TATACHILLA LUTHERAN COLLEGE

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Important Dates

Valedictory service, Woodcroft Revival Centre, 6:30pm

Thursday 20 November

Year 6 graduation ceremony and dinner

Tuesday 2 December

Final day of school

Wednesday 10 December

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Three decades, one vibrant community

What a night! On Friday 14 November we were delighted to welcome 200 guests to our 30th anniversary celebration on campus — a milestone moment for Tatachilla Lutheran College.

The evening brought together the Class of 2005 for their 20-year reunion, the Class of 2015 for their 10-year reunion, and a special gathering of past and present staff, principals and Board members.

Together, we honoured three decades of Christ-centred, student-focused, educational leadership on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

Not even the rain could dampen the spirit of the crowd. The atmosphere was alive with excitement, genuine connection, fond recollections and the joy of being together again — a true celebration of the community that has shaped our story.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this event one to remember. Our buckets are full, and our hearts are too. We have truly been blessed.

Here's to the next 30 years — we can't wait to walk them with you.











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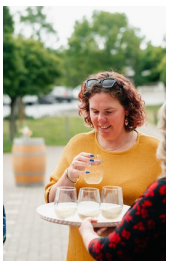



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Tori Young named rising cricket star



Year 9 student **Tori** has been recognised as one of South Australia's top 35 next-generation female cricketers to watch.

The Advertiser, in consultation with coaches from the nine Premier Cricket clubs that field women's teams, compiled the prestigious list showcasing the state's most promising female talents under 20. Tori's inclusion highlights not only her impressive skill and commitment, but also the bright future of women's cricket in South Australia.

A dedicated member of Tatachilla's Advanced Athlete Development Program, Tori

represents an extraordinary breadth of experience across the state's cricketing community. She currently plays for Reynella Cricket Club (Senior Women's), Brighton Cricket Club (U18s), Southern Districts Cricket Club (U18 Shield) and occasionally for Happy Valley Cricket Club (Senior Men's).

Southern Districts coach describes Tori as "a top-order batter who is very team-oriented, someone who shows great leadership and is always wanting to help her teammates." He adds that she is "a very strong square-of-the-wicket, back-foot player who is continuing to develop her game while also bowling a little in the Adelaide Turf competition."

Tori's cricket journey began early—she first picked up a bat at age four and was already playing in a local U16 side at just six years old. She credits those early years with helping her become the fearless competitor she is today. Among her favourite milestones so far are hitting the first six of her career and scoring her maiden half-century last year.

Her recent acceptance into the Emerging Leaders Program run by the South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) further demonstrates her growing influence both on and off the field. The program, led by performance psychologist and former Australian indoor hockey representative Dr Mindy Simpson, equips young women aged 14–18 with skills in leadership, emotional intelligence, confidence, accountability and strategic decision-making. Entry into the program is highly competitive, requiring a written application and references.

Despite her achievements, Tori remains grounded and deeply connected to the team aspect of cricket. She loves the way every player contributes to a result, describing the team environment as energising and rewarding.

Tori draws her greatest inspiration from her father (a fellow cricketing aficionado), as well as the long-standing members of Happy Valley Cricket Club, Reynella captain Jo Posgate, and Australian T20 cricketer Ashleigh Carey (sister of Australian Test cricketer, Alex Carey).

Her ultimate ambition is clear: to one day play cricket for Australia.

Tatachilla congratulates Tori on this outstanding recognition and looks forward to supporting her continued growth as both an athlete and a leader.

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Young poet earns state recognition



The college is proud to celebrate Year 10 student **Sundae (Sunny)** whose original poem *The Spider* has been published in the 2025 Spring Poetry Festival Anthology, produced by the South Australian English Teachers Association (SAETA).

This year's anthology marks SAETA's 50th anniversary and features only a small selection of poems from more than 400 entries submitted statewide.

Sunny's inclusion is an outstanding achievement, showcasing both her creativity and thoughtfulness as a young writer.

Sunny was formally recognised at a special presentation on 1 November, where she received a copy of the anthology and a certificate of recognition.

