



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
COLLEGE of AGRICULTURE
Cunderdin

Newsletter

August 2018



Principal - Mrs Sally Panizza



It is hard to believe I am already half way through my first term as principal of WACOA - Cunderdin. Since my arrival, I have been so impressed with how friendly, respectful and polite all the students have been towards me. They are getting used to me being out and about every day, from greeting them each morning for a chat over breakfast to regular classroom visits, where they take great pride in showing me their work.

The fantastic opportunities available to our students at WACOA - Cunderdin would not occur without the dedication of staff. The expertise and passion shown by many of the staff is to be commended and I am really enjoying working alongside them to achieve success for our students.

It has been harder to get to know our parent group, but to those I have met in person, on the phone or via email, thank you. I am aware of what a great responsibility I hold as Principal of not just a school, but a residential school, and I strongly believe in the importance of the school/parent partnership. I will be in attendance at Dowerin Field Day on both days, so please call in and introduce yourself. I will also be present at the College Ball, Open Day and parent interviews, in order to maximise opportunities for parents to meet me in person.

Dowerin Field Day

This year the Dowerin Field Day is being held on Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 August and, as in previous years, we will be taking all Year 11 students to Dowerin on Thursday.

This is a compulsory excursion and a packed lunch will be provided for all students. If parents would like to pick up their son/daughter from Dowerin, a Reach leave request needs to be submitted and students signed off at the WACOA - Cunderdin promotional stand in the Education Pavilion.

Our preference is for Year 12s to remain at the College rather than attend the Dowerin Field Day. With so little time left until the end of Year 12, many students are not in a position to miss classes and they had the opportunity to go to Dowerin in Year 11.

However, if parents/guardians choose to allow their son/daughter to attend the field day, please be advised that Year 12 students wishing to go to Dowerin must leave after school (3.20pm) on Wednesday. In past years a number of Year 12 students have left the College on the Thursday

morning to go to Dowerin in a group and we have received complaints from community members, staff and police about the dangerous driving of these students. Senior Staff considered our duty of care and concluded that this was a dangerous situation that needed to be managed. Therefore, on Thursday, no Year 12s will be allowed to leave before 2.00pm.

Parent Interviews

Parent interviews will be held on Thursday 30 August in the Recreation Centre from 2.00 - 4.00pm, coinciding with the Year 11 students returning from the Dowerin Field Day. Staff will be available to discuss your son/daughter's progress, so please take advantage of this opportunity, especially if a staff member requested an interview.

Parent Surveys

The log in and password for the annual WACOA - Cunderdin Parent Survey 2018 will be emailed to all families next week and is due back by Monday 10 September. This survey is really important to provide feedback on what is working well and what needs to be improved at the College. The collated feedback will be presented to the staff, the College Board and be reported to parents as part of our annual report. I encourage all families to take the time to fill out the survey and give constructive feedback.

Prospective Students

We are currently revising our enrolment process to provide greater clarity to prospective students and their parents. This is particularly important with WACOA - Cunderdin regularly having more students apply than the positions available each year. Currently we have made our offers for Year 11 2019 and have a number of students on the wait list. If places become available as offers are rejected, gender and pathway options will dictate who on the wait list will receive the next offer. Unfortunately we will not be conducting any more interviews for 2019, despite a number of parents contacting us in recent weeks interested in a place for their child next year. We encourage students interested in Year 11 in 2020 to complete the application on the College website as we are commencing interviews in Term 4 this year. Please spread the word to interested families.

College Board - Mrs Margaret Collins

The Board's meeting this term is on Friday 21 September at 10.00am, and it is an open meeting. We invite any parents/caregivers to join us at the meeting to view the Board's work, be included in any discussions and table any comments or concerns. You may be interested to see how we operate with a view to joining the Board next year, we would welcome you all.

The Board members will be in attendance on the Open Day on Friday 7 September should you wish to raise anything with us or just make yourself

known to us. We look forward to seeing you at both of these events.

As this is a very important term for Year 12 students, bringing their studies to a rapid close, the Board wishes them well as they move forward with their studies and ambitions.

