



# NEWSLETTER

Week 4 Term 4 2021



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## Important Diary Dates

### Wednesday 3 Nov

RAA incursion  
JP - Yr 3/4

### Thursday 4 November

Room 7 Marine  
Discovery Centre

### Thursday 11 November

Children's Uni  
Graduation  
Bonython Hall 5.15pm

### Friday 12 November

Bluearth Sports Day

### Thursday 18 November

Music showcase

### Friday 19 November

R/1 Zoo excursion

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 4. We have certainly started with a bang!

### Colour Fun Run

On Friday in week 2, a majority of the students were involved with the Colour Fun Run. All the children had an amazing afternoon with the support of P&F. The event was organised and run by rooms 8J and 8S. Thank you to Lucy, Kate and Tiffany for all of their hard work.



### World Teacher's Day

Last Friday was World Teacher's day and we celebrated with a morning tea provided by our amazing SSO team. Blackwood Primary School is very lucky to be blessed with an extremely hard working, professional teaching staff who continually strive to provide the students with the best learning opportunities possible. World Teacher's Day is a day where we have the opportunity to thank and acknowledge all of their wonderful work. I am very privileged to work and lead these amazing teachers and I am sure you will join me in thanking them for all of their dedication and support for our students.

### NAPLAN

We recently sent out our NAPLAN parent reports and our school again has achieved some great results. In writing, our Higher Band achievement in Year 3 has increased from 38% to 56% and Year 7 has improved from 23% to 28%. In reading, our Year 3 result was the highest ever recorded with 68% of students achieving Higher Bands. Spelling in Year 3 also showed an increase in higher bands as did our Year 5s in Numeracy.

It's pleasing to see that our results in Literacy are reflective of the work that we have been doing around writing and reading throughout our school. We will continue to implement the program in this area and next, continue our work in the area of Numeracy in 2022.

### Grounds Upgrades

Over the school holidays we had an air-conditioning system installed in our hall; just in time for the summer season. We are also in the process of receiving designs and quotes for a new Junior Primary playground. If you are interested in seeing the new design there is a display up on the Front Office windows.

### COVID Update

Please find the latest COVID information later in this newsletter including a letter to parents from Professor Nicola Spurrier regarding vaccinations.



## School Information

### Student Absence

If your child will be **absent** from school, please send a txt through the

### School Star App

or

**SMS Text to  
0427 016 460**

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### Banking Day

Banking day is

**Wednesday**

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### Term Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Monday 8:15 – 9:15  
Wednesday 12.45 - 1.30  
Friday 8:15 – 9:15  
3:00 – 3:45

Ph: 8350 7933

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### KickStart Breakfast

Tuesday, Wednesday

& Friday

8:30am

Outside the Canteen

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### Lost and Found

Ensure all items are clearly labelled so we can return them to you and check the lost and found cupboard for missing items.

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### BPS Playgroup

Thursdays

0 – 4 year olds

9am to 11am

OSHC Room

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### School Tour Days

We offer school tours for new families & new students.

Contact Reception on 8278 5355 for the next tour date and to book.

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To join, search for Blackwood PS Scene in Facebook and click on the Join button.



## Uniform Shop Reopening

Uniform Shop at Blackwood Primary School will be open again from week 4.

Monday	8:15 – 9:15am
Wednesday	12.45 - 1.30pm
Friday	8:15 – 9:15am 3:00 – 3:45pm

## Pastoral Care News

Can you believe we're already part way through term 4? Time is going so fast! And that means the summer holidays will be here before we know it. With summer holidays comes the (perhaps daunting) task of entertaining children over the longer break. And with all that extra time to fill, it can mean an increase in screen time.

Whilst some screen time as part of a balanced lifestyle can be beneficial, it's important we monitor how much time our young people are spending behind a screen. The Australian Department of Health specifies that children 5-17 years old should be limited to two or less hours of recreational screen time a day. When I really think about what that number practically looks like – it's not much! But I think it's important to remember that as a parent, it is not your job to entertain your child 24 hours a day. In fact, boredom can be a really great prompt for your children to discover and create new things! Don't be afraid to allow for some unstructured 'boring moments' throughout the holidays to allow for your child's own creativity to take over.

