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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY



St Aloysius College acknowledges the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains as the traditional owners and custodians of this country upon which our College is located. We recognise and pay our respects to the elders both past and present for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and the hopes of Aboriginal Australia. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to Kaurna people today.



From the Principal - Issue #20, 2025

Ms Paddy McEvoy
Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians, Friends & Students of SAC,

What a night we had last Thursday at the Entertainment Centre. So many beaming smiles from the stage, and the experience of a lifetime for the children. Thank you to our SAC families, who are always there to cheer on the girls, and a very special thanks to all the teaching and support staff who have been working hard in the lead up to this event. Eloise Griffiths has been bringing



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together a Spectacular evening of entertainment for many years now and she was supported by Lucy Dilger, Fiona Turner and all the staff who know how much this event means to the children.

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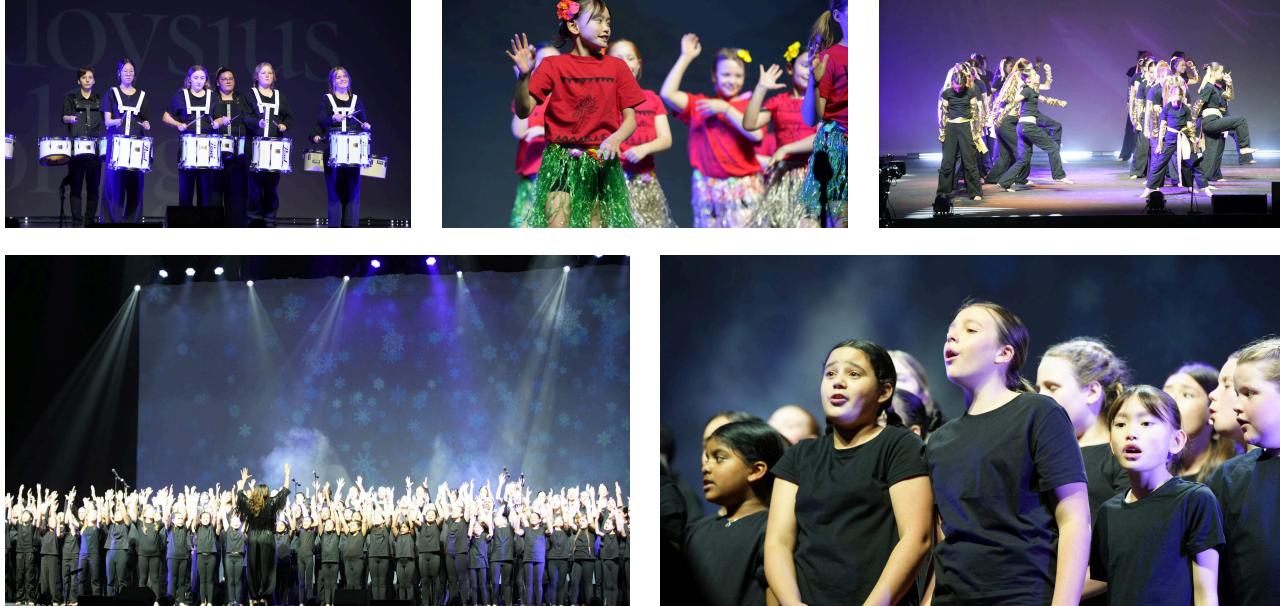
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Thank you to the St Aloysius College
community for attending our
Spectacular event!

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The end of each school year is filled with final gatherings, and the Primary Mass is a sacred moment for students, staff and families to reflect on the blessings of the year. Thanks to Father James McEvoy, my lovely brother, whose constant presence and guidance on these occasions is a gift to this community. James cares deeply for us at SAC, and we are so lucky to have him leading our College Masses. The pride in the eyes of the students and their families at the awards ceremony, and the genuine support and affirmation from their peers, is always a joy to witness. Thanks to the many families who came along.

