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COLLEGE CHRONICLE

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

An Independent Public School



With harvest well underway, Year 11s on work experience and Year 10 students finalising assessments, I would like to remind parents of the importance of your child attending school or school related activity on a regular basis, unless they are unwell. When a student's attendance falls below 90%

or is identified as a concern, the Student Attendance in Public Schools policy and procedures requires the school to investigate the reasons for a student's absence, discuss with parents and implement strategies for improvement that are linked to the causes of absence.

Why is going to school so important?

- At school, many concepts such as literacy and numeracy are taught in a sequence. Missing school means missing out on learning – which can often make it difficult to catch up later.
- Practical lessons are difficult to make up and could result in your child failing to complete their Certificate course work.
- Going to school every day helps teens learn the important life skill of 'showing up' – at school, at work, to sport and other commitments.

The following information has been provided to assist you in supporting your child, and the college, if there are concerns regarding attendance.

When is it OK to not go to school?

An OK reason is one that prevents your child from getting to school. This could include:

- your child is unable to attend because they are sick
- attending cultural or religious observances such as sorry time and funerals
- an unavoidable medical appointment
- an unavoidable natural event such as flood waters or a cyclone

It's NOT OK to miss school if your child:

- is celebrating a birthday
- is going on a family holiday
- is visiting family and friends
- has slept in or had a big weekend
- is looking after other children

- has sport or other recreational activities that have not been approved by the school
- has appointments such as haircuts and minor check ups
- is helping with seasonal work, at home

If possible, routine medical and other health appointments should be made either before or after school, or during the school holidays.

The Principal decides if the reason given for your child's absence is acceptable.

Do you need to let the school know if your child will be away from school?

Yes, you need to let the school know the reason why your child is going to be, or has been, absent from school as soon as possible. Where possible, please discuss any upcoming absences in advance so we can let you know of important learning or activities your child will miss out on.

This requires a responsible person, usually a parent, to provide a reason for the absence within three school days.

Having information about why your child is missing school helps us plan for their return to school and work out whether we can provide any further help to you.



Congratulations to Sarah Beckman for being one of two lucky winners of the 2023 EOPP Scholarship. She was awarded \$5,000 to go towards her Year 12 education expenses in 2024. It was first announced at the EOPP AGM on Thursday, October 19th, and Sarah was presented with her certificate by Mrs Roser at the 2023 Year 11 Award Presentations at the College on Thursday, November 19th.

Deputy Principal - Joan Armstrong



Hello all

I was really impressed with the Year 11 Presentation ceremony last week. Again, the behaviour of our students was exemplary and it was fantastic to see some new faces stepping up as MCs and student representatives, and engaging in some impressive public speaking.

Year 11 Work Experience is well underway, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the host employers for being so welcoming and supportive of our students. This year has seen an enormous growth in the number of students who have taken up the Work Experience challenge. Gratitude also goes out to the college staff who have give up their time to visit the various businesses and industries to do pre-safety checks and Work Experience assessments.

I found an interesting article at the start of this year which provides a strong argument as to why it is so important for young people to experience the workforce:

[Should my teenager get a job? Here are 7 reasons why.](http://www.mamamia.com.au/should-my-teenager-get-a-job) (www.mamamia.com.au/should-my-teenager-get-a-job)

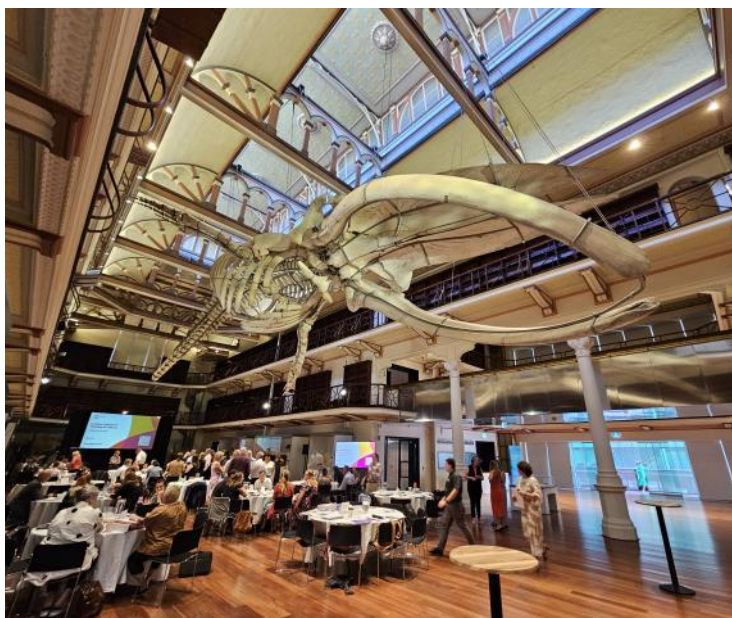
I think that one of the standout comments for me was this, "It's the confidence you get from being forced to interact with a new group of people you don't know... At school, teenagers still whine and whinge and ignore and do all the things with teachers they do with their parents. But that doesn't fly with a boss in a professional workplace."

