



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN  
COLLEGE of AGRICULTURE  
*Narrogin*



Country Week 2023

# COLLEGE CHRONICLE

MONDAY 3 JULY 2023

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

*An Independent Public School*



This week, all parents/caregivers should have received an email with a link to the Semester 1, formal report. I encourage you to take the time to discuss your child's efforts with them. Staff comments and attitude, behaviour, effort ratings, complete the profile for each

subject and should be considered equally as important as the overall grade. If you have any concerns regarding your child's progress, please contact the individual teacher to discuss.

Our students returned from Country Week, on Friday. I would like to thank all staff who attended, coached, supported, and supervised the students. Special thanks go to Mr Wray and the Admin staff for the overall organisation, and to Mrs Rae for managing the after-hours schedule. Each team did us proud. Congratulations to our mixed hockey team with their win against Geraldton SHS in the B Grade Grand Final!

Year 12 parents/caregivers have also been sent a link to two quick surveys regarding the upcoming Graduation. Please share your opinion regarding graduation attire and the purchase of a graduation sash.

We also say goodbye to Mr Dean Pfitzner, who will be returning to WACoA Harvey, and Mr Trevor Horne, who has spent the semester teaching English and HASS. Mr Horne will be teaching in Port Hedland next semester. In our first Chronicle for Term 3, I will introduce several new staff members, who will be joining us in Class, Residence, Kitchen and Admin.

Have a safe and restful holiday and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, 17th July, for a 9am start (there is no school development day).



The next P&C meeting will be held on  
**Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> August at 2:00pm**

## Congratulations

**Congratulations** to Year 12 student, Riley Holden for his excellent performance in football at the recent Great Southern Colts Carnival in Lake Grace.

Riley was selected in the Great Southern Colts 20 Team and will represent the Great Southern in Perth in July. Riley was also named Best Forward for the Upper Great Southern Football League's team with 7 goals for the carnival.



## Making a Difference Beyond the Classroom



**Well done** to Simon Whitehouse for his role in assisting at the Katanning 4x4 Gymnastics Competition on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> of June.

The competition had teams from Katanning, Lake Grace and Narrogin competing from Level 1 to 4 in Women's Artistic Gymnastic and a boys' competition.

Simon assists with coaching gymnasts at Katanning Gymnastics Club and Narrogin Gymnastics Club.

## Inspiring Australians Student Forum

The Year 11 prefects, Zaine and Natalie, attended the Inspiring Australians Student Forum at the University of WA on Wednesday, June 29th.

The students listened to engaging presentations from three people who have made considerable achievements in their communities. Craig Foster AM, spoke to the group via video link from Sydney about his work helping refugees. Zahra Al Hilaly discussed the importance of equality and treating all with kindness. The final speech from Amar Singh, highlighted the value of always being yourself and finding ways to contribute to your community.



Amar Singh and Zahra Al Hilaly with Natalie and Zaine

## Head of Teaching & Learning - Leanne Sjollega



As we wrap up school for the term, I would like to commend our students for their efforts and hard work. It has been very encouraging to see so many students accessing academic support after school and striving to achieve their best in class.

With Semester One reports providing an opportunity for staff to give individual feedback on student engagement and progress in the academic programs through ABES, grade and comments, it

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

I wish all students and staff a well-deserved, restful holiday and look forward to seeing you all next term.



### Animal Production Systems Update

As previously reported, Year 11 ATAR students have been working hard with myself and Mr Bertuola to observe the impact of gender on the rate of weight gain in the College cross bred chicks that were hatched at the start of term. Upon analysis of the data it appears that the females gained weight faster overall and these hens will end up forming part of our laying program once they point of lay. The Year 12 ATAR Students are in the process of analysing data from a previous Prime Lamb trial which examined the impact of dietary protein and carbohydrates on weight gain in store lambs. Both classes are in the process of completing a scientific report discussing their independent findings which assists them to develop their skills in analysing data and determining the reliability of data which are critical skills for anyone involved in Agriculture. The Year 12 General students have just completed a unit on Animal Health which required them to gain an understanding of animal health and biosecurity as well as conduct a Case Study on a specific pest. The students were able to conduct targeted research into their chosen pest, enabling them to recognise symptoms, understand how the pest spreads as well as design their own Integrated Pest Management Program to control and/or prevent an outbreak of this pest. This deeper learning should support their practical application of pest control measures, both at the College and in their future endeavours and they have created some fabulous posters summarising their findings.



