



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
COLLEGE of AGRICULTURE
Narrogin



COLLEGE CHRONICLE

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AGRICULTURE EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

An Independent Public School



Dear parents, carers and community members

Welcome the season of adulthood 'Djeran'.

Djeran season sees a break in the really hot weather. A key indicator of the change of season is the cool nights that

once again bring a dewy presence for us to discover in the early mornings. This season lasts from April to May.

Like many of you, we have no doubt enjoyed the hot summer days (not the 40 degree temperatures) and are looking forward to some cooler evenings and rain to feed our gardens and fill our dams.

WACoA – Narrogin College Board Update

On behalf of the current Board members, I would like to welcome the following people to the team:

Mr Mark Batt (staff representative); and

Mrs Ros Marinoni (Year 10 parent representative).

We have another parent nomination waiting clearance, this will be announced in the first Chronicle for Term 2.

We still have a vacant position for a Year 12 parent. If you would like to nominate for this, please email me at: clare.roser@education.wa.edu.au.

If you have any questions about the work of the Board or wish to know more about what they do to support the school and your children, please contact the Principal or Karen Agnew (Board Chair).

COVID-19 Update

There are some changes in school settings from the start of Term 2, but these will have little impact on how we operate because of our residential setting and the additional measures that are required.

Mask wearing inside buildings, vehicles and dorm common rooms, plus set table seatings and physical distancing will continue to be our main methods to protect ourselves from being a close contact or contracting COVID-19.

TISC News 2022

YEAR 12 APPLICANT INFORMATION SHEET

An information sheet is available to help students commence their initial login to the TISC system. Personalised letters will not be issued this year.

[TISCOnline - School Circulars \(https://www.tisc.edu.au/static/school-circular/circular-index.tisc\)](https://www.tisc.edu.au/static/school-circular/circular-index.tisc)

UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

University Admission Requirements brochures are available on the website. The 2025 version, to aid 2022 Year 10 students in subject selection, will be available in June.

[TISCOnline - School Leaver Applicants \(https://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/admission-req-sleaver.tisc\)](https://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/admission-req-sleaver.tisc)

2022 YEAR 12 POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

A revised Power Point presentation, with notes, with information for 2022 Year 12 students and parents is available. [TISCOnline - Downloads \(https://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/download.tisc\)](https://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/download.tisc)

<https://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/download.tisc>

I wish you the very best for the upcoming school vacation. *Keep safe and enjoy your time with your loved ones.*

GOLDIES Week 9/10

The following students have earned their 25 and 50 Goldie rewards:

25 Goldies

Brooke-Lee Edwards

Ella Hackett

Tamara Keens

Isabelle Perrin

Olivia Draper

Tyler McGaw

Hayley Williams

Zaide Chesson

Jacobus DeBruin

Brodie Hills

Dakota Watts

50 Goldies

Zaine Cuthbert

Tyler McGaw

Year Group Tally Term 1

Year 10 **615**

Year 11 **423**

Year 12 **217**



The College has a strong emphasis on the promotion of student wellbeing and positive mental health. One of the priorities of this mindset is to upskill students around assisting themselves and others with help seeking behaviours and how to access mental health support. The Teen Mental Health First Aid course is perfect for this and offered by the [Mental Illness Fellowship of WA inc \(MIFWA\)](#). This program is funded by CBH, a natural partnership for an Agricultural College, and allows more of our students to access this important learning.

The entire year 12 cohort was able to participate, and reported learning valuable skills. It was also a chance to highlight the importance of helping one another, and to remember you are not always aware what others are going through – even those closest to us.

The College would like to thank MIFWA and CBH for allowing us to access this program, and hope this is the beginning of an ongoing partnership to improve the wellbeing of young people in the wheat belt and across the state.



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - Shaun Cantwell



Progress Reports

Student Progress reports have been completed. You will receive the report via two methods, by email and Connect. The email is a link and will only be available for four weeks. Connect will be there permanently. Please note, due to the unusual nature of our College

operations and diverse areas, you will receive four emails in total - Class, Farm, Trades and Residential.

Due to current Covid protocols no face to face interviews will take place. All parents are welcome to follow-up on their child's progress and contact staff if an interview has been requested.

