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COLLEGE CHRONICLE

**EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN
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An Independent Public School

FRIDAY 4th JUNE 2021



Dear parents, carers and College community

National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is marked every year from 27 May – 3 June.

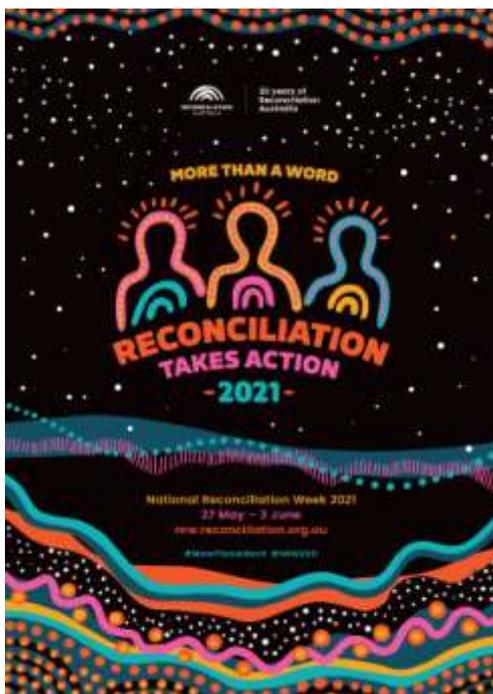
It is an opportunity for Australians to learn and reflect upon our shared histories, culture and achievements and our part to play in achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for NRW also commemorate key milestones in reconciliation in Australia, the successful 1967 referendum (27 May) and the 1992 High Court Mabo decision (3 June).

National Reconciliation Week started as the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993 (the International Year of the World's Indigenous Peoples) and was supported by Australia's major faith communities.

In 1996, the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation launched Australia's first NRW. In 2000, Reconciliation Australia was established to continue to provide national leadership on reconciliation.

Today, NRW is celebrated by businesses, schools, organisations, and individuals Australia wide. This year's artwork has been produced by artist Jessica Johnson, a descendant of the Warumungu/Wombaya people north of Tennant Creek.



Finke Desert Race

Year 10 student, Amira Schmid, will fulfil her dream when she competes in this month's Finke Desert Race. The race takes competitors across 460km of hazardous terrain in the Northern Territory and Amira will be the youngest competitor to take on the course, this year. Overcoming a serious injury to her hand, she will leave WA this weekend, and drive with her family to Alice Springs. The quad biker will need to make the Alice Springs to Finke leg, in under 4½ hours, as part of the two day race.

We would like to acknowledge Amira's dedication and commitment to achieve her dream; stay safe and know the staff and students are all behind you!

(Please see the article in this Chronicle that was in this week's Narrogin Observer)

YouthCARE Chaplaincy Dedication Service

On Sunday I was fortunate in being asked to speak at the dedication service for YouthCARE Chaplains. There are currently four Chaplains working across six schools, in Narrogin.

Having identified a number of focus areas, our Chaplain, Sandie Blakiston, worked with the student services team to plan support for students across the day and residential programs. Conversations around mental health, school concerns, peer relationships and family relationships form the bulk of Mrs Blakiston's work at the College.

This term she is running a Peer Skills program with the Dorm Captains; with the aim of providing them with skills to identify issues and then to support their peers, in seeking help. We thank her for the role she plays in maintaining a positive, supportive environment across the College.

Closed Weekend/SDD

Parents are reminded that this is a closed weekend, leading onto the WA Day Public Holiday. All staff will be off site on Tuesday 8th June attending a variety of professional learning. Residential staff will be onsite from 3pm on Tuesday to welcome back our boarders. Classes for all students will commence at 8am on Wednesday 9th June.

Have a safe and enjoyable extended break!

