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COLLEGE CHRONICLE

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Dear parents/carers and community

Country Week

A survey link was emailed to all parents regarding the possible rescheduling of the Country Week program. For the parents who have completed the survey so far, thank you. The survey closes this afternoon and I will then relay the information to the Department.

Whilst there may be interest in rescheduling Country Week in Term 4, it may be that the practicalities make it too difficult. Access to accommodation, sporting venues and officials are all things that take significant organisation and planning. The decision will be made by the Department, based on combined feedback from all schools.

Student Interviews 2022

We are conducting the last of the interviews for prospective 2022 Year 10 and 11 students with the final round of offers going out in Week 10 of this term. We have received many more applications than we have places available, which is an indication that we are providing a high level of education and care for our students. As always, our selection is competitive and depends on male/female, boarding/day variables. We have applications already in for the 2026 school year!

Can you please advise the College if your child will not be returning in 2022, as this will greatly assist in planning for incoming students.

National School Opinion Survey 2021

The annual WACoA - Narrogin Parent Survey will be emailed to all families in Week 7 and is due to be completed by Friday 17th September. This survey is really important to provide feedback on what is working well and what needs to be improved at the College. 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 Public School Review and development of our 2022-2024 Business Plan. The focus for this survey will be on behaviour support and well-being.

Upcoming Activities

- Carousel pre ball shopping trip – 14th August. Day students welcome to attend.
- Well-being days - 16/17th August. The Tomorrow Man/Tomorrow Woman program will run for all students

along with a range of recreational sessions. Each day will finish with a staff vs student sport competition.

- College Board Meeting – Friday 20th August, 12pm
- Good Standing Reward – 20th August. All students currently on Good Standing are invited to a sausage sizzle and movie from 6.30pm – 9pm. Day students will need a parent to collect them if not self-driving.
- Dowerin Field Day – 26th August. Year 12 students and College Fencing Team.
- Staff/Parent Interviews – 26th August, 2-4pm.
- P&C Meeting – 27th August, 1.30pm.
- College Ball – 27th August, Fremantle Sailing Club (Closed Weekend)

Well-being Update

This section will be a regular addition to the fortnightly Chronicle. Each edition will feature a 'hot topic' concerning the youth of today. I will provide current research/information for parents along with links to further websites and resources. Should you wish to speak to one of the Student Services Team regarding any of the topics covered, please call the College and we will be happy to answer your questions. Our first topic is E-cigarettes.

What are E-cigarettes?

Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) are battery-powered devices that come in many forms. They all heat liquids, called e-liquids, into an aerosol that users breathe in. They may contain nicotine, flavourings and a range of harmful and toxic chemicals. Many e-liquids come in flavours that are attractive to young people, such as mango, lime and mint. The e-cigarette heat may also produce toxic substances.

They are also known as e-cigs, electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), electronic non-nicotine delivery systems (ENNDS), alternative nicotine delivery systems (ANDS), personal vaporisers, e-hookahs, mods, vape pens, vapes and juuls (pronounced 'jewels').

Using e-cigarettes is often called 'vaping'. It is sometimes referred to as 'juuling'.

What do they look like?

E-cigarette devices come in many different shapes and sizes. They can look like traditional cigarettes, cigars or pipes. Some look everyday items commonly used by young people, such as pens or memory sticks (USBs). Some are even disguised as medical devices or concealed within clothing.

PRINCIPAL - Clare Roser (Continued)

Health Risks

Most e-cigarettes contain nicotine, which is highly addictive especially for teens. E-cigarettes and e-cigarette liquid may contain nicotine, even if they have been labelled 'nicotine free'. One e-liquid pod can contain as much nicotine as a packet of cigarettes.

Nicotine exposure during the teenage years can harm brain development, which continues until about age 25. It can impact learning, memory and attention, and increase risk for future addiction to other drugs. Young people who use e-cigarettes may be more likely to go on to use regular cigarettes.

E-liquids can poison children and adults through swallowing or skin contact. Symptoms of nicotine poisoning include sweating, dizziness, vomiting and increased heart rate.

E-liquids can also be a danger to young children if inhaled, swallowed, or spilled on the skin. A young child can die from very small amounts of nicotine. The effects of nicotine poisoning can come on very quickly. If you think your child may have been exposed to nicotine, you should seek medical attention or call an ambulance immediately.

