



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
COLLEGE of AGRICULTURE
Narrogin



COLLEGE CHRONICLE

FRIDAY 11 AUGUST 2023

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

An Independent Public School

Principal - Clare Roser



The Department of Education recently released a number of new, and revised documents to support schools. The Minister announced the 'Standing Together Against Violence' statement and the 'Connect and Respect' resources. These will assist us in setting shared and respectful expectations and enable us to

continue to work together in the best interests of our children.

We all share a responsibility for providing a safe, supportive and productive environment, free from bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence. Parents and carers, and other visitors to our school, support safety by ensuring communication and conduct at school and school activities is respectful. We all have the right to feel safe and be safe at school.

This includes when and how to contact the school, what you can expect from us and the behaviours that interfere with teaching and learning. These resources and guidelines will assist us to continue to build upon our culture of connection and engagement, and we will implement them to support our staff to deliver quality education at our college.

Parent resources are located on the Department's website: [Connect and Respect - Department of Education](#)

Leavers Survey

The College will be sending out a survey for parents of all Year 12 students in the next few weeks. The information will assist us in improving our practices. The surveys are anonymous, as always, and I encourage you to be constructive and respectful in your comments.

Year 12 Graduation Attire

Parents had the opportunity to give feedback on the request from students to allow semi formal dress on graduation day rather than compulsory wearing of the College Formal uniform. From the 32 responses received, the majority of parents were in favour of allowing semi formal dress. I will be speaking with all Year 12 students regarding what will be deemed acceptable and the option to wear the Formal College uniform is still available. We have also responded to the request for black gowns and a Leavers' sash. The College now has a set of gowns and students will be able to purchase and keep a satin Leavers' sash as part of the Graduation Pack.

Have a great weekend

Residential Manager - Heather Rae



Hi Everyone

Well, it is Week 4 of Term 3 already, where has the year gone? Over the past few weeks and weekends, students have enjoyed cooking supper at the firepit in the camp ovens, trips to Narrogin, baking muffins, working on the bike track, and enjoying their weekend sports.

Our Year 12s have been enjoying their cooking classes with Mrs Haydock. They work with a budget to plan their menu, then do a Click&Collect order and then cook and enjoy their meal. This is a great learning experience for all.

Staff have organised a few off-site excursions but due to lack of numbers we have unfortunately had to cancel them.

Reminders

Can we please have Leave in for evening sports and other evening activities in by 2pm on the afternoon they are to attend, as it is very time consuming for staff to be chasing this up at the last minute.

On Monday morning, we unfortunately had a few student drivers return to the College late. It is important that they get back on or before the stated time as per their Leave. Also, the speed at which some drove in was not acceptable. Having a vehicle on-site is a privilege - please drive safe and obey the road rules.

Have a great weekend



Hello everyone

This week, I thoroughly enjoyed being back in the classroom as a relief teacher for some Phys Ed classes. The Year 11 students really amazed me with their mixed netball skills. With Mrs Joy, the

chaplain, umpiring (and she is pretty strict), I saw some excellent teamwork with some very fast pickups and great defence from both teams. It was great to see the students willingly adapt to playing with new teammates.

The Year 11 Short Courses were a great success last week. I had some extremely positive feedback about the students' attitude and enthusiasm towards learning new skills. The relevant certificates for Defensive Driving will be arriving at the College soon and Miss Sjollema and I will be organising some online support for the First Aid course after school on Tuesday 15th of August. Remember, that students only have a 30-day window of opportunity to finish the theory part of

this course. If students have already completed their First Aid certificates, they need to submit a copy of their certificates to admin so we can keep them for our files.

Having had several discussions with Mr Madson around the safety of student drivers and their vehicles, this is a timely reminder that students are not allowed to speed on any of the College roads and that they must park in their designated parking places. If students are returning to Residence at the College on Monday mornings, they need to ensure that they allow enough time to do so, and therefore ensure they drive within the speed limits. It is within the College's rights to withdraw driving privileges from students who cannot follow these road rules.

