

College Newsletter

TERM TWO 2021



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From the Principal

Term 2 is a notoriously busy and productive term, and our students have most certainly made the most of the opportunities on offer here at the College. Last Sunday marked a sad day for over 3000 Senior School students from across the state when we were notified of the cancellation of Country Week due to the current COVID restrictions. I would like to commend our students for their resilience in the face of adversity. I am conscious that there are many students and families concerned about the future of North West Tour next term. At this stage it is still going ahead, however we are monitoring the situation closely and will keep you updated over the holiday break if anything changes in this space. Our intention is to run it if we can.



Student Achievement Reports are an opportunity for staff to provide explicit feedback to students and their families regarding academic progress and engagement in programs and to also provide guidance on areas of future focus moving in to next semester. It has been heartening reading through each student's report as it is evident that by-and-large our students find success in their respective pathways and their achievements outlined within the reports validate this. As with all things in life, there is always room for improvement and I encourage both students and families to sit and discuss in detail the contents of the report and areas of focus for next semester. We are here to provide guidance and support, so please do not hesitate to pick up the phone and chat to Instructional Staff or Senior Staff members about ways to increase outcomes and achievements. I also encourage students to monitor their own progress, follow up with staff, source feedback and set their own improvement targets. Independence and proactivity are essential keys for success.

In addition to fantastic academic progress and achievements, I would like to commend our students for their increased engagement across all areas of the College. We have observed a progressive shift in recent months and this comes as a result of individuals making positive choices and proactively engaging with one another. The Tomorrow Man and Tomorrow Woman workshops provided an opportunity for our students to better understand and connect with each other. It challenged mindsets and antiquated thinking about what being a 'man' or 'woman' in today's society looks like. With the support of our P&C, the College is exploring additional workshops based on the students' overwhelmingly positive feedback on these sessions.

This term I recommenced the 'Principal's Morning Tea' with students where I have been meeting with four students each week. This is an opportunity for the students to let me know what is working well in the College, what things they find hard, how they are finding each of the areas (Residential, Class, Farm and Trades), ask any questions or

anything else they would like to chat about. They also get to give me feedback on how they think I am going as Principal of their College, and I must say they are not backward in coming forward! I must commend the students who have engaged with the sessions for their mature and considered approach in providing constructive feedback.

Students views and opinions are of course wide and varied, however there are some themes within the feedback that I will be working with my Senior Staff team next term to address. Our students are in our care 24/7 for the most crucial component of their schooling careers, and it is important we are responsive to their needs and that they feel connected and a sense of belonging here at our College.

The National Schools Opinion Survey has been emailed to parents and our students completed the survey last week. This is a fantastic opportunity to provide your feedback and thoughts on how we are performing as a College. I encourage you to complete the survey as it will greatly assist and inform our planning. We are scheduled for our 3-yearly 'Public School Review' in Term 4 this year which also coincides with the development of our 2022-2024 College Business Plan. Input from all stakeholders is crucial in ensuring we are responsive to the needs of our College community, planning for improvement and performing at our best.

In closing, I would like to farewell Darryl and Laura McCart, who after 12 years of service are heading back to Perth to be closer to family and their soon to be expected first grandchild. Darryl has accepted a position in Central Office in the WHS team and Laura has won the Manager Corporate Services role at Melville SHS. I think you will all agree that both Darryl and Laura's collective contribution to our College, particularly during the period of time with multiple Principals ensured the College remained on track and moving forward. I have invited both Darryl and Laura to our Open Day next term to provide members of our College Community an opportunity to farewell them both. I wish them both all the very best in their new ventures. I am pleased to announce that Yvonne Bopp will continue on as MCS next term and we are currently running a process for Darryl's position.

I hope you enjoy reading our Term 2 newsletter. Have a fantastic term break and hopefully there is plenty of rain ahead of us.

Matt Dowell - Principal

From the Associate Principal

This term Trinity College visited the College to speak to the Year 12 students about accommodation availability for students who may need to go to Perth for further study, such as apprenticeships and university. Student feedback has been positive as they felt that this information will assist them with achieving their future pathways.

