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COLLEGE CHRONICLE

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

An Independent Public School

PRINCIPAL — Clare Roser



New Staff

I would like to formally welcome Mrs Rebecca Pense to the College. Mrs Pense has filled the permanent role in the mathematics department which was covered by Dr Miller last term. Our English classes are still being covered by Mr Horne, from the Flying Squad, with our permanent teacher arriving ready

for a Term 3 start.

Vaping

With the recent announcement from the federal government to ban recreational vaping and new controls for the importation and packaging of e-cigarettes, I would encourage you to have a conversation with your child regarding the harmful effects of vaping on their health and also the ramifications of being in possession of, selling, or supplying vapes to others. Breaches of our College policy regarding banned items, including vapes, may result in suspension or residential status being reviewed.

Country Week

Training for all Country Week teams is well under-way and the majority of coaches have now listed their teams. Shirts have been ordered, and to clarify, students can wear either design, maroon and white or the new maroon and grey option. Country Week runs from 26th June to 30th June.

Mr Wray will be sending out further information in the next few weeks.

Parent Interviews / Closed Weekend

The College has scheduled Parent Interviews for Friday 2 June, following a BBQ lunch. Parents will soon receive a communication with instructions on how to book a time slot with your child's teachers.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Friday 12th May at 2:00pm. This is a great opportunity to get involved with other parents, to help support the College, and improve facilities for the students. Meetings are held in the main office, with afternoon tea provided.

Residential/Cleaning and Kitchen Casuals

We are still looking at compiling a list of people to fill casual roles on our kitchen, cleaning and residential team. If you are interested, please contact the office on (08) 9881 9700.

Exams

The Year 11 and 12 students are preparing for EST's and College exams beginning in Week 3. A number of staff have volunteered their time to run small group tutoring after school. Please encourage your child to utilise study time and internal tutoring sessions to assist them to perform at their best.

HEAD OF TRADES — Dean Pfitzner



Welcome Back

It has certainly been a fresh start to the term weather wise, and it is great to see the students return refreshed after their break. It is certainly going to be a busy term and will no doubt slide by as quickly as term one did. Year 10 students only have this term remaining in their current trades subjects before

switching to the next two areas at the end of the term. Year 11 & 12 students continue in their selected Trades area for the remainder of the year. When you receive this article week, two will have been completed, week one was a short week, week 10 is scheduled for Country Week, leaving 7 weeks for this term. All students need to make sure they utilise their time effectively and efficiently when in their respective Trades areas.

Furniture Making

Training tasks, set projects and personal projects are continuing across all year groups.

Year 10 Students – are continuing to work on their Candy Dispenser, learning the importance of the correct sequencing of the manufacture and construction of the project.

Year 11 Students – are well underway with either their Step Stool or Shaker Table. Following these two projects, the Year 11 students will move on to their personal project.

Year 12 Students – are all continuing with their personal projects. A reminder, the Furniture Workshop is open after school on Monday from 3:00 to 4pm and Tuesday from 3:00 to 5.30pm. Year 12 Students in particular are encouraged to attend these after-school sessions.

Take care, stay safe and have a great weekend!



Welcome back, Everyone! I hope you had a restful and rejuvenating break. As we begin term 2, we need to continue to work hard and stay focused within our areas of study. This term will bring new challenges and opportunities for growth. Let's support each other, be kind and respectful, and make the most of this learning journey together. Term 2 is a

busy and rewarding term. Here's to a successful term ahead!

Term 2 brings in the colder and wetter weather which can be challenging to remain on track and motivated during the winter months. Here are a few tips that might help you remain focused:

- 1) **Keep a Positive Mindset:** Try to focus on the positive aspects of the term ahead, such as new learning opportunities, exciting projects, and the chance to connect with classmates and teachers.
- 2) **Stay Organized:** Use a planner or calendar to keep track of assignments, due dates, and other important events. This can help you stay on top of your work and to avoid feeling overwhelmed.
- 3) **Take Breaks:** It's important to take breaks throughout the day to rest and recharge. You could take a short walk, listen to music, or do a quick meditation to help you refocus.
- 4) **Stay Connected:** Stay in touch with friends and family, even if it's just through phone calls or video chats. This can help you feel less isolated and more motivated.
- 5) **Stay Active:** Exercise can help boost your mood and energy levels, so try to incorporate some physical activity into your daily routine. This could be as simple as taking a walk or doing some stretches.
- 6) Remember that it's normal to feel a bit unmotivated or overwhelmed at times but by taking care of yourself and staying organized you can set yourself up for success this term.

ESTs and ATAR Exams

Good luck to our Year 12 General students, who are busily preparing for their External Set Tasks (ESTs). Our Year 11 and 12 ATAR students are also working hard to sit their Semester 1 examinations.

