



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN  
COLLEGE of AGRICULTURE  
Narrogin



# COLLEGE CHRONICLE

**FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023**

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

*An Independent Public School*



### Artist in Residence

I would like to start this Chronicle off on a positive and congratulate those students who have been involved in the design and painting of the wall mural, at the rear of the kitchen block. The scene is vibrant and visually appealing and depicts the range of enterprises and educational activities available to the students. Keep a look out

for the photos of the completed art! Thank you to Georgina for your guidance with this project.

### Mobile Phones

Yesterday, I reminded all students of the 'Away all Day' policy we have at the College regarding mobile phones. There is absolutely no need for any student to have their phone in their bag, pocket or anywhere else during the school day.

On another note, it has come to my attention that a number of students are misusing their social media accounts to bully and intimidate other students. It is against the law to record video, audio or still photos of any person without their consent. Sharing the images or footage also adds another level of concern and consequences for this type of behaviour will be dealt with as per the College mobile phone and internet use policies. Students have also been informed, again, that this behaviour could potentially involve police intervention should the victim wish to make a formal complaint. The local community police officer has been booked to speak to students in Week 6 to reinforce the messages coming from senior staff. We would appreciate your assistance in making it clear to our young people that this is against the law and what the possible consequences could be for them.

### Attendance

Thank you to those parents who are sending absence requests to the correct College email. Just a reminder that Residential Leave needs to go through the REACH platform or email Residential direct if REACH is being difficult to [Narrogin.WACoA.Residential@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Narrogin.WACoA.Residential@education.wa.edu.au) and any absences from the day program need to go to the main College email address, [Narrogin.WACoA.Admin@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Narrogin.WACoA.Admin@education.wa.edu.au). We understand that this may be frustrating for parents but we are required to use the REACH system for residential movements and Compass for regular absences, however the two systems are not able to be linked, unfortunately.

### Board Members 2023

I would like to welcome the following people to the 2023 College Board:

Trevor McCrystal – <b>Board Chair</b>	Mark Batt
Ros Marinoni	Mitch Wray
Nat Beer	Stephen Madson
Eve Kent	Peter Bradford
Karen Agnew	Emma Green
Tress Walmsley	

The Board meets once per term and is responsible for approving contributions and charges, noting the Funding Agreement for Schools, and acting in a consultative capacity to develop the Business Plan, College dress code, and can advise on the selection but not appointment of the principal.

### Have You Seen the Emu In The Sky?

One of the most incredible objects to see in the night sky is the Aboriginal constellation of the Emu In The Sky. It lies within the band of the Milky Way and its shape is outlined by dark areas of the night sky, not the stars. The Emu is best seen throughout winter in dark country skies and is spectacular, spreading right across the evening sky.

To find it, first locate the Southern Cross constellation above the southern horizon. Two bright stars directly above due south are, 'the Pointers' to the Southern Cross. The Southern Cross is to the right of 'the Pointers'.

On the left-hand side of the Southern Cross, try to find a dark oval shape, called the Coalsack Nebula. This is the head of the Emu with the beak pointing downward. The long neck stretches to the left through the middle of 'the Pointers'. The body and legs of the Emu stretch halfway across the horizon towards the east.

**When to look:** 8.30pm, mid-June.

**Which direction to look:** South.



South Western Australia's Indigenous people lived by six seasons. When the Emu is seen high in the sky, it indicates weather is changing and getting colder and wetter. This season is called Makuru and was a time to move inland for sheltered locations. Campfires formed the heart of communities, providing warmth and a place to gather for music and storytelling.

Written by Donna Vanzetti

Find more stargazing tips and country events at

[www.astrotourismwa.com.au](http://www.astrotourismwa.com.au)



### Parent, Student and Teacher Interviews

On the 2nd of June 2023 at 12.30pm, the College will host its Parent, Student and Teacher Interviews. An email was sent to all parents on Friday 12 May 2023 with a link to our Compass interview booking platform.

If you are having any issues, please do not hesitate to contact the College.

Please see attached invitation to attend our College Community BBQ, held prior to interviews.

### Work Experience

We have had a few requests for students to complete Work Experience during the Country Week time. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate this request as we do not run Work Experience alongside Country Week as students will miss out on an opportunity either way. Instead, we have the following dates booked in for Work Experience:

Year 12s	28 August – 1 September 2023
Year 11s	13 November – 24 November 2023
Year 10s	4 December – 14 December 2023

### Year 12s

Expression of interest forms for all Year 12 students will be sent out at the beginning of Week 5. These will be due back by **Tuesday 6 June 2023**. Any expressions of interest submitted after this date will not be accepted, due to turn around time.

