



Merry Christmas

COLLEGE CHRONICLE

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 2023

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

An Independent Public School



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
COLLEGE of AGRICULTURE
Narrogin



Congratulations!

At WA College of Agriculture - Narrogin, we believe all pathways to meaningful employment should be acknowledged and celebrated, whether that be completing Year 12 and moving into a tertiary course and employment or accepting an early offer at the end of Year 10 or Year 11 and gaining a Certificate qualification in a trade. This year the following students will be leaving us to begin an apprenticeship or traineeship:

Jack Shepherd	Flynn Roser
Lincoln Dyer	Darcy Bryant-Smith
Cameron Graham	Jake Nelson
Deizel Barlow	Logan Batt
Dakota Watts	Chad Erkelens
Blair Ball	Ryan Dilkes
Josh Morrison	

Beginning next year, we will introduce a new initiative to celebrate the success of those students who would have been part of the Leavers group, if they had not taken the opportunity to begin their apprenticeship early. These young people will be invited to attend the Leavers Ceremony and will be presented with a certificate from the College and a folder containing their achievement in gaining early employment. The College will contact those students towards the end of Term 3, 2024.

Year 10 Work Experience

This week sees our final year group of students finish their day program at the College and begin two weeks of work experience at various locations. Reports coming in from supervising staff, after Year 11 work experience, has been extremely positive, with several students receiving offers of apprenticeships or further work over the holiday break. This positive feedback further demonstrates the ability of the College to prepare students for the workforce, not only with the skills to perform tasks related to the trade or job, but

also those 'soft' skills such as initiative, persistence, adaptability and being able to work as part of a team.

Student Medical Concerns

We have had a number of incidents this year where students have had a significant medical incident/accident on the weekend and have returned to the College without staff being notified. For our staff to be able to provide an appropriate level of care, all incidents must be reported and staff informed of any medical assistance that may have already been provided. In particular, if your child has sustained a head injury, we need to be made aware, concussion can be very serious, especially in a residential setting.

Anti-vaping Resources

The Cancer Council of WA have developed resources to assist in preventing young people from taking up vaping. The online resource hub can be found at <https://www.cleartheair.org.au/>

Information is presented in a visually appealing way, targeting 14-24-year-olds.

Farewell

Sadly, we will also be farewelling some key members of our student services staff.

On behalf of Mr Arguet and the wider College community, I would like to thank Reet Joy, Chaplain, Caroline Crombie, School Psychologist, and Kate Furphy, School Nurse, for the care and support they have provided over their time here. These very special individuals have had a significant impact on the lives of so many of our students. They have embraced the many challenges associated with a school who also cares for the students on site in a residential setting. They have supported families in times of grief, trauma, and personal hardship, and their kindness and empathy has been integral in making our student services/pastoral care program one of our key strengths. They will be greatly missed and we wish them all the best in their new roles.

Outstanding Boarding Fees

We currently have a number of families who have a considerable amount owing on boarding fees. It is a requirement that all outstanding boarding fees are cleared before the start of the new school year. Failure to engage in a payment plan or to clear outstanding amounts before the start of the new school year could result in your child being refused a position in the residential section of the college and your child would then need to attend as a day student.

Please contact the College Admin on (08) 9881 9700 if you need assistance to set up a payment plan or to pay outstanding boarding fees.

New Student Orientation Day

All new students will attend an Orientation Day on Friday, December 8th. Details have been communicated to those families. The town uniform suppliers, Parrys and SportsPower, will be open to take orders.

2024 Start dates

The Admin office will be open from 24 January.

The staggered commencement for students will be communicated in more detail via Compass.

- All new students begin on Tuesday 30th January.
- All returning residential students can arrive **after 4pm on Tuesday 30th January.**
- All classes commence **Wednesday 31st January at 9am.**

College Ball 2024

Next year, the College will hold a Senior Ball event and separate Year 10 Dinner as part of the formal social function activities. The Senior Ball (Year 11 and 12 students) will be held at Burswood on Swan on Friday the 1st of March and the Year 10 students will have their formal dinner at the Hill Top on Friday the 29th of November. Further details will be communicated to parents in the new year.

