



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
COLLEGE of AGRICULTURE
Narrogin



School Photo Day 22nd Feb: Students at the amphitheatre getting ready to have their group photo taken by MSP Photography.
Photo by: Mrs Quartermaine

COLLEGE CHRONICLE

FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2023

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

An Independent Public School



Quality Teaching Strategy

The Quality Teaching Strategy (QTS) focuses on effective teaching and the aspects of school culture which support improved teaching practices. **Teaching for Impact** is a key component of this strategy and will be adopted by all WA schools in 2023. Teaching for Impact will

guide us to focus on the elements that have the biggest impact on student wellbeing and achievement.

Schools were invited to nominate for a position in a professional learning program designed to support the implementation of this strategy. 200 schools from across the state were nominated for the first round, and of those, 20 schools were offered a place. I am pleased to say that WA College of Agriculture Narrogin was one of those 20, invited to be part of this first cohort. Over the next 3 years, we will address:

- the critical elements of a high performance and development culture,
- how to design and lead a culture of teaching excellence in their school,
- how to measure their school's culture,
- how to plan to improve and enhance their culture, and
- how to lead school improvements to maximise the impact of quality teaching on student achievement and progress.

Our instructional staff are currently attending Teach Well workshops, to strengthen their capability to deliver high impact teaching strategies in the classroom.

College Board Nominations

Nominations close on Monday 27th of February. A copy of the nomination form is attached. Please remember to circle which group you are nominating for. If there are more nominations than positions, we will run an election process.

Uniforms

It was so nice to see all students in their formal uniforms for school photos. Wagin Woolorama (March 10th) is our next formal event where students will also need to be in full dress uniform. Please remember, students are to wear black polishable shoes or boots (not sport shoes) and are not to wear black jeans.

Relief/Casual Staff

The college is seeking to build a list of casual and relief staff for teaching, residential and domestic backfill. There is no application process for this but you will need to apply for a Department of Education screening clearance and Working with Children Card before we are able to employ you.

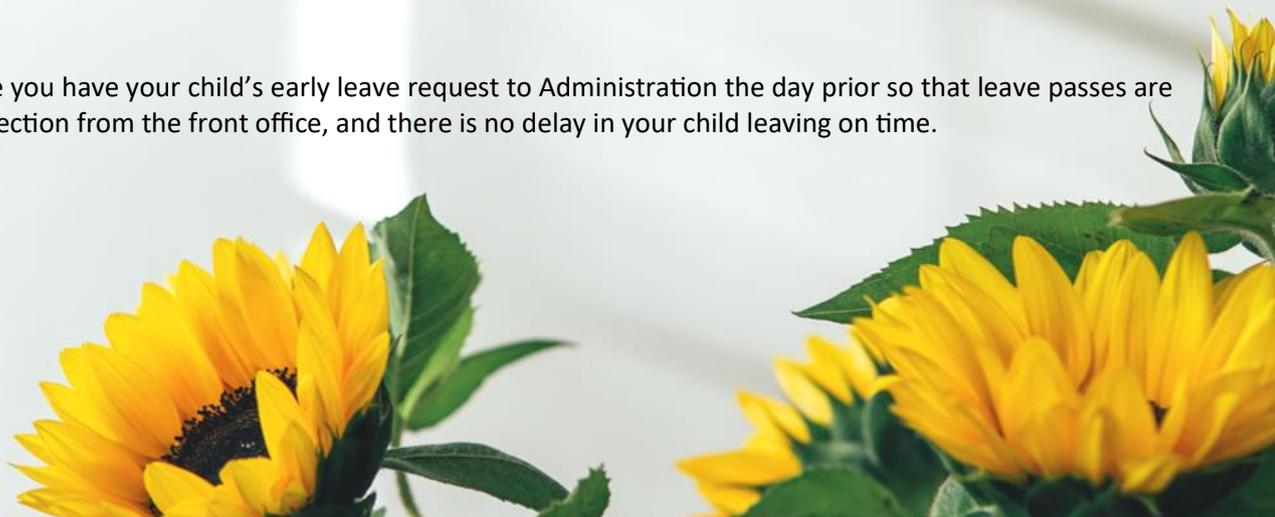
If this is something you are interested in, please drop your details in at the front office or email to; narrogin.wacoa@education.wa.edu.au

NOTICE FROM ADMIN REGARDING EARLY LEAVE

Just a friendly reminder that students should not be leaving the College grounds early unless they have been issued a leave pass from Administration, in particular those students who are self-driving or travelling unaccompanied.