Year 12 Camp

On Wednesday 26 April, the Year 12 cohort embarked on a two-day camp at Mornington Adventure Camp. The purpose of the camp was to develop the cohort's leadership skills, build community, and prepare them for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

The camp was filled with a variety of activities, including team-building challenges, leadership discussion, and outdoor adventures. The students worked extremely well together to

communicate ideas, complete obstacle courses, and overcome fears.

One of the highlights of the camp came through the activities on offer with night-time ziplining, low ropes course, high ropes course, climbing wall and raft building. It was a great opportunity for students to bond with their peers and learn to rely on each other.

Overall, the Year 12 Camp was an incredible experience that brought the students closer together as a cohort and helped them develop their leadership skills. Thank must go to the staff who attended and camp leaders for organising such a meaningful and impactful event. I hope the students took a lot out of the camp and look forward to watching them applying the knowledge to our school community and beyond.

Country Week 2023

Country Week 2023 planning and training is in full swing! Thank you to all our coaches: Mr Bertuola, Mr Batt, Mr Hough, Mr Hough, Mr Dewing, Mr Pfitzner, Mr Hales, and Mr Madson for running great training programs so far!

Unfortunately, School Sports WA will not allow us to take a second football team (was allowed last year, due to Year 12s missing out previous years due to Covid). However, for students who have missed out on the selection in the A Grade AFL Boys team and for any other male students, we have nominated a Boys Indoor Cricket Team, Boys Basketball Team and Boys Volleyball Team. As an addition for Year 12 students for their last Country Week, we will allow Year 12 helpers to assist in the week's activities running boundary, goal umpiring, scoring at all sports, etc.

The excursion information for Country Week (including an itinerary and what to bring) will be released within the next weeks via Compass, we ask that parents/carers please be prompt with your consent to finalise numbers for the evening activities.

A reminder to all students that Country Week 2023 is a Good Standing only event. Please do not put yourself at risk of not attending and letting yourself and your team mates down.

MONDAY	C/W Training - Basketball (Girls & Boys) College Gymnasium @ 4:00pm
TUESDAY	C/W Training - AFL (Girls & Boys) Clayton Rd Oval/College Oval @ 4:30pm
WEDNESDAY	C/W Training - Hockey (Girls & Boys) Town Turf @ 5:00pm
THURSDAY	C/W Training - Volleyball (girl & Boys) College Gymnasium @ 4:15pm
FRIDAY	No training on Fridays due to end of school week.



Welcome back to Term TWO! Firstly, I would like to welcome Ms Rebecca Pense to the Class staff in the capacity of Mathematics teacher. With years of experience in teaching Mathematics, we are very fortunate to have her join our team permanently.

Class is in full swing this week with the Year 12 students all rigorously preparing for their upcoming exams and Externally Set Tasks (ESTs). While this can be a stressful time for students, the staff have a range of support programs in place to assist students with their study routines and revision. Please encourage your child to access the after-school tutoring sessions that are offered by Class staff, take advantage of prep time where assistance is available from staff on Monday nights, and the study activities on Connect to help them with their preparation. The Year 12 ESTs are occurring week 3 and 4, while Year 12 ATAR exams will commence in week 5. Please see the EST timetables below for information on the upcoming assessments times. If your child is going to be absent for these dates, please contact me to enable us to arrange an

alternate date for your child to sit missed tasks. EST Timetable – students will sit ESTs for each class that they are enrolled in.

After school support has changed this term. The following timetable applies for Term 2:

Monday 3—4pm	Mr Dougall
Monday Prep 7—8pm	Miss Sjollema
Wednesday 3—4pm	Miss Sjollema and Ms Quinn
Thursday 3—4pm	Miss McKenzie and Ms Pense

If you have any queries regarding your child’s progress in any subject, are unable to make Parent Teacher Interviews, or wish to follow up on feedback given in the interim reports prior to the set interview date, then I encourage you to contact the Class teacher. The Class staff are all very approachable and willing to arrange alternate meeting times or phone interviews to discuss any concerns or queries you may have about your child’s progress. We are here to support your child in their education and would like to thank parents that have already been in touch

UPCOMING ASSESSMENT TIMES

	DATE		SUBJECT
WEEK 3	Thursday 11th May Lecture Room	Pd 1	Plant Production Systems Lecture Room
WEEK 4	Monday 15th May Lecture Room/C1	Pd 1	Physical Education Lecture Room
		Pd 4	General English EST Lecture Room/C1
		Pd 4	Foundation English C1
	Thursday 18th May Lecture Room	Pd 1	General Maths EST Lecture Room
		Pd 1	Foundation Maths C2
Pd 4		Animal Production Lecture Room	



Mural Workshop

This term a mural will be painted near the residential carpark. This wonderful project will be partially funded through a RSE Grant that we received at the end of Term 1.

