



# Arethusa News

Term 4, 2023



As the holiday season approaches, we reflect on the incredible year we've had as a College community. This year has been nothing short of amazing; filled with growth, accomplishments, and shared moments that have enriched our journey together.

As we pause to celebrate the festive season, I want to thank the teaching and support staff. Their unwavering dedication, passion, and hard work have shaped the experiences of our students. I also want to express my immense appreciation to the parents, carers, and families of our students and the supporters within our community. Your continuous encouragement, involvement, and support have been invaluable in fostering an environment where our students can thrive and excel.

Congratulations to our Year 12 graduates! We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you as you embark on new chapters in your lives.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the parent/carer survey. Your feedback is crucial in shaping the future of our college. We assure you that we will carefully review and consider every comment and suggestion provided. Your input guides us in our continuous efforts to enhance the learning experience and the overall college environment for the benefit of all.

Finally, we would like to wish all of our students and Arethusa community a safe and happy Christmas break.

Happy holidays from all of us at Arethusa College!

*Lisa Coles, Executive Principal*

# Pathways

Tony Byrnes  
Head of Pathways

## Traineeships

We have had 16 students either complete, or on track to complete, school-based traineeships in Hospitality, Retail, Business and more. Pictured below are senior students who recently completed a Cert III Business traineeship through our partner, Australian Retail College. We also have 3 students signed up for school-based apprenticeships in Hairdressing, Automotive and Refrigeration respectively



The past couple of weeks we wrapped up our VET courses and students submitted their final pieces of assessment for the year. We held graduations and celebrations for our exiting Year 12 students in Construction, Automotive and Hospitality.

As part of their final assessment, our Hospitality students at Spring Hill and Forest Lake campuses hosted a complete breakfast for staff and peers. From back-of-house to front-of-house responsibilities, all students did an amazing job and provided amazing food and service!



Pathways has had 71 students participate in some form of Work Experience in areas such as Childcare, Hospitality, Logistics, Retail, Business and the Defence Force. Students pictured [right] from Maroochydore campus attended 3 full days of Work Experience at Enoggera Barracks and loved every minute. Defence exposed our students to many different corps within the Defense Force and information sessions on different roles, such as Artillery, Combat Engineers, Signals and Infantry to name a few.



## ASA


The Sports Academy students have been working hard this term. They have been to the gym, working with personal trainers to develop their form and strength during workouts. Training for the Arethusa football team has been going well, learning and developing their skills and teamwork. In English, students have viewed sports-themed movies and completed film reviews on these. In Digital Technology, students developed their skills in Scratch coding as well as programming and coding Spheros. It was such fun watching the students navigate these through mazes designed by their peers. In Mathematics, students practised a range of concepts including number, shape, probability and statistics.



## Junior School

Students viewed and analysed the Shark Tale movie as part of film review for English. A small group chose an alternative movie - anime film - which was really interesting to see. For Digital Technology, students learned to code using Scratch, then consolidated this knowledge by coding small games, the robots to complete mazes, and short animations. In PE, students voted to show their understanding of teamwork and sportsmanship through indoor Olympics. Students showed real growth in their capacity to be kind and thoughtful whilst being supportive and competitive. In maths, students developed their growing understanding of probability and statistics, number and shape. The hands-on activities to learn about movement of shapes were of particular interest to the students.



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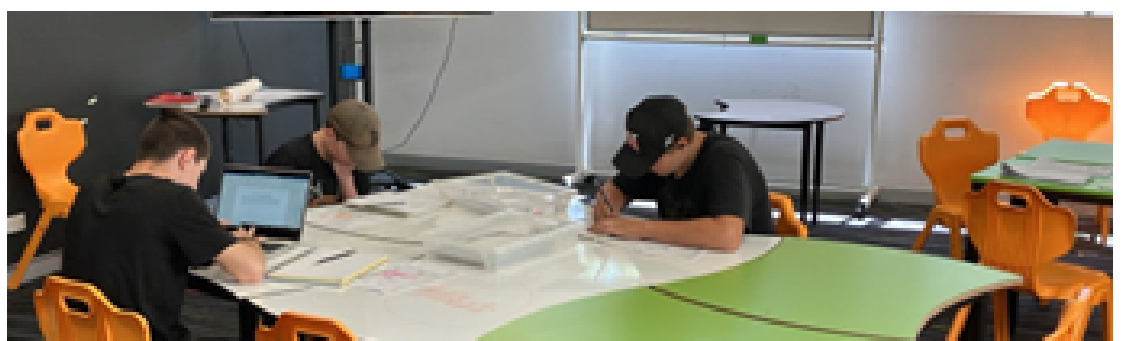
## Middle School


