



BLACKWOOD
HIGH SCHOOL
Inspiring Achievement and Respect



Student Life

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Student Life at Blackwood High School is where students can expand their experiences and participate in a broad range of co-curricular activities.

Participation enables students to become more active in the school community and expand their knowledge and talents while having fun with friends or even making new ones.

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New members are always welcome!

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ARTS

Dance Star Competition

Year: 8 - 12

Day: TBC

Term: 1 - 3

Where: Dance Studio and the Performing Arts Centre (PAC)

Contact: Katrina Constantopoulos

Students audition to be part of the Dance Star teams. There are a number of teams that are available and coached by various artists and teachers. Students will increase their knowledge of different dance styles (Jazz, Hip Hop, Contemporary and Theatrical) and have the chance to perform at varying locations. Blackwood High School has a successful history in this competition, performing strongly at state level and invited to the National Competition held every year on the Gold Coast.

Music Band and Stage Band

Year: 8

Day: TBC

Term: 1 - 4

Where: Performing Arts Centre (PAC)

Contact: Michael Winter

For aspiring students who want to be part of a team and engage in performance opportunities to improve their skill in music and expand their musical knowledge.

Instrumental Music

Year: 8 - 12

Day and Time: TBC

Term: 1 - 4

Where: Performing Arts Centre (PAC)

Contact: Katrina Constantopoulos

Provides an opportunity for students to learn an instrument including brass, woodwind, string, vocals and the always popular drums and guitar.

Vocal Group

Year: 8 - 12

Day and Time: Friday lunchtimes

Term: 1 - 4

Where: Performing Arts Centre (PAC) - Auditorium

Contact: Simela Petridis

Students have the opportunity to be a part of a singing group that is fun and immerses them in both workshops and performance opportunities to improve their vocal skills and group work.

VET Dance Evening

Year: 10 - 12

Term: 4, Week 3

Where: Performing Arts Centre (PAC) - Auditorium

Contact: Katrina Constantopoulos

The VET Dance Evening is an evening for all to experience and celebrate the work done by the students studying Certificate II and III in Dance.

Cabaret Evening

Year: 10 - 12

Term: 2

Where: Performing Arts Centre (PAC) - Auditorium

Contact: Katrina Constantopoulos

The Cabaret Evening showcases Dance and Music by VET students. Catering for the evening is done by the Food and Hospitality students.

SACE Drama Evening

Year: 11 and 12

Term: 2

Where: Performing Arts Centre (PAC) - Auditorium

Contact: Brigitte Esvelt

The SACE Drama Evening is a night of performance, fun and entertainment by our Year 11 and 12 Drama students.

VET Music Evening

Year: 10 - 12

Term: 3, Week 10

Where: Performing Arts Centre (PAC) - Auditorium

Contact: Katrina Constantopoulos

The Music Evening is a fun filled event showcasing the talent of our VET Music students.

Arts Festival - MADD

Year: 8 - 12

Term: 4

Where: Performing Arts Centre (PAC) and Visual Arts Centre

Contact: Katrina Constantopoulos

The Arts Festival is an evening filled with The Arts. Students from Music, Dance, Drama and Visual Arts are all involved in this evening where they showcase their talent and exhibit Art Works to the community.



CLUBS



Drama Club

Year: 8 -12

Day: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtime

Term: 1 - 4

Where: Performing Arts Centre (PAC) - Drama Room

Contact: Brigitte Esvelt

For students of all year levels looking to explore and develop improvisation and performance skills in a fun and friendly environment with other like-minded students.

All students are welcome to come and try their hand at some quick thinking activities in this student-led club. Come as frequently or as infrequently as you like. We look forward to your great ideas.

Water Colour Wednesday

Year: 8 - 12

Day and Time: Wednesday lunchtime

Term: 1 - 4

Where: Visual Arts Space

Contact: Simela Petridis

Students will have the opportunity to design and paint their own water colour masterpieces.

E-Sports

Year: 8 - 12

Day and Time: TBC - depending on when games are scheduled

Term: 1 - 4

Where: Computer Room (CR2)

Contact: Adelle Matthews

Students have the opportunity to compete competitively and safely in the school's E-Sport Competition.

Lunchtime Club

Year: 8 - 12

Day: Monday to Friday

Term: 1 - 4

Where: Main Building 8 (MB8)

Contact: Personalised Learning Leader

A place for students to get together for board games, colouring, Dungeons and Dragons and more.