Have a safe holiday break, we look forward to seeing you all again in 2024!



be kind online

It is a **criminal offence**
to menace, harass or offend people online,
using any social media or gaming platform.



Deputy Principal - Joan Armstrong



Hello everyone

Compliments of the season! What a fantastically festive end to this term. Mrs Milne kindly bought me some Christmas earrings (I had forgotten mine) to wear to the Christmas lunch which was absolutely fabulous! We are so lucky to have such talented cooks and I would like to publicly thank them and the rest of our ancillary teams who have made this semester pass smoothly, and with so much kindness and humour. Teamwork definitely makes the dream work at WACoA Narrogin!

Shortly, parents and caregivers will be sent some documents regarding both the College Procedures

and information about staying in the Residential College (for our boarding families). Please read over these before the start of Term 1 and keep them, as they contain a great deal of useful information which will be needed throughout the year.

The Year 10s are now all out on Work Experience. We have had 100% take-up with these young people, which is an amazing result. So, I would again like to thank all our host employers for supporting our students and their learning in this way.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Work Experience



Reed at Kirrallee Farms

Work Experience



Ella at G & T Taylor family farm in Kukerin



Cobus at Maroondah Farm in Yearling

Thank You to all the businesses and industries who are hosting our Year 11 students for Work Experience.



Tomyas at Claas Harvest Centre in Northam



Flynn at LIS Equipment in Maddington



Oscar at Beverley Steel Fabrication

On Farm - Year 10s Drafting Sheep



Year 10 Excursion - Renae Tucci



On November 30th, we loaded up the bus nice and early for a field trip with our year 10 students. We had industry visits to Patmore Feeds and Dowlco Feedlot. The day was filled with educational insights and learning as students explored the world of feed production and animal care.

Our first stop took us to Patmore Feeds, where students had the opportunity to tour the facilities and witness the process of turning grain into feed pellets for ruminants. From the initial stages of grain processing to the final product, students gained valuable insights into the role Patmore Feeds plays in supporting livestock nutrition.

We then had a quick morning tea and footy kick at the Cuballing oval before moving on to our next destination.

Next, our students visited Dowlco Feedlot, where they learnt about the intricacies of feeding animals before export. The tour covered everything from quarantine requirements to understanding the specific markets Dowlco serves and the criteria for their products. It was an eye-opening experience as students learned about the careful considerations that go into ensuring the well-being of the animals and meeting export standards.

The field trip allowed students to connect classroom knowledge with practical, industry-specific applications, broadening their understanding of the agricultural sector.

We extend our thanks to the staff at Patmore Feeds and Dowlco Feedlot for their time and informative talks.



Year 10 Excursion



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Highbury Tennis Tournament - Emma Taylor



On Monday, the Year 10 cohort graced the Highbury tennis courts with their exceptional tennis skill and athletic prowess.

The Year 10 students have been refining their tennis skills in Physical Education this term and were keen to put their skills to use in the Highbury tennis tournament.

The half day tournament consisted of 33 teams, 30 student teams and three teams made up of Farm, Trades and Class staff. Participants played a round robin style competition of five minute matches.

Competition was fierce on the day, with students vying for a chance to go down in history and have their name on the prestigious Year 10 Highbury Tennis tournament shield.

The day was won by Kirsten Hanemaaijer and Zaria Francis, who beat teams George Kilpatrick and Carter English, the Hough brothers and Miss McKenzie and Mr Dougall by two points overall.

Best dressed pair went to Alex Furey and Darcy Densham with their 80s beach boys team costume, Hayley Lullfitz and Louis Harrington won the best sports awards, and George Kilpatrick took out best on ground (GOAT) for his impressive mastery on the court.

