

College Newsletter

TERM FOUR 2019 NEWSLETTER



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
COLLEGE of AGRICULTURE
Cunderdin

Principal

Valedictory

Congratulations to the Class of 2019 for their successful completion of two years at WACOA Cunderdin. It was a pleasure to celebrate the achievements of our 62 graduating students with family and friends on the 15 November. I would like to congratulate the many students who received awards at the ceremony, particularly our Dux, Tim McLean, our runner up Dux, Walker Zweck and VET Dux, Hayden Iles. A full list of the prize recipients is included in this newsletter for your information. My thanks go to our Year 11 student councillors for running the ceremony, the kitchen staff for the delicious lunch, the sponsors of the awards and all who contributed to make the day a success. The level of support our College receives from local businesses and the wider community is truly appreciated.

Head Students

Congratulations to Hayden Fiegert and Marion Lewis, who were announced as Head Students for 2020 at the Valedictory. I have no doubt your leadership will assist in making our College the best it can possibly be.



AT A GLANCE

Return Dates for 2020

The College office will reopen on Tuesday 28 January.

Induction for Year 11 students commences 10.30am on Saturday 1 February. Year 12 Student Councillors are required to return to the College at this time also.

Year 12 students return to the College between 3.00 - 5.00pm on Sunday 2 February.

All classes commence at 8.00am on Monday 3 February.



Principal (continued)

Staffing Farewells and Welcomes

We had a lovely morning tea last week to farewell three long serving members of staff: Garry Elliott, Dawn Corney and Cathy Winterswyk. Congratulations to Garry, who received a silver medallion for the Education Department for 23 years' service.

We welcomed Phil Epps back to the role of deputy this month. Phil's calm, organised approach and knowledge of senior secondary policies and procedures have been a real asset to the College. Phil will be remaining in the deputy role as we move into 2020.

Our congratulations go to Kate Morrison, who has won a position as English teacher at Woodvale College and Brandon Skinner who has taken up the opportunity for a career change to farming. Additionally, we farewell and thank the following staff who have completed their fixed term contracts with us: Sophie Mullins, Kim Burton and Yvonne Bopp.

We are pleased to announce the following appointments have been made for the 2020 school year: Robert Cousins will be joining us as a Maths/Physical Education teacher, Annette Fox will be teaching English part time, Robert den Boer and Terence Gosling will join our Trades team as D & T teachers. We have processes underway for an English ATAR teacher and additional residential staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students, families and staff a wonderful Christmas and a relaxing holiday break. 2019 has been a tough year for many of our farming families, our thoughts are with you and hopefully 2020 will be a wetter year! I look forward to our 2019 Year 11 students returning as Year 12s for their final year of schooling, and welcoming 72 new Year 11 students at the commencement of Term 1.



Mrs Sally Panizza
Principal

Class

All the best to the Year 12 students who recently graduated from the College. There have been some fantastic achievements over the past two years at the College and we all wish you the very best for your future endeavours. Please drop in, say hello and let us know what you are up to in the future.

Year 12 ATAR students have recently completed their WACE examinations and now don't have long to wait until the results are released. Well done for sticking with the ATAR course and completing your exams. Thank you to our ATAR teachers for your dedication to the ATAR course and doing that bit extra to ensure the students success as well as our general teachers and support staff.

All Year 11 student reports have been emailed out to parents. Please keep in mind the following when reading your child's report. Grades are allocated in accordance with the grade descriptors provided to us by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority. All tasks completed throughout the year contribute to the overall mark for the course and are in line with the grade descriptors.

The allocation of a 'C' grade indicates that your child is performing at the expected level for the course and this is a satisfactory result.

I would like to make mention of the Class staff Miss Kimberley Burton, Mr Justin Fox, Mrs Annette Fox, Ms Katherine Morrison, Miss Sophia Mullins, Miss Leanne Sjollem, Ms Nadine Smith, thank you for your hard work and dedication this year. Mrs Leanne Childs our Education Assistant – working specifically with the OLN students and those with IEP's, Mrs Anita Sullivan our Librarian and Mr Stephen Skinner with IT. Special mention to Mr David Hovell & Mrs Rosalie Packham who have been regular relief teachers at the College during this year, your support is greatly appreciated.

