



FROM THE CEDAR COLLEGE **BOARD CHAIR** 

Term 3, Week 2 - August 1, 2024

# What is Leadership?

This important time of leadership change at Cedar College has given me cause to consider the nature of leadership.

I'm in awe of the vision and courage of our now retired founding Principal, Mr Peter Thomson, in starting a Christian school from scratch, and for the way he built a team and a culture at Cedar that honours God and provides a caring learning environment. He would be the first one to acknowledge God's hand in that work. Anything is possible when you trust God. But it took bold, pioneering leadership.

Then there was the not-so-small matter of finding a suitable Principal with the right leadership qualities for the next phase of Cedar's development. As a Board, we prayed and trusted God to provide His leader for His work here at Cedar, and God has very clearly guided us to a new Principal, Mr Tim Heading. He will be starting in Term 4, bringing a strong team approach with a focus on developing others. He is an experienced Principal, has a strong Christian faith, and we are confident he will be a relational and inspirational leader.

## Leaders who serve

**Head of High School, Mr Andrew Lock, will be Acting Principal for Term 3.** He has been on staff at Cedar for almost 20 years and has carried a heavy leadership load in recent years. Mr Lock has been a strong example of faithfulness, selflessness and passion for the work of Cedar, leadership qualities that serve the school well.

Leadership comes in many forms, from the classic 'type A' personality though to quiet faithfulness. The common factor is that leadership is **not** about the leader. Jesus Himself said, "Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:26-28)

Jesus' example of servant leadership is the principle we need to teach the next generation as we develop leaders for the future. Don't be someone who lets life happen to you or takes advantage of others. Step out in faith and make things happen with selfless leadership. When you trust God, anything is possible!

Mr Lou George, Cedar College Board Chair



#### HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

#### A guide to major events this term

Please see our fortnightly online newsletters, Term Planner or online calendar for the latest details. **Dates are subject to change.** 

AUG	Yr 9/10 SW Boys Basketball
6	Carnival for selected students
AUG	Year 10 Subject Counselling
<b>7</b>	Appointments booked online
AUG	Yr 7/8 SW Boys Basketball
<b>7</b>	Carnival for selected students
AUG	Year 11 Subject Counselling
8	Appointments booked online
AUG	School Photo Day
<b>9</b>	Full winter uniform
AUG	Bullying. No Way! week
12	August 12 - 16
AUG	Year 10 Camp
14	All students in Year 10
AUG	Yr 9/10 SACSA B&G Netball
15	SACSA Carnival - selected students
AUG	Yr 7/8 SACSA B&G Netball
<b>16</b>	SACSA Carnival - selected students
AUG <b>27</b>	Year 7/8 B&G Badminton SACSA Carnival - selected students
AUG	Year 9/10 B&G Badminton
28	SACSA Carnival - selected students
AUG <b>29</b>	Year 11 Health Excursion All day excursion
AUG	Year 9 & 10 Drama Excursion
<b>30</b>	Drama curriculum students
SEP	Student Free Day
6	No school today
SEP	Year 9/10 SACSA Football
9	Carnival for selected students
sep	Year 7/8 SACSA Football
10	Carnival for selected students
SEP	<b>RU OK? Day</b>
12	All students in High School
SEP	Year 11 Excursion
23	Legal & Psychology Students
SEP 27	Big Day In / Last Day Term 3

#### NEWS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL & PRIMARY SCHOOL



# Welcome to Term 3

I hope that you were able to spend some quality family time with your child(ren) during the mid-year break and that they have been refreshed

and ready for their return to school.

The last few weeks of Term 2 presented some opportunities for celebration and reflection, with the retirement of our inaugural principal, Mr Peter Thomson. We are extremely grateful for his tireless work over more than 27 years as Principal of Cedar College. His dedication included extensive preparation leading up to the establishment of the school in 1997, which started with 32 students and minimal facilities. Today, Cedar College has nearly 900 students who benefit from a wonderful built environment, a quality Christian education, and over 150 dedicated staff members.



# We are also looking forward to the next chapter of Cedar College, with the appointment of Mr Tim Heading, who is due to begin his tenure later this year.

I have the pleasure of undertaking the principalship during this interim period, and I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the broader school community and notify you of some interim arrangements prior to Mr Heading commencing his role.