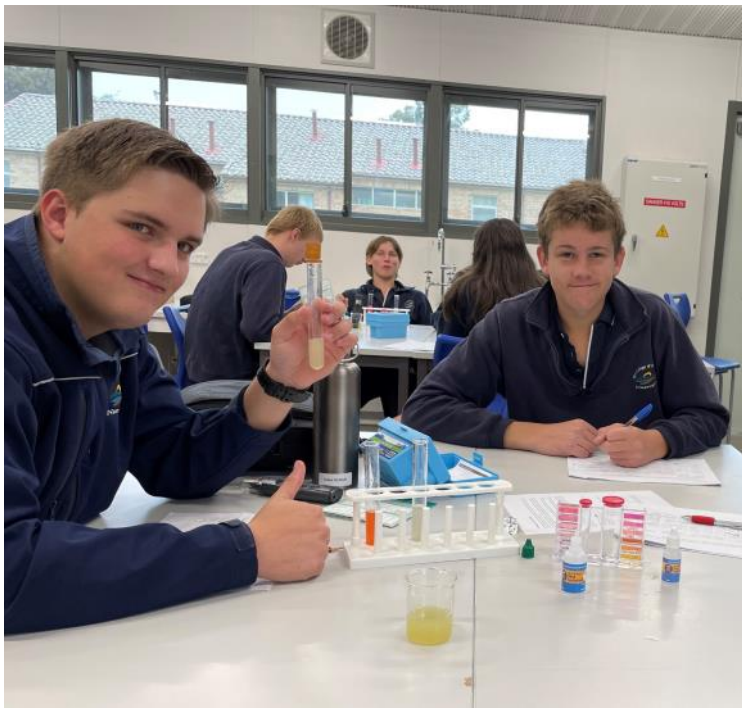
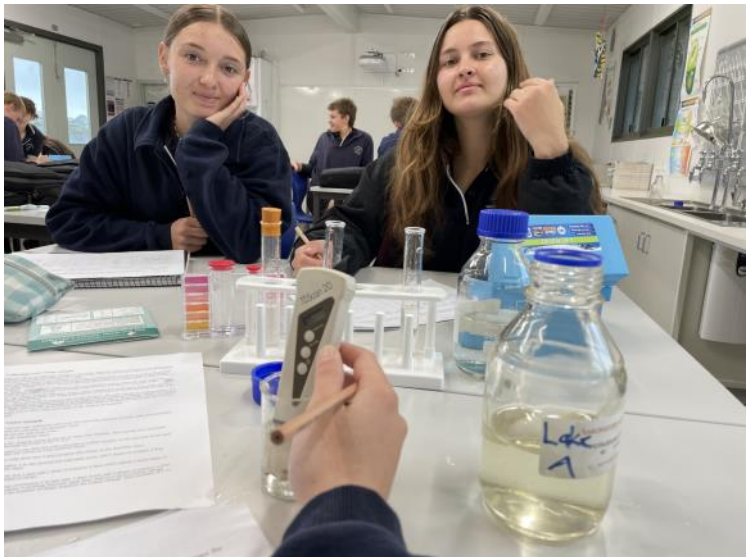


## Teacher - Louise Eastwood



This term, the Year 11 General students studied dryland salinity in Animal Production Systems and investigated if the College farm is being affected by salinity. The students had the question, "Is the water safe for livestock to drink?"

