

# Annual Report

2015 has seen some outstanding outcomes from our students that we can all be proud of. Tom Curnow travelled to Gallipoli having been selected for the Premier's ANZAC Student Tour and laid the wreath representing all Western Australian students at Lone Pine as part of the 100 year ANZAC anniversary. Tekura Irvine and Brittany Reinke were both selected as regional winners of the ABC Heywire writing competition and travelled to Canberra participating in a week long youth forum with other winners from around Australia. Later in the year Travis Fluck and Lawson Butler were named winners for 2016 ABC Heywire competition, the sixth consecutive year that Cunderdin will be represented in Canberra from this competition. At Murray Bridge in South Australia three of our students competed in the Pony Club National Championships with Jemma Read coming first in the senior show jumping event, Jess Herzer and her team coming first in the mounted games and Vanessa Davis and her team attaining a credible third. Both Jemma and Jess had success at the Tetrathlon event. We again had scholarship winners for the prestigious GRDC and Wool Wise scholarships. On the farm, Jaydan Smith and Matt McDonald took out several shearing competitions across the state with Jaydan winning the Perth Royal Show novice shearer. Jaydan Pollard also had success winning the novice wool handler and the Cunderdin shearing team won the Hull perpetual shield at the Katanning Shears. For the sixth year a Cunderdin student was named a winner at the annual Out of the Woods furniture competition in Perth. Congratulations to Mark Harris 1st place, Rodd Nichols 2nd and Brayden Harris Highly Commended.

Staff also achieved recognition for their efforts. Mr Paul Jasper was named finalist for the AFL Ambassadors Award and Mrs Shae Johnston was acknowledged as a finalist of the Curtin University Teaching Excellence Award. The College also recognised the retirement of Mr Alec Fissioli and Mr Robert McManus having served 44 years with the Education Department. Both will be sadly missed and were recognised at individual functions for their enormous contribution to agricultural education.

As Principal for the first six months of the year, Mr Stephen Watt from WA College of Agriculture - Harvey provided a new set of eyes for our College and implemented a number of successful changes to our day to day operations and I thank him for his professionalism and passion in his role as Principal.

Our College received substantial funds from Royalties for Regions and the Department of Education to purchase a further 1100 arable hectares. This additional land which is either bordering or very close to the College will secure the sustainability of this College for many years to come. It opens up opportunity for the development of sustainable cropping rotations. It will give students much greater access to training opportunities and current technology as well as the College being able to operate in a more commercial environment. We will also be able to increase our animal enterprises enabling greater training opportunities for students. It has been an extremely complicated process to secure this land and my sincere thanks go again to the Wheatbelt Development Commission, the Education Department, Royalties for Regions and the West Australian Parliament who have all been such strong supporters of the College. An exciting addition to this is the development of the Certificate III in Agriculture as 12 students have now enrolled and will complete their Certificate III in 2016.

I would like to acknowledge our Year 12 parent members of the Board who will be retiring Peter Howie, Paul Sutherland and John Wallace and to all of the Board members who have been a great asset to our College in planning, policy review and providing a vision for our College and importantly developing strategies for our College to remain sustainable into the future. Thank you to Peter Howie for competently managing the role of Chair of the Board throughout the year.

Our College has had strong student leadership with our Head Students Mark Harris and Ashlee Ducat and Student Councillors Jayden Pollard, Jeremy Bryan, Trent DiFulvio, Jessica Herzer, Harry Martin and Jessica Wells. Under Mr McCart's guidance you have successfully led our student body throughout 2015.

The success of this College is due to the highly committed staff who have gone well beyond the call of duty and will always be our greatest asset. We will continue to focus on the growth of each of our students to ensure they have the necessary skills to be successful in a complex and highly technological environment.