Not that any of our college students either whine, whinge or ignore (of course not!), but learning how to behaviourally code switch to fit into a workplace environment is an essential skill for adulthood!

So, as the Year 10s prepare to engage with their first Work Experience, I hope that they too will be successful in learning some new soft, as well as hard, skills in their placements.



The College Leadership Team working on 'Leading a culture of teaching excellence'.



Having a whale of a time



Head of Teaching and Learning - Leanne Sjollema



With Year 11 exams out of the way, the focus for the past few weeks has been on Year 10. A copy of the week's exam timetable has been emailed out to parents, so please encourage your child to work towards achieving the best results possible in this last assessment of the year.

Next week, there are a number of excursions planned for Year 10, starting with a Tennis Tournament in Highbury and a tour around a few local agricultural enterprises such as a feedlot, which will tie in well with Class and Farm concepts. Should be a great way to round out a very busy term for the students.

The past weeks have also been very busy for the Class team who have taken the opportunity to get involved in some professional development opportunities. With the introduction of two new ATAR courses for 2024, several staff members were given the opportunity to attend professional development over several days. This allowed them to familiarise themselves with new content and share ideas with other teachers who will be delivering these courses all across the state. Mr Dougall and Mrs Pense spent two days learning about the Agribusiness course and brainstorming ways to develop their new programs for 2024. Miss Eastwood attended the Agricultural Science and Technology which was facilitated by myself and

Mr Peter Gelmi, as we are members of the team who created the new course. These days were a great networking opportunity and provided the chance to develop resources and brainstorm possible ways to create engaging and educational programs for the first cohort of Year 11s to experience the new courses next year.

Our English team also headed down to spend a full day working with the English Department at Fremantle College. This was a fantastic networking opportunity for Miss McKenzie and Miss Bradley who were able to share ideas, resources and lesson plans and discuss all things English for the day. A huge thankyou goes to Rhona, John and Danielle for hosting and for providing ongoing opportunities for collaboration and professional development for our English teachers. Miss Taylor, our new PE teacher has now completed "Keys for Life" training, allowing us to continue to offer this opportunity for incoming Year 10 students next year as a head start on gaining the knowledge needed for gaining their Learner's Permit.

Experiences like these provide a great way for teachers to upskill ourselves and be confident that our students are receiving the best education possible in our classrooms. It is great to see so many staff engaging in these opportunities.



Trades - Cubby House for St Matthews School, Narrogin



Recently some of our Year 10 Trades cohort headed into St Matthews Primary Narrogin to construct their new Kindy/Pre-primary cubby house.

The students did a great job and relished in the opportunity of a community driven project.



Work Experience

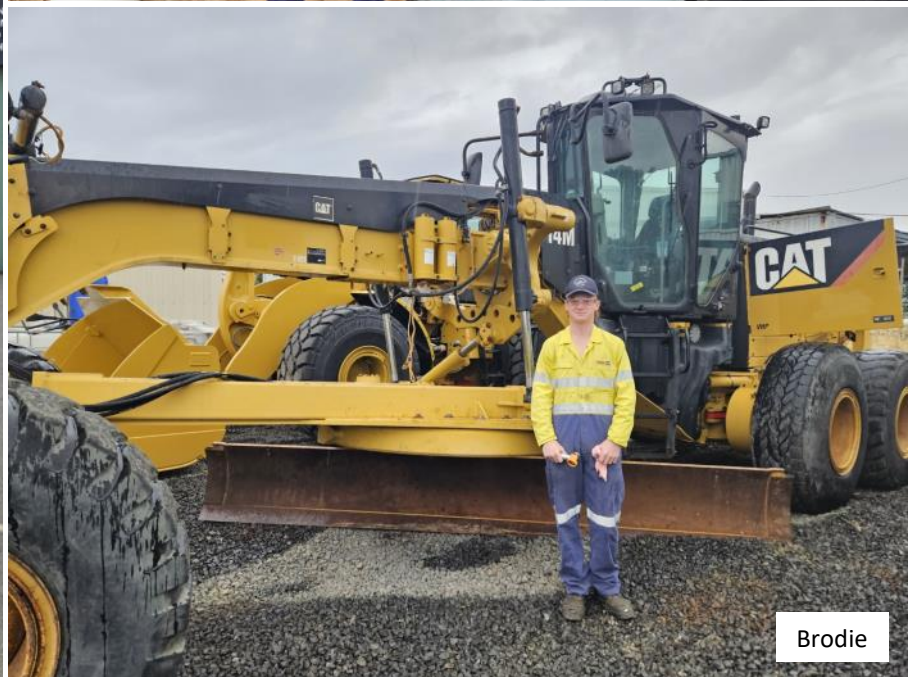
“ Thank You to all the local businesses and industries who are hosting our Year 11 students for Work Experience. The students are really getting involved! ”