ANZAC Service

The school prefects attended the combined schools ANZAC service in Narrogin on Wednesday. Amira Schmid eloquently delivered a highly relevant and touching speech

around the theme of peacekeeping. Having been to many services, I thought the point of difference at our local Narrogin service was the inclusive content that recognised New Zealand as well and truly reflected the ANZAC spirit. Staff members Wayne and Marianne Gill should be very proud of Caitlyn Gill's awesome singing talent. Accompanied by Meka McCormack, the girls sang 'We are Australian' and both the Australian and New Zealand national anthems. Watch this space, she's a real talent.

Staffing

My contract at the college has come to an end and Mr Mark Pascoe will return in Term 2 as the Deputy Principal. I have greatly enjoyed my time with the students and I have endeavoured to make a small difference for every student in my short time at the College.

Hope the Ball is a memorable night with plenty of laughs and enjoy your holidays.





Hello Everyone!

On Wednesday the 6th of March, the prefects attended the annual ANZAC ceremony at the Narrogin memorial park. It was a great experience, and we heard some wonderful stories about a few brave service men that are now

known as peacekeepers. Which was the theme of this year's ceremony. Below is the speech that I delivered on behalf of the College.

"Peacekeeping. This is a simple expression right, most people can tell you that it means maintaining the peace, but the question I found myself asking was do I really understand what it means. Before you can understand peacekeeping, you must understand peace. So then the question is, what is peace? For me peace it is the state of tranquillity, the freedom from fear and from violence. It does not mean there is no trouble, or no noise - it means there is always a way to find hope. Peace is a basic need that people seek in their darkest times, in the midst of hostility and fear. Peace defines our freedom.

Now, when that peace is damaged or broken, when people lose sight of their freedom, they lose faith. Building back the trust, the livelihood and these relationships that were built on that peace, whether it be

between two people, within a community or between nations, is a lengthy and complex process. A process in which many steps will be taken forward, but twice as many will be taken back. This is known as peace building and ultimately it is not the most effective way to deal with something as fragile as human emotions and relationships.

So, what is peacekeeping and why is it important?

Peacekeeping is the preservation of peace, the binding ropes for the true concept of equality and freedom, and the way to keep from breaking the trust of a population. It prevents conflict, reduces violence, strengthens the concept of peace, and it encourages the people to keep their faith in humanity. Rather than let the peace fall apart and having to rebuild all that trust that was lost, doesn't it seem much less complicated, to hold the peace together to begin with.

*I'll leave you today with a quote from Albert Einstein—
"Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding."*

I hope you all have a great time tonight at the ball! Stay safe and enjoy your holidays everyone!