This is my 20th year at Cedar College and my 8th year as Head of High School. I began as a Health, Physical Education, and Science teacher, and subsequently took on the roles of Senior School Coordinator and Head of High School. It has been a wonderful journey to witness the growth of the entire school and to help establish our High School in its early days.

I would like to thank **Mr David Webb** who will be stepping into the Head of High School role during this interim period, whilst also still overseeing his Director of Middle School responsibilities.

I am also very pleased to announce that **Mrs Nichole Tiller** has recovered to a point where she has been cleared to return to her role as Director of Senior School, in a part time capacity. Mrs Tiller has received intensive treatment for cancer over the past 9 months, and we are so thankful to God and her medical team for this wonderful news. She will be gradually taking on core elements of her role as the remainder of the year progresses.

**Mrs Susan Harris**, who very capably stepped in to Mrs Tiller's role at the beginning of last term, will continue as our Co-Director of Senior School for general oversight of Senior student pastoral matters until the end of Week 7 of this term. Senior School students and parents can continue to communicate any pastoral concerns to the relevant Year Level Coordinator.

Thank you for your ongoing support of your child and of the College. We look forward to a productive and prosperous term for our students.

Mr Andrew Lock, Acting Principal

All students in High School







AROUND THE CAMPUS TERM 2, 2024 HIGHLIGHTS



Term 2 was again a busy one for our Senior students, with many opportunities to plan, grow, perform, and represent Cedar.

Throughout Week 4, Cedar's top Senior School athletes participated in netball, volleyball, table-tennis, soccer, basketball, and touch football, competing in the third annual Rijken Cup. Our students performed and represented Cedar exceptionally well during the week, with some amazing individual and team performances. Highlights included our girls finishing third overall, which included placing second in netball and soccer, and our boys winning the netball. A big thank you to Mrs Robinson for all her work with this team, and our Rijken Cup Captains, Eric Webb and Caitlin Wilson.

Year 11 Camp provided lots of opportunities for personal growth and the further strengthening of relationships. Above all, students had a lot of fun participating in activities that challenged them as individuals and teams, improving their ability to work collaboratively to achieve positive outcomes.

Our Year 10s had a major focus on future planning, with their Careers Excursion early in the term followed by a week of Work Experience. It is so pleasing to hear the positive (and sometimes humorous) stories that students experience during this week. It is also a pleasure to hear the feedback from employers who speak glowingly of their week-long Cedar Work Experience students.

#### Another highlight of Term 2 was the Year 9-12 Music Performance Evening. So many of our students have been gifted in this area and it was wonderful to see these gifts on display in front of the College community for all to see. Congratulations to the Creative Arts team for managing such a successful evening.

Term 3 promises to be another exciting term full of learning, performing and relationship building. A special mention must go to our Year 12s as they enjoy their last 'real term' of school before completing exams and enjoying end-of-year celebrations. We are praying for every one of you.

#### PHOTOS

- 1. Rijken Cup
- 2. Rijken Cup
- . Rijken Cup
- Rijken Cup
- . HS Music Showcase . Year 11 Camp
- 7. Year 10 Humanities
- 8. Year 11 Camp
- 9. SACSA HS Sports Day <u>10. Rij</u>ken Cup
- 11. Year 10 Cake Making
- 12. Year 10 Cake Making
- 13. Year 12 Jackets
- 14. Year 12 Jackets



TERM 2, 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

# **Developing Self**



Who are you becoming? Through the rich variety of experiences of Term 2, our Middle School students discover Jesus, develop self and display more love.

"We're all being formed every minute of every day. We're all becoming someone. Intentional or unintentional, conscious or subconscious, deliberate or haphazard, we're all in the process of becoming a person. The question isn't, 'are you becoming somebody?' But, 'who are you becoming? "- John Mark Comer

We are different today to who we were back at the start of Term 2, and as we reflect on some of the life in Middle School, we are reminded of both the intentional and unintentional formation we all continually experience.

Some of the highlights of Term 2 included our students producing Creative Arts shows, visiting Parliament House, testing their thinking with engineering structures, applying themselves in a number of interschool sporting competitions, and hearing about the Science of Understanding Learning from Neuroscientist Dr Jared Cooney Horvath. Through all these illustrated moments and the remaining unacknowledged Middle School life from Term 2, we continue to invite our students to be intentional about their formation. As Middle Schoolers transition from children through adolescence into young adults, I have found Romans 12:2 to be a timely reminder. We are invited to be intentional in patterning our lives after Jesus Christ rather than the desires of our hearts.

