptied into the big frog wheelie bin in the Stephanie Alexander Garden, which will then be taken to one of the local Soft Plastics recycling stations by our wonderful Garden staff (located outside Woolworths, Coles and other supermarkets). Plastics that can be recycled include:

- Biscuit packets (outer wrapper only)
- Bread bags (without the tie)
- Chip and cracker packets (silver lined)
- · Cling Wrap
- Snap lock bags / zip lock bags
- Squeeze pouches with lid on (e.g. yogurt/baby food)
- Chocolate and snack bar wrappers
- Frozen food bags

- · Ice cream wrappers
- · Lolly bags
- Fresh produce bags
- · Cereal box liners
- Plastic Australia Post satchels
- Plastic carrier bags from all stores
- Bubble wrap (large sheets cut into A3 size pieces)
- Cellophane from bunches of flowers (cut into A3 size pieces)

- Document sleeves (remove the white reinforcement strip along the holes)
- Green bags (woven polypropylene bags)
- Large sheets of plastic that furniture comes wrapped in (cut into A3 size pieces)
- Rice bags both plastic and the woven type (if large, cut into A3 size pieces)
- Plastic wrap from grocery items such as nappies and toilet paper

The SRC will be responsible for coordinating the new Recycling system, but we need everyone's help and support!

We need your help to:

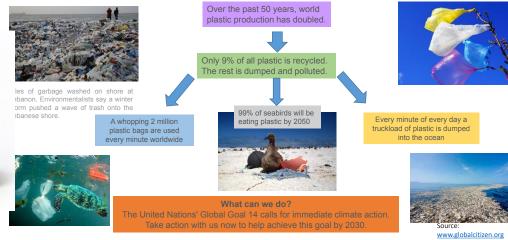
- 1) Think about how you could reduce the amount of waste (especially plastics) you contribute to personally
- 2) Place rubbish in the correct bins at school. We will also be improving our outdoor bin labelling soon.
- 3) Students can volunteer to help with our environment plan: eg helping to empty the bins, reporting problems to school staff
- 4) Students can nominate themselves to join the school SRC!!! SRC members will be expected to support and lead our school's environment improvement plan

Kind regards

Suzanne Ierace (Student Wellbeing Leader), Daniel Brzezinski (Student Wellbeing Leader) and The Heights School R-12 SRC

SOME FACTS ABOUT PLASTICS





HARMONY WEEK

What is Harmony Week?

It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community.

Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it.

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

How to celebrate?

Let's come together with friends and family and through schools, workplaces and our wider communities to celebrate our diversity.

Why orange?

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Australians can choose to wear something orange during Harmony Week to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

Our cultural diversity

Australia is a vibrant and multicultural country — from the oldest continuous culture of our first Australians to the cultures of our newest arrivals from around the world.

Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are. It makes Australia a great place to live.

An integrated multicultural Australia is an integral part of our national identity. All people who migrate to Australia bring with them some of their own cultural and religious traditions, as well as taking on many new traditions. Collectively, these traditions have enriched our nation.

The Heights
21st-25th March (Week 8)

HARDONY

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WEEVONE BELONGS

WWW.harmony.gov.au

Facts and figures

There are some fascinating statistics about Australia's diversity that can be good conversation-starters:

- nearly half (49 per cent) of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was
- we identify with over 300 ancestries
- since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia
- 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia
- apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Tagalog/ Filipino, Hindi, Spanish and Punjabi
- more than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.

These facts are taken from ABS 2016 Census Data. Check out the Australian Bureau of Statistics website http://www.abs.gov.au/



THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION COMPETITION 2022

Colour your world!

Calling all artists! You are invited to create an artwork about something significant in your life; a family pet, a loved one, your favourite place, a fictional character or fantasy landscape. Don't forget to add lots of colour! By submitting your artwork, you will be part of a state-wide art festival involving over 9000 South Australian Living Artists. The exhibition is open to all students, staff and family members.

Important Dates for 2022

Term 3:

Week I Friday 29th July Entries Due
Week 2 Thursday 4th August Judging
Week 3 Monday 8th August Opening Night
Week 5 Friday 19th August Exhibition closes



If you have any questions about the exhibition please call the school and ask for the Art office or leave a message.

Catherine Bourn, Visual Art Teacher

SPORTS DAY 'DRAW YOUR HOUSE MASCOT' COMPETITION 2022

Do you enjoy drawing instead of long jump? Do you have team spirit but don't like shot put? Do you want to earn your house some extra points without having to run 400 metres? Enter our 'Draw your House Mascot' Competition!

Our House Mascots are:

Corvus Redbacks Aquila Dingoes

Rules for entry:

- A4 sized
- Name and HG or Class written on the back
- Submitted to Art Office or Primary Reception (Donna's office) by Friday Week 5

Categories for Place winners:

- Years P-4
- Years 5-8
- Years 9-12
- Staff

Points Awarded:

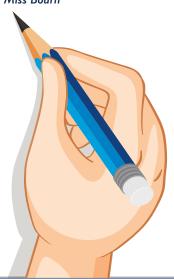
- Ist Place = 100 points
- 2nd Place = 75 points
- 3rd Place = 50 points
- 4th Place = 25 points
- 2 Participation points per entry

Draco Crocodiles Hydra Sharks

All works will be displayed during Sports Day.

Every point matters! Start drawing!

Mrs Sztekel and Miss Bourn



FUNDRAISING

People's Choice

COMMUNITY LOTTERY



LAST CHANCE!