HEAD OF TRADES - Mitchell Wray

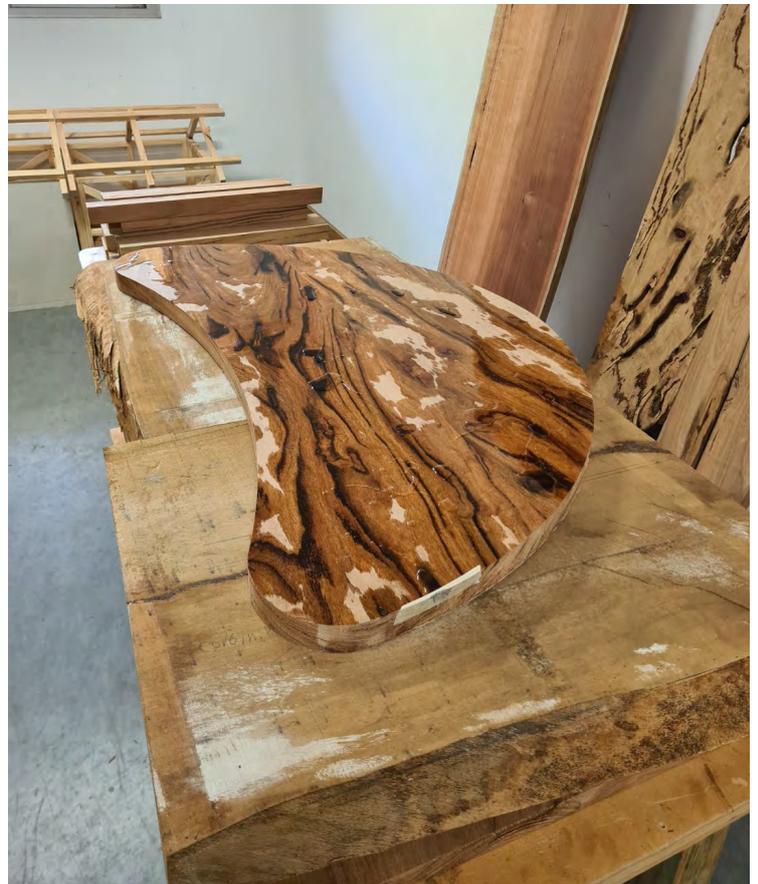
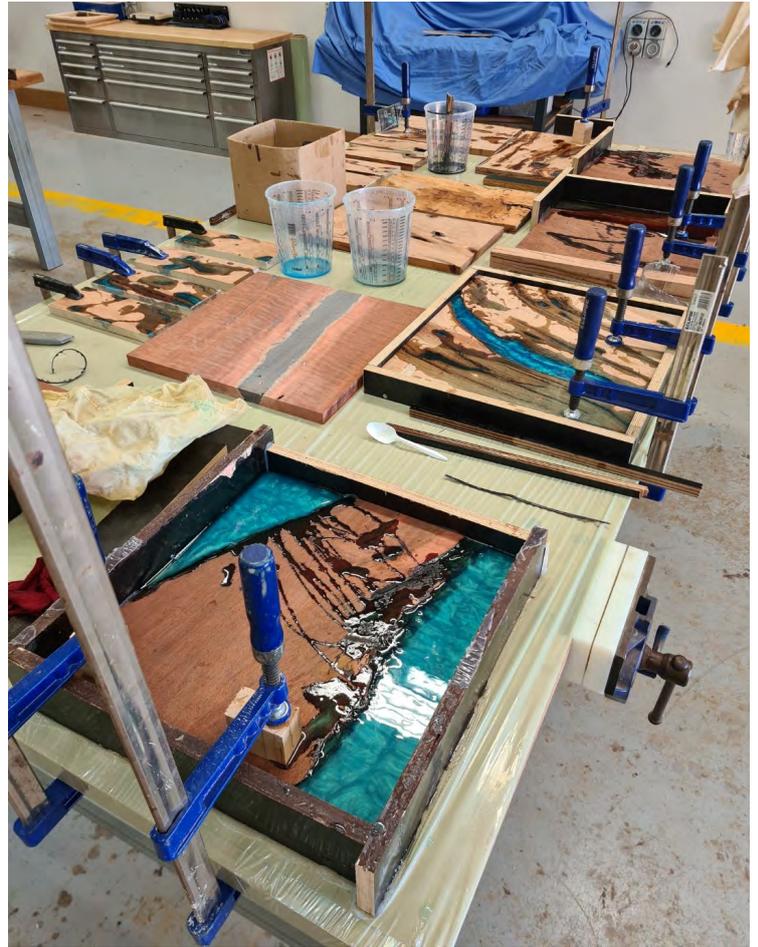


It has been a very productive ten-week term within the Trades section of the College. Students have been exceptionally well behaved and engaged in their course work with one of the smoothest starts to the year we have seen.

The students should be very proud of their achievements to date with various very impressive projects coming out of all Trades areas. Feedback from the Trades staff has been very positive and refreshing. *Keep up the good work!*

Personally, I would like to thank the Trades staff for their efforts this term. Term 1 has flown seamlessly from last year despite the intake of new students and old staff in different positions. We are looking forward to a big Term 2 with many projects on the go, our e-learning system up-and-running and the inclusion of a university practicum student for 8 weeks within our Engineering Materials, Design and Technology sections.

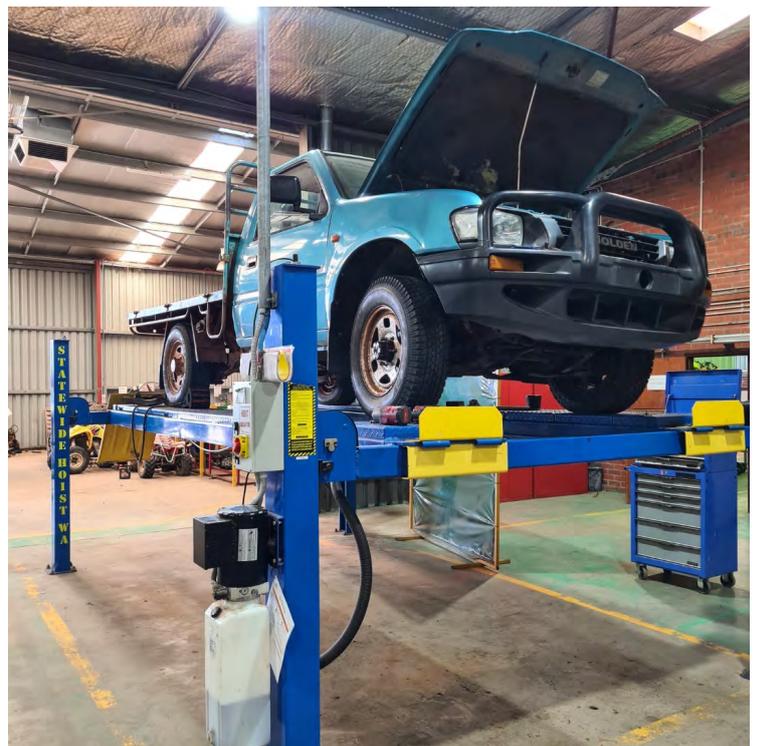
On behalf of the Trades staff, we wish you a relaxing and revitalising break. Stay safe and healthy. We will see you back next term.