Ashlee



Xaver and Bayley



Brodie

2023 Albany Agricultural Show Results

At this year's Albany Agricultural Show, Mr Colin Batt presented a total of four sheep, comprising two rams and two ewes, in the Sheep competitions and came away from the event with some impressive results:

Ram Under 1 ½ Years – 1st and 3rd
Pair of Rams – 1st
Champion Ram
All Breeds Pair of Rams - 1st
All Breeds Ram – Reserved Champion

Ewe Under 1 ½ Years – 1st and 2nd
All Breeds Pair of Ewes – 1st
Pair of Ewes – Champion
All Breeds Group – 1st

YEAR 11 AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

YEAR 11 RESIDENTIAL AWARDS

Best in Residence	Kayla George
Residential Highly Commended	Mitchell Green

YEAR 11 CLASS AWARDS

Top Student in Plant Production Systems - ATAR	Jacinta Thornton
Top Student in Plant Production Systems - General	Stephanie Crosbie
Top Student in Animal Production Systems - ATAR	Ashlee Hilder
Top Student in Animal Production Systems - General	Ella Hackett
Top Student in English - ATAR	Anthony Wigham
Top Student in English - General	Ella Hackett
Top Student in English - Foundation	Lachlan Scott
Top Student in Mathematics - ATAR	Brodie Hills
Top Student in Mathematics - General	Jamie Meehan
Top Student in Mathematics - Foundation	Sarah Beckman
Top Student in Physical Education Studies	Ella Hackett

YEAR 11 TRADES AWARDS

Top Student in Automotive	Brodie Hills
Top Student in Engineering	Reed Lange
Top Student in Furniture Making	Natalie Bradford
Top Student in Construction	Rhys Smith
Trades Highly Commended	Patrick Kent

YEAR 11 FARM AWARDS

Top Student in Cropping and General Farm	Phillip Wiehl
Top Student in Livestock Production	Zaine Cuthbert
Farm Highly Commended	Brodie Hills

YEAR 11 SPECIAL AWARD AND SCHOLARSHIPS

College Community Award	Phillip Wiehl
RASWA Year 11 Residential Scholarship	Kayla George

2023 YEAR 11 AWARD PRESENTATIONS



On Farm - Year 10s Drafting Rams



Remembrance Day Ceremony



Kayla George and Natalie Bradford represented the College at the Remembrance Day Service at Memorial Park in Narrogin on Friday, November 10th.

Trades - Upgrades to the Cricket Nets



Thanks to the Year 10 and 11 Trades students for their work upgrading the residential cricket nets. Just the turf to come.

Monday, 6 Nov 2023



On Thursday, November 16th, the students enjoyed a free dress day with a day of fun activities. They started the morning with 'Tomorrow Man & Tomorrow Woman' workshops, then the teamwork and communication building 'The Amazing Race', where small teams of students competed in various challenges around the College. After lunch, they finished off the day with a 'Water Fun Afternoon' of water-based activities.



The Amazing Race and Water Fun Afternoon



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Secondary schooling scholarships



APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR 2024

Do you know a student who is deserving of financial support?

Secondary schooling scholarships for 2024 are now open for applications through the Department's website.

A range of scholarships are on offer, including scholarships for students who:

- attend a country school,
- attend a Perth public school,
- live in the Fremantle area,
- attend Cannington Community College, Kent St SHS or Como Secondary College, and/or
- has a parent/caregiver with a disability related to spinal or limb paralysis or limb loss.

