



Hearts and Minds

Newsletter of Encounter Lutheran College



Welcome to 2022!

You've already heard from me via letters, social media or face to face in recent days and weeks so rather than you suffering from Principal fatigue so early in the year I'm going to defer to Judy Brown, who penned the poem below, 'Fire'.

*What makes a fire burn
is space between the logs,
a breathing space.
Too much of a good thing,
too many logs
packed in too tight
can douse the flames
almost as surely
as a pail of water would.
So building fires
requires attention
to the spaces in between,
as much as to the wood.*

*When we are able to build
open spaces
in the same way
we have learned
to pile on the logs,
then we can come to see how
it is fuel, and absence of the fuel
together, that make fire possible.*

*We only need to lay a log
lightly from time to time.
A fire
grows
simply because the space is there,
with openings
in which the flame
that knows just how it wants to burn
can find its way.*

As we commence a new year together and seek to find balance in all facets of our lives, I encourage you to find 'the space between the logs' so your flame can flicker fervently, both for you and your family.

May God bless your week,

Kelvin

What's On!

Week 2 Term 1

Tuesday 8th February

- Junior School Parent Information Evening (ONLINE) @ 6pm

Wednesday 9th February

- Middle/Senior School Parent Information Evening (ONLINE) @ 6pm

Week 3 Term 1

Monday 14th February

- All Students return to School

Week 4 Term 1

Monday 21st February

- MS/SS ID Photo Day



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FROM THE HEAD OF MIDDLE/SENIOR SCHOOL

Welcome to 2022!

What an exciting first day we had for both our 'at school' and 'at home' learners! The staff had been busy preparing for learning, but there is nothing like the interactions with students to really lift the atmosphere in a teaching team. Our new Year 7 students began really well and the sounds of joy and engagement from the classrooms during the day was a highlight for all of us.

We are excited that all of our students in Middle and Senior School this year are able to experience a new timetable, specifically built around the needs of the adolescent learner. Students will experience more focussed learning blocks with structured food and movement breaks to promote both physical and mental wellbeing. This, along with our dedicated wellbeing curriculum underpins our commitment to an holistic approach to learners and their learning.

Whilst we are missing our Year 9-11 students onsite, we applaud them for their engagement in online classes so far this term. These young people have already demonstrated incredible adaptability, resilience and technological literacy – important skills as they move beyond their secondary years of schooling. We congratulate them and are very much looking forward to welcoming them back on site soon.

Finally, to our class of 2022, we wish you every blessing as you begin your final year at Encounter. We are grateful to share the journey with you and your families and are very excited about what the future holds for all of you.

Blessings to you all for a wonderful week.



Bus Passes

Please find attached our Encounter Lutheran College 2022 Bus timetable.

You can also view the **Willunga Charter** website for up to date information.
We again have 3 Routes (operated by Willunga Charter):

- Route 1 – Mount Compass
- Route 2 – Encounter Bay/Port Elliot
- Route 3 – Middleton/Goolwa

Termly passes are available from the College Administration Office to be purchased and collected.

Any inquiries please email admin@encounter.sa.edu.au

Uniform Items

As we begin the uniform transition, new items are slowly being delivered and becoming available to families. Due to shipping issues we are still waiting on some aspects of the new uniform, we will be sure to update you as these items become available.

Currently in the Uniform Shop there is the following new items:

- Beanie
- Sport Skort
- Middle/Senior Girls Shirt
- Puffer Vest

You can follow **this link** to view the online store and purchase items.

Encounter App!

We are always working on ways to communicate with our College community more effectively. In 2022, we are planning to utilise the 'Encounter Lutheran College' app more effectively with push notifications, updates and links being readily available through the app.

The app provides a range of relevant links and ability to report absentees. Head to the App Store or Google Play Store to download it today!



Block 69 progress

Encounter Lutheran College is blessed to have 69 acres of natural bushland at the rear of the College, with 10 acres set aside as a dedicated sanctuary. The precinct serves as a natural habitat and food supply with Encounter's commitment to protect the highly threatened Yellowish Sedge-skipper Butterfly, which is endemic to this area.

More progress has taken place, with 30 larvae (caterpillars) translocated from one of the few remaining habitats on Hindmarsh Island and released on Block 69. Students will closely monitor their numbers this year and will actively be involved in the conservation of this species.

We look forward to sharing with you the progress of the Yellowish Sedge-Skipper's over the coming months.