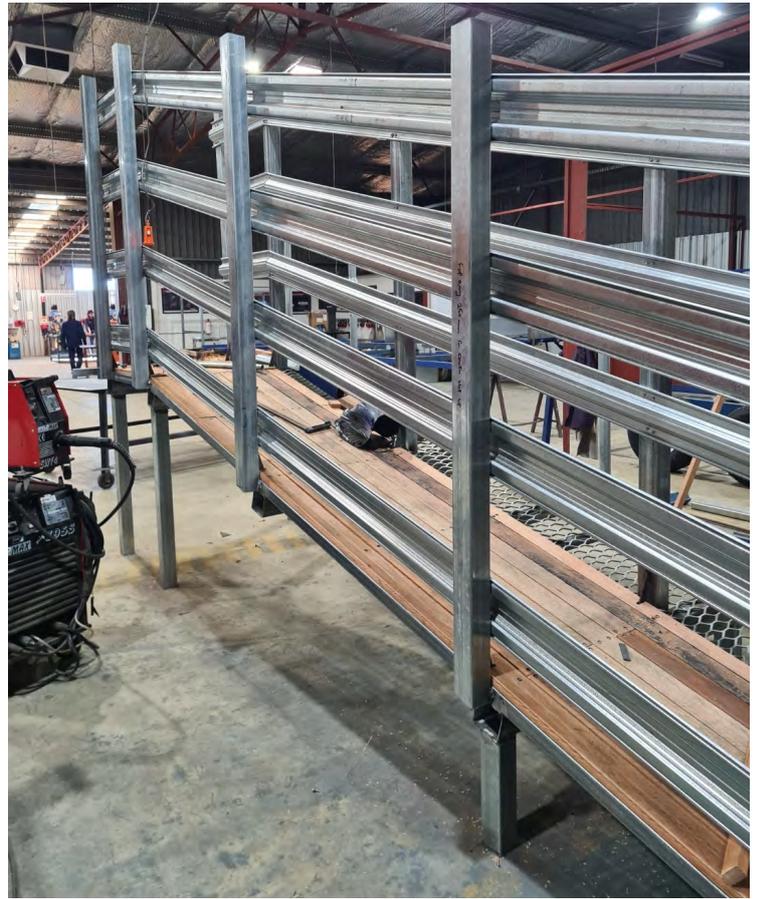
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HEAD OF TEACHING & LEARNING - Leanne Sjollema



This term has been an incredibly busy one for staff and students alike in the class area. I would like to commend our students for their efforts and hard work this term and it is pleasing to see their improvement over the semester. Interim Reports are being finalised and forwarded out to parents and caregivers shortly and are a good opportunity to identify areas of improvement and targets

for next term. Staff are always here to assist students with their learning so please don't hesitate to contact teachers or myself if you would like to discuss strategies that can be used to support your child academically and assist them to set their own educational goals.

With Year 12 students beginning to look at University and other post school options, I encourage you to have a conversation around application processes and deadlines. I have attached the links for direct application to Murdoch, UWA below and TISC applications.

Year 12 General and Foundations students need to be focusing on their Externally Set Tasks (EST) on their return to school next term. These tests run for 50mins each and are worth 15% of a student's overall progress result in each course. These tests will be held during week 2, 3 and 4 with a specific timetable to be

published next term. There will be some possible shuffling of classes to even out numbers, accommodate student movements and so on. If you have any questions about this please contact me.

Please enjoy the break and I look forward to seeing you all back next term, happy and refreshed.

