



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
COLLEGE of AGRICULTURE
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COLLEGE CHRONICLE

**EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN
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An Independent Public School

FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2021



Dear Parents/Carers, Families and College Community

This week has been very busy with a Department review of the Residential facility, winding up of ATAR exams and the Year 11 awards lunch.

Students have been out and about visiting the Naval Base on Garden Island, trips to several of the university campuses and letting off some steam during the Wellbeing Day activities. We wound up the Tomorrow Man/Tomorrow Woman program for the Year 11 students last Thursday; our Year 10 students will have their final session for 2021, in week 7. We have found this program to be extremely beneficial to all students and have committed to continuing with the additional modules for all year groups, into 2022 and beyond. Staff from across all WACoA sites will also have a session from the presenters, when they attend the Combined Agricultural College Conference in week 9.

Parent Opinion Surveys

Each year we survey our parents and students to gauge what they think about the College and to find ways to improve how we operate.

A link to the survey was included in the College Chronicle dated 15th October and I would very much appreciate if you took the time to reply with your opinion. The survey will close at the end of week 7 (**26th November**) and I will then analyse the results which will form part of our annual review and planning.

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/HvGqVMpV>

One to One Laptop Program 2022

As you would all be aware, the College has a 1-1 Laptop policy. Students are provided with a laptop for their exclusive use during their time at the College. The laptop is used during the school day, can be used after school hours and be taken home on weekends and holiday breaks. All laptops are returned at the end of the school year and reset and updated, ready for the new year. These laptops are set up with all software required to complete course work across all areas of the College.

In 2022, parents will be given an updated Information and Agreement document to read and sign. The Acceptance and Agreement form **MUST** be signed and the \$250 voluntary approved request **MUST** be paid before a laptop belonging to the One to One Program is issued.

A small bank of laptops will be made available to students who have not returned forms or made payment, from 8am until 4pm and will not be able to be taken home or to dorm rooms.

Talk **to** each other,
not **about** each other.



25 tickets Chocolate	50 tickets Free Dress Pass	100 tickets Table Service From Senior Staff	200 tickets Movie With My Mates or Uniform Challenge	500 tickets Gift Voucher
Ariana Alchin Tyler Cochrane Alyssa Cornish Tess May Patrick Morgan Domenic O’Hara Aaron Schilling Justin Stott Hayley Williams	Rigby Herbert	Mitchell Hallett Riley McIlree		



Work Place Learning (WPL)

Year 10

REMINDER

Year 10 WPL will commence on Monday 6th December and finish up on Thursday 16th December.

WPL forms were sent out last week and need to be **returned by Monday 15th November**. Please contact the College if you did not receive your forms.

Any Year 10 student who does not return their WPL forms will be expected to attend a *heavily modified* program at the College.

Students are strongly encouraged to take the WPL opportunity provided to gain access to industry exposure and future employment.

Should you have any queries regarding WPL please contact myself at the College.

Wellbeing Day

Wellbeing Day was held last Thursday 4th November.

08:10am – 09:50am	All students to normal timetabled classes
09:50am – 10:10am	Recess
10:10am – 11:00am	All students to normal timetabled classes
11:00am – 13:00pm	Year 10's to normal timetabled classes
11:00am – 13:00pm	Year 11's only to Tomorrow Man/ Tomorrow Woman
13:00pm - 14:00pm	BBQ Lunch for All Students
14:00pm – 16:00pm	Water Session; Slippery Dip, Pools, Water activities
16:00pm	Finish

