

ARETHUSA NEWS



An overview of Arethusa College activities for Semester 2, 2022



Happy Holidays

Looking back on this year I am proud to note how far we have come as a College and celebrate all that we have achieved. This year we have launched our seventh Campus at Springwood, which is growing and thriving, we have increased the number of specialist support staff we have on campuses in a range of disciplines, such as; Social workers, Chaplains, Counsellors and Youth Workers and we have had the largest number of Pathways activities and opportunities to date. I am so incredibly thankful for how we are building education that moulds to suit the needs of every student.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the teachers and support staff here at Arethusa College for all of their hard work and dedication. The extraordinary commitment and tireless work they do means that we can continue to build, succeed and flourish as a community. I would also like to thank you, our parents/carers, family members, supporters and community for working with us to ensure that our students and their needs are the number one priority.

We are extremely grateful for the time that so many of you took in responding to our recent Parent/Carer Survey, and are delighted and humbled by the comments and knowing that our students feel like they belong at Arethusa College. It is a testament to our staff and students' commitment to our College Vision and Mission. We will be taking the time over the break to listen to the feedback and look at ways that we can increase our communication with you, our community.

Congratulations to all of our graduating Year 12 students; we could not be prouder of our graduates for their achievements. I have the privilege of attending every graduation and award celebration and seeing how all students receive encouragement, support and genuine excitement for and from each other is one of my favourite things.

We wish all of our students and families a safe and happy Christmas; enjoy the break. We look forward to seeing you in January 2023.

Lisa Coles,
Executive Principal

Pathways

This semester has seen a ramping up of Pathways activities and opportunities for our young people. We have:

- Run White Card (construction safety card) courses
- Run the Auto Ready course – you can see some photos of the students in action below
- Run a Pre-Work Experience Program on all campuses
- Run a Tenancy Skills program at Forest Lake
- Continued with Certificate II Kitchen Operations
- Trialled a Skilled for Life cooking and budgeting program
- Opened a student led training café – you can see some photos of this amazing event below



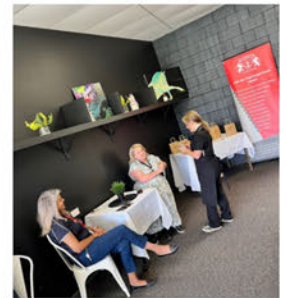
We have had such great success with the supported work experience model where we work extensively with students prior to them being placed, and then continue to support them in the workplace with extended walking alongside time until they feel they are ready. We have also partnered with service providers who are calling out for our students to join them in work experience – many with a view to rolling into school-based or full-time traineeships. If your young person is keen to do some work experience, please have them contact the person they feel most comfortable with at their campus or come directly to your Pathways Officer:

Maroochydore/Deception Bay – Nathan Roberts
Spring Hill / Montague Road – Kerry Morton
Forest Lake/Springwood – Marnie Parker

We were also extremely thrilled this term to officially open the Lake View Café at The Bay campus. This space has been transformed from a disused storeroom to a friendly and welcoming staff café. It is a training café, run by students who are learning important hospitality skills as well as transferable skills such as customer service, workplace health and safety, and processing financial transactions.

College leadership joined us for the opening and were impressed by the embodiment of Arethusa principles in the venture. The Pathways department intends to offer this coffee shop model to all other campuses in 2023.

Alicia Kent-Rooney,
Head of VEP



The Bay

As always, the second semester of 2022 at The Bay was extraordinary, eventful and triumphant. All sections of the school enjoyed a range of learning in and out of the classroom and indeed off campus.

Every day the staff at The Bay love, support and teach the students for whom they care. Our staff are purpose-driven, and dedicated and want to make a difference in a young person's life. As we grow our mission does not change. The way we serve our students will be refined and improved. It will always be done with sincerity and generosity.

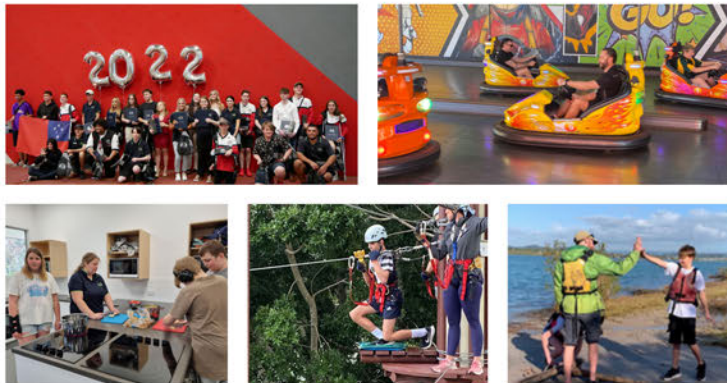
May I take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the privilege it has been to serve you and your family over the past 4 years and to encourage you to support the new Principal of The Bay, Jo McCracken with the same love and respect you showed me.