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - Mark Pascoe



Year 12 Defensive Driving Course

Last week the Year 12 students completed their Defensive Driving course with Peter Ramsay. The majority of students were able to complete the course successfully, with a small number of students being highlighted as lacking confidence, which Peter put down to lack of experience. Again he was impressed with the attitude of the students and their willingness to listen and take on advice. I would ask that parents of Year 12 students discuss the course with their son/daughter as I would welcome feedback about the course to keep on improving it. The Year 11 Defensive Driving course will be held in Week 2 of Term 3.

Timetable Swap Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th June

Due to a training course that some staff need to attend, we are directly going to swap two days in week 9. The Wednesday timetable will run on a Tuesday and the Tuesday timetable will run on a Wednesday.

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
10	CLASS	FARM
11 ATAR	FARM	TRADES
GEN	CLASS	
12 ATAR	FARM	CLASS
GEN	CLASS	

I wish all families a safe and relaxing long weekend and hope that seeding is drawing to an end.



EX-STUDENT UPDATE - Lauren Rayner



Lauren Rayner, who graduated from the College in 2016 and completed her degree in 2020, is now a Livestock and Wool trainee with Elders. Lauren was featured in a Farm Weekly story recently and you can read more at the link below -

<https://www.farmweekly.com.au/story/7251591/live-export-a-focus-for-upcoming-agents/>

We always love to hear of the achievements of our current and ex-students and are more than happy to share with the College community so please contact us with the details.

HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING - Leanne Sjollema



This week wraps up the exam period for Year 11 students, however Year 10 students have their Half Yearly Exams commencing Friday 4th June and carrying through until Monday 14th June. This extended time frame is due to the short week in week 8 and allows the year 10 students a staggered approach to their first exam period here at the College. These exams will be run during class times and coordinated by the class teacher. Teachers are available to assist Year 10 students with their study and exam preparation, both after school and during prep several times a week, so please encourage your child to take advantage of the support offered. If you are aware that your child will be absent for any of these dates, please contact class staff so alternative arrangements can be made.

11 ATAR		
Week 7	Friday 4 th June	Science
Week 8	Wednesday 9 th June	HASS
	Friday 11 th June	English
Week 9	Monday 14 th June	Mathematics

PREFECT'S WRITE-UP – Annie Dewar and Patrick Crapella



Hey everyone,

I hope you all had a good week, and are looking forward to the long weekend!

We have been full steam ahead with final semester 1 exams, soon to be done and dusted next week. We would like to tell all students a very big congratulations as exams can be very stressful.

We have an event coming up in week 8 on Thursday, Narrogin Ag vs Narrogin S.H.S. Teams that will be attending Country Week will be versing teams from Narrogin S.H.S. in different kinds of sports like; Netball, Football, Volleyball, Hockey and

Basketball. If students aren't playing the sports, they will still be coming along for support, and cheering our teams on. Throughout the afternoon there will be a sausage sizzle and drinks, so please for parents/caregivers make sure your child's permission is in, it's going to be an afternoon to remember.

Country Week is coming up!! Only three weeks away, so again to all students please make sure you're making the effort to go to trainings as we want to be all up to date before we head off.

Please make sure you all have an amazing long weekend, stay safe and we're looking forward to seeing you next week 😊

Cheers Annie Dewar and Patrick Crapella

REMINDER

MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINATION REMINDER

All Year 10 students have been given information and a consent form to take home for the Meningococcal vaccination. Thank you to all of those parents who have returned the form.

If you have not returned the form please complete it declaring or declining consent and return it to the College by

WEDNESDAY 9th JUNE.

(A copy is attached to this College Chronicle)

The vaccinations will take place on Tuesday 15th June.

CLASS TEACHER - Danielle Quinn



Year 12 Mathematics Essentials Class – Latitude and Longitude

Currently, the Year 12 Mathematics Essentials class are learning how latitude and longitude are used to find the distance between two locations. We started by using balloons as globes to understand where circles of longitude are orientated, then moved on to calculating the arc length between two locations on the same circle of longitude.



