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The College Strategic Plan focuses on many areas to build on the quality of education that occurs at Endeavour. This edition of the Compass highlights a few activities that reflect the following goal:

To provide classroom environments to facilitate engagement with learners as global citizens/thinkers

As you read through the pages of this publication, you will find students taking up opportunities to travel to places like Vietnam and Cambodia. The purpose is to experience a different culture and to learn about our world through authentic experiences. Both tours immersed students in the culture of the country, 'getting their hands dirty' as they built houses for families and provided much-needed goods for orphanages. In doing so, they met people in their own habitats and had first-hand experiences of life in another country whilst making connections that will have a lasting impact.

The Senior Years Drama production *Mistakes* challenged students' ability to communicate some 'big issues' our country faces such as cultural diversity, unemployment and the power of social media. Discussing these big issues and helping young people to form balanced and informed views of our world, is essential in today's educational climate.

Preparing students for their future through engaging with young people already in the workforce and experiencing work in real life businesses, helps give meaning to students future subject choices and further study options beyond the school boundaries.

We also highlight just a few of the many outstanding achievements of our current and past Endeavour College community!

We are proud of the many successes of our students and I hope that their achievements continue to inspire you as well.

Enjoy this wonderful edition!



Heather Vogt
Principal

MISTAKES - 2017 SENIOR DRAMA PRODUCTION

Mistakes was a surreal and confronting theatrical interpretation of the fear and chaos seen in the current socioeconomic climate. This daring production explored the complex issues of immigration, racism, social media and the recent sensationalist trends in modern news reporting.

Mistakes was an epic piece of theatre that challenged and questioned the audience on the pillars of their society and the corruption that has woven itself in much of the human race.

Through the production, we were able to form friendships with people with whom we may never normally have the chance to talk. Friendships across year levels allowed senior students to pass down advice and wisdom gained through experience to the younger cohort, for both onstage and offstage roles.

The production of *Mistakes* equipped each student with a new found knowledge of group skills, initiative and independence. Any stage production, whether a student is part of tech crew or an actor, holds within it the keys to future success and rapid self-growth since much of what is performed on stage is managed by students. The level of trust and reliability a group must have on one another is astounding, and this was very prominent in our show.

Participation in a production like this allows students the opportunity to grow, fostering a sense of independence. Although each individual on stage is responsible for basic house matters such as learning their own lines and preserving their costumes, it is imperative that as a collective, each person is in sync and attuned to the flow and mood of the scene.

As a collective group, we can honestly say that this experience has been both unforgettable and phenomenal, something that we will not soon forget.

We are beyond grateful to Mr Richards, Endeavour College and the members of the community that supported the venture. The experience proved indispensable to all involved, allowing us to develop our abilities in the Dramatic Arts and develop important life skills in communication, responsibility and independence.

We also extend our unending gratitude to those of you who attended the performance and in doing so, supported us as students, and the department that we love.

Ahunim Abebe & Ahmed Azhar
Senior Drama Leaders





OUR LEARNING EXPERIENCE



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE

It has been an exciting year for the Endeavour Chess community. Throughout the year, members of the College have participated in thrilling competitions that brought a range of schools together to compete for trophies, medals and most of all, fun.

The school chess team, consisting of Michael Kham, Ashira Friebe, Joshua Schubert and Raiden Bruce, participated again in the South Australian Junior Chess League (SAJCL). After several years of being involved in this competition, we were successful in winning the Division 3 title for 2017. It is my pleasure to congratulate the efforts of each team member because without them, it would have never been possible for us to play so well during the competition and maintain a first place position from the fourth round onwards until the twelfth round. The competition came to an intense finish with Endeavour College and Prince Alfred College playing for the win with Endeavour coming out on top by two points.

Mr Mark Slaven's efforts must also be mentioned for his supportive nature to keep the team motivated throughout the season and to supervise the Friday evening games. At a school level, he has also organised two chess tournaments for students who are passionate about chess to engage in.

It has been great to see how chess players, young and old, beginner and experienced, participated in both the school chess tournament and the interschool chess tournament.