It was a great day of laughs, tennis and zooper doopers for the year 10s and staff. A big thank you to all staff and students involved, and to Highbury Tennis club for allowing us to use their impressive facilities.



George and Carter



Zak and Logan (digging the tennis shoes)



Zaria and Kirsten



Mr Batt and Mr Wray

Highbury Tennis Tournament - Emma Taylor



Zaria, Kirsten and Miss Taylor



George and Carter



Louis and Hayley



Darcy and Alex



Miss Taylor and George



Miss Eastwood and Mrs Bradley



In Trades - Year 10s





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29 November 2023

Dear Mitch Wray, Mark Batt and the senior construction students of the Western Australian College of Agriculture, Narrogin,

I am writing to express our sincere thanks for the wonderful generosity you have shown our school this year.

We are extremely grateful for the construction of our Chicken Coop and Early Years Cubby. Both of these items have positively added to our students' school experience.

All representatives from the Agriculture College presented themselves professionally and set a good example for our school community. It was wonderful for our students to see the generosity of your students and to see them working together as a team.

I hope we can continue to work together in the future for the benefit of all of our students.

Thanking you,

Mrs Susan Milton
Principal
St Matthew's School
Narrogin

It's im-peckable

FROM ALL OF THE
STUDENTS AT
ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL.

YEAR 10 AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**YEAR 10 RESIDENTIAL AWARDS**

Best in Residence
Highly Commended

Simon Whitehouse
Eric Williams

YEAR 10 CLASS AWARDS

Top Student in English
Top Student in Mathematics
Top Student in HASS
Top Student in Science
Top Student in Health Education
Top Student in Physical Education
Highly Commended Overall Award

Kirsten Hanemaaijer
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Riley Thorn
Zaine Osterhage
Hayley Lullfitz
Sheldon Langsford
Simon Whitehouse
Carter English

YEAR 10 TRADES AWARDS

Top Student in Automotive
Top Student in Construction
Top Student in Engineering
Top Student in Furniture Making
Highly Commended

Zak Horley
Carter English
James Stramsek
Louis Harrington
Eilidh Kershaw

YEAR 10 FARM AWARDS

Top Student in Cropping and General Farm

Top Student in Livestock Production
Highly Commended
Most Improved

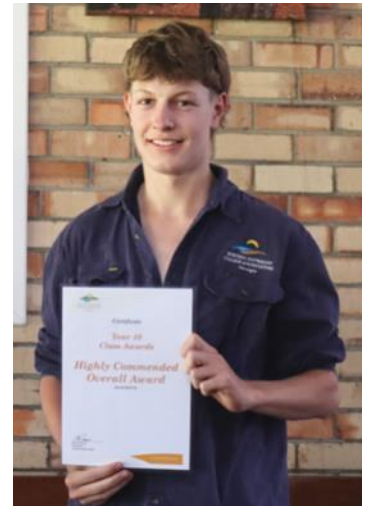
Eric Williams
Jacob Schilling
Riley Thorn
Logan Batt
James Stramsek

YEAR 10 SPECIAL AWARD AND SCHOLARSHIPS

ADF 2022 Future Innovator's Award - Year 10
ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership & Teamwork Award - Year 10
Year 11, 2024 Community Service Scholarship

Casey Jacobs
Eric Williams
Casey Jacobs

2023 YEAR 10 AWARD PRESENTATIONS



**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

**ELECTRONIC SECURITY APPRENTICES
TOTAL SECURITY | CANNING VALE**

Farmers Centre Narrogin is providing an opportunity for a candidate to receive paid work while completing a relevant TAFE qualification.

A successful applicant will be motivated and determined to work well. The candidate will gain valuable experience in the workplace while simultaneously completing a selected TAFE course through a traineeship program. This is a beneficial opportunity for an applicant who is seeking to enter the workforce and start their career in a relevant area.