The Student Services team has been meeting every fortnight to review student progress through the use of Compass, staff and student feedback. The team has begun to implement a number of strategies to assist student wellbeing, such as acknowledging students who have continually strived to do well in Class and follow the College guidelines. A raffle will take place at the end of each term where the students drawn receive one of three \$50 vouchers to acknowledge their positive contribution.

This year the College has been working vigilantly reviewing the VET courses and updating training packages. The Automotive and Building and Construction courses have been updated by TAC. The students are very busy in Trades especially the Year 12's who are creating some amazing pieces of work such as trailers and bull bars. In Furnishing, students are creating pieces that are of an amazing standard. The Farm students have been busy with seeding over the last few weeks and have also been assisting the new calves and lambs that are starting to fill the paddocks. A number of students are attending prep classes in the evening to complete their VET workbooks and Workplace Learning journals.

Jo Moffat – Associate Principal

CONGRATULATIONS!

Aaron Cuthbertson & Jack Waters have been selected to compete in the 2021 National World Skills Championships. The World Skills Australia Competition gives young people the opportunity to showcase their talents, benchmark industry excellence and champion skill pathways both at home and around the globe. The boys will have an opportunity to explore skills at Australia's largest trades and skills competition. The 2021 National Championships will give regional winners from across the nation an opportunity to put their talent to the test. Over 500 competitors will showcase and benchmark their skills on a national stage as they compete for gold and a chance to represent Australia at the International Competition in Shanghai 2022.

Over three action-packed days in August, the boys will have access to an exciting array of interactive events, workshops and activities. The College is very proud of the boys and wish them the best of luck in what will be a fantastic opportunity.



QPL Rural Youth Sheep Expo Competition

Term 2 has been a busy one with so many activities happening, but quietly in the background, these 8 students have been studying hard and learning how to judge Australian Whites to compete in an Australia-wide sheep judging virtual competition. This competition was all virtual and the students had to study videos that were given to them, place their rams and ewes and pick one category to discuss why they were placed in that order. This was an exciting opportunity to enhanced their meat sheep judging skills in the 16-18-year-old section of the competition against people across Australia. We wish Rhys Dixon, Oliver McLeary, Chloe Taylor, Frazer Sutherland, Jack Waters, Aaron Cuthbertson, George Burt and Charlotte Crossen the best of luck.



Term Three Short Courses

Term Three is very busy with Low Stress Stock Handling & White Card short courses booked for all Year 12 students in Week 1 & 2. If you haven't filled in the permission forms, please get them back to Mrs Corsini as soon as possible. Emails will be sent out in next couple of weeks with the training organisations' paperwork for each course, so please check emails and return forms as soon as possible.

Certificate III in Agriculture & Pork students have a numerous number of external providers coming in to deliver the Skid Steer and Loader course and the Chem Cert course, which are all units required for their qualifications. We understand that not all Year 12 students could undergo all short courses due to number restrictions and the time available to deliver the courses. If you have any concerns or questions on how students can complete courses in other RTOs after school, please contact Mrs Corsini.

All short course fees will be added to your child's account once they have commenced the course, so please contact the office for payment. Please click [here](#) to see Term Three Planner which shows the dates of all the courses.

Staff Profile

Welcome Sarah Aynsley – Mathematics & Biology Teacher

I have a passion for rural education; the value our country students bring to our region through their connection with the land and understanding of the importance of nurturing community relationships should not be underestimated. I love to share my interest in science and mathematics and strive to relate this to relevant, practical and everyday situations. My current role as a STEM specialist has allowed me to expand this passion, particularly when integrating technology and design. Moving forward, I hope to study web design and further develop my coding skills.



For the past 20 years, I have been involved in our family farming enterprise (north-east of Beverley) and use my interest in numbers to manage the financial and marketing aspects of the business. The developments in agriculture over this period have been significant and demonstrate that we continue to learn and evolve as an industry. I am extremely excited to be a part of the team at Cunderdin Ag which is working with our next generation of young adults who will be leading this future change.