Students had the opportunity to learn real world Mathematics with Financial Maths. They have been able to have real-world experience in budgeting, learning about tax and interest rates. It was wonderful to see them all interested in this subject as it will be a great tool for them as they move forward. Not only this, the students learnt about Digital Technology and, during this term, engaged with Robotics. The Sphero BOLT robotics program was introduced to all students merging existing coding skills with new techniques for Information Technology ready for 2024. The comments from students were that this was one of the highlights of the term.

It has been exciting to see our Year 10 students prepare for Senior as they sit their Set Plans Interviews and Subject Selection for Years 11 and 12. On Wednesday 22nd of November, Year 10's attended Transition Day. The purpose of the day was to prepare for year 10's to enter Senior School next year. The day started with Chappy breakfast. Students were treated to a variety of activities including canoeing, team building activities, electronics, cooking, and visual art activities.

Students went on some awesome excursions, such as Ice Skating, Aussie World and Bli Bli Aqua Park. It was a proud moment expressed by all teachers who accompanied the students to see them displaying exemplary behaviour whilst engaging in a public forum. We were told this afterwards by management from Aussie World, as expressed to our principal, that the Arethusa's group of students were the best behaved in the park. What an awesome accomplishment for our young people!

Chappy Carly reintroduced gardening to groups of students who enjoyed cleaning up the delapidated area, re-planting and watering which will begin the establishment of herbs and common plants in the community garden.



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## AAA Learning

Students have been finalising their group projects to ensure that their legacy for the AAA space is complete and ready for the new cohort to commence in 2024. This has included:

- The redesign and building of a new floating pontoon and boardwalk
- The launching of the floating pontoon in the middle of the dam
- The redesign of the AAA campfire and seating area
- The exploration of a cross country bike track through the bushland



## Senior School


Key events that were undertaken to celebrate the end of formal schooling for the year 12s, as well as begin the final year for our Year 11s:

- Careers Day – opportunity for our student students to engage with different service providers to support further learning and/or work during and beyond formal schooling.
- Year 12 Graduation – formal event to acknowledge the achievements of our graduating cohort.
- Year 12 Formal – final celebration with the Year 12 students.
- Seniors 2024 Transition Day – opportunity for the current Year 10s and 11s to come together as a cohort and engage in group learning activities

Year 10/11 Final Award Assembly – formal event to close out the school year and acknowledge the achievements of the students; also included announcement of 2024 Student Leadership Team

## CAREERS DAY



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## Graduation



## Formal 2023



## School captains 2024 announced at the Awards Ceremony



**School Captains**  
Alec & Daisy



**School Vice Captains**  
Abby & Jayden




**Sports Captain & Vice**  
Kane & Michael



**Cultural Captain & Vice**  
Mello & Astro

We celebrated Staff Appreciation week in October to co-inside with World Teachers Day.



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# Montague Road

*Kelly Barnes*  
Campus Principal, Montague Road

Term 4 has always been a busy time of the year in schools and MR is no exception. We have successfully planned and hosted some awesome events to truly embrace our theme of 'Belonging' right the way through to the end of the year, and to ensure that when we keep our promise that everyone will have an opportunity to connect with their people and their interests. This has meant that staff and student have invested heart and soul into providing and engaging the following range of learning and connecting experiences.