While scientists are still learning about the short and long-term health effects of using e-cigarettes, a recent outbreak of lung disease and deaths related to e-cigarette use in the United States demonstrates that e-cigarette aerosol can be harmful to the lungs. E-cigarettes can also be modified to deliver marijuana and other harmful substances that have been linked to lung disease.

Defective e-cigarette batteries have caused some fires and explosions, which exposes the user to the risk of serious injury and burns.

Key Points:

- E-cigarettes and vaping devices heat e-liquids into an aerosol that users breathe in
- E-liquids may contain nicotine, flavourings and a range of harmful and toxic chemicals
- E-cigarettes are also known as vapes, mods, e-hookahs and juuls
- Using e-cigarettes is sometimes called 'vaping' or 'juuling'
- E-cigarettes and e-liquids have not been safety tested by the TGA in Australia, and should not be considered safe.

[Vaping amongst young people - Alcohol and Drug Foundation \(adf.org.au\)](http://adf.org.au)

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=209639716855576>

[Child Health Poll on e-cigarettes, vaping and teens — The Royal Children's Hospital Foundation \(rchfoundation.org.au\)](http://rchfoundation.org.au)

[SPECIAL REPORT: COVID Fatigue & Youth Mental Health | SchoolTV.me](http://SchoolTV.me)

Positive Behaviour Rewards (Goldies/Resi Rewards)				
25 tickets Icecream/Drink/ Chocolate	50 tickets Free Dress Pass	100 tickets Table Service From Senior Staff	200 tickets Movie With My Mates	500 tickets Gift Voucher
Tealah Hawke				

Several students are close to receiving their first reward!





Year 12 Course Completion Timelines

The first date that we will release Year 12 students is Friday 24th September ***IF*** they have completed all of their course requirements (submitted all tasks for class subjects, completed their Certificate II in Agriculture and completed their Trade qualifications). Students will need permission from their parents to leave early and must complete a *Release From School Form*. Year 12 students who still have work to complete, will be required to return to school for the first two weeks of Term 4 to complete their courses and qualifications. If a student needs to remain past the 22nd October to complete projects or work, they will need to apply to Senior Staff for permission to return and will only be able to return as a day student on those days of the timetable they have that area (Trades days to complete Trade qualifications).

Year 12 ATAR students are expected to be here for the first two weeks of Term 4 and then it is optional for them to attend. If they choose to attend, then they will follow the Year 12 ATAR timetable. We would like the Year 12 ATAR students (Residential) to return to the College the evening before each exam so they are here prior to each exam. The College will transport those students who wish to meet at the College to their ATAR exams which will be held at Narrogin Senior High School. Research suggests that students who are in residence before the exams are calmer than those who try to drive distances prior to their exam.

Up Coming Events

Dowerin Field Days – Year 12 students on *Good Standing* will be taken by the College on Thursday 26th August.

Newdegate Field Days – Year 10 and 11 students on *Good Standing* will go with the College on Wednesday 1st September.

WE CAN
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HARD
THINGS

The logo for 'stymie. #saysomething' features three overlapping speech bubbles in red, blue, and orange. Below the bubbles, the text 'stymie.' is written in a lowercase, sans-serif font, and '#saysomething' is written in a smaller font size below it.

HEAD OF TEACHING & LEARNING - Leanne Sjollema



With only six weeks left in class for most Year 12 students, class time has been spent juggling completion of class work with spending time completing fun activities such as working together to create Year Book Profiles and planning for 'what comes next' by building up workplace skills,

completing practice job interviews and writing resumés. For a number of year 12 students this can be a challenging time. I ask that parents please encourage their child to take advantage of the time remaining to get as much support with their studies as possible and make a concerted effort to finish the term on a positive note, having tried their best in all remaining tasks.

The Year 10s have shown great improvement in our literacy data. In the time span between testing, student spelling was predicted to improve spelling age by 0.4 years, but the 10s managed to almost double this at 0.7 years. Even more impressive, the 10s sight reading has improved by 1.4 years in the same amount of time. This is a testament to their hard work and the work of our staff at the College.