Margaret Collins
jamcollins@westnet.com.au
College Board Chair

WA College of Agriculture, Cunderdin Open Day 7 September 2018

Visitors to the 2018 WA College of Agriculture - Cunderdin Open Day on Friday 7 September will get a snapshot of the fantastic educational opportunities on offer at the College.

Students have been busy preparing for the annual showcase of their projects and skills ranging from sheep shearing, wool handling, cattle, pig and sheep husbandry, wood & metal work projects to classroom activities.

Visitors to the Open Day will have a chance to meet with new Principal Sally Panizza and hear about her plans for the future of the College.

"Commencing at WACOA - Cunderdin this term has allowed me to combine two of my passions, education and agriculture, in the one setting. The range of opportunities available for students across farming, trades and classwork provides them with a unique set of skills that makes them highly competitive when transitioning to the work force after graduating from the College," Mrs Panizza said.

"I have been really impressed with the passion and expertise of our staff, as well as the enthusiasm and quality of work from the students. I encourage anyone who has wondered what agricultural education is about to come to our Open Day - I am sure you will be amazed at what we have to offer."

Visitors are welcome from 10am with farm tours being held regularly throughout the day. The College Triple "C" Ram Sale will be conducted from 11.00am and a shearing competition from 12.30pm. An impressive parade of modern machinery, used to educate students in all aspects of the College farming operation, will also take place.

The official opening which includes the announcement of 2019 Student Councillors and Design & Technology and Shearing awards, will take place at 2.15pm.

Morning tea and a delicious buffet luncheon, prepared by kitchen staff using College produce will be available. For further details contact the College on 9635 2100.



The poster features a background image of a wheat field under a bright sun. At the top is the logo of the Western Australian College of Agriculture, Cunderdin, which consists of a stylized sun and waves. Below the logo, the text 'WESTERN AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE of AGRICULTURE CUNDERDIN' is written in a sans-serif font. The words 'Open Day' are written in a large, elegant script font. Below this, the text 'The Principal, staff and students invite you to the' is written in a serif font. The date and time '2018 College Open Day 267 Baxter Rd Cunderdin Friday 7th September 2018 commencing at 10.00am' are highlighted in a yellow box. At the bottom, the text 'Lunch Available: 12.00pm—1.30pm Cost: \$2.00' is written in a serif font, followed by a note in parentheses: '(Monies raised will go towards an outdoor kitchen for the students)'. The RSVP date 'RSVP: 31st August 2018' and contact information 'Phone: 9635 2100 Fax: 9635 1334 Email: cunderdin.ac@education.wa.edu.au' are at the very bottom.

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Class - Mr Paul Jasper



Welcome back for Term 3, traditionally a busy term with many events to look forward to such as Dowerin Field Days, the College Ball, Perth Royal Show and of course tests and exams.

Please be mindful that there are a lot of tasks and end of semester testing to complete in the next five weeks, so attendance is a very important factor in the successful completion of Year 12. Missing just one day or leaving early on a day can mean missing an important assessment or valuable course content. With exams and tests coming up, it is very important that you are present for all the content and revision time. Please make sure you approach your teachers and catch up on any missed work!

All Year 12 students are reminded that for the last two weeks of term we will be conducting end of semester tests, exit testing and surveys.

Year 12 ATAR students are also reminded that they have an Exam Week in Week 10; This is our own internal exam week. The timetable is included in this newsletter.

The WACE exam timetable has also been released and there is a schedule included in this newsletter as well as a copy being available on our website and the School Curriculum and Standards Authority website.

University Applications

Applications for 2019 university admission open from Monday 6 August at 8:00am and close on Friday 28 September at 11:00pm. Applications are made online through TISC (www.tisc.edu.au).

If you would like your child to apply for university in 2019 they can make an appointment to see **Mr Jasper** who will help them with the online application process. Students must come to this appointment prepared with their student number,

course preferences and preferred university. There is a fee of \$40.00 that will need to be paid by the student or parent at the time of application lodgement. Please note that students who intend to defer for a year (take a gap year) also need to apply this year and then choose to defer when they are offered a place in a course. There are also numerous alternative entry pathways, early offer and Principal Recommendation entry pathways available to students. These applications require the students to fill in a form and make a personal statement about their future ambitions and suitability for university study. They also require a reference from the Principal. It is advisable to start the process now if you are seeking this entry pathway.