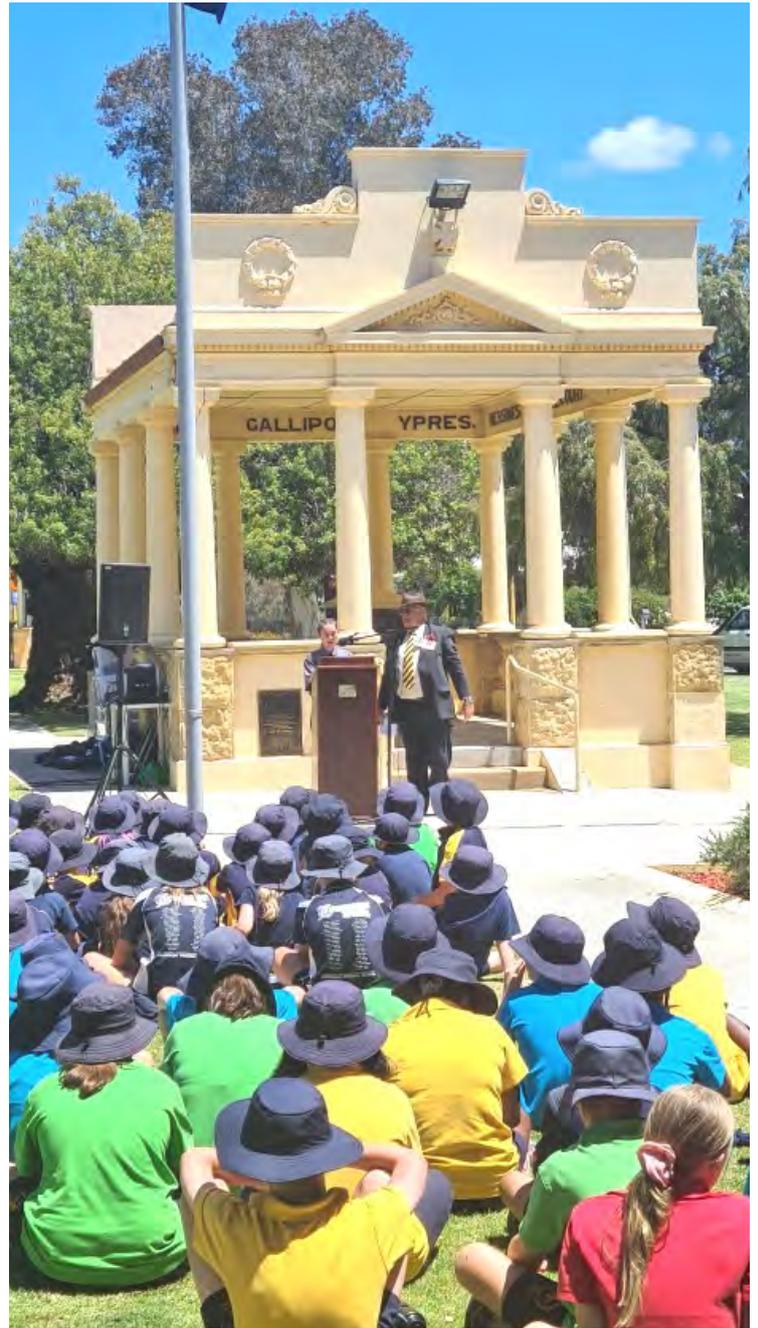
The students had a fantastic day participating in the Tomorrow Man and Tomorrow Woman sessions. This was followed by a BBQ with a chance for the students to relax and eat outside in the undercover area.

Following the lunch, the students participated in an all in water fight, pools (slime and foam) and slippery slide session (with crocodiles and sharks) with a lot of smiling faces and laughs had. Thanks to all of the staff for their participation and to the students for being so well behaved.



Remembrance Day

Today Patrick Crapella, Annie Dewar, Riley McIlree and Libby Hardingham attending the Narrogin schools Remembrance Day Service. The students represented themselves and the College very well even when the service was rudely interrupted by the parks reticulation. Special mention to Annie and Riley for their wreath laying and to Libby Hardingham, who spoke so well on what Remembrance Day meant to her.





Huge congratulations must go out to all the Year 12 ATAR students on the completion of their external WACE examinations. Students were encouraged to try their best and some students have surprised themselves by how much they have built on their existing knowledge during the past two weeks of intensive study programs and revision with class teachers. Staff commitment during this busy and stressful time must also be acknowledged as teachers and support staff have willingly given up mornings, afternoons and evening prep times to work with the ATAR students, ensuring they were as confident in their knowledge as possible. As a show of appreciation for staff, the Year 12 class catered a breakfast BBQ compete with bacon, eggs, sausages, hash browns and gourmet toast as their way of saying thank you.



Year 11 are wrapping up the last of their end of year exams and are encouraged to do their best in their tests and ensure that they are conducting themselves in a manner that allows everyone in the class to make the most of the learning opportunities being provided. The ATAR class, having finished their exams spent Thursday travelling out to the UWA experimental farm to tour the facilities and learn about the trials being conducted at the property and how these relate to the future of Agriculture.