A leave pass will only be issued when written confirmation is provided by a parent/caregiver in writing to narrogin.wacoa.admin@education.wa.edu.au. Students cannot leave their section unless they have the leave pass.

Please ensure you have your child's early leave request to Administration the day prior so that leave passes are ready for collection from the front office, and there is no delay in your child leaving on time.





Sports Captains

Last week, I met with our 3 sports captains for 2023. In the meeting, we discussed all of the College's current and upcoming sporting events, including Country Week organisation, NSHS VS Ag Sports Carnival, Harvey Ag Carnival (unfortunately now cancelled) and came up with a few new ideas including an Intra House Competition, afterschool sporting competitions and some lunchtime activities. One suggestion, that has seemed very popular, is the introduction of the Gymnasium being open at lunchtimes, including some competitive dodgeball competitions over the past few weeks.

It is great to see the Sports Captains displaying their initiative and following through with their ideas, and the student body getting on board.

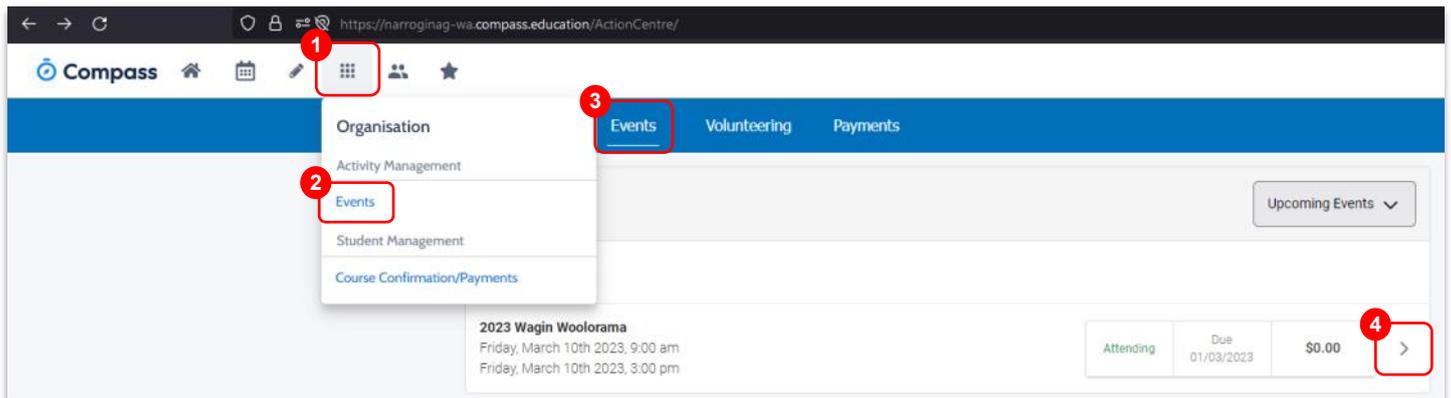
Autumn Carnival (WACOA AG Wing Carnival)

The Autumn Carnival scheduled to be held at Harvey Ag College later in the term has had to be cancelled. Unfortunately, there were major issues with the availability and the booking of accommodation for most of the Ag Colleges. All Ag Colleges plan to get in early and book ready for 2024.

Wagin Woolorama

All students at the College will be attending the Wagin Woolorama on the 10th of March as spectators, with some students again involved in competitions through the day. An Event has been created on [Compass](#) this week outlining the school excursion, so please endeavour to answer the event questions as soon as possible. Also indicate whether your child requires lunch from the College on the day.

A reminder to all students and parents that the College's formal uniform will be worn on the day.



Closed Weekend Reminder

A reminder that there is a Closed Weekend on the 4th – 6th March 2023 with a Labour Day holiday on the Monday. Can Residential parents and students please ensure you enter your leave on the College's [REACH platform](#).

PARENTS & COMMITTEE (P&C)

The next P&C Meeting will be held on
Friday, 3rd of March at 2pm.

All parents are welcome to attend and
offer your support.



HEAD OF RESIDENCE - Heather Rae



Hi Everyone.

Well, we are at the end of Week 4 of Term 1 and the term is going by very quickly, with so much more to fit in. Students are settling into residential life and seem to be enjoying their time at the College.

