



REMINDERS AND UPDATES

Pick Up Zone

In response to recent health and safety concerns, we will be placing a chain across entry of the student pick-up zone by the school frontage. This measure is being implemented to ensure the safety of all students and to better manage traffic flow during pick-up times around 3.10 to 3.20 p.m. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to create a safer environment for everyone. If you currently use the zone in afternoon, please adjust your pick-up plans accordingly. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.



NCEA Information

Click [HERE](#) to find information for students and whānau.

School Docs

- Parents and Caregivers are invited to visit the SchoolDocs site to review our school Policies for **Term 1, 2025**.

Term 1 policies currently under review:

This term we are reviewing the following policies: **Health, Safety and Welfare Policy, Safety Management System, Risk Management Worker Engagement, Participation and Representation, Healthcare Recording and Reporting Accidents, Injuries and Illness**

Reviews are open to the board, staff, and the school community parents/caregivers/whānau.

To review policy documents:

1. Visit the website link: <https://southlandgirls.schooldocs.co.nz>
2. Enter in the Username: southlandgirls
3. Enter in the Password: respect
4. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
5. Read the policy.
6. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
7. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
8. Enter your name (optional).
9. Submit your ratings and comments.

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KEY DATES

March

4th Year 12 English Writing Trip

4th Level 2 Food and Nutrition trip to Blueberry Country and Wilson Vegetables

5th House Sports Day (postponement date 6th March)

4th Level 2 Food and Nutrition trip to Blueberry Country and Wilson Vegetables

7th Y9 Marae Visit to Te Tomairangi Marae

7th L3 Visual Art Trip He Waka Tuia

7th Y7-8 Athletics (postponement date only)

10th ROSSO Auditions Start

10th Senior Production Auditions Start

12th – 14th University of Otago Waihopai Runaka Science Wananga

13th Level 2 PE Practice Bike Ride to Bluff

13th L3 Agribusiness Guest Speaker from Fonterra

14th-15th Senior Southland Athletics

17th Personal Learning Conferences (PLCs) – school will be closed all day

Performing Arts @ SGHS

We have various opportunities available to SGHS Students throughout the year. Please click [HERE](#) to read the latest news from our Performing Arts Centre and how your child can get involved.

Planned Absences

Family holidays during term time according to the MOE are classified as unjustified absence and do result in a loss of learning time which in turn may affect students' achievement. If a student is sitting NCEA and an internal assessment occurs during their absence, this may mean students are unable to sit this internal. We feel it is important to be clear as to the risks with being out of school during term time

Absences

You can now report your child's absence directly from the Parent Edge app. See instructions below. **Use can also email direct to absences@southlandgirls.school.nz** For more information about absences please refer to page 7 in your [Whānau Hononga Booklet](#)

Absences for more than 3 days require a planned absence to be completed. Either email absence@southlandgirls.school.nz to request a planned absence form for your child or your child may bring a note from you requesting a planned absence to student services.

The screenshot shows a mobile app interface for reporting absences. At the top, there is a purple header with a back arrow and the text "Notify School of Absence". Below this is a section titled "Select the absence type" with three buttons: "Sick", "Doctor or dentist appointment", and "Other reason". A yellow note box below the buttons contains the text: "Note: Absences for more than 3 days, email absences@southlandgirls.school.nz to request a planned absence. Refer to the Whanau Hononga Booklet pg7". At the bottom of the screen, there are two buttons: "Phone School" and "Back".

Start of Year Absences

The MOE attendance codes have changed for 2025. We have now corrected any start of the year errors. For those parents who have contacted us, thank you for your patience.

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19th Year 13 Interested Students visit from Victoria University of Wellington

21st-23rd Senior A South Island Secondary School Touch Championships

24th Y9-13 Southland Golf Championships

24th-28th March Summer Tournament Week

26th Y13 Interested Students visit from Otago Polytechnic

26th-28th Level 2 PE Cycling Trip, Central Otago

27th-30th Senior A South Island Secondary School Waterpolo Tournament

28th Y9-13 Southland Lawn Bowls Championships

April
3rd Y13 Interested Students visit from Lincoln University

9th-10th Year 12 Agribusiness Southland Field Trip to Te Anau

11th Term 1 ends

28th Term 2 starts

May
13th Y9-13 Subject Parent Interviews
19th-30th May NCEA Reading, Writing and Numeracy Tests (CAAs) for all Y10s and others as required

June
6th SGHS and SBHS School Ball at Transport World

20th Matariki

20th Semester 1 Reports



WEEK 3: 17th February – 21st February 2025

Mon 17 Feb	
Tues 18 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y12 Biology Trip to Cosy Nook, 8.45am-12.15pm
Wed 19 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Students Sports Day, at ILT Stadium, all day
Thurs 20 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Students Trip to Queenstown back 21 Feb
Fri 21 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7-13 Southland Triathlon Champs in Winton, all day AIGA Leaders morning trip to Andersons Park

WEEK 4: 24th February - 28th February 2024

Mon 24 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Production Auditions – more information to come
Tues 25 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> L2 Photography Trip to Demolition World from 10.30am-12.15pm Y9-13 Southland Rugby League 9s tournament all day Invercargill
Wed 26 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y12 Agriculture Trip to Crunchy Greens from 10.00am-11.15am Y9 ABL Days – 9AK, (Mrs Kumari), 9KH, (Miss Higgins), 9PB, (Mr de Blois) at Adventure Southland all day School Board Meeting – 3.00pm-5.00pm
Thurs 27 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior A Volleyball team to Christchurch for South Island Secondary School Tournament back 2 March Y9 ABL Days - 9HG, (Miss Guyton) 9LR, (Miss Richardson), 9BD (Miss Dalley) at Adventure Southland all day
Fri 28 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y9 ABL Days - 9BC, (Mr Claridge), 9CJ, (Miss Heale), Te Manawa Kaharoa, (Whaea Marama), AIGA, (Ms Dommissie) at Adventure Southland, all day Y7-8 Athletics Day Whole School Leadership Assembly – 1.30pm-2.05pm

August

18th Personal Learning Conferences (PLCs)

November

4th Y11-13 End of Year Reports

December

3rd Y7-10 End of Year Reports

For more dates please visit our website:

www.southlandgirls.school.nz