I have greatly enjoyed this year's chess events and look forward to continuing next year. As a person who has been playing chess for nearly a year, I encourage anyone who is interested in chess to take part in the chess tournaments or just have fun in the Chess Club. Chess always begins as a friendly past time, but after some time and commitment, becomes a passion. Our results in the SAJCL this year are testament to that.

Michael Kham SAJCL Team Member



WORK EXPERIENCE

Our Year 10 students sourced and completed a diverse range of Work Experience opportunities during Term 2. It was great to see the students selecting and finding placements that provided opportunities to gain real experience in an area of interest. Care Group teachers enjoyed making contact with their students, and the reports back from teachers and workplace providers demonstrated how well our students performed during their time in the work place. Many employers commented on how impressed they were with our students' presentation, organisation, communication skills, creativity and initiative.

A number of our senior students, who are completing vocational courses as part of their SACE pattern, were also

involved in work placement opportunities aimed at making them 'job ready' on completion of their studies here at Endeavour. We are proud of our vocational education program here at the College as it provides excellent opportunities for a diverse range of students. This year our students are undertaking studies in areas including Health, Construction and Electro-Technology, Hair and Beauty, Live Production, Hospitality and Fitness.

Jordan Hall BAE Systems, Mawson Lakes. Jordan was able to work on the Periscope Project with BAE. He developed a good understanding of how defence industry projects work and was given the opportunity to complete practical maintenance work on the Australian Navy submarines. [1]

Courtney Leikas followed her passion for helping people and all things medical at Mawson Lakes Medical Clinic. Courtney especially enjoyed the time spent observing patient consultations and assisting the clinic nurse. [2]

Brayden Hogben demonstrated job ready skills as part of his Certificate II in Construction course. [3]

Phillip Costas spent the week keeping busy at DMC Tax. He enjoyed the opportunity to attend meetings with clients and file tax reports and returns. [4]

Thanks to all the businesses that allow our Year 10 students to participate in the Work Experience program each year.

Annie Fitridge
Pathways Learning Leader



OUR LEARNING EXPERIENCE



VIETNAM STUDY TOUR

On behalf of the 2017 Vietnam Study Tour Group, we can honestly say that this was a truly unforgettable experience for the 19 students and 4 staff involved. There were so many activities and moments that brought us all closer together, which made the entire trip even more enjoyable.

We visited Vietnam from 18-30 April. While there, we were excited by many new sights and experiences. Visiting the historical and cultural sites of another country is something very special as it helped us to understand more about what Vietnam has been through and how it has survived.

Many special highlights come to mind, such as the "Gangnam-style" bamboo basket boat race and learning how to cast round nets with Vietnamese fishermen on the Thu Bon River; the beautiful lamp-lit streets of old Hoi An; the ancient monuments of the Cham civilisation; the confronting My Lai massacre site; the motorboat excursion on the Mekong and the coconut lolly factory on Turtle Island; haggling for souvenirs at the Ben Thanh Markets in Saigon; scrambling through the Vietcong tunnels at Cu Chi and the brief but moving visit to the Vietnam War battle site at Long Tan on ANZAC Day.

At Ba Ria, the group banded together as we purchased and delivered supplies for two orphanages. The supplies were bought with money raised (over \$5000) through various fundraising initiatives in and out of school

during the year prior to the tour. It was so humbling to meet children who had very little, but who could still appreciate what life had to offer them. These orphanage visits helped us to understand the importance of helping those we can, even in other parts of the world.

All in all we had a fun time. We bonded together closely as a group and made friendships with people from school that we might not have otherwise. We forged memories that we will share for the rest of our lives. We are so grateful for the opportunity to have travelled to another country and to do all the things we did. The Vietnamese are truly wonderful people and we couldn't have felt more welcome.

Special thanks to the staff who organised and led the tour: Ms Kelli deLacy, Mr David Thiele, Miss April Dunstan and Miss Lisa Schlicker. We are so appreciative of their care, support, patience and good humour.

To anyone contemplating travelling overseas for the first time, we can thoroughly recommend going on a study trip organised by the College. You will have a fantastic experience!

