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Important Dates

College Tour
Saturday 19 February

**Online Parents and
Friends Meeting**
Monday 21 February

**Year 12 Online
Information Evening**
Wednesday 23 February

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 2 March

**Online Parents and
Friends Meeting**
Monday 7 March

**Adelaide Cup Public
Holiday**
Monday 14 March

**Year 8 Immunisation
Information Session**
Tuesday 15 March

Harmony Day
Monday 21 March

**Design and
Technology Week**
Monday 21 March

Learning Reviews
Year 7, 8 & 9
Tuesday 29 March

Message from our Principal



Dear Kildare Families

Welcome to 2022 and the Year of Compassion.

Every year, we focus on one of our six core values. The core value for 2022 is Compassion – Walking with and having empathy for all. This is a fitting core value to focus on, as we continue to navigate the current circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic together.

It was so joyous to see all of our students reunite at the College this week – our Kildare family is now complete!

Commencing a new school year always brings many exciting experiences. We are so pleased with how our Year 7 and new Year 8 students are embracing their new routines and are adapting to the expectations placed upon them. Our existing Year 8 students have returned to school with great enthusiasm and are already demonstrating a love of learning. Our Year 9, 10 and 11 students enthusiastically embraced online learning, showing great spirit under the circumstances and are now reconnecting with their peers and teachers. Our Year 12 students have been outstanding, supporting our Year 7 and 8 students and being positive role models in our

College community

We have many activities and events to look forward to, and together we will continue to be creative during these times, so that our College community can enjoy many experiences together.

2021 Year 12 Results – 100% SACE Completion

Once again, we were delighted with the 2021 Year 12 SACE Results. Our Year 12 students demonstrated commitment, resilience, and a determined attitude achieving success with 100% SACE completion. We are so very proud of all our students.

Future Innovation Coaches

This year, we have introduced a new exciting structure to enhance learning and creative thinking for our College community. Part of the new structure includes introducing dynamic Future Innovation Coaches.

We are delighted to introduce our Future Innovation Coaches:

- Julia Groustch
- Rebecca Sarvas
- Nicholas Kellett-Southby

Their role is centred on developing school improvement in teaching and learning and focusing on incorporating contemporary and future-focused skills. The Coaches will play an essential role in innovation in education, the performance culture of the College and using data to inform teaching practices and improve student outcomes.

We look forward to sharing the goals and developments throughout the year.

Tullow Centre Update

The Tullow Centre is progressing well and will be ready for full occupancy in Semester 2, 2022. At this stage, we are still within our budget of \$6.4 million, and we are all very excited about the possibilities that this building will bring for our College community.

The Tullow Centre will be a space that will inspire creativity, construction, and innovation and allow your daughter to learn in an innovative, interactive learning environment reflective of society's modern, divergent, flexible, and dynamic thinking.

Once the Tullow Centre is completed, Covid permitting, we will be coordinating tours so that you can see this magnificent building.

Vicky Welgraven

Congratulations to Vicky Welgraven, a proud Adnyamathanha woman from the Northern Flinders Ranges SA and mother of our 2022 College Captain Khyleesha, who was honoured in the 'Australia Day 2022 Honours List' and appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for 'Significant Service to Women through Social Welfare Organisations, and to Indigenous Health'. Her achievements are incredible, and we are honoured to have Vicky involved in the Kildare College community.

Year of Compassion

We are very much looking forward to sharing our Year of Compassion with you. A year where compassion, kindness, empathy and community are at the centre of all we do.

We thank you again for choosing Kildare. It is an absolute privilege working in partnership with you and your daughter, so that together we can continue to provide an exceptional education for your daughter.

Keep safe and take care.

