

Issue: term 3, week 8

Important Dates

Eco Rangers session, EcoSanctuary, 3:30pm

Thursday 11 September

Years 7-8 student-led conferences, 3:40pm - 6:00pm

Tuesday 16 September

Japan tour (19 September - 4 October)

Friday 19 September

Last day of Term 3

Friday 26 September

Upcoming Events

Year 12 Photography Exhibition

Venue: Tatachilla Lutheran College - McLaren Vale

Date: Thursday 11 September

Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Dance Showcase

Venue: Tatachilla Lutheran College - McLaren Vale

Date: Friday 12 September

Time: 6:00pm

College tour of the middle and senior years

Venue: Tatachilla Lutheran College - McLaren Vale

Date: Thursday 25 September

Time: 9:30am

Blessing of the Animals

Venue: Tatachilla Lutheran College - McLaren Vale

Date: Friday 26 September

Time: 8:50am

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An unforgettable SALA opening

This year's SALA showcase brought something truly unforgettable to Tatachilla Lutheran College. *Walk in My Shoes* was a vibrant and thought-provoking exhibition that saw our emerging artists transform everyday footwear into extraordinary works of art.

From painted sneakers that told stories of family and culture to sculptural heels that explored memory, place and imagination, each piece invited audiences to “walk” alongside the artist's journey. The exhibition was a celebration of creativity and storytelling—proof that art can turn the ordinary into something extraordinary.

The opening night on Thursday 28 August was filled with colour, conversation and pride, as families, friends and members of our community explored the beautiful gallery space within the college's EcoSanctuary. It was an evening that highlighted not only the talent of our students but also the role of the visual arts as a powerful language of expression at Tatachilla.

The college congratulates all of its exhibiting artists and thanks art teachers Coral Winterbourn and Jessica Felgenhaur for their leadership, artistry and support.





Celebrating artistic excellence

A highlight of our SALA exhibition launch was the presentation of the *2025 SALA Artistic Excellence Awards*. These awards recognised students who demonstrated outstanding creativity, perseverance and depth in their art-making practice.

Congratulations to our award winners:

Year 7 – Uki Simiugheime, Juno Worth, Rose de Sciscio

Year 8 – Tommy Aldridge, Annabelle Hockey, Charlotte Vandenharn

Year 9 – Oliver Freebairn

Year 11 – Korakan (Ya Ya) Saengthongsongsakul

Each of these students showed a remarkable ability to communicate ideas, express emotions and challenge perspectives through their art. Their achievements remind us that visual art is not only about technique but also about imagination, resilience and voice.

We are incredibly proud of all of our young artists, whose work continues to inspire and enrich our community. SALA 2025 was more than an exhibition—it was an invitation to step into the stories of our students and celebrate the creative spirit that shines brightly at Tatachilla.



Student voice in print: Amy's article hits page two



The college congratulates Year 12 student **Amy Robinson**, who has achieved a remarkable milestone in her writing journey, with her first article published in the *Fleurieu Sun* on Thursday, 4 September 2025.

Amy's story, which appeared on page two, explored the role of phosphorous in South Australia's current algal bloom – an environmental issue affecting almost a quarter of the state's coastline. Determined to highlight a subject that truly matters to her community, Amy combined research, expert interviews and her own photography to create a balanced and impactful piece of journalism.

Her journey began when she spent two days at the *Fleurieu Sun* newsroom in Victor Harbor, shadowing journalists and experiencing the fast pace of a working press office. "I was most surprised by how many stories the team could produce in just one day," Amy shared. Sitting in on the weekly editorial meeting, led by Editor Michael Simmons, Amy had the rare opportunity to select her own topic and was challenged to deliver her piece within a 500-word limit.

To bring her article to life, Amy conducted online research into the science of algal blooms, sought comment from marine ecology experts, and travelled to Brighton Beach to capture photographs of the bloom's impact on local marine fauna. The most challenging part, Amy reflected, was ensuring her article "flowed smoothly and didn't feel disjointed" – a skill she honed through determination and feedback from the newsroom team.

With her first byline now in print, Amy has developed a real passion for journalism. This October, she will continue her field experience by shadowing veteran broadcaster June Taylor at the Port Elliot Show, where she will participate in live interviews to camera.

Looking ahead, Amy dreams of a career in journalism, writing stories that "inform, educate

and inspire social change.”

Originally from Yorkshire in the UK, Amy must become a permanent resident of Australia before she can commence tertiary studies, meaning that university is on hold until 2027. In the meantime, the college is proud to support Amy in gaining industry experience through connections with mentors such as Michael Simmons and June Taylor.

A passionate student of English and History, Amy is already building the foundation for a future career that combines her love of storytelling with her desire to make a difference.

We celebrate Amy’s outstanding achievement and look forward to following her journey as she pursues her dream of becoming a journalist.

25 August 2025

Building a culture of care: SRC attend ‘R U OK?’ student summit




Our Year 5 and 6 student leaders recently took part in the inaugural ‘R U OK? Day’ student summit, joining peers from across South Australia to learn, collaborate and champion the importance of connection and meaningful conversation.