This week, Georgina Paterson ran a planning workshop with interested students. The twenty students had a fantastic session and had lots of valuable ideas about the artistic style and subject matter of the mural. Georgina will use this information to create some designs for the students to choose from.

Painting will commence in Week 3.

Prefect Fundraising

This year the Prefects have been challenged to think beyond the school community to fundraise for an

organisation. The students have chosen the Royal Flying Doctor Service as their organisation.

The first project was a free dress day at the last Wellbeing Day where they raised money from a gold coin donation from students. The second project will be a Fun Run on Tuesday 6 June. Please keep an eye out for further details over the next few weeks.



IN RESIDENCE - Cheryl Haydock



Year 12 students Bryce, Riley, Jason, Justin and Mitch cooking a stir-fry.

SIDE Parent-Teacher Interviews

SIDE will hold Parent-Teacher Interviews for all students in Years K to 12 from 3:30pm to 6:30pm on **Wednesday 10 May 2023**. Schools and families should already have access to the Interim Report for Years 7-12 either through RTP, Connect or a paper copy, which provides some feedback on the students' progress this Term.

Interviews will be of **5 minutes' duration** and will be conducted by phone.

For these interviews we are using the internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher Online (PTO). Using

this system, families will be able to book the interview times that suit them. This system will become available during Week One, Term Two and further information will be sent directly to families shortly with details on how to book times with their child's teachers. Interviews will be available for all students who undertake Subjects/ Courses with SIDE, should families wish to speak to their child's teachers.



Year 10 Meningococcal School Based Immunisation Program

The Department of Health is offering parents of students in Year 10 the opportunity to have their child vaccinated against Meningococcal ACWY at a clinic they are having at the College on **Tuesday 23 May 2023**.

Attached is the information regarding the vaccination alternatively you can visit the related websites (links provided on the attached fact sheet) for more information about the vaccine offered to your child.

If you WOULD like your child to be vaccinated through the School-Based immunisation Program, please complete the attached printable vaccination form. Complete the sections 'Student details' and Parent/Legal guardian details. In the consent section, specify if you would like your child to receive the meningococcal ACWY vaccine by placing a tick mark in the Yes (green) box. Enter your signature and date on the bottom of that box.

If you do NOT want your child to be vaccinated through the School-based immunisation Program, please complete the sections 'Student details' and Parent/legal guardian details. In the consent section tick No (red) box on the consent form. Enter your signature and date on the bottom of that box.

We note that all students are vaccinated in school by a nursing team with expertise in immunisation and we thank you for taking the time to review the attached materials.

Please return the completed forms to the College before Thursday, 11 May 2023 via email to;
narrogin.wacoa.admin@education.wa.edu.au
or as a hard copy to Administration staff in the front office.

If you have any queries, please contact the College or contact the Program Coordinator Kate Furphy on 0436 612 098 or by email kate.furphy@health.wa.gov.au.

Parents and Community (P&C) Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held on
Friday, 12 May at 2:00pm

[Click here to download the Meeting Agenda from the College website](#)

2023 Harvey Beef Gate 2 Plate Schools Challenge — Louise Eastwood



On Thursday, 23rd of March, two teams of Year 11 and 12 students from our school attended the school challenge at Willyung Farms Feedlot in Albany. The Harvey Beef Gate 2 Plate Schools Challenge is an interschool competition targeted at Year 11 and 12 students. The aim of

the challenge was to provide an opportunity for students to:

- learn about a variety of aspects related to the beef supply chain,
- highlight the many and varied career opportunities that exist within the beef industry, and
- network with experts and representatives from across the supply chain.



At the challenge, the students spent the morning listening to presentations from industry experts in their fields, including vets and feedlot managers, and

had a tour of the feedlot facility. Our students particularly enjoyed the presentation from a famous cattle dog trainer, Neil McDonald, on how to train your dogs to move cattle. He had a range of dogs to show the students the process from puppy to experienced dog.



After the presentations, the students were randomly selected to complete a test on each section, including a practical assessment on moving cattle. The results from each test were collated over lunch for prizes to be presented at the end of the day. Considering our students were up against Year 12 ATAR students from other colleges our teams did exceptionally well. Sarah Beckman, Natalie Bradford and Darcy Bryant-Smith placed second in their quizzes and won medallions.

2023 Harvey Beef Gate 2 Plate Schools Challenge — Louise Eastwood



Natalie, Sarah and Darcy.



ON FARM



Year 11 student Phillip Wiehl operating the JD dozer.



ON FARM



Stubble burning has been happening now that we



A calf and its mother enjoying the warm sun.
Lots of calves were born over the school holidays.



The Year 10s have been learning how to utilise low stress handling techniques with cattle.

The Williams Gateway Expo - Colin Batt



Congratulations to our Meat Breed Judging winners at this year's Williams Gateway Expo which was held on 15th of April.