Over the past few weekends, students have enjoyed trips to Kulin Waterslide, Mandurah shopping centre and trips into Narrogin. Staff have entertained with Bingo, Dodgeball and Crafts.

This weekend students will be heading up to Adventure World. It is good to see our weekend excursion being so well supported.

Next weekend is our closed weekend, and all students will need to be collected on Friday, 3rd of March, before 6pm and return to the College not earlier than 3pm on Monday, 6th of March. If you could please get leave in ASAP, I understand all students do need to go home but I do still require leave for them.

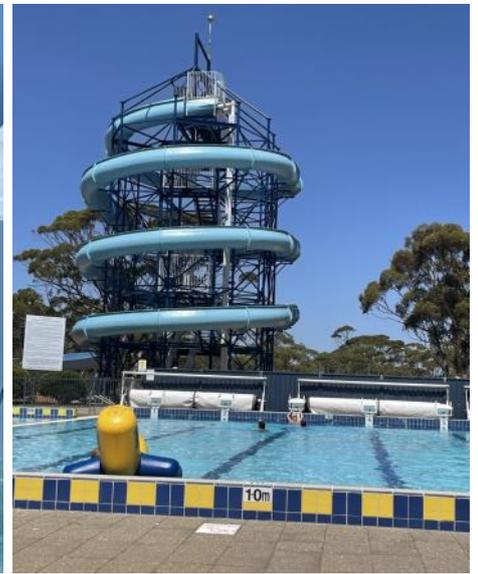
In the coming weekends we have Wagin Woolorama which all students will attend on the Friday and will be required to wear their formal uniform. We will offer a weekend excursion on the Saturday for students on-site that would like to go. Unfortunately, a decision has been made to cancel the Harvey WACoA Carnival this year, organisation is underway for it to go ahead next year.

Organisation for the College Ball is under way for the 6th of April, and I would like to take the chance to thank our Admin ladies for all the time and effort they put into our annual Ball.

I believe Reach is being a little difficult for some, so if you are having any issues, please contact me and I will endeavour to assist you, reach is our preferred method of entering leave.

I hope you have all had a great start to 2023 and look forward to getting to know all our new families over the coming year and catching up with our current families.

Thank You



RESIDENTIAL - DODGEBALL



PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR LEADERSHIP, INNOVATION & INDUSTRY - Mrs Gayelle Quartermaine



A quick introduction of myself. I started as an English teacher at the College in 2005 and have been back and forth to the school for the past few years in between having four beautiful kids.

This year, I have returned on Mondays and Wednesdays as Program Co-ordinator for Leadership, Innovation and Industry. For your children, this means that I am the person organising the prefects and assisting with lots of school events, the person to see for advice about careers and the person who will annoyingly take their photos for social media and local media articles!

This week, I had the pleasure of interviewing the Year 10 students about their future career pathways. It was a really interesting insight into how the students see their future, their goals and their expectations of the College to help them succeed.

The Year 10 and 11 Prefect and School Captain nominations are now available from Administration. The process at the College for student leadership roles is in two steps. Firstly, students self-nominate with an application that is supported by a peer and a staff member. Suitable applicants will then be interviewed by the Principal, myself and two current prefects. The successful leaders will be announced in Week 6.



Well, the students are into work across all of the Trades areas and year groups. This edition of the Chronicle has a focus on what the Automotive and Furniture Making students have been doing.

Automotive – Mr Dewing

All year groups are starting to get underway with mechanical tasks after a few weeks of inductions and machine competency training/evaluation.

Year 10 students will alternate and complete the tasks of disassembling a vehicle and disassembling/rebuilding a small engine in pairs, hopefully back to a running state! These tasks enable the students to learn a range of mechanical skills and knowledge, communication skills, and introduces them to the practical aspect of safe working practices. They will be working towards the successful completion of the unit of competency, 'AURASA102 Follow safe working practices in an automotive workplace'. Pictured are the year 10C group, with the vehicle about to be disassembled. Many of the vehicles including this one, are supplied by Narrogin Speedway members and will be used for this purpose afterwards.

Year 11 students have begun disassembling engines and transmissions from last year's Year 10 project cars. This task is designed to give students who have chosen the Automotive course a deeper understanding of engine and gearbox components and how they work, as well as the skills mentioned above. Their first unit of competency to complete will be 'AURAF104 Resolve routine problems in an automotive workshop', which also has some practical application to this task.