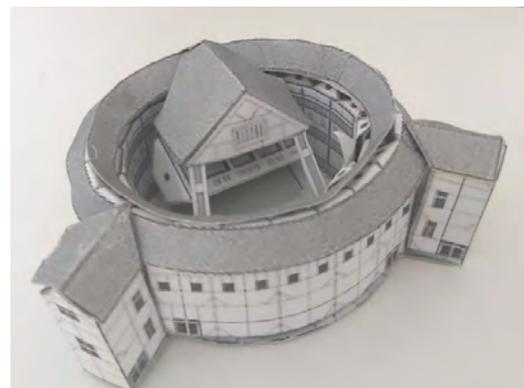
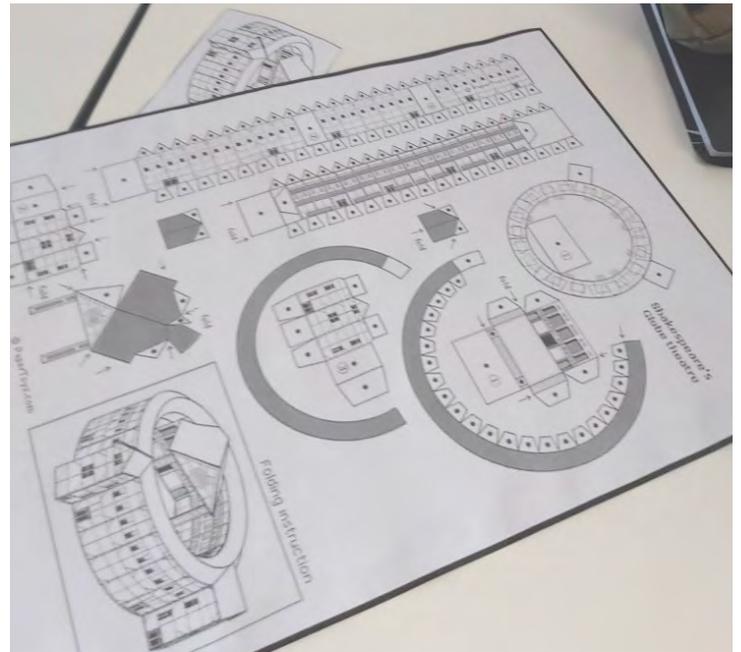
Year 10s will shortly commence their final assessments for the year and are encouraged to take advantage of the upcoming quieter times to access tutoring and study help so they can finish the year on the same positive note that they started it, and wrap up Year 10 knowing they fully committed to doing their best in these exams. By now all Year 10 students should have returned their Subject Selection forms for processing as the team will begin building the timetable and allocating students to courses for 2022. If you need a new copy of the form, wish to change your child's selection preferences or have any questions regarding this, please don't hesitate to contact me.



The Year 10 classes are studying the life and works of Shakespeare - The Bard of London. The theatre was the place for entertainment, and anyone could attend. Cheap tickets could get you a place to stand in the stalls, you would have to stand for over two hours though, but hey, it was entertainment! Wealthy patrons could sit on the stage as a prop in the play, that way the audience could view their expensive clothing and jewellery, this was to affirm their status.

Shakespeare's plays are stories filled with unique characters who express raw emotion in conveying the human experience. In studying Macbeth, students get to analyse the character of a mighty warrior who broke fealty with his King due to unbridled ambition. The world of Macbeth became a raging sea of paranoia and suspicion as he took the crown for himself and rid others who were in the way of his ruthless lust for ultimate power.

Life lessons from Macbeth: Though you have free choice, your actions always have consequences. Be cautious of who you trust. Beware of nagging, scheming women (reference to Lady Macbeth)!



TRADES - Mark Batt



On Friday 5th November myself, Mr Madson and a select group of Year 11 students were privileged enough to be invited to attend the Work Experience Program at the HMAS Stirling Naval Base on Garden Island.

The work experience program provides students with a broad insight into the wide range of Navy Trades and associated career options with the Royal Australian Navy and involved demonstrations, presentations and practical activities hosted by a wide range of Navy personnel.

The day started with a security check and induction at the Point Peron pass office then a short drive over the causeway to the Garden Island Naval base. We then toured the gymnasium where the students participated in some team building exercises with two Navy PT instructors. Next was a tour of the School of Ships Safety and Survivability Training Centre where trainee sailors practice real life survival simulations that may occur on the ships, helicopters or submarines.

