



# ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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### From the Principal



Dear Students, Staff, Parents/Guardians and members of our school community,

#### **Our teachers are just the best...caring, highly proficient teachers.**

It is such an honour to lead the fabulous team of teachers at our school. The best part of being in a school is that we all learn so much from each other every day. Our students perform brilliantly because we work as a team collaboratively to design carefully crafted learning programs from EAP Primary level, EAP Middle Years, EAP for SACE Connect and SACE Year 11 and 12 – focusing on the development of the whole child, planning for their academic and wellbeing needs.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Ms Zara Phillips for her subject counselling advice to students and their families and her exceptional leadership in teaching students English as an Additional Language. Her leadership of our staff in our weekly Student Monitoring meetings and weekly Professional Learning meetings contribute to building a strong, resilient team of teachers at Adelaide International School.

I want to thank Ms Sally Xu who works closely with management to design engaging and uplifting wellbeing initiatives for our staff and students to cope with the challenges we all currently are experiencing in schools. Between the pandemic, teaching and learning goals, and life outside of study, Sally reminds us that health and wellbeing matters, both as individuals and when caring for our loved

ones. Such commendable, caring initiatives.

Thanks to Ms Maliza Huang (EAL teacher) and Ms Kitty Shao (Learning Support Officer with new arrivals students) for inspiring our new arrival students and building trusting relationships. Both are outstanding teachers, working collaboratively to plan relevant and engaging EAP programs for our students. They work closely with Ms Jing Liu (EAP in Mathematics) and Ms Sally Xu (SACE Personal Learning Plan) to prepare students for their mainstream schooling in Adelaide.

Special thanks to Mr Peter Leske, an outstanding SACE Stage 2 Specialist Mathematics teacher. It is a privilege to have Peter on our staff. Such an experienced and kind senior secondary Mathematics teacher and wise trusted friend to all at AIS.

I do hope you take the time to say thank you to your teachers that want the best for you.

All the best always,

Gina Kadis  
PRINCIPAL

# Wellbeing Hub

In Wellbeing, we continue to target key initiatives that support each student to achieve their goals.

Year 11 students have been debriefing on their first SACE formative examination experience – reflecting on various examination techniques they implemented in June end of Semester One examinations and how effective these strategies were for them. This will assist our Year 11s to be ready for Semester 2 SACE formative examinations – preparing them for the summative examinations at the end of Year 12 in November 2023.

Our Year 12 students have two opportunities for formative SACE examinations this year – in the week beginning 25 July 2022, where they have mid-year trial examinations, and in September 2022, when they have a second formative examination opportunity based on the full year's work. Students have worked through key strategies to support them in this preparation. We wish them well as they implement these in their upcoming learning opportunity.

Our Middle Years and SACE Connect EAP students do not have examinations. They do have a key focus on developing their personal communication skills, their team skills, their general capabilities, and having a better understanding of the Australian culture and sharing cultural experiences from their home country.

If you have any matters that you would like to discuss with our staff, please contact your child's Homegroup teacher. The contact information is listed below:

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Ms Sally Xu, SACE Teacher and Careers/Wellbeing Facilitator

# Careers Hub

On Thursday 16 June, we were pleased to have four guests from HerTechPath at AIS; Ms Eva Balan-Vnuk, Ms Diana Raileanu, Ms Laura Mercurio and Ms Sonya Weiser. They delivered a workshop on STEM careers. (STEM = SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING and MATHEMATICS).

The aim of the workshop was to encourage students, especially girls, to consider studying in STEM areas in the future. Our guests shared many inspiring personal stories and experiences of working in the STEM field with our students and promoted some great conversations about students' future careers through the IKIGAI Canvas activity and panel Q&A session. At the end of the session, we received positive feedback from many of our students, and we are sharing some of them in this week's newsletter:

## **Oakley**

*"From yesterday's workshop, I learned more about the power of females in the technology industry. Decade after decade, many inventors are females, and yet the public wasn't paying more attention to them. The past society was intoxicated and patriarchal which made females not get more attention and interest in society. Yet, many women tend to sacrifice themselves in the technology industry and invented items or products to glorify and make our life easier. Compared to the conventional idea about females and their roles in society, females have been outstanding in many ways. The more female led inventions in the technology industry, the more equal rights for them and approval about the value about them."*

## **Gisselle**

*"Yesterday, I learned IKIGAI which talked about do what you love, do what you are good at. Do you know your strengths and skills? Do something anywhere in the world, and do something you can be paid for. It teaches us about identifying our one true passion that is sustainable, contributes to our personal growth, and benefits society. The part that I liked in this presentation, was answering and asking questions of our presenting 4 guests."*

## **Veronica**

*"After yesterday's workshop, now I become more interested in technology because everything will be easier with technology. The presentation was worth it and appealing to me. We also have so much fun yesterday by asking a question and doing a quiz. They also encouraged people to choose their passion and dare to take risks."*

We look forward to inviting HerTechPath back to AIS next year to deliver another motivating workshop to our students.

Ms Sally Xu, SACE Teacher and Careers/Wellbeing Facilitator



**Jali** - Refusing to be defined by a turbulent past, comedian and performer Oliver Twist reflects on his time as a refugee while carefully unpacking his present-day experiences. Delicately told and impossible to forget, his one-person show proves that exceptional storytelling and belly-aching laughter are powerful antidotes.

**[Enter Draw](#)**

### **Adelaide Walking Tour**

**Saturday 16 July, 2pm-4pm**

New to Adelaide? Join our StudyAdelaide Student Ambassadors to visit 13 must-see locations around the city, learn a bit about the history of Adelaide, and meet other students. Our ambassadors can't wait to meet you and answer all your questions.

**[Register](#)**

### **Words on Wheels South East Adventure Tour**

**13 to 15 July 2022**

Words On Wheels has planned another tour for international students this winter.

#### **Highlights:**

The tour will start with a trip to the South East of South Australia to take in the sights of the spectacular Blue Lake, Coonawarra, and the World Heritage-listed Naracoorte Caves.

It is a fascinating part of the country with much to see and do, including time helping out on a fossil dig amongst other planned caving and nature-based experiences.

**Cost: \$420 for the 3 days of touring.**

The cost includes all meals (except day 3 dinner), accommodation, and all entrance fees.

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	Itinerary	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Cost
9: 00- 16: 00	AM	Excursion: Hahndorf, National Motor Museum, Big Rocking Horse, Melba Chocolate Factory, Mount Lofty, Botanic Garden. (Including transportation fee, lunch, and tickets)	Excursion: Scavenger Hunt  Lunch Time (BYO)	Snappy ICT Shortcuts for SACE Studies Lunch Time (BYO) Social & Fun Time	\$400 (3 Days)
	PM		Excursion: Mindfulness Activity - Art Studio	Excursion: Discovery & Adventure Journey	

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