

# College Newsletter

TERM THREE 2020 NEWSLETTER



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COLLEGE of AGRICULTURE  
*Cunderdin*

## AT A GLANCE

### Term 4 return

Year 11 and Year 12 ATAR students return to the College for the beginning of Term 4 on Sunday 11th October after 4.00pm. Term 4 commences at 8.00am Monday 12th October.

Year 12 General students who have outstanding work in class or they have competencies or projects that need to be completed will need to return in Term 4. All course and training data for Year 12 students is submitted to SCSA in Week 3.

### Changes to hi-vis uniform for 2021

Due to occupational health & safety regulations, we will be introducing a sun smart hi-vis uniform in 2021 consisting of long sleeve shirt and long pants.

New Year 11 students will be required to wear the sun smart uniform but Year 12 students for 2021 have the option to continue with the current uniform for the 12 month transition period. There are limited supplies of the current uniform available at the Cunderdin Co-op for purchase and once these are sold out, only the sun smart hi-vis uniform will be available. If you would like to purchase any current hi-vis uniform items, please contact the Cunderdin Co-op on 9635 1304.

## Principal

As I write my final newsletter before handing over to Matt Dowell as incoming principal of WACOA Cunderdin, it is an opportune moment to reflect on all we have achieved over the last two and a half years. I have loved every minute of leading our fantastic school and will walk away with many happy memories of my time as principal.

To our staff - your passion, pride and dedication in getting our students onto pathways to employment or further training is admirable. The way we have pulled together as a team, particularly during COVID, is something of which I am most proud.

To our College Board - it has been a pleasure to work with such professional people who are focused on assisting to make WACOA Cunderdin the best it can be. The leadership of both Margaret Collins and Greg Paust has been greatly appreciated as Board Chairs during my time at the College.

To our Ag Advisory - your advice has assisted us to make informed management decisions to the benefit of our farm and our students. Balancing educational and commercial outcomes is no easy task, but under Anthony Snooke's guidance as Chair we have made significant progress for the College.

To our parents/carers - I have never underestimated the trust you place in me as principal in handing over the care of your children. The support you have given me, particularly during COVID, was humbling.

To the most important members of our College, the students - you are the reason why I love my job and really are the heart of our College. You have faced unprecedented interruptions this year with grace, determination and resilience. I look forward to catching up with you all when I return to the College for Valedictory.

Having spent the week with Matt to handover as principal, I am confident we have a leader who will be a great fit for our College and continue on our school improvement journey, with a clear focus on strong outcomes for our students. I will handover to Matt now to introduce himself.

Mrs Sally Panizza  
Principal

# Incoming Principal

It is with great enthusiasm that I write my first newsletter as incoming Principal of Cunderdin Ag College. My name is Matt Dowell, and I have been living and working in the Kimberley for the past 6 years, most recently as Associate Principal (Secondary) at East Kimberley College in Kununurra, a K-12 school of 1050 students. I come from a small country town, Tumut in NSW and studied a Bachelor of Education majoring in Agriculture and minoring in Industrial Arts (D&T) at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga. While growing up, I was conveniently (always) at my grandfather's disposal to assist on his property where he ran predominately Black Angus and Hereford cattle. I enjoy being on country and have been lucky enough to have explored much of the West and East Kimberley and its hidden beauties.

I have been fortunate to have been spending this week shadowing Sally and getting to know staff and students here at the College. It is evident that there is a deep-seated sense of pride and ownership of the College from staff and students alike. I have been suitably impressed at how the College thoroughly prepares students for post-school opportunities. The College is leading the way in industry-relevant courses and training and is utilising cutting-edge technology and practices to ensure all students leave the College with the knowledge and understanding they will require to seamlessly step into the employment, training or university pathway of their choosing. The integration of modern technologies in programs is vital to ensure our students are keeping up with industry and maintaining relevance and currency. Being competitive and having options in this economic climate is particularly important and it is evident that students are leaving the College thoroughly prepared, suitably skilled and very employable.

I am passionate about VET and Senior School pathways and look forward to value-adding to current programs and initiatives when I commence next term. I see a fantastic opportunity and potential within the ATAR pathway and believe we could be the 'Ag College of choice' in terms of ATAR offerings and university pathways.

I look forward to getting to know families and the wider community over the course of next term as I formally commence as Principal of the College. I would also like to acknowledge the foundations that have been laid by Sally Panizza and the work she has done over the last two years to progress the College and wish her well in her new role as the Director of Agriculture.