Year 11 student Zaine Cuthbert placed 1st
Year 12 student Tyson Lansdell placed 2nd
Year 11 student Jack Shepherd placed 4th

2023 COLLEGE BALL



On Thursday, April 6th, the College hosted its annual school ball at the Fremantle Sailing Club, and it was a night to remember for the students and staff who attended. The ballroom was filled with bright, colourful decorations that set the perfect tone for this year's ball theme, Neon 90s. More than 160 students and guests attended the event, making it the largest ball that the College has hosted.

Throughout the evening, awards were given out for a variety of categories, including best guests, best male and female in each year group, and best dancers. The top awards of Belle and Beau went to Danielle Evans and Justin Stott, who looked stunning in their elegant outfits. The Cutest Couple award went to Tyson Lansdell and Olivia Draper, who were hit with the camera the most, and Cooper Smith took home the prize for The Best Dancer for showing off his impressive moves on the dance floor.

The Best Dressed awards were presented to Year 10 students Simon Whitehouse and Emma Smith, Year 11 students Brandon Bulpitt and Ella Hackett, and invited guests Declan Phillips and Isabella Da Silva. Congrats!

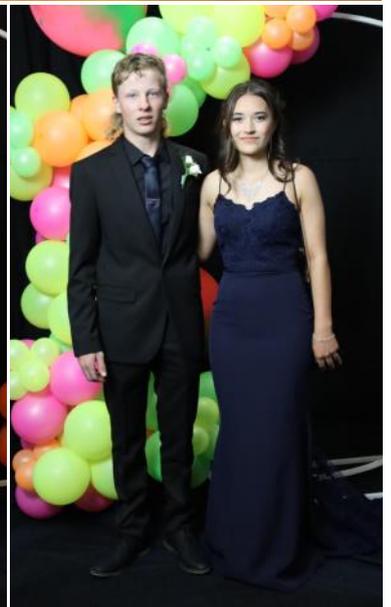
A special thank you goes out to the students who were on the College Ball committee, as well as to all the staff involved in the planning process that made the ball a great success, and thank you to former student Lucy Ward for helping set up at the venue.



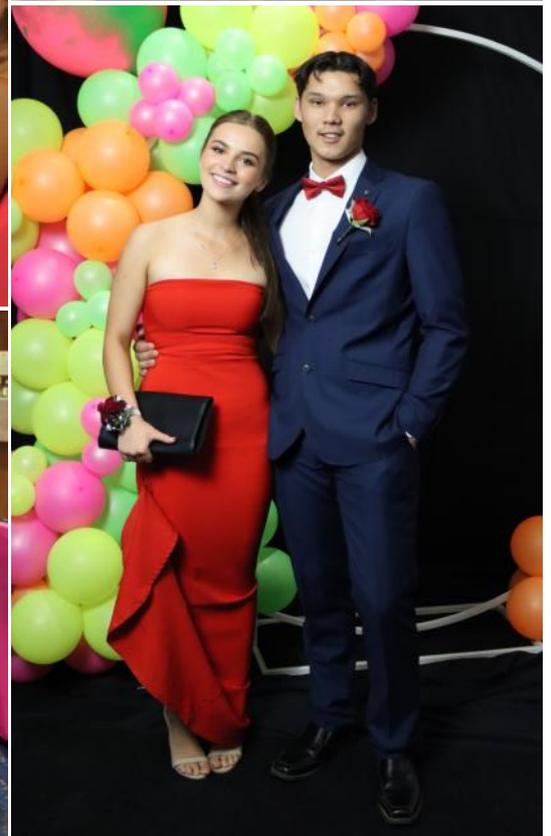
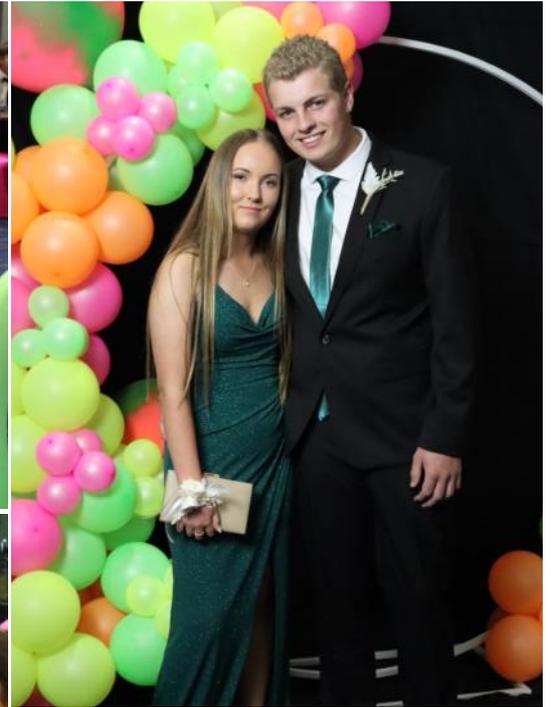
Belle and Beau winners, Danielle and Justin