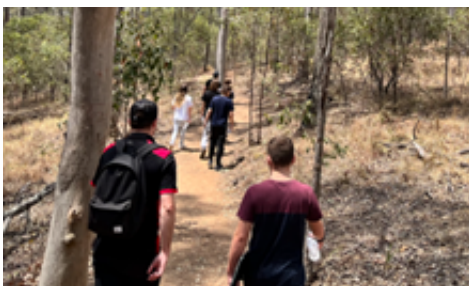
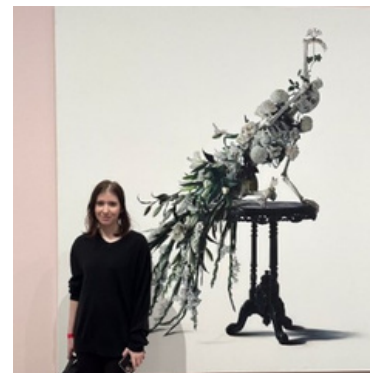
## Junior and Middle Years Camp




A great visit of two nights each to the farming adventure campsite of Googa Outdoor Centre

## Several cool incursions and excursions including:

- Artist in Residence Workshops with Aunty Rhonda whose story-telling and art captured the imaginations of so many of our students
- Life Learning excursions at Mt Coot-tha to shoot documentaries
- Music Development Workshop
- Excursions to Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA)



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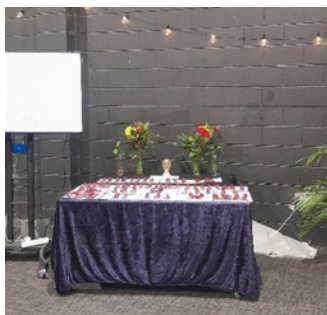
## Multiple pathways courses including:

- Barista course,
- First Aid,
- White card training
- Responsible Service of Alcohol certification



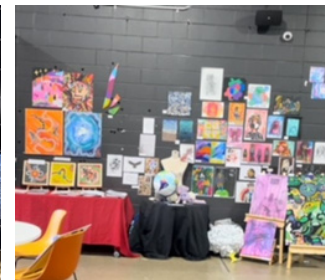
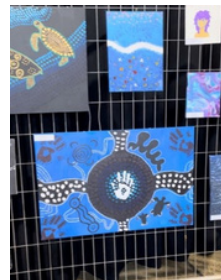
## Graduation and Awards Ceremony


This ceremony involved awarding 70 certificates and medals and Principals award trophy and 17 Yr 12 graduates receiving a graduation portfolio and a personalised photo frame as a keepsake. The real reward however, was the smile on the faces of so many proud parents and students. One Year 7 student told his teacher that he didn't think he would be at Arethusa for long because he doesn't tend to stay in schools for long. However, after receiving an award for the first time in his school life, and watching the Year 12s finish so well, he decided he was going to be one of those senior students standing out the front one day and worked hard on his assignments all afternoon. Now that's progress.



## Art Exhibition

One year of incredible artwork all on display.  
Outstanding talent!



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On the whole it's been a jam-packed term in a jam-packed year. We're ready for a holiday but it's been worth every ounce of sweat and (occasional tears) to see our young people thrive and achieve in the many opportunities for learning, growth and personal challenges that they have embraced.



# Forest Lake

*Eryn Grady*  
Campus Principal, Forest Lake

Another year has finished and we have had many successes at Forest Lake. A new Toilet block and staff room building have been opened and we have many new students. We have had our first successful camps and Year 12 Formal! I'm very proud of our students that have completed RSA, White Cards, First Aid and Barista certificates. We have had our first cohort of Certificate II in Hospitality graduate. I am looking forward to another fantastic year in 2024! A huge thank you to all our staff and students for all your hard work. Merry Christmas to all.

Eryn Grady  
Campus Principal Forest Lake

## Junior Room


The Junior room students started the term off combining education and fun in a picturesque outdoor setting for their day camp at Tallebudgera. The students were involved in learning how to body board, exciting beach challenges and an escape room to finish the day.

In Mathematics we have been focussing on shape, finding missing angles and statistics. We took a more hands-on approach for identifying triangles where students made various triangles and identified them by angles, and sides.