Wishing you all a happy and safe break.

Mr Matt Dowell  
Acting Principal

## Valedictory

At this stage, we can not guarantee that Stage 4 COVID restrictions will have been lifted by 20 November. Due to the two square metre per person requirements, we will need to modify the Valedictory this year and may not be able to have the number of attendees as we have in the past. Each Year 12 student can invite a maximum of 4 guests, Prize donors and special guests unfortunately will not be able to attend and our Year 11s will remain in class during the ceremony. We will be commencing earlier with a morning tea rather than a lunch as we will need to sit outside and we want to avoid the hot weather. Further information will be sent to families in Week 1 of next term.

## Open Day 2020

Perfect weather greeted over 500 visitors to our annual Open Day on Friday September 4th. The College had to implement some changes due to COVID restrictions and these were very well received by visitors.

College grounds were looking fantastic after considerable landscaping and building works in the past year. A sausage sizzle and soup for lunch to replace a sit down meal was a welcome addition, giving visitors more time to check out student activities across the campus.



Some new initiatives this year included a fencing competition and industry presentations in the farm area. The trades displays showcased some amazing student designed and built projects such as dining tables, bookcases, loading races, portable ablution block, motorbike trailers and firepits.

Bus tours of the College Farm were booked out and machinery, butchershop and livestock displays were popular. A ram sale featuring College Poll Dorset rams was successful with the College catalogue achieving a total clearance and a top price of \$900.

Classrooms were open with student work displayed in both the General and ATAR pathways across English, Maths, Animal Production Systems, Plant Production Systems, and Physical Education. Visitors also had the chance to check in with the student wellbeing team in the residential area.



Principal Sally Panizza welcomed visitors in her virtual address this year explaining that the College was more like a work environment for young adults with students given high levels of responsibility in preparation for the workforce.

“In every area of the College we incorporate opportunities to develop skills that research tells us are important for our future workforce. This includes things like critical thinking, creativity, teamwork, communication skills, and problem solving,” Mrs Panizza said.



## Open Day Awards

Trades:

Furnishing Professional Choice: Wesley Underwood - Jarrah Dining Table

Furnishing Visitor's Choice: Marion Lewis – Entertainment Unit

Engineering Professional Choice : Brady Garlick - Loading Ramp

Engineering Visitor's Choice: Darcy Dixon - Firepit

Shearing:

- 1 Hayden Fiegert
- 2 Matthew McLean
- 3 Wesley Underwood
- 4 Brady Garlick
- 5 Tameka Baker
- 6 Archie Duncan
- 7 Savannah Garlick
- 8 Bailey O’Driscoll
- 9 Cody Even

Wool Handling:

- 1 Rohan Butler
- 2 Ella Read
- 3 Courtney Hall
- 4 Chantelle Pedrotti

Fencing Competition winners:

James Fergusson, Larz Langford,  
Max Stevens, Charlotte Crossen,  
Jack Read.

Guess the weight of the pig winner:  
Lyn Quilty

Mrs Jane Rogers  
School Officer



## Class

### Open Day

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 Curriculum Area. Our new staff, along with long standing staff, plus the students that worked with them did a fantastic job of displaying all the wonderful work. 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.

## Year 12 Completion

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. Through all the disruptions to your learning this year it is no mean feat that you have managed to complete all that you have. 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 sat their mock exams this week and will return next term to get their results back and prepare for WACE Examinations in November. I have attached a link 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/>

## Year 11 ATAR University Camp

The Year 11 ATAR students recently went on a two day excursion to Perth, staying at SIDE, to engage in various tours and activities to inspire higher education. They went to Murdoch University and Curtin University whilst also attending InterGrain looking at plant breeding, drones and how they are going to be using this in agriculture development and innovation. They also watched a film at the Luna theatre during the evening. Thank you to Miss Georgia Sharpe and Mr Justin Fox who both organised and attended the event, your support is much appreciated.



## Year 12 Study Camp Term 4

The Year 12 ATAR students will go on a two-day excursion to Perth to engage in various ATAR study activities to help prepare for WACE external exams also in Term 4. The students will be staying at SIDE and studying at the facility also. The dates of the excursion are the 19th and 20th of October. The purpose of this trip is to keep the focus around study, whilst doing this in a slightly different environment.

## Year 12 ATAR Student Exam Reminders

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.***

## Elevate Education

Elevate Education had a session with our Year 12 ATAR students last week around the “finishing line” and how to keep focused coming to the end of their schooling and how best to prepare for the upcoming ATAR exams. The Year 11s will have a session on the 28th of October about continuing to develop their study skills in preparation for Year 12.