We wish Katherine Morrison all the best with her fixed term contract at Woodvale Secondary College for 2020. Kate began her teaching career at WACoA - Cunderdin in 2017. She has achieved some fantastic results within the English department, including 2 years of 100% OLN attainment and the redesigning of our ATAR course. Her contribution to the College and the Cunderdin - Meckering community will be dearly missed, all the best with your career in Education. Thank you to Miss Sophia Mullins who has taught both General Year 11 and 12 English for Semester 2. Her attitude to help out whenever required will make her a great loss for the College, we wish her best for her future. Miss Kimberley Burton will also be departing the College. She has been an integral cog within the curriculum staff taking on General Year 11 and 12 Mathematics and also Year 12 PE Studies. Her calm persona and expertise will be also greatly missed by the College. All the best with your future endeavours and thank you for your support of the College in 2019.

All the very best to the students and their families for a safe and happy summer holiday period.

Mr Paul Jasper
Head of Curriculum

Finance

2020 Fees and Charges

Contributions and Charges for 2020 have been posted to parents along with the booklist and students' subjects. Boarding fees for residential students for 2020 has

been set by the Department of Education at a cost of \$8,880.00.

Payment of Fees and Charges

The first instalment of boarding fees and College charges are due for payment on Monday 3 February 2020.

Payment Options:

Cheques can be posted to PO Box 132 Cunderdin WA 6407

Electronic Transfer bank details as follows:

Account Name: WA College of Agriculture Cunderdin

Bank: Bendigo

BSB: 633 000

Account Number: 155427040

Reference: Student's name

A copy of transfer sent to the College on email address WACOA.cunderdin@education.wa.edu.au

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

Financial Assistance for Parents in 2020

*Assistance for Isolated Children
Boarding Away from Home Allowance
Boarding Away from Home Special
Agricultural Subsidy
Secondary Assistance Scheme
Road Travel Subsidy*

Please phone me if you have any queries regarding these Financial Assistance processes.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank my friendly staff Rebecca Marsh, Julie Skinner, Lisa Jasper, Karen Argent, Jane Rogers, Yvonne Bopp, Anita Sullivan and Steve Skinner for all their hard work and continual support for 2020, without them the College would not function as efficiently.

Hope everyone has a happy Christmas and a safe New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2020.

Mrs Laura McCart
Manager Corporate Services

Residential



Term Four is now complete and the holiday season is ahead – an opportunity for families to spend time together before students return to boarding for 2020. Please remember that Year 12 students need to return between 3.00 – 5.00pm on Sunday 2 February 2020. This is important as a number of the Year 12s will not be in the same dormitory that they were in during 2019.

Can parents please take the time to check that their child has a satisfactory uniform for 2020, as a few have out-grown their current one and/or they may have rips in parts of their hi-viz uniform.

The new Vehicle Permission form will be uploaded to the College website on or before 20 December 2019. This form must be completed and returned to the College prior to your child bringing a vehicle onto the College grounds. A form is required for each different vehicle they plan on bringing to the College. There are changes to the form, so please take the time to familiarise yourself with the content and discuss this with your child.

The College has been very fortunate in securing the services of a school chaplain, Mrs Michelle Diver, who will work at the College four days a week. Michelle has been working at the College this year and has built a strong rapport with the students already, which has resulted in a decrease in my workload and is much appreciated as I have been able to focus on other areas of my role.

Please enjoy the festive season with your families but make sure it is safe and I look forward to seeing everyone in 2020.

Mr Darryl McCart
Residential Manager



Farm



Another term has flown past and here we are at the end of another year. We had an early start to harvest, the last shearing, wool handling and cattle judging competitions finished and then Valedictory.