Screen time can also be used to encourage physical activity, rather than being a purely sedentary activity. The following article provides some great advice for fostering physical activity through technology:

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/play-media-technology/screen-time-healthy-screen-use/screen-time-physical-activity>

The Raising Children website ([www.raisingchildren.net.au](http://www.raisingchildren.net.au)) has a fantastic range of resources to aid in setting healthy habits for family screen time, as well as advice on how to navigate the world of video games, online games and social media with your children. Screens aren't going anywhere, so it's important we build up strong positive skills for our children to grow and develop into responsible technology users.

If you'd like to have a chat with either Brenton or myself about healthy habits at home, we'd love to speak with you!

Christy Bailey  
Pastoral Care Worker

## School Sport News

Since the last school newsletter, we have had a number of students represent the Southern Heights District in several sports.

- Marshall, Isabel P, Davina, Aimee and Lachy participated in the **Metro Athletics Carnival**
- Aimee and Jess M played **Football** (Soccer) at the State Carnival
- Emily M played **AFLW** at the State Carnival

We congratulate these students on their selection and performance at these carnivals.

## Materials and Services Charge 2022 – On-line polling

This year we are introducing on-line polling. Each family is entitled to one vote per student per poll. The poll opens on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 and closes on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021, an email has been sent out to parents and caregivers.

As a government school our funding is supplied primarily from a grant from the SA government. The funding covers staff costs, Teachers' materials and equipment, special purpose programs, student support services, information technology, facilities, maintenance, school security and school operational costs.

The Materials and Services charges which parents pay contributes toward the costs of curriculum which includes text books, stationery, computing needs and consumable resources. At Blackwood Primary we pride ourselves on the quality and variety of resources that we offer our students, and the programs that we deliver particularly the IB program, and want to continue to support our students to achieve the best outcomes they are capable of.

The purpose of this poll is to support the collection of Materials & services charges for 2022 at the amount of \$390. As in previous years, the Governing Council strongly encourage you to support the poll by voting yes to making the M & S fee for 2022 fully legally recoverable. Thank you for your support.

## Sun Smart Policy



As the weather is warming up, it is important to be aware of the Sun Smart policy at Blackwood Primary School.

Please click on the following link to our website to access our policy.

<https://blackwoodps.sa.edu.au/uploads/5/2/1/7/52179751/sunsmart.pdf>

## Early Arrival at School

Recently we have noticed that there has been an increase in the number of students arriving at school early. Parents are reminded that the yard is unsupervised before 8.30am and after 3.40pm (Tues – Thurs) and 2.50pm (Monday). Any student who needs to be at school outside of these hours must attend OSHC. Parents are welcome to wait with their child until the 8.30am beginning of yard duty time.

## Class Placement for 2022

The class placement process is well underway for the 2022 school year. If you know of anyone who is intending to enroll at Blackwood Primary School and have not returned an enrollment form please encourage them to do so ASAP. Alternatively, if you are not intending on returning to us next year then also let the office know.

## Lost Property

A pair of children's purple prescription glasses have been handed into the office. If they belong to your child please call into the office to collect them.

Also a couple of watches have been handed in. Please see office staff if you think they belong to your child.



## Rooms 14, 19 and 20 Class Report

For our Unit of Inquiry in Term 3 our Transdisciplinary theme was "Where We Are in Place and Time" and our central idea was "People recognise the importance of preserving items from the past".

Our lines of inquiry were exploring "aspects of the past you can see today, the significance of preserved items, and looking at items from the past".

We were lucky enough to have two incursions this term.



Geoff Lock a local resident and retired Blackwood teacher, spoke to the children about artefacts from the past that he had collected over time. Children were fortunate to be able to handle and investigate these items and hear why he has preserved them.



The other incursion was looking at old toys and games brought in by Allan Griffiths from the *Australian Museum of Childhood*. This gave children the opportunity to explore these games in an interactive way. Allan has games that he has been collecting and preserving for over 40 years. Children were able to compare and contrast items from the past and items now and look into how they were made and what materials they were constructed from.

