



# Hallett Cove School

RECEPTION TO YEAR 12

Principal's Update  
March 2023



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# Term 1 Update

**It's been a great year at Hallett Cove School so far! The end of Term 1 is approaching and is a good opportunity to reflect on the events, activities and learning experiences our school community has been involved in.**

## Pupil Free Day

Our first Pupil Free Day for 2023 was held on Monday, 27 February.

Our staff spent the day focussed on curriculum development and differentiation in the classroom. There was lots of learning and collaboration as staff further upskilled themselves in effective differentiation strategies.



## NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing period finishes this week.

Our students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 have engaged in the process well and the usual learning continued around the time of each test.

## Annual General Meeting

The Hallett Cove School Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Thursday 23 February 2023 in the Staffroom at Hallett Cove School from 6:30pm.

Thank you to the new and existing parents and caregivers who nominated for our Governing Council in 2023.

A massive thank you to Kym Pedler for her many years of contribution to our Governing Council, and the school as a whole.

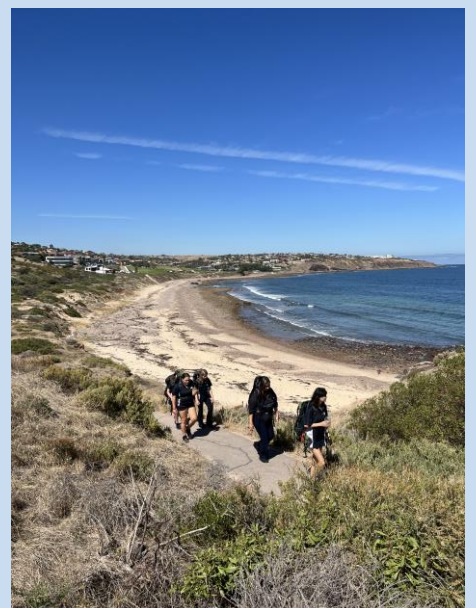
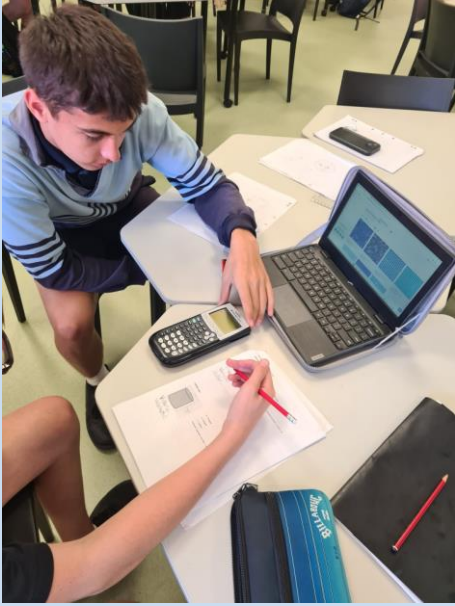
## Student Clubs

Our 2023 R-12 Student Clubs have commenced for the year, with more variety and options available than ever before.

Some of our newest additions include E-Sports, darts, Dungeons and Dragons and cross-stitching.

A short video of our recent clubs expo can be found [here](#).

# Around the School



## Sports Day

Our 2023 Sports Day was a huge success, with students, parents and the community coming out in huge numbers.

Many students took the opportunity to support their teams in wonderful costumes, participation rates were high across the whole school in events and the Carnival theme was a huge hit.

The impromptu dance party in the high school area was hugely popular too!

Congratulations to all students for their participation on the day and an even bigger congratulations to Sandison (yellow) for taking home the Sports Day Cup!

A short video of some of the highlights from sports day can be found [here](#).



# Sports Day



## International Program

Our 2023 International students have had a very busy term with surfing excursions, camps and country visits!

We also welcomed 16 students from Morioka Chuo High School in Japan on a cultural exchange for one week.

If you are interested in hosting an international student in Term 2, please get in touch with Belinda Wildman on (08) 8392 1020.