Early Entry Application links:

UWA: <https://www.uwa.edu.au/study/How-to-apply>

Murdoch: <https://www.murdoch.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/year-12-early-offer-program>

TISC information page: <https://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/download.tisc>

<u>Monday Prep</u>	<u>7 - 8pm</u>	<u>Miss Sjollema</u>
<u>Tuesday Tutoring</u>	<u>4 - 5pm</u>	<u>Mr Dougall & Miss McKenzie</u>
<u>Wednesday Tutoring</u>	<u>4 - 5pm</u>	<u>Ms Quinn</u>

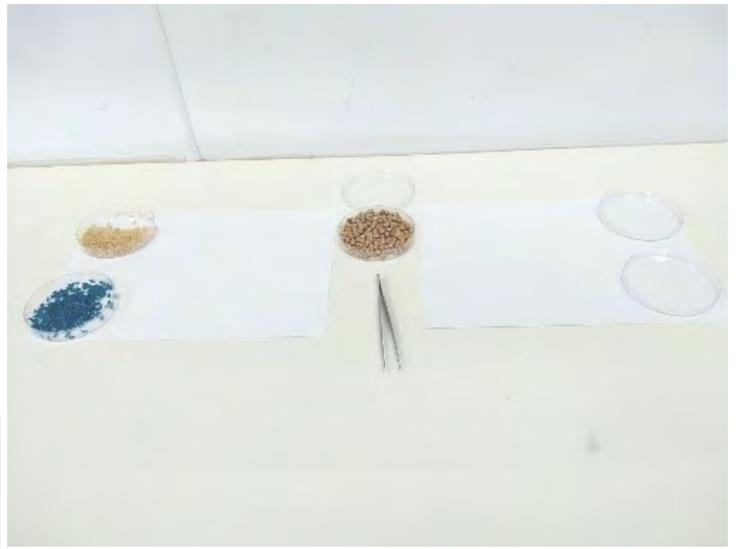
Mrs Vogel is available after school, Monday to Thursday.

TEACHER - Danielle Quinn



The Year 10 Science classes have been learning about natural selection.

They used blue rice as the normal population and rice that had mutated to a brown population to investigate how the population sizes would change over time. They discovered the mutated brown rice became the dominant population as they camouflaged easily within the environment compared to the blue rice which was easily predated upon.



The College says farewell to some of our beloved steeds who were sold this week!

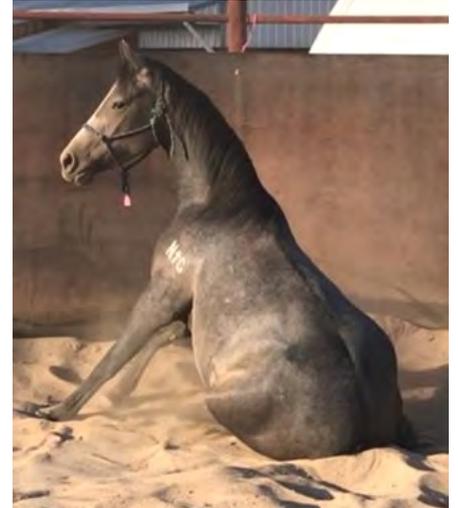
Collegians Duke

SOLD

Duke is a grey Quarter Horse cross rising 3yr old Gelding by Radical Blue Magic. Should mature to approx. 14.3hh.

Duke is a rising 3yr old and the perfect clean slate for anyone wishing to start a horse under saddle. He is super quiet, inquisitive, friendly horse who always trots up to you in the paddock to be caught. He is up-to-date with his worming, vaccination and dentistry. He has been no problem for any of our students to lead around and has been exposed to a range of farm machinery.

Duke has the breeding to be a good for campdrafting and stockwork but with his chilled attitude and size would make a great all-rounder for anyone.



Prisoner of War

SOLD

POW is a 16.3hh Bay Thoroughbred 12yr old Gelding.

POW is a stunning horse with big movement, he is a bold jumper and would make a good eventing prospect. Has been to a few gymkhanas with students over the years he has been with us. He is easy to handle on the ground and is good for the farrier, dentist and to float. However, he is not suitable for beginners as he is too strong out of the arena for them to handle and as we are getting more beginner riders at the college he is reluctantly for sale.



EQUINE (cont'd)

Revy Jay

SOLD

Revy is a brown 18yr old, 16hh Thoroughbred gelding.

Revy is a lovely natured horse quiet with all farm machinery, out and about, other horses etc. He has been a great horse at the College for a number of years.

He is easy to handle, lunge, has been to a number of gymkhanas with our novice riders and helped teach students how to ride track work over the years.

Sold due to need to reduce number of horses.