Our scholarships support all years of secondary school, with most open to students currently completing Year 10 or 11 and continuing towards their WACE. In addition, students currently in Years 6 - 9 at your school may be eligible for one of the 2 specific scholarships below:

- James and Rose Coombe Scholarships for regional and remote students. A number of these scholarships are available each year and successful applicants can reapply in subsequent years. The funding amount starts at \$1 000.
- Maud Zervos Education Grants for students with a parent/caregiver who has a disability related to spinal or limb paralysis or limb loss. A 'rollover clause' in this scholarship makes funding available for every year of secondary study, subject to satisfactory progress. The funding amount starts at \$750 in lower secondary and rises to \$1 000 for upper secondary studies.

**Applications for our scholarships close on
Thursday 7 December 2023 at 5:30pm**

Scholarship eligibility criteria, application forms and information on how to apply can be found on the department's scholarships webpage:

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/scholarships>

Thank you for promoting these scholarships to eligible students and their families, and directing them to the site. Please feel free to share to other relevant Connect Communities.



HLT54121 Diploma of Nursing Course at the University of Notre Dame

Do you have a passion for nursing? This nationally recognised diploma qualification will enable you to become an enrolled nurse working under the supervision of a registered nurse. The University of Notre Dame Australia's HLT54121 Diploma of Nursing covers the application of skills and knowledge required to provide nursing care for people across the health sector. Contact us today to start your nursing journey.

Why study this course?

The University of Notre Dame Australia's HLT54121 Diploma of Nursing provides students with the skills and knowledge to care for people from different backgrounds in various healthcare settings. The Diploma of Nursing qualification provides graduates with the ability to make a positive difference in the lives of the people for whom they care.

This course teaches the essential skills and knowledge necessary to work as an enrolled nurse. An enrolled nurse functions under the supervision of a registered nurse in a range of healthcare settings. This course is delivered over 18 months on-campus and online in Fremantle and Broome Campuses. This course consists of 25 units of study and 440 hours of clinical placement, over three stages, undertaken in various healthcare settings. After being awarded Diploma of Nursing qualification, you can apply for registration as an enrolled nurse with the [Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia](#).

Employment prospects are extremely positive within nursing, and there are opportunities to apply for one year of credit towards the [Bachelor of Nursing](#) at Notre Dame upon completion of the diploma.

There are two intakes coming up: **December 2023 and January 2024**

You can find the course guide and other information at;

<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/school-of-nursing/hlt54121-diploma-of-nursing>.

You can also apply online at this link or you can submit an application to VETAdmin@nd.edu.au.

FREE IN 23! The Diploma in Nursing will be FREE from 1 January 2023!

The course fees are being 100 per cent subsidised by the WA State Government. Some eligibility conditions apply for the free training, and other fees may apply within the course dependant on the RTOs course delivery and resources required.

You should contact each training provider to find out more about specific requirements.

Source: https://www.health.wa.gov.au/articles/n_r/nursing-and-midwifery-office/nursing-and-midwifery/enrolled-nursing

**The P&C AGM is scheduled next year for
FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2024 at 2:00pm
followed by a committee meeting**

Wanted! New P&C Committee Members for 2024

All positions are declared vacant and need to be filled. Without committee positions filled, our P&C will have to cease, which would be such a shame for our students, teachers and our school community.

Forget the commitment that your P&C in primary school entailed, the WACoA Narrogin College P&C is fully supported financially by family contributions in fees, which means no fundraising is needed to be done by the P&C. The P&C's job is to decide where funds need to go in the school community.

All your commitment would be is to attend 1 meeting a term, (4 meetings per year) to keep our P&C going and funds going back into the school where they need to be.

So please, any parents or community members who can spare 1-2 hours per term to support the WACoA Narrogin school community and the great system that has been in place for many years, please get in touch with our Secretary Simone Lansdell via email lansdell3@bigpond.com or call [0429 875 062](tel:0429875062) or come along to the meeting.

STUDENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**APPRENTICE PLUMBER
ANGWIN PUMBING AND GAS | COMO**

At Angwin Plumbing and Gas, we excel in gas fitting, leak detection, and hot water repairs and maintenance. With our extensive scope of work, you'll gain invaluable hands-on experience and be part of a team that values your growth and development. Based in Como/South Perth, we also serve Narrogin/Upper Great Southern, offering you the opportunity to work in diverse environments.

Requirements:

- Valid WA Driver's License.
- Ability to work independently or collaboratively part of a team.
- A genuine passion for plumbing maintenance is essential.