Photo credit: Craig / Bliss Studio

2023 COLLEGE BALL



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NEON 90s



YEAR 12 CAMP

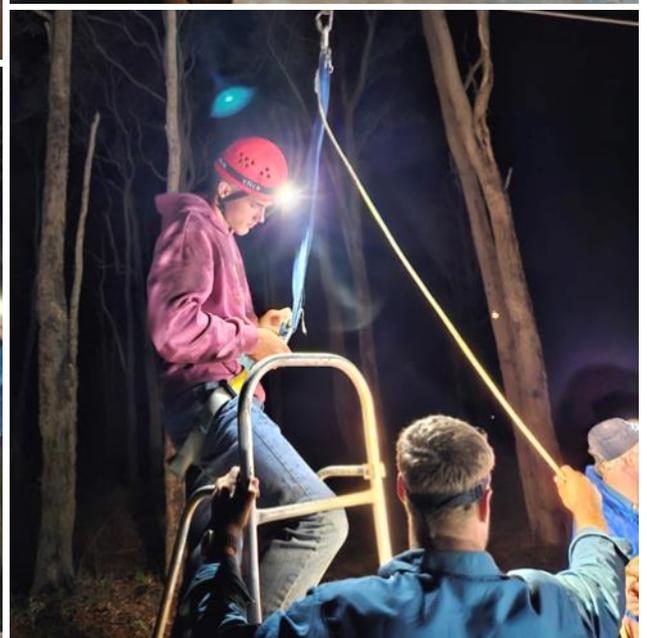


ARRIVAL - Wednesday, 26 April

A great start to Camp with delicious woodfired pizzas around the bonfires with a visit from the camps pet goat Effie.

From there, the students geared up with their head lamps and headed into the jarrah forest. After a short stroll in the forest, students flew down the camp zip line in the dark.

A few stories around the campfire on return to finish the day.



YEAR 12 CAMP



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DAY ONE - Thursday, 27 April

The day started with an awesome cooked breakfast then the students were split into two groups for a day of low ropes and high ropes.

Well done to all the students for having a go, with some pushing their fear of heights to the limits on the high ropes, and everyone taking part in various team building activities. All-in-all a great day enjoyed by all the students.



YEAR 12 CAMP



LAST DAY - Friday, 28 April

After a lovely dinner last night at Lone Star Bunbury and this morning's pancake breakfast, the students were into their last two activities.

Students had a great time raft building/racing and taking on the climbing wall, with some opting for the blindfold option.

We'd like to congratulate the team at Camp Mornington for hosting an excellent and very enjoyable camp.

Thanks to the staff for their time and involvement, making the camp a success.



YEAR 12 CAMP



STUDENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Flooring Apprenticeship CARPET COURT | Narrogin WA

[Download the flyer from the College Website](#)



Phone: (08) 9881 4959

Website: carpetcourt.com.au/careers

TRAINEE PHOTOCOPIER TECHNICIAN Best Office Systems | Narrogin WA

Best Office Systems are seeking an enthusiastic and pro-active Service Technician Trainee.

Full on-job training will be provided alongside experienced professionals.

Responsibilities for this role:

- 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.

Phone 08 9881 4685 for more information or visit us in-store.

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



AGRONOMIST

Agrisource Agencies | Quairading WA

Agrisource Agencies is seeking an enthusiastic qualified agronomist, either early in their career or an expert in the field to join our team in Quairading. We are a local employer, with a local heartbeat and global resources. We are proudly affiliated with Nutrien Ag Solutions - a national network with more than 700 locations, being the world's largest provider of crop inputs, services and solutions working across many diverse sectors.

[FULL DETAILS ON COLLEGE WEBSITE](#)

Contact

Mitchell Amey

Agrisource Agencies Principal

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GENERAL DUTIES FARMHAND WILLIAMS WA

This is a casual position with a possible full-time position for the right candidate.

We are a small family run business, located in Williams in the Upper Great Southern of WA.

We are seeking a casual, general duties farmhand whom possesses the skills outlined below.

This position would be available for the upcoming seeding season with a Mid April start preferred.

Pay rate will be discussed at interview and be negotiated on proven experience.

For more details, you can view the job post on the College website, here:

<https://www.narroginag.wa.edu.au/2023/04/general-farm-duties-job-opportunity/>

If you believe you could be the person we need, please email us your resume with 2 relevant references and a cover letter to rennaemartin1@bigpond.com

SALES MERCHANDISE

Agrisource Agencies | Quairading WA

Agrisource Agencies is seeking an enthusiastic Sales Merchandise to join our team in Quairading. We are a local employer, with a local heartbeat and global resources. We are proudly affiliated with Nutrien Ag Solutions - a national network with more than 700 locations, being the world's largest provider of crop inputs, services and solutions working across many diverse sectors.