OLNA practice has commenced again and a huge thank you must go out to Mrs Vogel and Mrs Whyte for the day to day running of the practice sessions as well as to all Instructional staff who are supporting students to keep up with classwork

while allowing time out for OLNA focused sessions. This is a tricky juggling act but staff are committed to supporting students to have the best chance possible at achieving their WACE. Students have all been given a log in to enable them to complete practice OLNA tests online. If you need more information about this, please contact Mrs Vogel or Miss Sjollema as students can access this platform from home as well.

If parents have concerns or require subject specific information, please reach out to your child's class teacher. Feel free to contact me if you have any general queries, positive feedback or general concerns about the class area.



PREFECTS - Sammantha Perry and Colby Wisewould



Hello everyone,

There are a few events coming up for the students over the next couple of weeks.

Next Tuesday there is going to be another Wellbeing Day where the students will take part in the Tomorrow Man and Tomorrow Woman programs, this day will be followed by a sports and activity afternoon running during periods 7 and 8.

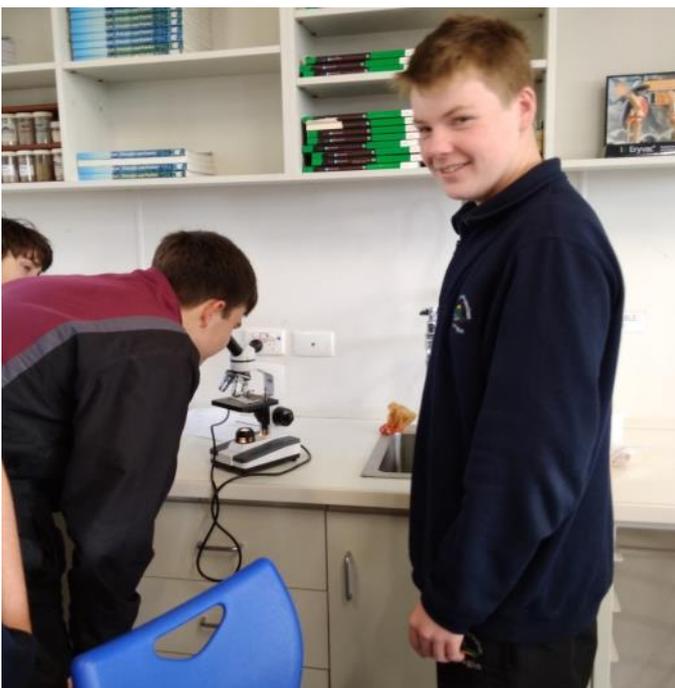
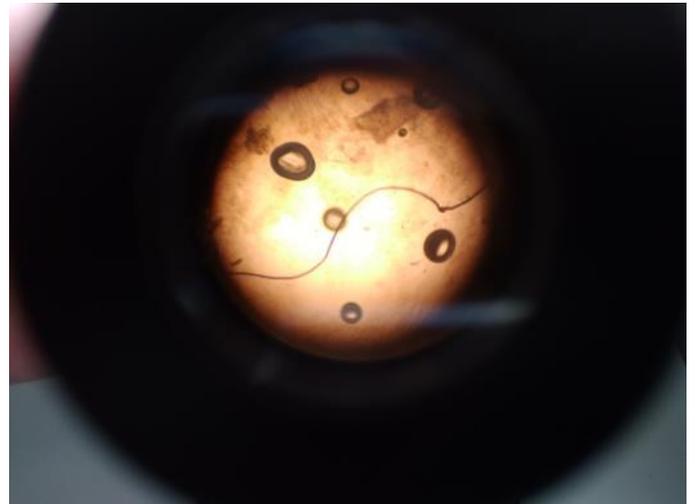
The College Ball is fast approaching on Friday of week 6, please be sure that all students attending the ball have organised their table arrangements for the evening. During that week the year 12 students will also be given the chance to attend Dowerin Field Day on Thursday 26th August.

TEACHER - Danielle Quinn



Year 10 Science

The Year 10 Science classes have been learning about cells, chromosomes and DNA during our biology lessons. We have a number of young scientists who successfully researched techniques for DNA extraction, dissolved the cell membranes of strawberries in dish-wash liquid, released the DNA strands with salt to break up the protein chains that hold the nucleic acids together and removed the insoluble DNA after methylated spirits was added. Well done to all and thank you to Tyler M for suggesting to capture an image through the microscope.