Marian Revermann,
Campus Principal, The Bay

Junior School

The Junior School enjoyed a fun trip to Aussie World and a visit to the Planetarium to learn about Space. A highlight was the 3-day camp at Apex campsite Twin Waters on the Sunshine Coast where students enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities including High Ropes and Archery.

A highlight was the re-establishment of the community garden. Much joy and satisfaction were derived, and the school community and visitors to the campus experience a visual delight every day because of their efforts.



Middle School

The Middle School enjoyed going to Aussie World as a celebration of the year and all that students had personally and cooperatively achieved. A particular highlight was catering for the staff and learning how important good nutrition was for health and wellbeing.

Students also enjoyed the Bli- Bli Aqua Park where they bounced, laughed and bonded through a range of activities.



Senior School

Our Senior School enjoyed an unprecedented number of activities throughout Semester 2. Included in these was a series of Service Learning activities where students went into the community to give their time and energy to support others. Sport and Recreation students played tennis and golf, while Drama students wrote and performed their own plays and went to a variety of Drama performances in the community.

The Seniors' end-of-year activities included a trip to the beach and one to Aussie World to celebrate all they have accomplished and achieved over the year.

The year 12 formal was held at The Jetty Restaurant on Bribie Island and graduation was in our beautiful Sports Hall. There were many very proud and emotional parents, caregivers, and staff at both events. Our young people were and continue to be an inspiration.

Arethusa Adventure Academy

This Semester has been extremely successful for the Adventure Academy; we have had 3 camps and numerous excursions and incursions with lots of work being completed by all students.



Two of our camps were on the Sunshine Coast with one at the Apex Camp in Mudjimba and the other being an all-girls camp at Alexandra Headlands. The third camp was an all-boys camp located at the College. We have had many different excursions including Aussie World, Area 51 (an indoor adventure play area), and The Brisbane Museum. We also had a laser tag incursion and a weekly self-defence class that the students greatly enjoyed. The students carried on from last semester creating shelters in the outdoor area which was used for the boy's camp to sleep in, with students even creating their own benches and tables in woodwork to use for the camp.

Academically, students have engaged with many different topics over the Semester. In English, they have looked at Persuasive Writing, creating a Resume and Cover Letter, as well as job applications. In Mathematics we have looked at percentages, creating budgets, and diving into algebra. During Term 4, students have been lucky enough to learn about Business and Economics, focusing on the economy and how we all have a role to play. Science saw students investigate 'science' as a field of work and looking into some of the different types of science-based careers. Finally, in HPE students have been learning about the skills needed for coaching and engaging in self-defence. Semester 2 has been a success for the Adventure Academy students and we are excited to see what 2023 brings.

Michael Hanmer,
Head of Arethusa Adventure Academy



Arethusa Sports Academy

What a fantastic year for ASA it has been in 2022. The students have grown considerably; academically, emotionally and physically. It has been such a pleasure to watch them develop and mature as they continue to venture through their educational journey.



In ASA, have experienced some really fun learning this year. Most recently, our excursions to the Bli Bli water park and the driving range. We enjoyed our first ASA school camp and the students are still talking about all of the adventures we had.

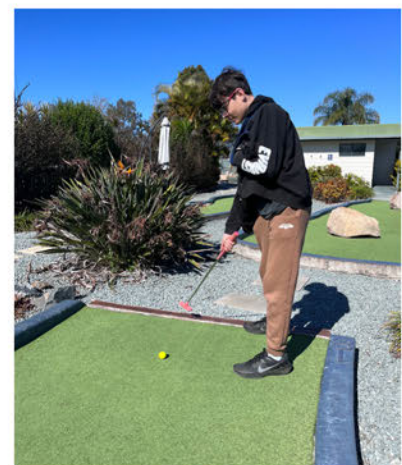


2022 also saw ASA hold our very first end-of-year celebration afternoon tea, which was such a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our innumerable successes with our wonderful families. It was also a fantastic time to congratulate and farewell our Year 10 students as they move on to Senior School, Vocational Training or employment. We wish them all the very best.