In Project we explored different areas of STEM where students created solar ovens taking advantage of the hot days to make smores! Some were eaten before they got a chance to melt. We also made paper planes and built bridges out of triangles.

In HPE we looked at sportsmanship both good and bad, and practised good sportsmanship by participating in team sports such as flag tag, tee ball and variations of tag. We further developed skills utilised in various Olympic sports, such as throwing, aiming and hitting targets.



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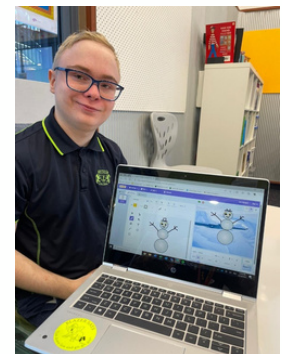
## Middle Room

This term in middle room, we have taken a hands-on approach by doing STEM projects. Students have completed a variety of hands-on activities such as; marshmallow and spaghetti bridges. Where the students had to design and build bridges using these materials, to enable them to withstand weight placed onto it.




In embracing the theme of integrated technology this semester, our middle school students delved into the realm of digital technology, immersing themselves in the art of coding games using the Scratch program. Scratch, a visual programming language, empowers students to craft their own interactive narratives, games, and animations. Through the process of designing projects on Scratch, students not only unleash their creativity but also cultivate skills in logical reasoning and collaborative teamwork. Our students showcased their ingenuity with a range of captivating games, featuring everything from animated snowmen to dancing turtles.

The latter part of the term we focused on finishing assessments for the final push for the end of the year. Students worked well and are commended for their efforts to complete their work. We wish our middle students a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.



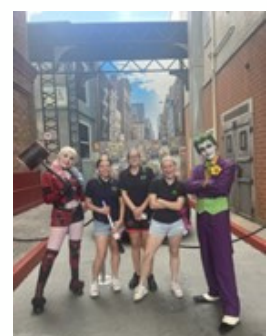
## Senior Room

The Senior Room has been working hard this term as we prepared for the fast approaching assessment time (and our final assessments ever for Grade 12's!). Lots of fun was still had in the classroom as we said farewell to our wonderful grade 12's and prepared them for their endeavours as they move on to the next chapter of their lives. We finished the term with a fun trip out to Movie World.

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Campus Principal, Forest Lake

## Activities/ Sport




## Esports

Students across all year levels have been getting a taste of Esports as they have been competing against each other in games on the Nintendo Switches. The school has registered a Year 7/8 team and a Year 9/10 team in the 2024 Fuse Cup competition, which is a school e-sports competition held on various dates throughout 2024. Interested students will have the opportunity to trial for the team in Term 1, 2024.

## Graduation

We celebrated the success of our grade 12 students as well as the rest of the school at our annual End of Year celebration and Graduation. We wished a wonderful farewell to our amazing grade 12 students and celebrated the success and growth seen by each of them throughout their time at Arethusa. We went on the carry on the celebrations with the rest of the school, with awards being granted to students in each year level who have shown outstanding character and perseverance within the school community this year. We ended the celebration with the cutting of the graduation cake and said farewell to our grade 12's as they left to get ready for their formal dinner.

