

# ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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### From the Principal



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

### **Welcome to all our new students and families joining us for Semester 2 English for Academic Purposes programs.**

It is with much pleasure that I warmly welcome existing students back to campus for Term 3 studies. I trust that you had a well-earned holiday break as a family. Schools are very busy places for students, families and staff. I often say there is no dimmer switch! Life becomes very full preparing students to achieve their strongest learning outcomes. Holiday times are a great time to rest and recharge – reflecting on teacher feedback regarding student progress, as outlined in our comprehensive Adelaide International School report. We trust that this was a restful time for you and your family and look forward to another amazing term with your child at our school.

I also extend the most generous welcome to our new students and families who have recently settled in Adelaide. We have 22 new families/students who have joined us from all over the world – Italy, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Indonesia, and China. We are here to support you in every way possible. If you have any questions, please email your child's home class teacher in the first instance:

Ms Irish Lique – EAP Primary Year (students from Reception to Year level 6) – [irish.lique@ais.edu.au](mailto:irish.lique@ais.edu.au)

Mrs Sarah Navagam – EAP Middle Years (students from Year 7 to 9 – unless they are extended to get

Mrs Sarah Nayagam – EAP Middle Years (students from Year 7 to 9 – unless they are extended to get SACE points) – [sarah.nayagam@ais.edu.au](mailto:sarah.nayagam@ais.edu.au)

Ms Maliza Huang – EAP for SACE Connect (Year 10s and any extended Year 9s given the opportunity to study SACE as well as intensive English) – [Maliza.huang@ais.edu.au](mailto:Maliza.huang@ais.edu.au)

Ms Sally Xu – SACE Year 11 & Careers/Wellbeing Facilitator – [sally.xu@ais.edu.au](mailto:sally.xu@ais.edu.au)

Ms Zara Phillips – SACE Year 12 & Director of Teaching and Learning – [zara.phillips@ais.edu.au](mailto:zara.phillips@ais.edu.au)

Absentees/sickness: email Catherine So on: [Catherine.so@aeg.edu.au](mailto:Catherine.so@aeg.edu.au) (Admissions & Student Services Officer)



In this newsletter we celebrate the successes and end of term experiences of our Semester One Graduates of English for Academic Purposes SACE Connect class. Most student undertake 20 weeks of intensive English preparation for mainstream schools with us, prior to transitioning into their preferred destination school – either their partner AISA Alliance Non-Government School or another school their family chooses.

We are so proud of our graduates. They are valued members of our Alumni and are always welcome to visit us and keep us informed of their progress. I was sad to have missed this event and thank Ms Broderick for representing me as Acting Principal whilst I was on medical leave.

I am so proud of our teachers – Ms Maliza Huang, Ms Sally Xu, Mrs Kitty Shao, and Mrs Jing Liu. Their tireless hard work is outstanding. Our partner schools continue to be impressed with how well Adelaide International School prepares students to transition from their home country to the South Australian education system. Sincere thanks to Ms Maliza Huang, the home class teacher of our EAP for SACE Connect class, for leading and coordinating a brilliant Graduation Ceremony. Special thanks to Ms Rosie Broderick, Business Development Manager at AIS, for liaising with the destination schools and families to ensure students move into their destination schools with confidence.

### **Welcome to our new Adelaide International School teaching staff**

With increased enrolments, I am delighted to have appointed two new teachers. I warmly welcome back Ms Irish Lique in her new full time role as EAP Primary teacher. Ms Lique has an extensive background in teaching both here in Adelaide and in the Philippines.

Welcome also to Mrs Sarah Nayagam as our new EAP Middle Years teacher. Mrs Nayagam has extensive experience teaching in India and in Adelaide. She has recently been awarded her Masters in Teaching.

Both Ms Lique and Mrs Nayagam are proficient, inspirational, caring teachers, passionate about their subject areas. They have strong experience in teaching students where English is their additional language. Their teaching programs are differentiated and child-centred. They have quickly settled into our Adelaide International School routines contributing to the professional learning growth program.

Keep safe and well. Although masks are not mandated – we encourage all to wear these when walking around the school and when social distancing is not possible. Thank you for taking care of your own health so vigilantly.

All the best always. Email me if you need my assistance as Principal: [gina.kadis@ais.edu.au](mailto:gina.kadis@ais.edu.au)

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# GRADUATION CEREMONY



On Friday 8 July 2022, we held our 2022 Semester One Graduation event for those leaving from our English for Academic Purposes For SACE Connect class. We enjoyed hearing from each of our graduates. We thank their family and guardians who were able to attend this special event. We thank our staff from our destination schools that were also able to attend and celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students.