I'd like to thank all of our amazing families for their continued support for our vision of ASA and what our amazing students have already achieved, and what is still to come. I'm really looking forward to another exciting year in 2023.

The end of 2022 sees us say goodbye to Kiama, our amazing ESO. While she's still working at Arethusa, she won't be in ASA. Her role is taking her to Middle School where she'll continue to help students as a Youth Worker.



Thanks again for a great year, and we cannot wait to see you back in 2023.

Trine Allwood,
Head of Arethusa Sports Academy

Maroochydore

The Gubbi Gubbi Dance Group presented captivating dances and shared an insightful workshop on First Nations storytelling. Students and staff loved the immersive experience. Our Gubbi Gubbi visitors were very impressed with the students' responses and this visit has paved the way for one of the key performers to accept an invitation to take on the important Indigenous Liaison Officer role. We are so grateful for the excellent work that Stephen has done to celebrate First Nations culture and support young people on our campus. Stephen presented us with a painting he created for our campus to reflect our Centre of Healing.

We celebrate and congratulate our first Year 12 graduates this year, both young women have shown resilience, persistence and courage and will leave an aspirational legacy for our younger students.

Our Year 11 students constantly impress with the caring support they give to young people in the Quiet Learning Area. Some of our Year 11 students have also stepped up to support younger students in gaining confidence on the Basketball court.

A group of young men in our Middle School engage with a Rules in Relationships program to explore positive, respectful, and safe boundaries and responsibilities in relationships. We have been very impressed with the positive engagement of our young men. A group of young women in our Middle School attend the REBECCA program with presenters from IFYS, YJ, and COSY.

There has been excellent uptake of Work Experience opportunities across the campus and we have received some great feedback from workplaces about the positive engagement of students.

Thank you to our wonderful community for a successful 2022.

Marcelle Calitz,
Principal, Maroochydore Campus



Spring Hill

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."

Benjamin Franklin

Electives

This term we have increased the number and choice of electives for Junior School and Middle School students with the addition of Fun with Lego, Fun with Wood and Fun with Fabric. Students were excited to engage with all the new lego which arrived at Spring Hill. They are participating in a range of Lego challenges. Our students in the Fun with Wood elective are using a variety of hand tools to make their very own pencil box before moving on to a more challenging project. In Fun with Fabric students have been using hand sewing to make a pin cushion and will then create a tote bag which will include developing their skills using a sewing machine. Lots of fun is being had by all.



Personal Projects

Students have engaged in a variety of personal projects over the course of the year. Dylan designed and made a herb and vegetable garden by recycling a pallet with the help of Jay, one of our skilled ESOs. As you can see – Dylan was so proud of the end result, as were we!

R U Ok? Day and Other Celebrations

Staff and students at Spring Hill have celebrated a number of events this semester, some of which include R U Ok? Day, World Mental Health Day, Pyjama Day, Wear It Purple Day and RSPCA Cupcake Day.

These celebrations are welcomed by all of our community and bring together our "sense of belonging and thinking of others".



Spring Hill

Staff Brunch

Electives, Independent Living Skills and Kitchen Operations students have been busy refining their cooking skills, cooking up a storm for a staff brunch. They worked hard to deliver this outstanding display of culinary fair. Staff were very impressed with their end result!



Junior Park Visits

Our Junior school students have been enjoying trips to our local park where they have been able to practice their team sports as well as using the park facilities. A wonderful way to access our local community facilities.



Meet The Teacher and Information Afternoon

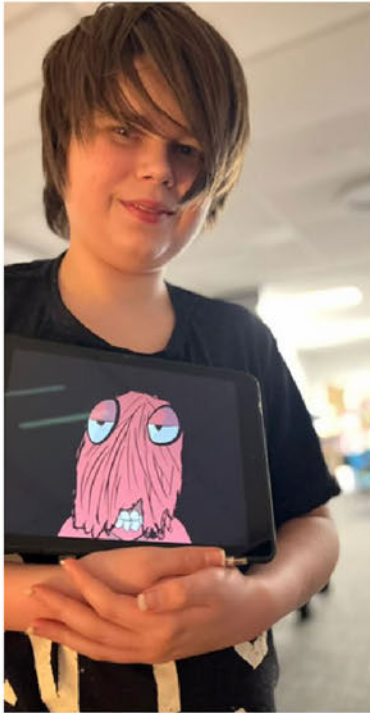
Spring Hill students and families gathered together to “Meet the Teacher” and engage as a community. Families were able to see our space and view students’ work. Opportunities were made available to talk with our Vocational Pathways team as well as our Careers Counsellor. A wonderful experience was had by all.