TICKET SALES CLOSE 11.59 PM THURSDAY 24.2.22

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



MAIN PRIZES DRAWN 3.3.22



SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

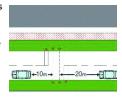
School zones

Drivers must slow their vehicles to 25km/h in a school zone at any time, day or night, when a child is present. A zigzag white line is also usually marked on the road to let drivers know they are approaching a school zone.



School crossings

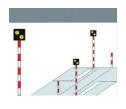
You cannot stop within 20m of the approach side or 10m of the departure side



of a school crossing. This rule applies to all pedestrian crossings.

Koala crossings

A Koala crossing consists of two yellow flashing lights mounted on red and white striped poles.



A 25km/h speed limit applies when the lights are flashing.

A driver must giveway to any pedestrian.

We want to ensure the safety of children, pedestrians and motorists around our streets and schools.

Parents and caregivers have a great responsibility to ensure children stay safe in school zones and have a key role in educating children about road safety.

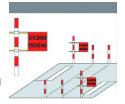
Helpful tips for parking around schools

- Allow enough time to take the child to the school gate safely without rushing
- Always observe parking signs and speed limits in and around school zones. They are designed to keep children safe
- Talk about signs and traffic lights with your child. Identify and discuss places where it is safe to get in and out of the car
- Teach your child how to cross the road using the 'stop, look and listen' process – stop at the kerb, look and listen for traffic and then decide whether it is safe to cross
- Park a few streets away and walk your child to school. This is also good exercise and helps teach your child road safety rules.

Note – Council officers patrol school parking in the morning and afternoon during school terms.

Emu crossings

An Emu crossing has a red 'Children Crossing' flag displayed on red and white striped posts.



The speed restriction of 25km/h applies at any time when a child is present so slow down to be safe and take care of children.

Bicycle lanes

Bicycle lanes run alongside kerbs or next to parking lanes. They are indicated by painted lines, bicycle



symbols and bicycle lane signs, or the word 'lane' painted in white. Some bicycle lanes (or sections of lanes) are painted green.

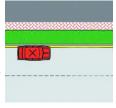
Some bicycle lanes operate around the clock. Others only operate during peak travel times (as specified on the signs) to allow parking for local businesses and residents.

It is illegal to drive, park or stop your vehicle in a bicycle lane and fines apply.

Common parking problems

No Stopping

You must not park or stop in a No Stopping Zone for any reason. A continuous yellow line marked on the edge of the road has the



same meaning as a No Stopping zone.

No Parking

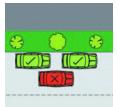
You can only stop in a No Parking area for the immediate purpose of picking up or dropping off passengers or goods. You must not leave the vehicle unattended (no more than three metres away).



You can wait in this location no more than two minutes (without moving).

Double parking

Drivers must not stop next to a parked vehicle when picking up or dropping off children, not even for a few seconds. This practice is illegal and creates



dangerous situations at any time on any street

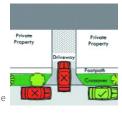


SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS



Driveways

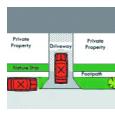
You may park so that the front of your vehicle is level with the approach or the back is level with the departure side of a driveway to



any private or public property so that vehicles can enter and depart.

Footpaths or nature strip

Parking is prohibited at all times. It creates dangerous situations for pedestrians nd other vehicles in the vicinity.



Bus zones

You must not stop or park in a bus zone at any time.

Kiss and drop

This is an area near the school gates for you to drop your child off safely and quickly. The intention is that drivers

do not wait in these zones and that they stay in the vehicle so queues are minimised.





COMMUNITY NOTICES





COVID-19 Watto Purrunna Aboriginal Primary Health Care Service Update

Starting the Journey Back to Business as Usual

We are excited to announce with the decrease in COVID-19 cases, we can commence returning to business as usual. This will be a gradual process to ensure we can manage the community needs, safety and resources available.

Maringga Turtpandi will re-open Monday 21 February 2022 at

Specialist clinics will recommence in a staged approach. Please check with the clinic for bookings.

To book an appointment, request a telehealth consult or check a current booking, please call the site directly on the number









COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics will continue to be run from Muna Paiendi and Wonggangga Turtpandi for ages 5 and above

If you or your organisation would like our COVID-19 Mobile Vaccination Team to visit you, please contact us on HEALTH.NALHNAboriginalHealthAdministration@sa.gov.au



Health Northern Ade



JOIN THE FUN! **GET INVOLVED NOW**

Modbury Football Club

9:00-10:00 Saturday Mornings 7/05-9/07/2022

Contact-Paul Lemmer 0417 854 730



play.afl/auskick





Joeys

5 - 8 years old

Scouts

11 - 14 years old

Venturers

14+ years old

Be Prepared to Join Scouts!

Come and Try - 3 visits for FREE

Northridge Para Vista Scout Group

Kentish Green, Warren Road, Para Vista Joeys - Tuesday Nights - 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Cubs - Tuesday Nights - 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Scouts – Thursday Nights – 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Venturers – Friday Nights – 7.00pm – 10.00pm

Contact: Gary Powell (Group Leader) - 0481 354 800

Email: gl.northridge@sa.scouts.com.au







TEAM SPACES

PARA HILLS UNITED **SOCCER CLUB**

Under 14

Under 15

Under 16

Under 17/18

Please contact Sally 0400 131 273 www.phusc.com