Her poem, *The Spider*, offers readers a fresh perspective on the world through the eyes of a humble house spider. With sensitivity and insight, Sunny explores themes of perception, fear, empathy, and coexistence — reminding us that every being is simply trying to live their life, shaped by the form they were given.

Sunny wrote *The Spider* in her own time, as part of her personal creative journaling practice rather than a class assignment.

A copy of the anthology will soon be available in the Tatachilla College Library for the school community to enjoy.

Congratulations, Sunny, on this inspiring accomplishment.

13 November 2025

Tatachilla performers explore the meaning of home



Our Arts Academy students recently showcased a powerful original work that invited audiences to reflect on what ‘home’ truly means.

Last Thursday 13 November, the the dance and theatre streams of Tatachilla's Arts Academy presented *Sundries from Home*, an original performance piece created in collaboration with industry professionals including choreographers and old scholars **Alix Kuijpers** and **Lucy Newman**, theatre-maker Annabel Matheson and playwright Sean Riley.

Sundries from Home was an episodic piece that investigated the idea of home. It invited the audience to consider: What does home mean? How do we find it? How do we build it? And what happens when home is no longer safe due to the impact of war?

The performance highlighted the experiences of refugees, homeless youth and young people growing up in the foster care system. It also explored the idea of a ‘found family’.

Students from Years 7, 9, 10 and 11 embraced the challenges of creating an original piece of choreograped theatre and were stretched and inspired through workshops with performance veterans.

Congratulations goes to all of our student performers:

Year 7: **Piper, Sierra, Betsy** and **Indianna**

Year 9: **Macklin, Archie, Talana, Sophia, Sierra, Micah, Charlotte, Elouise** and **Alex**

Year 10: **Bella, Myles, Lily** and **Jackson**

Year 11: **Kearni**

31 October 2025

Artistry on show in Year 12 exhibition





The 2025 Year 12 Visual Art Exhibition brought together an inspiring collection of student artworks that showcased imagination, skill and diverse creative voices.

The exhibition showcased the final works of Stage 2 students in an inspiring display entitled *Anthology*. The exhibition marked the culmination of each student's creative journey and highlighted their ability to work independently, develop original ideas and explore a wide range of visual art techniques.

The artworks presented were diverse, imaginative and deeply personal, drawing on students' own experiences as well as the artists and concepts that influenced their practice. The collection featured a far-reaching mix of storytelling approaches that left guests energised and inspired.

Special recognition was given to the exhibition's award recipients. **Toby** received the Principal's Prize for his mixed-media sculptural work *Untitled*, which explored textural surrealism through three-dimensional form. **Elsie** received a High Commendation for *Clockwork Youth*, an 18-piece series of monotone clock artworks symbolising each year of childhood.

The exhibition celebrated not only the quality of the work but also the supportive and collaborative culture established within the art studio. Students demonstrated dedication, creativity and a strong sense of community throughout the year.

The opening night was held on Friday 31 October, with the following students exhibiting their work: **Fionna, Joanne, Marley, Eliza, Elsie, Hayden, Sophia** and **Toby**.

20 November 2025

Cricket girls shine in T20 knockout



Our girls in Year 7-9 have put in an impressive effort across both rounds of the School Sport SA knockout competition in T20 cricket.

Round 1

The Tatachilla Year 7-9 girls' cricket team opened their knockout campaign against Woodcroft College on 29 October. Batting first, **Tori** and **Macie** set a strong foundation, helping the team reach 1/62. Contributions from **Tori** (28), **Macie** (22), **Molly** (18), **Madeline** (4) and **Adi** (1) took Tatachilla to a total of 107 from 20 overs.

A disciplined bowling and fielding effort followed, with **Tori** bowling the opener for a duck and **Madeline** delivering tight, accurate overs. The team restricted Woodcroft to 67, securing a confident first-round win.

Round 2

In the second round on 14 November, Tatachilla faced a strong Adelaide High side on their home ground. Adelaide High posted 175, with two players retiring on 50. **Tori** impressed again with a catch and a wicket, and **Madeline** took an early catch.