## OLNA

Congratulations to all those students that have recently completed their OLNA test requirements. The students that have yet to receive the results will still be required to work with Mrs Christopherson during their OLNA preparation as per normal, until the results are in and the student has passed that particular component.

The results will be released on the 19th of October to schools, the information will then be passed onto students and parents after this date.

The following link has some great information for parents regarding OLNA and its requirements. <https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/olna/students-parents-carers>

Mr Paul Jasper  
Head of Curriculum

## Student Services

The Student Services Team acknowledge that students' mental, physical and emotional health impacts on all learning, academic achievement, success, competency and safety in all environments at the College.

Being able to be attentive and engaged, to listen and interpret instructions. To have the capacity to develop strong relationships and friendships, cope with living away from home, be resilient and empathetic all hinges on a young persons' wellbeing.

The challenge for Student Services is to provide the best ways to optimise the wellbeing of an individual and a cohort using a targeted multi-tiered approach.

As a team we have endeavoured to use STEM, an enquiry based initiative that focuses on problem solving, and creates responsible and creative thinking.

We maintain a focus on individuals but have expanded our vision to address whole cohort issues. Our overarching goal is to improve relationships, help students engage in learning, provide a safe and welcoming boarding environment and effective support for students at risk.

During COVID we created a Student Wellbeing Team to provide dedicated support to our students while they were off site by contacting every student each week. It was a successful initiative that provided a strong support. Following on from this we continue to support students who may be off site due to illness or other circumstances ,by contacting them regularly by phone.

We surveyed students in 2019 and 2020 using Flourish dx (Workplace Psychological Health, Safety and Wellbeing Management System) which provided information for our team in many areas including relationships, emotions, life balance, strengths, goal setting, sleep, nutrition and exercise.

We identified areas of concern to provide specific and targeted learning opportunities and are currently running sessions from Flourish dx in classrooms. This term we are focusing on positive emotions. This involves discussing with the students that it is normal to experience a range of emotions at different times. However, there are always things we can do to experience more positive emotions in our lives and improve our wellbeing. People who experience more positive emotions are likely to be more tolerant, optimist, resilient, creative and experience less stress. Flourish sessions will continue in Term 4 with Year 11s.

All students in Year 12 have completed Teen Mental Health First Aid and our Year 11 students will be completing this course in Term 4. It has a particular focus on young people helping their friends if they are experiencing a mental health problem and equipping them with the skills to support each other and seek appropriate adult support.

We have the support of our School Psychologist and School Nurse. I am available four days a week to students and parents or caregivers. We maintain good relationships with external agencies to provide other professional care.

Our team's aim is to be proactive, flexible and discerning to provide the best care for all our students.

Mrs Michelle Diver  
Chaplain

## Trades

Congratulations to students and staff on their efforts in preparing the Trades 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 visitors 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.

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.

As part of having a Trade Training Centre we are hosting the signatory schools over two days later in Term 4. Cunderdin DHS, Dowerin DHS, Quairading DHS and Wyalkatchem DHS will participate in workshop activities and have a tour of the College. It is a good opportunity for students to see how the College operates and an opportunity for us to encourage local students coming to the College in the future.

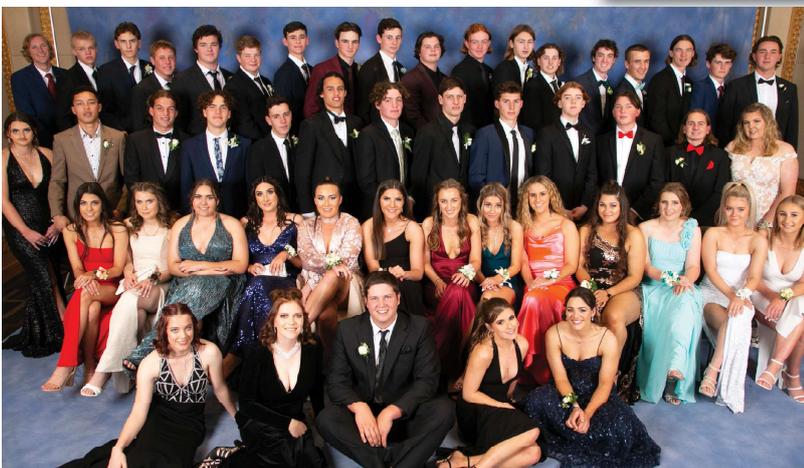
Mr Stephen Prangnell  
Head of Trades

## Residential

### College Ball

This year's College Ball was held at the Pan Pacific. It was a great night with 200 students and partners attending, very pleasing to see the amount of effort that students went to in making sure they were well presented on the night. Students are to be congratulated on their behaviour throughout the event. Thank you to staff who gave up their Saturday night to supervise students at the Ball.