#### Parent comments from 2015 Survey

*"This is an excellent school program, it succeeds in rounding off students and helping them to mature into employable young people"*

*"A great alternative pathway for secondary education. Am so pleased that my child had the opportunity to attend Cunderdin"*

*"Able to provide my child with an agricultural based education that will facilitate university entry. The College has gone above my expectations"*





## College Achievements 2015

Top ATAR score 69.75

Certificate of Commendation (SCSA) – Brody Bauer

College Dux 2015 - Jemma Read

Runner-Up College Dux 2015 - Jack Sawyer

VET Dux 2015 - Brody Bauer

Heywire Regional Winners Short Story Youth Leaders Summit

– Travis Fluck, Lawson Butler

Wool Education Trust Winners – Jayden Smith, Digby Harris,

Shannon McLean

GRDC Scholarship Winners – Inaya Stone, Dylan Parkhouse,

Bailey McDonnell, Vanessa Davis

WA Wood Show First Place Winner 2015 - Mark Harris

AFL Ambassador Award finalist- Mr Paul Jasper

Curtin University Teaching Excellence Award finalist -

Mrs Shae Johnston

### Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank

	ATAR Participation Rate (% of Eligible Students)	Median ATAR of TISC Applicants
2012	25	63.7
2013	20	48.1
2014	25	49.4
2015	28	59.5

## Curriculum Report

Jane Beatty, Head of Department

2015 saw the introduction of the new WACE courses for Year 11 students whilst the Year 12 students were the final students to go through on the old course structure. There has been a change in the structure of Senior School courses from the Stage 1, Stage 2 or Stage 3 to General and ATAR.

A total of 17 students sat the WACE examinations. The highest ATAR achieved was 69.75. Congratulations to all the students who were in the ATAR course, sat the examinations and gained entry to university. Congratulations to Dux of the College – Jemma Read and Runner up Dux – Jack Sawyer. Congratulations also to the numerous students who were in the top three of a subject area. Brody Bauer was awarded a certificate of commendation from the School Curriculum and Standards Authority for achieving a high number of 'A' grades throughout his Senior Schooling.

Two of our students were successful in winning the ABC Heywire Competition – Lawson Butler and Travis Fluck. Our College has been very successful in this competition over the past 6 years with one to two winners each year. The winning students attend a Youth Conference in Canberra. All Year 11 students enter this competition as part of the English program.

Thank you to Mr Paul Jasper who stepped into the role of Acting Head of Department for Semester 1 and did a fantastic job whilst I was on leave.

Focus for the Class Area of the College continues to be improving students literacy and numeracy skills through our whole school literacy and numeracy plans whilst at the same time providing opportunities for cross curricula experiences with the Farm and D&T areas of the College to support and enhance understanding of concepts covered in the class area. Our main focus is for students to obtain their WACE (Western Australian Certificate of Education) and to prepare students for the workforce and/or further education.

### WACE Achievement

	Eligible Year 12 Students	Percentage achieving WACE
2012	55	100%
2013	60	100%
2014	52	98%
2015	61	98%

## Design and Technology Report

Stephen Prangnell, Head of Department

The outcomes for students have been excellent in Design and Technology for 2015. A range of factors have contributed to this and the keys areas are highlighted below.

The Trade Training Centre extensions were completed in 2014. The extra space has greatly enhanced our building and is providing an excellent working environment for students and staff. Development has continued over 2015 with the installation of several new machines. Including a designated spray painting area and filtration system, Oxy-Acetylene manifold upgrade, replacement cars and WoodWiz. These additions are enhancing the outcomes for students in Design and Technology.

The Design and Technology Department have commenced Industry Placement to ensure staff remain current with industry practices. Two staff undertook placement this year gaining valuable insights in the respective industries visited.

On Open Day we had the Visitors Choice Award and Professionals Choice Award. The students enjoy the possibility of winning an award and it is great to see a variety of students pick up awards.

**Professionals Choice Engineering** Tim Kempton **Truck Dolly**  
**Visitors Choice Engineering** Rodd Nichols **Engine Block Table**  
**Professionals Choice Furnishing** Brody Bauer **Marri Bed**  
**Visitors Choice Furnishing** Ryan West **Wine Cabinet**

The annual WA Wood Show was on at the Claremont Show grounds in August. Student projects were entered into the "Out of the Woods" fine woodworking competition and were on display for the duration of the show. A great deal of work went into the preparation of projects for the competition and the students are to be congratulated on their success.



**Year 12 Furniture** Mark Harris **Jarrah Coffee Table** 1st place  
 Rodd Nichols **Jarrah Bed** 3rd Place  
 Brayden Harris **Marri Dining Table** Commended

A Trade Tour was held for Year 11 students and this went to WESTRAC and Hoffman Engineering. The tour is important to students as it highlights the requirements expected from industry. The information they receive gives them time to adjust their work habits before they enter the workforce.

The Design and Technology teachers work well as a team. Through their efforts student outcomes continue to be excellent. Thank you to Alan Jones, Benjamin Elliott, Alan Sutton and Keith Thompson for your professionalism over the year.



