



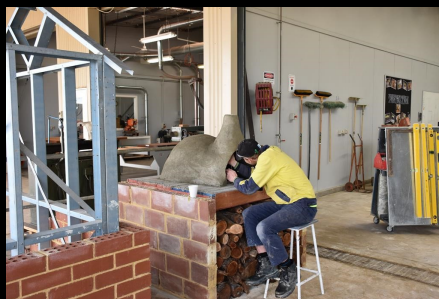
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
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Cunderdin

Newsletter

September 2018



OPEN DAY 2018



Principal - Mrs Sally Panizza



Year 12 2018

As our Year 12s start to leave, we wish them the very best for their future careers. The College has a strong history of near 100% employment, further training or university following graduation, and I am sure this trend will continue with our current cohort. I have spent a number of evenings over the last few weeks at prep assisting our Year 12s with their resumes, where I have been struck by the sheer number of qualifications, certificates and experiences our students have attained over their two years at WACOA Cunderdin. I have no doubt they will stand out competitively in a pool of applicants.

Open Day

Thank you to everyone who contributed to make our Open Day such a success! Our students were fantastic ambassadors for our College, really impressing me with their hard work in the lead up to Open Day. Their friendliness and enthusiasm was commented on by many visitors as they worked in their selected areas. Thank you also to the many families who attended and viewed the great displays of student work. I am sure visitors on the day would have noticed the passion and expertise of our staff, I am very grateful for their efforts.

It was a real pleasure to meet so many past and future students, grandparents and relatives of current students and past staff. The long history, pride and sense of community at the College was clearly evident on the day.

My congratulations go to the following students who were announced as Student Councillors for 2019:

Joel Nicholson

Macey Hill

Jarrold West

Kristina Howard

Rael Curtin

Ashlee Topham

Kurt Richards

Kristopher Parsons

College Surveys 2018

Thankyou to the number of parents, students and staff who took the time to complete our annual College surveys. This feedback is valuable for letting us know what is working well in the College and areas for improvement. This information will be presented at our College Board meeting on Friday 21 September and I invite anyone interested to please join us at our meeting scheduled for 10.00am. For those unable to attend, a report will be prepared on the survey feedback and suggested changes for 2019. This report will be sent home to all families early in Term 4.

College Ball Thanks

Thank you to our staff, students and parents for a wonderful night at the College Ball. The behaviour of the students was exemplary. A special thank you goes to **Mr Darryl McCart** and our Student Councillors for their organisation; by all accounts it was a very enjoyable evening. Thank you to **Pixie O'Neill** and our P&C for the parent dinner, it was lovely to see so many parents in attendance and for me to meet so many of you.

Conclusion of Term 3

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of Term 3 and what a busy term I have had! I have been truly humbled by the fantastic welcome I have received on joining the College as the new Principal this term. Whether it has been meeting people at the Dowerin Field Day, parent interviews, College Ball, Open Day, Ag Advisory meeting or through the day to day running of the College, everyone has been so friendly and positive. It really is a joy to work at WACOA Cunderdin.

I would like to wish all our students a relaxing holiday as they return home to their families. To our Year 12 ATAR students, all the best as you prepare for your final exams. Travel safely and I look forward to welcoming our students back for Term 4 on Sunday 7 October after 4.00pm.

College Board - Mrs Margaret Collins

The Board meeting on Friday 21 September at 10.00am is an open meeting where we would welcome any parents interested in joining us.

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

Class - Mr Paul Jasper



Congratulations to all staff and students on their efforts towards Open Day. The College looked fantastic and it was great to see work samples from all the students in the Class Area. We have had another big turn-over of staff this year and it must be said that they, along with the students that worked with them did a fantastic job of displaying all the wonderful work the students do. A special thanks to the students who stayed behind and helped out with the clean-up at the end of the day. Your efforts did not go unnoticed and the staff very much appreciated your help through the whole event, especially packing up.

Well done to all the Year 12 students who have successfully completed their compulsory years of schooling. There have been some fantastic achievements over the past two years at the College and it is always encouraging to witness students taking full advantage of the opportunities that they have while attending the WA College of Agriculture – Cunderdin. We look forward to hearing about your future achievements and wish you all the very best.