Send resume to info@angwinplumbingandgas.com.au
Or call Rhys on 0400 165 265

FARM WORKER — PRAIRIE NOMINEES PTY LTD

This is a Casual position starting in November 2023 with a possibility of becoming a full-time position in 2024 for the right applicant. Their property is located between Newdegate and Lake Grace in WA.

- Manual vehicle licence is essential.
- Certificate II in Agriculture desired.
- Renumeration package is negotiable based on qualification and experience.
- Resume and references essential.

For further information, please contact:

Graham Barrett-Lennard

m: 0488 747 000

e: farm@prairienom.com.au

STUDENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

ELECTRONIC SECURITY APPRENTICES TOTAL SECURITY | CANNING VALE

We are excited to announce upcoming opportunities for Electronic Security Apprentices in the new year. As part of our team, you will be involved in the installation of cutting-edge CCTV and access control systems. This role, while sharing similarities with an electrical apprenticeship, focuses greatly on technology, networks, and programming.

Apply online at www.total-security.com.au/careers

Email enquiries to: tony.black@total-security.com.au

APPRENTICE WELDER / FABRICATOR SONIC BOOMSPRAYS | NAREMBEEM

- Support our Fabrication Team whilst learning the trade of Precision Agricultural Machinery.
- Fabricate/weld machines and mechanical implements throughout the production process.
- Attend paid TAFE study to gain your internationally recognised qualification. We will pay for your study and allow you the time to complete!
- On-the-job training, coaching, and mentoring throughout your apprenticeship.
- Award wages paid weekly and the ability to join a global company providing full training and mentoring in all aspects of the Fabrication/Welding Trade.
- Get paid to complete your TAFE study to earn a recognised qualification and a guaranteed full-time position!

Contact Kieran Williams at kieran.williams@nufarm.com for more details.

2024 APPRENTICE INTAKE NOW OPEN FARMERS CENTRE

Join the team at Farmers Centre 1978, with positions available in Albany, Dumbleyung, Katanning and Lake Grace.

Visit the Careers page at www.farmerscentre1978.com.au for more information or to apply online.

FORKLIFT OPERATOR WA KAOLIN LTD | WICKEPIN BASED PLANT

As a process operator and packer, you will be responsible for the operation of the fork lift, packing Kaolin products into bulk bags and loading of containers. You may also assist with the operation of the Kaolin beneficiation plant to achieve production and quality goals on your shift.

Visit the [job post on the College website](#) for more info.

PARTS INTERPRETER FARMERS CENTRE NARROGIN

We present an exciting opening for a Parts Interpreter to join our dedicated and driven team at Farmers Centre Narrogin.

Your primary role centres around delivering exceptional service to our valued customers, ensuring that they receive precise and timely guidance regarding their parts necessities.

This is a full-time permanent opportunity that guarantees stability and room for advancement. Reporting directly to the Parts Manager.

Visit the [job post on the College website](#) for more info.

Email resume to marcus@farmerscentrengn.com.au

LABORATORY TECHNICIAN WA KAOLIN LTD | WICKEPIN BASED PLANT

As a laboratory technician, you will be responsible for production sampling at the Wickepin on site Laboratory and report to the Operations Superintendent. The successful candidate shall possess a passion for laboratory or other work that requires attention to detail and adherence to procedures.

Visit the [job post on the College website](#) for more info.

Please submit your application via email to: recruitment@wakaolin.com.au

For enquiries, please contact Chandelle on 0429740329

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 4 2023

Date	Event	Venue
Friday, 1 December at 1:30pm	Whole school assembly, includes the Year 10 Award Presentations. Parents/carers welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Administration.	College Dining Room
Thursday, 14 December	End of Term 4 for students	
Friday, 15 December	End of Term 4 for staff School Development Day	

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

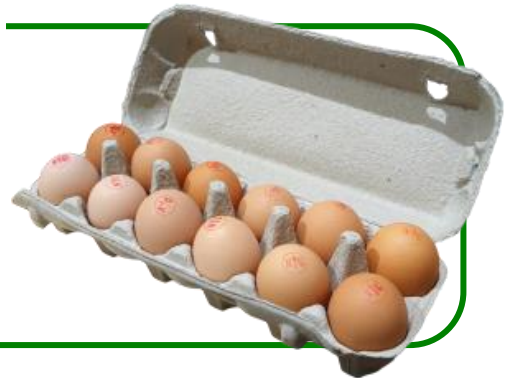
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For large orders, please contact the Farm Office on (08) 9881 9726



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