Best wishes

Tina Neate

Principal

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2021 SACE Results



KILDARE
COLLEGE

2021

100% SACE Completion

College Dux

Caitlin Anchor | University Entrance Score 99.85

Awards

- Governor of South Australia Commendation Award
- Adelaide University Principals' Scholarship

Merits and A+ Grades

were achieved across many different subjects placing students in the **top 1%** of the state

91.3%

of the grades were in the **A and B grade bands** (well above the Catholic Schools average of 78.3%)

100%

of the students **received an offer** from an Australian University



08.02.22

New Staff Members to Kildare College

This year, we welcome 670 students (the biggest student cohort in Kildare's history) across all year levels. We also welcome many new staff members to our College community due to the increased student numbers, our extensive curriculum offerings and replacing staff who are currently on leave.

We are delighted to introduce and welcome our new staff members.

Tina Neate

Principal

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Gabrielle Reyes



Jacynta Anderson



Morgan Bramble



Tricia Briggs



Teresa Chav



Tammy Di Giacomo



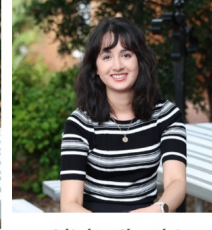
Chi Doan



Catherine (Cat)
Galligani



Jayrod Hill



Alisha Ibrahim
HASS, History, Psychology



Catherine James
Business, HASS, Legal Studies



Joanne Lord



Rebecca Mason



Sophie Mullen



Danielle Phillips



Ellisse Rigoni



Chloe Stichel



Sophie Tsoulos



Rebekah Wilkinson

Message from our Senior Years Coordinator



I join with others and welcome you to a new academic year. The beginning of a school year is also a fantastic opportunity for students to set new goals and develop strong habits to set themselves up for a positive year.

As students begin and continue their Senior Years journeys, they are encouraged to explore different opportunities and engage in the many activities to continue to learn about their strengths and interests. Students are encouraged to find an outlet that can provide opportunities to be active or supports interests outside of their learning as this will help to support relaxation and connection to others.

There are many opportunities for students to become involved within our community and in activities at Kildare; with students moving closer to the end of their schooling journey I encourage them to be involved in as many year level, House or team activities as they are able to throughout 2022.

It is a pleasure to welcome the Year 10 students into the Senior Years, who were presented with a lamp of learning badge at the end of 2021 which signifies their commitment to leadership in our community. It has been wonderful to see all Senior Years students wearing their badge with pride as they continue to demonstrate the core values of our community.

The SACE

Students in the Senior Years will begin and continue with subjects that count towards their SACE completion. The South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) is a modern, internationally-recognised secondary school qualification designed to equip your daughter with skills, knowledge, and personal capabilities to successfully participate in our fast paced global society.

To complete the qualification, your daughter will need to attain 200 credits from a selection of Stage 1 and Stage 2 subjects. A 10-credit subject is usually one semester of study and a 20-credit subject is usually over two semesters.

The SACE caters for practical and theory, hands-on and action-based learning both in and outside school. Your daughter is encouraged to choose subjects that she enjoys, suits her learning style and will open doors to a range of careers within their area of interest.

Your daughter will have the opportunity to explore their interests, strengths, subject choices and style of learning during the Personal Learning Plan at the beginning of their SACE journey studied in Year 10 at Kildare.

Vocational Education and Training (VET) options are available at both Stage 1 and Stage 2 and include a wide range of industry areas,

including construction, automotive, electro-technology, hospitality, community services, health and information technology.

Should you require more information regarding the SACE, please contact me at the College.

I wish the best of luck to all senior students for 2022.

Emma Ward

Senior Years Coordinator

16.02.22

Kildare student keeps on winning



Caitlin Anchor, from Kildare College's Class of 2021, can add another accolade to her list of final-year achievements, receiving the Adelaide University Principals' Scholarship.

In what was a stellar end to her schooling, Caitlin received a Subject DUX Award for each of the five SACE Subjects studied in 2021. Upon receiving her SACE results in December, she was awarded DUX of the College achieving a University Entrance Score of 99.85, on the same day as being awarded a Governor of South Australia Commendation – Excellence Award 2021.

The Adelaide University Principals' Scholarships are awarded annually and provided a \$5,000 contribution to the students Undergraduate degree at the University of Adelaide.