May we fix our eyes on Jesus and be transformed by the renewing of our mind rather than conforming to the pattern of this world.

#### PHOTOS

- 1. Year 9 Engineering
- 2. Year 9 Engineering
- Student Understanding Seminar
   Year 7s at Parliament House
- 5. Year 7 Drama
- 6. Year 7s at Parliament House
- SACSA HS Sports Day
   SACSA HS Sports Day
- 9. SACSA HS Sports Day 10. Year 7 Drama
- 11. Year 9 Drama
- 12. Year 9 Drama











# Enthusiasm, Growth, and a Strong Desire to Learn



Welcome to Semester 2 of the school year! As we dive into the new term, let's take a moment to reflect on the exciting and enriching experiences our students had in Term 2.

In Reception, we enjoyed learning all about animal features and their habitats through our inquiry project, with a highlight being our excursion to the Adelaide Zoo. We saw many animals up close and helped to build an enclosure for a lizard. We loved hosting the Primary School Assembly, sharing our learning with everyone, and singing a song about trusting in God. This was special to us because we have been learning about the lives of Joseph and Moses and how God had a good plan for their lives and ours too.

The Year 1s enjoyed a wonderful morning with Nature Play SA, who led them through a workshop linked to our History and Art curriculum. The students heard stories about different colours and how paints are made using natural pigments. They then had the opportunity to make paint by crushing leaves, petals, flowers, and spices in a mortar and pestle until it made a paste. They then added water and a binder to make the consistency thicker. To finish the experience, students were each given a blank canvas to create their own masterpieces!

Once again, it was a busy and exciting term in Year 2! The children enjoyed exploring fairy tales, discussing characters and stereotypes, writing their own fairy tale, creating a photo story, exploring the history of the Vickers Vimy plane, producing a 4 Seasons art piece, practising various addition and subtraction strategies, reading analogue and digital time, and designing and building a raft for the Gingerbread Man! They also followed the life story of Moses, and God's faithfulness to his people in the Old Testament of the Bible. We are proud of the effort and continued progress all the children are making during their Playberry lessons.

Let's continue to celebrate our students' growth, and remember the wonderful experiences that helped shaped them in Term 2. From the engaging animal inquiry project and Adelaide Zoo excursion in Reception, to the captivating exploration of natural pigments and art creation in Year 1, and the exploration of fairy tales and the life of Moses in Year 2, our students have shown enthusiasm, growth, and a strong desire to learn.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our parents for your support and encouragement. Your dedication to your child's education and the Cedar community plays a vital role in their success. We are grateful for your partnership, and look forward to continuing this journey together in Term 3.

PHOTOS

- . Sean W Smith Chapel
- . One50 Dance Chapel
- 3. One50 Dance Chapel
- Year 1 Nature Incursion
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   Reception Zoo Excursion
- Reception Zoo Excursion
   Reception Zoo Excursion
- Reception Zoo Excursion
   Mr Thomson's Last Day
- 10. Reception Zoo Excursion
- 11. Primary School Chapel
- 12. 'I Wonder' Science Incursion
- 13. 'I Wonder' Science Incursion



# **Interschool Success and Interactive Experiences**



Term 2 in Upper Primary was filled with numerous memorable events and achievements, making it a great term for our students and staff.

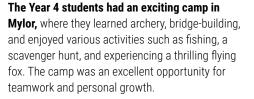
Our students showcased their athletic skills at the SACSA Athletics Carnival, securing an impressive 3rd place overall. It was a fantastic day that highlighted the extraordinary talent and dedication of our young athletes.

The Year 3 classes had an enriching visit from Marra Dreaming, an Indigenous Arts and Crafts centre. This immersive cultural experience allowed students to engage hands-on with Aboriginal culture through activities such as dot painting, basket weaving, group canvas painting, and exploring an Aboriginal artefact collection. The visit concluded with students enjoying traditional damper with jam and cream, perfectly wrapping up their Indigenous culture studies for the term.

We were privileged to welcome acclaimed Children's worship leader, Sean W Smith, to lead a Chapel service. His performance captivated our students, and we are fortunate to have him as a member of our Cedar community.