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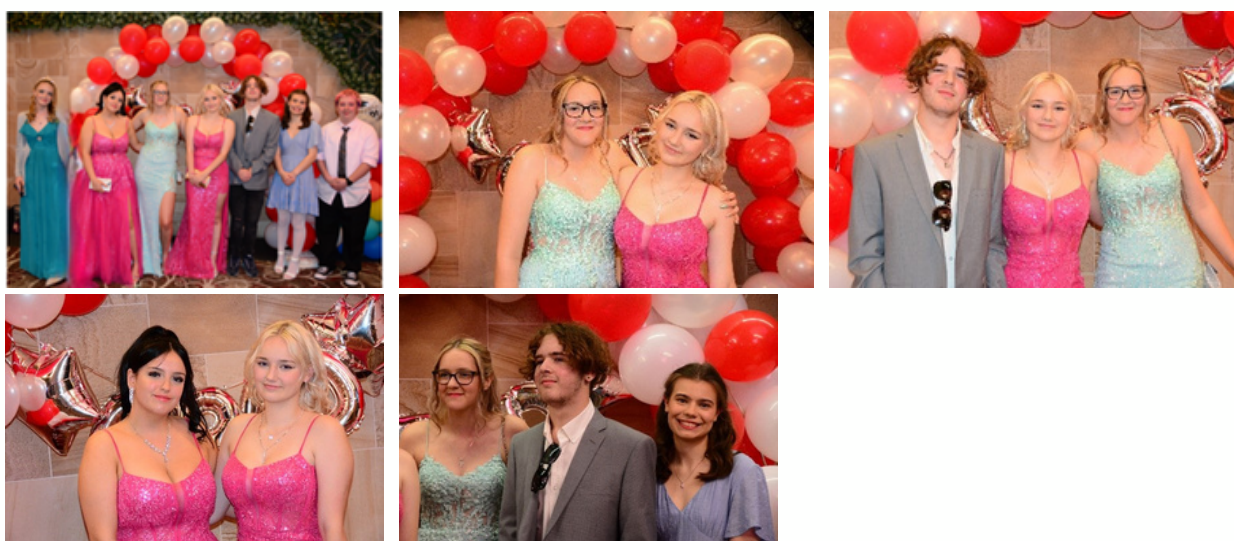
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Campus Principal, Forest Lake

## Formal

Our Grade 12 formal was an amazing event, celebrating the journey our students have taken over the past few years. We have been blessed to share the journey with these wonderful young adults, where we have seen these incredible young minds grow, learn, and conquer challenges.

As members of the Arethusa Community, we couldn't be prouder. It was a beautiful testament to the hard work, friendships, and memories that our graduating class has built together. These students have truly flourished, and the formal was a perfect reflection of their achievements. Here's to the Class of 2023 - may your futures be as bright as the smiles on your faces that night!




## QATSIF

Each year, QATSIF (Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation) accept applications to provide educational scholarships to support eligible First Nations students with the educational costs of their senior studies throughout year 11 and 12.

It is of the utmost importance to acknowledge the funding afforded by QATSIF to support successful scholarship applicants is built from the unpaid labor of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.

It has been an absolute pleasure to support students and families to apply for QATSIF scholarships and to oversee the administration of the QATSIF scholarship within our Arethusa Forest Lake school community.

I am incredibly proud to announce that of the 8 students that applied for a QATSIF Round 15 for the years 2024 & 2025, all were successful in obtaining scholarships for years 11 and 12. Congratulations to all 8 students.

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## Camps

Staff enthusiastically took groups of students to Camp Cooby at the bottom of the Toowoomba range for our first ever camp experiences. There were two camps, one for the Year 7s and 8s, and then another for Year 9, 10, 11. The students engaged in raft building, high ropes, archery and camp craft. This was a great opportunity for students to overcome fears and recognise and celebrate each other, which formed deeper connections amongst the groups. We look forward to more camp experiences in 2024.

### Year 7/8




### Year 9/10



## Teaching & Learning

At the end of Term 4 there was high engagement from many of the students who were keen to demonstrate their learning. The Information Night was well attended and was a success in building strong partnerships between parents/carers, and the College. SET (Senior Education & Training) Plan meetings were conducted for Year 10 going to Year 11 and there were lots of discussions regarding Pathways for students for 2024.

