



Important Dates

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 8 March

Pupil Free Day
Friday 11 March

Year 6 Camp commences
Monday 21 March

Sports Day
Friday 25 March

Parent Teacher Interviews commence
Monday 28 March

Year 4 Camp commences
Wednesday 6 April

Year 3 Camp commences
Thursday 7 April

Holy Thursday and last day of Term 1
Thursday 14 April

Message from Jason Mittiga, Principal

Dear Families,

It has been an interesting few weeks and a very strange start to the school year. We look forward to welcoming all students from R - 6 back on Monday and working with a new normal. It has been a long break for a number of families, and we are excited about having everyone back.

I would like to thank all of our staff for the way in which they have handled the situation over the last few weeks. It has not been easy for teachers navigating the hybrid learning model with some students at school and some at home, but they have successfully provided your child with a quality educational program for the commencement of the 2022 school year.

I would also like to acknowledge and extend our appreciation to students and parents for all of your support - it has certainly made our job a lot easier!

Please refer to important information below, and I wish everyone all the very best for 2022.

Drop-off and pick-up arrangements from Monday, 14th February

To minimise movement in the school grounds, **from Monday, 14th February** and until further notice, **no families are to come onsite**, and all students are to be dropped off at the school gates.

A number of our Year 6 Leaders will be present in the mornings to help should there be anxious children who require assistance with getting to their classrooms.

A reminder that gates open at 8:30am and classrooms at 8:50am. The dismissal bell goes at 3:15pm.

At school pick-up, **Reception and Year 1** children will continue with their **current arrangements**. For **Years 2 - 6**, children will be **dismissed from the classroom** and they can **walk to the gate**. Please ensure that your child is aware of which gate you will be collecting them from.

Please bear in mind that there is a 20-minute window in the afternoon for you to pick up your child, with staff on duty at the gate until 3:35pm. Therefore, to avoid congestion, you may wish to come a little later.

Should you or your family members be accessing the **Kiss & Drop Zone** in the Park Lake Drive carpark, we ask that you **do not get out of your car**, and do not stop in the closest available park to the gate. Please **drive down as far as you can** and **park in the farthest available park** adjacent the kindergarten.

Please ensure that the above information is **communicated to others who may be picking up or dropping off your child/ren**.

COVID-19

If your child is showing any COVID-19 symptoms, they are to remain home and get tested.

Should your child return a **positive test**, you are to **immediately** email your classroom teacher and the **Front Office**. Your contacting us is extremely important, as teachers must 'test to stay' immediately after receiving a positive case in their class. They are then required to test for 7 days, and can return to work each day provided they receive a negative result. This process will hopefully minimise any interruption to the class. Other students in the class do not need to test, but you do need to monitor for symptoms. In addition, schools are also required to communicate any positive cases to SA Health.

Again, it is not SFX making these decisions, they are directives from SA Health. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Masks

Please note the following information around wearing masks at school:

- Children in Years 3 - 6 are encouraged to wear masks.
- Any adult that enters our school site is expected to wear a mask.
- All staff are wearing masks.

The wearing of masks is important, as we need our staff here onsite to work with your children. We do appreciate your respect of our staff and their wellbeing.

Should you need to come onsite for any reason, please remember to check-in via the QR code upon entry.

Extra-curricular activities

Just a reminder that there will not be any after-school sport or music before the commencement of Week 5 (week commencing Monday,

28th February). We are awaiting further instructions from CESA and SA Health, and will continue to keep you informed as updates are received.

School Board and Annual General Meeting

Our first Board Meeting for 2022 is in Week 4, and we are busy preparing for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which is on Tuesday, 8th March.

At our AGM this year we will be launching our Restorative Practices Policy, as well as The Resilience Project work we are doing with the children.

"The Resilience Project: Finding Happiness Through Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness"

This term we are very excited to launch The Resilience Project at SFX.

The Resilience Project by Australian author Hugo Van Cuylenberg (2019), highlights the fundamental importance of Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness (GEM) to success and wellbeing.

Staff returning in Week 0 engaged in professional learning that focused on the project's curriculum and gave an overview of each concept - Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness and Emotional Literacy. The professional learning affirmed for us, the crucial connection between wellbeing and learning when working with children and young people.

It is essential that **every student have a GEM Journal** (which was listed as a compulsory item on your child's Booklist). Therefore, if you haven't already done so, please pay for this **urgently through KW**. If required, Booklists can be accessed via our school [website](#), and as previously communicated, any questions regarding Booklist items should be directed to **KW**.

Should you wish to learn more about The Resilience Project, we encourage you to explore this free online resource: <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/at-home/>

Our Culture of Learning

Our Culture of Learning is a new addition to our newsletter. It aims at sharing with you our curriculum and teaching practice. The Learning Leader works alongside leadership and teachers, modelling and monitoring effective and expected practices, always looking to find evidence of those practices that most benefit student learning.

We use data, collaboratively with all staff, to inform school planning, to select resources, and to co-lead assessment that informs instruction for all students in our care. We search for the impact of actions taken and investigate the cause and effect relationship between our practices, the evidence of student learning and the allocation and selection of resources.

We are building our teaching and learning capacity throughout our school and we look forward to sharing our journey with you. We are thriving people, capable learners, leaders for the world God desires.

Uniform

Just a reminder that hats are required (no hat, no play), and sneakers are to be predominately white with white laces.

Please note that hats are available for purchase at the Front Office (\$13).

Thank you for assisting us in ensuring that your child is in the correct uniform at all times.

Liturgical Calendar

WEEK 3

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Liturgical Events

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions for large worship gatherings, there will be no Masses celebrated at school weeks 1 - 4.