Good luck to the Year 12 ATAR students who have sat their Mock Exams in Week 10 and will return next term to get their results back and prepare for WACE Examinations in November. I have attached some information from the Year 12 Handbook to this newsletter. This handbook contains important and essential information for all Year 12s and is

accessible on the SCSA website <http://scsa.wa.edu.au/>

Please Note:

Students enrolled in a Year 12 ATAR course must sit the external examination in that course. If students do not sit an ATAR course examination and do not have an approved sickness/misadventure application for that course, the grades for the pair of units completed in that year will not contribute to the calculation of the achievement standard, but they will still count in the breadth-and-depth requirement. Students who do not sit the examination will not receive a course report.

Remember: it is the student's responsibility to read the information regarding examinations in the Year 12 Handbook which is available on the SCSA website. It is also the responsibility of the student to make sure they have all the required equipment for their examinations and that they bring a copy of their personalised examination timetable to the exams with them.

Year 11 ATAR Examination Week & General Tests

The ATAR students will be sitting their exams in Week 7 (19 - 21 November). A timetable will be released in Term 4, please note this is a reverse week and exams will run from Monday to Wednesday. Year 11 General students will also be sitting tests this week.



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



Congratulations to students and staff on their efforts in preparing the Design and Technology Department for Open Day. It's a huge job, but a lot of satisfaction can be taken from the standard of displays on the day. I received comments throughout the day from current students amazed at the transformation throughout the centre.

It was great to see many prospective students and parents visiting the College. Some parents have already decided what projects their sons / daughters are going to make after seeing the display.

We had the Open Day prizes for Engineering and Furnishing again this year. The students enjoy the opportunity of possibly picking up a prize.

Professionals Choice Engineering

Harrison Duperouzel Car Trailer

Visitors Choice Engineering

Madison Zweck Wrought Iron Table

Professionals Choice Furnishing

Jack Welsh Jarrah TV Unit

Visitors Choice Furnishing

Kara Smith Marri TV Unit

Every effort is made in the practical area to complete projects by the end of the year with some class changes possible through negotiation with the staff involved. However students need to have been making use of the workshop after hours and making a genuine effort in the lead up for this to occur.

It is pleasing to see some students checking whether they have completed all the requirements for their Certificates. Students must complete all course requirements if they are to be awarded Certificates in respective courses.

Accounts are in the process of being finalised for Year 12 major projects. We are processing accounts for projects as quickly as possible and hope to have most of them completed by the end of term. This will depend on students completing work before then.

Accounts need to be paid and receipts shown before projects can be taken home. This process has been put in place because of a very small minority of people who have not done the right thing in the past.

Farm - Mr Daniel de Beer



I might start sounding like a broken record, but then again I don't care, the farm is looking FANTASTIC!! The continued rain we were blessed with has transformed our farm to fields of green grass and yellow flowers.

As the predictions of our previous newsletter came true, we have been flat out. But we all are enjoying it immensely. We have marked our lambs and finished with 107% lambing. Then crutched all of our ewes to try and keep them safe from the flies. Prices for lambs are still in the stratosphere and we all have smiles each time a truck leaves for the sale yards. The older cow mob is calving and we've had a set of twins.

The students won awards at the Katanning Sheep Handling Challenge, our fencing team came second at Dowerin and our shearing team had a clean sweep at Corrigin Show.

All the hard work before Open Day, well and truly paid off on the day. We had a student in a pig suit running around promoting pork and the butcher

shop gave us a delicious taste of our pork produced on farm. All the machinery was on display, guess the weight of a steer, ram auction and shearing competitions. Everyone could enjoy the experiences and get their passports stamped to be in with a chance to win the coffee machine. All in all, a great day out! We would like to extend our thank you to all the students who work endlessly to make the day a success.



Next is of course Farm Skills, sheep judging and shearing competitions at the Perth Royal Show. After that making hay, spraying bugs and harvest.....Happy days!

Manager Corporate Services - Mrs Laura McCart



Term 3 is coming to an end, it has been a very busy Term. We are currently in the process of ensuring that we have collected all Boarding Away from Home Allowance forms so that we can deduct \$1,948 from each of your accounts. As you are aware, Boarding Away from Home Allowance comes direct to the College, therefore we collate all the information and disburse it to the Department.

We have sent home your final statement for 2018 in the last few days. The outstanding amount on your statement will need to be finalised promptly unless you have a formal payment plan arrangement in place. Please note Education Department Policy below:

Failure to clear all outstanding fees and charges from Year 11 can result in residency being denied at the commencement of the following year.