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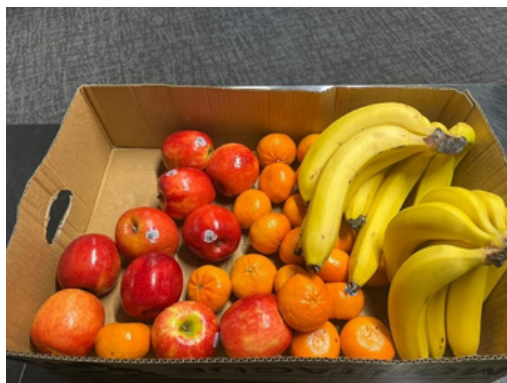


# Springwood

Mary Mansour  
Campus Principal , Springwood

## Food

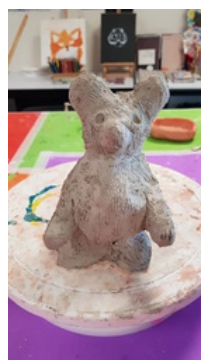
Students are enjoying various foods for lunch and breaks including food donated by Touch of Hope from Second Bite. On Wednesday's students enjoy a meal from the slow cooker and Fridays they have hamburgers or a sausage sizzle.




## Art

This term students engaged with sculpture as a form of communication and art. Students looked at the sculpture throughout history starting with cuneiform writing in clay tablets all the way up to modern day sculptors. They also looked at the cultural aspects of sculptured masks and the celebrations that go along with them. Additionally, students were engaged with First Nations people paintings and the meanings of marks and layout within the pieces with Aunty Rhonda.

Students used various 3D mediums such as different forms of clay and the framing requirements of each, cookable sculpting medium, plaster, pre-fabricated paper mâché, feathers, beads, gems and other mark making media.



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## Staff Wellbeing

Having a good laugh and some down time is what keeps us going at Springwood. We value each other's strengths and can see how we all make up the many parts to this body of people. When one hurts, we all hurt, when one celebrates, we all celebrate. We have also been greatly blessed by having the Berrinba Team join us for many days during the term. They have been such an asset to our community. We look forward to seeing them flourish at the new Arethusa campus in Berrinba.



## Careers Expo

Our Senior students enjoyed travelling up to the Arethusa Deception Bay campus to attend a very well-organized Careers Expo. Students were excited and inspired after investigating the many opportunities ahead of them.



## Graduation and Awards Ceremony

Our inaugural Graduation and Awards Ceremony was the highlight of the term with our two Senior students, Taylah-Jaye Knowles and Jessica Howarth, being celebrated for their achievements. Families attended to join in the successes of their children receiving awards. It was a wonderful afternoon of joy, food and celebration.



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Mary Mansour  
Campus Principal , Springwood


## Dreamworld Celebration

The whole campus went on an excursion to Dreamworld to celebrate a successful year at Arethusa. So much fun and laughter despite the long queues.



## Last Day Tradition

It is becoming a tradition to farewell our students with a guard of honor tunnel as they exit the College. The relationships built between staff and students is strong, which is evidenced by the warmth shared at this time of year.

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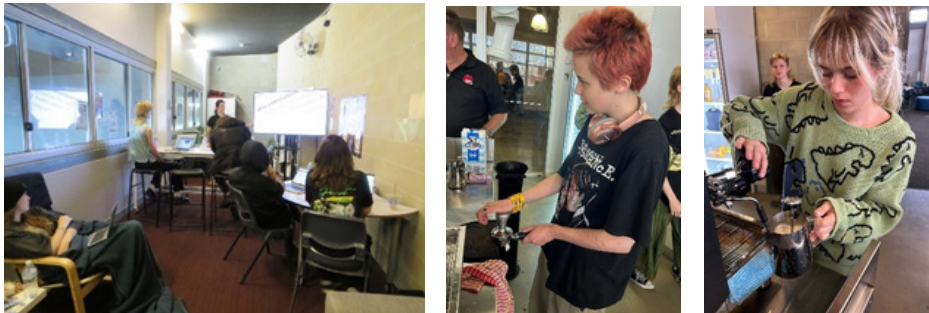
## Pathways

Barista course- Students engaged in the Barista Short Course, with the assistance of Liz Fairchild, Kerry Morton and Lee Fudge (iVet). The students enthusiastically engaged building capacity and capabilities, where they learned the art of crafting.

First Aid Course – Our year 10, 11, and 12 students were given the valuable opportunity to participate in a First Aid Course, and it's humbling to report that 11 students successfully completed this qualification.