There was great excitement to start harvest and on the 29 October we had finished one Barley paddock, before the rain started. The following Monday and Tuesday, was a bit off a stop-start event chasing the moisture target. But then it was all hands on deck. We had four students, achieving or working towards their harvest competency every day. They took turns in driving the chaser bin and header under the guidance of Mr Binning, Mr Byrnes and Ms Osboine. Dust was going everywhere and we even had volunteers to help out on most Saturdays. Before we knew it Valedictory was here and we had to say farewell to our year 12s in 40 plus degree heat.

The last of the shearing was completed and the wool was sold. We drafted a load of cattle weaners and sent them to market and also sent two extra loads of pigs to Linley Valley. All in preparation for what looks like a long, hot and dry summer.

Thank you again to all our Farm staff and students. We wish everyone a blessed Christmas and a happy 2020!

Mr Daniel de Beer
Farm Manager



Trades

The Year 12 Valedictory was an excellent day. It's pleasing to see the Year 12s come back for the day and receive acknowledgement for their efforts over the last two years. It has also been great to hear on the grapevine about several students landing apprenticeships.

There have been some major upgrades in the Trades areas this year. Engineering has installed a Metalmaster PB-135B Pressbrake. In Furnishing, the dust extraction has been upgraded and a CNC router is now operational. These upgrades will have great benefits for students enhancing safety and the range of projects that can be undertaken.

This has been a year full of activity for the Trade staff. Apart from the usual work and training package development, staff have been involved in range of activities including the surf camp, trade tour, afterhours workshop, Country Week, North West Tour and the Woodshow to name a few.

With this in mind I would like to thank Ben Elliott, Troy Boromoni, Brandon Skinner and Keith Thompson for their efforts this year. They are dedicated people and who ensure the outcomes for students are maximised.

The Year 11s have had a successful year in Trades. Most students have completed the necessary requirements and much of the Training Package work will carry into next year. There have been some excellent projects completed and many will carry over for completion next year.

Mr Stephen Prangnell
Head of Trades



STEM

On November 27 and 28 Mrs Panizza and the STEM committee attended an Innovation Showcase at the Perth Convention Centre. This conference celebrated a number of achievements in the STEM space from engaging girls in STEM to Education partnerships in the Western Desert.

A number of notable speakers presented on a variety of topics including Professor Alan Duffy on Managing Big Data and the "The Surfing Scientist" Reuben Meerman discussed Health Literacy and what happens to fat when you lose weight. A number of schools who had participated in the STEM Innovation program shared their successes stories. In addition to networking opportunities, this conference helped the committee develop a future vision of STEM at the College.

The STEM committee remained in Perth on the 29 November to attend the 4th innovation workshop. As part of this program, WACOA - Cunderdin has been developing a problem solving framework which can be implemented across all areas of the College. A STEM project which will trial this framework during 2020 is aimed at reducing waste in the College.