Year 12 students are completing the unit of competency 'AURAEA002 Follow environmental and sustainability best practice in an automotive workshop'. In the workshop they are applying this knowledge while completing mechanical repairs to various College farm and personal vehicles.

Furniture Making - Mr Pfitzner (myself)

All students have completed their Safety Induction and have been working through the required Safe Work Procedures (SWPs) relevant to their program of work at this point in time.

Year 10 Students – have commenced the making of their Picture Frame. Students have been developing their skills in timber selection, marking out and surface preparation, whilst using a variety of machines including the Table Router and the Thicknesser.

Year 11 Students – Using the skills they developed in year 10, students have been using the Drop Saw, Table Routers and Random Orbital Sanders and are all well underway with the construction of their Personal Box. Most students are at the stage of using the CNC Laser Cutter to add a name or image to the front of the box prior to gluing it together.

Year 12 Students – students have been continuing with the personal projects they started at the end of Year 11. There are a variety of King Size Beds, Dining Tables, Occasional Tables, Dressing Tables, Desks and Cupboards being produced. These will no doubt be on display at the Annual Open Day later in the year.

Personal Projects

The following is a reminder from the previous issue of the Chronicle in relation to students' personal projects at the College.

As part of the Engineering & Furniture Making Courses and After School Trades offerings, students will be involved in making personal projects. Parents/Guardians and students need to be aware of the following College policy and procedure in relation to personal projects being undertaken:

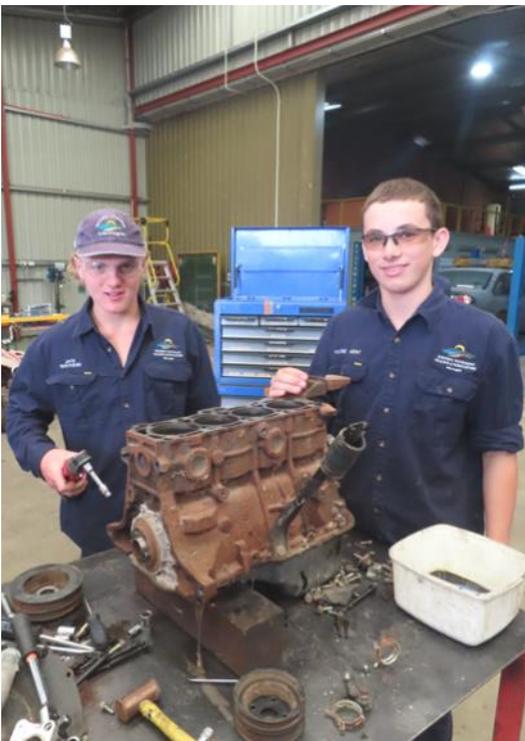
- Students and parents/guardians negotiate with the respective instructor as to the type, style and complexity of the project to be undertaken.
- Signed parent/guardian permission received.
- 50% deposit paid before the commencement of the project.
- Once the project is complete a final account will be raised and needs to be paid in full prior to the personal project is taken from the site.

Note students are able to supply their own materials, with an account only being raised for incidentals and consumables.

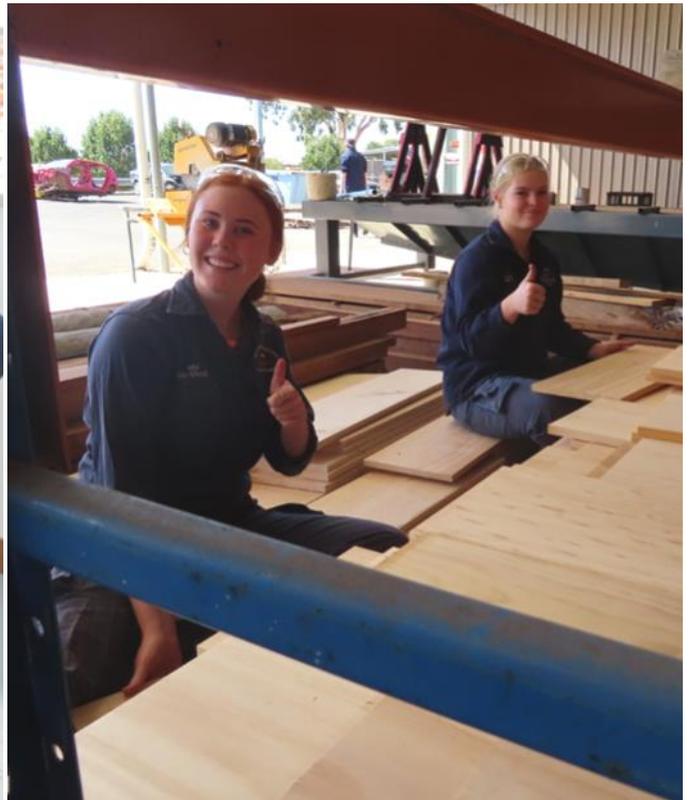
Thank you in advance for your support of this process.

