A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In the Message paraphrase, Eugene Peterson says [from 1 Corinthians 12]:

‘God’s various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God’s Spirit. God’s various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God’s Spirit. God’s various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God himself is behind it all. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people!

The variation is wonderful;
wise counsel
clear understanding
simple trust
healing the sick
miraculous acts
proclamation
distinguishing between spirits
tongues
the interpretation of tongues

All these gifts have a common origin, but are handed out one by one by the one Spirit of God. He decides who gets what and when.

I had the privilege to attend the Merit Award ceremony with around 1000 South Australian Year 12 graduates of 2016 at Government House last week. The merit award winners are students who attained a ‘perfect score’ in one or more SACE subjects. Amongst those young people – the academic elite of South Australia - were 5 of our graduates together with their proud parents.

While always a wonderful event and one most deserving of our attention, I remain conscious of the breadth of achievements from ALL our students, many of whom have persevered despite difficulties to achieve in a variety of areas, but who are not acknowledged publically in this way.

As the passage reminds us - God has created each of us in His image to be unique individuals with various gifts and talents to be used to glorify Him.

Therefore we acknowledge and congratulate our SACE Merit students of 2016 for their extraordinary efforts AND we celebrate the breadth and variety of personal achievements by ALL our students – some who have persisted despite difficult family situations, others who are heavily involved in the community or a sporting team, some whose compassionate, caring nature may have drawn them to spend considerable time helping others.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE!!!

Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits.’

Mr Don Grimmett
Principal

Investigator College students took centre-stage at the SACE Merit Award Ceremony held at Government House on Tuesday 7 February.

His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC and the Honourable Jay Weatherill, Premier of SA, welcomed South Australia’s highest SACE achievers. Students receiving Merits scored in the highest 1-2% of students in the state in their respective subjects.

Investigator College students received an amazing 11 Merit Awards! Daniel Mignanelli, the College Dux whose ATAR was a near-perfect 99.65, also received a special award for receiving three merits. He was one of only 60 students in South Australia to receive such an award! Dual Merit Award winners, Levi Burgess and Ella Beard, also received special recognition.

The Merit winners were:
Daniel Mignanelli (Mathematical Studies, Biology, Physics)
Ella Beard (Music Ensemble, English Communications)
Levi Burgess (Mathematical Methods, Biology)
Ruby Byrne (Mathematical Applications)
Imilla Dunn (Psychology)
Chelsea Nunn (Biology)
Matilda Velagic-Schimpf (English Communications)

Students pictured above with Mr Grimmett and Mr Panozzo.

Investigator College continued its proud tradition of success this year - 44% of its students who applied for tertiary entrance received an ATAR of 90 or above and their average ATAR was 84.05.
**SAPSASA Swimming – Year 4-7**
Wednesday 22 February
District Competition @ Strathalbyn Community Pool

**Middle/Senior School Surf Carnival**
Friday 24 February - Horseshoe Bay

**Grandparents Day - Victor Harbor Campus**
Tuesday 28 February

**Grandparents Day - Goolwa Campus**
Thursday 2 March

**Senior School Building Opening**
Wednesday 8 March
Please come and see our new building in action!
Pop in anytime from 2:00pm - 5:00pm.

---

**HORI NG OPPORTUNIT Y**
YAMANASHI HI GH SCHOOL VI SI T

Yamanashi students will be visiting from 11-18 March 2017.
Please consider hosting a student and experiencing this wonderful opportunity to share the ‘Aussie’ culture whilst learning more about the Japanese culture. Financial assistance will be provided.
Hosting application forms are available at Student Services and online.

---

**SALE SALE SALE**
Native Plants $1 each
Contact Nat Gilbert:
ngilbert@investigator.sa.edu.au
Ground covers through to trees.
Please contact
Nat to discuss species available.

---

Do you have a 2017 BUS PASS?
Is your child registered to catch an Investigator College bus for 2017?
Each student MUST be registered and have been issued with a 2017 BUS PASS.
Please see Administration if you need further information.