Miss Nadine Smith
STEM Coordinator



Valedictory

Award	Donor	Student Name
Butcher shop	MBL	Luke Cotter, Bruce Rock
Beef Production	Hon Mia Davies, MLA Central Wheatbelt	Kristopher Parsons, Tom Price
Sheep & Wool Production	Farmways Cunderdin	Kurt Richards, Dowerin
Pig Production	Myora Piggery	Daniel Lewis, Corrigin
Grain Production	Kader Boots	Casey Roberts, Mukinbudin
Farm Workshop	Hutton & Northey – Cunderdin	Hayden Iles, Cunderdin
Animal Production Systems GEN	Milne Agri-group	Kristina Howard, Badgingarra
Animal Production Systems ATAR	Reg Maddock	Tim McLean, Moora
English (GEN)	Cunderdin Farmers Co-operative	Oaklee Treasure, Cunderdin
English (ATAR)	Rotary Club of Cunderdin	Tim McLean, Moora
Mathematics (GEN)	Cunderdin Transport	Dale Faulkner, Beacon
Mathematics (ATAR)	Ag Implements, Cunderdin	Tim McLean, Moora
Phys Ed Studies(GEN)	Laurie Graham MLC	Myles O'Neill, Kellerberrin
Plant Production Systems (GEN)	Bendigo Bank	Lachlan Stewart, Esperance
Plant Production Systems (ATAR)	Baxter's Rural Centre	Tim McLean, Moora
Automotive Workshop	Wheatbelt Motors	Aaron Stanfield, Beverley
Engineering	Midalia Steel	Hayden Iles, Cunderdin
Furnishing	Lions Club - Cunderdin	Aaron Stanfield, Beverley
General Construction	Mr Rupert Weller	Aaron Stanfield, Beverley
Female Sportsperson of the Year	Slater Gartrell Sports	Macey Hill, Cunderdin
Male Sportsperson of the Year	Sportspower Northam	Lachlan Stewart, Esperance
Most Consistent – Farm	Hon Colin De Grussa MLC	Kristina Howard, Badgingarra
Most Consistent – D&T	Hon Darren West MLC	Aaron Stanfield, Beverley
Residential - Female	Bendigo Bank	Madison Crossen, Wongan Hills
Residential – Male	Hon Rick Mazza MLC	Henry Aitchison, Cunderdin
Year 11 Citizenship and Excellence Award	Steel family	Marion Lewis, Corrigin
Australian Defence Forces Leadership Award	Australian Defence Forces	Ashlee Topham, Moora
Most Improved Student	Mottershead Family	Cameron Walton, Hyden
Excellence in VET	Australian Super	Daniel Lewis, Corrigin
VET Dux	WACOA – Cunderdin	Hayden Iles, Cunderdin
Runner up to Dux	WACOA – Cunderdin & Agricultural Advisory Council	Walker Zweck, Lake Grace
Dux	WACOA-Cunderdin	Tim McLean, Moora
Scholarship	Elders Farmways	Indiana Bywaters, Lancelin
Scholarship	WA Shearing Industry Association/Neville Munns	Murray Burt, Calingiri
Scholarship	Safefarms WA Award Yr 12	Michael Bowron, Bonnie Rock
Scholarship	Safefarms WA Award Auschem Yr 11	Ethan Fisher, Meckering
Scholarship	College Farm	Wesley Underwood, Mukinbudin
Scholarship	Old Collegians	Lucas Grant, Thornlie
Scholarship	Royal Agricultural Society of WA	Clayton Homewood, Moora
Scholarship	GRDC	Ethan Fisher, Meckering Timothy Porter, Ashfield Marion Lewis, Corrigin Jessi Shannon, Yelbeni
Scholarship	Wool Education Trust	Tameka Baker –Toodyay Courtney Hall-Corrigin Hayden Fiegert-Esperance
Scholarship	WA Farmers	Melissa Davenport, Beverley
Scholarship	John Steel Year 12 Personal Excellence Award	Michael Bowron, Bonnie Rock

DIARY DATES

Friday	20 December	College closes at 4.00pm
Tuesday	28 January	College office opens at 8.00am
Saturday	1 February	Year 11 Induction from 10.30am Year 12 Student Councillors return at 10.30am
Sunday	2 February	Year 12 students return between 4.00 - 5.00pm
Saturday - Sunday	22 - 23 February	Compulsory Stay-In Weekend
Friday	28 February	College Board Induction at 1.00pm College Board Meeting at 2.00pm CLOSED WEEKEND - College closes at 4.00pm
Saturday - Monday	29 February - 2 March	CLOSED WEEKEND - Students return after 4.00pm
Thursday	9 April	END OF TERM ONE - Students finish at 1.00pm Parent Interviews 1.00 - 4.00pm
Friday	10 April	Good Friday Public Holiday

TERM DATES 2020

Term One

Saturday 1 February 10.30am (Year 11s) & Sunday 2 February 4.00 - 5.00pm (Year 12s) - Thursday 9 April 1.00pm

Term Two

Monday 27 April after 4.00pm - Friday 3 July at 4.00pm

Term Three

Sunday 19 July after 4.00pm - Friday 25 September at 4.00pm

Term Four

Sunday 11 October after 4.00pm - Friday 4 December at 12.30pm



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