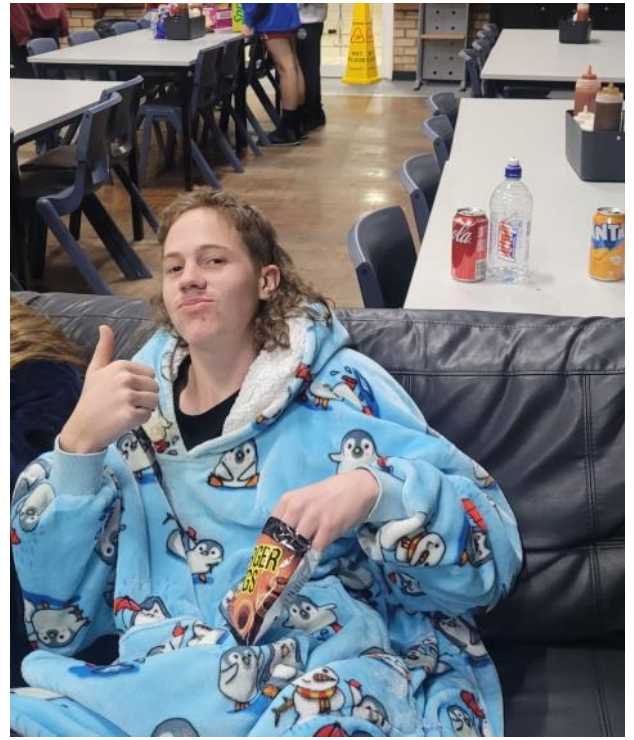
To find out, we took one of the new buses to visit the water points around the College grounds. We collected samples from water troughs, dams, natural soak, creek and lake. We then brought the samples back to the lab to compare with a control sample of Distilled Water. Students conducted Water Quality tests by testing the Salinity, Chlorine, Bromine and pH levels for safe livestock drinking levels. Student also investigated the amount of salt each of our livestock types on the farm can tolerate and compared this to the readings gathered from the water sources.



# Residential - Cooking



## Residential - Oodie Movie Night



Mrs Gill and Mrs Haydock organised an end-of-term movie night for the residential students. On Friday night, 23 June, each student received a cool drink, packet of chips and assorted snacks to indulge on while they enjoyed a movie in the dining room.



## EQUINE - Amanda Watts



### Horse Dentist

Jess, from Pimbury Equine, paid us a visit on Friday, June 23rd, to conduct a scheduled examination of the horses' teeth at the College. This routine check-up is carried out every 12 months to ensure proper animal husbandry and maintain their health.

During her visit, the students had the opportunity to learn about and participate in the examination process. Olivia and Jael assisted Jess by holding the horses and observing what was happening inside their mouths. Other students came to Equine, keen on witnessing the procedure and expanding their understanding of equine dental care.



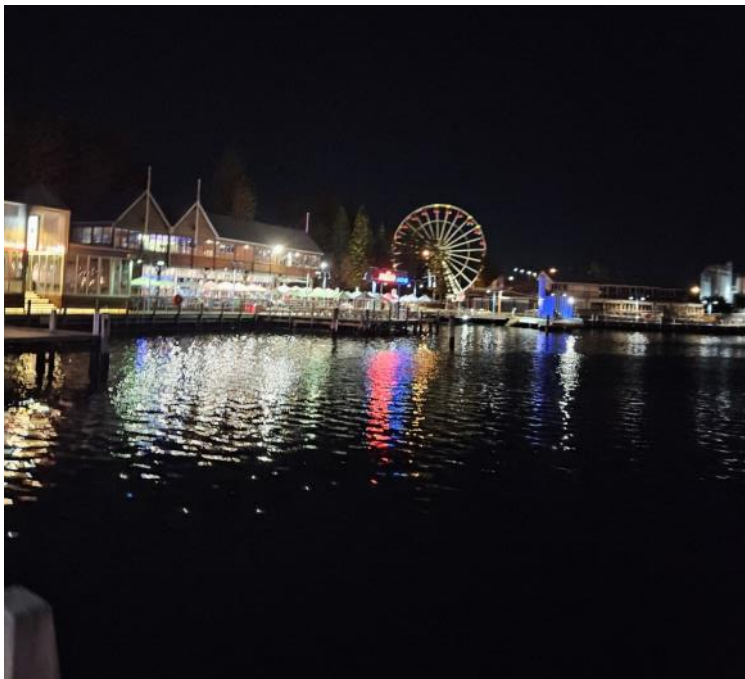
Jess with Olivia, Tess, Jael, Christina and a happy College horse