Congratulations to the following students who were awarded positive behaviour vouchers last Friday.

The categories are - Excellence, Respect and Responsibility

Patrick Crapella - Excellence

Stuart Brindley - Excellence

Annie Dewar - Excellence, Respect and Responsibility

Toby Francis - Excellence and Responsibility

Aaron Schilling - Excellence

Justin Stott - Excellence

Levi Wagenknecht - Excellence

Ambah Taylor - Excellence, Respect and Responsibility

Cody McIlree - Responsibility

Summer Thorn - Responsibility



HEAD OF TRADES - Mitchell Wray

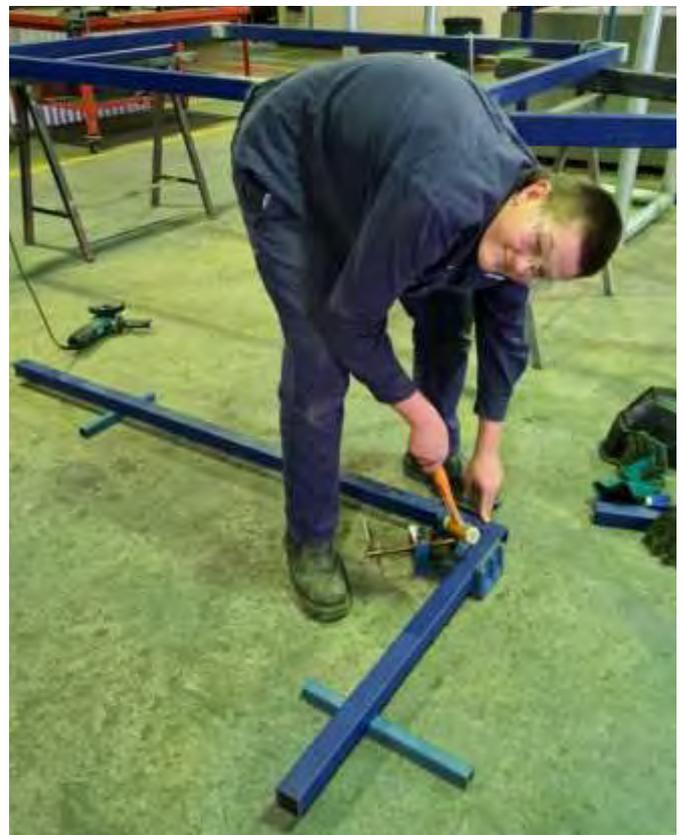


It has been a very busy few weeks in the Trades Training Centre with Year 10's starting to look to the completion of their first semester in Trades at WACoA Narrogin and a swap in trade area for next semester. The Year 11 cohort has also been busily working away in their respective areas

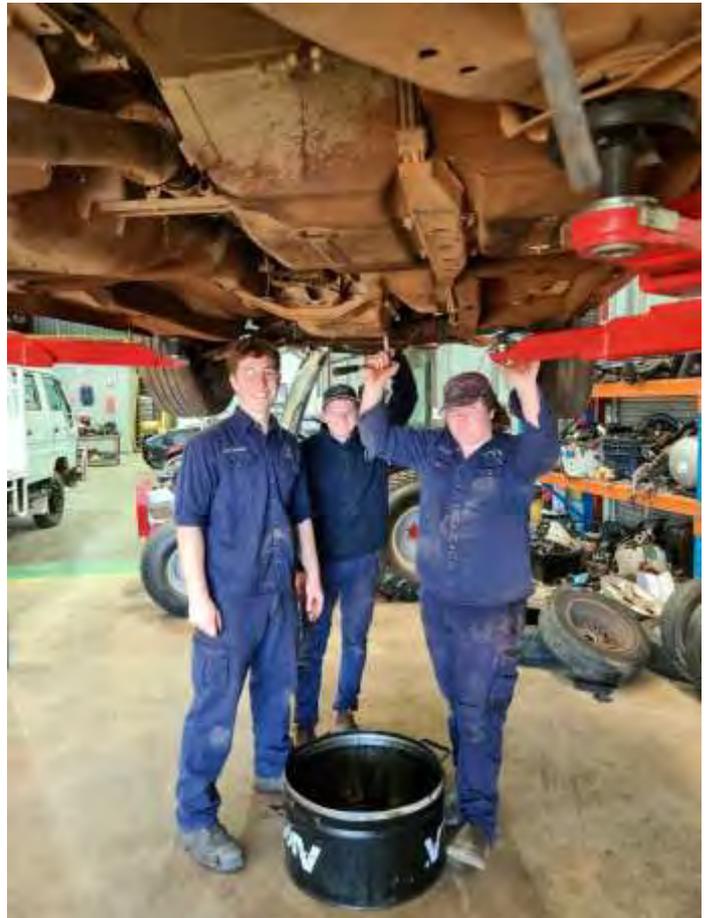
completing important units of competency and set task projects. The Year 12 group has been going through a revision process to determine what they have left to complete in their respective trades, in order to ensure they are completing their qualifications before year end.