[FULL DETAILS ON COLLEGE WEBSITE](#)

Contact

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Agrisource Agencies Principal

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More job posts and full job details can be found on the College's website at

<https://www.narroginag.wa.edu.au/news-and-events/student-job-opportunities/>

Job Opportunities with SONIC Boomsprays

Sonic Boomsprays (part of NuFarm/Croplands) are offering employment opportunities in the WA area. There are two apprenticeship positions available as well as a qualified role.

Apprentice Welder/Fabricator

<https://www.narroginag.wa.edu.au/2023/04/apprentice-welder-fabricator-job-opportunity/>

Assembler at Sonic Boomsprays in Narembeen WA

<https://www.narroginag.wa.edu.au/2023/04/assembler-job-opportunity/>

Apprentice Production Spray Painter

<https://www.narroginag.wa.edu.au/2023/04/apprentice-production-spray-painter-job-opportunity/>

Scan the QR codes on the flyers for more information.



PROMOTING
AGRIBUSINESS
IN AUSTRALIA

Encouraging young Australians to choose a career in agribusiness ...

28 April 2023

Each year, Agribusiness Australia awards a scholarship to encourage young Australians to undertake tertiary education in agriculture.

This year's scholarship will open to receive applications from students in early June.

Students who are studying this year to enter university in 2024 to study an ag degree or a degree where they intend to establish a career in ag, are welcome to apply.

Prime Super is sponsoring the scholarship again this year and will announce the winner.

This \$3,000 scholarship is part of Agribusiness Australia's key priority of encouraging students into the sector to ensure that agribusiness continues to be a major contributor to the Australian economy.

Information about how the scholarship has supported past winners can be found on our [website](#), with recent reports from [Ayla Christophers](#) and [Eloise Knox](#).

Link: <https://www.agribusiness.asn.au/agri-information/agribusiness-australia-scholarship/2020scholarshipwinner>

TAKE A TOUR OF A NAVY LHD



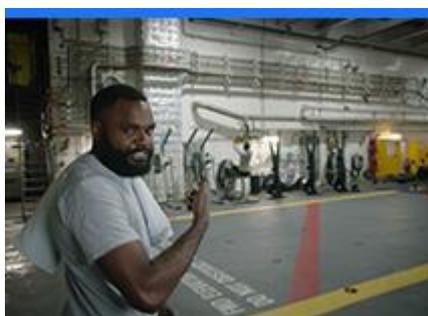
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3iDuD-bcVrg>

Meet Kabai, Able Seaman, and hear his story about an exciting and rewarding career in the Navy.

Follow him as he shows what life is like aboard an LHD ship with his favourite downtime activities, like snacking on his favourite foods, breaking a sweat on the sunset deck, and exploring around the Whitsunday Islands.

Take a sneak peek into life on deck in the Navy, and watch the video above.

From the rec room up to the bridge, all the way down to the sleeping quarters, there's a good reason why Kabai is always happy to show off his crib to anyone with a minute to spare.



The experience of a lifetime is just a click away

<https://navy.defencejobs.gov.au/>

Interested in finding out more? Connect your students/job seekers with an expert to chat about Navy roles today by calling 13 19 01, heading to the [Defence Jobs website](#), or visiting the [Supporters Hub](#)



Term 2 2023

Date	Event	Venue
Sat 3 - Sun 4 June	Closed weekend (Students leave after 3pm on Friday 2 June)	
Monday, 5 June	WESTERN AUSTRALIA DAY—Public holiday Residential students return after 3pm.	
Wednesday, 6 June	Monday timetable	
Thursday, 15 June	NSHS vs Ag Carnival	
Mon 26—Fri 30 June (Week 10)	Country Week	
Friday, 30 June	End of Term 2	

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

EGGS FOR SALE at the Main Office

Now \$5 per dozen as of the 1st of May.

For large orders, please contact the Farm Office on 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

FERTILISED EGGS FOR SALE

The College has a limited supply of fertilised chicken eggs for sale at \$12 per dozen.

The hybrid is Australorp, New Hampshire and Rhode Island Red Cross.

If you have any queries, please contact us on (08) 9881 9700. Please see the Admin office staff for making payment before collecting eggs from Poultry.

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Information for parents/guardians about the Year 10 school based immunisation program.