To conclude this unit, children nominated a current item that they thought would be important to preserve for future generations and recorded reasons for their choice.



## PYP 6/7 Exhibition 2021

On Tuesday night (26th of October, Week 3), 120 Year 6/7 students presented their learning from their Primary Years Programme (PYP) Exhibition inquiries. The PYP Exhibition is the culminating, collaborative experience in the final year of the IB Primary Years Programme. Students explored, documented, and shared their understanding of an issue or opportunity of personal significance, based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Our central idea was 'Thinking beyond ourselves empowers us to act'. One of the important aspects of the PYP Exhibition is that students can demonstrate an understanding of the components of the PYP: IB learner profile, knowledge, concepts, approaches to learning and action.



Students started early in Term 2, exploring the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals, before using these to spark their thinking. The students chose a goal and a focus area of their own interest, to inquire into further.

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/about-us/sustainable-development-goals-sdgs-and-disability.html>

Students started their inquiry, by designing lines of inquiry and researching, through books and the internet. They were also encouraged to find primary sources of information to help add to their research. One skill students learned while researching was to create a Harvard referenced bibliography, in order to be academically honest.



Throughout the process, students were also meeting with adult mentors from across the school. These included teachers from R-7, pre-service teachers, SSOs as well as Leadership.

One of the most exciting parts of an Exhibition is that students are encouraged and given time to take meaningful action. Students can take action through participation, advocacy, social justice, social entrepreneurship, and lifestyle choices. Some examples of action taken by our 6/7 students were; sorting our classroom rubbish into sections to better recycle and reuse materials, turning off lights and electrical items at the powerpoints or going without power for a certain amount of time, taking shorter showers, reducing meat intake, re-designing our school's bathroom signs, organising games in younger year level classes' collecting sanitary items for women's shelters and charities and collecting food to donate to Food Bank, just to name a few.



Finally, students presented their understanding of their learning to a panel that consisted of a teacher and their peers, as well as celebrating what they have done with their parents/families at a special evening.

Well done to all Year 6/7 students and thank you to all families, teachers, and mentors who assisted and guided our students through this rigorous, but rewarding process.



We are looking forward to seeing what 2022's Exhibition will bring!

*Jen Herbert on behalf of the Year 6/7 Teachers*

## COLOUR FUN RUN

### Activities and Planning

Room 8 organised the Colour Fun Run with Parents and Friends. This is a sneak peek of how we planned the Colour Fun Run. It took a lot of thinking, cooperating and managing from Room 8. We watched a slide show about the different groups we could be in, such as activities, coloured powder, ideas, mapping, leadership liaisons, budget, risk assessment, timeline and volunteer coordinators. We found out what groups we were in and talked about what our group needed to do. Then we talked a little and then planned our next steps. Our groups wrote down minutes every time we met and tried to complete our goals. Some groups found out information like the distance of the track, where the objects would be, where the colour powder throwing would be and where the course would be. When we finished our task we tested it. When we finished testing we were done so we set up for the day.



Thanks for reading!

Written by Isla, Abbie, Cathy and Archer

### The Set Up

We split into different groups, such as activities, colour powder, leadership liaisons, budget, risk assessment, timeline, mapping, volunteers and ideas. On the day we went around the school four times before the event, setting up the activities and checking if the track was safe.

Written by James, Henry, River and Ellen



### The day of the big event

Last Friday we had the Colour Fun Run. The whole school ran under tents and got covered in powder. We had so much fun! The CFS came and sprayed water at us as we ran past. The teachers, students and parents threw powder at us at different stations. We also had obstacle courses for the school to run through. At the end we threw powder up into the air and a drone took a picture.

Written by Asher



# OSHC NEWS

## Vacation Care December 2021 / January 2022 Opening Weeks

Blackwood OSHC service closes for two weeks from Christmas and reopens on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2022. The Program and information will be available from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Whilst we are booking some great incursions and excursions, please note that the Program may change at short notice, due to COVID restrictions and unforeseen circumstances.