CHAPLAIN - Sandie Blakiston (Mrs B)



Many exciting things are happening recreation wise this term at the College. The BMX track is being constructed, football goal posts, cricket nets, gym being refurbished, and a new Nintendo Switch Console in the games rooms at lunch time so any students can participate.

Some things I am doing with students:

All Year 10's will be taking part in the Peer Skills Program with half of them this term and the other half in Term 4. We have had a movie night in one dorm showing an oldie but a goodie, *Heath Ledger in A Knights Tale*. There are two themes in the movie and one is bullies - you don't have to become like them, stay true to yourself and you will come out the better for it. Secondly, you can change your stars, you are only limited by your mind. If there is something you really want to do with a passion, work out a plan and go for it.

Games nights in the dorms this term are Charades, with a dorm vs dorm play off later this term. Charades is about pretending to be something else, putting on a mask to be something we are not. In life we often see people hiding behind masks.

Each person is born with strengths and talents. Some discover them, and live their life using those talents. When we put on masks and try to be something else, we are living a lie. People put on masks sometimes to fit in, to try and be what they think other people want them to be; they feel if they are themselves that won't be good enough.

As our Year 12's prepare to graduate shortly, it is a good time to reflect on their future work. Statistics show that 70% of people are not happy in their job. They have settled for something less than they desire.

Sometimes it is good to look back in life and ask, what did I do that I loved, that brought me a sense of fulfilment, what was I doing, what energized me, engaged me? Often those moments show us what area our strengths are in.

Success is not defined by positions or pay scales, but by doing the most of what you do best. Advice for students: do what you love to do so well that someone pays you to do it. Love what you do, but don't let work consume your life. John D Rockefeller was once asked, "How much money does it take to satisfy a man?" He answered, "Just a little more."

The Popcorn Story

A businessman bought popcorn from an old street vendor each day after lunch. He once arrived to find the peddler closing up his stand at noon. "Is something wrong?" he asked. A smile wrinkled the seller's leathery face. "By no means. All is well." "Then why are you closing your popcorn stand?" "So I can go to my house, sit on my verandah, and drink tea with my wife."

The man of commerce objected. "But the day is still young. You can still sell." "No need to," the stand owner replied. "I've made enough money for today." "Enough? Absurd. You should keep working."

The sly old man stopped and stared at his well-dressed visitor. "And why should I keep working?" "To sell more popcorn." "And why sell more popcorn?"

"Because the more popcorn you sell, the more money you will make. The more money you make, the richer you are. The richer you are, the more popcorn stands you can buy. The more popcorn stands you buy, the more peddlers sell your product, and the richer you become. And when you have enough, you can stop working, sell your popcorn stands, stay home, and sit on the verandah with your wife and drink tea."

The popcorn man smiled. "I can do that today. I guess I have enough." (Taken from Cure for the Common Life. Max Lucado)

There is nothing wrong with wanting "all the boy's toys," as one student told me, as long as we are not forever chasing 'more.' Epicurus noted, "Nothing is ever enough for the man to whom enough is too little."

Masks. When I try to please others by being what I think they want me to be it doesn't fit, I don't fit. It's okay to be me. Be brave enough to take the masks off and just be you.

Don't change
so people will like you.
Be yourself and the
right people
will love the real you.

ACTING RESIDENTIAL MANAGER - Brian Hare



Hi all,

We have had a fairly hectic few weeks in residence with some major changes to staffing taking place. Heather Rae, our Residential Manager has taken leave to return to New Zealand for personal reasons and her expected return to the College is early September. We wish her well. In Heather's absence I have been appointed Acting Residential Manager. Also, long time supervisor Frank Haydock is on leave as he recovers from surgery and will be out of action for a number of weeks. We wish Frank well for his recovery.

The gaps left in the supervisors roster because of these changes are currently being filled by staff doing extra shifts, casual staff and some other College staff from different sections helping out on weekends. I acknowledge all of their efforts to keep residence running as smoothly as possible and my thanks go out to them.

Residential activities so far this term have been mainly limited to the College area or Narrogin. Inclement weather, road conditions and changes to staffing have all been factors.

Hockey is still running on Thursday nights and is enjoyed by players and student spectators alike. Chicken Treat runs on Friday nights are also very popular.