Following this was a tour of the Trades area where we had Navy trades men and women talk about the process of becoming an apprentice in the Navy. Electronics technicians, Marine technicians, Aviation technicians, Aviation systems technicians, Chefs and mechanical engineers are some of the trades the Navy offer.

The busy morning was completed with a visit to the docks to check out the Collins Class submarines and as luck would have it the Royal Navy Nuclear Submarine was in port all the way from the United Kingdom. A British submariner was also good enough to have a chat answering questions from the enthusiastic group then off to the Junior Officers Mess for an outstanding lunch prepared by RAN chefs.

Refuelled by lunch we hopped back on the bus and headed for the Submarine School and Simulator Centre to watch a presentation and listen to three submariners tell us about their experiences and answer questions about their time in the Navy. The Submarine School is a training centre where on passing the three-day selection course you go to receive all training required to be a submariner. A specific role is delegated in areas such as Leadership and management, Technical support and engineering, Communication and sensor systems operation or Logistics. Submarine escape training and Submarine familiarisation are also required of submariners. We were lucky enough to take part in a simulation of firing torpedoes and also a very realistic simulation of an emergency surface of a submarine.

The opportunity to visit the HMAS Stirling Naval Base and discover all of the different jobs required by the Navy was an awesome experience and hopefully we get to repeat it on an annual basis.





Year 11 ATAR University Trip

Stop 1 – UWA

We split into three groups and rotated through different sections within the agricultural industry. We first looked at technology such as drones to identify weeds within a paddock and sensors. The second section was the use of soil probes and sensors to identify constraints within soils such as non-wetting and horizon changes. The last section was looking at soil profiles from around the state and in seeing these, identifying colour changes and textures in soils.



Stop 2 – Curtin

We arrived after a hail storm and it looked like a winter wonderland, the students had a mini snowball fight before moving into a lecture room. We heard from current students before their exams and where they will be moving to, following their studies. From here we split into three groups where various activities were completed. One included a STEM activity, another a field walk through trials and the last creating a hovercraft.

Stop 3 – Murdoch

This university was the highlight for many students where we started by having lunch in the carpark and then were allocated a guide per bus to take us through the campus. The veterinary museum is always a highlight with the different animals and anatomy. Following this we spoke with a master’s student who was researching a particular chemical and its effect on determining the ability of livestock to put on weight and convert food to weight. The last stop was looking at a GRDC funded project of a completely enclosed 1 hectare plot of land where they conduct trials without the influence of major pests and weather events. They also use robotics in this to reduce human influence in trials.



A big thank you to Ms Eastwood and Miss Corsini for driving the bus and making sure the day ran smoothly.



RESIDENTIAL SUPERVISORS - Cheryl & Frank Haydock



On Saturday 6th November, Mr and Mrs Haydock took 11 students to Bounce in Cannington, then shopping at Carousel.

It was an awesome day and all the students used up a lot of energy .



CHAPLAIN - Sandie Blakiston (Mrs B)



It is with some sadness that I am saying goodbye to most of our Year 11's as they are heading off to their Work Place Learning, and then will not be back this year. As they were Year 10 when I arrived last year I have got to know many of them, laughed with them, cried with some, sat with them through the hard times and celebrated the good. I have felt privileged to be allowed into their lives, and was fortunate to be able to walk with them for a short time on their journey. In my role of chaplaincy, I have sometimes felt like a grandma, and I will indeed miss them. (I shed tears at the Year 12 graduation too, as many did). These kids really touch your heart. As my hours changed this term to day shifts the activity side has slowed down and it has made it possible to be able to see more students during the day. Having said that, things have still been ticking along with activities.

Our term table tennis and pool competitions were held after school and the results are:

Pool Competition

1st place Logan Hayes, 2nd place Rigby Herbert



Table Tennis

1st place Riley McIlree, 2nd place Kye Velvet



1st place in each category was awarded a trophy and a \$20 Coles voucher, and 2nd was awarded a trophy and \$10 worth of munchies, as well as their names on the shield displayed on the wall in the Dining Room. Congratulations guys, well done to you all.

We had a game of Minefield in Thomson dorm; a game involving trust where students work in pairs, one blindfolded student being guided through a minefield (hoola hoops) by their partner through verbal instructions (who has good listening skills, and who is a good communicator). Most worked really well together.

We have had Movie Nights, the girls in McDonald dorm enjoyed singing along to Mama Mia, and Williams dorm chose 8 Seconds, a movie about a rodeo rider. I did get told it was all about the horses, hmmm, okay. Next week we will start Minute to Win It games after school with dorms.

