FAREWELL TO KAPUNDA HIGH SCHOOL

I first came to Kapunda High School in 2009, as a relatively new teacher, from a background in herbicide chemistry research and plant pathology. The Barossa was a new environment for me, being originally from rural Eyre Peninsula, however I was eager to learn from my colleagues and immerse myself in the community. From the first term at KHS, I assumed I would retire from the school, such is the pull of the community and collegial nature of the staff cohort.

In my time here, I have taught various subjects, Agriculture, Science, Maths and Chemistry; some of the best subjects for STEM, as it happens. I started the Ag Club and Show Team Camp, joined with Home Economics to run the Garden Club and a Paddock to Plate program, made Shiraz wine, was a member of various committees and an SRC mentor this year. I have been taught an inordinate amount by the school leadership team, my colleagues and students about the cultural, social and neurodiversity of our students. I have also found myself learning many aspects of ASD and ADHD, with respect to increasing student wellbeing and engagement.

Now, I am leaving KHS, to go to Oakbank Area School, somewhat closer to my new home in the Adelaide Hills. I feel immense gratitude to the KHS community for the last nine years of teaching. I have been taught so much about life here, I will take my wonderful memories and I hope that *thank you* is enough for now.

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