



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN  
COLLEGE of AGRICULTURE  
Narrogin



Images captured from Zaine Cuthbert's (Yr 10) drone video  
of year 10 students learning to operate the  
College's boom spray.

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# COLLEGE CHRONICLE

**MONDAY 1 AUGUST 2022**

**EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN  
AGRICULTURE EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

*An Independent Public School*



Semester One reports were sent home at the end of Term 2. I hope you were able to take the time to discuss your child's progress, give praise where improvements were seen and plan how best to tackle areas of concern. All staff will be available, this term for parent interviews. Please book an appointment with any staff member you wish to speak to.

Term 3 is the business end for most Year 12 students. Many will be finalising their paperwork for Certificate completion or focusing on their preparation for ATAR examinations, in Term 4. With this in mind, regular attendance is vital. We are seeing an increasing number of Year 12 students missing Monday classes or arriving late after weekend leave. I encourage you to make sure your child is present unless unwell, as the added stress of trying to 'catch up' on missed lessons can be detrimental to wellbeing.

The official last date for Year 12 students is **Friday 21 October (Week 2, Term 4)**. However, if a student has completed all their course work and VET qualifications, they are eligible to leave on **Friday 23 September**. Students and parents will receive notification from the school in the second half of this term as to the progress of their child and their eligibility to depart at the end of Term 3.

### **Telstra Tech for STEM Regional Scholarship**

In partnership with the Department of Education, Telstra have offered 200 scholarships in the form of a laptop or Tablet to Year 11 students to further their STEM education. I am pleased to announce, the following students from our College were successful in gaining one of the scholarships for 2022:

Amira Schmid  
Libby Hardingham  
Christina Smith  
Aleeyah Staggard  
Finn Synnot  
Will Humphries  
Meka Epworth  
Lucius Treasure

### **Student Leaders**

I would also like to welcome Meka Epworth and Flynn Roser to their new Student Leader roles for Semester 2. Meka will replace Flynn, as the new Day Dorm Captain (Kedalup Dorm) and Flynn will take on a Year 10 Prefect role.

### **Future Students**

Mr Pascoe and I will be commencing the final round of prospective student interviews this term for a 2023 admission. Round 2 offers were sent out last Friday. At this stage, it looks like all our 2023 cohorts will be full after the final round.

### **Domestic Violence PD**

Staff attended a professional learning workshop at the recent school development day. This will be followed up with student sessions today. Over the next editions of the Chronicle, the Student Services team will be disseminating information to families including facts, help line contact numbers and updates on content being delivered to students.

### **School Photo Day**

A reminder that photos are scheduled for **THIS** Thursday. All students are required to wear their **FORMAL** uniform including black dress shoes or boots. Students were reminded last week and should have returned with all items after weekend leave. We are occasionally able to provide a spare tie or shirt but do not have a supply of pants, jackets, or shoes!

### **Covid Update**

I predict COVID-19 will continue to impact our staffing and student attendance again this term. Masks are strongly encouraged, with many of our staff already opting to wear them throughout this wave and I encourage our students to do so likewise. We are committed to maintaining learning programs to the absolute best of our ability and thank you for your understanding.

## HEAD OF TRADES - Mitchell Wray



A great start to what is shaping up to be a very busy term.

All year groups are back and engaged in their programs. The year 10's have now swapped into their other two trades, giving them a chance to explore their Trades options before choosing their

Trades pathways for the next two years. Year 11's have returned recharged and focused with majority starting personal projects in Engineering and Furniture Making.

The Year 12 cohort are beginning to see the end with only

7 or so weeks left including some lost Trades time due to excursions and extra-curricular activities. We encourage all students to remain focused and complete all theory and practical components of the course to finish on a positive. If students have not completed their course in its entirety, they will not be signed off and will be required to attend for the first few weeks of Term 4.

I would like to also take the opportunity to welcome a new staff member, Mr Peter Erickson. Peter joins us from Narrogin Senior High School, slotting into our Engineering section with Mr John Ryan's retirement.