Staff are providing fun games and activities for students on weekends and these are being well received. Also, Mrs Haydock's cooking lessons with Year 12 students are still very popular. Our College chaplain, Mrs B, is providing dorm parties for the students on a weekly basis with the assistance of staff. Mrs Roser and Mr Galsworthy (Mr Pascoe drove the bus) also took interested students to Perth for an evening of E-Sports.

In the pipeline is a Carousel movie/shopping trip before the College ball depending on student numbers and staffing requirements.

Students and staff are looking forward to the College ball in Fremantle on Friday 27th August. This is a major highlight of the year for students and we expect a good time will be had by all. As this is a College event students are still bound by the College Code of Conduct and positive behaviours are expected. We ask parents to emphasise this to their son/daughter. There will also be specialised leave requirements from parents as to how and who students will be arriving and departing the ball with. This information will be sent out to parents very soon.

Although, the ball weekend is a closed weekend it is not a long weekend and the College is still operating on Friday 27th August as usual so normal leave arrangements still apply. Students may return after 3pm Sunday 29th August. We also have the College booked for a camp of 80 people on the Saturday so five dormitories will be required. Students will be asked to have their bed linen removed, floor, desktop and shelves clear. They will not be asked for a total room clean up this time. Students are also advised to secure any valuable items (computers). The dormitories that will be used are; McDonald, Williams, Tulloch, Rafferty and Lewis.

In closing I would like to personally thank parents, students and College staff who are helping me settle into the management role. I will endeavour to work through issues that arise with positive outcomes for all.

Regards

Brian



IN RESIDENCE



RESIDENTIAL SUPERVISOR - Cheryl Haydock



For the Year 12s cooking, I meet with the students a week before they cook and we discuss the menu and budget. The students have a budget of \$50 per group. Once the menu is decided and a shopping list compiled I take the students to Coles where they do the shopping.

This is an invaluable life skill so when they leave the College they know the process of cooking a meal, e.g. washing hands and vegetables before cooking, and learning to budget.

Regards

Cheryl



This year 12 group cooked steak, chips & salad.
It was a beautiful meal.



This group cooked hamburgers, chips & nachos.
Their special guest was Mr Rob McEllister.

RESIDENTIAL SUPERVISOR - Cheryl Haydock (Continued)



This group made some tuna, chicken and vegetarian Sushi rolls.

STAFF/PARENT INTERVIEWS - Change of date

Thursday 26 August 2pm - 4pm

Due to a range of events we have had to reschedule the staff/parent interviews.

They will now be held on **Thursday 26 August from 2pm - 4pm.**

To recap (and update) information -

Interviews will be conducted in the Lecture area and are of six minutes duration.

To co-ordinate the interviews we have employed an online booking system to assist you in securing your preferred interview times. The procedure is as follows:

- You need to secure an appointment time using this system and if you do not have access to the internet your local library/resource centre may be able to help, or alternatively you can call the admin office.
- The booking system is accessible until **Monday 23 August 10pm**. To allow staff to prepare information no interview requests will be accepted after the close off time.
- To make a booking go to the College website and click the link on the front page for **Staff/Parent Interviews semester 2** as shown below by a blue arrow. *Login Instructions for Parents* can also be viewed at this link as shown by the red arrow.



Heather Rae will be absent on the day so Brian Hare will conduct Residential interviews on her behalf.

Mark Pascoe will be absent on the day so he will conduct telephone interviews at a later date.

Christo Argaret will be present for student well-being interviews, not English, as he no longer teaches this subject.

Teachers may request an interview with you if they feel there is a matter of importance. Please review your child's Semester 1 Report. Staff will have ticked the "Interview Requested" option if they require an interview.

We encourage your child to accompany you to the interview as this assists the discussion and clarification of outcomes.

Please do not hesitate to contact wendy.hogg@education.wa.edu.au – 9881 9736 (Wednesday to Friday) if you have any queries.

ON FARM



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COLLEGE BALL - P & C Parent Dinner

All parents are welcome to attend the Parent Dinner that is to be held at the
Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle - 7.30pm Friday 27th August.

At this stage we will be ordering off the menu so please check their website for the menu.

If you are interested in attending please let Helen Murnane know -
her email is helen@lapteksystems.com.au ASAP



GRADUATION / YEARBOOK INFORMATION

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.