With the winter cold here we are noticing a few 'tatty' uniforms trying to sneak their way into the workshops. We encourage parents and carers to please check with their sons/daughters if they have the correct uniform and if it is in a safe and work ready condition. If students present to the workshops out of their trades uniforms, they are sent back to access their correct uniform. However recently, with winter uniforms, students have been explaining to staff that they don't have an alternative to change into. If this is the case students will have to sit out of workshop time and risk falling behind in their practical aspects of the course. If students repeat with incorrect uniforms parents will be contacted and made aware of the situation.

As Open Day approaches, students are working very hard to have their projects completed to display on the day. Once again we will be running a student competition in Engineering and Furniture Making for the People's Choice Award. So please if you are attending this year's Open Day on Friday 10th September, drop by and vote for one of the student's projects in each area. It is a great initiative to get the students moving and they show great pride in presenting their creations. We look forward to seeing you all then.



HEAD OF TRADES - Mitchell Wray (Continued)



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Country Week

Country Week training has been in full swing all term with the teams enjoying some after school sessions both at the College and in town at the YMCA Recreational Centre. The itinerary for the week has also been confirmed and sent out to all attending Country Week 2021 via the Student Handbook. This handbook has been discussed with the students at a meeting on Wednesday along with the following points:

- Behavioural expectations.
- What to bring.
- Effects of good standing policy on attendance to Country Week.
- Polo shirts.
- Transport/ late bus.

Students were also reminded that Country Week is fast approaching and the importance of being on good standing. If students are to lose their good standing for any reason, over and prior to the Country Week period, they will be ineligible to participate.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and carers of students attending Country Week for their efforts in completing the consent forms and paying their attendance fees, this has enabled us to progress with the organisation of the event earlier than previous years.

If any parents and carers have any questions regarding Country Week 2021, please do not hesitate to contact myself at the College.



NSHS Vs WACoA Narrogin Sports Day

On Thursday 10th June (week 8) at 12.30pm all of the students at the College will be heading in to the YMCA Recreational Centre for an afternoon of competitive sport against Narrogin Senior High School. The afternoon will give our Country Week teams a chance to play together before Country Week. The opportunity for the whole College to attend also creates relationships with the Narrogin Senior High School and is a great event for students to socialise and enhance general wellbeing. After the spectated sports there will be a sausage sizzle with a drink and ice cream for students to sit around and mingle.

An email was sent through our Compass system, on Thursday 27th May 2021, asking for parent and carers consent to attend this event. It would be much appreciated if you could please reply with the consent form as soon as possible (due date was 02/06/2021), so that phone calls do not need to be made last minute for your student/s to attend. Thank you to all of those who have already completed the consent.



ON FARM



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CHAPLAIN - Sandie Blakiston (Mrs B)



This term Mrs Vogel and myself are facilitating a group program for the Year 12 dormitory captains called the Peer Skills Program.