# COUNTRY WEEK 2023 - Photos



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# COUNTRY WEEK 2023 - Results

## DAY 1 RESULTS

### Mixed Hockey

WACoA Narrogin def Narrogin Senior 3 - 0

### Girls Volleyball

Bethel def WACoA Narrogin 3 - 0

### Girls Basketball

Harvey Senior def WACoA Narrogin 40 - 6

### Girls AFL

Pinjarra Senior def WACoA Narrogin 6Goals 4Points - 3Points

### Boys AFL

Australind def WACoA Narrogin 7Goals 13Points vs 5Goals 1Point

### Boys Basketball

Bunbury Baptist def WACoA Narrogin 44 - 23

## DAY 2 RESULTS

### Mixed Hockey

Geraldton GS def WACoA Narrogin 4 - 2

### Girls Volleyball

WACoA Narrogin def WACoA Harvey 2sets - 1set  
Champion Bay def WACoA Narrogin 3sets - 0sets  
Northam Senior def WACoA Narrogin 3sets - 0sets

### Girls Basketball

Bunbury Grammar def WACoA Narrogin 40 - 17  
WACoA Harvey def WACoA Narrogin 53 - 4

### Girls AFL

North Albany Senior def WACoA Narrogin 8 - 43

### Boys AFL

Bunbury Senior def WACoA Narrogin 36 - 35  
Bunbury CC def WACoA Narrogin 34 - 32

### Boys Basketball

WACoA Denmark def WACoA Narrogin 25 - 19  
Katanning Senior def WACoA Narrogin 38 - 30



## DAY 3 RESULTS

### Mixed Hockey

North Albany Senior drew WACoA Narrogin 1 - 1  
WACoA Narrogin def WACoA Cunderdin 2 - 0

### Girls Volleyball

WACoA Narrogin def Esperance ACS 3sets - 0sets  
Geraldton Christian def WACoA Narrogin 3sets - 0sets

### Girls Basketball

Grace def WACoA Narrogin 31 - 15  
Eaton CC def WACoA Narrogin 36 - 14

### Girls AFL

Karratha Senior def WACoA Narrogin 71 - 14  
Newton Moore def WACoA Narrogin 7 - 6

### Boys AFL

Pinjarra Senior def WACoA Narrogin 71 - 14

### Boys Basketball

Narrogin Senior def WACoA Narrogin 38 - 32  
Geraldton Grammar def WACoA Narrogin 52 - 25

## DAY 4 RESULTS

### Mixed Hockey

WACoA Narrogin def WACoA Cunderdin 2 - 0

### Girls Volleyball

Hedland Senior def WACoA Narrogin 3sets - 0sets

### Girls Basketball

St Lukes def WACoA Narrogin 55 - 6  
Dalyellup College def WACoA Narrogin 24 - 2  
John Tonkin def WACoA Narrogin 31 - 4

### Girls AFL

WACoA Narrogin def Newton Moore 22 - 16  
Pinjarra Senior def WACoA Narrogin 54 - 7

### Boys AFL

Albany Senior def WACoA Narrogin 65 - 23

### Boys Basketball

WACoA Narrogin def Coodanup College 45 - 42  
Merredin def WACoA Narrogin 39 - 27

## DAY 5 RESULTS

### Mixed Hockey

WACoA Narrogin def Geraldton GS 1 - 0

### Girls Volleyball

Geraldton Christian def WACoA Narrogin 2sets - 0sets

### Girls AFL

Karratha Senior def WACoA Narrogin 25 - 15

### Boys AFL

Albany Senior def WACoA Narrogin 24 - 14

### Boys Basketball

WACoA Narrogin def Coodanup College 46 - 32



## STUDENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### ALCOA 2024 APPRENTICESHIP INTAKE

- Mechanical Fitter
- Mechanical Fitter Machinist
- Fabricator / Welder
- Heavy Duty Plant Mechanic
- Industrial Electrical Instrumentation Technician

Alcoa has launched their Apprenticeship recruitment campaign for their 2024 Intake, accepting applications now until COB Sunday, 23 July 2023.