I have also been doing cooking with some students, just simple dessert they can make themselves. One of the recipes was a coffee trifle, like a tiramisu. You may like to try it yourself for Christmas:

Kirsten Tibballs' Coffee Trifle

800ml Bulla Dollop Thick Cream

300ml Bulla Crème Fraiche

8 Tbsp Baileys Liqueur (we used coffee essence)

8 tbsp brown sugar

2 shots coffee (2 tbsp hot water, 2 tspns coffee)

6 tbsp butter or marg

1½ packs chocolate ripple biscuits

cocoa for dusting

Combine the Bulla Dollop Thick cream and Bulla Crème Fraiche in a bowl, then add in the Baileys (or essence).

In another bowl, dissolve the brown sugar in the coffee and water, add the melted butter and combine with the cream mixture.

Place a layer of biscuits in the base of your trifle bowl.

Cover with a layer of the cream mixture and then dust with cocoa.

Repeat until you have 4 layers of biscuits and cream.

Place in fridge for one hour to set.



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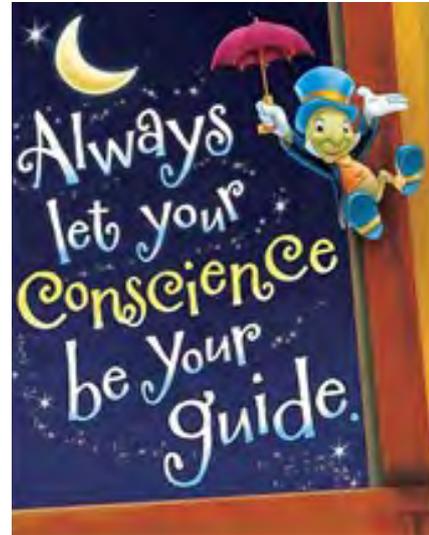
CHAPLAIN - Sandie Blakiston (Mrs B) Continued

We had our final Peer Skills group for the year which was for the dorm captains and prefects preparing them for their roles next year. It was a large group of 16, and I was impressed with the enthusiasm and interaction amongst the group. I think they will be a great team and will not only support students in their roles, but also be a cohesive group that will support each other. They were awarded their graduation certificates in a small ceremony, although some students have already left so theirs will be posted. One of the sessions was on values and attitudes, and surprisingly was the most popular one with students as they thought about what they actually did value, and how our conscience will guide us if we learn to listen to it.

At the Mark Twain memorial in Hartford, Connecticut, you will find these words framed: *'Always do right. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest. Truly yours, Mark Twain, New York, February 16, 1901.'*

Your conscience will lead you to do the right thing every time. And it's created by the first lessons you learn about right and wrong, which parents have and is the most important job in the world. If you're never taught those lessons, you fail to develop a conscience. If you're taught them poorly or incompletely, you develop a stunted conscience. If you override your conscience and refuse to obey its inner voice, you develop a hardened conscience and, over time, you will live your life as if you don't have one at all. You'll compromise, cover up, and cut corners to get what you want.

You can't see a conscience or autopsy one, but you can hear it whispering in your mind and feel it tugging at your heart. And those are the whispers and tugs you must respond to. Above all, don't neglect your conscience—it is either healthy or becoming unhealthy. And as it goes, so goes your character, your reputation, and the quality of your life.



When your gut instinct is very, very strong, you've got to go with your gut. Cathy Lanier.



PEER SKILLS GROUP

ON FARM





YEAR 12 PARENTS

Thank you to those parents who have finalised their account.

Could you please provide your bank account name, BSB and account number via email to -

jill.norwell@education.wa.edu.au as an

attachment for security reasons to enable end of year refunds of Student Bond, surplus residential activity monies and credits if applicable.

If you have not ordered a Leavers USB (Year 12s only) or a Yearbook please contact the College ASAP.

YEAR 10 & 11 PARENTS

Accounts have been sent out recently.

Please ensure that all outstanding fees and charges are paid before the commencement of the 2022 school year.

Residency will be denied in 2022 if any fees and charges remain unpaid without arrangements being made.

Please contact Jill Norwell on 9881 9733 if you have any concerns in regard to your account.

If your account is in credit you may apply for a refund or have the amount carried over into 2022.