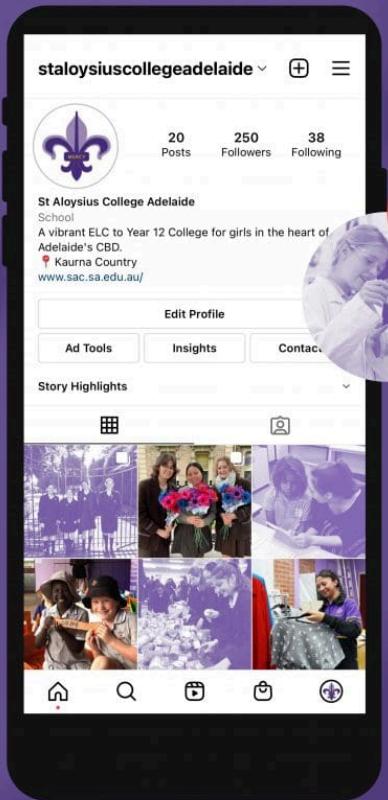
A MASS OF GRATITUDE AND ACHIEVEMENT



To all responsible users of social media: If you are on Instagram and would like to see more snapshots of SAC in action, feel free to follow our new official SAC Instagram page!



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As Advent begins, we enter a time of preparation for Christmas. I know that the chance to relax with family and friends will be greatly appreciated after a busy year. Thank you for the trust you place in us to guide and support your children to flourish here at SAC. It has been wonderful to witness this growth in 2025, and we look forward to welcoming students, staff and families back to school in 2026. It will be an exciting year for us, with the opening of the new Dunlevie, and we look forward to watching the final stages of this development.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS AND A BRIGHT NEW YEAR AT SAC

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Ms Paddy McEvoy

Principal

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Inspiring Art Adventure at the Tarnanthi Festival

Recently, Ms Gibson's Year 7 Art class took part in an inspiring excursion to the Tarnanthi Festival – *Too Deadly: Ten Years of Tarnanthi*. This major exhibition celebrates the richness and diversity of contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art, showcasing works from artists across Australia.

Students were struck by the scale and ambition of many of the pieces. Entire rooms were transformed by immersive installations, including large multi-screen digital artworks and impressive sculptural displays that invited viewers to step inside the artists' stories and perspectives. The experience offered students a unique opportunity to see how contemporary First Nations artists are pushing creative boundaries and using new technologies to express powerful cultural narratives.

The students also engaged in a studio experience exploring the work of Layne Dhu-Dickie. They created circular images as 'paste ups' to add to a collaborative artwork about personal superpowers. It was a meaningful and memorable experience that deepened students' understanding of contemporary Indigenous art while encouraging them to express their own creative voices.



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Year 8 Art & Design students' Vibrant Visit to the Jam Factory Craft

Year 8 Art and Design students are currently engaged in a ceramic sculpture project. As part of their learning experience, we had the exciting opportunity to visit the Jam Factory Craft and Design



Centre. During the visit, students enjoyed a guided tour of the ceramic, furniture, and jewellery-making studios, and were able to observe glassblowing firsthand. It was an incredible experience to explore such a world-class studio and gallery, witnessing professional artists at work in their creative environments.



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From the Secondary Sport Coordinator



Ms Meg Henderson

Secondary Sport
Coordinator

As the year draws to a close, I'd like to say a huge congratulations to all of SAC's 7-12 sport teams that have competed across the summer and winter SACSSGSA competition, as well as the knockout teams who represented the college in 2025. It has been a pleasure to watch each of you evolve over the year and make memories through sport. The coaches, staff and families who have supported our young people are the backbone to our program – so a big thank you goes out to them awell. I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas, and look forward to kicking things off early next year!

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR TERM 1, 2026 SECONDARY SPORT

Parents and caregivers of students in Years 7-12 in 2026 are now able to nominate for summer sports through Clipboard.