### Country Week 2023

Thanks to the parents/students that have submitted their deposit forms and paid the Country Week 2023 deposit. These forms and monies are due by **Friday, 30 May 2023**. Please refer to the letter sent on Friday, the 12 of May, for more information.

Congratulations to our College Sports Prefects with the work and decision-making effort they have put in so far. Their input is very refreshing and has given the student body a calculated voice to make the Country Week experience tailored to all.

A Microsoft Forms survey was also sent out to students this week, requesting students to nominate their rooming preferences and their meal preferences for certain nights. Thanks to the majority that have already returned their forms, which are due and can be altered until this **Monday, 22 May 2023**.

*A reminder that only students on 'Good Standing Status' will be able to attend College extra-curricular events as per department policy.*

Students not attending Country Week will be expected to attend School to follow a normal timetable. Depending on numbers the program may be slightly modified.

### Country Week Due Dates

Staff and students' meals and rooming survey  
Due Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Deposit monies (\$350) and signed letter  
Due Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Online consent (Compass)  
Issued Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Final payment (\$350) and online consent  
Due Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June



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*You're invited  
to our*

# School and Community BBQ Lunch



FRIDAY 2ND JUNE  
@ 12:30pm

*Parent-Teacher Interviews  
to follow at 1pm*



  
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On behalf of the Class staff, I would like to extend a huge congratulations to our Year 12 General and Foundations students who have completed their Externally Set tasks (ESTs) this week. We have been really impressed with the efforts that the students have put into their responses and proud of them for trying their best in all of their tests.

Over the next two weeks, the Year 12 and 11 ATAR students will have their Semester One Exams. These exams will run from 9am on the day that they are scheduled. Students are expected to be organised with all equipment and ready to start their exams on time. Class staff are all very willing to stay back after school and work with students around developing study skills, assist with concepts and revision in the lead up to exams, so please encourage your child/ren to

engage with those opportunities.

It has been great to be in some of the Year 10 and 11 classes lately and work with them through Fairytales in English, Keys for Life programs in PDHPE, and Sustainability in Animal Production Systems. I hope to be able to pop into all classes over the next few weeks and share in some of the interesting and challenging learning experiences that our Year 10 and 11 students are involved in.

Please see the exam timetables below for information on the timing these upcoming assessments. If you are aware in advance your child is going to be absent for these dates, please contact me or the class teacher to enable us to arrange an alternate date for your child to sit missed class tasks. Thank you to those students who have already shown the initiative and approached staff for support with tasks and catch up assessments.

### 11/12 ATAR EXAM Timetable – students will sit Exams for each class that they are enrolled in

	DATE	SUBJECT
<b>WEEK 5</b>	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 9am start (C3)	12 ATAR English (3hr 10min) 11 ATAR Mathematics (2hr 45min)
	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 9am Start (C2)	12 Plant Production (3hr 10min) 12 SIDE (Biology) (3hr 10min) 12SIDE (Econ) (2hr 30 min)
	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 9am start (C3)	11 ATAR Plant Production (2hr 30min) SIDE (11 Biology)
<b>WEEK 6</b>	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 9am start	12 ATAR Maths (2hr 45min) 12 SIDE (Geo) (3hr 10min)
	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 9am start	12 ATAR Animal Production (3hr 10min) 11 ATAR Animal Production (2hr 30min)
	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 9am start	11 ATAR English (2 hr 10min)





This week, Georgina Patterson has been working with a group of 20 students to paint an 18m mural near the residential carpark.

Two weeks ago, the students had a workshop to decide how the theme of diversity could be used in a mural. They discussed that a main part of diversity was inclusion and wanted to show how people with different ideas, interests and backgrounds are included at the College. The students wanted a focus on farming and trades to make the mural relevant to Ag students.

Georgina took their ideas and made two fantastic murals for the staff and students to choose from. The selected mural is a collage of scenes from across the College.

Thanks to Mark Batt and his students for cleaning and preparing the wall.

The painters have been fabulous to work with. They have all been great listeners, punctual, thorough and engaged. On the first day of painting, the sun was shining, they had some music playing quietly and it was a lovely, relaxing atmosphere for painting.