Vacation Care December/January, opening hours 7.00am-6.00pm

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 21 – Week 1**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December 21 – Week 2**

**Closed - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December 21 – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 22 - Closed**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> Friday January 22 – Week 3**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 22 – Week 4**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 22 – Week 5**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January Pupil free day – OSHC open**

*Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February School Resumes*

## OSHC Bookings on app

Occasionally the My Family Lounge app is not working (usually do to an upgrade from the software company). If you encounter issues when attempting to make a booking, cancellation, or absence please email or phone the service. If you require Before School Care on the day, you must phone the service prior to attending to check we have space, prior to turning up.

## New Reception OSHC Induction

New Families can come and meet the Director, Kim and Assistant Director, Kayla on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am after dropping the children off for their Reception Transition. You will find out information about the OSHC service and enrolment process and have the opportunity to ask questions. After the Reception Transition, parents may bring their children to the OSHC room from 11.00-11.30am for an OSHC induction visit. Some of the kids from the OSHC Kids Committee (in Years 5,6,7) will be organising activities for the new Reception students.

## Hygiene and Covid Practices

Parents/Carers are required to follow these procedures:

- Wear a mask when entering the OSHC room (if you do not have a mask, please wait outside for a staff member to come out with the iPad to sign in/out)
- QR Code Check-in
- Either use the Hand Sanitiser provided or wash hands at the sink near the entrance.
- If your child is taking a while to come inside after being called, please wait outside to avoid crowding inside at the entrance.
- Do not walk around the OSHC facility or into the Hall to get your child's bag.



The staff and kids had a great time at Old Tailern Town in the October Holidays!



## BLACKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL 2022 YEAR 6 SENIOR ORDER

Devon Clothing and Blackwood Primary School invite all Yr 6 Students in 2022 to place Online Orders for Senior Items now.

Ordering is available from now until Sunday 7th November, no late orders can be accepted.

Orders for Senior Items are accepted ONLINE ONLY during the order open dates, orders are not available through the Devon Clothing Uniform Shops.

Sizing ranges for trying on are located in the school front office, please try on for size prior to placing your Online Order.

Any customer enquiries can be placed through the "Contact Us" Tab located on the Online ordering page

Please follow the Link Below to place your order

<https://onlinestore.devonclothing.com.au/commemorative/blackwood-primary-school/>

PLEASE NOTE: Delivery to personal address is not available for this order. All garments will be delivered to school.

Shipping Method

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Pickup in Store / From School	\$0.00
<input type="radio"/> Post Box	\$5.95

Order Comments



Devon Clothing  
84 Daws Rd,  
Edwardstown 5039  
dcus@devonclothing.com.au  
08 8350 7903

<https://www.facebook.com/DevonClothingAus>  
<https://devonclothing.com.au/>

## DEVON CLOTHING

Welcome to our new Webstore!

Please find your school logo on the **Shop by School** page and click to order your Uniform garments.

Information regarding Descriptions, Delivery / Pick up and Returns / Refunds is also available.

Once you have selected all your items, add to Cart and Checkout. We now have multiple payment options available, including PayPal!

Attendance at all Devon Clothing Uniform Shops is by Appointment Only during our Peak Trading from November through to February.

**To Book an Appointment** Find the Schedule Appointment button at the top right hand of the page, and when prompted, select the date and time to suit you.

Schedule Appointment

Please book your appointments as soon as possible allowing 1 appointment per student being fitted to assist us in abiding by Social Distancing rules.



We have improved our Webstore for your convenience however while the system is still in its infancy, we may encounter some teething issues.

For further support or feedback, please call or email the contact details listed at the top of this page and speak with one of our friendly shop staff.



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[sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVID2019](https://sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVID2019)

**PHYSICAL DISTANCING**  
IS ONE OF THE BEST THINGS WE CAN DO  
TO STOP THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS.

Coronavirus  
(COVID-19)

# COVID-19 UPDATE

## COVID-19 Update – 25 October

### Parents and visitors on site

Parents, volunteers and visitors are welcome in schools and preschools providing COVID safe measures are in place and followed.