**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES**
Victor Harbor Campus:
Mondays 8:00am-10:00am
Wednesdays 2:00pm-4:00pm

Goolwa Campus:
Tuesdays 8:00am-10:00am
Thursdays 2:00pm-4:00pm

**CANTEEN NEWS**
The 2017 Canteen Menu has been sent home with your child.
Did you know that the Canteen now has EFTPOS facilities!

**CAMP AUSTRALIA OSHC – VH CAMPUS**
Out of school hours care is available on site at the Victor Harbor Campus.
For further information visit the Camp Australia website at www.campaustralia.com.au.
Save On Care - save 50% or more on After School Care with the child care rebate. Almost all families are eligible.
To find out more contact the Camp Australia Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343.

---

**NEWS | ACTIVITIES | EVENTS | REMINDERS | DIARY DATES**

**NEVER MISS A THING!**

To see all of our latest news & photo galleries visit:
LIFE AS A SENIOR

A highlight of the Year 12/13 Investigator College experience, the city retreat provides students with a real introduction to options and pathways to equip them with knowledge and understanding of the possibilities for independent, ‘city living’, beyond 2017. It was also a great opportunity to create new friendships and strengthen existing bonds ready for the much-needed support that this challenging year can often require.

Students undertook tours of Adelaide-based tertiary institutions such as the University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia. Students also experienced a taste of uni life while staying at St Ann’s College in North Adelaide. The Amazing Race took them through many of the historical and cultural landmarks of Adelaide, while also tasting new and exciting foods at the Central Market and navigating independently from the City to Glenelg.

Serephina Marshall said, “It gave me a really good chance to mix with the students from the other campus that I don’t know very well.” Jacob Hodge felt that “It was the perfect start to the year and allowed us to engage with all the year 12s in a more independent, self-reliant environment.”

While Jacob Cameron said “The Year 12 camp got me excited and ready for the busy and fun year ahead. It was a great experience, and I am now ready to endeavour through, and get the best results I can.”

The students returned to the new Senior School and Commencement Service on Friday, excited about the opportunities available in 2017 with a greater sense of what post-school life might be for them.

Playgroup community

Playgroup
9:00am – 10:30am
*Each Monday Victor Harbor Campus
*Each Friday Goolwa & Victor Harbor Campuses

Music, craft, fine & gross motor activities, art, toys, community and lots of fun!
For children 0-5 years. Only $2 per family and a piece of fruit per child.
Plus FREE tea and coffee provided.

Preschooler Storytime
9:00am
*Each Thursday Victor Harbor Campus
Enjoy stories, craft, puppets and fun themed reading activities. For children 3-5 yrs. FREE
WHAT'S NEWS?

The release of the latest Program for International Student Assessment reveals the performance of Australia's 15-year-olds in maths, science and reading is in "absolute decline" and the nation is being outgunned by New Zealand, Estonia and Slovenia despite

NEW RECEPTIONS!
Our Reception students have settled into their first two weeks of school very well. Students have been enjoying their learning experiences in numerous different subjects, the exploration of their new environment, school and classroom rules and getting to know each other.

LITTLE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS
SA Little Athletics Championships was held at SA Athletics Stadium on 21 and 22 January 2017. Four Championship qualified athletes from the College competed, including Taama Iwao, Lucy Pearce, Kai Iwao and Alex Brehin. They all performed brilliantly amongst the state's top athletes.

VETAMORPHUS
Congratulations to Jos Alcorn, Tom Bailie, Jacob Cameron, Aaron Dent, Lucy Grear, Mel Lomman, Jack Wade and Jakob Zitterbart for successfully completing their Certificate III in Christian Ministry through the Vetamorphus program (pictured right).

STATE THEATRE DRAMA AWARD
Every year, the State Theatre Company of South Australia, in conjunction with Channel 9, presents an award to four selected Stage 2 Drama students across the state. This award is given to graduating students who have contributed to the culture of performing arts in their school and community.

MIDDLE/SENIOR SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT SERVICE
The Middle and Senior School students began the year with a Commencement Service at the Victor Harbor Campus Performing Arts and Sports Centre on Friday 3 February.

2017 Student Leadership positions were announced and the College recognised the outstanding results of the Senior Class of 2016. Pictured above are College Captains Sherrie Hurrell, Joshua Grist and Olivia Scott.