EVENTS

Year 8 Camp

Day: TBC

Term: TBC

Where: Woodhouse Activity Centre

Contact: Assistant Principal Middle School

Year 8 students are provided with opportunities to develop positive and supportive relationships with their Care Group as well as with other Care Groups. Students are able to engage in a number of challenges and team activities.

Year 8 Pool Day

Year: 8

Day: TBC

Term: 1

Where: Unley Pool

Contact: Assistant Principal Middle School

As part of the Year 8 experience, and to support student transition to high school, all our Year 8 students have the opportunity to spend time together forming friendships. Students compete in their Care Groups with the aim of the day being student participation and students trying their best.



HUMANITIES

Debating Team

Year: 8 - 12

Day: Approximately one lunchtime every two - three weeks of the Debating competition season with debates held at night 7:35pm to 8:35pm.

Term: Runs over Term 2 and 3, with approximately three weeks between each debate

Where: Main Building Room 8 for meetings, Pembroke Middle School for competitions.

Contact: Humanities Leader

Each year, Blackwood High School competes in a competition organised by DebatingSA against other schools around Adelaide. The debates are structured and each member is given six minutes (Middle School) or eight minutes (Senior School) to make their case. This is a great chance to improve your research skills, public speaking skills and your ability to structure an argument.

INTERNATIONAL

International Buddy

Day: Monday - Friday

Where: International Room - Main Building Room 6

Contact: International Leader

Blackwood High School has up to 75 International students at any one time, from countries including Japan, China, Vietnam, Korea, Germany, France, Brazil, Thailand, Italy and Switzerland. Each student requires a local 'buddy' to help them settle in to school and feel at home. Students are welcome to socialise with friends or are able to spend time in the International Room talking to their buddies and sharing culture. The Buddy Program is a great way to make new friends, develop leadership and learn about another culture.



Home Stay Families

Year: 8 - 12

Days: Duration of stay

Term: 1 and 3

Contact: International Leader

Blackwood High School hosts two study tours each year, in March and August. We are always looking for families to welcome a host student into their home. It is a great way to experience cultural exchange, develop lifelong connections, as well as representing your school and community.

International Support Club

Day: Monday 2:30pm - 5pm and Tuesday to Thursday from 3:10pm to 5:00pm

Term: 1 - 4

Where: Main Building Room 6

Contact: International Leader

The International Support Club is the place for International students to come and receive one on one support. If students are finding a task difficult, are having trouble completing home work, or just want to improve their English ability, this is the place to come!



LEADERSHIP

Middle School Student Leadership

Year: 8 - 9

Term: 1 - 4

Contact: Middle School Learning Community Leaders

The Middle School Student Leadership team will work closely with one another in identifying areas of school culture and wellbeing they would like to be a part of. There is a large focus on student voice where students can opt in and out of a variety of events and sub-groups throughout the year. Opportunities include; organising year level assemblies, open nights, primary school outreach, fundraising events and building the Middle School culture and learning spaces.

Learning Cultures Student Leadership Group

Year: 8 - 12

Term: 1 - 4

Contact: Deputy Principal

Learning Cultures Student Leaders meet throughout the year, several times a term, to develop their understanding of contemporary learning and collaborate with teachers to co-design innovative learning programs for all Blackwood High School students. Students also develop lead-learning behaviours to positively influence the learning in classrooms. Students from all year levels, who want to influence learning culture, are invited to join the School Prefects and Deputy Prefects to be a part of this group. This group will continue to grow and be a key resource for teachers as they plan their curriculum for 2021 and beyond.

Student Wellbeing Leadership Team

Year: 8 - 12

Term: 1 - 4

Contact: Student Wellbeing Leader

All students from Year 8 to 12 are welcome to join the Student Wellbeing Leadership Team. School Prefects take the lead running the meetings each fortnight. The group recognises that strong social bonds and supportive communities are optimised when students feel safe in a respectful learning environment. The focus of the group is to help young people in the community feel good and function well. Throughout the year, the team plans and delivers fun events around mental health.

Peer Support

Year: 11

Term: 1 and 2

Contact: Student Wellbeing Leader

Students in Year 11 have the opportunity to train in Peer Leadership. The aim is to work together to plan and deliver relationship-building activities to the Year 8 students that build positive relationships, self-esteem and communication skills and guide and assist in their transition to high school.

House Captains

Year: 11 - 12

Term: 1 - 4

Contact: Health and Physical Education Leader

After a selection process, two Year 12 House Captains and two Vice-Captains are selected for each house: Ashby, Madigan, Mills and Russell. The House Captains prepare for House events, which include the Whole School Athletics Carnival and the Year 8 Sports Day.