- Belle & Beau 2020 Chloe Garlett & Wesley Underwood
- Best Dressed Yr 11 Girl Charlotte Reader
- Best dressed Yr 11 Boy Samuel Cox
- Best dressed Yr 12 Girl Emily-Jane Grewar
- Best Dressed Yr 12 Boy Campbell Lee
- Best Dancer Jorja Downsborough
- Best Couple Yr 11 Aahlia Faltyn & Daniel Selwood
- Best Couple Yr 12 Chantelle Pedrotti & Blair Morris



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### BBQ Area

It's great to see the new BBQ area operational with students giving it its first tryout with a sausage sizzle for visitors on Open Day. This was followed up by students and staff trying their hand at making pizzas last Saturday night. It was very interesting to see some of the shapes and toppings of the pizzas, I am sure that as the weather warms up the area will be well utilised. Thank you also to Rob den Boer and the General Construction students for installing the wall cladding.

### BBQ Trailer

A big thank you to the College P&C for supplying the funds to get the BBQ trailer built. The trailer was used at the Trade Training Centre on Open Day. The trailer contains two slide out BBQs, three eskies, water tank and 12v lighting. The trailer will be used for a variety of occasions including North West Tour, Country week and Autumn Carnival.



### Southwest Tour

Parents of students attending Southwest Tour are reminded that students need to return between 3pm-4pm on Sunday 11th October so that gear can be packed. If any parent was unable to open the attachments that came with the invite please contact me so that I can email it to you. The attachments contained information about what to bring, itinerary etc. I will be meeting with students this week to finalise arrangements. If parents have any questions about the camp please contact me.

## Reach Boarding

Just a reminder that if your child is being transported by another student or parent that person's name must be inserted in the notes section of the leave application, likewise the driver must insert the passenger's name in the notes section.

## End of Term

The end of Term 3 is Friday 25th September. Students may leave at 4.00pm. Return for Term 4 is after 3pm on Sunday 11th October. Please remember that students who self drive must return by 7.30pm, if leave indicates that students are returning by 5.30pm an evening meal will be provided.

Mr Darryl McCart  
Residential Manager

## Online Cattle Judging Competition

With the cancellation of many shows and the lack of opportunities for Junior Judging Competitions, a team of 13 students took the opportunity to be involved in the recent St Paul's Online Cattle Judging Competition. Open to high school students across the country, the Cunderdin representatives competed against 150 competitors in their age group. Prior to the event the students were offered several training sessions with the help of Mr Murray Williams, Mrs Kylie Iles and myself to build their cattle assessment skills.

Students were given online footage of four animals and then had to choose how they would place the animals if they were the judge. The hardest part was producing a video no longer than three minutes that explained the reasons/justifications for placing the animals in the positions that they had. The students were scored on their placings as well as the accuracy of their observations given during their speeches, with the overall highest scores winning.

Year 11 student Kirra Leleivre placed 2nd overall and Oliver McLeary placed 8th overall in the senior age class, giving excellent justifications for their placements and showing knowledge of what makes a sound beef animal. WACOA Cunderdin was also represented by year 12 students; Tameka Baker, Jack Stevens, Joe Cashmore and Tim Porter, as well as Emily Fergusson, James Fergusson, Chloe Taylor, Aaron Cuthbertson, Fraser Hagboom, Will Lethlean and Dylan Johnson. A huge thank you must go out to St Paul's College, Walla Walla, NSW for hosting this event. These students are now hoping to recreate a similar event on a state level here in Western Australia to provide others with the chance to participate in cattle focused junior judging events.



Miss Leanne Sjollema  
APS Teacher

## Scholarships

Scholarship application forms are now available for current Year 11s progressing to study Year 12 in 2021. This year there are 10 scholarships available up the value of \$3000 each, to go towards student Year 12 College fees.

Please encourage your child to apply for these scholarships – forms will be sent out via Consent2Go and hard copies are also available at the front office.

## Farm

Although we are still in Phase 4 restrictions, life at the College is pretty close to normal. We have all our students on campus, some excursions are going ahead or have already happened and we had a successful Open Day. On farm we have done all our post-emergent sprays, completed the artificial insemination program in our cattle, marked lambs and the pigs have kept on multiplying and sending nice plump baconer pigs to Linley Valley.