Residential

Special dinner

The Student Council organised a special dinner on 17th of May. The theme for the night was to wear something blue as the money raised on the night was being donated to the Blue Tree Project and a lot of students took the time to get dressed in something blue. As a result of this activity, we are now looking at a tree which is just south of the entrance to the College to see if it is suitable to be painted by the students.

Flu Clinics

Approximately fifty Year 11 and 12 students took advantage of the flu vaccination clinics that were held earlier in the term. Hopefully this will result in less students needing time away due to illness.

“Tomorrow Man and Tomorrow Woman”

After a postponement due to the COVID lockdown, we were finally able to hold these workshops on 1st and 3rd June. These workshops were about breaking stereotypes and helping to facilitate students how to go about achieving this. Rhett and Devyn were two of the best presenters that I have had the pleasure to watch. Both male and female students were engaged from the minute they walked into the room. It was at times very emotional for students but it was great to see the other students gather around and support one another. The evaluation sheets filled out by students had nothing but positive comments about the activity. We are currently looking to hopefully make it an ongoing program where students will complete more modules.



Weekend Leisure Activities

Many weekend leisure activities are still being offered to students in addition to weekend sporting activities such as football and hockey. Students who don't play sport are still welcome to attend as a spectator.

North West Tour

There are 66 students attending North West tour this year. If any parents were not able to open the attachments in the invite, please contact me and I will email them out to you as they contain important information about the tour. I have met with students to finalise everything. Parents will receive further communication about the tour before the end of term. Students not attending the tour will have a normal program at the College.

College Ball

The College Ball is flagged for 28th August and will be again held at the Pan Pacific Hotel. The College investigated alternative venues for this year, however were unable to access a suitable venue. The Pan Pacific has provided reassurance to the College that their health and hygiene practices are more than adequate to ensure student safety.

Important Dates

- Sunday July 18th students attending Northwest Tour return to College between 2 – 3pm
- Monday August 9th College photos, full College uniform required
- Wednesday August 18th suit hire measurements for College Ball
- Saturday August 28th College Ball Pan Pacific Hotel

Darryl McCart – Manager Residential Boarding

Curriculum

Congratulations to all students on the completion of Semester One. The Year 12's are well on their way to completing all classed-based requirements and the Year 11's are now fully aware of the expectations placed on them in their specific courses. This semester has seen some great outcomes for the students.

EST's

Year 12 General students sat Externally Set Tasks in Week 3, 4 and 5 of this term. Students are required to sit a 50-minute assessment written by SCSA in each General subject they are enrolled in. Students prepared well and many performed strongly in each assessment. Well done!

OLNA

One of the biggest achievements for many of our students was the successful completion of OLNA. This is an online literacy and numeracy assessment. It is designed to enable students to successfully meet the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) requirement of demonstrating the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy. Congratulations to those that have achieved category 1, 2 or 3 over the last assessment and good luck in Semester Two.

ATAR Examinations

Year 11 and 12 ATAR students sat their Semester One exams in Week 6 of this term. Student conduct during exam week was exemplary. Congratulations to those students who had achieved excellent results in their exams. Year 12 students will sit Semester Two exams in Week 10 of Term 3, while Year 11 Semester Two exams will take place on Week 7 of Term 4.

The Year 12 ATAR Examination timetable has been released. Please see below the scheduled ATAR examination dates and times.

- Wednesday 3rd November 9:20am: **English**
- Thursday 4th November 9:20am: **Animal Production Systems**
- Monday 8th November 9:20am: **Plant Production Systems**
- Wednesday 10th November 9:20am: **Mathematics Applications**

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SEEN:D and ATAR Improvement

Throughout Semester One, teachers and education assistants have been working closely with the School of Special Educational Needs: Disability (SEEN:D). Our aim has been to investigate a variety of literacy and numeracy intervention programs to support students who find this area of learning challenging. Our education assistants will complete diagnostic testing by the end of this term. Next term we will be implementing Literacy Intervention Programs, including phonological awareness and decodable readers (reading and comprehension).