The House Captains help co-ordinate events, proudly get their house amped up and further the friendly rivalry and participation at school events.

Year 12 Formal Committee

Year: 11 in Term 4 and Year 12 in Term 1 (the following year)

Term: 4 and 1 (the following year)

Where: Senior Learning Centre

Contact: Assistant Principal Senior School

The Formal Committee plans the Year 12 Formal.



SPORT

Whole School Athletics Carnival

Year: 8 - 12

Day: Week 5, Friday

Term: 1

Where: Blackwood High School ovals

Contact: Health and Physical Education Leader

The Athletics Carnival is a whole school event. Students compete in a number of age appropriate athletic and novelty events. Participation from all students is encouraged on the day, with all students receiving a point for each event they attempt. Students looking to test themselves can strive for an Age Group Championship. Food and drink stalls are available and the students are encouraged to embrace the spirit of the day by dressing in their House colours and the theme for that year to support the team. The House teams, Ashby (Green), Madigan (Blue), Mills (Yellow) and Russell (Red), each have a strong connection to the Blackwood community and our students display strong House spirit each year, attempting to get their team over the line. The Carnival continues to be a fantastic day each year for staff and students.



Interschool Athletics

Year: 8 - 12

Day: Week 11, Wednesday

Term: 1

Where: SA Athletics Stadium

Contact: Health and Physical Education Leader

After the completion of the Whole School Athletics Carnival, our Physical Education staff invite our best athletes to represent the school at the Annual Interschool Athletics Carnival held in Week 11, Term 1. Students take part in lunchtime trainings to ensure strong results on the day. Blackwood High School has been very successful in recent years at this event, winning the Boys Division two years in a row. The school is currently in the A2 Division and compete against schools such as, Henley High School, Cornerstone College, Loreto College, Faith Lutheran College, Nuriootpa High School, Glossop High School, Concordia College and Temple Christian College. Our students produce strong performances over a range of events each year. This is a fantastic event run by School Sport South Australia and our students and staff thoroughly enjoy the day of quality competitions.

Year 8 Sports Day

Year: 8

Day: Week 3, Thursday

Term: 1

Where: Blackwood High School ovals

Contact: Health and Physical Education Leader

The Year 8 Sports Day introduces our Year 8 students to athletics and novelty events that they can compete in at the Whole School Athletics Carnival later in the term. Students compete in their Care Groups. The aim of the day is participation with students trying their best for their Care Group. Each year, the competition between Care Groups is very strong and the day is fantastic for our students and staff to interact outside the classroom.

Year 6 Cluster Sports Day

Year: 8

Day: Week 6, Friday

Term: 4

Where: Blackwood High School ovals and Blackwood Recreation Centre

Contact: Health and Physical Education Leader

Blackwood High School Physical Education staff, Peer Support Leaders and selected students host a Sports Day for the Year 6 students from each of the primary schools in the Mitcham Hills Partnership, Belair, Bellevue Heights, Blackwood, Coromandel Valley, Eden Hills and Hawthorndene. Our Blackwood High School students run activities for the Year 6 students including, Badminton, Table Tennis, Handball, Ultimate Frisbee, Tennis, Basketball, Netball, Softball, Volleyball, Football and Tug 'o' War. This is a great opportunity for our students to promote the school to the Year 6 students and to have positive interactions with potential future students.



Zone Sport Program

Year: 8 -12

Day: As below

Term: 1 - 4

Where: Various

Contact: Sport Coordinator

Blackwood High School competes in the Southern Zone Competition against other schools in the area. This Sports Program is based on participation and runs after school, generally between 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Students who do not play club sport are often involved, however, students are able to play both. The program is broken into three seasons, Term 1, Term 2 and 3 and Term 3 and 4. The program below outlines the sports that are offered to our students. Schools can nominate as many or as few teams as they wish.

Term 1

Week 4 - Week 11

Monday

Year 8/9 Girls and Boys
Badminton

Year 8/9 Girls and Boys
Indoor Soccer

Tuesday

Year 8/9 Girls Volleyball
Open Girls and Boys
Volleyball

Wednesday

Year 8/9 Girls Tennis
Open Girls and Boys
Tennis

Year 8/9 Girls Basketball
Open Girls Basketball
Year 8/9 9-a-side Football
(Week 7 - 10)

Thursday

Year 8/9 Boys Tennis
Year 8/9 Boys Basketball
Open Boys Indoor Soccer
Open Girls Soccer

Term 2 and 3

Week 4 (T2) - Week 4 (T3)