Samantha Milobara, Samuel Carroll, Tia Reed and Michael Richardson
on behalf of the 2017 Vietnam Study Tour Group



Dining Vietnamese style provided us with many culinary adventures. We sampled ostrich, duck and frogs amongst other things, not to mention the joy of being inducted into drinking Vietnamese coffee!





HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

At the end of Term 2, following our exams, we flew to Cambodia for a 2-week service trip with Habitat for Humanity. Our group consisted of 42 students and leaders from Lutheran Colleges around Adelaide. Landing in a hot, humid climate made a nice change to the cold Adelaide winter. On the first weekend we spent a day visiting the Killing Fields and the genocide museum in Phnom Penh where we learnt about the Khmer Rouge and the impact this had on the country.

Then we got into building the houses. Build week was intense. Every morning we travelled approximately one and a half hours to the build site, where we were welcomed by children from within the community and the family for whom we were building the house. Throughout our days on the build site, we were greeted with many smiles, high fives and various 'hellos' from the kids. The building was difficult and after five days, everyone on the site was

exhausted, both physically and emotionally. Saying goodbye was extremely hard for everyone; no-one expected to connect so deeply with the locals during our five days on the build site.

Following the build week, we travelled to Siem Reap, spending a day visiting the ancient Angkor Wat temples. We also had some spare time for visiting the markets and lastly we visited with a survivor from the Khmer Rouge era who spoke to us about his experiences, including returning to forgive the very people who murdered his family. It was a very powerful experience.

Overall, the trip was extremely worthwhile. We formed great relationships within the group and with the locals and helped to make a difference to people who are not as fortunate as we are.

**Brooke Shorrock, Ashira Friebe
and Mr Travis Wilhelm**
Habitat Team 2017





PEDAL PRIX

This year has been a year of great activity for the Pedal Prix family! For the first time we have entered our two bikes, Skipper and Clipper, into 3 races. We have raced two 6 hour events at Victoria Park and the final race, the 24 Hour race in September. This final race is held in Murray Bridge and is where we see how well our year long preparation has been. It is also the culmination of a year of work by parents, old scholars, students and College staff in many areas.

Our students attend regular training sessions. These are run by an Old Scholar, Nicole Pfeiffer (16) now studying at UniSA. Old Scholars dominate our mechanics team. Our Lead Mechanic is Joshua

Cameron (12) who is capably supported by Kyle Cameron (15) and a team of parents and students. This team comes into the school at nights and on weekends to keep the bikes in race condition. In addition to this they attend all races, fixing issues as they arise. During the 24 hour event we have a dedicated group of parents who organise all catering. This is a mammoth task feeding 25 hungry students and their families. We also have a committed team of marshals who take on official marshalling duties during the races.

This year our teams have seen a few crashes, but all have come through unscathed. The bikes have seen better days but have now been fixed ready for Murray

Bridge. We are looking at improving our placings for Skipper (45th in category) and Clipper (37th in category).

This is the power of Pedal Prix! It is a chance for families and the College to work together as the race just cannot happen without everyone! That is why I call us the Pedal Prix family – we are all essential elements in ensuring a successful event for the riders. If you are interested in joining us in any capacity feel free to come join us!

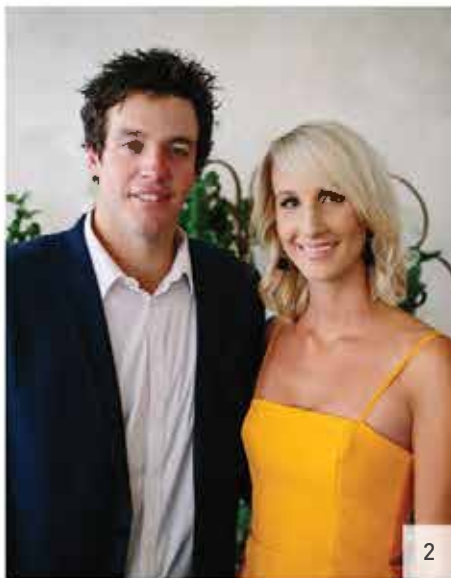
A big thank you to our key partners Farnham Roadlines and Kennards Hire Salisbury.