## HEAD OF TEACHING & LEARNING - Leanne Sjollema



Welcome back to Term 3!

This term is already looking very busy for all staff and students with all the activities, excursions, incursions and academic programs that are scheduled for the next eight weeks. On top of all of this, a number of students will be working with Mrs Vogel to prepare for

round 2 of OLNA which occurs later in the term.

For Year 12 students, the focus will be on completing their coursework to finish their studies and certificates as well as preparing for exams amongst all of their other commitments. To support our year 12 students with their organisation, a term planner of assessment due dates is being put together by staff and will be given to each student.

Year 11 have made some great progress across their classes and are already wrapping up their first topics for semester 2. Hell Island has been a focus for Year 11 General English, and ATAR have been preparing oral presentations about how groups in society have been represented in advertisements over time.

In Plant Production and Animal Production students have been learning how to complete gross margins and utilise other financial tools to make on-farm decisions as well as manage farm sustainability.

In Maths students are building their understanding of

Rates and Ratios, and in Physical Education Studies they are learning about Biomechanics.

Year 10 are learning about Civics and Citizenship in HASS, which is always an interesting and informative topic for students and compliments their learning in English where they are focusing on the representations of Australian people, places and cultures in film.

In Science they have been having some fun with Newton's Laws of Motion and learning about the effect of forces which requires all of the Maths skills they are learning with Mr Cowcher. This term in Health, students will be supported in their learning around Respectful Relationships and Physical Education is focusing on Netball for team skills.

Students and parents are encouraged to reach out and talk to their class teachers or myself if they have concerns or are struggling with their classwork.

Finally, I wish to congratulate all of the students who completed the Programme for International Student Assessment this week. I was very impressed with the attitude and effort displayed by these students, who answered the questions to the best of their ability. It was an intense day for the students who completed multiple online assessments to determine the reading, Maths and Science literacy for students in Australian schools. While the data does not come back to the College, it will be used to determine potential areas of strength and weakness in the Australian Education system.

## HEAD OF TEACHING & LEARNING - Leanne Sjollema (Cont'd)



In class this week, Year 11 ATAR had the opportunity to explore livestock reproduction through the dissection of reproductive tracts from College ewes. These practical experiences enable the students to learn about the structure of the reproductive system, how this can impact the success of natural breeding and artificial insemination programs, and the implications that this has for enterprise management.



Finn Synnot, Christina Smith, Bryce English and Libby Hardingham

**Monday**      **Prep 7 - 8 pm Miss Sjollema.**

**Tutoring 5 - 5:30pm Ms Jaskiewicz**

**Tuesday**      **Tutoring 4 - 5pm Mr Dougall & Miss McKenzie**

**Wednesday**      **Tutoring 4 - 5pm Ms Quinn**

**Mrs Vogel available after school, Monday to Thursday**



**Year 10 Science: Physics**

This term, we are studying energy and motion. On Friday Week 1, students used radio-controlled cars to realise that there are many sources of energy and that they could calculate the speed of a car if they knew how far it travelled in a given time.

The fastest 20.69m lap took 11.4 seconds.

$$\text{speed} = \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}}$$



## 2022 COUNTRY WEEK

Taking place in Week 7 of Term 3 from Sunday 28 August to Friday 3 September 2022.

We need to commence planning teams, booking accommodation, ordering uniforms and a myriad of other tasks. To proceed with the planning and organisation, we need commitment from parents that they support their child being involved through the form of a deposit.

For those who have received an expression of interest for attending Country Week, your completed form with

your deposit was due by Friday, 22 July 2022.

The remainder of the charge will be due by Friday, 19 August 2022.

Students not attending Country Week will be involved in a modified program at the College.