Take care, stay safe and have a great weekend!

TRADES TRAINING CENTRE



TRADES TRAINING CENTRE (Cont'd)



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MEET THE FARM TEAM



Mr Stephen Madson
Farm Manager

Have a background in shearing and wool classing. Have a long history in training and assessment. Worked at Narrogin TAFE as a Training Director. Was a student at Narrogin Ag, have been a sheep T.O. and back as Farm Manager. I follow AFL (West Coast Eagles) and enjoy listening to music.



Mr Colin Batt
Farm Technical Officer

Worked on the Jenberwarra Poll Hereford Stud for 20 years after leaving school. Trained trotters for 25 years, and trained greyhounds for 18 months. Have been at the College for over 13 years, with 13 years of showing sheep. Have a farm in Wagin.



Mr "Tony" Ward
Assistant Farm Manager

Farming background primarily in cattle, and a farm in Porongurup near Albany. Ran and operated a dairy and a cheesery, with milk produced from Jersey cattle. Love fishing. Studying to be a lawyer.

Hope to see (will see!) Carlton win another premiership.



Mr Matthew Hough
Farm Technical Officer

I am one of the Cropping TOs on Farm. Heavily involved in the spraying program.

Big interests in sport and music in the local community which transports into the College environment.



Miss Renae Tucci
Farm Vocational Trainer

I'm from a small hobby farm in the Perth Hills. Had a lot to do with horses and some experience in most other fields that we run at Narrogin.



Mr Ryan Hough
Farm Technical Officer

Role at the College involves: butcher, cattle and feedlot.

Grew up in the wheatbelt, did my butcher apprenticeship in the Wagin butcher shop, working for my Dad. Involved in local sport.



Mr Russell Gooley
Farm Technical Officer

This term I'm classing the wool for the shearing. I'm a general T.O. on Farm.



Mr "Bill" Wiese
Farm Technical Officer

My role at the College is Cropping TO.

My family have a farm in Highbury. Enjoy horse riding, and I play hockey and tennis.



Mr Ken Hart
Farm Technical Officer

Was a Research Officer in the Dept of Ag for 12 years. Spent the last 8 years as a Sight Scientist at the Katanning Research Station. Worked for 6 years training farmers in sheep production.

Role at College: sheep.



Mrs Amanda Watts
Farm Technical Officer

A general T.O. and enjoying working with the students on Farm.

Have sheep, cows and horses on our farm at Pumphrey's Bridge.



Mr Leon Bertuola
Farm Technical Officer

Originally grew up in the wheatbelt town of Kellerberrin and been residing in Williams/Narrogin for the past 20 years.

My main role on Farm is the Poultry section which currently consists of 500 laying hens and beginning a breeding program for replacement hens. Come from a horticultural background and passing on that experience to teach vegetable and fruit growing to students. Strong passion in all aspects of agriculture.



Mr Peter Zielke
Farm Technical Officer

Born, raised and schooled in Narrogin. Have worked in the meat industry for most of my working career, red meat (36 years) and chickens (4 years), for domestic and export markets. Qualified in slaughtering, Quality Assurance and Health & Safety.

Hobbies include woodworking and leather work, archery, and heirloom fruit and vegetable gardening.

Hoping to pass on some practical knowledge and skills to students.