## Residential Report

Darryl McCart, Residential Manager

There were 124 students in residence in 2015, 108 male and 16 female staying in one of the five dormitories on-site.

The new motocross track was completed in 2015. This was designed and tested by a professional Motocross rider.

A highlight of the year was Year 11 North West Tour in term three, where for two weeks 58 students and 7 staff members headed to Broome via Newman, Karijini National Park and Port Hedland. The return trip travelled to Dampier, Carnarvon, Geraldton and then home.

The College Ball was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on 28 August, where our expertly groomed students danced the night away.

We held many other events and excursions during the year which provided the students with a well-rounded residential experience.



## National Training Packages 2015 Outcomes Full Certificate Achievement (Total Graduates 61)

Qualification	Number Enrolled in Qualification	Number Completed Qualification	% Completion vs Enrolment	% Completion vs Total Cohort
Cert II in Agriculture	61	61	100	100
Cert II in Shearing	23	7	30	11
Cert II in Wool Handling	25	25	100	41
Cert III in Wool Clip Preparation	7	0	0	0
Cert III in Advanced Wool Handling	7	7	100	11
Cert II in Automotive (Servicing)	51	46	90	75
Cert II in Engineering	54	50	92	82
Cert II in Furnishing	27	26	96	42
Cert II in Construction Pathways	28	17	60	28



## Farm Report Kim Gray, Farm Manager

2015 has been an interesting year, with some changes in the farm staff, along with new technology being adopted in the cropping area, new bloodline into the Piggery as well as the new weaner/grower shed coming on line, some excellent results from students attending Farm Skills and various sheep and cattle events around the countryside and lately planning the implementation of offering Certificate III in Agriculture to some of the Year 12 students in 2016.

Students competed in various shows and competitions at offsite events including:

- *Shearing and wool handling competitions at Pingelly; Wagin; Williams; Koorda; Corrigin; Kojonup; Boddington; Katanning; Dinninup and the Perth Royal Show*
- *Farmskills and Junior Judging at the Perth Royal Show and the Wagin Woolarama*
- *Led Steer competition at the Perth Royal Show*
- *Cattle Judging at the Beverley Show*
- *Dowerin Field Day fencing competition*

It is worth noting that students enjoyed a good deal of success across these events. Congratulations to those that competed and to the staff involved in training and supervision.

New machinery, vehicles and infrastructure include:

- *New Weaner/Grower Shed*
- *New roof on the Finisher Shed*
- *New/second hand Ausplough DBS Bar*
- *New 4 tank Multistream Air Seeder (Variable Rate)*
- *New 50 ft Norrish Hydraulic Grain Auger*
- *2 new Seed Silos*
- *1 replacement dual cab Utility*

Lease or loan machinery on site this year include:

- *Case Maxxum 140 FWA tractor with front end loader (Due for replacement February 2016)*
- *John Deere S670 Combine harvester with 40ft draper front*

Cropping Program for 2015:

- *Wheat – 530 ha @ 1.9 t/ha*
- *Barley – 170 ha @ 2.2 t/ha*
- *Canola – 80 ha @ 0.9 t/ha*
- *Lupins – 19 ha @ 0.88 t/ha*
- *Oats - 15 ha @ 2.1 t/ha*

This was a particularly tough year with long dry spells at critical times of the year. Considering the low rainfall, 188mm in the growing season (April-October), this was a surprisingly good result. With only 6mm of rainfall recorded in September, high screenings were a problem in the cereal crops.

The students are very fortunate in having the opportunity to operate the very latest in machinery and technology while sowing and harvesting our crops. They have some hands-on experience with latest technologies including GPS guidance, variable rate seeding and Agworld paddock record keeping. 2016 will see us take ownership of an extra 1,100 ha of arable land which will mean increasing our cropping program from 800 ha to 1,200 ha.

Livestock @ 30-11-2015:

- *Alpacas – 11*
- *Cattle – 57. Calves – 26. Steers sold – 12.*
- *Pigs – 481. Piglets produced – 726. Pigs sold – 586*
- *Merino Sheep – 2,465. Lambs Produced – 1,277. Sheep sold – 1,032*
- *Poll Dorset Stud – 118. Lambs Produced – 42. Sheep Sold – 17*
- *Wool Sales – 74 bales.*
- *Poultry – 185 Birds, Eggs Produced – 3,210 dozen*

Animals Processed through the Abattoir 30-12-2015;

- *Sheep – 134*
- *Cattle – 14*
- *Pigs – 42*

The introduction of "Myora" genetics from South Australia into our Piggery has seen some good increases in production and we are very excited at how 2016 will pan



out once we have the full implementation of these new genetics in place. Results from the Sheep and Cattle sections were very good considering the very tough seasonal conditions and near total reliance on hand feeding to maintain condition on livestock.

