

ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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From the Principal



Dear valued members of our school community

You can find the magic wherever you look

As the child of migrants who came to this country for a better life for their children, it is such an honour for me to work at Adelaide International School. Working as a team with talented staff who teach and care for children in our school, reminds me of the difference we all make to so many families. At the end of my busy week, one of my highlights was meeting one of our new families from China. Their child has just commenced English for Academic Purposes at our school. Mum and dad came in for a chat with teachers after school. With interpreter assistance, mum says to me “I love this school – the staff are so caring and supportive of my child”. I chat with the boy. He has had a great start in our school and feels so happy. I also chat with dad – observing the strong relationship he has with his son – as does mum. Mum then shares with me that their child’s education matters so much to their family – mum will stay with their son to ensure he is supported to do his best in his studies here in South Australia. Dad will go back to China to ensure the family can continue to make this education dream come true for their son. As a family, enormous sacrifices are made to educate children. We never take this for granted at Adelaide International School.



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Happy Fathers Day (or Happy Parents' Day – as celebrated in some countries)

As we celebrate this day in Adelaide this Sunday 4 September, I pay tribute to all the fathers, step-fathers and parents for the guidance, love and care that they provide our students. I'm a firm believer in thanking

and celebrating family each day – but there is merit in getting together as a family to share a meal if possible or a conversation on social media for our families currently living apart to support their child's education in Adelaide. Whatever your plans are for the day – wishing you joyful times as you build memories. For those who don't have their father in their lives, spend time with the mentors/parent/uncle/godparent that you know is always there to love you unconditionally.

Merdeka Gala Dinner



Such an honour to be invited to attend this event on Saturday 27 August 2022 at the Adelaide Convention Centre. This annual event celebrates the remarkable contribution the Malaysian community continues to make here in Adelaide. The Malaysian Business Council provides this opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of top Malaysian students at each of our three South Australian universities – Flinders University, The University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia. Over the years I have attended many cultural events. I can honestly say it was overwhelming for me as an educator to be part of this special event – where the proud recipients talked about the difference their financial gift award would make towards them achieving their education dreams. Of much note too, was how so many fine business people in the room make themselves available to Malaysian-Australian tertiary students as mentors. We must not underestimate how powerful it is to make time for the younger generation, to listen to their ideas and help them convert these ideas into reality. Bravo Malaysian community elders!

All the best always. Email me if you need my assistance at: gina.kadis@ais.edu.au

Gina Kadis
PRINCIPAL

Year 12 Graduation News

Please note – date change, to support access to cheaper flights home

As the end of school for Year 12, 2022 is fast approaching, I would like to use this opportunity to provide you with information about the graduation ceremony and graduation dinner.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION CEREMONY

On 3 November 2022, the graduation ceremony will be held at MIDDAY (Adelaide time), organized by Ms Zara Phillips. Details of the graduation ceremony will be sent to the families in the next few weeks by Ms Phillips. If you have any questions about the graduation ceremony, please contact Ms Zara Phillips at zara.phillips@ais.edu.au

YEAR 12 GRADUATION DINNER

On the same day as the graduation ceremony, the Graduation Dinner will be held at Adelaide Pavilion (on the corner of King William Street and South Terrace) from 6.00 pm to 8:30pm (Adelaide time), organized by Ms Sally Xu. All Year 12 students, family members, homestay guardians and staff are welcome to attend the event. I will send a invitation letter home to all families with details. We will finalize the number of attendees by the end of September. If you wish to attend, the total cost for each attendee is \$100 including a 3 course meal (selected by our student leaders) and non-alcoholic drinks package. Please contact Ms Sally Xu at sally.xu@ais.edu.au to book your tickets or for more information.

Teaching and Learning News

Parent teacher meetings

Thank you very much for joining us for the parent teacher interviews in week 4. This is a wonderful time to meet new parents, reconnect with continuing ones and exploring how to support your child in their learning of English and progress in their subjects. Please stay open to us following up with yourselves and your child in the coming weeks as we act on discussions and check the progress of new strategies to support learning.