All parents and visitors are required to COVID-Safe check in when entering buildings, and practise physical distancing from other adults.

It's recommended that parents and other visiting adults wear masks when entering school or preschool buildings. This includes volunteers. Masks are not required outdoors if adults can physical distance. This is consistent with community mask use requirements.

### Face mask use

As advised last week face mask use for students and staff is now optional.

Additional points to note:

- Students aged 12 and over and staff should abide by the SA Health public guidelines when off-site or on excursions.
- Face masks are optional for bus drivers, music instructors, canteen staff and other similar staff who are employed exclusively by the school. Masks are recommended indoors for staff or contractors who work across multiple sites and for other adult visitors to sites.

It's recommended students and staff have a mask for use in circumstances where you can't physical distance.

### End of year events

Events held within school or preschool grounds can go ahead providing:

- [recommended density and physical distancing requirements](#) are able to be met by all attending adults
- masks are available and recommended for all adults (who are not staff and not performing) when indoors
- all attendees COVID-Safe check in
- appropriate hygiene provisions (eg sanitiser stations) are in place
- attendees are advised that they must not attend if unwell, even mildly.

At Blackwood Primary School we are looking forward to celebrating the end of the school year with parents. Please be aware that there will still be some restrictions due to space available. It is important that we continue to stay within the recommended density and physical distancing requirements.



# A MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS FROM

Professor Nicola Spurrier,  
Chief Public Health Officer



Dear parents and caregivers,

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a worrying time for all of us.

The Delta COVID-19 variant is twice as infectious as the original COVID-19 strain and there are now more cases in children and young people.

Vaccination is the best way to protect you, your family, and your friends from getting sick, and reduce the risk of outbreaks and school closures.

**I encourage everyone aged 12 years and over in your household to get vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible.**

COVID-19 vaccines in Australia are safe and many millions of Australians are already protected.

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has recommended both the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for people aged 12 years and over in Australia.

Consent from a parent/caregiver for COVID-19 vaccination is required for anyone under the age of 16.

To find a location to get vaccinated and book, visit [covidvaccine.sa.gov.au](https://covidvaccine.sa.gov.au)

SA Health has lots of information to help answer questions, including videos, fact sheets and a range of other resources. For more information, visit [covidvaccine.sa.gov.au](https://covidvaccine.sa.gov.au)

Thank you for keeping South Australia COVID safe. Please join me in being a fully vaccinated family.

Yours sincerely

**PROFESSOR NICOLA SPURRIER**  
Chief Public Health Officer  
Health Regulation and Protection



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SA Health

**COVIDVACCINE**  
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## LEARN A LANGUAGE IN 2022!

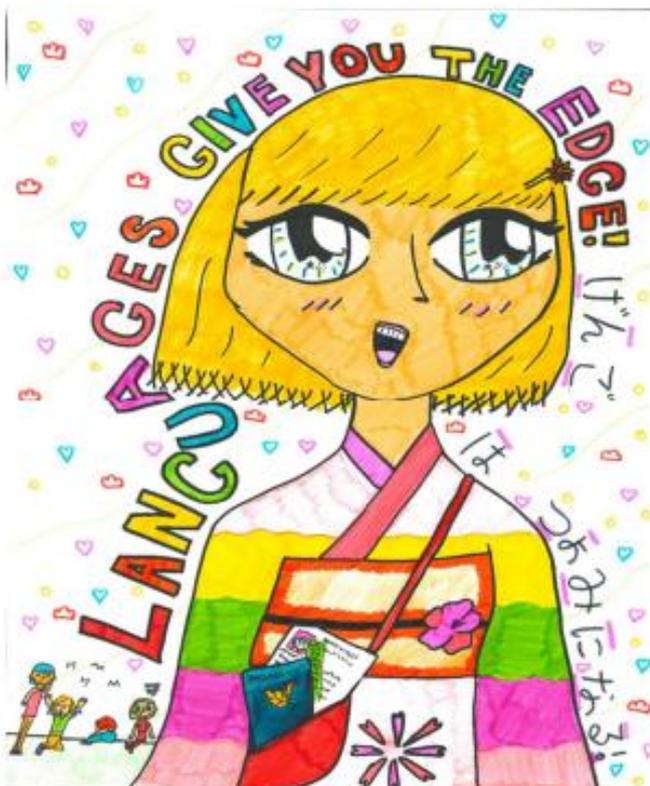
R-6 programs offered in 16 languages for students from all schooling sectors:  
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- ◇ Courses follow the Australian Curriculum and End of Term reports sent home and to the day school.
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- ◇ Weekly Teaching and Learning Plan, with lesson content and homework tasks.
- ◇ Annual Subject Charge: \$125