Adelaide High shared their bowling across the team, giving Tatachilla valuable time in the middle. Top scorers were **Macie** (11), **Madeline** (7), **Tori** (6) and **Adi** (3). Despite the loss, the girls gained excellent experience and represented the college with determination and positivity.

Deep thanks goes to John Lonergan from the Southern Districts Cricket Academy for assisting with coaching and umpiring and to **Tori** for captaining the side with great leadership and passion.

Students involved in the college's T20 campaign include:
Alannah, Emma, Molly, Beth, Madeline, Adi, Tori, Annabelle, Macie, Adi, Elspeth

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Proud moments in district sport



Four of our students have recently achieved outstanding success in district sport, representing Onkaparinga South in tennis, AFL and cricket.

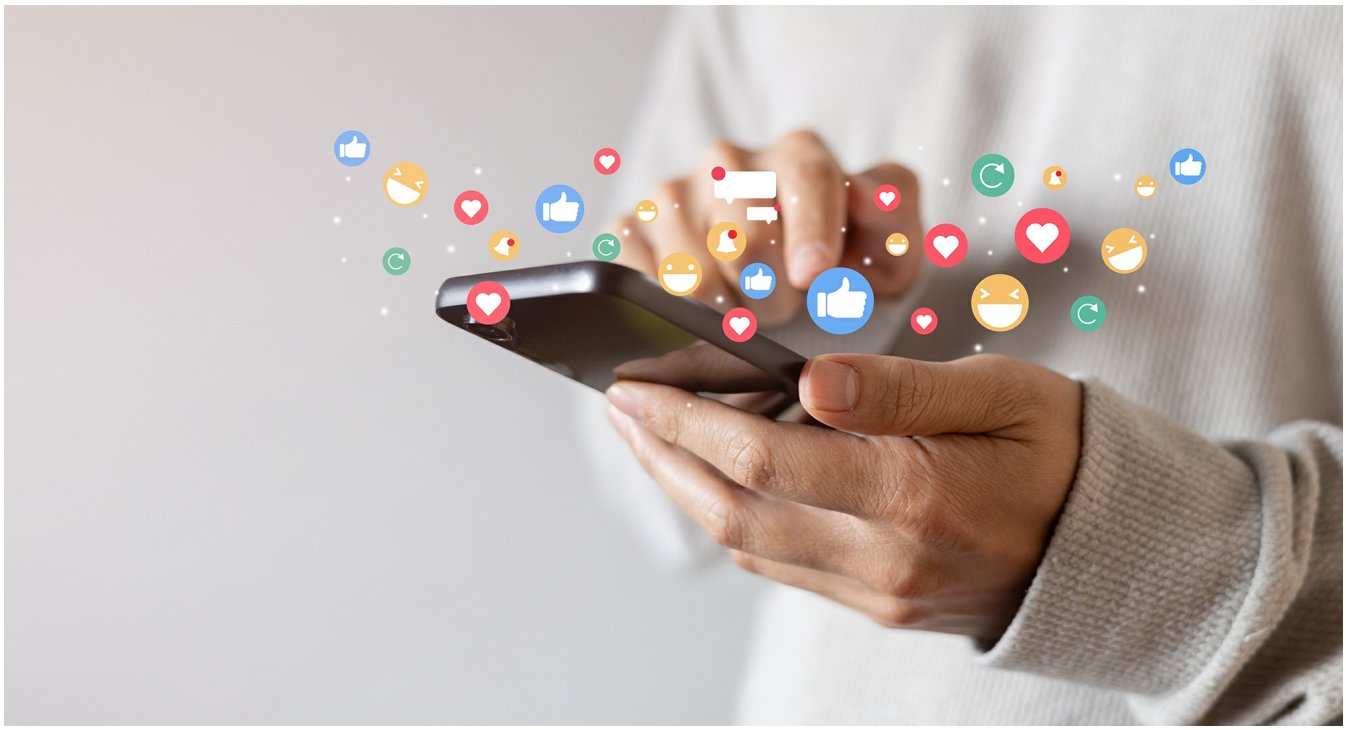
Congratulations to **Emma** (Year 6) and **Albrecht** (Year 5) who were selected to represent Onkaparinga South in the SAPSASA tennis state three-day carnival last week at Seacliff Tennis Club. They competed in several close matches against strong regional teams. Onkaparinga South tied for 2nd place with Southern Fleurieu and Southern Valley, with Lower Eyre Peninsula taking out the division. Well done to Emma and Albrecht.