WEEK 4

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

WEEK 5

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Start of LENT

Project Compassion starts

1/3 Shrove Tuesday

2/3 Ash Wednesday

5/3 Family Mass - Saturday, 6:00pm at St John XXIII

WEEK 6

9th Sunday of Ordinary Time

22/3 St David's Parish - Parent Meeting for Communion and Confirmation at 6pm

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs

We are still a collection point, continuing our collection of bread tags for "Bread Tags for Wheelchairs"! The bread tags are recycled in Robe, SA to fund wheelchairs for the needy, mainly in South Africa.

Please bring your bread tags to school and they will be placed in our collection box in the Mackillop Centre. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



FAITH FACTS

WHAT ARE THE COLOURS FOR THESE LITURGICAL SEASONS?

- 1) Lent
- 2) Easter
- 3) Pentecost
- 4) Ordinary time

(1) purple, (2) white, (3)
red, (4) green

Family Faith Formation Team

MADE IN 

2022 Collection Notice for parents/guardians

2022 Student Residential Address and Other Information

The Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment would like to notify you that a request has been made for us to provide residential address and other information as required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013.

There is nothing required from you; however, you may wish to ensure that we have the most up-to-date and correct details for your family.

Further information regarding the collection process can be found [here](#).

2022 Calendar & Parent Handbook

Our live 2022 Calendar & Parent Handbook is now available on our website. Please continue to refer to this document for the latest information on what is happening at SFX.

[2022 Calendar & Parent Handbook](#)

Prayer for a New School Year!

Father, we pray
for knowledge and understanding
for teachers, students, and parents.

We pray that you will be
with our teachers and students
as they start a new school year.

We pray that you will give our children
determination as they seek understanding
and new revelations in their learning.

Father we also pray for parents,
that they will support their children by building
a closer working relationship with teachers and staff.

This we ask in Jesus Name.

Gleeson College School Tours - Term 1 2022

NEW COLLEGE TOUR DATES! TERM 1 2022



Gleeson College

Golden Grove, SA

Description

Gleeson College is a faith-filled community which provides its members with the opportunity to discover, develop and use their God-given talents and abilities in the service of others.

COLLEGE TOUR > Tuesday 1 March @ 9.15am

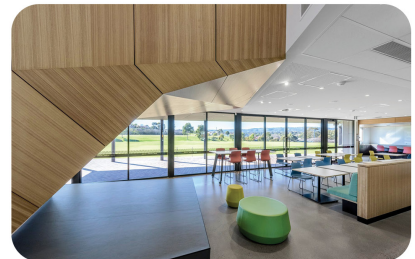
COLLEGE TOUR > Wednesday 9 March @ 9.15am

COLLEGE TOUR > Thursday 17 March @ 9.15am

GLEESON@DUSK > Thursday 24 March @ 4pm

COLLEGE TOUR > Monday 4 April @ 9.15am

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Check out these results from our old scholars!

Gleeson College Stage 2 Results 2021

St Francis Xavier's Catholic School Old Scholars

We congratulate the following St Francis Xavier's Catholic School Old Scholars on their outstanding Year 12 results in 2021:

2021 DUX OF COLLEGE

Amy Fredella, with an ATAR of 99.30

A* Merit in Information Processing & Publishing,
Modern History and Tourism
A* in Psychology & Religion Studies



Amy Fredella

2021 PROXIME ACCESSIT

Alana Fitzsimmons, with an ATAR of 98.65

A* Merit in General Mathematics & Visual Art Studies - Design



Alana Fitzsimmons

2021 MERIT AWARDS

Angus Braendler
Alana Fitzsimmons

Research Project
General Mathematics
Visual Arts - Design

Teacher: Ms Denise Spiroulias
Teacher: Mrs Sarah Campbell

Amy Fredella

Info. Processing & Publishing
Modern History
Tourism

Teacher: Mrs Evelina Condo
Teacher: Ms Denise Spiroulias
Teacher: Mr Joshua Boden

Charlotte Nenke
Mikala Searle

Research Project
Psychology

Teacher: Mrs Julie Gontar
Teacher: Ms Denise Spiroulias
Teacher: Ms Naomi Creek

90+ ATAR ACHIEVEMENT

Amy Fredella	99.30	Mikala Searle	97.45
Alana Fitzsimmons	98.65	Ky Cooper	95.30
Angus Braendler	98.50	Cameron Deavin	95.15
Charlotte Nenke	98.05	Alysia Redel	90.05

2021 DUX OF SUBJECT AWARDS

James Attick *Year 11
Angus Braendler

Mathematical Methods
Digital Technologies, Mathematical Methods, Physics, Research Project and
Specialist Mathematics

Cameron Deavin
Alana Fitzsimmons

English and Workplace Practices
Accounting, General Mathematics, Nutrition and Visual Art Studies - Design

Amy Fredella
Charlotte Nenke

Legal Studies, Modern History and Tourism
Physical Education and Research Project

Mikala Searle

Psychology

We congratulate all students in our graduating 'Class of 2021' and wish them every success in their life journey beyond school.



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XAVIER'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

GLEESON



WITH ONE HEART

100%
of students
achieved SACE

32
A+ final grades
achieved by
Year 12 students

14.7%
of students
achieved an
ATAR score of
90 or above

8.8%
of students
achieved an
ATAR score of
95 or above

25%
of students
achieved a VET
Certificate III
qualification

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JOIN THE FUN! GET INVOLVED NOW

St Francis Xavier

3:30-4:15 Wednesday Afternoons 11/05-29/06/2022

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1) Enter your 11-digit voucher code (medicare number + child's ref number) in the comment box at the payment screen
2) Select apply and the price of your order will reset to \$0