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

FIELD TECHNICIAN - Wundowie region

Intergrain P/L is a world class plant breeding company.

Contact - Amanda Booth abooth@intergrain.com

0447 259 915

SEASONAL WORKERS

Company based in Lake Grace. Contractual jobs for CBH including grain covering and small storage construction.

Contact details are:

Damon Pelham	Ron Pelham
Lake Grace	Lake Grace
MOB 0428 651 302	MOB 0427 651 302
	EMAIL bomb@treko.net.au

Employment Opportunity - Quairading, WA

EW Richards & sons is offering a **Full Time Permanent farm hand role** for the right applicant.

This position will ideally suit a school leaver who has a passion for agriculture. Duties will include harvest, seeding, spraying, spreading, sheep work and general farm duties. Start date can be flexible. Accommodation available, work ute provided and award wages.

Please contact Jack on 0429466208 for more information or send your resumé to – jack-richards@live.com.au

More detailed descriptions of these jobs and more can be found on the College website under the "Current Students" tab.

APPRENTICE VEHICLE BODY BUILDER

Base Fabrications is a company specialising in the manufacturing and repairing of Heavy Vehicle Transport Equipment, located in Naval Base Perth WA.

Please email your resumé to:

admin@basefabrications.com.au or if you have any questions, please call **08 9437 9381**.

FULL TIME JUNIOR MERCHANDISE SALES

Central Ag - Goomalling

Email resumé including a covering letter to Clayton Carr storeman@centralag.net.au. Please feel free to contact Clayton on 0428 291 050 for any further information regarding the position.

Applications close - 5pm Friday 3rd September. Position to commence late 2021 or after school year if required.

Parnell's Tree Nursery - Tincurrin

The upcoming season will begin with the seeding programme in October, which requires one or two extra staff, who then usually remain throughout the season. The second intake of staff is in mid-December. After the mid December start, there is ongoing work until May or June. There is often a small break between jobs.

38 hr week, Monday to Friday. Current pay rate is \$25.50p/hr but this will be reviewed and increased before the start of the next season. Shared house accommodation is available at \$50p/wk.

For any extra information and enquiries please contact Kerry Parnell by email kparnell@bigpond.com or phone 0427832024.

Worker Wanted for Harvest with the Opportunity of Full Time Employment to the Right Applicant

Cranbrook area (farms also in Tambellup & Jerramungup shires)

For more information please ring Keith on:

Mobile 0428 261 115 or

Email your resumé to kt_wilson@bigpond.com

HARVEST WORK & FARM HAND POSITIONS

Kolindale Stud - Kulin

Contact Luke Ledwith - 0427 890 046 or email resumé to lukeledwith@bigpond.com

www.kolindale.com.au

WILCARRA FARM—BULYEE (Corrigin Shire)

Hay and harvest staff required with a possibility of permanency. Start date end of September but flexible.

Please send resumé to amy@wilcarra.com.au or phone

Amy - 0429 083 400

FULL-TIME WAREHOUSE STOREPERSON

David Grays Aglink - O'Connor WA

For information contact Bevan Raymond on 0433 740 366 or if you'd like to apply, please email hr@agquirerural.com.au

COLLEGE EVENTS

Term 3

- **Tues 17 August** Tomorrow Man & Tomorrow Woman
- **Fri 20 August** College Board Meeting - 12noon
- **Thurs 26 August** Dowerin Field Day - Year 12s to attend
Staff/Parent Interviews 2 - 4pm
- **Fri 27 August** P & C Meeting 1.30pm
Students leave at 2.30pm **CLOSED WEEKEND**
College Ball
- **Sun 29 August** Residential students return after 3pm
- **Mon 30 August** **WEAR IT PURPLE DAY**
- **Wed 1 September** Newdegate Field Day - Year 10s & Year 11s to attend
- **Thurs 9 September** RUOK Day
- **Fri 10 September** OPEN DAY
- **Fri 24 September** End of Term 3

The College Term Planner is regularly updated and can be viewed on the front page of the College website

STUDENT WEEKEND FARM ROSTER - TERM 3 2021

14th & 15th August	Riley Holden Tyler McGaw Zac Coxon Ben Hawley
21st & 22nd August	Joshua Jensen Cody McIlree Korben Halter Tyler Cochrane

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