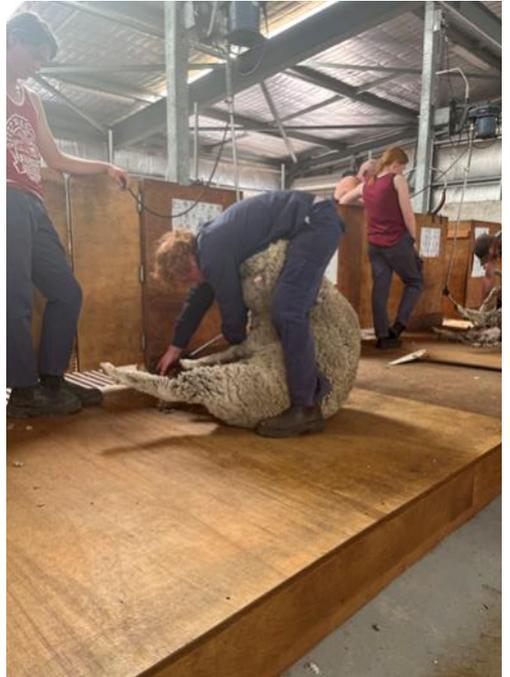
SHEARING SHED



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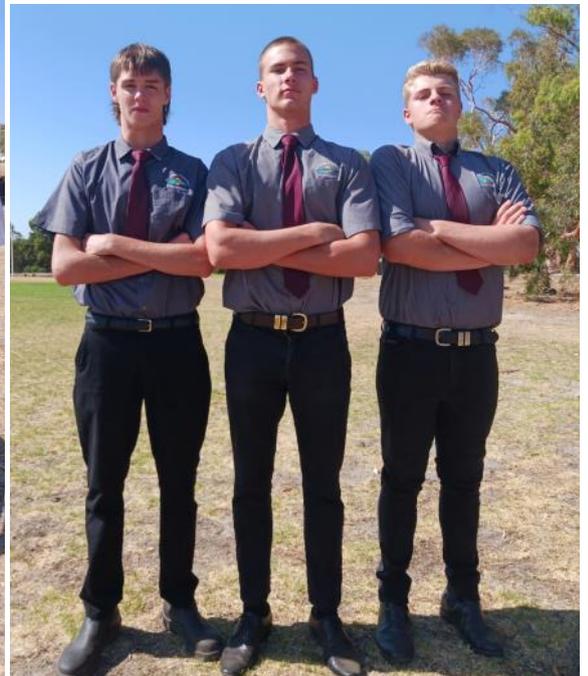
OUT & ABOUT - DODGEBALL IN THE GYMNASIUM



OUT & ABOUT - SCHOOL PHOTO DAY



OUT & ABOUT - SCHOOL PHOTO DAY (Cont'd)



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Thank you to all staff and students for putting up with the uncomfortably hot sunny morning to get your photos taken.

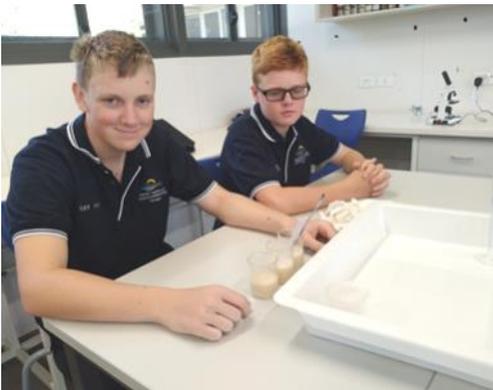
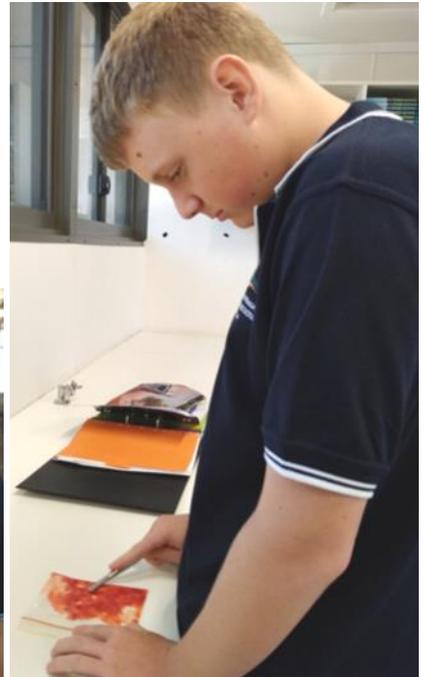


Year 10 — Science

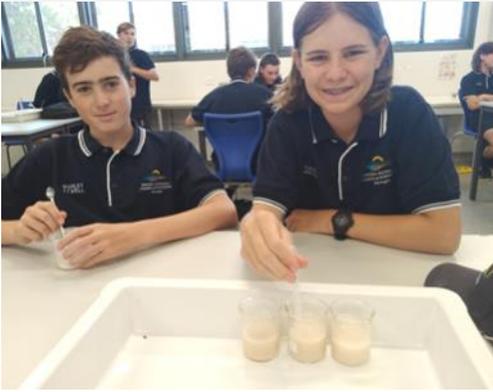
Students are learning about cells, DNA, cell division and chromosomes in Biology this term.

