

Enrichment and Extended Learning Opportunities in 2024

As a new year begins, there is so much to look forward to. Please contact Emma Rieger (Enrichment and Extended Learning) to learn more about these fabulous opportunities.

Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

This internationally recognised youth program challenges individuals to achieve their own personal goals for various activities, across a specific timeframe. Students who choose to undertake this program can be recognised for activities they do outside of the classroom, can earn SACE points and can gain employability skills. Participants can commence this program when they are 14 years of age. More information can be found [here](#). A Monday lunchtime Duke of Ed 'drop-in centre' will take place in room G68 to allow students to customise their goals or seek help. Alternatively, [email Mrs Rieger](#) to organise a meeting.

Care@CC

This is an extra-curricular lunchtime group to connect like-minded students in Years 10–12 that are interested in pursuing a career in medical-related fields. The main goal of the group is to expose students to the "stories" of health. The idea is that by *listening to people telling their story*, they will gain greater empathy and respect as a future medical professional. We will invite members of our school community who work in medical-related professions to share their stories.

26 Book Challenge

This is our fifth year running the 26 Book Challenge – an initiative to foster a love of reading. The challenge has been devised by members of our 2024 Book Council. Students from Years 7–12 can participate. They can visit the library circulation desk to sign up. The challenge runs throughout the academic year, encouraging reading across a diverse range of genres/authors. Students who participate in the activity are invited to a celebration at the end of the year and can win wonderful book-related prizes. [Contact Mrs Rieger](#) or [library staff](#) to learn more.

Voice of Youth

Rostrum Voice of Youth is a national public speaking competition for school students in Years 7–12. It provides an excellent opportunity for entrants to gain experience and confidence in expressing their views and communicating a message. The competition is celebrating 50 years in 2024. Visit <https://www.rostrum.com.au/voy/voy-sa-nt/> for more details.

At every stage of the competition, contestants are required to present a prepared and a short notice speech. **Please contact Emma Rieger as soon as possible if this competition is of interest.**

Passionate about the Environment? Apply for the Youth Environment Council (YEC).

Are you a student in Year 7 to 11 with an interest in sustainability? Do you want to make a difference, develop your leadership skills and have fun at the same time? You might like to apply for the Youth Environment Council. You can share your passion for the environment with other like-minded students across SA. You will have the opportunity to attend workshops, camps and forums. Applications are due on **Thursday 29 February 2024**. See Mrs Rieger for more information or [visit the YEC website](#).

Brain Bee

We have a team of 14 Year 10 students who are busy preparing for a neuroscience competition to be held in March. The Australian Brain Bee Challenge (ABBC) is a competition for high school students to learn about the brain and its functions, neuroscience research, to explore careers in neuroscience and to dispel misconceptions about neurological and mental illnesses.

What Matters? Writing Competition

What Matters? writing competition is currently open to school students in **Years 5 to 12** from Australia. Responding to the simple question 'what matters?', participants are free to express their views on any matter they care about. Part writing exercise, part civics and citizenship activity, *What Matters?* is the perfect opportunity to empower students to raise their voices on issues that are important to them and know that their perspectives are valuable, no matter their age, background or viewpoint. Entries can be fiction, non-fiction, poetry or prose of up to 600 words, and submitted online. **Entries close on Friday 17 May 2024.** [Contact Mrs Rieger](#) if interested or [find our more online](#).

Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize

Become the next generation of Dr Karl and Adam Spencer by telling a scientific story in this video competition for primary and secondary school students. Entries close **Friday 12 April 2024**.

The [Australian Museum Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize](#) presented by the University of Sydney is offered to primary and high school students nationally. If you have a passion for science and for communicating ideas, then enter this competition by telling a scientific story via a short video piece. The theme for 2024 is 'energy'.

Our aim in Enrichment and Extended Learning (Years 7-12) is to match a student's passion and potential to opportunities. If you have any questions please contact [contact Mrs Emma Rieger](#). Alternatively students can visit room G68 for a chat.

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