Upon receiving the award, Caitlin said "I cannot express how much this means to me, and how it will help me with my studies this year", also paying tribute to the Year 12 teachers who put in additional time to assist Caitlin through the year, attributing their hard work and dedication as a reflection of her achievements.

Caitlin will study a Bachelor of Science at Adelaide University in 2022.

Tina Neate, Principal, added "This is wonderful news for Caitlin. We wish her, and our other students from the Class of 2021, all the best for their futures".

During her time at the College, Caitlin was a Peer Support Leader and a College Tour Guide, touring prospective families around the College. She was an active member of the Living Justice Group, always acting with integrity and grace to become an agent of change. She was also an active participant in a range of extracurricular activities, including the Arts Showcase, Schools Music Festival, Strings Program, Resource Centre Volunteer and Premiers Reading Challenge.

16.02.22

Kildare reimagines woodworking for future focussed learning



With only one percent of Australia's carpentry workforce being female*, the reimagined Material Solutions component of the Stage 2 Design, Digital Technologies and Engineering subject is just another example of how Kildare College is breaking down stereotypes and bringing Future Focussed learning directly to its students.

Offered for the first time in 2021, students followed the Design Engineering process and fundamentals of Inquiry Based Learning, to design and then manufacture their own projects. And there was not a bookcase or table in sight!

Each student was required to design and create their own project, based on their own interest and passion. They learnt the techniques required to complete their project, as well as collaborate with experts and develop their critical thinking and analysis skills.

Student, Shayla, a passionate skateboarder, chose to make her own skateboard, seeking out a professional skateboard maker as her mentor throughout the project. Shayla initially created a template and prototype board to ensure the correct weight and balance. A critical

error in the production of the final piece required Shayla to redesign the board, resulting in a lighter design that was easier to maneuver. Experimenting with different resins and materials, Shayla created her own grip, and using the process of pyrography transferred her self-drawn artwork onto the timber.

Another student, Sara, chose to make a chess set using Huon Pine and Western Myall woods. Sara used the wood turning machine to create each separate piece by hand, presenting the completed set in a beautifully crafted timber box.

Throughout the process, students received expert assistance from the Chief Demonstrator at the Northern Turners Association, to develop their fine motor skills, using chisels and other tools to complete the more intricate work. Students also used heavier machinery like the wood turning machine and routers, to complete their projects.

Principal, Tina Neate, says "it's about providing a holistic education, one that allows the students to have the opportunities to follow their own interests and passions, and the results have been exceptional".

"It opens up another pathway into engineering for the students, to pursue a STEM career if they choose. We are delighted to be able to offer this subject to our students at Kildare."

It was evident throughout the year that the students enjoyed the subject. Olivia, who created a concert eukele, receiving a SACE Merit Award for the subject, an A+ grade that places her in the top 1% of students in the State. Olivia will receive her award at Government House in February.

*Australian Government Statistics referenced in <https://www.woodreview.com.au/news/the-pink-chippy-breaking-down-barriers>.



It's all Apples in Year 7 Art



Year 7 Art students had the opportunity to have the full observational drawing experience in class last week.

Students were able to use easels, a range of drawing mediums, from charcoal, conte, soft pastel as well as using an eraser as a medium to make marks and lines on their work.

Students created drawings using time limits to eliminate the expectation of a polished and perfect drawing, and to ensure they were drawing what they could "see" rather than making assumptions.

We all know what an apple looks like, but looking carefully at the apple that is in front of you is a real skill. Learning how to move your eyes from your drawing to the apple and back to your drawing constantly was a strong focus of the task.

All students should be proud of their efforts, as their drawings were of a very high standard.

Verity Clark

Art Teacher



Kildare College positioned as most affordable Catholic College in City Hub



In a recent news article published by the Advertiser Newspaper*, which outlined the fees for all Catholic Schools, it showed that Kildare College is the most affordable Catholic School in the city hub.