The YouthCARE Peer Skills Program recognises that when young people have difficulties, they often look to their peers for support. The purpose is to develop personal strengths such as self-understanding and the fostering of positive supportive relationships, as well as cultivating greater competence in problem solving, conflict resolution, goal setting and goal achievement.

The program aims to build on the strengths that students already have, and is focused on giving them the confidence and skills needed to offer assistance to their peers. The skills learnt here can be useful to the students throughout their life.

Topics covered in the program include:

- Values and attitudes
- Listening and responding
- Problem solving
- Identifying individual strengths and self-care – looking after yourself
- Exploring helping services in the local community and self-care.

Staff will support students after completion of the training, and the group will meet monthly to support, debrief and further develop student skills and knowledge. I am a trained facilitator and we are providing the program over six weeks as a two-hour weekly program during school hours, the final session after school with a celebration tea.

It has been a joy running the group and I appreciate the willingness of them to participate, as well as the openness and honesty of the students. In the first session they were able to identify issues they have in the dormitories, and as a follow up to address these issues they met with the Principal and Senior Staff.

In our latest session we were looking at communication and listening. We had a rather noisy role play between Mrs Vogel and myself. She had to talk to me about an issue she wanted to talk about, and I had to 'not listen', yawning, fidgeting, looking over her shoulder (pretending to) answer my phone. The students all had party blowers, and when they saw me 'not' listening they had to blow the whistles, and then tell me what I was doing wrong and what I should be doing to actively listen. Needless to say it was very noisy, but the students all had to watch, listen and learn, which they did very well. It is experiential learning which is hands on and interactive; a great way to learn.



Amira Schmid.
Picture: Tom
Shanahan



Amira finds a way to race

CAMPBELL WILLIAMSON

At 16 years and two months, Amira Schmid is determined to overcome age and injury this month to become the youngest quad biker to compete in the gruelling Finks Desert Race.

The Finks Desert Race takes competitors across 400km of gruelling, hazardous terrain in the Northern Territory over two days.

It is billed as one of the most difficult off-road courses in one of the most remote places in the world.

Amira's dream to race in the Finks was in disarray a few months ago after she tore three ligaments in a serious hand injury that left her in doubt for the June 11 start.

"It was like someone slapped me in the face. I cried as soon as I heard it, the tears just kept coming out," Schmid said.

"It was very difficult for me because I couldn't be on the bike. I was very limited in what I could do, and I don't like being limited at all."

It took four months for

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Amira Schmid

the injury to be diagnosed, robbing Amira of valuable preparation time, with the recovery period initially put at four to six months.

But she fought through it, completing her hand exercises to make a full recovery within 14 weeks.

"They said it would be four to six months but I did it in three with the help of my parents and the motivation of being able to get back on the bike again," she said.

"I did the exercises that I was given more than I had to, and had to get back on the bike faster."

Amira has lived in Narrogin for the past six years. After first attending East Narrogin Primary School in Year 5, she is a Year 10 student at Narrogin Ag College.

She has developed a passion for quad biking since 2015 and was recognised as the fastest female com-

petitor at the Australian ATV MX Nationals meet in Collier in 2017.

The teenager has been training seven times a week in the lead-up to the event, but she admits she has had some nightmares ahead of the race.

"The hands' been all right. I've ridden the bike again but it's more stuff that's been coming up in my nightmares that the bike won't work or I'll have a crash and won't be able to finish," she said.

"It's a two-day race, so you go from Alice Springs to Finks on the first day.

"You have to finish in under 48 hours.

"It has been my dream since I was a little girl to race the Finks.

"If I finish, that will probably be the greatest thing I've ever felt.

"I just want to say a big thankyou to my parents—they made this possible for me."