If you have any questions regarding the process or about university courses and entry pathways please contact **Paul Jasper**.

Thinking about going to University?

There are several options for students who wish to apply for University. All of the major universities have several options for applying and also offer bridging or Uni Enabling courses or portfolio entry pathways. Please visit their websites for information.

- If you are doing ATAR you need to apply through TISC (Tertiary Institutions Service Centre). www.tisc.edu.au
- University of Western Australia www.study.uwa.edu.au
- Murdoch University www.murdoch.edu.au
- Edith Cowan University www.ecu.edu.au
- Curtin University www.curtin.edu.au
- University of New England (UNE) www.une.edu.au
- University representatives will also be present at our Open Day on 7 September in the Library

Congratulations to Year 12 student Courtney Garlett who has been announced as a finalist for the WA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year 2018 in the WA Training Awards. The WA Training Awards presentation will be held in September and we wish Courtney the best of luck.



YEAR 12 GENERAL INTERNAL TEST WEEK 2018
WEEK 10 SEMESTER 2 17/09/18 – 18/09/18

Week	DATE	SUBJECT	TIME ALLOCATION
Week 10	MONDAY Day 6 17/09/18	Animal Production Systems	1 HOUR 9:00am – 10:00am
		Mathematics	1 HOUR 1:05pm – 2:05pm
	TUESDAY Day 7 18/09/18	Plant Production Systems	1 HOUR 10:20am – 11:20am
		English	1 HOUR 1:05pm – 2:05pm

YEAR 12 ATAR EXAM WEEK 2018
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Week 10	MONDAY Day 6 17/09/18	Animal Production Systems ATAR 12	3 HRS 10 MINS 1:05pm – 4:15pm
	TUESDAY Day 7 18/09/18	Plant Production Systems ATAR 12	3 HRS 10 MINS 8:00am – 11:10am
		English ATAR 12	3 HRS 10 MINS 1:05pm – 4:15pm
	WEDNESDAY Day 8 19/09/18	Mathematics Applications ATAR 12	2 HRS 45 MINS 8:00am – 10:45am



YEAR 12 WACE ATAR EXAMS 2018
30/10/18 – 7/11/18

Week	DATE	SUBJECT	TIME ALLOCATION
Week 1 WACE EXAMS (Week 4)	TUESDAY 30 October	Animal Production Systems	3hrs 10 mins 2:00pm – 5:10pm
	Wednesday 31 October	Plant Production Systems	3hrs 10 mins 9:20am – 12:30pm
	Thursday 1 November	English	3hrs 10 mins 9:20am – 12:30pm
Week 2 WACE EXAMS (Week 5)	Wednesday 7 November	Mathematics Application	2hrs 45 mins 9:20am – 12:05pm

Design & Technology - Mr Stephen Prangnell



Wood Show

The annual WA Wood Show was on at the Claremont Showgrounds over the 2 - 4 August. Student projects were entered into the "Out of the Woods" fine woodwork 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. Thank you to **Mr Elliott** for his efforts in helping students prepare their work for the show.

Year 12

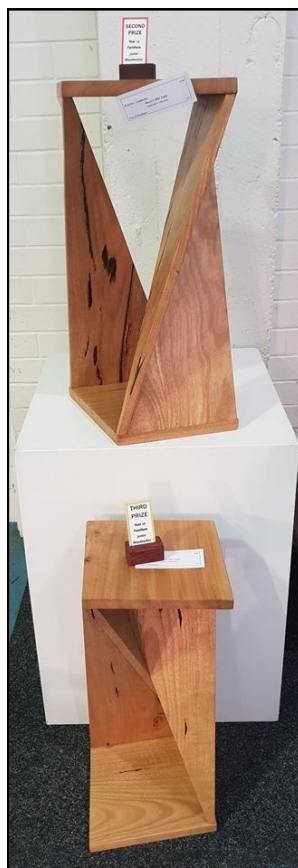
1st	Kade Smith	Karri TV Unit
2nd	Carla Woods	Marri Twisted Table
3rd	Carla Woods	Marri Twisted Table
Commended	Bonnie Telfer	Adirondack Chair
		Pine



Kade Smith's TV unit
(above)

Carla Woods' Tables (right)

Bonnie Telfer's Chair
(below)



Year 11

Commended Tyler DiFulvio **Seeder Ends Box**
Wandoo



Tyler DiFulvio's Box (above)

The End

The finish is rapidly approaching for the Year 12 students. Most are now frantically working on their major projects and completing competencies in each area. Year 12s now have at best four full cycles left at the College and any absences may impact quite severely on some student results. Also the Engineering and Furnishing workshops have been open on a regular basis for the last two terms. Requests for extra time to complete projects will be considered if the student has made some effort to utilise the extra workshop time.