Kildare is committed to maintaining a fee structure that is competitive, while allowing students to experience a contemporary and innovative curriculum offerings. Conscious of the impact of COVID-19 and in the true Brigidine nature of the College, fees in 2022 were held at \$5100 for Year 12 for the fourth year in a row; considerably lower than the neighbouring schools.

Our affordable fees have enabled Kildare's masterplan to continue to evolve. The newest building on the Kildare landscape, a \$6.4 million innovation hub called the "Tullow Centre" will be ready for full occupancy in Semester 2 of 2022. It will be a space that will inspire creativity, construction and innovation and gives students the opportunity to learn in an innovative, interactive learning environment reflective of society's modern, divergent, flexible, and dynamic thinking. This comes 3 years after the College spent \$4.5 million on a Performing Arts and Sports Centre, namely the Brigidine Centre, and redesigned several of the other learning spaces.

Kildare's pedagogy and teaching practices remain contemporary and innovative, ensuring the students are being taught the skills and knowledge they need for the jobs of the future. The inaugural Material Solutions (Woodwork) class was offered in 2021, opening another pathway into engineering for the students to pursue a STEM career if they choose, as well as breaking down the stereotype of a female learner. A SACE Merit Award was achieved by one student in the class, placing her in the top 1% of students in the State.

The 2021 SACE results are also testament to the high level education received at the College. It was reported that 91.3% of the grades of the Class of 2021 were in the A and B grade bands, well-above the Catholic Schools average of 78.3%, and continuing an upward trend on previous years.

Catering for individual skills and talents will be a key focus area in 2022, with the introduction of a Specialist Dance Program for students entering Year 7. A revised Gifted Education program will also ensure students are accelerated, extended and enriched through their learning. Students in Year 9 also have the chance this year to explore the Arch D Radio and Podcasting course, a medium that will enhance skills and creative opportunities.

Located in Holden Hill, 7 km from Adelaide's CBD with view of the Adelaide foothills, Kildare College is and continues to be a fantastic educational choice for female secondary school students in Adelaide.

16.02.22

Year 10 Science



The first unit of work our Year 10 Science classes are exploring this year is looking at Genetics and what makes us who we are.

We have started off this unit by exploring the structure of Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), and the genetic information which it contains that is responsible for the development and function of organisms.

As part of this learning our Year 10 students completed a practical experiment where they used common materials to isolate the DNA in strawberries. To do this, they used materials such as a detergent which was able to break down the cells in the strawberries, salt to separate the proteins from the DNA and alcohol to clump the DNA together, allowing the DNA to be visible to the students.

Once the DNA was isolated in their mixture, the students were able to use their scientific inquiry skills to investigate the DNA from the strawberries.

The students had a fantastic time working together in the lab to complete this practical and further enhance their knowledge of DNA.

Marie Greco

Science Teacher



College Tours



Please join us for one of our upcoming College Tours.

- Saturday 19 February 11.00am
- Saturday 5 March 11.00am
- Saturday 19 March 11.00am
- Saturday 2 April 11.00am

Book your place via our website: [Kildare.catholic.edu.au](https://www.kildare.catholic.edu.au)

Years 8/9/10 Dance Audition



Students, join us for auditions and your chance to be a part of the 2022 Kildare College Dance Production.

- Wednesday 23 February 2022
- Week 4, Term 1
- 3.30pm - 5.00pm
- Brigidine Centre

Masks Compulsory and Social Distancing rules will be in place.

Congratulations Tamsyn



One of our talented students, Tamsyn Nation, was selected to debut for the Norwood Red Legs League Football Team in the SANFLW.

This is an incredible achievement, as Tamsyn competed at the highest possible level of footy in the state, at the age of only 16! We look forward to following her progress throughout the 2022 SANFLW season.

Tamsyn has also been selected for the second year running in the South Australian Aboriginal Secondary Training Academy – Netball Program. Tamsyn will attend this academy once a week in 2022 and will be undertaking a Certificate III in Fitness.

We at Kildare are all so proud of Tamsyn, and we look forward to continuing to celebrate all our student's wonderful sporting accomplishments.

Carmine Caruso

Sports Development Officer