The mural will be finished by the end of the week so make sure to check it out when you are next at the College.



On Tuesday 16 May, in preparation for the students on Wednesday, artist Georgina Patterson applied the first coats of paint to the carpark wall near the Duty Room. Then late in the evening, she traced an outline of the students' artwork design using projected images.



On Wednesday 17 May: Year 11 students Jason, Justin, Summer, Elsie, Emily, Will, Bryce and Ryan were the first students to start working on the mural.



## MURAL PAINTING



After morning tea, Ella, Perrin, Zaide and Bayley were the next group of students to start working on the mural, which is starting to come to life.



Thursday 18 May: Mrs Joy, Perrin, Jacinta, Oscar, Bayley and Zaide have been painting the mural this morning with Georgina and are about to break for morning tea.





# MURAL PAINTING





## MURAL PAINTING



Friday 19 May 2023: An update of the progress of the mural before Georgina finishes adding on the final touches, which could be Saturday depending on how much detail she wants to add in.





### Parent Interviews

These are scheduled on the College Calendar for Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The Trades staff are looking forward to the opportunity to meet with parents/guardians to discuss their child's progress, particularly those that have been requested to have an interview as indicated in the progress report. Please make sure that you follow

the booking process that has been communicated out.

### Year 10 Construction - Mr Batt

Over the term, the Year 10 Construction class have been making their Garden Bench project as an introduction to the units of competency:

'CPCCCA2002 - Use carpentry tools and equipment', and  
'CPCCVE1011 - Undertake a basic construction project'.

The garden bench project teaches the students some basic carpentry skills such as operating a drop saw, creating a housing joint, laminating timbers together, marking out and cutting different curves and angles, and reading a plan.

All students have participated well in this project with great results on the finished products.

### Year 11 & 12

The year 11 and 12 cohort have also been busy carrying out a wide variety of tasks around the College. Students have carried out repairs and replacement of the hardwood floor on the loading ramp at the old shearing shed, repaired damaged timbers and replaced the corrugated iron at the poultry shed, re-painted the picnic tables around the College, and prepared and painted the wall for our diversity mural.

All these jobs have taught the students involved valuable skills in carpentry, teamwork, planning, and problem solving, and will go towards the practical components of many units of competency.

### Engineering - Mr Parker

Over the past couple of weeks, the Year 10 students have been coming up with ideas and designs of their own allowing them to consolidate a lot of the Engineering skills they have learnt this semester. There have been a lot of very creative designs in Garden Art which uses a lot of recycled material such as old tools, farm equipment, horseshoes, nuts, bolts and springs, etc.

Some students have designed and produced motorbike stands, bike ramps and many other very interesting projects. Most students enjoy MIG welding and are very keen to create other projects that require welding.

Year 11 students are finalising design portfolios for their major projects. They are required to research, design and work out costings as part of their Certificate 2 Engineering assessment. At this stage we have approximately 14 trailer designs submitted which will be a big undertaking for Engineering but a challenge we are keen to take on.

Work continues for our Year 12s as they strive to complete their major projects. Students who have completed their major projects are now concentrating on completing their online theory topics and review questions aligned to each unit of competency.

Take care, stay safe and have a great weekend!





## ON FARM



Year 12 students working on their aquaponics project.



Lucius inspecting a telehandler.



Mr Madson and Mr Matt Hough with a group of Year 12 students inspecting for weeds and pests, which will go towards their Certificate III in Agriculture competencies.



Mr Gooley with Year 12 students, Patrick, Tyson and Ethan, filling up a seeder.



Mr Matt Hough with Year 12 students, Danielle and Libby, checking for early germinations of canola. (Mr Hough isn't *really* doing all the work).



## ON FARM



Year 12 students, Amira and Aleeyah, seeding with a no-till air drill bar.



## CONGRATULATIONS



**Congratulations** to Year 10 student Zaria Francis, for being selected for the Thundersticks Junior Wheatbelt Academy! This is a Hockey WA program that has been established to create a better pathway for regional hockey players.



**Congratulations** to Pepper Wortley, Natalie Bradford, Mitchell Green, Jacinta Thornton, Ryen English, Flynn Roser, Kayla George, Brodie Hills, Rhys Smith and Zaine Cuthbert for being recipients of the 2023 Telstra Tech for STEM Regional Scholarships! These Year 11 students each received a tablet computer in recognition of their commitment to studying STEM courses and VET qualifications in the country.

