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Dear Parents and Students

The first semester has drawn to a close and the Year 11 students have completed their exams and a week of career research. I have been pleased with the examination results and the positive feedback received from many of the employers who hosted our students. Parents will receive an academic progress report with this newsletter and there will be an opportunity to meet with subject teachers early in third term for more detailed feedback.

For Year 12 students this is an important time of the year. A significant proportion of the course material has been covered and exams are scheduled for the first two weeks of third term. Although the holiday period provides an opportunity to take a break from the normal routine, it is a time for reflection, organisation and preparation for the midyear exams. A copy of the examination timetable is included in this mail out. I also draw your attention to a change in the routine scheduled for the Thursday and Friday of week two. During these two days a special exam review program operates and details will be distributed to students in the exam period.

On Thursday 2 July twenty two 'new' local students and fifteen international students undertook an intensive orientation program in preparation to commence their Year 11 studies with us in second semester. Our student numbers continue to be very healthy and this allows us to provide a wide selection of appropriate subjects to ensure access to a variety of tertiary pathways.

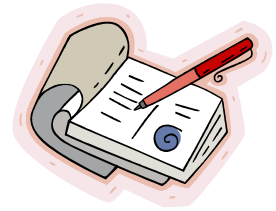
I am delighted to let you know that we are about to commence the refurbishment of Level 5 of the Jordan Building under the National School Pride program. Over the next few months we will develop a new computing room and an additional two contemporary classrooms. Fortunately this project will not disrupt our normal routines during the second semester and we can all look forward to using the facilities in February next year.

Students are reminded that they may access the study room and computing facilities in the main school building during the vacation period. Staff will provide access each weekday from 9.00am to 4.30pm if students wish to maintain a study routine on campus.

*Bob Holloway*

## IMPORTANT DATES

(Saturday	4	July to	
(Sunday	19	July	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Monday	20	July	Term 3 commences Year 12 exams commence
Wednesday	29	July	Year 11 and Intensive English Mentoring. Year 12 exams conclude
Thursday	30	July	Year 12 Exam review program
Friday	31	July	Year 12 Exam review program continues.



### **USC FORMAL**

Thursday	6	August	AMC Maths Competition
Wednesday	12	August	Year 11 Mentoring, Year 12 Mentoring, Intensive English Mentoring
Thursday	13	August	Parent / Teacher interviews with an exam focus 5.15 — 8.00pm
Wednesday	26	August	Year 11 Mentoring, Intensive English Mentoring
Sunday	30	August	Music students' performance 2.30pm in Scots Church

## SEMESTER 2 TIMETABLES

Included in this package is your timetable for next semester. Please study it carefully to ensure that you have been allocated the subjects that you selected, and that there are no clashes.

In preparing your timetable we have tried to keep it as close to your Semester 1 timetable as possible, with the same teachers. However, due to changing subject selections by students and additional classes being added, some variations are inevitable.

Please note that due to many classes being close to full in Semester 2, there will be little opportunity to change from one class to another. However, if you have a major concern with your individual timetable, I will be available at school on Thursday, 16 July from 9.00am to 4.00pm.

*Graham Payne* — Deputy Principal

## SECONDHAND BOOK SALE

If you have any books not required in Semester 2 and wish to sell them, please bring them to Helen in the Main Office no later than Monday 13 July.

Books can be purchased on Tuesday 14 July 9.00am until sold out.



## YEAR 11 SEMESTER 2 BOOKLIST

Booklists for Semester 2 have been distributed to the students. They are available from the Main Office if you don't have one.

A flyer with additional resources accompanies the newsletter. These resources are not purchased through Unibooks but are available from USC through your teachers or second-hand. The Subject Charges and Other Charges will be charged to your account depending on the subject selections of the student in Semester 2.

## CAREER RESEARCH - ONE MORE TIME

Most of our local Year 11 students completed their Career Research placement in the last week of term 2, and for many, this will have been a most rewarding and challenging experience. In past years, many students cite this week as one of the highlights of their academic year.

However, there are some students who did not arrange a placement by the due date, and so will have to complete their week of Career Research in one of the two holiday weeks at the end of term 3. Those students should finalise their work placement and submit the pink agreement form to the front office before term 3 begins. Precise instructions about how to complete the pink agreement form are to be found in the white booklet of information that came with the folder of information given out in term 1.

I will be contacting these students in the next few weeks to check that these obligations have been fulfilled. If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to contact me - [brian.bates@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:brian.bates@adelaide.edu.au)

*Brian Bates* — Career Research Coordinator

## GOING TO THE COURTS

This term, the Year 11 Legal Studies class was able to experience law outside of the classroom. We spent a lesson at the Magistrates Court, in Victoria Square. Firstly, we were shown around the many court rooms and got a feel of what it would have been like to be a criminal coming to court. We spent some time in the remand cells and also in an empty courtroom, to see the official set up. A few students were even able to dress up as barristers and a judge.

We also became a part of the public gallery and witnessed some minor but interesting cases. We observed that the Magistrate took people's personal circumstances into account, to ensure that the defendants were given a fair trial. Court proceedings in the Magistrates Court were very efficient and needed our full attention to keep up with the fast nature of the trials.

Overall, it was an extremely educational and interesting time, as it put all the theory that we had learnt in Legal Studies into practice.

*Jo Turek and Laura Coat* —Year 11 students



Jo Turek and Laura Coat

BUDDING BARRISTERS?



Eldar Sadri

## FROM THE YEAR 12 DEAN OF STUDIES — *Lisa Temple*

### Year 12 Term 2 Results

Many students achieved outstanding results in the most recent round of reporting. Sixty three Year 12 students achieved three As or better, and eight of these, five As. It is especially encouraging that the majority of students performed very well and that there were some notable individual improvements. For all students, a steady effort over the next few weeks will consolidate their learning in preparation for the midyear exams and develop greater confidence as they move toward the final exams in November.