We have also been working with our ATAR students in order to improve College ATAR results. Students found Elevate Education Study sessions valuable and have also suggested a 4-day exam week for Semester Two exams, which will be facilitated. The ATAR teachers are in the process of planning the ATAR camps for Year 11 and 12 students and these will take place in Week 3 (Year 12) and Week 8 (Year 11) of Term Three. The itinerary for both trips includes University campus visits, SIDE study stills and agricultural businesses and industry site visits. The aim of the tour is to give students to opportunity to see what different universities offer and some of the employment pathways available to them.

A huge congratulations to the Yr 12 students who have been successful in obtaining early entry into the University of their choice. A great outcome as a result of hard work and commitment!

Staffing Changes

Karen Hemmy and Ven Vishnu are currently with us at the College from the Department's 'Flying Squad' teacher pool. At the end of this term, both Karen and Ven will be moving on. We would like to acknowledge and thank Ven and Karen for their contribution to the Class area and supporting out students during their time at the College. I would like to welcome Sarah Ainsley who will be working 2 days per week in Maths next Semester. We are still running the recruitment process for the permanent full-time Mathematics position.

Muresk Trip

On the 9th of June, the Year 12 ATAR Animal Production System students along with Miss Jury attended a lamb survival and post-mortem course at Muresk presented by Ken Hart, Ewetopia Consulting. The workshop addressed the main causes of lamb deaths including dystocia (primary and secondary birth trauma), responsible for 31% of all lamb deaths and starvation (mismothering) causing 32% of deaths. The focus then shifted to how sheep producers could implement on-farm best practice management strategies to maximise lamb survival. Each student was taught how to perform post-mortems on lambs and the signs to look for to identify the cause of death. Each student was then able to put into practice their new skills they had learnt with a hands on practical session. This week we have discussed how these intertwine with core concepts of our ATAR curriculum.



Plant Production Systems

Year 11 ATAR are studying the effects of salinity in soils on germination. One of the pictures shows there are four plants which germinated and grew in the soil with 0% salinity whereas none in the 1%, 2% and 10%. Year 11 General 2 and General 3 have cleared the area outside Room 5 and prepared the area for sowing the crops. They are testing the effects of different fertilisers on wheat growth and measuring aspects such as plant height, leaves and tillers. They have grown a wheat crop in soil which contains: a) no fertiliser, b) Flexi-N fertiliser c) K-till Fertiliser.



Kelsey Smith – Head of Curriculum

Trades

Year 12

The Year 12's have approximately six cycles left at the College. It would be helpful if parents reinforced how little time students have left, particularly to encourage them to stay motivated in regards to completing competencies and projects. It also highlights that any absences from their classes can have a large impact on their results.

Reports

All parents are encouraged to contact subject teachers if they would like to discuss their son's or daughter's report. Parents are welcome to visit the workshops and view student projects when visiting the College.

Trade Tours

We have had two Trade Tours recently one for the Year 12's (making up for last year) and another for Year 11's. The Year 12 tour went to MacMahon's and Hofmann Engineering while the Year 11's visited WesTrac and Hofmann Engineering. On speaking to students who attended the tours they were very impressed with both sites. It has also impressed upon them the importance of their studies and the value of work experience in gaining employment once they finish at the College. Some students have already been in contact with these companies in regards to work experience and their apprenticeship programmes. Thank you to Terry Gosling, Rohan Trevenen and Troy Boromini for organising the tours.



Bruce Rock Engineering

Tony Boutoubia from Bruce Rock Engineering visited the College last week to talk to our students in regards to employment opportunities with their business. From discussions with Tony there are apprenticeships available for motivated people. It is great for our students to hear directly from industry representatives what is required of students seeking apprenticeships.