White Card Course – A group of 8 students recently engaged in the White Card Course, which is a significant step that not only broadens their skill set but positions them for future opportunities in the construction industry.

RSA Course – The Responsible Service of Alcohol Course was offered to a group of ten students. The successful completion of this course not only adds another qualification to their bank but also enhances their prospects for employment in the hospitality sector.



## Electives

The elective sessions for Junior and Middle School students have recently concluded, with several options proving to be exceptionally well-received and popular among students. Due to their success, a selection of electives will persist into the upcoming year. Electives such as Fun with Nature, Fun with Craft, and Fun with Art will continue to be offered in 2024, providing students with enjoyable and engaging learning opportunities.



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## Graduation Day


On the 16th of November 2023, Graduation Day marked a significant event attended by a substantial gathering of parents, students, and staff. Beyond commemorating the completion of school for Year 12 students, the ceremony also acknowledged the achievements and contributions of students across various grades. Exceptional individuals from each class were honored for their academic excellence, effort, exemplary character, and community engagement. Furthermore, the ceremony featured the presentation of special whole-school awards in diverse categories such as culture and wellbeing, support, creativity, mindset, involvement, resilience, strive, growth, equity, and spirit. This recognition values the qualities and achievements of our students, creating a memorable and inclusive atmosphere on Graduation Day.



## School Formal

This year's school formal, held at The Lord Alfred Hotel, became a significant chapter in our students' journey with Arethusa College, Spring Hill. Both staff and students came together for an unforgettable evening that held particular importance for the Year 12 cohort. The venue, while stylish and sophisticated, was more than just a backdrop; it served as the setting for a momentous milestone in their schooling experience. The formal marked the culmination of their high school years, symbolising a collective recognition of the hard work, friendships, and growth; creating meaningful and unforgettable moments in the lives of our graduates.



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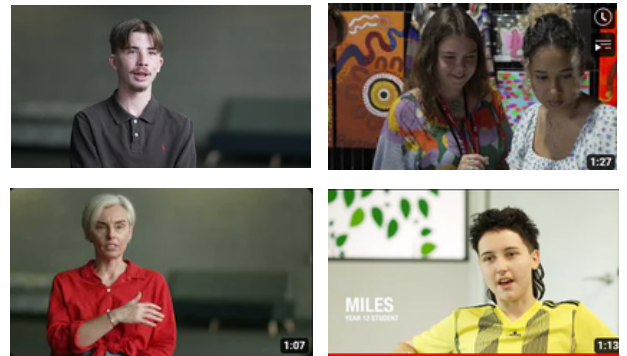
## Principal's Awards

In Term 4, Principal Awards were presented to students who exemplified the qualities of an Arethusa student. It's gratifying to see several students receive this certificate, and we take pride in their accomplishments and representation of our school values.



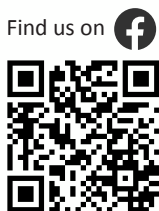
## Year 12 Project

In collaboration with Mark Bennett, the Head of Philanthropy, staff identified three Year 12 students who were eager to share their unique stories and journeys at Arethusa College. These students were interviewed, and their compelling narratives were recorded to be shared by Arethusa College. By showcasing these individual experiences, we aim to provide insights into the diverse and enriching educational journeys of our students at Arethusa College, fostering a sense of connection and inspiration within our community.



## Care and Kindness Celebration Day

Throughout this term, our campus centered its attention on fostering a culture of Care & Kindness, emphasising the importance of these qualities within our staff and student body. Staff actively nominated students who consistently demonstrated acts of care and kindness within the school community, contributing positively to the focus. In recognition, 18 students were selected for a special outing to Southbank, where they had the opportunity to bond and enjoy a movie together. The day was not only filled with entertainment but also



concluded on a delightful note with everyone indulging in a sneaky ice cream treat. Observing the positive impact of this initiative, staff noted the emergence of stronger connections and new friendships among the students, providing a day of some much-needed R & R.