In closing, one of the Short Course deliverers made a comment about how the students he worked with were all "Keen to give it a red-hot go!" That's the level of enthusiasm that I really like to see among the student body.

The Annual Public Board Meeting will be held on
Tuesday, 22nd August at 5:30pm
in the College meeting room.

Parents and members of the community are
welcome to come along and sit in on the meeting.

HEAD OF TEACHING & LEARNING - Leanne Sjollema



Another busy few weeks has seen students completing a range of learning activities, from collecting data for plant investigations in the rain, to analysing novels, and learning about how to meet market specifications in red meat production systems.

Year 12 classes have been busy and humming with activity as students work through content, analyse superheroes and everyday heroes, learn new skills in sports such as badminton or design coaching programs for their peers in Physical Education Studies. Year 12 Plant Production Systems have been learning about Integrated Pest Management, while Year 11 Animal Production Systems have been experimenting with zoonosis and hygiene. Year 10 HPE has been focused on Safe and Respectful Relationships and Health, explore the experience of Australians during World War II during HASS, and in English they have now completed their study of Red Dog and are moving on to a new topic.

Keeping on top of assessments can be tricky, so please contact your child's teacher if you feel your child may need more support or if you have any questions regarding Class work.

The change of end date for Year 12 has necessitated a change in submission dates for the final assessments. It has been great to see students taking up the opportunity for additional support during quiet time over the past few weeks as well as attending after school tutoring in order to complete tasks quickly and to the best of their ability. As a result of the change, all Year 12 students are required to complete their End of Year Examinations during Week 10. These exams will be condensed into one week and will not be accessible early. If your child has a reasonable cause for being absent during this week, please contact me so we can schedule a date for them to sit these exams in Week 1 of Term 4 as these exams contribute towards your child's completion of their Year 12 classes.

YEAR 11 PREFECT - Natalie Bradford



I was lucky enough to get accepted into the Curious Minds program in December last year. Since then, we did a six-month coaching course with a woman working in the STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) industry. In that time, we did research into our own personal projects. I chose to research

germination of crops in acidic soils, where I did an experiment with magnesium silicate, calcium silicate, lime, and hi-cal lime. I found that magnesium silicate helped most of the crops germinate with a 95% germination rate with the compound.

In the first week of the holidays, I travelled to the University of Adelaide for the week with Curious Minds to share my experiment with other students as well as learning more about STEM and how important it is for future growth. We did classes in the different areas of science which were run by experts in that field. I found it extremely beneficial as it gave us a taste of subjects that aren't always an option to study in high school. *I loved the program I would recommend it!*



Breakfast with Olympians



Back: Eric, Patrick, Zaine, Owen, Kayla and Phillip.
Front: Ella, Sally Hunter, Madison, Georgia Wilson and Natalie.

Nine of our student leaders began their day with breakfast in Narrogin with Olympians: Georgia Wilson, a Tokyo 2020 Olympian and current Hockeyroo, and Sally Hunter, a two-time Olympian and Commonwealth Games Gold & Silver Medallist in swimming.

Alongside students from Narrogin SHS, the students listened to the Olympians talk about their careers, developing resilience after disappointment and the importance of finding your own path to achieve success.

The students really enjoyed the presentation, and the main messages they took from the session were that hard work trumps talent, and every day we make many choices—it's up to us to use those choices to help us reach our goals.

At the end of the presentation, students got to hold Commonwealth and Pan Pacific medals.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR LEADERSHIP, INNOVATION & INDUSTRY - Gayelle Quartermaine



Thursday 27 July was a big day at the College with two off-site excursions and on-site workshops to enhance the students understanding of careers and career pathways.

The Year 10 students travelled to the SkillsWest Careers and Employment Expo at the Perth Convention Centre where they looked at displays, demonstrations and lectures about employment opportunities.

The Year 11 students went to AFGRI in South Guildford where they toured the facility and listened to presentations about technology and career pathways. AFGRI generously provided lunch for the group before they continued the excursion to South Metro TAFE in Thornlie. Here the students had a campus tour and were given information about courses.