Travel during school time

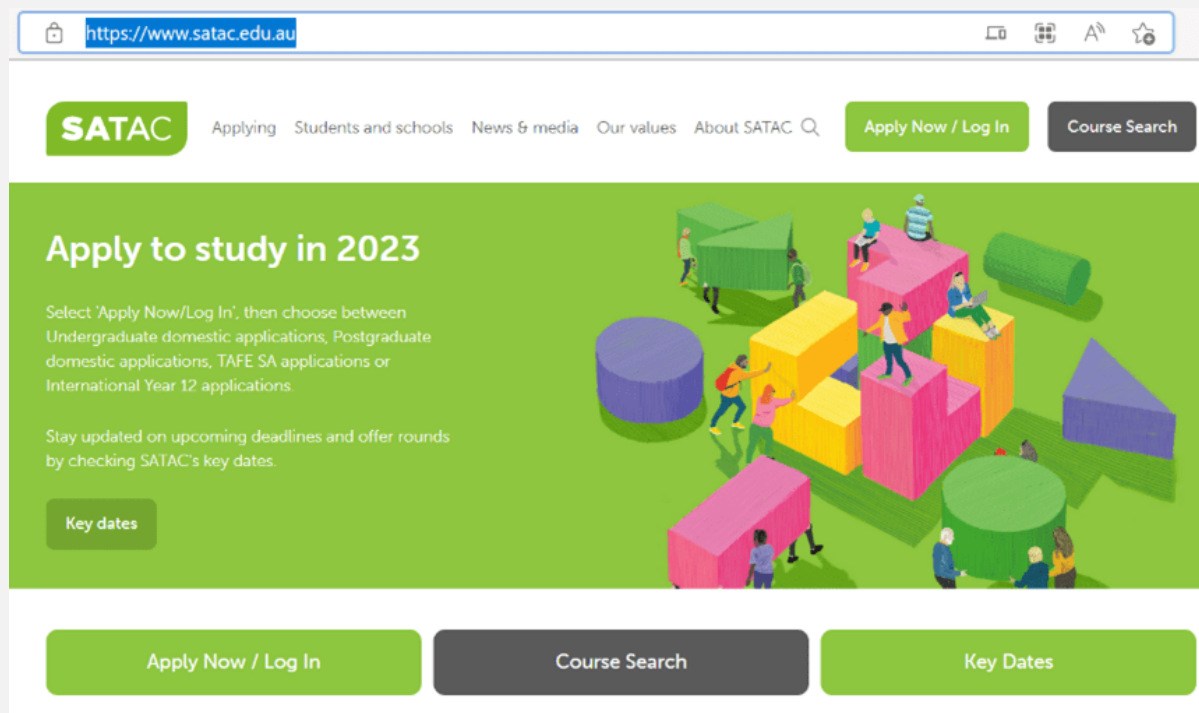
I remind parents that they must seek permission to travel during term time for any circumstances. Requests must be made in writing and addressed to the Principal, Mrs. Kadis. It is rare that students have term travel granted as there are many opportunities to travel during the school holiday times.

Year 12 Parents

Parents of Year 12 students – thank you for helping your child to plan for the next stage of their learning at tertiary institutions. Please know that so far, we have:

- Discussed future pathways with the Year 12's as a group
- Had a session with SATAC about applying to university as an International student.
- Explained how ATARs are achieved.
- Been to Flinders University to attend the International School Student Day with Adelaide University, the University of South Australia and TAFE.
- Holding individual discussions with students about their university application. This is still in progress for a few Year 12s.

Now, students need to submit their university applications fully online before 30 September to avoid a late penalty fee on application. Speak with Ms Sally Xu or myself if you have any further questions.



Examinations

An important part of the learning experience at Adelaide International School, is the way to prepare for and succeed at the examination assessment type. Due to the students coming from a range of learning experiences, we know the importance of teaching students how to approach learning for and completing examinations in South Australia.

The learning behaviours for examination preparation are different to how a student will complete daily homework or an inquiry task. Students must learn how to plan, how to use their time within the examination and how to interpret a question. Students need to make examination study notes and commit these to memory. Students also need to work through past SACE examination papers available through our staff and examination style questions under timed conditions. Our Year 12 teachers have started asking students to complete previous year's examinations for study times and during the weekends. This rigorous, important task is very important for the students, especially for those who are not confident with the examination style assessment type. Do make time to talk to your child about this activity.

Please remember that the SACE Year 11 examinations are as follows:

DATES: Week 7 Term 4

- Friday 25 November Yr 11 Study from home day
- Monday 28 November Yr 11 Specialist Mathematics
- Tuesday 29 November Yr 11 English as an Additional Language
- Wednesday 30 November Yr 11 Mathematics Methods

Students will be onsite all day during this trial examination time.

Please remember that the SACE Year 12 TRIAL end of year examinations are:

DATES: Week 9 Term 3

- Tuesday Specialist Mathematics

- Essential Mathematics
- Wednesday EAL
- Thursday Mathematics Methods

Students will be onsite all day during this trial examination time.

Please remember that the SACE Year 12 FORMAL examinations BEGIN ON:

DATES: Week 4 Term 4

- Monday 7 November Mathematics Methods
- Tuesday 8 November English as an Additional Language
- Tuesday 8 November Essential Mathematics
- Wednesday 16 November Specialist Mathematics

Thank you for your support as we enter the last 4 weeks of the term and the last 4 weeks of new learning. After the term 3 break, we focus on examination preparation and revision of work. Absences at this time for Year 12 are particularly impactful, so please help to support the learning with little time left.

Kindest,

Ms Zara Phillips, Director of Teaching and Learning



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