- Year 10 students are eligible to receive the Meningococcal ACWY vaccine at school.
- This program is delivered by nurses experienced in providing vaccinations at schools.
- Information on disease transmission and symptoms of above diseases and vaccination schedule can be found here: [School-based immunisation program \(healthywa.wa.gov.au\)](http://healthywa.wa.gov.au)
- All students require parent/guardian consent before they can receive any vaccinations at school.
- **All parents/guardians are requested to provide consent/declination thorough:**
 - **VaccinateWA (external site), or**
 - the paper-based immunisation consent form provided by their child's school. The completed form must be signed and returned to the school, even if they choose not to have their child immunised.
NOTE: Information in the hard copy consent form will be entered into the VaccinateWA system by school team staff. **You will receive an email from VaccinateWA confirming this.**
- Parents/guardians will receive an email once their child receives a vaccine at school through the VaccinateWA system.
- All vaccines provided will be recorded in the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR).
- Families are advised to see their GP, Aboriginal Medical Service, participating pharmacy or community immunisation clinic if their child misses a dose at school (consultation fees may apply).
- Parents/guardians can check their child's vaccination (up to age 14 years) through the
 - creating their own Medicare online account via [myGov \(external site\)](#)
 - using the [Express Plus Medicare mobile application \(external site\)](#)
 - asking their doctor or immunisation provider
- Students aged 14 years and above are encouraged to create their own MyGov account
 - via [myGov \(external site\)](#)
 - using the [Express Plus Medicare mobile application \(external site\)](#)

Should you require further information regarding this request, please contact Program Coordinator Kate Furphy on 0436612098 or by email kate.furphy@health.wa.gov.au



Year 10 School-based immunisation program – information for parents

What is meningococcal disease?

Meningococcal disease is an uncommon, but sometimes life-threatening illness. The disease is a result of a bacterial infection of the blood and/or the membranes that line the spinal cord and brain.

Although treatable with antibiotics, the infection can progress very rapidly, so it is important that anyone experiencing symptoms of meningococcal disease seeks medical attention promptly.

At any one time, approximately 10 per cent of healthy people carry meningococcal bacteria harmlessly in their nose or throat, and do not become ill.

How is meningococcal disease spread?

Meningococcal bacteria are spread by respiratory secretions (coughing, sneezing or kissing). The bacteria do not survive more than a few seconds in the environment.

The disease is most likely to be spread only to very close contacts, such as people who live in the same household, sexual contacts and children attending the same day care for more than four continuous hours.

Why does WA Health offer a vaccination program for Year 10 students?

Meningococcal disease can affect any age group. However, some of the highest rates of meningococcal carriage and illness occur among adolescents and this age group can transmit bacteria to people who are at an increased risk of infection, including young children.

It is anticipated that immunising Year 10 students will reduce transmission of the bacteria to others and help prevent infections within the larger community.

Which vaccine will be used and how effective is it?

Meningococcal ACWY vaccine will be used. This vaccine protects against four serogroups of meningococcal bacteria: A, C, W and Y. The vaccine brand Nimenrix® will be used in this school-based program.

These vaccines are safe and effective. Meningococcal ACWY vaccination programs have been implemented in adolescents aged 13–15 years in the UK since 2015 and adolescents aged 11–12 in the US since 2005 with no significant concerns reported. The vaccine is routinely offered as a single dose. Further doses are recommended for those at increased risk of this disease and those travelling where this disease is common. Studies have shown that the effectiveness of the meningococcal ACWY vaccines are between 80–85 per cent in adolescents.

Who should not get this vaccine?

Tell the person giving the vaccine if:

- **you have any severe, life-threatening allergies.**

If you have had a life-threatening allergic reaction after a previous dose of a meningococcal ACWY vaccine, or if you have a severe allergy to any part of this vaccine, you should not get this vaccine. Your provider can tell you about the vaccine's ingredients.

- **you are pregnant or breastfeeding.**

Meningococcal vaccines are not routinely recommended for pregnant or breastfeeding women but can be given where clinically indicated. Please discuss further with your GP if you could be pregnant or are breastfeeding.

What are the vaccine side effects?

With any medicine, including vaccines, there is a chance of common adverse reactions. These are usually mild and go away by themselves. Serious reactions are also possible, but are rare. There is a very small chance of a vaccine causing a serious injury or death. You cannot get meningococcal infection from the vaccine.

Common adverse events include pain, redness and swelling at the injection site, fever, irritability, drowsiness, decreased appetite, headaches, rash and nausea. However, serious general adverse events are rare.

Vaccines are continually checked to make sure they are safe and effective. For information about vaccine safety and common and rare side-effects, please read more at: healthywa.wa.gov.au/immunisation



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What if there is a serious reaction – what should I look for?

Look for anything that concerns you, such as signs of a severe allergic reaction, very high fever, or unusual behaviour. Signs of a severe allergic reaction can include hives, swelling of the face and throat, difficulty breathing, a fast heartbeat, dizziness, and weakness – usually within a few minutes to a few hours after the vaccination. For any severe reaction, call an ambulance or go to your closest emergency department.

What should I do?

Paracetamol can help reduce mild fever or pain and a cool damp cloth can also reduce pain at the injection site. Please seek medical advice or go to the local emergency department if you have any reaction you think is serious or unexpected.