For Year 11 students, take a look at how some Year 12s are coping at the moment and ask yourself if you want to be in the same position as some of them next year.

Extra Workshop Time

We have several regulars turning up for after hours workshop time. However there are quite a few students who have undertaken large projects who need to utilise this opportunity more often. Automotives, Engineering and Furnishing are all open on a regular basis each week. Could parents please talk to their son/daughter to encourage them to use this time to their advantage.

Manager Corporate Services - Mrs Laura McCart



Welcome to Term 3 which seems to be just as busy as ever.

Thanks to all those parents who have paid their final instalment and returned their Boarding Away from Home Allowance (BAHA) forms. There are still a number of parents who have not completed their AIC BAHA forms, I will be contacting you shortly.

Please be aware as per boarding agreement ***“The third and final instalment of residential fees and College charges must be cleared prior to the commencement of Term Four”.***

This is applicable to all parents unless prior arrangements have been discussed with me. Statements have been posted to the families that still have an outstanding account. Please ensure that the balance is paid as soon as possible to alleviate any problems arising with students boarding in Term Four. Can parents please use their child's Student Number as a reference when making payment.

Please contact me if you require any clarification on 9635 2100.

Methods of payment:

ELECTRONIC BANKING

Name of Account: WA College of Agriculture – Cunderdin
Bank: Bendigo Bank
BSB Number: 633 000
Account Number: 155 427 040
Reference: Your child's student number

EFTPOS FACILITY

There is EFTPOS available at the front office for payments.

You can also call the College between 8.00am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday, to make over the phone payments.

CHEQUES

Cheques can be made out to WA College of Agriculture - Cunderdin and posted to PO Box 132 Cunderdin WA 6407.

University Information 2018

Name	Website	Event Information
Curtin University	www.curtin.edu.au	
Edith Cowan University	www.ecu.edu.au	Open Day South West Sunday 26th August 12.00pm - 3.00pm
Murdoch University	www.murdoch.edu.au	
Muresk Institute	www2.dtwd.wa.gov.au/mureskinstitute	
Notre Dame University	www.nd.edu.au	Open Day Fremantle Sunday 19th August
University of Western Australia	www.uwa.edu.au	

Farm - Mr Daniel De Beer

We have been blessed with soaking rain and the whole farm looks fantastic! Although we enjoy our fortune, we spare a moment to remember all the farmers in the grip of an unforgiving drought. Our prayers and best wishes are with them in this trying time.

Back at the College and we are already in Term 3, Week 4. Wow!! Time is ticking for our Year Twelves and already it's a hive of activity, as students are getting competencies done at break neck speeds. We are looking at a very busy term indeed.

The Katanning WA State Ag School Sheep Handling Challenge is up next week and we are the defending champions. Champions, because we have that 'never say die' attitude!

Next up is the Beverley Show, where our students will strut their stuff to qualify as junior cattle judges for the Perth Royal Show.

After that it is off to Dowerin Field Day, where our fencing team will try to keep it straight down the line and our junior sheep judges pick the best fleeces.

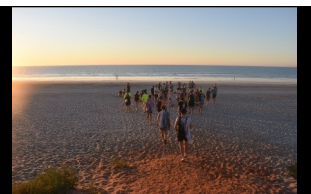
Then it's the main event, Farm Skills at the Perth Royal Show!! We are defending champions ready to win AGAIN!

Then of course we need to cut, roll and stack our hay crops. Also keep the weeds, bugs and fungi at bay on all our other crops. Plus daily feeding and checking animals. Busy, busy, busy...

We somehow found some time to plant 10,000 seedling saltbushes, while getting bashed by hail, rain and really strong wind gusts. Good work everyone!!!