An invitation link will be sent at the end of this week to parents who have not yet accessed clipboard to set up an account. From here, you will be able to access 'activity selection' and view more information about each sport. If you already have a Clipboard account, you can click this link to begin nominating: [Activity Selection | Clipboard](#)

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 9TH FEBRUARY, 2026 AT 12PM, AND A REMINDER WILL GO OUT EARLY NEXT YEAR.

Ms Meg Henderson

Secondary Sport Coordinator



Exploring Plant Adaptations at the Botanic Garden



Our Year 5 students had a fantastic day exploring the Adelaide Botanic Garden as part of their Science learning on plant adaptations. Throughout the excursion, students participated in an engaging Plant Adaptations Trail, guiding them through a range of unique environments including rainforests, wetlands, and arid landscapes.

Along the way, they examined how different plants have evolved to survive in challenging conditions, from waxy leaves designed to reduce water loss, to spines that protect against predators, to towering root systems that help access nutrients deep in the soil. Students worked collaboratively, recorded observations, sketched plant features, and asked thoughtful questions that extended their understanding.

The experience brought their classroom learning to life and encouraged curiosity, teamwork, and a deeper appreciation for the natural world. A wonderful day of discovery and hands-on learning at one of Adelaide's most beautiful outdoor classrooms!

Year 5 Team



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A Year of Growth & Greatness

Year 8s wrapped up the school year with two fantastic assemblies, each celebrating the incredible achievements, growth, and spirit of our students throughout 2025.

From academic excellence to significant accomplishments, mercy works, leadership, teamwork, and personal growth, the assemblies highlighted just how much this cohort has achieved.

Two talented rock bands energised one of the gatherings with outstanding performances that set a vibrant tone and showcased the creativity and enthusiasm that define Year 8.

It has truly been a wonderful year, filled with learning, laughter, new friendships, and countless moments where students have challenged themselves and thrived.

Well done, Year 8! We are so proud of everything you've accomplished and look forward to seeing you continue to shine in 2026.



Celebrating the Year Together!

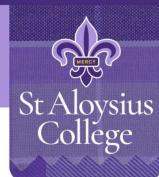
Students enjoyed games, creative activities, and excursions, making memories and celebrating the year on Activity Day. Check out some of the day's highlights in the pictures below!





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From the SAC Uniform Shop



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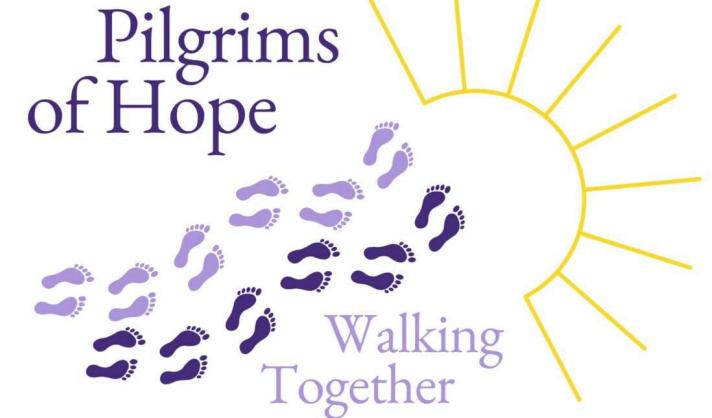


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Pilgrims of Hope - Walking Together

**"The first sign of hope should
be the desire for peace
in our world."**

Pope Francis



St Aloysius College

Celebrating 145 Years in 2025

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Warmest Christmas wishes from SAC!

WISHING EVERYONE ALL THE
BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
& SAFE HOLIDAY.



Office Hours:

Close: Friday 19 Dec, 2025

Open: Wednesday 7 Jan, 2026

2026 Term Dates:

Term 1: 7 January – 10 April

Term 2: 27 April – 3 July

Term 3: 20 July – 25 September

Term 4: 12 October – 3 December