Sandra Barry
Director of Learning



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENGAGEMENTS

Simone Karczewski (08) and **Josh Simounds (08)** got engaged on 20th August; they met at Endeavour and have been together for 10 years. Simone is a Vet Nurse at Adelaide Vet - Animal Hospital and Josh is a carpenter. He has his own business called Simounds Carpentry [1]

Kylie Karczewski (06) and Todd Cumberford became engaged on June 30th. Kylie is now a teacher at Hills Christian School, Verdun. [2]

Joshua Ridley (11) became engaged to Kimberly Mertin on February 4th, 2017.

BEREAVEMENTS

Ashley Meek (03) 1986 - 2017

Ashley attended Endeavour College from 1999, Year 8 until leaving Year 12 in 2003. He was a man with depth of character and a devotion to his country and community, serving with both the Royal Australian Army in East Timor and Iraq and later with the South Australian Police force. [3]

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Are you an Endeavour College Old Scholar?

Our new website gives you the opportunity to update your details and send us updates on your achievements since leaving the College in one simple web form. You also have the option to have the Compass magazine sent to your home or direct to your inbox.

Simply logon to the website www.endeavour.sa.edu.au > **Community > Old Scholars.**

Updating your information enables us to keep you up to date with a range of events and new initiatives we have planned for the ECOS community.

OLD SCHOLARS



CLASS OF 2007 REUNION

The 10 year reunion of the Class of 2007 provided the opportunity for old scholars to reconnect with each other, and current and former staff. Conversation and laughter flowed as old scholars reminisced over their school photos, events and stories of their time at Endeavour.

Our current College Captains took them on a school tour and they were amazed by the inevitable changes to buildings, facilities and resources, while revisiting familiar haunts.

It was wonderful to catch up with news, including what they are doing now such as teaching, law, retail management, cake decorating, commercial real estate management, policing, site management for disability services, nuclear medicine, software engineering or undertaking tertiary studies for the first time. So many pathways, so much talent and so many dreams realized – either by design; being in the right place at the right time; or by learning from mistakes. It was great to hear of old scholars' memories of Endeavour, too: inspirational teachers, camps and experiences where friendships were made.

Julie Freund
Community Coordinator

CLASS OF 2007 UPDATES

Matthew Beer (07) is currently studying Electronic & Electrical Engineering at UniSA.

Thomas Boehm (07) completed a double degree in Media English and History. He is now a Teachers Aide at Portside Christian School.

Joshua Bradtke (07) is a police officer based at Elizabeth Police Station.

William Brown (07) completed a Bachelor of Computer Science and has worked in the systems department at the University of Adelaide. He now works for Red Hat Directory Services as a software engineer.

Benjamin Cristarella (07) is the store Manager at Michael Hill Rundle Mall store. He is also the owner of Cristarella cakes, (www.cristarellacakes.com.au).

Aaron Heyman (07) is a primary school teacher at Trinity College, teaching Year 4.

Nicholas Ilcesin (07) finished a degree in Urban and Regional Planning. He is the holder of black belt in mixed martial arts, and is a representative for Go Pro in SA.

James Karpiuk (07) works for James Lang LaSalle in corporate real estate, and is about to work in London.

Danielle Kellermann (07) studied Enrolled Nursing and now works for the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion, as a Shift supervisor.

Danny Mirt (07) attended the Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra. He now works at Woolworths as part of the management team in the Mawson Lakes store.

Alyona Haines (nee Ryabchuk) (07), has just been granted permission to practice law. *See full profile on page 14.*

Bianka Laubsch (nee Schumann) (07) is a Science teacher at Nuriootpa High School.

Michael Weniton (07) is a Nuclear Medicine Technologist at Benson Radiology.