They have multiple apprenticeship opportunities available across their WA Alumina and Bauxite operations located at their three refineries (**Kwinana, Pinjarra & Wagerup**), and their bauxite mine sites (**Huntly & Willowdale**). Successful applicants will start in January 2024 and at the end of the four years, will earn a nationally recognised trade certificate.

Link: <https://www.alcoa.com/australia/en/careers/apprentice-opportunities>

### ARTIFICIAL SHEEP BREEDING TECHNICIAN GENSTOCK | KOJONUP WA

[Download the Flyer here](#)

OR

[visit the post on the College website here](#)

### 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)

### WORSLEY ALUMINA BODDINGTON BAUXITE MINE

- Heavy Duty Diesel Mechanic (Certificate III in Mobile Plant Technology)
- Automotive Electrical (Certificate III in Automotive Electrical Technology)

All apprenticeship roles are four-year programs which combine structured nationally recognised training with on-the-job experience.

**Applications Open: 27 June to 30 July 2023**

[Visit the post on the College website for instructions on how to apply.](#)

### APPRENTICE CABINETMAKER Narrogin Cabinetmakers | NARROGIN WA

We are seeking expression of interest for a keen, motivated person interested in undergoing a Cabinetmaking apprenticeship in our workshop.

Email interest or any questions to:  
**Phil at Narrogin Cabinetmakers**

### WORSLEY ALUMINA REFINERY (COLLIE)

- Mechanical Fitting (Certificate III in Engineering – Mechanical Trade)
- Electrical (Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician)
- Fabrication (Certificate III in Engineering – Fabrication Trade)

All apprenticeship roles are four-year programs which combine structured nationally recognised training with on-the-job experience.

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For more job details or can be found on the College's website at

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

# ADF Careers - Make Your Impact

DEFENCEJOBS

NAVY ARMY AIR FORCE



## We have exciting news to share!

On 1 July, Defence Force Recruiting will be re-branding to **ADF Careers**, integrating Navy, Army and Air Force recruitment across the five Defence domains of maritime, land, air, space and cyber.

Over the coming months, you'll see much more of our new brand. Keep an eye out for the updated website at [adfcareers.gov.au](https://adfcareers.gov.au), as well as our rebranded social media channels and advertising campaigns. On 3 July, we will also open new ADF Careers Centres in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Brisbane, and we'll use the words 'ADF Careers' in any phone calls with you.

You may continue to see the Defence Force Recruiting brand as **ADF Careers** is rolled out across the country – please be assured both brands are owned by Defence. Make [adfcareers.gov.au](https://adfcareers.gov.au) the starting point to learn more about making an impact with a career in the Australian Defence Force.

<https://adfcareers.gov.au>

DEFENCEJOBS DISCOVER CAREER OPPORTUNITIES  
IN THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

NAVY ARMY AIR FORCE

# EXPERIENCE ADFA VIRTUAL OPEN DAY



## ADFA Open Day – Sat 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August, ADFA is hosting their Open Day in Canberra. If you can't make it in person, you can still experience all the action with our virtual Open Day!

On the day, you'll get to:

- Hear from ADFA Commandant, Jules Adams, to learn more about ADFA and how to get the most out of the virtual Open Day;
- Hear from ADFA Cadets, alumni, and UNSW staff about life and studying at ADFA;
- Explore UNSW degrees, with Information Sessions on Business, Science, Engineering & Computing and Arts;
- Participate in live Q&As and get all your questions answered;
- Take a virtual tour of the campus, and much more!

Be the first to hear about what is happening for ADFA Open Day 2023. Visit [adfcareers.gov.au/ADFA](https://adfcareers.gov.au/ADFA) to register now.