Projects - Engineering and Furnishing

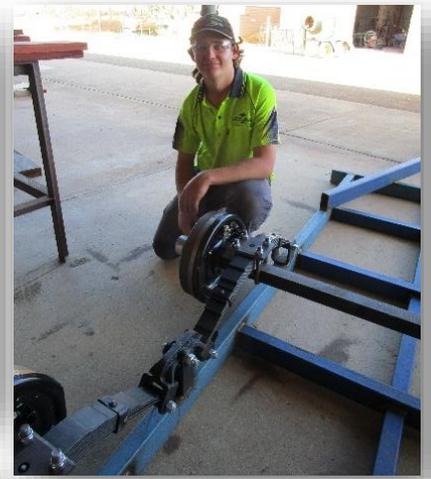
Students working in Furnishing and Engineering are commencing or continuing work on major projects. To ensure there are no surprises, parents need to discuss their child's projects with them to ensure they are making something appropriate. Some form of contact is needed between parents and teachers, be it a phone call or email letting us know that they are aware of their child's project. Some projects are very expensive and I would like parents to be aware of the costs associated with the projects selected by their son or daughter.

Accounts - Engineering and Furnishing

Parents will be receiving interim material accounts in the near future. We ask that 50% of the estimated cost of the project be paid prior to commencement to eliminate delays in students starting major projects.

Stephen Prangnell – Head of Trades

Trades Photos



Farm

It is hard to believe that an eleven-week term has flown past and is nearly finished. But as the old saying goes, time flies when you are having fun! But let us look into more detail what was happening on Farm this term.

Term Two is our seeding, lambing, calving and now our Cunderdin Farm Skills term. We were blessed with some beautiful rain which led us into the best start that I have experienced in Cunderdin so far. For the first time we were seeding in moisture for ninety-five percent of our program, which meant our recently upgraded seeder bar just slid through the dirt, placing every seed in the perfect spot to let it grow. We had a list of nearly 65 students that were eager to learn how to drive the seeding unit. On the back of our success with the wheat trails that we did last year, we did a Round Up Ready Canola trail this year where we have seeded seven different varieties next to each other on our 12m controlled traffic lines. This will allow the students to follow the different varieties' progress and check the yield with our header, which will follow the exact 12m wide run lines. With staffing issues, myself and Mr Longmire were promoted to Cropping TO's and tried to make the wheels go round the best we could. I would like to thank our team for their support, specifically Mr Longmire and Mrs Corsini, as well as Mr Dowell for his understanding of the situation we are in and the importance of finishing seeding. Seeding finished on the 18th June with a great sigh of relief! Now we start post-emergence spraying and spreading some nitrogen, but let's not get too far ahead of ourselves. We will talk about all that in the next newsletter. Let's first look at what else happened on farm.



Out of nowhere we had lambs appearing everywhere, running around the thick green cover oat crops we seeded during March and early April. At the end of Week 8 we marked the first mob of lambs and they were almost too big to handle. The first of our embryo transplant ewes started dropping lambs during Week 9 and shivered into a freezing cold weekend. The whole flock is looking really good so well done to Mr Laird, Miss Read, Mrs Iles and the students.

The cattle herd have finished calving with multiple sets of twins this year! The whole herd is looking really healthy especially the new calves playing around in the green grass. Well done Mrs Iles, Miss Read, Mr Jones and the students for looking after them so well.

In the piggery things are always happening and it seemed like almost every week a load of baconers went to Linley

Valley this term. Our Cert III in Pork Production students selected their gilts this term, which is the signal that things are going to get serious now and they will have to put in the hard work to achieve their Certificate. Thanks to Miss Davey for all her efforts this term.

All in all, another really busy term and I would like to thank all the Farm staff for going above and beyond to help this farm perform in the educational space as well as maintaining performance in the commercial sphere. I know it has been really hard with limited staff, but we do appreciate everything that you have done and are doing.