On Monday 25 August, Year 5 and 6 Student Representative Council (SRC) members and junior years captains proudly represented the college at the inaugural ‘R U OK? Day’ student summit at Prince Alfred College in Adelaide.

This was the first event of its kind in Australia, bringing together student leaders from across South Australia to champion a culture of connection, compassion and meaningful conversation. Throughout the day, our students explored the importance of ‘R U OK? Day’, developed action plans to embed its values within their own school communities and reflected on how these principles can be practised every day—not just on the official day.

Students heard from keynote speakers and a leadership panel from Prince Alfred College, before taking part in collaborative workshops and networking activities designed to build connections with peers from other schools.

What our students said about the R U OK Day summit:



“It was an important day to be part of because we learnt what ‘R U OK? Day’ is all about and some ways to actually listen to others and act on what they say. The leaders’ day acknowledged how important it is to give others time to share, but also make time to listen and do something about it.”

– **Mila Gustini, Year 6**

“At the student summit, we learnt how to actually ask ‘R U OK?’ and help our peers. I mostly enjoyed the presentation by Dr Hannah Brown.”

– **Albrecht Du Toit, Year 5**

Student participants:



Year 5 students: **Albrecht Du Toit, Willow Alexopoulos, Zoey Holder**

Year 6 students: **Mila Gustini, George Archontidis, Nell Mills, Oscar Hayball-Diener, Hazel Rose**

A special thank you to staff members **Emily Mikulcic** (R-6 Flourish Coordinator) and **Lee-Anne Munro** (Acting College Pastor) for attending and supporting the students on the day.

A night of fun and fundraising: junior years' disco

Our annual junior years' disco is always a highlight on the calendar, and this year was no exception, with more than 300 students attending across three sessions on Friday 29 August. Together, our school community raised an impressive \$1,296.

The junior years' Student Representative Council will now decide how these funds will be used to benefit students, with details to be announced soon. In previous years, students have chosen to purchase new sandpit toys, sports equipment and even a basketball ring.

We warmly thank all families for their support of this event and extend our gratitude to the junior years staff and Parent Partners for their efforts in organising and running such a fun-filled night.



10 September 2025

Year 7/8 girls' soccer team heads to state finals



Our Year 7/8 girls' soccer team delivered two outstanding wins in the qualifying round to secure their place in the upcoming state finals.

In the qualifying round, the team showed both skill and determination. They opened with a dominant 7–0 win against Seaview High School, before overcoming Cardijn College 4–0 after a tightly contested first half.

Captain **Madeleine Short** led from the front, scoring multiple goals, while **Aalyah King**, **Molly Wright** and late call-up **Adi Anderson** also found the back of the net. Strong defence from **Sofia Santana** and **Sophie Johnstone**, combined with the tireless midfield work of **Payton Cutler**, ensured a well-rounded team performance.

Thanks to student coaches **Paige Hays** and **Rebecca Evans** (Year 11) for their leadership, and to **Maya Barry** (Year 10) for assisting as linesperson.

Congratulations to the squad on their teamwork, spirit and determination—best of luck in the state finals!

Squad:

Sofia Santana, **Aalyah King**, **Summer McKenna**, **Georgina Taylor**, **Asha Barry**, **Chloe Kelsey**, **Payton Cutler** (Year 7), **Madeleine Short**, **Sophie Johnstone**, **Molly Wright**, **Izzy Brown**, **Annabelle Hockey**, **Adi Anderson** and **Taya Giles** (Year 8).

Year 9/10 girls' futsal team secures place in state finals



Our Year 9/10 girls' futsal team delivered an outstanding performance at their recent tournament, earning a well-deserved place in the state finals.

After drawing their opening match against Seaford, the team grew in confidence and went on to win the remainder of their games, showcasing their skills through sharp passing combinations and strong defensive play. **Lily Edwards** impressed as the leading goal scorer, while **Maya Barry** was rock-solid in defence. With the late withdrawal of our goalkeeper, **Anna Wright** stepped in demonstrating outstanding versatility.

Well done to all team members and best of luck at the upcoming state championships!

Squad: Anna Wright, Lily Edwards, Cerys Llewelyn-Jones, Maya Barry (Year 10), Caillin Thomas (Year 9), Molly Wright and Madeleine Short (Year 8).

Father's Day breakfast in pictures

Fathers hold a treasured place in the hearts of our community, and this year's Father's Day breakfast on 3 September was a beautiful celebration of their love and influence. The college was delighted to welcome so many Tatachilla dads, grandfathers and father figures to this sell-out event.

The morning was filled with laughter, conversation and gratitude as students shared a meal with the men who inspire, protect, guide and encourage them every day. It was a simple yet profound way for our community to say thank you for the countless ways fathers show up in their children's lives.

As one author once reflected, "A father is someone you look up to, no matter how tall you grow."



Adelaide 36ers school holiday basketball clinics

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Basketball clinics are back this upcoming school holidays with the Adelaide 36ers running two-day programs at the state basketball centre in Wayville and The Lights Community and Sports Centre in Lightsvue.

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