Congratulations to **Fletcher** (Year 5) who has been selected in the Onkaparinga South boys' district cricket team for 2025. The state carnival will be held from 24 to 26 November. Good luck Fletcher.

Congratulations also to **Kayla** (Year 5) who represented the Onkaparinga South Football Team in the state carnival. With a total of 38 district teams across four divisions, Onkaparinga finished equal 5th in the top division.

20 November 2025

Countdown to new social media rules



Families may soon notice some significant changes to young people's online access, with social media laws changing as of 10 December 2025.

With the holidays approaching, many students will soon have more free time — and this year that coincides with a major shift in online use. From 10 December 2025, new Australian laws will prevent under-16s from holding accounts on major social media platforms. These platforms include:

- Instagram
- TikTok
- Snapchat
- YouTube

While messaging and gaming platforms will remain available, some students may find they have reduced access to the apps they typically use.

Rather than viewing this as a limitation, the upcoming break offers families a chance to explore meaningful alternatives to screen time. This could include catching up with friends in person, spending time outdoors, reading, engaging in creative projects, volunteering or simply slowing down with family routines that don't involve devices. Building a healthy mix of online and offline experiences can support wellbeing during the long break.

If your child needs support developing positive digital habits, our school wellbeing team is here to help. We encourage families to reach out if they would like ideas or resources to make this holiday a positive, balanced and connected time.

Wellbeing team

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Families seeking additional guidance on these changes or on supporting safe online habits can access a range of trusted Australian resources:

• **eSafety Commissioner** – practical advice on online safety and age-appropriate guidance

www.esafety.gov.au

• **Australian Cyber Security Centre** (ACSC) – Cyber Aware – tips on secure online behaviour
www.cyber.gov.au

• **ThinkUKnow (Australian Federal Police)** – resources for parents and carers on online behaviour and safety
ww.thinkuknow.org.au

• **Kids Helpline** – 24/7 support for young people and guidance for parents.
Phone: 1800 55 1800 www.kidshelpline.com.au

• **ReachOut** – wellbeing support for young people and families, including digital balance
www.au.reachout.com

Remembering Steph McKeough



It is with great sadness that we advise our college community that long-standing teacher, Steph McKeough, has peacefully passed away.

Steph was a valued member of the Tatachilla community and the Food Technology department for 20 years, commencing in May 2005. Steph was Year 10 coordinator and a valued member of the teaching team in the senior years. Steph's sons, Jack and Luke, also attended Tatachilla, graduating in 2012 and 2014 respectively.

Through Steph's expertise in food technology and hospitality, Steph engendered a love of cooking in many of her students, several of whom are now furthering this passion in their own professional lives.

Under Steph's expert guidance, our students have had the opportunity to cater for many prestigious events in the local community and achieve hospitality excellence.

Steph's Golden Retriever *Odie* was Tatachilla's first college dog and regularly brought joy to students across the college.

May we all find peace in remembering Steph's contributions to our community over the past two decades.

Matthew 11:28 *'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.'*

Apprenticeship opportunities sought



Each year, Tatachilla Lutheran College supports students in Years 10–12 to begin school-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SBATs) — an opportunity that allows them to gain valuable workplace experience, develop industry-ready skills and continue completing their SACE.

We are inviting our wider community to partner with us in creating these pathways. Many of our students are exploring trades such as plumbing, carpentry and electrical work, with several having already completed a Certificate II and eager to take the next step into employment.

If you or your business could support a Tatachilla student through an SBAT, or would like further information, we would love to hear from you.

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