Kerry McFarlane,
Principal, Spring Hill Campus

Montague Road

This semester has seen Montague Road students undertake and achieve some incredible things. Our community has continued to become stronger, with our culture shining through and being championed by our graduating senior class. Watching all of our students constantly grow, develop and thrive, finding new and innovative ways to be their unique selves, is one of the greatest joys and makes us all incredibly proud.



Animation has been taking off at MR revealing a number of previously hidden talents and allowing students to thrive in their personal interests in many and varied ways.



Staff and students practicing wellbeing. Students are learning that there are so many areas of connection for wellbeing and mindfulness.



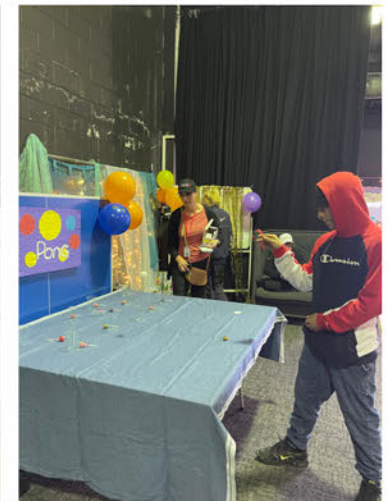
our spaces allow for many different ways of engaging through the day for our students. The art space transforms into an instrumental music room in the blink of eye.



The café space at MR has allowed many students to express themselves and mentor those around them at the same time. We encourage a service heart and creativity.

MEKKR

Our inaugural Montague Road Ekka was a highlight of this Semester, allowing many students to indulge in good old-fashioned fun. Staff and students banded together to create a fun-filled event of sideshow activities, showbags, food and prizes to help develop a strong sense of community.

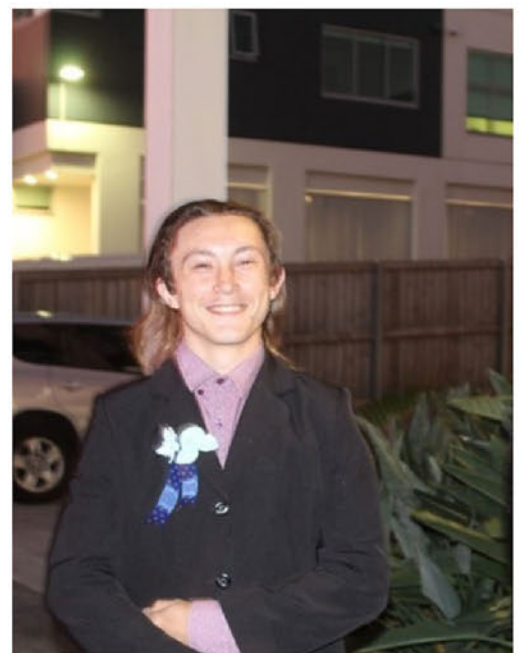


Montague Road

FORMAL AND GRADUATION

This year saw Montague Road's first Senior Formal. Our incredible students looked the part and enjoyed a night celebrating all that they have achieved during their time at Arethusa.

We were able to end 2022 in a sensational way with our Graduation and Awards Ceremony, which saw our Montague Road community come together to celebrate the many and various achievements of one another and to congratulate and send off our 2022 Senior Class in style.



Forest Lake

It has been an exciting year at Forest Lake. We are continuing to grow and welcome new students and staff. We have had many events throughout the year that the students have enjoyed. We celebrate for them and with them on all of their achievements.

As we close the school year, it is a time to reflect back on the many things that have occurred during 2022. The opportunities that have been provided in cultural diversity, sporting activities, service activities and personal development have been many and varied. I have enjoyed watching our students grow and immerse themselves in these activities.

It has been such an enjoyable year at Forest Lake and I am proud to be part of this wonderful school community. I would also like to thank the staff for their tremendous work this year in assisting our students to achieve their very best.

I look forward to welcoming back staff and students in the New Year.