A reminder to parents that trades projects cannot be taken home if they are not paid in full.

ACADEMIC TASK FORCE

January ATAR Head Start Program

- Increase your understanding and confidence, and start your Year 11 and 12 studies with an academic boost in Academic Task Force's Head Start Program.
- We are offering 6-hour courses (3 hrs a day, over 2 days) in Year 11 and 12 ATAR subjects, Essay Writing and Study Skills.
- **Running at 2 convenient locations** during the Summer Holidays: Rossmoyne SHS and Churchlands SHS. **Starting (13th Jan – 25th Jan)**

January Year 7-10 Head Start Program

- Get a flying start to the school year with Academic Task Force's Head Start Program.
- We are offering 6-hour courses in NAPLAN Preparation, English, Maths, Learning Skills, Essay Writing and GATE and Scholarship Exam Preparation.
- **Running at 2 convenient locations** during the Summer Holidays: Rossmoyne SHS and Churchlands SHS. **Starting (13th Jan – 25th Jan)**

Enrol online at: academicgroup.com.au or Call: 9314 9500 or Email: learn@academicgroup.com.au



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CBH Group is Australia's largest co-operative and a leader in the Australian grain industry, with operations extending along the value chain from grain storage, handling, transport, marketing and processing. Owned and controlled by approximately 3,900 Western Australian grain growing businesses, the core purpose of CBH is to sustainably create and return value to growers. In partnership with the CBH Group, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation has opened applications for sponsored places for a weeklong sail training adventure onboard STS Leeuwin II.

Students at the WACOA—Narrogin are eligible for sponsorship on STS Leeuwin II. CBH has been sponsoring regional youth on voyages since 2015 – and sponsorship applications are now open for 2022 – closing 30 November 2021.

To find out more: www.sailleeuwin.com



LEEUWIN
Ocean Adventure Foundation



EMPLOYMENT

FARM HAND

Great Southern area

Duties would include but not limited to;

- Machinery operation for seeding & harvest
- Feeding livestock and animal husbandry
- Maintenance, both mechanical and fencing etc.

Contact details;

Amy Schlueter | 0428 301 877 | slootafamily@bigpond.com

CATTLE FEEDLOT / CROPPING

(HYDILLOWAH - Hyden area)

12 month minimum employment in 2022

To work predominately on the cattle/farming aspect, however depending on knowledge and experience could be trained to handle heavy machinery during harvest/seeding/hay.

For further information -

Claire Green Livestock Manager 0447 925 760

HARVEST WORKER

We are in Shackleton and looking for a worker for harvest. Can be chaser bin driver or a combo chaser bin/header driver.

Good pay, great gear, accommodation and food included.

Contact Lisa Powell on 0427641196.

ASSEMBLY / WORKSHOP FITTER

Waringa Distribution - Perth (Welshpool)

Permanent Full-Time and Short-term contract positions available until Christmas

Key Responsibilities

- Work in small teams to assist with unpacking shipping containers, assembly, and preparation of new agricultural machinery for delivery to our dealer network and customers.
- Work to OEM Workshop standards & requirements set by the manufacturer.
- Machine/equipment assembly and testing for sales
- Assist with Warranty repairs and machine upgrades when required

Please apply on Seek or contact us at recruitment@waringa.com.au

BOILERMAKING APPRENTICESHIP

Westoz Boilermaking Service starting 2022.

Seeking an enthusiastic and driven person to join a family run business based in Cockburn Central.

Westoz Boilermaking Service specialises in manufacturing Harvest Weed Seed Control equipment, including Chaff Cart Adaptor Kits, Chaff Lining Kits and WeedHOG Seed Mills, as well as general and structural steel repairs and fabrication.

Please refer to the website for further information -

westozboilermakingservice.com.au

If interested, please forward resume's to westozadmin@bigpond.com

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

COLLEGE EVENTS

Term 4

- Mon 15 - Fri 26 November Year 11 WPL
- Fri 26 November Last day for Year 11 students
- Fri 3rd December Year 10 Presentation
- Mon 6 - Thurs 16 December Year 10 WPL - END OF TERM 4 for students
- Fri 10 December ***NEW*** Orientation Day for all NEW students 9am - 1pm
- Thurs 16 December Last day for Year 10 students
- Fri 17 December Staff PD

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

EGGS for sale

Eggs \$4/dozen available from admin.
For large orders please contact the farm office - 9881 9726



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