## Student Leadership

A huge congratulations to all of our Student Leaders who have been elected to represent their peers for each year level across the site. Our first Student Voice meetings are being held this week and I look forward to hearing the ideas and thoughts of our students coming from these meetings .

Click [here](#) to view a short introductory video to our high school leaders.



## Open Night

This Wednesday, 29 March, is our 2023 Open Night, where prospective High School Families come to discover what Hallett Cove can offer their child.

If you have any family or friends who are considering their schooling options for 2024, please feel welcome to share the accompanying information with them.

**HALLETT COVE SCHOOL**  
**2023 OPEN NIGHT**  
WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH | 5:00PM - 7:00PM

Principal Tony Hall will be available for a meet and greet in the Resource Centre all evening.

There will be Principals Address' at 5:00pm, 5:45pm and 6:30pm. A pre-recorded Principals Address will also be available via QR code.

Parents can explore our school at their own pace, or take a guided tour. All guided tours will depart from the Resource Centre at:

- 5:00pm
- 5:15pm
- 5:30pm
- 5:45pm
- 6:00pm
- 6:15pm

The poster includes three circular images showing students and staff interacting in various school settings.

# PUPIL FREE DAY

Our next pupil free day for 2023 is being held on **Monday, 1 May.**

Our staff will be engaging in the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) training on this day, increasing our capacity to work with students who experience trauma.

## Parents and Friends Group

Hallett Cove School values the contribution of our community and we encourage any of our parents and friend to consider joining the Parents and Friends Group (P&F).

The P&F support key functions in the school, including assisting or volunteering with the canteen, second-hand uniform shop, Resource Centre (library), helping with classroom activities and social events. Recently, our P&F have held a Sports Day stall, Harmony Day stall and parents are assisting in managing our Street Libraries (outside the Vegetable Garden and Early Years Centre).

Please email [info@hcs.sa.edu.au](mailto:info@hcs.sa.edu.au) if you are interested in joining P&F and the school will put you in contact with our P&F representative and our Volunteer Coordinator.

## Phone Policy and Yondr Pouches

Thank you to all of our students and families for their support with implementing the South Australian Government ban on mobile phones in schools.

The use of Yondr pouches at Hallett Cove School has made an immediate impact on phone use and students are happily engaging in learning, during class and at break times.

Your ongoing support with encouraging your child to follow our phone policy is appreciated.

## Social Media

Hallett Cove School aims to take advantage of the reach and instantaneous nature of social media to communicate with our families.

We have long had a regularly updated Facebook page and last year we added Instagram to our media presence. Links to all our pages are included at the bottom of this page.

Along with our main page, we have also created two additional Facebook pages for particular audience members of our community:

- **Hallett Cove Career Pathways:** To keep parents and students informed of career information and opportunities through Hallett Cove School.
- **Hallett Cove School Community Announcements:** To keep parents, students and the wider community informed about education sessions and educational opportunities, to raise public awareness around the current trends in society and provide information about upcoming events and opportunities.

## Kiss and Drop Areas

When dropping off/picking up your child(ren), please remember that the middle lane (Gledsdale Road Kiss and Drop) and right lane (Sanderson Road Kiss and Drop) should not be used as a waiting/parking lane.

Local councils have recently been out and about at schools ensuring the community use these spaces safely.

## SchoolTV

Hallett Cove School is pleased to provide SchoolTV to our community. SchoolTV is an all-in-one resource for the community aimed to offer parents a fresh approach to the concerns and pressures faced by Australian children.

SchoolTV is a unique online resource delivering powerful and credible information to empower parents with the skills to address these concerns and raise happy, well and resilient children.

You can access the bank of SchoolTV resources via our [website](#)

## Feedback and Suggestions

As always, should you have any feedback or suggestions on how we can continue to further the quality of experience we offer our community, I welcome your contact via email, phone or in person.

Yours Sincerely,

**Tony Hall**  
Principal





At Hallett Cove School, we **value education** and **provide quality learning** for our students to become **resourceful, adaptable, innovative and flexible**, which helps them to be **successful** in their future. Our school **encourages** students to be active members of the community through **teamwork, friendship and independence**.



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