Daniel de Beer – Farm Manager

Liebe Group Woman's Field Day

Attending the Woman's Field Day was an incredible experience. It was a pleasure listening to so many strong, resilient and empowering women tell their stories. From Leonie Knipe's "not just a farmer's wife" speech to Jo Drayton's tips on dealing with situational distress to a loving mother's story about living lockdown in Chicago. These women provided us with a new way to interpret ourselves as young women and women in agriculture. We thank Mrs Corsini and the Liebe Group for making attending this excellent excursion possible.

Danielle Iles and Kalani Rice Fazezy



Resources Technology Showcase

On the 21st of June 2021 Farm staff and 37 Year 11 students attended the Resources Technology Showcase at the Perth Convention Centre. This excursion supported the WA Curriculum: Science, Technologies, and HASS, with interactive displays of world-class robotics, artificial intelligence, virtual reality, autonomous vehicles and remote operations centres. Our students and teachers got to experience a behind-the-scenes look at the technology which is transforming the resources sector and shaping the jobs of tomorrow. The students were encouraged to immerse themselves in technology that will be critical to the jobs they take after they leave school, and they got the chance to ask questions directly to senior business leaders about the resources industry's challenges and successes. It was a great day out and we hope the students got an insight on what the next century could look like.



Farm Skills Day

Last Friday the Year 11 and 12 student skills were put to the test in the WACoA-Cunderdin 2021 Farm Skills Competition. This event was a great showcase of different skills the students have learnt in farm and gave the Year 11 students an opportunity to become more confident in showcasing their abilities when competing in agricultural events. The day involved 15 randomly picked teams who competed against each other in shearing, wool handling, meat sheep judging, cattle selection, pig selection, weed identification, tractor obstacle course, welding and mince creation.

Team Placings:

- **1st Place:** Team 1 – George Burt, Imogen Will, Tristan Beck, Bradley Geier, Dylan Johnston, Thomas Mearns, Drew Zweck with a total score of **336.4/447**
- **2nd Place:** Team 11 (Zinger Squad), Points: **328.3/447**
- **3rd Place:** Team 4 (Wild Boers), Points: **319.2/447**
- **4th Place:** Team 14, Points: **317.2/447**
- **5th Place:** Team 3, Points: **314.7/447**
- **6th Place:** Team 10 (Jurynators), Points: **306.7/447**
- **7th Place:** Team 6, Points: **303.9/447**
- **8th Place (Draw):** Team 9, Points: **293.7/447** and Team 7 (The Expendables), Points: **293.7/447**
- **9th Place:** Team 13 (M&M's), Points: **291.7/447**
- **10th Place:** Team 12 (Spice Guys), Points: **289.8/447**
- **11th Place:** Team 8 (Cundy Kings), Points: **286/447**
- **12th Place:** Team 2, Points: **282.4/447**
- **13th Place:** Team 15 (Dowelly's Mob), Points: **276.9/447**
- **14 Place:** Team 5, Points: **270.5**



Separate Event Winners:

- Shearing: Jack Waters, Points: **70/100**
- Wool handling: Matthew Clarke, Points: **43/50**
- Meat sheep judging: Tristan Beck, Points: **87/100**
- Cattle selection: Hamish Gallagher, Points: **26/32**
- Pig selection: Charlotte Reader, Points: **23/25**
- Weed identification: James Hollins, Points: **20/20**
- Tractor obstacle course: Isaac Vance, Points: **10/10**
- Welding: Sam Cox, Points: **59/60**
- Mince creation: Liam Gale, Points: **36/50**

Sportsmanship awards:

- Kalani Rice-Fazey
- Bronte King
- William Lethlean



Thank you to our Sponsors, this event wouldn't have been possible without your support.

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- Myora
- Baxter's Rural Centre
- Pattons Panel & Paint
- Cunderdin Co-op
- Kardinya Park
- Murray Burt



Overall the Farm Skills competition day went really well, bringing the whole College together and working within teams the students normally wouldn't work in, participating in events that were out of their comfort zone and having an educational and fun day to end the week.