The Year 12 students stayed on-site for a day of presentations and workshops focused on life after

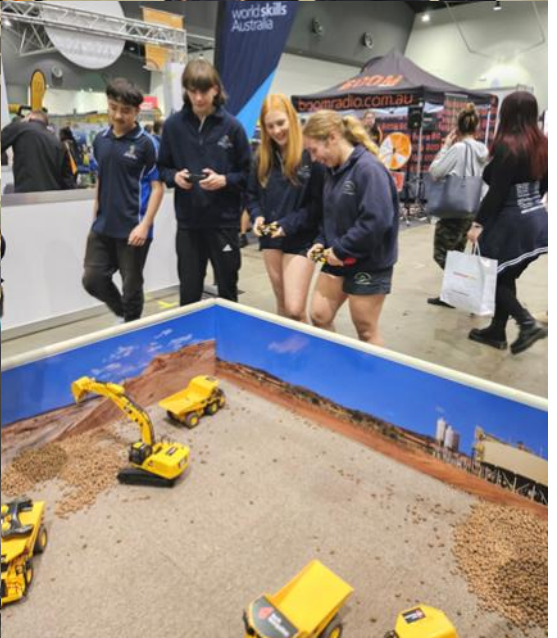
graduation. The morning started with making their own lunch and goal setting. Peyton Vaughn from IRE Agriculture Worldwide spoke to the students about working overseas before Ric Linnett from Farmers Centre talked to them about apprentice opportunities. After morning tea, Felicity Astbury from RSM Narrogin presented an interesting and informative session on Tax and Financial Literacy. Cara van Schalkwyk and Kathy Barlow from Jobs and Skills Centre in Bunbury spoke with the group about apprentice rights.

After lunch, the Year 12s had 10 minute mock interviews with a staff member and local business person. Thanks to Lindsay George from SportsPower Narrogin, Claire Coffey from DPIRD, Michelle Batt from Country Wide Insurance and Catherine Thornton from Carpet Court Narrogin for volunteering their time to make this a very worthwhile learning opportunity for the students.

A huge thank you to the staff, businesses and volunteers who helped to make this day a success!















Defensive Driving on the old College gravel driveway. Instructor, Peter Ramsay, with students Diesel, Blair, Mitchell and Zaide



Rural Fire Awareness course with Simon Vogel at the shearing complex lecture



White Card course with Mr Mark Batt at the Trade Training Centre

First Aid course with Jean Walker

ON FARM



Year 10s backlining cattle.

Tyran and Jacob



Charlie and Ryan



Devin and Keeley



Emma and Rohan



Year 10s preparing a shed for the lambs.
Luke, Abbey and Lachlan.

ON FARM



Year 11s, Bayley and Lachlan,
finishing a lamb yard.



Year 10s moving cattle.