Or call **healthdirect Australia** on 1800 022 222.

All immunisation providers in WA are required by law to report an adverse reaction following immunisation. Parents can also report concerns about any serious reactions after immunisation. Learn more at healthywa.wa.gov.au/WAVSS or call 6456 0208.

Further information

If you have any queries about meningococcal vaccinations, contact **healthdirect Australia** on 1800 022 222 or your local provider using the contact details provided on the back of the envelope containing your consent paperwork.



School-based Immunisation Program 2023

The School-based Immunisation Program provides routine and recommended vaccines to WA high school students for free. Students are eligible to receive the following vaccines in 2023:

Year 7: Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa) and Human papillomavirus (HPV)

Year 10: Meningococcal ACWY (Men ACWY)

Ages 12–18 years old: SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)

Please read, sign and return the immunisation consent form to your student's school. Interpreter required: Yes No

Child's (dependent's) details. Please fill in this section whether you consent to your child receiving vaccines or not

<p>Child's first name <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Child's last name <input style="width: 80%; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Middle initial <input style="width: 20%; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Date of birth <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> / <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> / <input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Gender M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> Undisclosed <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Residential address <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Suburb <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Medicare number <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name of the school your child attends <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p>	<p>Does the child identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Torres Strait Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Both</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say <input type="checkbox"/> Neither</p> <p>Mobile phone <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Child does not have a mobile phone <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Landline contact number <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Postcode <input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Reference number next to child's name <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Medicare card not available/shown <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>School year group <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p>
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Is your child a WA Health Staff member? Yes No

Parent/legal guardian details. Please fill in this section whether you consent to your child receiving vaccines or not

<p>Do you have a VaccinateWA account? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (if no, one will be created for you and your child)</p>		
<p>Parent/guardian legal last name <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p>	<p>Parent/guardian first name <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p>	
<p>Parent/guardian date of birth <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> / <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> / <input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p>	<p>Mobile phone (preferred) <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p>	<p>Landline contact number <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p>
<p>Email <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p>		
<p>Parent/guardian address <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p>		
<p>Suburb <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p>	<p>Postcode <input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p>	

Consent section – parent/guardian to complete

General

- Has your child ever had a serious reaction or anaphylaxis to any vaccine or medication? Yes No
- Does your child have any severe allergies? Yes No
- Does your child have any long-term medical conditions? Yes No
- Has your child fainted when receiving an injection? Yes No
- Has your child received any other vaccine in the last four weeks? Yes No

Additional question for Year 10s only:

- Has your child received the Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) vaccine in the last 12 months? Yes No
- Note: Your child will need a dose of the MenACWY vaccine even if they received a Men C vaccine as an infant.

Additional question for COVID-19 vaccinations only:

Note: specific to the administration of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

- Has your child ever had mastocytosis (a mast cell disorder) which has caused recurrent anaphylaxis? Yes No
- Does your child have a bleeding disorder or are they currently taking any medicine to thin their blood (an anticoagular therapy)? Yes No
- Does your child have a weakened immune system (immunocompromised)? Yes No
- Has your child had COVID-19 infection before? Approximate date of infection ____ / ____ / ____ Yes No
- Has your child been sick with a cough, sore throat, fever or are feeling sick in another way? Yes No
- Has your child been diagnosed with myocarditis and/or pericarditis that is attributed to a previous dose of Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine? Yes No
- Has your child had myocarditis, pericarditis or endocarditis within the past three months? Yes No
- Does your child currently have acute rheumatic fever or acute rheumatic heart disease? Yes No
- Does your child have severe heart failure? Yes No
- Is your child pregnant? Yes No

If yes to any of the above, please provide details: _____

- I am authorised to give consent or non-consent for my child to be vaccinated. I have read and understand the information provided about vaccination, including the possible vaccine side effects. I understand I can discuss the risks and benefits of vaccination with my GP or call the school immunisation nurse. Consent provided for the above-mentioned vaccine(s) will remain valid until 31st December 2024, and can be withdrawn by contacting the school team.
- I understand I may receive an SMS from WA Health about my child's vaccination experience.
- I understand the information provided on this form will be recorded on relevant State and Commonwealth immunisation registers. It will remain confidential and used to monitor immunisation rates and inform program improvement.

Please ensure you tick and sign the green boxes for your child to be vaccinated.

If you do not want your child to receive a specific vaccine, tick and sign the relevant red box.

Year 7	Diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough (1 dose of adolescent booster dTpa vaccine)
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____ No <input type="checkbox"/> Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____
Year 10	Human Papillomavirus (1 dose of HPV vaccine)
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____ No <input type="checkbox"/> Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Year 10	Do you consent to your child receiving the meningococcal ACWY vaccine?
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____ No <input type="checkbox"/> Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Year 10	Do you consent to your child receiving the COVID-19 vaccine?
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____ No <input type="checkbox"/> Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