TAFE qualification can be selected from a range of areas, including:

- Business
- Automotive Sales
- Marketing
- Retail

Email resume or queries to:
marcus@farmerscentrengn.com.au

**SPRAY-PAINTING APPRENTICE
BRUCE ROCK ENGINEERING**

Bruce Rock Engineering runs an Apprenticeship Program, and currently have an opportunity for a **Spray-Painting Apprentice** at both our **Bruce Rock (DIDO)** and **Forrestfield (Residential)** facilities.

Download the flyer:

<https://www.narroginag.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Bruce-Rock-Engineering-Apprenticeship-Flyer.pdf>

If interested, please send your resume through to
hr@brucerockengineering.com.au
or phone (08) 6169 1688 for enquires.

STUDENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

ELECTRONIC SECURITY APPRENTICE 2024 INTAKE 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. [More details on the College website.](#)

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

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

APPRENTICE WELDER / FABRICATOR SONIC BOOMS PRAYS | NAREM BEEM

- 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.

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

APPRENTICE PLUMBER ANGWIN PUMING 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.
- Remuneration 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

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.

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, 8 December	New Student Orientation Day	
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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Key Dates in 2024

TERM DATES - Classes Commence / End

	(Boarding students arrive on 30th January after 10am)
Term 1	31st January - 28th March
	(Boarding students arrive on 14th April after 3pm)
Term 2	15th April - 28th June
	(Boarding students arrive on 14th July after 3pm)
Term 3	15th July - 20th September
	(Boarding students arrive on 6th October after 3pm)
Term 4	7th October - 12th December

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Term 1	29 & 30th January
Term 2	26th April
Term 3	26th August
Term 4	8th November
Term 4	13th December

CLOSED WEEKENDS (Boarding students only)

Term 1	29th February - 3rd March
Term 2	24th - 28th April
Term 3	23rd - 25th August
Term 4	7th - 10th November

SENIOR SCHOOL BALL (Year 11 & 12 students)

Term 1	March 1st
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OPEN DAY

Term 3	13th September
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YEAR 10 DINNER DANCE

Term 4	29 November
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Term 1, 2024

(as of 08/12/23)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	22 January	23	24 School Support Officers commence	25	26 Australia Day Public holiday	27	28
Wk 1	29 January School Development Days	30 January Residential Students commence 10am	31 January Students commence classes Term 1	1 February	2	3	4
Wk 2	5 February	6	7	8 Year 12 Camp	9 International Day of women & girls in science...11/2	10	11
Wk 3	12 February	13	14	15	16	17	18
Wk 4	19 February Year 10 Career chats – Mrs Quartermaine	20	21 NSHS vs NAC Cricket (pm)	22 School Photos Day MSP Photography	23 P & C AGM Meeting, 2pm	24	25
Wk 5	26 February	27	28	29 Students depart after 3pm	1 March College Ball	2 CLOSED WEEKEND	3 CLOSED WEEKEND
Wk 6	4 March Labour Day Public holiday Students return after 3pm	5 Board meeting	6 Year 10 & 11 Leadership interviews	7 International Women's Day Lunch	8 WAGIN WOOLORAMA	9	10
Wk 7	11 March TMHFA	12	13	14	15 WACoA Harvey Ag Wing	16	17
Wk 8	18 March TMHFA	19 Year 10 Immunisations	20	21	22	23	24
Wk 9	25 March TMHFA	26	27 BstreetSmart Year 11	28 End of Term 1	29 GOOD FRIDAY	30 EASTER	31 EASTER
	1 April EASTER Monday Term 1 Holidays	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8 April Term 1 Holidays	9	10	11	12	13	14 Residential Students return after 3pm

