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From the Principal



Dear valued members of our school community

Graduation Ceremony





It was with pleasure I participated in the 2022 Graduation and Awards Ceremony last Thursday. The students donned their academic gowns, reflected on their year, and accepted their Year 12 Participation Certificates. The Awards were presented with the recipients as follows:

Community Award - Challista Gissella

Highly positive, helpful and kind. This student is a great responsible member of the online learning community.

Greatest Progress - Junbao Yu

Largest amount of growth in language, subject specific content and engagement.

Effective Student - Junbao Yu

Highly organised, hard worker, consistent in every way in their approach to learning. Great time management.

Dux of School Assessment - Veronica Jasmine Setya Ayu Handono Highest achievement for the school assessment component (without examination grades) in all subjects.

The final award is the overall Dux. This award combines examination grades and decided when final scores are confirmed by the SACE Board through their quality assurance processes of moderation and external assessment. This award will be announced in 2023.

We look forward to finding out who this award will go to next year.

We were delighted that a number of parents and guardians were able to join us, in person, for the formal ceremony and the graduation dinner held in the evening.

Congratulations Year 12's for an intense final year of schooling completed fully in English, working online and onsite. Well done to you all.

Graduation Dinner





On the 3rd of November, the graduation dinner for Adelaide International School Class of 2022 was held at Adelaide Pavilion. The goal of the event was to provide a fun and memorable time for the graduates to celebrate with as many of their classmates, friends, teachers, and families as possible. It was pleasing to see that we had guests from interstate and other countries attend the graduation dinner, which showed that we have such a tight-knit community at AIS.

The keynote speech, given by Dr Lynda MacLeod, was full of wisdom and passion. During her speech, she shared her journey moving from school to university and her experience in entering the education industry. Moreover, she gave some valuable study and life advice to the graduates, which was inspirational to us all.

The SRC representative speech, given by Junbao Jason Yu, was full of words of thanks to everyone. He also reflected on various highlights of his school time at AIS.

The night proved to be a great success and we had many great conversations during the evening. A huge thank you to our speakers, families, and friends for the support they have shown to the school and to each other at the graduation dinner. We would also like to wish the Class of 2022 all the best in their future endeavours.

Study Adelaide event in Vietnam



Principal, Gina Kadis is currently attending a Study Adelaide event in Vietnam focused on promoting Adelaide as an outstanding education centre for all levels of education. Ms Kadis will also be visiting our special friends at the Albert Einstein School. We look forward to hearing about her trip on her return next week.

EAP For SACE Connect classroom

Congratulations to our 8 students who graduated last term!



Another term has gone by so fast. The EAP For SACE Connect class had new students this term including students from Thailand and Vietnam.

Our students had the chance to speak more in English with each other and not only learn about Australian culture, but share about their own cultures as well.

Students not only improved their spoken and written English, but also grew in their personal confidence and academic maturity as the term progressed. Certainly, coming into a new country with a different language is not easy, but so far in the classroom, the students are doing really well.

All our EAP For SACE Connect on-site students on the last day of Term 3

Since we are a hybrid school, at the beginning of this term, we had a number of our students connecting into lessons online. Gradually as visas were granted, we welcomed more and more as they left the virtual classroom and joined the classroom here at AIS. By the end of Term 3, only three students were still learning online, waiting for their visas to be granted.

Students learned about Sustainability for English for Humanities exploring the topics of volunteering and saving the Earth. For Intensive English, we explored different media texts, including advertisement techniques and producing a podcast. In Science, areas of Biology and Physics were investigated through the topics of, Ecosystems and Matter. This term, the students found Science challenging due to the vocabulary, however, this does help them prepare for their move into mainstream, giving them the academic language they need for the specific academic disciplines.

We are all proud of all our students who worked hard this term and have demonstrated sound growth in their learning. We are especially proud of the three students who graduated. On Friday of Week 10, we farewelled three students as they start their next life journey at their destination school: Le Gia My NGUYEN (Year 10), Tsz Ching HU (Year 9) and Ka Chun SIU (Year 9). Adelaide International School wishes them the very best of luck as they begin their next life chapter. My, Tsz Ching and Ka Chun are now important alumni, and will always hold a place in Adelaide International School's continuous growing history.



Miss Maliza Huang (EAP For SACE Connect main teacher), Tsz Ching HU, Ka Chun SIU.

Term 4 is the last term for many of our current students. Like each term, we will still have more new students joining the classroom and we look forward to getting to know them. For Humanities, we will learn about Moving Populations, for Science: Cells and for Intensive English: Stories. It will be a short term of 9 weeks before Term 5 commences. Many of the students will continue lessons across the holiday period. My advice for all the EAP students is to:

- Review vocabulary and content learned in class
- Listen to your teacher's feedback for any formative and summative work
- Speak more English to each other
- Seek clarification from your teachers and classmates when needed
- Spread positivity as it can be contagious!

The SACE Board Examinations

The SACE Board Examinations began this week and so far our students have sat Mathematical Methods, English as an Additional Language (EAL) and Essential Mathematics. These examinations proceeded without interruption thanks to well-organised students and staff. This year was the first time the SACE Board has required the EAL examination to be completed online. The first e-exam went smoothly and students are congratulated for their preparation at learning the e-exam systems, having the correct examination lock down browser and for learning the computer functions needed to complete this examination. The students and systems provided for assessment integrity and we are very much looking forward to finding out their results soon.

Still to come, is the Specialist Mathematics examination on Wednesday next week. Students must be present at school by 8.30am and seated by 8.45am. This assessment begins at 9am.

I have been very impressed with the seriousness the students have taken this assessment and for their preparation in what has been a very busy and adaptable year.

Please join me in congratulating the students for their efforts and to wish the highest performing mathematics students well in their next examination.



COVID 19 SAFE



All parents and students, please be advised that there is a small COVID surge in Adelaide at the moment. While not alarming it's a timely reminder that everyone needs to take precaution to keep themselves and others safe.

If you or your child is ill, please stay at home.

Please see a medical professional and take a COVID test. PCR is a recommendation but any positive result from any testing method should be taken seriously and isolation and care will be required.

If ill, students should stay home from school until their symptoms ease and they feel well enough to join in again. We'll happily welcome you back.

During any time you are positive, please do not attend high risk settings such as unessential medical facilities or homes of the elderly as they and other groups are particularly vulnerable to this illness.

Wearing masks can minimise spread and rates of contraction and we recommend your child should have clean masks with them at school.

If you show symptoms but feel well, I know it's tempting to come to school.

Please do not.

Advise us of your positive result and get permission to join online from home. This is a reasonable adjustment for covid and we're happy to help you with this.

Remember:

- Wash hands for as long as it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" and dispose of any tissues or other hygiene products carefully.
- Cough into the crook of your arm and try to not touch your face.
- Social distance of 1.5 metres is easily achievable most of the time in Adelaide and while on site at AIS. Always try to aim for this distance. The virus can travel, but it's heavy and won't travel far...which is why social distancing works!

Please look after yourselves and stay hydrated, sleep well, eat healthily and watch your personal hygiene.



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