It is very busy as usual for Term 3, even with limited excursions. But we did enter into the virtual world with a nationwide virtual cattle competition and a big congratulations to Kirra Lelievre who came second and Oliver McLeary who placed eighth out of a nationwide group of 150. Well done and thank you for the support from Mrs Iles and Miss Sjollema. The Year 12 students all worked hard to finish work on their Certificates, but we managed to attend the Katanning Sheep Challenge and a careers expo at Muresk, which the students enjoyed and gave them the opportunity to enjoy an excursion off campus. Everyone worked hard and it all came together for Open Day to successfully showcase our College and business partners to more than 500 visitors during the day. Well done and thank you to all Farm staff and students for an amazing result.

Out on the farm we finished a

successful heat synchronisation artificial insemination (AI) program with our heifers and cows. All the beef students that were on farm and a few ATAR students took the opportunity to come and see what is involved in the AI process. Some students jumped in and loaded AI guns, while others asked lots of questions which is fantastic to see. Thank you to Mrs Iles for making it all happen. The sheep enterprise marked all their lambs and again achieved over 100 percent lambing rate so well done to Mr Laird and all other staff and students involved.

The College officially welcomed Miss



Davey as Piggery Manager. She has done a magnificent job since starting as a fixed term Technical Officer last term. The Piggery is a hive of activity and our Certificate III in Pork Production students are putting the final touches on their written work to achieve a well-earned qualification. In our cropping enterprise, the self-propelled sprayer was putting some hours on the clock by finishing post emergent sprays, early budworm and fungicide sprays. We had to start making silage and hay earlier than normal and the grain farm group of Year 11s were jumping for joy, when they found out that there were about 500 square bales to pick up .... maybe not that excited! Thank you Mr Kevin Binning, Mr Shaun Byrnes and all the students involved in looking after our crop.

Although right now the paddocks are looking a bit dry, with only 141mm of rain received from May till mid-September, the Year 12s are getting ready to enter the real world and the Year 11s are looking forward to starting harvest at the College.

They will be driving the header, the chaser bin and moving field bins around to gain competencies towards their Certificates, as well as having a bit of fun.

Sadly, we said goodbye to Miss Jessie Osboine and we wish her all the best with her new career path. On the flip side we have welcomed Mrs Jillian Wegner and Miss Jemma Read as casual relief staff and they are both doing a fantastic job in keeping the students busy and engaged. So well done and thank you. Also, a special thank you to Mrs Madison Corsini, Assistant Farm Manager, for doing a sterling job in getting everything organised and humming along so smoothly. We would be lost without you!

And finally, farm would like to say a big thank you and sad goodbye to Mrs Sally Panizza. We really appreciated your passion and effort in everything you do and you will be dearly missed.

All the best for harvest and till we catch up again.

Mr Daniel de Beer  
Farm Manager



## Farm Skills Competition

Year 11 and 12 students at the College tested their abilities in a new Farm Skills event last week. Normally the students would be busy preparing to participate in the Perth Royal Show Farm Skills event later this month, but its cancellation due to COVID left them without a platform to compete.

Assistant Farm Manager Madison Corsini quickly stepped in and organised an event on the College campus to duplicate some of the Royal Show events. Farm technical officers have been busy running training sessions for the students prior to the competition.

Students participated in Shearing, Wool Handling, Meat Sheep Judging, Cattle Selection, Chemical Application, Weed Identification, Tractor Obstacle, Pig Selection and Mince Creation. As well as ability to perform the skill students were also judged on teamwork, participation, encouragement and creativity.

Mrs Corsini said it was important for students to be able to test the skills they had gained during their Agriculture Certificate studies, in a competitive environment.

“It has also given students the confidence to compete in areas they would not normally be exposed to,” Mrs Corsini said.

Chemical application skills involved students sitting a 20 minute test to firstly identify chemicals and their groups. They were then required to arrange chemical labels in the order they would put them into a tank mix. Finally they were required to dress in the Personal Protective Equipment they would require when mixing chemicals.

The tractor obstacle skill required students to reverse a tractor towing a large trailer between drum obstacles before loading and tying down hay bales to the trailer with ratchet straps.