# Spring Hill

*Debbie Morris  
Acting Principal, Spring Hill*

## Lunches

The balcony BBQ lunches continue to be a great success, providing students with a chance to engage with staff and the wellbeing team in a vibrant outdoor setting. Enjoying the fresh air, sunshine, and a sense of community, students find these gatherings enriching.



## Awareness Days


Throughout the term, staff and students demonstrated their support for various causes. Our initiatives were the participation in Day for Daniel, a campaign aimed at raising awareness for child safety and education. For a bit of fun to end the year, staff and students had a Halloween Themed Dress Up Day: Students and staff were able to come to school and dress up as a favourite character or something a little spooky. Staff and students took part in Trans Awareness Week to value all members of our community in our commitment to inclusivity. We showed our support for World Mental Health Day. An international Day for global health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma.



## Excursions

Both Year 7 and 8 classes embarked on an enriching trip to Queens Park in Ipswich. The students had the privilege of exploring various facets of the park, including visits to the Education Centre, Nerima Gardens, and an insightful guided tour of the Nature Centre. This excursion provided a hands-on learning experience, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of the natural environment for our students.



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On the 2nd of November, we celebrated the opening of the Maroochydore Campus' Art Exhibition. Thought-provoking torso pieces from the Art therapy group were a major highlight. Other artworks included, the Visual Arts student's work portfolio books, various pottery pieces, landscapes, and indigenous designs.



## Defence Force work experience.

Students have met at school for 6am and travelled to Gallipoli Barracks in Enoggera where they have attended the Work experience program from 8am -3.45pm before returning back to school around 6pm. They have experienced a full entry fitness test, including the beep test, military push ups and sits ups all conducted to the correct cadence. Defence exposed the young people to many different corps within the Defence force and information sessions on difference roles, such as Artillery, Combat Engineers, Signals and Infantry to name a few. They took part in simulated combat training and were introduced to various weapons and military vehicles. They also visited the infectious diseases establishment on base and learnt some first aid treatment for snake bites.

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## Year 12 Formal

An incredible night to celebrate our Year 12 students finishing their school journey. Our inaugural formal was held on campus with plenty of fairy lights to ensure the evening dazzled the students. From an elegant set up to dapper attire, the evening was filled with laughter and connecting with each other, especially as the students belted out karaoke tunes. The students and staff delighted in a delicious meal and hilarious, uplifting games, making it a night to remember for everyone who attended.



Animal Assisted Activities have helped students transition from the Anywhere Learning Team into our Tranquillity Classroom. The ALT team and Tranquillity Room's staff collaborate to ensure students feel comfortable and safe to engage with classroom activities.



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# CROSS CAMPUS RUGBY LEAGUE

On Friday, all our colleges combined for our last day of the rugby league training program for the year. The day began with various tackling and passing drills and working on our goal line defence. The students did extremely well in hot conditions and stopped for a water break every 15 minutes. The amazing staff had made a BBQ for all of us to enjoy, and, after training, we sat down for lunch. After lunch we had our presentation where we handed out medals to some of the students which showed leadership qualities throughout training and games. We commended them on their leadership qualities on the footy field and encouraged them to take these qualities back to their campuses and apply them in 2024.

This group of young people have come a long way from when we started to know. They have developed new friendships, learnt positive teamwork and respect for each other, and have enjoyed their physical fitness. I cannot be prouder of our students. They have passed any expectations I ever thought possible. This is coach Wayne signing off for the year. Have a great holiday and stay safe, see you all on the field next year!



# 2024 DATES

TERM 1 (10 Weeks)	Monday 22 January - Thursday 28 March
TERM 2 (9 Weeks)	Monday 15 April - Friday 14 June
TERM 3 (9 Weeks)	Monday 15 July - Friday 13 September
TERM 4 (9 Weeks)	Monday 30 September - Wednesday 27 November Year 12s Finish - Friday 15 November Year 10/11 Finish - Friday 22 November Year 7/8/9s Finish - Wednesday 27 November

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## Student Absentees

To report a student absence, please call or text the absentee line by 10:00 am on the day of absence to report the student being away.

Call **07 2000 0200** or Text **0417 207 465** to report an absentee.