SCHOOL SYSTEM SUPPORT OFFICER / FINANCE - Jill Norwell



Thankyou to those parents who have returned allowance forms and paid school fees.

Could you please review the **Boarding Away From Home Allowance (BAHA)** forms via the College website and return the form applicable to your situation as soon as possible so allowances can be applied.

For students entitled to Assistance for Isolated Children's Allowance, please provide the Centrelink entitlement statement as soon as possible with the Boarding Away From Home Allowance application form.

Application forms for the **Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS)** (\$235 Education Program Allowance and \$115 Clothing Allowance) and the **Abstudy Supplement Allowance (ASA)** (\$79 Education Program Allowance) for parents/caregivers holding a Centrelink Healthcare, Pensioner Concession or a Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Card are available on the College website.

All of these forms can be found on the College website via the following link: [2022 Student Information - WA College of Agriculture - Narrogin \(narroginag.wa.edu.au\)](https://narroginag.wa.edu.au/2022-Student-Information-WA-College-of-Agriculture-Narrogin)

Could you please review all the forms and ensure we have received all of the ones applicable to your student. Please note, laptops will not be issued without the permission form and payment.

An invoice and statement was posted home this week. **Please always refer to the statement for the closing balance.**

Payments can be made by direct deposit, EFTPOS, cash, cheque or credit card over the phone.

Our banking details are:

Narrogin Agricultural College (CBA Narrogin)

BSB: 066 522

ACC: 00900281

Please state your student name as the reference.

The annual boarding fee of \$8880.00 has been applied to boarding student accounts in full, however boarding fees can be paid in instalments and are due on the following dates:

* 1st Instalment \$2960.00 due now

* 2nd Instalment \$2960.00 due 26 April 2022

* 3rd Instalment \$2960.00 due 18 July 2022 *(Has been split on the account due to the BAHA component. The Boarding Away From Home Allowance of \$1320.00 will be offset against the 3rd Instalment leaving a balance of \$1483.00 to pay.)*

All other charges are due now please.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries jill.norwell@education.wa.edu.au or 9881 9733.

EMPLOYMENT

GENERAL FARM HAND FULL-TIME POSITION KUKERIN WA

We are a mixed crop and sheep farm based in Kukerin WA and we are currently seeking a General Farm Hand to join our small team. This would be suited to a recent graduate who has some hands-on experience (either via working on their family farm or through work placements).

Contact Cheryl Cavanagh
Email to: jakjoyce41@gmail.com

FARM HAND RAVENSWOOD WA

Drivers licence required

We are seeking a junior farmhand worker for a small family-owned beef cattle business situated in Ravenswood.

This position requires you to work directly with our farm manager and owner.

Activities will include:

- Tractor operation (preferred).
- Livestock handling, cattle yard work.
- General farm repairs (welding, fencing, ect) and maintenance of machinery.
- Occasional weekend work.

Please send your CV and cover letter
(with two references)
to: admin@ggcorp.com.au

NARROGIN CARPET COURT Flooring Technology Apprentice (Carpet/Vinyl Layer) Full-time Position

For information, contact Shane Thornton
Email to: narrogincurtains@bigpond.com

MANUAL MACHINIST / LINE BORER APPRENTICESHIP

TECHMECH specializes in on-site machining in the Perth metro area mainly in Kewdale, Welshpool, Forrestfield and Guildford. Line boring in Mining, Oil and gas, Power stations, Civil works and Agriculture.

Contact JAKE BELLI, Director
Mobile: 0428 764 891
Address: PO Box 1118 East Victoria Park, WA, 6101
Email to: jake@techmech.net.au

NARROGIN COUNTRY FRESH MEATS

Seeking an apprentice to join the team.

Contact Geoff & Sue
08 9881 1243
geoffsue96@westnet.com.au

CROPPING AND LIVESTOCK HAND Full-time Position

We run a mixed farm enterprise in Cuballing and looking to recruit a new employee.

Contact Tom Whitwer
Mobile: 0428 884 023

EDWARDS MOTORS NARROGIN Apprentice Automotive Position

Position available for an apprentice automotive mechanic at our Narrogin branch. An interest in electronics is preferred but not essential. All training provided. Immediate start.

Please send applications to Yogi Melvin
Email to: kim.melvin@edwardsmotors.com.au

Jobs are posted on the [College website](#) and can be found by going to the following;

Student Job Opportunities:

On the main menu, click on [Current Students] and then [Student Job Opportunities].

"Every parent should know about this!"