## Graduation & Year Book 2022 - Baby and Year 1 Photos

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

1. Baby photo.
2. First day at school photo or a photo taken around their first year at school.

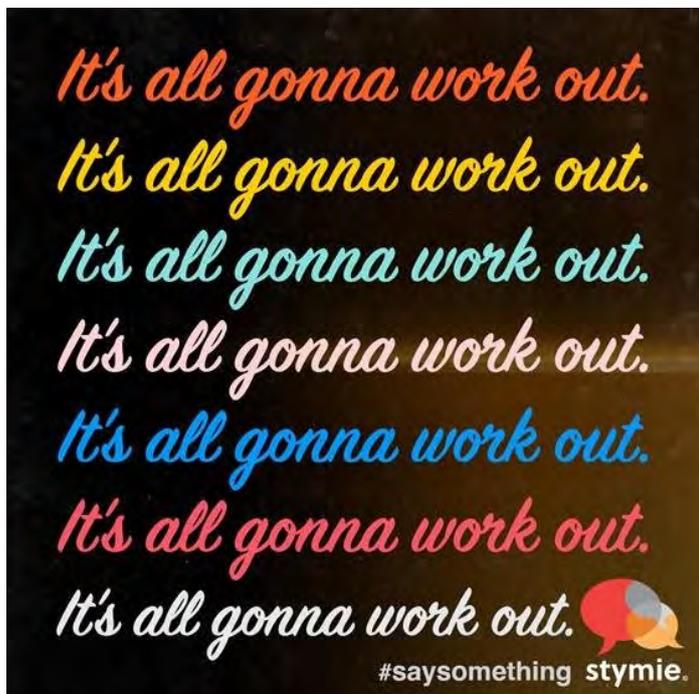
You can post them to us or drop them off at the Main Office. Alternatively, you can scan and email the photos to [christopher.zielke@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:christopher.zielke@education.wa.edu.au)

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

The earlier we get the photos the earlier we can get ready for Graduation.

**We would like the photos by 13<sup>th</sup> September.**

*Thank you*



## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - Thursday 4 August 2022

**Students are to be neat and tidy and dressed in their College formal uniform:  
Grey shirt, maroon tie, black pants and black polished shoes/boots.**

School Photos will be taken on: **Thursday 4 August 2022**

### Class Photos/Portraits:

Every Student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not.

- The College has chosen to use the [Compass Portal](#) for online orders. Your child will be given an ordering instruction slip with their unique student shootkey on it. If you misplace your shootkey, the College administration has a copy to quote back to you.
- Online orders for individual and group photos can only be placed via the Compass Portal.
- **The expiry date for online ordering is Wednesday 10 August 2022.** Any orders received after this date will incur a \$30.00 archive fee.
- Spare ordering forms/envelopes (green) are available at the College reception should you wish to pay via cash, and please ensure this is handed to the photographers.

### Family Photos:

- Family photos will be taken in the morning before school. Please be at the Student Services lobby (Duty Room) by 8:30am as this is when photographers will be ready to start taking photos.
- Family photos can be placed online via the [Compass Portal](#) or by collecting a Family (orange) envelope at the College reception.
- Family photos cannot be ordered online after the cut-off time, midday Wednesday 3 August 2022 (the day before Photo Day).
- If you are using a Family envelope with payment enclosed, please ensure this is handed to the photographers at the time of the photo.  
Please note: Photographers are not able to supply you with change on the day.
- Once the photos are delivered, Family photos can be collected by parents at the College reception or carefully sent home with your child.

### Please note:

- Individuals and Family Images are not available to view online for Student's Security.
- If for any reason you need to contact MSP regarding your child's photos, you will be asked to provide your child's shootkey.

### How to Place your order:

#### Ordering through the Compass Portal:

1. Click on the Community Tab.
2. Select 'Photos'.
3. Place your order.

#### Ordering with Cash payment:

1. Obtain envelope from the College reception.
2. Fill in the front of the envelope with your child's details and shootkey.
3. Place correct cash amount in the envelope and seal.
4. Hand envelope with enclosed payment to the Photographer on photo day.

**Please note:** Photographers are not able to supply you with change on the day.

## EMPLOYMENT - Student Job Opportunities

### CHASER BIN DRIVER / FARM HAND WAGIN WA

SW & JK Robinson are seeking a chaser bin driver for this coming harvest. We are a family-owned mixed cropping and sheep enterprise located 15km west of Wagin.