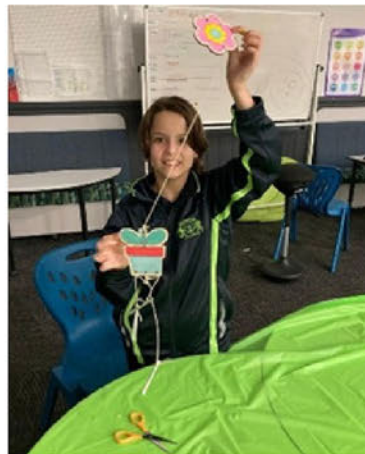
Merry Christmas to all.

Eryn Grady,
Principal, Forest Lake Campus

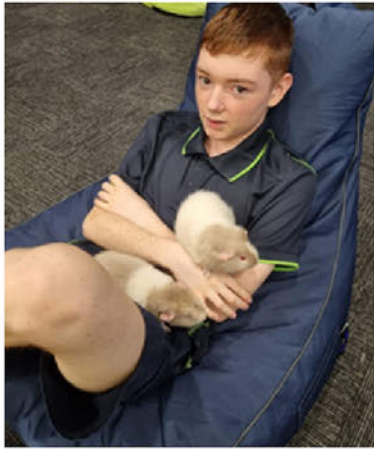
We have had our first year 12 cohort graduate. These amazing young adults are moving onto bright futures. It is an exciting time for our students transitioning from school to the workplace or further study. We wish them all the best.



The students entered an ART competition. Judging was held on the 22nd Oct 2022. We are proud to announce that we won first prize and \$500 towards music equipment for the school. A huge thank you to Elizabeth Grant and the Junior school students.



Forest Lake



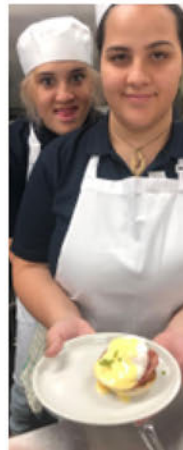
We love animals!

The students have raised four chickens from eggs.

They will go to a student's home who also has chickens for the holidays.



Junior School Activities



The Kitchen Operations Course has been a great success with several students completing their qualification this semester. The students have been cooking for a variety of groups including the Men's Shed. They have also cooked for the whole campus for lunch twice! Students enjoy cooking on a regular basis and also help prepare lunch each day for the whole school.

End of Term
Celebration
to
Summerland
Camels.



We have worked with the Forest Lake Mens' Shed to have a Woodworking Activity in the afternoons. This culminated in the construction of an eight-piece outdoor setting! A huge thank you to Steve from the Forest Lake Men's Shed for the use of their equipment and tools as well as providing instruction to build the furniture.



Springwood

As Arethusa's newest campus, we launched into action at the start of Term 3. We faced a few obstacles along the way, but our students and staff demonstrated incredible flexibility and resilience as we awaited Council approval for our building. Our forty-three excursions were a great opportunity to form connections, establish our culture and get to know our learners' needs.



Exciting Excursions

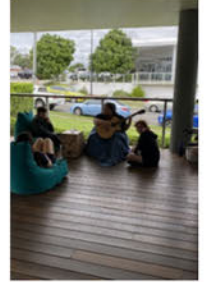
Some of the wonderful places we visited as a campus in Term 3 include Daisy Hill Forest Koala Sanctuary (which became our outdoor classroom each week), Queensland Gallery of Modern Art, Queensland Museum, Urban Climb, Shailer Pioneer Park, Davies Park in West End, Arethusa's Montague Road Campus, and the Windsor Campus who allowed us to make their campus our home every Tuesday and Thursday. Our end-of-term celebration entailed an exciting excursion to Area 51 which our young people (and staff!) thoroughly enjoyed.



Springwood

Celebrating being in the building

We ended Term 3 with the most wonderful news - we had received approval for our building and would begin Term 4 in our own space! In Term 4, we welcomed new staff and students to our campus and quickly found our new routines and rhythm. We introduced our students to the joys of Clubs and project-based learning and watched in amazement as they engaged with all that was on offer.



Cooking

The weekly Cooking Club had a focus on healthy eating, smoothies and juices, food for special occasions, kitchen safety and hygiene, budgeting, and costing. Who would have thought Maths could be so much fun? The students enjoyed preparing delicious food for themselves and the staff.

Boxing

Each week, we take a group of young people to the local PCYC where they work on improving their physical fitness while learning the basics of boxing. The officers working with our young people always end each session with a discussion on wellbeing and life skills.