Hoang Anh Thu Nguyen talked about the funds AIS raised for the Tjundi Foundation with the purchase of donuts for NAIDOC Week. My Ngoc (Janet) Tran and Qi Ching (Angie) Lam shared what they learned from the graphic novel, *The Rabbits*. Yan (Cyrus) Tsui and Enci (Enoch) Li shared their knowledge regarding the importance of National Sorry Day. Yi Ching (Emily) Szeto shared her online learning experiences with Adelaide International School and how she stayed positive whilst awaiting her VISA approval to come to Adelaide, Australia. Junhee (Daniel) Lee shared his experience relating to the recent class excursion to Cleland Wildlife Park. Finally, Xing Tong (Emma) Zhou shared a comprehensive overview of the knowledge, capabilities and skills she gained.



Yan (Cyrus) TSUI,  
Blackfriars Priory School



Xing Tong (Emma) ZHOU,  
Pulteney Grammar School.



Enci (Enoch) LI, and Qi Ching  
(Angie) LAM,  
Concordia College.





My Ngoc (Janet) TRAN,  
Woodcroft College.



Junhee (Daniel) LEE,  
Blackfriars Priory School.



Yi Ching (Emily) SZETO,  
Woodcroft College.



Our Semester One graduates onsite - with their Certificate of Completion and their teachers: Ms. Sally Xu, Ms. Jing Liu, Ms. Kitty Shao and Ms. Maliza Huang along with Ms. Zara Phillips, Director of Teaching and Learning.

6 students received an award.

- Caring Student Award – Xing Tong (Emma) Zhou.
- Speak in English Award – Athaya Levanska.
- Greatest Progress Award– Chuanzheng Shi.
- Continuous Effort Award – My Nguyen.



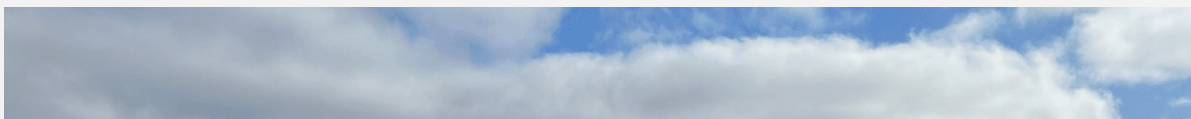
Effective Student Award: Yan (Cyrus) Tsui and Hoang Anh Thu Nguyen.

Special thanks to our special guests for being part of our special day:

- Family of Yan (Cyrus) Tsui.
- Our destination school representatives: Steve Eden - Concordia College, Emma Law - Woodcroft College and Angela Honner - Blackfriars Priory School.
- Mr. Don Chen, Adelaide Education Group, Managing Director.

Ms Maliza Huang, event coordinator and Home Class teacher of EAP for SACE Connect Class

## CLELAND WILDLIFE PARK END OF SEMESTER EXCURSION





We stopped at Mount Loft Summit to see the city view. It was foggy!

On Wednesday 6 July 2022, the Semester One class of EAP For SACE Connect went on an excursion to Cleland Wildlife Park. After an exciting adventure using our English language, it took us two buses to get there in 50 minutes. Cleland Wildlife Park is situated in the Adelaide Hills. We planned this enlightening and unforgettable experience for the whole class. This excursion strengthened the social and emotional wellbeing of all students; celebrated how far we had all come as a team; celebrated increased confidence in using English as a second language and importantly gave all an opportunity to get close to the animals by hand feeding the kangaroos and patting the koalas. What a day! It was 7 degrees Celsius that day, but we were well-prepared for the cold weather. The students had a lot of fun seeing our native Australian animals including dingoes, wombats, and different kind of kangaroos. Thank you to Beta – an experienced teacher and part of the Student Guardianship Service team that works closely with Adelaide International School staff, providing exciting holiday and after school activities for all international students in Adelaide. Sincere thanks to Ms Maliza Huang for organising this excursion and to Ms Catherine So for her amazing backup and support as our Student Services Officer at Adelaide International School. Truly memorable in every way.



Andrea Smith, Education Officer at Cleland Wildlife Park, welcomed us on arrival as we got off the bus. Andrea went through safety around the wildlife park and briefly gave the students some tips on how to best approach the kangaroos to hand feed them. Did you know you have to squat down and slowly give out your hand with the appropriate food to hand feed the kangaroos? Did you know its best to pat them on the back rather than on the head?





Emma with the 15-years-old koala



My, Janet, Lan and Daniel hand feeding and patting the young kangaroo



Miss Huang hand feeding the kangaroo.

We are so proud of every student that took part in this event with such confidence and maturity. We are very proud of you.

Warmest wishes

Ms Maliza Huang, Home Class teacher of EAP for SACE Connect class



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