Thank you to Mrs Corsini and all the Farm staff for organising this event. Thank you to all the staff who lead teams and students who participated.

By Emily Fergusson & Charlotte Reader



False Fire Alarm Fee

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services have advised us that the false fire alarm fee will increase to \$1,337, effective 1 August 2021. As per our College Guidelines, the consequence of breaching College Guidelines and setting off a fire alarm results in the student being invoiced the cost associated for DFES to attend the scene. With this in mind, we remind you that we have a no aerosol policy.



College Survey

The annual WACoA - Cunderdin Parent Survey was emailed to all families last and is due to be completed by Friday 23rd July. This survey is really important to provide feedback on what is working well and what needs to be improved at the College. Please refer to your email dated 17th June to find the link to the survey as well as your unique personal code to access the survey. The collated feedback will be presented to the staff, the College Board and be reported to parents as part of our Annual Report. It will also be used to assist with our 3-yearly Public School Review and development of our 2022-2024 Business Plan. I encourage all families to take the time to fill out the survey and give constructive feedback.

Student Council

We have achieved numerous things this term, with successfully organising a mixed netball competition, our special dinner and amendments to the Grooming Policy. We have been running a mixed netball competition over the last couple of weeks, with 7 teams of mixed Year 11 and 12's. These nights have been very successful with a lot of participation and involvement from everyone.

We hosted a special dinner on the 17th March, raising funds for the Blue Tree Project. All students dressed in blue, with the most creative winning awards. We will be painting a tree blue at the College next term and holding an official opening ceremony to raise awareness for mental health in the Wheatbelt.

The Student Council have been in contact with admin to make some changes to the current Grooming Policy, student and peer feedback were used. This was presented to the College Board and some changes were made, creating the updated Grooming Policy that was released a few weeks ago.

Chloe Taylor – Head Girl



Cunderdin Ag P&C Update

We invite and encourage Year 11 families and any new families starting with the College in 2022 to get involved with your P&C. It is a reasonably low maintenance P&C with no canteen or uniform services to worry about. All families pay a \$50 donation to the P&C in their College fees and further fundraising is relative to the projects that the committee decide on.

The P&C can make a real and positive difference to the lives of the students as we contribute to both their boarding and College life. The last major P&C contribution was the BBQ trailer which is an amazing facility that will be used and valued by many students over the coming years. The current committee have surveyed students and parents and have a list of possible contributions that current funds will go towards. Due to the period of recess in the P&C, parent contributions have accumulated and the incoming committee have a substantial amount of money to allocate.

The P&C was reformed in 2020. As we all know there have been continuing challenges keeping us all apart but we adapted and put together a new committee. We have never all been in the same room together thanks to the creation of Zoom.

In 2020 we completed the Constitution Reform and lodged it for registration with WACSSO. We have also worked through the challenges of changing banks, so the P&C funds are kept local. We were able to quickly put together a parent event for the College Ball (this is a very easy event to organise).

Through this process it has become apparent that more changes to the Constitution will be required to improve the workability and future of the P&C for families that are effectively only involved with the College for two years. This was discussed and approved in our meeting on 23rd June 2021 via Zoom. Changes will be lodged in the coming week. The changes propose that the financial year be moved from January to July and effectively shifts the AGM from March to August. This allows new families to get involved while their child is in Year 11 and finish up as their child finishes Year 12.

We are pleased to announce that a new committee has been elected as the 2020/21 Committee step away from their roles. I would like to thank Mel Read, Hayley Wandel and Tracey Hollins for their leadership, work and support over the last 12 months as we navigated the processes to get the P&C active. It has been a pleasure to work with you all and I for one will miss our video chats. I would also like to thank the other parents who have been involved along the way attending meetings and providing valuable input and support. Robyn Steele will stay on as the College Board Representative until March 2022.

It is a great pleasure to introduce the new committee. I know they will do great things for the College and the students over the next 12 months. Thank you and welcome to President – Terri Tholstrup, Secretary – Amanda Chapman and Treasurer – Rachel Hill.