## Secondary Attendance Rates

	School	WA Public Schools
2012	96.7%	87.7%
2013	97.2%	84.4%
2014	97.3%	86.9%
2015	97.3%	87.96%



## 2015 Parent Survey Results

100% of parents surveyed either agreed or strongly agreed that the College

- *encourages pride in achievements and a sense of self-worth*
- *98% of parents surveyed agreed or strongly agreed that the College strives for high standards across all areas of activity and study*
- *has high standards of student behaviour*
- *Farm trainers are knowledgeable, professional, committed and enthusiastic*
- *meets the needs of my child both at the College and preparing him/her for the future*

## 2015 Graduate Destination Data

EMPLOYMENT				APPRENTICESHIP/ TRAINEESHIP		FULL-TIME TAFE		UNIVERSITY		UNKNOWN/ SEEKING WORK		TOTAL
AGRICULTURE RELATED		NON-AGRICULTURE RELATED		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
23	38%	10	16%	21	34%	2	3%	5	8%	0	0%	61



# Financial Report

Laura McCart, Manager Corporate Services

Revenue - Cash	Budget	Actual
Voluntary Contributions	\$0.00	\$0.00
Charges and Fees	\$298,004.00	\$298,004.70
Fees from Facilities Hire	\$28,602.00	\$28,602.22
Fundraising/Donations/Sponsorships	\$17,991.00	\$17,991.63
Commonwealth Govt Revenues	\$11,828.00	\$11,828.00
Other State Govt/Local Govt Revenue	\$40,928.00	\$40,927.91
Other Revenues	\$102,885.00	\$102,888.08
Transfer from Reserve or DGR	\$359,800.00	\$359,800.00
Residential Accommodation	\$734,091.00	\$734,090.90
Farm Revenue	\$462,078.00	\$462,077.40
<b>Total Locally Raised Funds</b>	<b>\$2,056,207.00</b>	<b>\$2,056,210.84</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$331,366.00</b>	<b>\$331,366.05</b>
<b>Student Centred Funding</b>	<b>\$1,586,916.00</b>	<b>\$1,586,915.08</b>
<b>Total Cash Funds Available</b>	<b>\$3,974,489.00</b>	<b>\$3,974,491.97</b>
<b>Total Salary Allocation</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>\$3,974,489.00</b>	<b>\$3,974,491.97</b>

Expenditure	Budget	Actual
Administration	\$95,354.00	\$63,686.66
Lease Payments	\$20,000.00	\$11,305.73
Utilities, Facilities and Maintenance	\$627,599.00	\$511,995.88
Buildings, Property and Equipment	\$620,565.00	\$561,068.94
Curriculum and Student Services	\$370,484.00	\$291,931.38
Professional Development	\$37,276.00	\$30,622.47
Transfer to Reserves	\$43,400.00	\$43,400.00
Other Expenditure	\$89,829.00	\$63,068.95
Payment to CO, Regional Office and Other Schools	\$16,477.00	\$16,477.00
Residential Operations	\$259,811.00	\$193,337.78
Residential Boarding Fees to CO	\$990,571.00	\$989,092.38
Farm Operations	\$556,534.00	\$580,516.45
Farm Revenue to CO	\$173,987.00	\$147,354.16
Unallocated	\$72,602.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Goods and Services Expenditure</b>	<b>\$3,974,489.00</b>	<b>\$3,503,857.78</b>
<b>Total Forecast Salary Expenditure</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$3,713,030.00</b>	<b>\$2,431,526.43</b>

Cash Position as at	
<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$1,175,342.89</b>
Made up of:	
General Fund Balance	\$470,634.19
Deductible Gift Funds	\$0.00
Trust Funds	\$0.00
Asset Replacement Reserves	\$655,890.01
Suspense Accounts	\$59,562.69
Cash Advances	\$0.00
Tax Position	-\$10,744.00
<b>Total Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$1,175,342.89</b>