CALL 13 19 01 OR  
VISIT [ADFCAREERS.GOV.AU/EVENTS](https://adfcareers.gov.au/events)

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## Term 2 - 3 2023

Date	Event	Venue
Sunday, 16 July	Residential students return after 3pm.	
Monday, 17 July	Term 3 Commences. 9am start. (no school development day)	
Tuesday, 22 August	Friday timetable	
Thursday 24 August	Student Fun Run for the Royal Flying Doctor Service Commencing at 1:15pm (after lunch). Students leave after 3pm for closed weekend.	On-site
Fri 25—Sun 27 August	Closed weekend Residential students return after 3pm on Sunday.	
Friday, 15 September	<b>OPEN DAY</b>	
Friday, 22 September	End of Term 3	

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

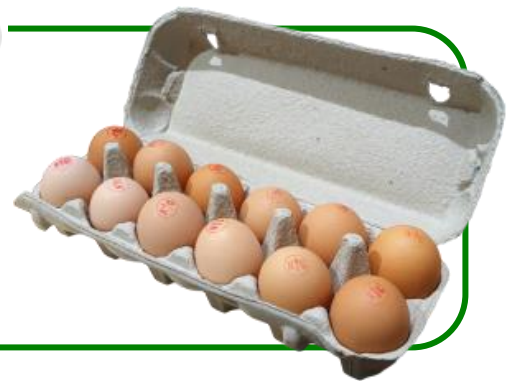
### Fresh Eggs

#### For Sale at the Main Office

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

Due to supply demand, please call the Main Office in advance to check if any are available for purchase on 08 9881 9700

For large orders, please contact the Farm Office on 08 9881 9726



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# Term 3, 2023

as of 28/06/2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
Wk 1 A	17 July <b>Term 3 commences</b>	18	19 Facey Group Women In Agriculture	20	21	22	23	
Wk 2 B	24 July	25 Ag Advisory meeting, 10am	26	27 Careers Day	28	29	30	
Wk 3 A	31 July Year 11 Short Courses	1 August	2	3	4 CENSUS DAY P & C meeting, 2pm	5	6	
Wk 4 B	7 August	8	9	10 Finance meeting	11	12	13	
Wk 5 A	14 August	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Wk 6 B	21 August	22 Friday Timetable  Board hybrid meeting 6pm	23 Youth Innovation Think Tank 2023	24 STUDENTS FUN RUN  Students leave after 3pm	25 School Development Day	26	27  Students return after 3pm	
Wk 7 A	28 August	29	30 Dowerin	31 Field Days	1 September	2	3	
	Year 12 WPL							
Wk 8 B	4 September	5	6 Newdegate Field Days	7	8	9	10	
	OLNA Years 10,11 & 12							
Wk 9 A	11 September	12	13 OPEN DAY PREP	14 R U OK DAY Youth Innovation Think Tank 2023 -tbc OPEN DAY PREP	15  Open Day	16	17	
	OLNA Years 10,11 & 12							
Wk 10 B	18 September	19	20	21 Army Visit	22 End of Term 3	23	24	
	25 September Queen's B'day Public holiday	26 Term 3 holidays	27	28	29	30	1	
	2 October Term 3 holidays	3	4	5	6	7	8	

# Term 4, 2023

as of 28/06/2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Wk 1 A	9 October <b>Term 4 commences</b>	10	11	12	13 P & C meeting, 2pm  Tomorrow Man/Woman-Year 10 students	14	15
Wk 2 B	16 October	17 Ag Advisory meeting, 10am	18	19	20 Year 12 students last day	21	22
Wk 3 A	23 October	24 Aranmore Catholic College onsite visit	25	26	27 Year 12 Awards Ceremony	28	29
Wk 4 B	30 October ATAR COMMENCES	31	1 November	2 Finance meeting	3	4	5
Wk 5 A	6 November	7	8	9 Year 11 Presentations  Year 10 students leave after 3pm	10 School Development Day	11	12  Year 10 Students return after 3pm
Wk 6 B	13 November	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Year 11 WPL					
Wk 7 A	20 November	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Year 11 WPL					
Wk 8 B	27 November	28	29	30	1 December Year 10 Presentations	2	3
Wk 9 A	4 December	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Year 10 WPL					
Wk 10 B	11 December	12	13	14 Students End of Term 4	15 Staff End of Term 4 School Development Day	16	17
		Year 10 WPL					

Students return 2024, Wednesday 31 January.  
 School Administrators return 2024, Thursday 25 January  
 Teachers and Education Assistants return 2024, Monday 29 January  
 Cleaners return 2024, Thursday 18 January  
 School Support Officers return 2024, Wednesday 24 January