For those students who find it more effective to study here at USC, the College will be open from 9am-4pm, Monday through to Friday during the second term break. Other students might prefer to use the Barr Smith or State libraries. A change of venue can often improve the structure and help maintain the focus of a study programme.

### Mid Year Exams

In the event of illness during the exam period, please contact the College promptly to advise of your child's absence.

Please be aware that if a student is unwell and unable to sit for an exam, the College and SSABSA require a medical certificate to validate the absence. Only after the provision of the certificate, and if it is practicable to do so, will the College reschedule an exam. Should this situation arise, it is the student's responsibility to contact Yvette Winter to organise the rescheduling, as soon as possible.

Those students who study IT and Geography and who have also applied to sit the UMAT are asked to advise Yvette Winter, by email, of their unavailability at that time and a rescheduling will be made.

### Post Exam Programme

On 30 and 31 July, USC is running a post mid year exam programme. Students should have received information from their teachers of the times when they will be providing feedback and be available for appointments

### Formal

Vintage Glamour                      Friday 31 July                      7pm – midnight                      The final day for ticket purchase is Monday 27 July

### Photographic arrangements for the Formal

Please note that for Year 12 students the photography booths will open at 6.30, so that you are able to have your photo taken before the opening of the formal. This will leave you more time to enjoy socialising and dancing.

Please also note that group photos will only be taken by roving photographers who will be moving around the venue throughout the night. A schedule for photos will be on your tables.

### USC Year 12 Jumpers

USC Year 12 jumpers are now being distributed. 'Embroid Me' will contact each student by email when their jumper is available for collection.

### Timetable and Lecture Theatre Changes Term 3

Year 12 students must ensure that they check their lecture and tutorial times, and the lecture theatres and teaching spaces for these in term 3. There are changes in many subjects and students need to be aware of these before the term 3 teaching programme begins. New timetables are available at the USC main building and at Charles Street.

### University Admission

The South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre Guide 2009 will be distributed to year 12 students at Mentoring, Term 3, week 4. The session will also assist students with the procedures for application in SA.

Please note the date for the University Open Days in SA – 16 August. Information regarding entrance to university courses in SA and across Australia is also available online. Most universities welcome contact should you need to seek further information.

## TEENAGE PARTIES

Are you hosting an after formal, or after exams or an 18th party? Then read this Fact Sheet from the Drug Strategy website. It explains South Australian law in relation to underage drinking and provides suggestions for minimising the harm.

*Nadia* — Student Counsellor

Teenagers & alcohol: **Alcohol, Teenage Parties & the Law**

Hosting a teenage party?

### *Points to consider*

Allowing teenage guests to bring their own alcohol to your party means you may have less control over what they do with it. As the host you have a duty of care to all of your guests. This means that you will need to do all that you reasonably can to provide a safe environment, protect all your guests (young people as well as adults) and help them avoid trouble. With this in mind, ensure that you are firm, clear and consistent in applying your party rules to all guests while they are on your premises.

Supervision of teenage parties is essential, so you should stay at home to supervise the party. Should someone be injured, leaving the party unsupervised could mean that you have breached your legal duty of care and are liable for their injury.

Gate-crashers can also be a problem. To prevent this happening ask older siblings, a relative or close family friend to assist with supervision. Some parents hire security company personnel who are trained in crowd control. The presence of a uniformed crowd controller can be an effective deterrent to would be gate-crashers. You also have a responsibility to minimise the impact of noise coming from the party.

Alcohol and other drugs may not be a big issue for younger teenagers but trends in teenage parties do change over time. As the parent of a teenager having a party, you are legally considered the host of the party. You are responsible for providing information to parents of other teenagers attending your party, particularly if alcohol is involved. Other parents may object to their children attending if alcohol will be consumed or available. They may want to be reassured that the party will be properly supervised.

As the parent of a minor, you have a right to all the information needed to decide whether or not to allow your child to attend a party. Here are some things to consider:

- Written invitations tend to mean that the party is for invited guests only. The RSVP also provides an opportunity to speak with parents who are hosting the party.
- Find out how many people will be at the party, and if indeed attendance is by invitation only, whether there will be any food served, whether alcohol will be provided or allowed and what time the party will finish.
- Drop off your teenager at the party and arrange to pick him or her up at a certain time.
- Get the name and phone number of a responsible adult who will be present at the house where the party is being held. Don't hesitate to call him or her if you would like more information or are concerned about anything to do with the party.

### *Emergency care*

- It's a good idea to have a plan for emergencies and to have someone available at the party who is able to provide emergency first aid.
- Someone who is vomiting will often ask to be left alone. However, it is important that someone stays with them in case they choke or pass out. Choking on vomit can cause death so it is important that the person is put in the recovery position if they are unwell and incapacitated.
- **Don't hesitate to call an ambulance** (tel. 000 or 112 if out of range/phone credit) if you think one is needed. Remember that ambulance officers are not required to call the police to overdoses or drug incidents. However, they will need to make contact with the teenager's parent/s if the young person needs to be taken to hospital.
- Make sure you pass on this information to your teenager and their guests, so they know what to do if an emergency arises.

Further information / Where to get help

Register your party with the local police. If you register your party well in advance they may be able to organise for a patrol car to drive by on the night to check for any trouble with gatecrashers. Your local council may also be able to tell you about local laws, for example, regarding acceptable noise levels. For links to other information around safer partying, see the DASSA Drug and Alcohol Services SA [www.dassa.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=158](http://www.dassa.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=158)