## Farm Skills Competition Results

| Event                              | Team            | Winner           |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Shearing - Mrs Wegner              | Team 9 88/100   | Wesley Underwood |
| Wool Handling - Miss Davey         | Team 11 44.5/50 | Ella Read        |
| Meat Sheep - Mr Laird              | Team 6 23/25    | Brady Garlick    |
| Cattle Selection - Mrs Iles        | Team 14 28/40   | Tim Porter       |
| Pig Selection - Mrs Corsini        | Team 10 13.5/16 | Scott Packham    |
| Weed Identification - Miss Osboine | Team 13 10/10   | Clayton Homewood |
| Tractor Obstacle - Mr Binning      | Team 11 45/50   | Nicholas Harris  |
| Chemical Application - Mr Byrnes   | Team 12 25/31   | Ethan Fisher     |
| Mince Creation - Mr Jones          | Team 2 37/40    | Kara Page        |

### 2020 Farm Skills Team Winners

#### Team 10 - Mrs Fox:

Shearing 85.5/100 - George Burt

Wool 37/50 - Shannon Clarke

Meat Sheep 22/25 - Zac Dimasi

Cattle 22/40 - Kirra Lelievre

Pig Selection 13.5/16 - Scott Packham

Weed 9/10 - Elijah Kerse

Tractor 42/50 - Levi Ebsary

Chemical 20/31 - Aimee Coumbe

Mince 30/40 - Ayden Lia

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## School Leavers #WorkandWander

### #WorkandWander

The WA Government 'Work and Wander out Yonder' marketing campaign encourages young Western Australians to have a backpacking adventure in WA. As a first step it would be great if students could create worker profile at: <https://www.jobsinregionalwa.com.au>

On that page the student go to the Looking for a Job Registration page that includes an "Elevator Pitch - Tell us about who you are". In that section Students should consider the type of work they are interested in and include terms like 'looking for summer work in agriculture' 'interested in working on a farm' as well as past work experience and of course details of their studies at Ag College. Students can also search for jobs on Gumtree and Seek to see jobs already on offer and even apply directly.

### Harvest Trail Services

There is also a Federal government funded service that finds workers for fruit/vege growers and vineyards in South West and around Perth's outer North Eastern area. They are keen to connect with school leavers and have jobs available in coming weeks in Waroona, Margaret River, Lancelin, Gingin, Manjimup, Donnybrook, Bullsbrook as a starting point. I suggest anyone looking for work follow them on Facebook - Rural Enterprises Harvest Trail Services or email them.

### Primary Industries Workers Regional Travel and Accommodation Support Scheme

The WA Government has announced a \$3 million 'Primary Industries Workers Regional Travel and Accommodation Support Scheme'.

An accommodation allowance of \$280 per week can be paid for each night away from the worker's home address, where the worker relocates more than 100km from their home to undertake eligible agriculture or fisheries work in regional WA, for up to 12 weeks.

Plus, they can claim a one-off travel/relocation allowance. \$150 is paid for employment taken up in Peel, South West, Great Southern, Wheatbelt, Mid-West, Goldfields, \$350 in Gascoyne & Pilbara \$350 and \$500 for employment in Kimberley.

This applies for work commencing after 21st September with first claims able to be submitted from 5th October. Students can register online to be advised as soon as claim forms are available.

## Avon Hockey Association

Congratulations to the WACoA Cunderdin hockey team who won the Grand Final played in Northam on the weekend against Titans 4 - 0.

Congratulations to Jack Waters who was awarded the Association Fairest & Best in the Year 10-12 competition and to Isaac Pond who was Fairest & Best in the Grand Final.

One of the Northam umpires commended our students to a staff member during the week commenting we played a great game, were respectful and humble in victory.

Thanks to parents who have organised, coached, umpired and supported this team during the season.





## Year 12 Dinner



## DIARY DATES

|                 |                                 |   |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Friday          | 25th September                  | <b>End of Term Three</b><br>College Board Meeting 2.00pm<br>College closes 4.00pm |
| Sunday          | 11th October                    | Year 12 ATAR & all Year 11 students<br>return after 3.00pm                        |
| Monday          | 12th October                    | Term 4 commences 8.00am<br>Year 11s depart on South West Tour                     |
| Monday- Tuesday | 19th - 20th October             | Year 12 ATAR Study Camp   |
| Friday          | 30th October                    | Open Board Meeting 2.00pm   |
| FRIDAY          | 13th NOVEMBER                   | VALEDICTORY   |
| Monday - Friday | 30th November -<br>4th December | Year 11 Exams   |
| Friday          | 4th December                    | Year 11s finish 1.00pm  |
| Friday          | 18th December                   | College Administration closes   |



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