Term 2, 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Wk 1	15 April Term 2 commences	16	17	18	19	20	21
Wk 2	22 April	23	24 <small>Students depart after 3pm</small>	25 ANZAC Day	26 School Development Day	27 CLOSED WEEKEND	28 CLOSED WEEKEND <small>Students return after 3pm</small>
Wk 3	29 April <small>Year 12 EST</small>	30	1 May	2	3	4	5
Wk 4	6 May <small>Year 12 EST</small>	7	8	9	10	11	12
Wk 5	13 May <small>Year 12 EST</small>	14 <small>Board meeting</small>	15	16	17	18	19
Wk 6	20 May <small>Year 12 ATAR Exams</small>	21	22	23	24	25	26
Wk 7	27 May <small>Year 11 ATAR Exams</small>	28	29	30	31	1 June	2
Wk 8	3 June WA Day Public holiday <small>Students return after 3pm</small>	4	5 <small>P.A.R.T.Y. at RPH for Year 12 students</small>	6	7	8	9
Wk 9	10 June	11	12 <small>P.A.R.T.Y. at RPH for Year 12 students</small>	13	14	15	16
Wk 10	17 June <small>Men's Health Workshop & lunch</small>	18	19	20	21	22	23
Wk 11	24 June	25	26	27	28 Last day Term 2	29	30
	<small>COUNTRYWEEK OR ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM - tbc</small>						
	1 July Term 2 holidays	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8 July Term 2 holidays	9	10	11	12	13	14 <small>Residential Students return after 3pm</small>

Term 3, 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Wk 1 A	15 July Term 3 commences	16	17	18	19	20	21
Wk 2 B	22 July	23	24	25 Careers Day	26	27	28
Wk 3 A	29 July	30	31	1 August	2	3	4
Wk 4 B	5 August	6	7	8	9	10	11
Wk 5 A	12 August	13	14	15	16	17	18
Wk 6 B	19 August	20	21 Fun Run NSHS	22	23 2025 Course Selection Presentations to parents, 2pm Students depart after 3pm Staff Wellbeing	24 CLOSED WEEKEND	25 CLOSED WEEKEND
Wk 7 A	26 August School Development Day Students return after 3pm	27	28 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Dowerin Field Days</div>	29	30	31	1 Sept
Wk 8 B	2 September	3	4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Newdegate Field Days</div>	5	6	7	8
Wk 9 A	9 September	10	11	12	13 <i>Open Day</i>	14	15
Wk 10 B	16 September	17 Board meeting	18 Year 12 Dinner	19	20 End of Term 3 Year 12 Breakfast & Last Day	21	22
	23 September King's B'day Public Holiday	24 Term 3 Holidays	25	26	27	28	29
	30 September Term 3 Holidays	1 October	2	3	4	5	6 Residential Students return after 3pm

Term 4, 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Wk 1 A	7 October Term 4 commences	8	9	10	11	12	13
Wk 2 B	14 October	15	16	17	18	19	20
Wk 3 A	21 October	22	23	24	25 Year 12 Awards Ceremony	26	27
Wk 4 B	28 October Year 11 Exams	29	30	31	1 November	2	3
Wk 5 A	4 November Year 11 Exams	5	6 Year 10 Career Workshops	7 Year 11 Presentations Students depart after 3pm	8 School Development Day	9 CLOSED WEEKEND	10 CLOSED WEEKEND Students return after 3pm
Wk 6 B	11 November Year 10 Exams	12 Board meeting	13 Year 10 Career Workshops	14	15	16	17
Wk 7 A	18 November Year 10 Exams	19	20 Year 10 Career Workshops	21 Year 10 South 32 Excursion	22	23	24
Wk 8 B	25 November	26	27	28	29 Year 10 Dinner dance	30	1 December
Wk 9 A	2 December Year 10 WPL	3	4	5	6	7	8
Wk 10 B	9 December Year 10 WPL	10	11	12 Students End of Term 4	13 Staff End of Term 4 School Development Day	14	15

Students return 2025, Wednesday 5 February.
 School Administrators return 2025, Thursday 30 January
 Teachers and Education Assistants return 2025, Monday 3 February
 Cleaners return 2025, Thursday 16 January
 School Support Officers return 2025, Wednesday 29 January