Residential Manager - Mr Darryl McCart



North West Tour

The start of Term 3 saw 54 students and 8 staff head off on the North West Tour. All students were extremely well behaved and it was a pleasure to take this adventure with them. There were a range of activities whilst on tour, such as swimming, station stays, a visit to the RFDS base in Meekatharra, tour of Mount Whale Back Mine in Newman, the Wilderness Park and Willie Creek Pearl Farm and camel riding in Broome, just to mention a few of the activities. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff involved with the smooth running of this tour **Mr Mark Barnier, Miss Leanne Sjollema, Mrs Leanne Grant-Williams, Mrs Leanne Childs, Mr Brandon Skinner, Mr Lindsay Jones & Mr Chris Dougall.**



Grooming

A number of students are failing to follow College guidelines in regards to long hair. If a student has long hair they must tie it up during instruction and meal times, this includes Class, Farm, D&T and when in the dining room. If students can not follow this parents will be asked to arrange a haircut for their child. Extreme haircuts, including undercuts and mullets, are also not tolerated, as outlined in the grooming policy contained in the College Guidelines.

Medication

Can parents and students please take the time to read the policy regarding medication that is in the Information Booklet as some students are returning to the College with excessive amounts of "over the counter medications".

Midland Photography

College photos were taken on Monday. Anyone who did not order or wants more copies will be able to contact Midland Photography direct on 9274 4767 to organise this.

Closed Weekend and College Ball

The next closed weekend is 2.00pm Thursday 30 August to Sunday 2 September after 4.00pm.

The College Ball is being held at the Novotel Langley Riverside Ballroom, 221 Adelaide Tce from 6.30pm until 11.00pm on Friday 31 August. Parents are welcome to attend pre dinner drinks from 6.30pm – 7.00pm, this is a great opportunity for parents to take photos. Please be advised that the Ballroom is on the first floor, please do not stand in the main foyer of the hotel as hotel guests need access to this area.

For students wanting to leave earlier than 11.00pm, we ask parents to let us know of the arrangements. After 11.00pm students will be the responsibility of parents or nominated guardians.

Parents and students wishing to book rooms at the Novotel Langley can quote code 284461WA College of Agriculture to receive a cheaper rate.

College Ball Parent Dinner

The P&C will be holding a dinner for parents who wish to attend on the night of the Ball at Mantra on Hay from 7.00pm to 11.00pm. More information will be sent out on the parent dinner shortly.

Student Vehicles

Please remember that students wishing to have a vehicle at the College must fill out a vehicle permission form signed by parents and student before the vehicle is brought to the College. A permission form is required for any vehicle that a student has at the College.

Leavers' Jumpers

All Year 12 students have now received their leavers' jumpers. Thank you to the Student Council for their work in organising these.

Open Day

Don't forget to drop into the Student Services area at the Administration Building on Open Day and have a look at the display or just to have a chat with myself and students. Ball photos and College photos will be on display during the day.

End of Term Leave

Students that are finishing at the College at the end of Term Three are reminded that their rooms will be inspected at sign-off time and any damage will be charged for. Year 12 students returning next term will have to inform the school of movements so that catering can be arranged. All students return after 4.00pm on Sunday 7 October.

Coming up...

Thursday	30 August	Year 11s at Dowerin Field Day CLOSED WEEKEND Parent/Teacher Interviews College closes at 2.00pm
Friday	31 August	CLOSED WEEKEND College Ball
Sunday	2 September	Students return after 4.00pm Evening meal available if requested
Friday	7 September	COLLEGE OPEN DAY
Monday - Wednesday	17 - 19 September	Year 12 Semester Two ATAR Exams
Monday - Tuesday	17 - 18 September	Year 12 General Tests
Thursday	20 September	Perth Royal Show Farm Skills
Friday	21 September	End of Term Three College Board Meeting 10.00am College closes 12.20pm
Sunday	7 October	Students return after 4.00pm Evening meal available if requested
Monday	8 October	Term Four commences
Friday	9 November	VALEDICTORY
Monday - Wednesday	19 - 21 November	Year 11 Semester Two ATAR Exams & General Tests
Thursday	14 December	College closes 12.20pm



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