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# YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL IN 2022



## Parent Update

### Week 4, Term 4 – 2021

#### Independence in high school

Starting high school marks a transition to increased independence for many students.

Our high schools support and trust students to find their own way to classes. They also help them plan for and manage their own workloads.

Many families also start to consider opportunities for increased independence for their adolescent children.

For example, some students might start to catch the bus to school on their own, or they might spend some time at home without parents during school holidays.

Each child and family is unique and parents and carers must make their own decisions about independence to suit their individual circumstances. Below is some information you may find helpful when making these decisions.

#### Out of school hours care

Parents and carers may need to consider and plan for the amount of supervision their high school child will need before and after school and during school holidays.

High schools don't generally provide OSHC (out of school hours care) but some do offer alternatives, such as after school study, during the school term. Contact your high school for more information.

Some OSHC providers in primary schools may offer places to year 7 students. Contact your existing OSHC for more information or visit the [child care finder](#) on the Department of Education, Skills and Employment's website to find a service near you.

#### Being home alone

The Parenting SA [Home alone - Parent Easy Guide](#) provides advice on leaving your child home alone.

It says there is no law stating when children can or cannot be left home alone. However, the law is clear that parents are responsible for their children's safety.

The decision on when to leave children alone comes down to individual parents and the age and maturity of their children.

Read the guide for further information and suggestions to keep your child safe when they are home alone. You will find it on the [Parenting SA](#) website.

#### Catching the bus

Timetables for 2022 metropolitan school bus services will be available later this month, including for our new schools, Aldinga Payinthe College and Riverbanks College B-12.

Extra school buses are being provided to cater for increased commuter demand from the year 7 to high school move.

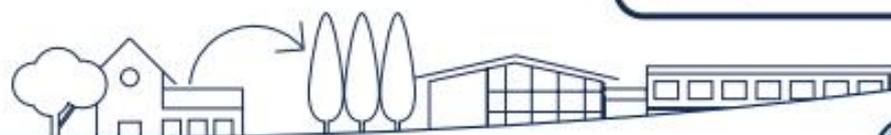
School buses are designated services for students, parents and teachers only, and not the general public.

For more information on catching the bus to school, including tips on student safety, visit Adelaide Metro's [travel to school](#) page.

#### Where to find out more

Stay informed through your school and the Department for Education's website: [www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS](http://www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS).

Or share your feedback with the project team by emailing: [Year7toHS@sa.gov.au](mailto:Year7toHS@sa.gov.au).



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## IGNITE INFORMATION EVENING

for students and parents interested in the  
Aberfoyle Park High School  
**Year 7 IGNITE program from 2023**

IGNITE is a specialist program for students with high intellectual potential. Aberfoyle Park High School is the official Department for Education school for gifted students in the southern metropolitan area of Adelaide.

Come along to our information evening to learn more about the structure and philosophies of the program, characteristics of gifted learners and the selection process.



Register your attendance by emailing [ignite@aphs.sa.edu.au](mailto:ignite@aphs.sa.edu.au) with your child's name, current school and year level. Please also advise of the number of attendees as places are limited.

**THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2021 | 6.30 - 7.30 P.M.**  
**ABERFOYLE PARK HIGH SCHOOL**  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL CENTRE**  
ENTER THROUGH GATE 2 VIA TAYLORS ROAD