Raby Bay

Our Middle School ventured to Raby Bay a couple of times in Term 4. They engaged in paddle boarding, canoeing and a variety of fun activities. Many happy memories were created as students stepped out of their comfort zone.



We are all so grateful for the start that we have had this semester. We are thankful to all the families and people that have helped us along the way.

We wish all our young people a safe and restful holiday and look forward to the new adventures we will embark on together in 2023.

Malgosia Smith,
Principal, Springwood Campus

Anywhere Learning Team

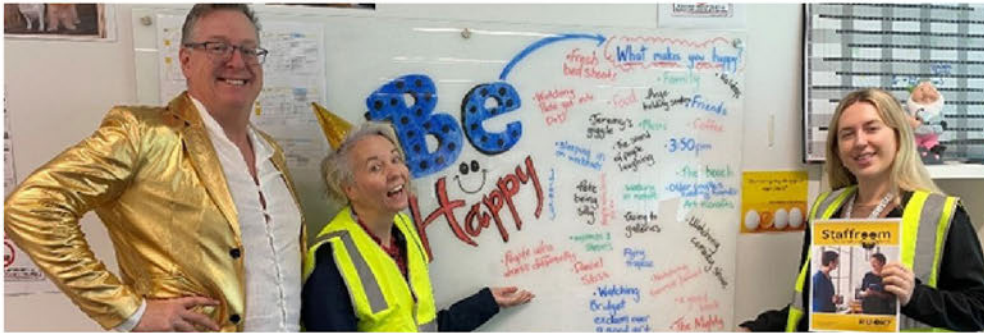
Student-shaped Learning

The philosophy of Arethusa is to provide our students with student-shaped learning. The ALT program embraces this approach by providing highly flexible bespoke education for our referred students. This can look like any and all of the following:

- Home visits
- Community visits, using the local library, parks, Hungry Jacks or Maccas
- The Windsor campus at a morning or afternoon session, up to three days a week; and
- Our newest addition, the Tallowood Hub at The Bay campus

But that's just the location of where learning takes place. The form of the learning is also variable, such as BKSB, VTQ, Certificates, in-class activities, or simply building relationships. The specific format is always dictated by the individual student; we will do whatever works best for each student.

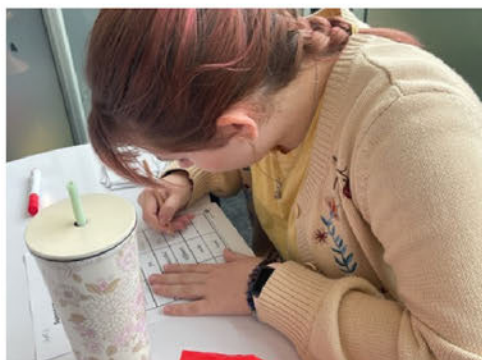
Built into the DNA of ALT is its transitory nature. Students generally spend no more than five to six months in the ALT program before they transition into their next chapter of learning. We work with students and their families/carers to identify and then transition to the best pathway. This has included providing training in using public transport prior to commencing at one of the Arethusa campuses.



Anywhere Learning Team

During Term 3, twenty-eight students transitioned from the ALT program:

- 3 students enrolled in their local TAFE;
- 2 students enrolled in local Flexi schools;
- 1 student chose to continue their education through distance education;
- 1 student moved interstate;
- 1 student is enrolled full-time in learning through a Youth Justice program;
- 1 student is working full-time;
- 1 student returned to their previous high school to be with siblings;
- 1 student enrolled in a YMCA program in their local area;



ALT provides Arethusa with a vital functionality. It is like the safety net below our students making their way along the tightrope of education. Most Arethusa students will never touch the net, whereas for others it's a life saver, enabling them to bounce back and continue their educational journey.

Stacey Power,
Head of Inclusive Education & Anywhere Learning Team

Other Updates

2023 Term Dates

Term 1 (10 weeks)	Monday 23 January - Friday 31 March
Term 2 (9 weeks)	Monday 17 April - Friday 16 June
Term 3 (9 weeks)	Monday 17 July - Friday 15 September
Term 4 (9 weeks)	Tuesday 3 October - Wednesday 29 November Year 12s finish – Friday 17 November Year 10/11 finish – Friday 24 November Year 7/8/9 finish – Wednesday 29 November



Follow us on social media for updates, reminders and info about what's happening on campus. Each campus has a Facebook page, plus we have a whole of Arethusa Facebook & Instagram!

Arethusa Adventure Academy



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