Along with electing new office bearers and ensuring a smooth changeover, we also agreed to contribute funds towards College projects that will benefit the students this year. The P&C will immediately take steps to contribute \$5000 towards the shade project that is under way. This will mainly assist with furniture purchases. We will also contribute \$4800 towards the next stage of the Tomorrow Man and Tomorrow Women program the College has arranged for Term 3 with a plan to support this program more in future years.

The current committee will assist the new office bearers and be involved where needed for the remainder of the year. The next AGM will be scheduled for August 2022.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Laura McCart for her work in caretaking the P&C affairs while there was no committee. I also wish to give a huge thanks to the current committee and members who have supported us over this last year.

Anyone wishing to contact the new committee or put forward ideas can email them at cunderdinagpc@gmail.com and they will arrange for someone to give you a call. Future meeting dates will be advertised in the Chatter.

Ley Webster



Connect for Parents and Students



Monitor your child's academic progress by logging in to Connect [here](#).

The College has previously emailed you a 'P' number and Password. Please contact the College if you require your password to be reset. You can access the Parent Guide [here](#).

Stop It App

Report bullying, ongoing teasing or concerning incidents anonymously to the College via the Stop It App. You can access the Parent Guide [here](#).





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The Principal, staff and
students invite you to the

2021 College Open Day

Friday 3rd September
commencing at 10.00am

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Diary Dates

Friday	2 nd July	End of Term Two College closes at 1pm
Sunday	18 th July	Year 11 students attending North West Tour return 2-3pm All other Year 11 and Year 12 students return after 4pm
Monday	19 th July	Term 3 Commences
Monday - Friday	19 th July – 30 th July	North West Tour
Monday	9 th August	College Photos (full College Uniform required)
Thursday	26 th August	CLOSED WEEKEND College Closes 2pm Year 11 Parent Interviews 2.20pm
Saturday	28 th August	College Ball
Sunday	29 th August	Students return after 4pm
Friday	3rd September	OPEN DAY
Friday	24 th Sept	End of Term Three College closes at 1pm

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**MENTAL
HEALTH
FIRST AID**
Australia

BLENDDED ONLINE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID REGIONAL COURSE

**LEARN SKILLS AND GAIN CONFIDENCE
TO ASSIST YOUNG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS.**

The Blended Online Youth Mental Health First Aid Course for adults living in regional grain growing communities across WA teaches participants how to assist a young person who may be developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis.

SESSION DATES & TIMES

Stage 1 - Complete eLearning (5 - 7 hours self-paced)

Stage 2 - 1 November, 12:30pm - 3.00pm via ZOOM

Stage 3 - 8 November, 12:30pm - 3.00pm via ZOOM

Stage 4 - 15 November, 12:30pm - 3:00pm via ZOOM

This free training for regional grain growing communities across WA is proudly supported by CBH Group and MIFWA with thanks to the CBH Regional Mental Wellness Program.



To register: Contact Janine at janine.ripper@mifwa.org.au or call 08 9237 8900.

Note: All components must be completed to qualify as an accredited Mental Health First Aider for three years.



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FOOTBALL ACADEMY

NORTHAM 2021

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

VENUE: JUBILEE Oval

DATES: 7th & 8th July

COST: \$120

10-12 & 13-15 yr age groups

2 day program designed to improve skills and decision making under pressure.

REGISTER NOW AT

WWW.TLFA.NET.AU



BRUNSWICK SHOW

AGRICULTURE CHALLENGE



OCTOBER 23, 2021

PRIZE MONEY FOR EACH SECTION

1ST: \$300

2ND: \$150

3RD: \$75

MAIN ARENA - CENTRE STAGE

10.30am: Schools
Ag Challenge
Team of 3 High
School Students

11.30am: Open
Challenge
Team of 3 Open to
All No Experience
Necessary

Information Julianne Hill 0447261607

Entries Close October 21st.

Email julianne.hill@hotmail.com.

Each team of 3 must include name, age & contact details