YEAR 12 BREAKFAST 2017

Thank you to the Old Scholars who gave up their own time to attend the Year 12 Retreat Breakfast and provide guidance and support to the current Year 12 cohort as they embark upon their final semester of secondary school. Updates on their further education are listed below:

Michael Pfeiffer (14) Bachelor of Engineering – Electrical and Electronic (3rd year) University of Adelaide

Ben George (15) Bachelor of Science (Biotechnology) (2nd Year) University of Adelaide

Jack O’Nions (16) Bachelor of Social Work (1st Year) Flinders University

Nicole Pfeiffer (16) Bachelor of Education (Primary and Middle) (1st Year) UniSA
(not pictured)

Megan Footer (16) Bachelor of Education (Primary and Middle) (1st Year) UniSA
(not pictured)

Joel Bowes (16) Bachelor of Biomedical Science (1st Year) University of Adelaide

Ryan Kennealy (13) Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of International Relations and Diploma of French (UniSA). He is also on the UniSA student board.

Jake Whitehead (16) Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical) (Honours) and Bachelor of Mathematical and Computer Science (Maths Major) (1st Year) University of Adelaide

Tayla Galic (13) Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical) (3rd Year) UniSA

Narisse Fechner (15) Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Law (2nd Year) University of Adelaide

Melissa Sorgente Diaz (15) Bachelor of Exercise Science/Master of Exercise Physiology (2nd Year) Flinders University

Joel Schiller (16) Bachelor of Environmental Science (1st Year) UniSA

Aimen Haider (16) Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) (1st Year) UniSA

Jye Trudinger (15) Bachelor of Software Engineering (3rd Year) UniSA and also working at Westpac in IT.



Back row: Tayla Galic, Ryan Kennealy, Joel Bowes, Narisse Fechner, Melissa Sorgente Diaz, Jake Whitehead, Aimen Haider, Michael Pfeiffer, Jye Trudinger. Front row: Joel Shiller, Ben George, Jack O’Nions.

OLD SCHOLARS



ECOS PROFILE - ALYONA HAINES (NEE RYABCHUK)

What years did you attend Endeavour College?

2006 - 2007

What was your favourite subject at school?

Physics

Who was the most influential teacher?

Shane Schoff

What did you do after graduating from Endeavour College?

I started a degree in High Performance Computational Physics, later transferring to a Bachelor of Science degree. Through my studies in Science, I met my now husband, who is an electrical and electronic engineer. We got married in 2011. My pursuit of Science did not work out and I transferred to a Bachelor of International Studies degree which I completed in 2013. Throughout the last semester, I was pregnant and gave birth to our daughter in June 2013, about

2 weeks after submitting my last assignment. When our daughter was 8 months old, I began a Bachelor of Laws degree. I completed it in 2016, and was also awarded First Class Honours. Following this, I completed a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, which is a standard requirement for attaining a practicing certificate as a barrister and solicitor. I was officially admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor on 21 August 2017.

What is your current position?

I currently work full time as a Paralegal at the Crown Solicitor's Office.

What steps did you take to end up where you are now?

In addition to my education, I undertook a variety of placements and work experiences. In 2016, I interned with the Solicitor-General, who is now a Justice of the Supreme Court. Later that year, I did a

placement at the Magistrates Court Legal Advice Service where I assisted in advising unrepresented clients in minor civil matters. During the summer of 2016/2017, I was a summer clerk at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. During the later years of my studies, I also undertook some academic research at the University.

Describe your typical work day?

I generally work between 8.30am and 5pm at the Crown Solicitor's Office, which is on Pirie Street in the CBD. I draft legal advice, conduct legal research and assist with administrative matters such as preparation of counsel briefs and trial books.

Where do you hope to be in 10 years' time?

I hope to continue working for my current employer as a solicitor. In 10 years time I hope I would have had the opportunity to try different areas of practice and have built up my career within the legal industry.



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Endeavour College is a key member of the Connected Schools partnership. Together with Salisbury Lutheran Kindergarten, St Paul Lutheran School, Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School and Good Shepherd Lutheran School we offer a K-12 Lutheran Education. We are proud to be an important part of each child's Lutheran education and through our collaborative partnership offer a seamless transition from a primary to secondary school environment.



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