- Start late October/Early November
- Modern John Deere equipment

This position for the right applicant could turn into a permanent role.

Accommodation Available

For further information please contact

**Shaun Robinson: 0438 626 034**

or email resume to [kuranda401@bigpond.com](mailto:kuranda401@bigpond.com)

### HEAVY DIESEL APPRENTICE or TRADE ASSISTANT FARMERS CENTRE | NARROGIN, WA

Farmers Centre Narrogin currently has a position available for a Heavy Diesel Apprentice or Trade Assistant.

A successful applicant will be motivated and determined to work well in the workshop.

This is an opportunity to start a career as a Heavy Diesel Mechanic, working hands-on with our highly educated and experienced team. This position will expand your knowledge and skills.

Email resume to: [Marcus@farmerscentrenn.com.au](mailto:Marcus@farmerscentrenn.com.au)

### HARVEST CHASER BIN/HEADER DRIVER KOLINDALE STUD | KULIN WA

The Ledwith family, 30kms south of Kulin, is seeking an enthusiastic person(s) to join their team for the 2022 harvest.

- GOOD WORK ETHIC
- POSITIVE ATTITUDE
- FIT & HEALTHY
- CAR LICENCE REQUIRED

For further information, please contact

**LUKE LEDWITH: 0427 890 046**

or email resume to [lukeledwith@bigpond.com](mailto:lukeledwith@bigpond.com)

### 2023 FARM HAND KOLINDALE STUD | KULIN WA

The Ledwith family, 30kms south of Kulin, is seeking a full-time farm hand to join their team in 2023, leading on from harvest.

- 60% CROPPING
- 40% SHEEP
- MERINO, POLL MERINO & WHITE SUFFOLK STUDS
- CAR LICENCE REQUIRED

For further information, please contact

**LUKE LEDWITH**

**0427 890 046**

or email resume to [lukeledwith@bigpond.com](mailto:lukeledwith@bigpond.com)

### FARM HAND QUAIRADING WA

EW RICHARDS & Sons are offering a full time permanent Farm Hand role for the right applicant. We are a family owned mixed cropping and sheep enterprise, located 15km south west of Quairading WA.

Main duties will include: Seeding, Harvest, Spraying, Spreading, Excavator work, Sheep work and General farm duties.

Contact:

**Jack Richards**

**0429 466 208**

For more information, email your resume to;

[jack-richards@live.com.au](mailto:jack-richards@live.com.au)

### FULL TIME FARM HAND

Durant Farming is a family run enterprise looking for a full-time farm hand to join us in late 2022 or early 2023. Our farm is in Gnowellen (1 hour East of Albany).

Durant Farming operates a cropping enterprise in addition to a spray contracting business. We provide a supportive work environment with plenty of opportunities for learning.

#### Tasks will include:

Assistance with broadacre spray contracting business  
Machinery operation associated with cropping enterprise  
Maintenance/General Farmhand Duties

Machinery experience desirable but on the job training can be provided for someone with a desire to learn.

A competitive pay rate and work vehicle will be provided. The applicant can be based in Albany although temporary accommodation is available on farm.

Interested applicants please send an email with your experience and details to [emnmick@bigpond.com](mailto:emnmick@bigpond.com)

Please visit the College website for full details for the jobs listed above.

Job are posted on the College website and can be found [here](#);

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

## Leach Farms Corrigin



### Harvest Worker Required

**\*\*Possibility of full-time training and employment \*\***

### **Chaser Bin Driver**

Based in Corrigin, farming 5000ha of wheat, barley and canola. New/modern machinery.

Our farms are located in South Corrigin, Quairading and Kondinin. Based 10km south of Corrigin.

We are looking for a motivated individual to join our team for harvest. Starting late October through to late December 2022. There will also be the opportunity of a full-time position for someone passionate about broad acre cropping. You will be encouraged to increase your knowledge and upskill.