## Career Conversations

Bringing families together

Together with schools we  
can prepare young people  
for the many opportunities  
and challenges ahead.

### Parent and student information session Narrogin

Narrogin Local Education Office

Homer Street, Narrogin

Wednesday 31 May 2023 • 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Reserve your free spot at the Career Conversations - information for families with Eventbrite via the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/career-conversations-career-information-for-families-narrogin-tickets-560179992437>



# Career Conversations 2023

## Bringing families together

### Career information for families

As parents/carers, you are the greatest influencers of your children's career decision making. Together with schools we can prepare young people for the many opportunities and challenges ahead.

We all need to be having career conversations beginning much earlier than secondary school.

Armed with accurate, up-to-date information, families can explore together the full range of options and pathways open to young people.

Join the conversation about post school options at our free parent events in your local area. Come and hear about:

- exploring university and training pathways
- career pathway information for young people with disabilities
- where to find accurate, up-to-date career pathway information
- where the jobs are
- what employers and industry are looking for.

### Register for an event



Region	Location	Date
<b>Breakfast events (7:30 am to 8:30 am)</b>		
Central Perth	Perth CBD	Monday 3 April
<b>Metropolitan events (6:30 pm to 8:00 pm)</b>		
North Metropolitan	Joondalup	Monday 29 May
	Morley	Tuesday 20 June
	Scarborough	Tuesday 14 March
South Metropolitan	Armadale	Thursday 23 May
	Bentley	Thursday 16 March
	Henderson	Wednesday 15 March
	Mandurah	Monday 15 May
<b>Regional events (6:30 pm to 8:00 pm)</b>		
Goldfields	Esperance	Thursday 8 June
	Kalgoorlie	Tuesday 13 June
Kimberley	Broome	Tuesday 2 May
	Kununurra	Tuesday 8 August
Mid-West	Carnarvon	Thursday 27 July
	Geraldton	Monday 22 May
Pilbara	Hedland	Thursday 22 June
	Karratha	Wednesday 21 June
	Newman	Tuesday 25 July
	Tom Price	Thursday 10 August
Southwest	Albany	Monday 8 May
	Bunbury	Tuesday 28 March
	Busselton	Monday 27 March
Wheatbelt	Narrogin	Wednesday 31 May
	Northam	Thursday 25 May
<b>Online events (5:30 pm to 6:30 pm)</b>		
All	Online	Tuesday 4 April
All	Online	Monday 26 June



## STUDENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE LAKE GRACE ENGINEERING

LGE is a local engineering business located in Lake Grace. They are currently seeking staff to join their team, especially those interested in an apprenticeship in metal fabrication/boilermaking.

[Visit the College website to view the flyer](#)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lgeengineering>  
Insta: <https://www.instagram.com/lakegraceengineering/>

Phone: 0488 553 082

Email: [kim.bryan@lakegraceengineering.com](mailto:kim.bryan@lakegraceengineering.com)

### 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](mailto:rennaemartin1@bigpond.com)

### GENERAL FARM DUTIES (CROPPING) JM & LT Hinck & Son, Kerrigan Valley Beef | HYDEN WA

We are a broadacre farm and cattle feedlot, also a breeding herd. We also have three properties in the Shire of Kondinin.

This is a full-time farming position available mid-June in cropping.

Specifications:

- Competent handling of large Agriculture farming equipment.
- Drivers License required (please do not apply if you don't have one as we have properties in different locations around the shire).
- Good OHS
- Be able to work on your own and with a team.
- Truck license an advantage but not necessary.

Wages are based on level of experience.

Please supply a resume with contactable referees via email to: [tabuan1@bigpond.com](mailto:tabuan1@bigpond.com)

For further information, please contact:

Trevor on 0429 384 787

or phone the Farm Office on (08) 9880 5096

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

Apprentice Welder/Fabricator

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

Apprentice Production Spray Painter

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

Assembler at Sonic Boomsprays in Narembeen WA

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

Scan the QR codes on the flyers for more information.

### Flooring Apprenticeship CARPET COURT | Narrogin WA

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

Phone: (08) 9881 4959

Website: [carpetcourt.com.au/careers](http://carpetcourt.com.au/careers)



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/>



## EVENTS



# Term 2 2023

Date	Event	Venue
Friday, 2 June	School & Community BBQ Lunch Students finish school at 12:30pm prior to BBQ.	
Sat 3—Sun 4 June	Closed weekend	
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

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