#### PHOTOS

- SACSA PS Sports Day SACSA PS Sports Day 1.
- Year 6 Camp 3
- 4 Marra Dreaming Incursion
- 5. Marra Dreaming Incursion
- 6. Marra Dreaming Incursion
- Year 6 Camp
- Year 3 Mother's Day Craft 8
- 10. Year 4 Camp 11. Year 6 Camp Year 4 Camp
   Sean W Smith Chapel
   Sean W Smith Chapel
- 15. Year 4 Camp
- 16. Year 4 Camp



Year 6 students relished their camp at Wirraway, with horse riding and sheep herding being among the most favoured activities. The camp provided a wonderful opportunity for students to develop new skills and create lasting memories.

Term 2 was a busy and rewarding term for Cedar students in Upper Primary. We eagerly anticipate another successful term ahead, filled with more opportunities for learning and growth.





























9. Year 3 Mother's Day Craft



# **Exciting Term Ahead**

Welcome back for Term 3. I hope you had an enjoyable break and that your children are excited about the new term!

We have an exciting time ahead with many activities planned, including our optional **Learning Conversations,** as well as **Photo Day next week,** a range of sporting events across the term, several excursions, and a camp for Year 3 students.

For the whole of the Primary School there is the **Book Week Parade** in Week 5, the **Run4Fun** (which was postponed in Term 2) in Week 7 and, of course, **Grandparents Day** later in the term.

This term, our Chapels will be held in the odd weeks and Assemblies in even weeks, while the German

Assembly will be in Week 10. You are most welcome to join us for an 8:55am start.



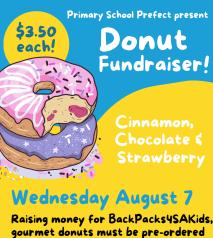


We also have an update for PE for this semester, with Mr Jackman now working in High School.

Mrs Nel Blackeby will be teaching Junior Primary PE, and Mrs Amy Webster is teaching Upper Primary PE (as well as Performing Arts) for the remainder of the year. We are very thankful to them both for being able to step into these positions to finish the year well.

I look forward to seeing you around the Primary School. Don't forget our Donut Day fundraiser for BackPacks4SAKids, on Wednesday August 7!

Mr Nigel Austin, Head of Primary School



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# Updated Compliments and Concerns Policy

Cedar College is committed to providing a fair, safe, and productive school environment where concerns are handled sensitively and as quickly as practical. For continued clarity on our processes, we have recently updated our Parent and Student Compliments and Concerns Policy. The updated policy is available under the "Policies" tab on our website.

The policy makes clear the circumstances a complaint will be investigated, the communication avenues parents and students can use and the process that will be undertaken. We do welcome the communication of concerns, provided they are presented in a respectful manner and in accordance with the procedures outlined in our policy. The fourth page contains a quick reference guide outlining who to first contact regarding common issues.

We hope this is helpful. For any questions, please contact a member of the Leadership Team.

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6	Optional - bookings online
AUG	<b>Donut Day Fundraiser</b>
<b>7</b>	Proceeds to Backpacks4SAKids
AUG	School Photo Day
9	Full winter uniform
AUG	<b>Dental Van Aug 12 - 16</b>
12	Appointments only
AUG	Learning Conversations
<b>12</b>	Optional - bookings online
AUG	Year 2 Excursion
15	All students in Year 2
AUG	Year 5/6 SACSA Netball
<b>20</b>	Carnival for selected students
AUG	Year 3/4 SACSA Netball
<b>21</b>	Carnival for selected students
JUN	Book Week Parade
23	Whole Primary School
SEP	Run4Fun
5	All students in Primary School
SEP	Student Free Day
6	No school today
SEP	Yr 5/6 SACSA AFL Football
12	Carnival for selected students
SEP	Yr 3/4 SACSA AFL Football
13	Carnival for selected students
SEP	State Athletics (Year 3-6)
17	Carnival for qualifying students
SEP	Year 1 Excursion
20	All Year 1 students
SEP	Year 6 Excursion
<b>24</b>	All Year 6 students
SEP	<b>Grandparents Day</b>
25	All students in Primary School
SEP	<b>Year 3 Camp, Sept 26 – 27</b>
26	All Year 3 students
SEP	Last Day of Term 3
<b>27</b>	Students R - 6 finish 3:15pm

## **CedarNews Print Edition**

Welcome to the Term 2 print issue of CedarNews.

The first newsletter of each term is sent home as a printed issue, with the remaining editions being online only. Newsletters are sent to parents/caregivers via the email address we have on file, and are available on our website.

## **Student Free Day**

Please note that Friday September 6 is a Student Free Day for all students in Primary School and High School.