- Lunch and dinner provided (if desired)
- Free board/accommodation
- \$25 per hour
- Days and daily hours vary each day (dependant on harvesting conditions, breakdowns etc)

In order to apply you must have:

- Manual Driver's License
- First Aid certificate
- Experience driving heavy machinery (tractors)

What you will be expected to do:

- Work independently and part of a team
- Clean, maintain and refill farm machinery and vehicles
- Daily maintenance/ safety checks
- Safely operate a New Holland T8435 FWA with a 30t chaser bin.
- Manage time effectively ensuring Header and truck loaded/unloaded and kept moving at all times.

Please send us an email/ resume telling us about yourself to [leachfarms@outlook.com.au](mailto:leachfarms@outlook.com.au)

We will contact you to arrange an interview.

The successful applicant will be expected to attend a 2-day orientation on farm before the start of harvest. This will not be paid as it will be a trial period.

Looking forward to hearing from you - *Leach family!*

*Peter and Megan Leach*

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## PERMANENT FARMHAND

### Key skills:

- ability to work unsupervised
- attention to detail  
maintain a tidy work place
- must have a high standard of work
- current drivers' licence
- motivated, physically fit and a positive attitude

### Duties:

This position involves all aspects of broadacre cropping and sheep, including

- operating machinery
- cleaning, servicing and repairing machinery
- infrastructure maintenance
- stock work



### About you:

- keen interest in farming
- previous employment references
- police clearance
- non-smokers preferred
- junior applicants encouraged to apply

### About us:

- family owned and operated
- located in Ongerup, WA
- 5500 ha crop
- 2500 sheep

### Commencement date:

- by negotiation

### How to apply:

Please send your resume with two references and a recent photo to

[highlandsfarming@outlook.com](mailto:highlandsfarming@outlook.com)

### Contact:

Andrew: 0427 282 055

### We offer:

- excellent workshop and staff facilities
- training in all aspects of farming
- modern farm machinery
- 3-bedroom on-farm house 6 km from town
- work ute
- 45-hour weeks, 12+ hour days during seeding and harvest
- \$30 - \$40 per hour depending on experience plus 10.5% super





## TRAINEE – FINANCE OFFICER

The Shire of Narrogin has an excellent opportunity for a young (aged between 17-24) and enthusiastic, self-motivated, team-oriented individual to fill the role of Trainee - Finance Officer in the Corporate and Community Services Department.

The successful applicant will be highly motivated and willing to learn new skills. You will receive on the job training and be required to attend studies off site, so you must have access to transport to attend the required training (in Perth).

Training will occur in the following areas; Collecting and distributing incoming/outgoing mail, providing support to customer service/administration officers, providing secretarial services to senior staff, facility bookings, daily cash handling/banking, directing phone calls, assistance with basic creditor and debtor duties.

The traineeship is offered as a 12 month contract and conditions and rate of pay will be in accordance with the Local Government Industry Award 2020.

The filling of this position is intended to constitute a special/equal opportunity measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth), and s51 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984 (WA).

Applications are therefore encouraged from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander backgrounds.

To be considered for this role you must submit a written application addressing the selection criteria listed in the position description and provide a copy of your current resume.

An application package is available on the Shire's [website](#) or by contacting Alexander Mulenga on 9890 0900.

Applications should be marked 'Private & Confidential' and entitled 'Trainee - Finance Officer', addressed to the undersigned.

Applications close 18 August 2022. The Shire of Narrogin is an equal opportunity employer.

Dale Stewart  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
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## EVENTS



### Term 3

Date	Event	Venue
Thursday, 4 August	MSP Photography	WACoA Narrogin Amphitheatre and Duty Room Lobby
Wednesday, 24 August	Dowerin Field Days	Memorial Ave, Dowerin
Friday, 26 August	Wear It Purple	
Friday, September 9	Open Day	
Friday, 23 September	End of Term 3	

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

#### EGGS FOR SALE

\$4 per dozen at the main office.  
For large orders please contact the farm office  
08 9881 9726



Due to eggs shortages, please call the main office in advance to check  
if any are available for purchase on 08 9881 9700

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