Any Year 11 students that are in credit will be rolled over to 2019 unless stated otherwise by the parent. Year 12 Students are quickly approaching the completion of their education. All accounts need to be cleared in full before they finish. Student projects will not be allowed to be collected unless they have been paid in full.

The 2019 Contributions and Charges Information booklet as well as the Booklist is in the process of being finalised and approved. These will be posted home early in December to ensure you have sufficient time to prepare for next year.

Mrs Felicity Burnett is on maternity leave from today until 13 April 2019. We welcome **Mrs Karen Argent, Mrs Christine Fulwood** and **Mrs Lisa Jasper** who will be filling this role in administration over this time. If any parents have used Felicity's direct email to contact the College, can you please resend to the generic email at cunderdin.wacoa@education.wa.edu.au

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.

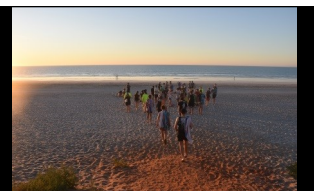
CHEQUES

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
Curtin University	www.curtin.edu.au
Edith Cowan University	www.ecu.edu.au
Murdoch University	www.murdoch.edu.au
Muresk Institute	www2.dtwd.wa.gov.au/mureskinstitute
Notre Dame University	www.nd.edu.au
University of Western Australia	www.uwa.edu.au

Residential Manager - Mr Darryl McCart



College Ball

The College Ball was held at the Novotel Langley Perth on 31 August. A great night was had by all that attended. Student behaviour was exceptional on the night and students are to be commended for this. Belle of the Ball looked gorgeous, made everyone feel welcome, socialised all night and danced all night. Belle of the Ball was awarded to **Emma McLean**. Beau of the Ball was charismatic, socialising all night with everyone, outgoing and danced all night. He looked mint in his suit. Beau of the Ball was awarded to **Austin Smith**. Thank you to the Student Council for all your help in making the night a success.



Open Day

Thank you to the students who set up and manned the Residential display on Open Day. Students were busy showing parents around and answering questions. A big thank you to the kitchen staff and students who worked in the kitchen preparing and serving lunch on the day. Approximately 545 meals were served at lunch which equates to the kitchen being very busy. Lots of positive comments on the quality and variety of food prepared have been received.

Student Council

Thank you to the 2018 Student Councillors for all their work organising and planning events and on

occasion being the go-between for myself and students.

The 2019 Student Council was announced at Open Day. Congratulations to **Joel Nicholson, Macey Hill, Jarrod West, Kristina Howard, Rael Curtin, Ashlee Topham, Kurt Richards and Kris Parsons**. Looking forward to working with you all in 2019.

Valedictory

Valedictory will be held on 9 November. Year 12 students are reminded that they need to wear their full school uniform with tie and be appropriately groomed, this includes hair, earrings and beards as per the College Guidelines. If a student is not following the guidelines, they will not take part in the ceremony. Invitations will be emailed this week.

The program for the day is as follows:

10.00am	Arrive	Morning Tea
10.50am	Awards	Recreation Centre
12.15pm	Buffet Lunch	Dining Hall
1.15pm	Valedictory	Recreation Centre
2.15pm	Close	

Stop It

Just a reminder that the Stop It App can be downloaded by both parents and students and used to report anything anonymously to the College. Please contact me if you have forgotten the password. I encourage both parents and students to browse this app so you are familiar with how it works.

Term Four

Return date for students for Term Four is Sunday 7 October after 4.00pm. An evening meal will be provided so long as it has been requested on the end of Term Three leave application on Reach Boarding.

We also ask that the last day for Year 12s is indicated in the notes section of Reach for end of Term Three leave so we know how many Year 12s are expected to be at the College during Term Four. This assists with staff rosters and food orders among other issues.

Condolences

The College would like to offer their condolences to the family and friends of 2016 student **Jonathon Porcu**, who recently passed away.

Coming up...

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
Thursday	25 October	Year 11 ATAR Trip
Friday	9 November	VALEDICTORY
Monday - Wednesday	19 - 21 November	Year 11 Semester Two ATAR Exams & General Tests
Friday	23 November	College Board Meeting 10.00am College closes 12.20pm
Friday	30 November	Year 11s finish
Thursday	14 December	College closes 12.20pm



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