Tuesday

Year 8/9 Girls Soccer

Open Girls Soccer

Open Boys and Girls Badminton
Year 8/9 Volleyball

Wednesday

Year 8/9 Girls Netball
Open Girls Netball

Year 8/9 Boys Soccer

Thursday

Year 8/9/10 Boys Basketball
Open Boys Basketball

Year 8/9 Girls 9-a-side Football
Open Girls 9-a-side Football
Year 8/9 Mixed Table Tennis

Open Mixed Table Tennis

Term 3 and 4

Week 7 (T3) - Week 6 (T4)

Tuesday

Year 8/9 Girls and Boys
Badminton

Year 10/11 Girls and Boys
Badminton

Year 8/9 Girls Volleyball
Year 10/11 Girls Volleyball

Wednesday

Year 8/9 Girls Basketball
Open Girls Basketball

Year 8/9 Girls Tennis
Open Girls Tennis

Thursday

Year 8/9 Boys Basketball
Year 8/9 Girls and Boys
Indoor Soccer

Year 8/9 Boys Tennis

Knock Out Sport

Year: 8 -12

Term: 1 - 4

Where: Various

Contact: Sport Coordinator

Blackwood High School has a long successful history of competing in Knock Out Competitions. Teams consist of our best possible players determined by the various coaches. Blackwood High School is the 2019 State Champion in the Year 8/9 Girls Football and Year 8/9 Girls Netball. The following teams made it in the State Finals, Year 8/9 Girls Basketball, Open Boys Basketball and Year 8/9 Girls 5-a-side Soccer.



Term 1

Year 8/9 Boys Cricket

Year 10 Boys Cricket

Open Boys and Girls Cricket

Interschool Athletics

Term 2

Year 8/9 Boys and Girls Football

Open Boys and Girls Football

Year 8/9 Boys and Girls Netball

Year 10 Girls Netball

Open Boys and Girls Netball

Year 8/9 Boys Outdoor Soccer

Open Boys Outdoor Soccer

Open Boys Basketball

Cross Country

Term 3/4

Year 8/9 Boys and Girls Basketball

Year 10 Boys Basketball

Year 8/9 Boys and Girls T20 Cricket

Year 8/9 Boys and Girls Tennis

Ekiden Relay

Southern Zone Carnivals

Year: 8 - 12

Term: 1 - 4

Where: Various

Contact: Sport Coordinator

Across the year, Blackwood High School students can compete in various sporting carnivals. These carnivals are held during school time at various locations and are 'Come and Try' days for students. Schools are able to nominate as many teams as desired. Blackwood High School has had an excellent representation at these carnivals over many years.

Term 1

Year 8/9 Touch
Football

Term 2

Year 8/9 Boys
9-a-side Football
Year 8/9 Girls
Softball
Open Boys Indoor
Soccer
Year 8/9 5-a-side
Soccer
Year 8/9 Handball

Term 3

Open Badminton
Open 5-a-side Soccer
Year 8/9 and Open
Girls 9-a-side Football
Year 8/9 Boys Indoor
Soccer
Open Handball
Open Mixed Netball

Term 4

Year 8/9 Mixed Netball
Year 8/9 Badminton
Ultimate Frisbee
Beach Volleyball
Year 8/9 Boys Super
8s Cricket
Year 8/9 Girls Cricket





STEM

Year 10 Mathematics Experience Program

Year: 10

Day: TBC

Term: 3

Where: UniSA Mawson Lakes

Contact: Mathematics Leader

UniSA selects two Year 10 students who have shown aptitude and talent in Mathematics to participate in the Year 10 UniSA Mathematics Experience Program. The full day program, a UniSA Connect Program in collaboration with the School of Information Technology and Mathematical Sciences, is designed to reward talented and enthusiastic Maths students who have shown an interest in pursuing a mathematically based career. The program:

- engages students in an experimental program delivered by academic staff from the School of Information Technology and Mathematical Sciences
- encourages students to develop relationships with like-minded students from other secondary schools
- assists students to develop an understanding of mathematical applications
- provides career information about mathematically based careers.

STEM Scholarships

Year: 11 and 12 (SACE Stage 1 and 2 level)

Contact: Mathematics Leader

A \$1 million scholarship fund has been created to support 110 high school students from under-represented groups, low SES, females and Aboriginal learners to pursue Science, Technology and Mathematics (STEM) subjects at SACE Stage 1 and 2 level.

The scholarships will support students to achieve their best possible ATAR through targeted financial support to pursue STEM subjects and pathways. The fund will cover the cost of tutors, laptops, excursions or any other strategy that directly supports the student to achieve in their chosen STEM subjects and pathways. To receive the scholarship, the students must demonstrate continued enrolment and achievement in STEM subjects for SACE Stage 1 and 2, and attend at least 90% of scheduled lessons. Students are also expected to participate in activities that support career awareness in STEM and dispositions for STEM learning.



