It is at this time of the year that the cold winter air blows in from the south, our blue sky greys and the first semester of our Middle School Outdoor Education draws to a close. Term 2 has been a busy time, with an outdoor adventure being undertaken in all but one of the 9 weeks this term.

We concluded our Year 10 pinnacle experience in the early part of this term, enjoying some surprisingly mild weather. This allowed our student-skippered and -crewed, purpose-built sailing boats and highly motivated kayaking groups to navigate the waters of the Goolwa lakes and Coorong region safely. Through careful planning and flexible implementation, we were able to operate in a remote area that is rarely visited by other educational groups.

The highlight of this program was seeing the resilient nature and supportive behaviour that was shown by our students. These meaningful interactions are so important to their development, as they offer an opportunity for students to display skills that are sometimes hidden in a formal school context. When this opportunity is placed against a remote, wilderness backdrop of international significance, such as the Coorong National Park, it is truly an impressive sight.

The latter half of the term provided the other end of the age spectrum, with seven of our Year 8 Foundational Programs being undertaken at our picturesque property, Old Watulunga, which is situated on the banks of the Finniss River. This is a unique facility that provides the platform to implement a program aiming to develop individual character, social awareness and environmental responsibility within our students. It has been an enjoyable term, and we now begin planning and preparing for our next curriculum adventure—the Year 9 Yorke Peninsula experience.

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