## **School Photo Day**

Please note that our school photos are on Friday August 9.

Parents and caregivers were emailed online ordering details via our photographers, MSP, during the school holidays. If you have not received your email from MSP, you may contact them directly on 8132 1148. If you require an envelope for cash orders, please contact the Primary School Office.

Family photos can also be ordered via the emailed link from MSP Photographers, or through a cash payment envelope. Family photos will take place between 8am - 8:40am in the Sports Centre on Friday August 9.

All students must wear full winter uniform on Photo Day, as per our uniform policy.

## **Primary School Book Week**

The Primary School will be celebrating Book Week in Week 5 this term.

One of the highlights of Book Week is our Parade Day, held in the Main Auditorium on Friday August 23.

This year's theme is "Reading is Magic" and Children are encouraged to pick a character from a book that inspires their imagination and make a simple, fun costume to wear on the day. They are encouraged to bring their inspirational book with them as well!

Parents and friends are invited to join us on Friday for the parade, from 9am - 9:30am.

#### **TERM DATES** 2024 - 2025

Term 3, 2024 - Tue 23 July - Fri 27 Sept Term 4, 2024 - Tue 15 Oct - Wed 11 Dec Term 1, 2025 - Tue 28 Jan - Fri 11 April Term 2, 2025 - Tue 29 April - Fri 27 June Please note: We have a three week break between Terms 2 & 3

#### myCedar Login

During the holiday break we introduced changes to parent/caregiver logins.

The myCedar page enables parents/caregivers to utilise their email address or existing thirdparty sign-in credentials to access Canvas and Learning Conversation bookings.

You can also use the Absentee form to notify the School Office of your child's absence, check the school calendar for the latest dates, and jump to our latest online newsletter.

If you experience any issues with creating your myCedar account, please email portalhelp@cedarcollege.sa.edu.au.

# Sports/Group Photos

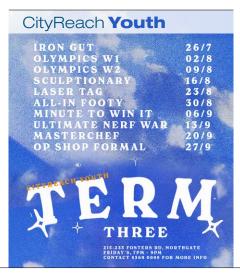
Sports and Group photos, for those involved, will take place in Week 4.

Sports photos will take place in the Sports Centre on Tuesday August 13, at various time up until Lunch time. Students involved will be notified in Week 3 of their photo time and uniform requirements. These photos will be available for purchase through our school photographers later this term, and information will be sent to parents of students involved.

### Grandparents Day

We are excited to be able to hold our Primary School Grandparents Day event during the last week of Term 3.

The event will be held on the morning of Wednesday September 25, and further information will be sent out soon! In the meantime, don't forget to ask your child's grandparents to save the date!



## **Term 3 Tuition Fees**



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Term 3 tuition fees are due by Friday of Week 2 of this term, or an approved payment plan put in place.

Thank you to those families who have paid their fees promptly. If you have not yet paid your fees or arranged a FACTs payment plan, please refer to the email sent to your debtor email address, or contact the Finance Office on 8261 3377 for a copy to be sent.

If you make a payment directly to the school's bank account, please include your debtor reference number (shown on your Fee Invoice, which was emailed to you), to ensure the payment is allocated correctly.

#### The school bank details for payments are:

BSB:	065141
Account Number:	10059036
Account Name:	Cedar College

Mr Jeff Thorpe, Business Manager

## **SATAC Information**

#### SATAC applications for 2025, for entry to tertiary courses, open on August 5, 2024.

For those applying for a tertiary course, an application fee of \$60 is due **by September 30, 2024.** There is a fee increase of \$210 for applications submitted after this date. Please visit www.satac.edu.au for closing dates for specific courses, and further information.

# **Entertainment Book**

Cedar College has a fundraising page for Digital Entertainment memberships, with 20% of membership purchases coming back to support Cedar College.

If you would like to purchase a digital membership, please visit https://subscribe. entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/160006f The current promotion offers a free upgrade to the Multi City Membership and a \$30 VISA ACTIV eGift Card.

#### **UNIFORM SHOP**

#### **Regular opening hours during Term:**

Monday	8:30am - 4:30pm
Wednesday	3pm - 5:30pm

**Thursday Extended Opening Hours:** TERM 1 - Weeks 1-6, 3pm - 5.30pm TERM 2 - Weeks 1-3, 3pm - 5.30pm TERM 4 - Weeks 1-3, 3pm - 5.30pm