IN TRADES



IN TRADES



Zaine



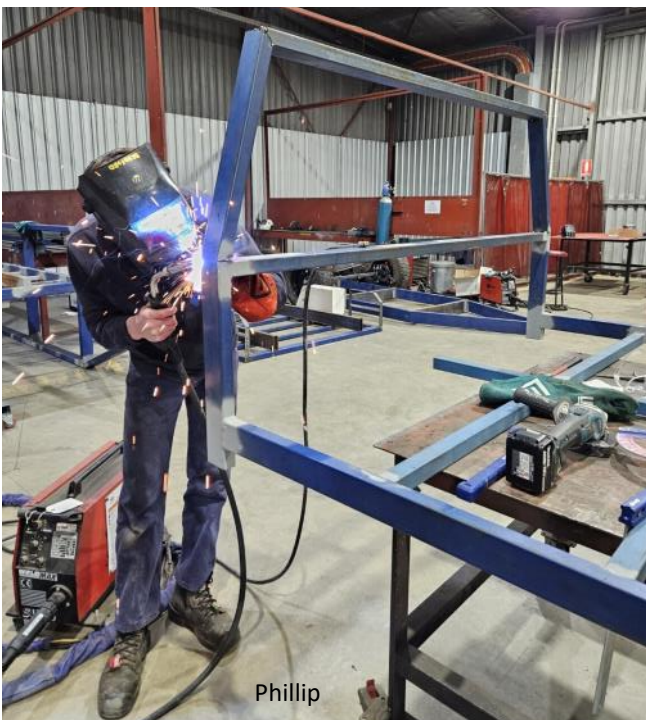
Cobus



Tyler



Kayla



Phillip

ATKINSON BROTHERS' ANNUAL BURSARY

Cliff (1990-1991), Matt (1992-1993) and Simon (1995-1996) Atkinson attended Narrogin Agricultural College (as it was known then) from humble beginnings and have gone on to have successful careers within and outside of agriculture, which they attribute to the College setting them up with the skills and attitude to succeed. The intent of the Atkinson Brothers' Annual Bursary is to encourage and support passionate young people to embark on a career by assisting in their education at WA College of Agriculture - Narrogin.

To contribute to the development of future WA College of Agriculture - Narrogin students, the Atkinson Brothers are offering each year a \$3,000.00 Bursary to a Year 11 student going into Year 12 to defray costs associated with boarding and / or course fees. The student will receive half of the scholarship at the start of Year 12 and the remainder at the start of Semester 2 in Year 12; provided they continue to meet the expectations and eligibility criteria. Bursary funds will be paid to the College. The recipients' school and boarding fees will be debited from these funds. Unspent scholarship funds will be returned to the funding body unless the recipient has been approved by the Bursary Selection Panel to expend surplus funds for a learning activity related to the objectives of the Bursary.

Eligibility

Currently enrolled in Year 11 at WA College of Agriculture - Narrogin

Not in receipt of Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)

Selection Criteria

Demonstrated positive work ethic, enthusiasm and a high level of performance in all components of the course and willingness to keep learning.

Demonstrated ability to overcome personal adversity.

Demonstrated desire to succeed in life.

Expectations of the bursary recipient

Will maintain a positive and productive approach to their learning and involvement in the College.

Will have an attendance record of 90% or better.

Will maintain satisfactory effort across all subjects and learning areas according to school reports.

Will do a presentation about their Agricultural College experience to the selection panel of the bursary at the end of Semester 1 and 2. The presentation may be written, video or in-person.

Application Process

Students intending on applying for the Bursary must write a covering application letter addressing the selection criteria and supply the following documents:

- School Reports
- Resume
- Two references

Students will be short-listed by the Bursary Selection Panel and the short-listed students will be required to attend a face-to-face interview.

EXPERIENCE ADFA VIRTUAL OPEN DAY



ADFA Open Day – Sat 19th August 2023

On Saturday 19th 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 to register now.

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

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Year 12 Baby & Year 1 photos for 2023 Graduation and Yearbook

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

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

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

We can return the photos back to you immediately after the Graduation Ceremony otherwise we will post them back to you via registered mail.

The earlier we get the photos the earlier we can prepare them for Graduation.

We would like the photos by 8th September.

Thank you

Scraper School 2023 - Charles Hull Contracting

Scraper School is a two week course where individuals are able to learn about operating scrapers. This course is free of cost and easy to apply for.

The first week of the course is classroom based where successful applicants will learn all the logistics, safety rules and operations of a Scraper.

The second week is based out at on of CHC's airstrip, where Scrapers will be operated by the Scraper School.

Please note:

- You must have your licence
- You must be over 18

Send your resume and cover letter to the email:

vacancies@charleshull.com.au

and ensure you enter "*Scraper School 2023*" as the application email subject line.



STUDENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

2024 APPRENTICE INTAKE

CHARLES HULL CONTRACTING | BASED IN WAROONA WA

CHC are now open for receive applications for their 2024 Apprentice Intake for highly interested Year 10-12 students. In the past, they have had many amazing applicants from WACoA Narrogin who have gone on to become employees, and CHC have expressed a keen interest, again, in including Narrogin Ag students to be included in the Trainee Intake.