FREE BRAIN-BASED PARENT WEBINAR VIA ZOOM

A BRAIN-BASED HOLISTIC APPROACH TO WELL-BEING & LEARNING STARTS IN THE HOME!

Learn how to help your child realise & reach their incredible true potential – to be happy, healthy, successful and satisfied!

PRESENTED BY:

Tammy-Anne Caldwell BA, Gdip
- Teacher, International Presenter,
Social Emotional Trainer,
Educational Neuroscience Specialist
& 2005 Dux of ASHS.

Todd Budden
- International Presenter,
First Aid Education Officer,
Audio Engineer, Sound & Mindfulness
Specialist.

"Completely brilliant!"

*"Excellent. It opens the mind,
challenges the way you may have
thought about things."*

*"I wish I could put in words how
good Tammy-Anne is!"*

"Ground-breaking and the future!"

"So valuable, relatable, relevant."

"Amazing, really useful, easy

*changes which will have
big effects!"*

PARENT WORKSHOP:

This workshop is perfect for parents of children aged 5 to 18, as well as carers & grandparents.

All based on cutting edge Neuroscience and Psychology, this workshop gives you the practical skills, knowledge & confidence to nurture the well-being & development of your children.

We take a complex topic & make it easy to understand, in an entertaining fashion, with inspiring, memorable true stories.

This highly engaging, practical workshop will be presented via Zoom and parents will be sent a Zoom link so they can log in from home.

IN THIS WORKSHOP, PARENTS WILL LEARN:

- How your child's Mind & Brain works, learns and grows best
- The brain link between Well-Being & Learning
- Practical tools & techniques to boost Well-Being & Learning
- How to help your child Manage Emotions, Anxiety & Stress
- How to boost your child's Good Behaviour
- How to improve your child's Emotional Self-Regulation
- How to improve their Perseverance & Growth Mindset
- Strategies to help your child build Resilience & Confidence
- How to boost your child's Self-Acceptance & Compassion
- Why a Brain-Based Holistic Approach is essential
- How to help your child improve their Focus, Effort, Memory, Attention & Academic Achievements

Limited spaces! 29th April, 3rd May. To secure your spot go to:
www.abovebeyondeducation.com/wheatbeltparents



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Parent Workshops:

Friday, 29th April 9am - 11:45am

Tuesday, 3rd May 5pm - 7:45pm

To register your attendance, go to: <https://abovebeyondeducation.com/wheatbeltparents>

ST GEORGE'S COLLEGE (University of Western Australia)

Apply Now for Early Offers

Applications to St George's College is now open for entry Semester 1 2023.

Offers are made according to the following structure. Apply Now for Early Offers.

Early Offers : Now Open

Main Round : May – August

Final Round : September onwards.

Full details can be found at : <https://stgc.uwa.edu.au/how-to-apply>. It is advisable to apply early as the college was over-subscribed for 2022. It is not necessary to receive a university offer prior to applying.

St George's College's residents are majority UWA students, we do have residents studying at Notre Dame, Murdoch, Curtin & ECU.