CONGRATULATIONS
AND THE
BEST OF LUCK
AMIRA



An [Army Support Gap Year](#) role is a unique opportunity for students to experience life in the Army, without needing to make a long-term commitment. The skills obtained through the Army Support Gap Year program will provide them valuable work and life experience, which are transferable to civilian employment opportunities. It enables Gap Year members personal and professional development for their next endeavour.

In an Army Support role, recruits will learn logistic and task management skills to ensure the Army has the necessary supplies for exercises and humanitarian operations. Gap Year recruits can experience what life in the Army is like in one of three rewarding Army Support Gap Year roles. They may assist in the movement of supplies as a Driver, manage logistics as a Warehouse Coordinator, or become the point of contact within a unit as an Administration Assistant.

Gap Year applications are closing soon. Explore more about the [Army Support Gap Year](#). Contact Defence Force Recruiting on [13 19 01](#) for more information.

Baby and year one photos for Graduation & Yearbook 2021

To make Graduation a more memorable experience we are asking all of the parents / guardians of the **Year 12** students to loan us two photos of your son or daughter.

1. Baby Photo (in clothing)
2. First day at school photo or a photo taken around their first year at school.



You can post them in or drop them off at the front office. Alternatively you can scan and email the photos to - wendy.hogg@education.wa.edu.au.

You may collect the photos immediately after the Graduation Ceremony or we will send them back to you via registered mail.

Thank you.

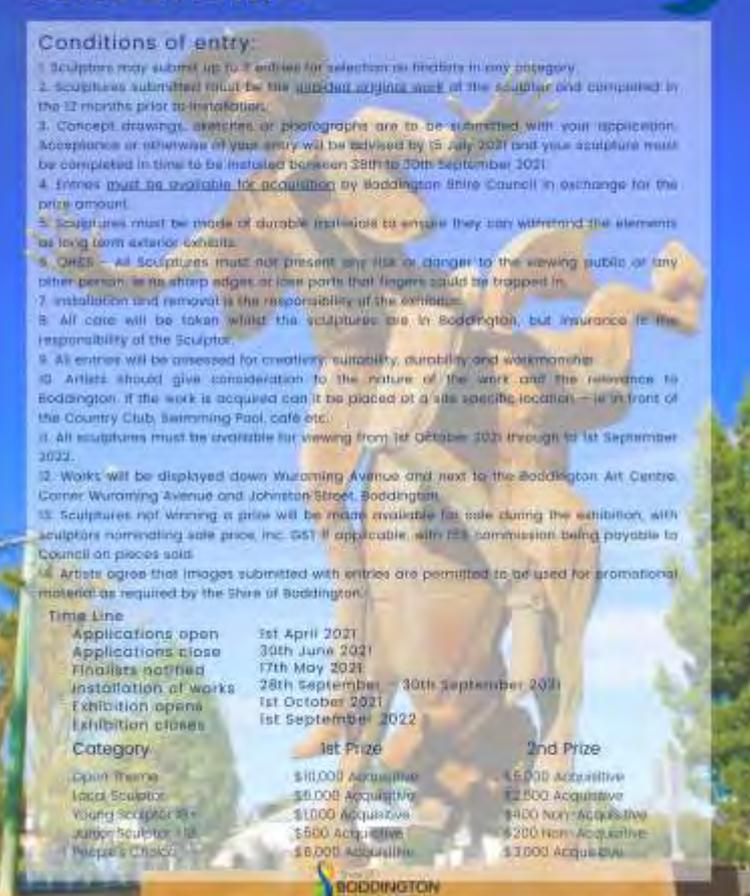
INFORMATION



**2021
BODDINGTON
SCULPTURE
COMPETITION**

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**2021
BODDINGTON SCULPTURE
COMPETITION**



Conditions of entry:

1. Sculptors may submit up to 3 entries for selection in fidelity in any category.
2. Sculptures submitted must be the **sculptor's original work** at the sculpture and completed in the 12 months prior to installation.
3. Concept drawings, sketches or photographs are to be submitted with your application. Acceptance or otherwise of your entry will be advised by 15 July 2021 and your sculpture must be completed in time to be installed between 28th to 30th September 2021.
4. Entries **must** be available for acquisition by Boddington Shire Council in exchange for the prize amount.
5. Sculptures must be made of durable materials to ensure they can withstand the elements as long term exterior exhibits.
6. QRS - All Sculptures must not present any risk or danger to the viewing public or any other person, ie. sharp edges or low parts that fingers could be trapped in.
7. Installation and removal is the responsibility of the exhibitor.
8. All care will be taken whilst the sculptures are in Boddington, but insurance is the responsibility of the Sculptor.
9. All entries will be assessed for creativity, suitability, durability and workmanship.
10. Artists should give consideration to the nature of the work and the relevance to Boddington, if the work is acquired can it be placed at a site specific location - ie in front of the Country Club, Swimming Pool, cafe etc.
11. All sculptures must be available for viewing from 1st October 2021 through to 1st September 2022.
12. Works will be displayed down Wuraming Avenue and next to the Boddington Art Centre, Corner Wuraming Avenue and Johnston Street, Boddington.
13. Sculptures not winning a prize will be made available for sale during the exhibition, with sculptors nominating sale price, inc. GST if applicable, with 12% commission being payable to Council on pieces sold.
14. Artists agree that images submitted with entries are permitted to be used for promotional material as required by the Shire of Boddington.

Time Line		
Applications open	1st April 2021	
Applications close	30th June 2021	
Finalists notified	17th May 2021	
Installation of works	28th September - 30th September 2021	
Exhibition opens	1st October 2021	
Exhibition closes	1st September 2022	

Category	1st Prize	2nd Prize
Open Theme	\$10,000 Acquisitive	\$5,000 Acquisitive
Local Sculptor	\$5,000 Acquisitive	\$2,500 Acquisitive
Young Sculptor 20+	\$1,000 Acquisitive	\$400 Non-Acquisitive
Junior Sculptor 18+	\$500 Acquisitive	\$200 Non-Acquisitive
People's Choice	\$5,000 Acquisitive	\$3,000 Acquisitive



ALL YEARS COLLEGE YEARBOOK

The 2021 whole College Yearbook is currently being compiled.

The book is \$30 and this cost can be placed onto your account.

If you would like to order one please place your order by Friday 28th August.

An order form was attached to the College Chronicle dated 23rd April 2021.

INFORMATION

The advertisement features a blue background with a white triangle logo on the left. The text reads: 'ACADEMIC TASK FORCE Achieve Success at School July ATAR Revision Program July School Holidays (Week 1 & 2) 10-hours revision and exam preparation course. Boost your child's confidence and understanding in their course with expert teaching to help improve their ATAR. www.academicgroup.com.au'. On the right, there is a photo of two young women looking at a document. A blue button says 'Enrol Today' and a red banner at the bottom right says 'Early Bird Offer: 10% Discount Enrol by 14th June to SAVE 10%'.

Revision Programs in the July School Holidays [-Enrolments Open](#)

- **ATAR Revision Program for Years 11 & 12**

Academic Task Force ATAR subject revision courses will help your child maximise their grades and strive for a top ATAR. Your child will receive in-depth teaching and exam preparation tips and strategies. 10-hour ATAR Revision courses available (2 hrs a day, over 5 days) in most ATAR subjects, as well as Essay Writing and Study Skills.

Available Weeks 1 & 2 of the July school holidays at Churchlands SHS, Rossmoyne SHS, Perth Modern School, Duncraig SHS and online.

Enrol Online: <https://academicgroup.com.au/course/holiday-programs/> or Call 9314 9500 or

Email: learn@academicgroup.com.au

- **Skills Development Program for Year 7 - 10**

Academic Task Force small group Skills Development courses will help boost your child's confidence and help improve your child's marks. 6-hour subject courses available (3 hrs a day, over 2 days) in Maths, English, Essay Writing and Learning Skills.