They have been busy extracting DNA from strawberries using microscopes to observe cells and activating yeast to create new yeast cells.

One class got to visit Mr Bertuola in the poultry shed where he is crossing purebred parents to produce cross bred offspring.



TEACHER - Danielle Quinn (Cont'd)



SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE – Kate Furphy



Hi, my name is Kate Furphy and I am the School Health Nurse for WACoA Narrogin.

2023 is my 4th year in school health, a role that I find very rewarding.

I'm hoping that all the COVID related restrictions we have faced in the last couple of years in terms of delivery of school health services are behind us

now, and I'm looking forward to a more hands-on role with the students this year.

Below is a brief description of what School Health Nurses do in Secondary Schools.

- Refer to other health professionals for further assessment or treatment, such as GP, speech therapy, dietician, counsellors, dentist, sexual health services, chaplain.
- Plan and deliver school immunisation programs.
- Work with teachers to support health education sessions.
- Help plan to help deliver student health and wellbeing programs.
- Help school staff and parents to develop health care plans for students with specific health needs.
- Provide an easy first point of contact to health care for students.

THE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

- Aims to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential.
- The service is jointly planned and provided by the Department of Health and the Department of Education. The School Health Service team includes community health nurses and other health professionals.
- Students are better prepared for learning when they are healthy, safe and happy.

SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE

- Provide information and support to students (and their families) to help them make informed decisions about their health, wellbeing and development.
- Carry out health assessments for vision, hearing and general development issues.

SPECIFIC SERVICES FOR ADOLESCENT STUDENTS

Young people can seek information, guidance, and support about a range of issues that may include:

- coping with illness
- mental health and wellbeing
- culture or racism issues
- loss and grief
- feeling anxious, stressed, or unhappy
- healthy eating and nutrition
- relationships
- healthy weight and body image
- sexual health
- smoking, alcohol and drug use

HOW TO ACCESS THE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

Call Kate our School Health Nurse on 9881 9330 Monday - Thursday for appointment or drop into Student Services and make an appointment.

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN – Reet Joy



What is my role? So in a nut shell... as a YouthCare Chaplain, my primary role is to build relationships within the whole school community, including staff, students, and families. Respect, compassion and service are the key values that help shape what we do. It's a vital role in fostering a safe and caring school environment where students feel valued, respected, and supported. Each Chaplain brings their own unique style to their school guided by

their personality, character, skill set, and life experiences.

I work closely alongside the Student Services team to provide pastoral care and support dealing with various social, emotional, personal, and relationship issues.

Please feel free to contact me through the school office at any time.

Have a great weekend!

FINANCE

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 letter 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.

Applications need to be returned before Thursday 6th April.

All of these forms can be found on the College website via the following link: [2023 Student Information - WA College of Agriculture - Narrogin \(narrogin.wa.edu.au\)](https://narrogin.wa.edu.au/2023-Student-Information-WA-College-of-Agriculture)

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 will be posted home next week. **Please always refer to the statement for the closing balance.**

Invoices, statements and receipts will be posted home around every two months, and future invoices will include other optional items such as trips and other incidentals.

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 \$9069.00 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 \$3023.00 due now
- 2nd Instalment \$3023.00 due 26 April 2023

3rd Instalment \$3023.00 due 17 July 2023 (*Has been split on the account due to the BAHA component. The Boarding Away From Home Allowance of \$1350.00 will be offset against the 3rd Instalment leaving a balance of \$1673.00 to pay.*)

Trainee Photocopier Technician

Best Office Systems is a leading provider of document management and print solutions in the Narrogin region. Our clientele includes local shires, schools, and SMEs. You will join a skilful team of technicians and work in a diverse territory of customers.

A dynamic organisation at the forefront of office technology, with an outstanding reputation for delivering service and sales excellence, Best Office Systems are now seeking an enthusiastic and pro-active Service Technician Trainee - **Full on-job training will be provided alongside experienced professionals.**

Reporting to the senior staff, this position will initially be working across both "field" and workshop-based environments.