[The Flyer can be downloaded here](#)

Please send resume, a cover letter and a school report.

Applications close on Thursday, 31 August 2023

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w: charleshull.com.au

SPORTS TURF MANAGEMENT APPRENTICESHIP (CERT III) PINJARA RACE CLUB | PINJARRA WA

The Pinjarra Race Club is seeking a full-time apprentice to join our team.

You must have:

- A High Standard of Work Ethos
- Excellent Time Management Skills
- Be able to work with other team members.
- Have an interest in Turf Management
- Be Highly Motivated and have an attention to detail.
- Availability for work at the clubs (currently 8 per annum) allocated weekend race meetings.
- Manual Drivers Licence

If you would like to join our team and are looking for a long-term rewarding career, please apply now with your resume.

To be eligible for an apprenticeship you must be an Australian Citizen, Permanent Resident or have full working rights.

Email your resume to trackmanager@pinjarrapark.com.au

Applications close on Friday, 25 August 2023

HARVEST FARMHAND

WILSON FARMS | CRANBROOK WA

We are looking for a farmhand/chaser bin driver for the up and coming harvest. We are seeking an enthusiastic and motivated person that is a capable of working individually and in a team environment. There is the opportunity for full-time employment following harvest to the right applicant. The job would also be suitable for someone looking for employment in their gap year.

A current driver's license is essential.

Approximate start time would be in early November.

Email your resume to: kt_wilson@bigpond.com

For more information on the position, please contact Keith on 0428 261 115

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

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

Email: philblyth@live.com.au

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/>



Term 3 2023

Date	Event	Venue
Tuesday, 22 August	Friday timetable. Hybrid Board Meeting @ 6pm.	
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 Fun Run
Fri 25—Sun 27 August	Closed weekend Residential students return after 3pm on Sunday.	
Friday, 15 September	OPEN DAY	
Friday, 22 September	End of Term 3 Last day for Year 12 General & Foundation students	

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

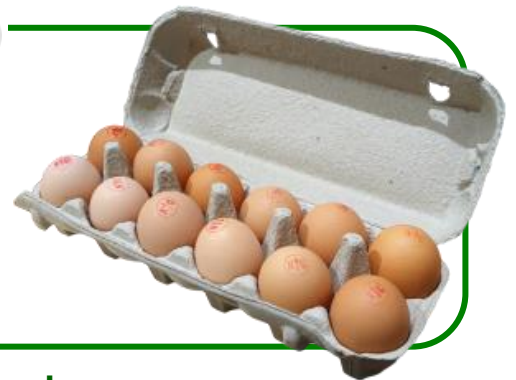
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For large orders, please contact the Farm Office on 08 9881 9726



*** Fertilised eggs for sale at \$12 per dozen**

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Term 3, 2023

as of 14/08/2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
Wk 1 A	17 July Term 3 commences	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 JP Cert 4	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	11 Olympian Breakfast Narrogin	12	13	
Wk 5 A	14 August	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Wk 6 B	21 August Finance meeting (following Senior Staff)	22 Friday Timetable Annual Public Board meeting 5.30pm	23 WHS Visit 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 Prefect interviews Sports Cent	12	13 OPEN DAY PREP Restorative Justice PD	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 ADF Irwin Barracks excursion	22 Last day for Year 12, General & Foundation students	23	24	
	End of Term 3							
	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 14/08/2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Wk 1 A	9 October Term 4 commences	10	11	12	13 P & C meeting, 2pm	14	15
Wk 2 B	16 October	17 Ag Advisory meeting, 10am	18	19	20	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 Tomorrow Man/Woman-Year 10 students	17	18	19
Wk 7 A	20 November	21	22	23	24	25	26
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
Wk 10 B	11 December	12	13	14 Students End of Term 4	15 Staff End of Term 4 School Development Day	16	17

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