Available Weeks 1 & 2 the July School holidays at Churchlands SHS and Rossmoyne SHS.

Enrol Online: <https://academicgroup.com.au/course/holiday-programs-2/> or Call 9314 9500 or

Email: learn@academicgroup.com.au

- **ATAR Enrichment Program at UWA for Year 12**

Academic Associates offers premium ATAR enrichment programs exclusively for Year 12 students wanting top ATAR marks and advanced insight into their ATAR courses.

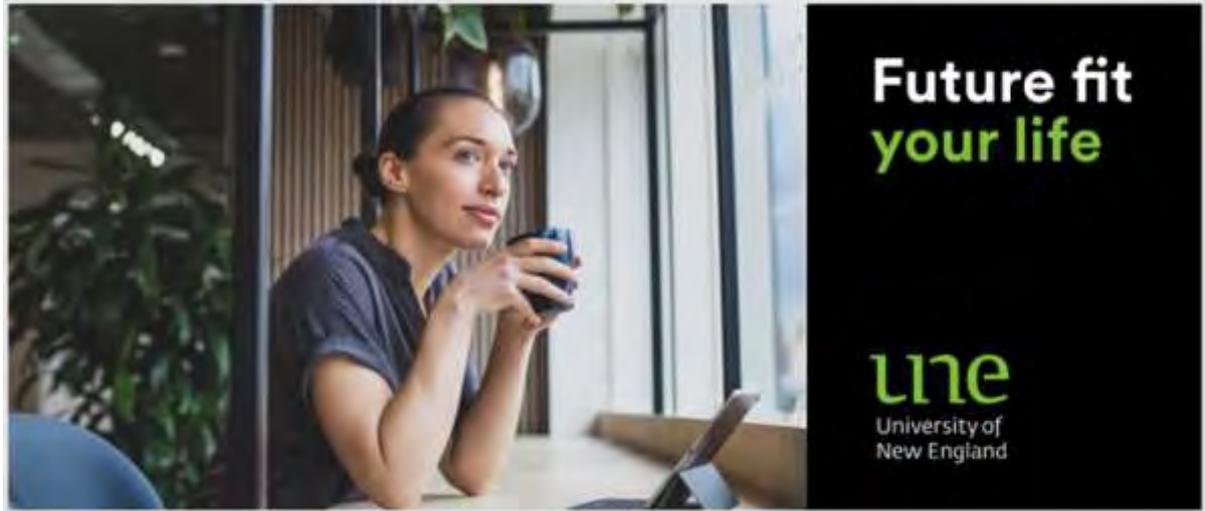
10-hour ATAR Enrichment and Exam Preparation courses (2 hrs a day, over 5 days) in most ATAR subjects.

Available Week 2 at the University of Western Australia (UWA)

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Email: learn@academicgroup.com.au

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****Student contribution amount for two Band 4 units in 2021. For eligible domestic students.**

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COLLEGE EVENTS

Term 2

- Tue 8th June Students return after 3pm (All staff offsite at a PD until 3pm)
- Wed 9th June Classes commence
- Thur 10th June NSHS v WACoA NGN Sports Carnival 1pm
- Mon 28 June - Fri 2nd July COUNTRY WEEK or alternate program onsite
- Fri 2nd July END of TERM 2

*The Term by Term Planner is regularly updated and can be viewed on the front page of the College website by clicking on **DOWNLOAD TERM PLANNER**.*

STUDENT WEEKEND FARM ROSTER

12th & 13th June	Summer Cowcher	Toby Francis
	Harrison Dolan	Braydon Keley
19th & 20th June	Patrick Crapella	Aiden Hine
	Bailey Greenwood	Aaron Schilling
26th & 27th June	Sienna Crowe	Joel Reynolds
	Mitchell Hallett	Marcel Corasaniti



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