Tour Mornings in April School Holidays

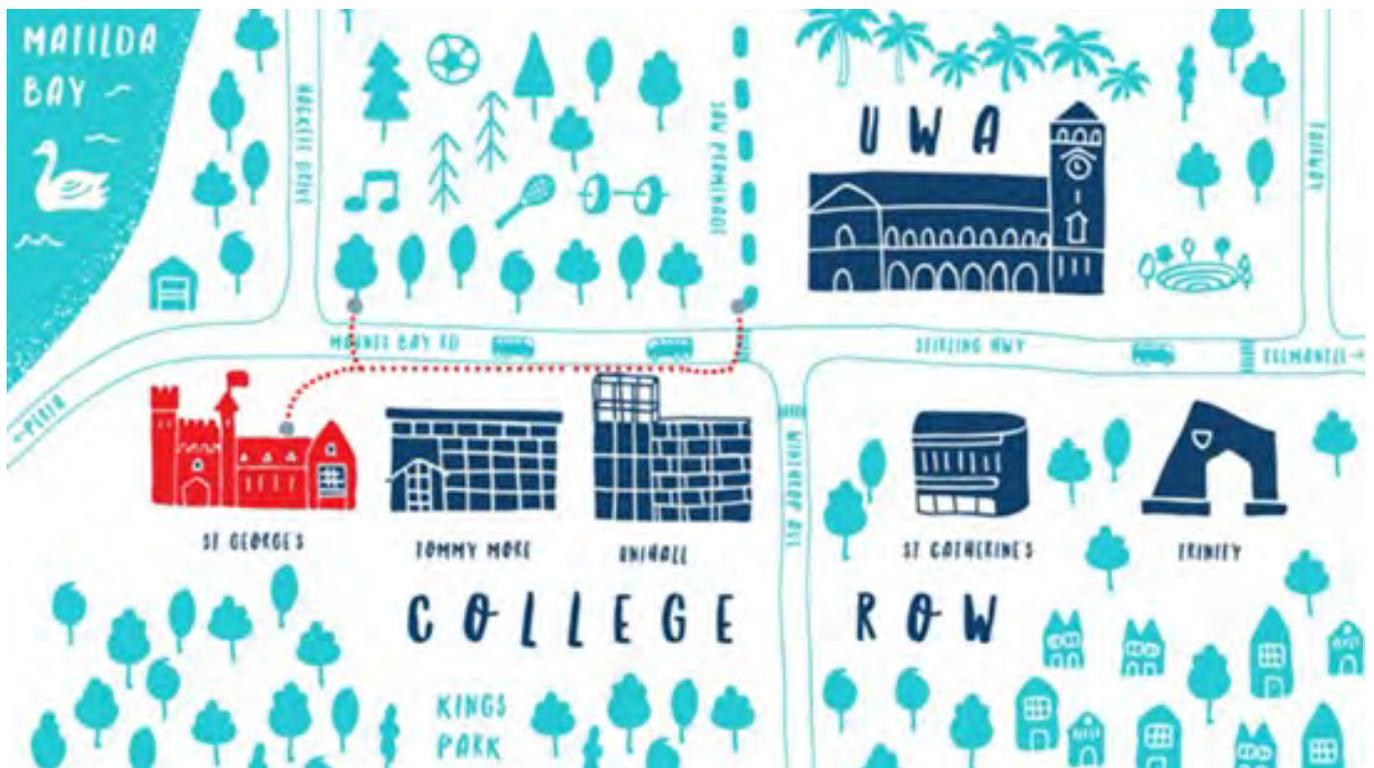
College Tours are available during the April school break for families wishing to visit the college. Bookings can be made :

<https://www.trybooking.com/BYFLJ> Limited numbers available.

Meet our Residents Videos

Hear what our residents say about living at college :

<https://stgc.uwa.edu.au/hear-from-our-residents>



EVENTS



Term 2

Date	Event	Venue
Tue, 26th April 2022	Term 2 Classes Commence	College
Wed, 11th May 2022 at 7:30pm	P&C General Meeting	Online video conference (WebEx)
Wed, 27th April 2022	Monday Timetable	College
Fri, 3rd June 2022	Closed weekend 2:30pm	
Tue, 7th June 2022	Students return after 3pm (Staff School Development Day)	College
Fri, 1st July 2022	End of Term 2	

Events are subject to change due to Covid-19 restrictions.

The whole College term planner is regularly updated and can be found on our website homepage.



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Instagram: [narroginagcollege](https://www.instagram.com/narroginagcollege)

Term 2, 2022

as of 07/04/22

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Wk 1	25 April ANZAC Day Students return after 3pm	26 Term 2 commences	27 Monday Timetable	28	29	30	1 May
Wk 2	2 May Ag Advisory meeting	3	4 Board meeting Webex 6pm	5	6	7	8
		Year 12 EST		Year 12 EST			
		OLNA Numeracy (Round 1)					
Wk 3	9 May	10	11 P & C meeting Webex 7.30pm SEL Coordinator Visit	12	13	14	15
		Year 12 EST					
Wk 4	16 May	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Year 12 EST					
Wk 5	23 May	24	25	26 Healing Day	27 National Reconciliation Week begins	28	29
		Year 12 Exams					
Wk 6	30 May	31	1 June	2	3 students leave 2.30pm	4	5
		Year 11 ATAR Exams					
		Year 12 WPL				CLOSED WEEKEND	
National Reconciliation Week							
Wk 7	6 June WA Day Public holiday	7 School Development Day Students return after 3pm	8 RAC Streetsmart	9 Monday Timetable	10	11	12
Wk 8	13 June Mental Health Talk, afternoon tea	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Wellbeing Days					
Men's Health Week							
Wk 9	20 June	21	22	23	24	25	26
Wk 10	27 June	28	29	30	1 July End of Term 2	2	3
	4 July Term 2 holidays	5	6	7	8	9	10
NAIDOC Week							
	11 July Term 2 holidays	12	13	14	15	16	17