Australian Mathematics Competition

Year: 8 - 12

Day: TBC

Term: 3

Where: Blackwood High School

Contact: Mathematics Leader

The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) was introduced in Australia in 1978 as the first Australia-wide Mathematics Competition for students. The AMC is for students of all standards. Students are asked to solve 30 problems in 75 minutes. The problems are designed to test mathematical thinking and questions are designed so that they can be answered just as quickly without a calculator as with one. The problems get more difficult through the competition, so at the end they are challenging to the most gifted students. Students of all standards will make progress through the problems and be challenged along the way.

Australian Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad (AIMO)

Year: 8 - 10

Day: TBC

Term: 3

Where: Blackwood High School

Contact: Mathematics Leader

This four-hour examination is an open event for talented students up to Year 10 level, appropriate for those who have completed the Gauss or Noether stage, high achievers in the Australian Mathematics Competition and students who have acquired knowledge of Olympiad problem solving. The AIMO is one of the competitions used to determine which students are selected to a number of invitation only events, including other Mathematics competitions, enrichment classes and training schools. It gives talented students an opportunity to be recognised and to participate in activities which enhance their enjoyment and knowledge of Mathematics.

Chemistry and Specialist Mathematics Help

Year: 11 and 12

Day: see Ms Princi

Term: 1 - 4

Where: Chemistry Lab

Contact: Mathematics or Science Leader

Offering Year 11 and 12 students support in Chemistry and Specialist Mathematics. If students are finding tasks difficult, are having trouble completing homework or want to improve their abilities, please see Ms Princi.

Science and Engineering Challenge

Year: 8 - 10

Day: one lunchtime per week

Term: 2 and 3

Where: Imagination Centre/Flinders University

Contact: Science Leader

The Science and Engineering Challenge is a national competition and a chance to put your scientific and mathematical thinking to the test, with a number of hands on engineering challenges to be carried out in small groups with limited materials and time constraints. Examples of challenge activities include: building a bridge out of lightweight materials to hold a static and dynamic load of more than 1kg, making a mechanical hand out of straws and string so that it can pick up objects and do sign language and designing and building a catapult, to name a few of the exciting challenges on offer. If you are good at working in a team, can 'think outside box' and thrive under pressure then this is the team for you!



TRIPS



World Challenge

Day: 18 month program offered to our Year 9 and 10 students

Term: N/A

Where: Most meetings take place at school; fundraising events are held after hours to support students and the community projects that the teams work on. A two day training camp is run in the lead up to the expedition.

Contact: World Challenge Teacher Leader, Mr Daniel Smith



World Challenge offers you a unique opportunity to travel overseas to a developing country, running your expedition your way. On expedition you will take part in a community engagement project, trek in an amazing environment, immerse yourself in the local culture while handling day to day tasks such as booking accommodation and managing a budget.



Snow Trip

Year: 10

Day: TBC

Term: 3

Where: Falls Creek, Victoria

Contact: Finance Officer

The Snow Trip is offered to all Year 10 students. Students, along with their parents/caregivers, choose whether to participate with the trip. Students have the opportunity to expand their friendship groups and learn new skills in winter sports, which include skiing and snowboarding.



Canberra Trip

Year: 11 (Open to Year 9 and 10 if numbers are needed)

Day: TBC

Term: 2

Where: Canberra

Contact: Assistant Principal Middle School

Students studying History or Legal Studies can choose to participate in this trip in which they visit important sites in our Nation's Capital including Parliament House.

Netball Program - Melbourne Trip

Year: 10 and 11

Term: 2

Where: Melbourne

Contact: Special Interest Netball Coordinator

Every year, our Year 10 and 11 Special Interest Netball students are given the opportunity to represent Blackwood High School Netball Program at the Waverley International Schools Netball Championships held in Melbourne.

The students play games against schools from around the world including Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Singapore. Students experience different styles of playing and being surrounded by on court communication in different languages and cultural dress.

This is a great experience for the netball students.

Football Program - Melbourne Trip

Year: 11

Term: 2

Where: Melbourne

Contact: Special Interest Football Coordinator

Every year the Year 11 Special Interest Football students are given the opportunity to travel to Melbourne. The trip includes a tour of the MCG, watching an AFL game at Marvel Stadium and the opportunity to view an AFL training session and AFL facilities.

The Football students have a great time on this trip.