Your role is responsible for:

- Running up equipment
- Machine refurbishment and repair.
- Assisting with delivery and installation of equipment.
- Maintain an accurate record of work completed.
- Using problem-solving skills, establish and enact the best solution to the requirement within the scope of skill and experience.

While no experience is required as full training will be provided, the following attributes would be advantageous:

- Ability to communicate well
- A passion for basic mechanical repairs
- Tidy presentation
- The ability to work independently
- Excellent troubleshooting skills
- A manual drivers licence or willing to obtain one as soon as eligible
- Police clearance

** A vehicle will be supplied for company use only

This position is Narrogin based and the successful candidate will need to be a motivated individual with the ability to learn quickly and handle the wide variety of tasks that are associated with the position.

If you are an outgoing and energetic individual who enjoys working in a professional environment and believe you have what it takes to succeed in this position, email your detailed resume, including a covering letter and email to the address supplied.

For more information, you can phone us on 08 9881 4685 or visit us in-store.

Please send your resume to craig@bestoffice.com.au

Upper Great Southern Female AFL Training

Training for the Upper Great Southern players has commenced in Narrogin on Monday afternoons from 5pm.

The idea behind a Female squad is to build an UGS squad. Once developed, we will then look to play other regional squads such as the Southwest and Great Southern. Some girls will also be invited to play with South Fremantle throughout the year.

Training details

- **When:** Monday nights starting February 6th
- **Where:** Narrogin, Clayton Rd oval

Time: 5pm – 6.30pm

On another note, Matt Stevens from the Collie Football Club has expressed a keen interest in transporting girls from the Upper Great Southern across to play in the Southwest league in 2023. This is a great opportunity for the local girls, providing a regular opportunity to play throughout the year.

If you have any questions, or for more information, don't hesitate to contact me.

Liam Anthony - Operations Manager

W: liam@smfoundation.org.au

Ph: 0475 386 681

EVENTS



Term 1 2023

Date	Event	Venue
Sat 4 - Sun 5 March 2023	Closed weekend	
Monday, 6 March 2023	Labour Day - Public Holiday Residential students return after 3pm	
Fri 10 - Sat 11 March 2023	Wagin Woolorama	Wagin Showground, 15 Ballagin St
Thursday, 6 April 2023	College Ball Last day of Term 1	Fremantle Sailing Club

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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The College Board meets once per term for about two hours. A remote and face to face option is available for most meetings. The Board is the peak advisory group at the college and can be involved in:

- a) Promoting the school in the community
- b) Establishing and reviewing from time to time, the school's objectives, priorities and general policy directions
- c) The planning of financial arrangements necessary to fund those objectives, priorities and directions
- d) Evaluating the school's performance in achieving them
- e) Formulating codes of conduct for students at the school
- f) Approval of a charge or contribution determined by the principal for the provision of materials, services and facilities
- g) Approval of the costs determined by the principal to be paid for participation in an extra cost optional component of the school's educational program
- h) Approval of the items determined by the principal to be supplied by a student for the student's personal use in the school's educational program
- i) Approval of an agreement or arrangement for advertising or sponsorship in relation to a government school
- j) Determining in consultation with students, their parents and staff of the school, a dress code for students when they are attending or representing the school.
- k) Advising on a general policy concerning the use in school activities of prayers, songs and material based on religious, spiritual or moral values being used in a school activity as part of religious education
- l) Advising on allowing time for the special religious education of students in the school, up to a total of 40 hours in a year

A school's Funding Agreement (with Schedules) is noted by the school board chair.

The Board is made up of the following members:

Principal	Mandated
Staff Representatives	3 nominated and elected by staff (3-year term)
Parent Representatives	2 parents of year 10 students (1 year)
	2 parents of year 11 students (1 year)
	2 parents of year 12 students (1 year)
Community	3 (1 year)
Students	2 students from the current Prefect group (over 15yrs) (1 year)

Invitation to nominate

Staff and parents are invited to nominate for membership. In the event that there are more nominations than positions, a ballot will be held.

Name: _____

Member type (circle one) Staff Parent of year 10 Parent of year 11 Parent of year 12

Brief outline of your particular expertise and experience that would assist the college board

Please return your nomination to the front office or email:

narrogin.wacoa.admin@education.wa.edu.au

By close of business, 27th February 2023.