HOMESTAY STUDENTS SETTLE IN

This year sees us welcome three new Homestay students to the College from around the Eyre Peninsula. These students come from as far as Wudinna, Kyancutta and Kimba. Most will travel home each weekend to be with family and continue to play sport for their locals clubs and keep their community connections strong. It is wonderful that these families can take advantage of our Navigator independent bus services to/from Cummins and Tumby Bay on Mondays and Fridays to help reduce their travel time.

Staff were able to meet Homestay parents at the ‘New Parent’ morning tea. It was a great opportunity to learn more about each of the families and address any questions they had. Whilst these parents will feel the absence of their children in the coming weeks and months, we can assure them our Navigator College Community will care for them and make them feel welcome.

Georgina Gaston is in her second year as a Homestay student at Navigator College and has been a great support base for the new Homestay students.

“Homestay students at Navigator College definitely receive amazing support from teachers and students. They go above and beyond to ensure you are feeling comfortable and achieving your best academically. They support every decision you make, especially when it comes to Homestay. Moving away from home into a new school and home wasn’t easy, but coming to school each day knowing that I had the support I needed, really did make things easier in the beginning. I wish the new students all the best and hope they settle in well to Navigator College and their new homes.”

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The Navigator Middle School has launched its campaign to participate in the Australian HPV Super Series. HPV means Human Powered Vehicle, also known as the Pedal Prix Series. This extra-curricular opportunity presents many different ways in which both students and parents can be involved. Involvement might include training to be a rider, coaching, developing and operating communications systems, pit crew, constructing and refining vehicle design both mechanical and graphic or supporting the venture with sponsorship. We’d like to thank the group of students who volunteered to represent the College in the Tunarama procession sharing the vision of pedal prix and the starting place for our car development.

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