

Equine News



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Students from the Equine Program herd sheep on horseback through the College farm as they move the flock to better grazing.

Rising To The Challenge...

It has been both an exciting and challenging beginning in our Equine program this year with a record number of 47 students participating in the program as well as during residential time. Term 2 has started smoothly with most horses now back on site after the term break.

Welcome to all of our new and returning Equine students. This is my first year as the Equine Manager. I am originally from England, and I have worked in the horse industry my whole life. As well as teaching in large riding schools, I have worked at international competition yards, in racing, breeding, training and breaking horses. I have competed to a high level with the BSJA, and I myself have been trained by grand prix riders, in both show jumping and dressage.

Closer to home here in Australia, I have competed and won at Kulin Bush races riding my own horses, and I also compete in the Blackwood Marathon and various other competitions bringing on young horses.

THIS ISSUE

New arena completed
Cert II in Equine Studies
Caring for your horse



My work days are:

Tuesday to Friday 9.00am – 5.30pm.

Here at the College we teach all aspects of horse care; our lessons are not just about riding, but also about preparation for the job market, learning to work as a team, getting jobs done in a certain time frame and the daily tasks of running a working yard.

Care of your horse is very important, the students learn daily care, feeding programs, horse health, and lots more.

Our expert farrier, Fabrice Price, is always kind enough to show students how to trim hooves, explain about diseases of the hoof and how to remedy them.

Safety at our equine yard is paramount and we expect all of our equine students to follow the rules, to facilitate the smooth running of the yard and most importantly for their own safety.

We expect the students to look after their horses and feed daily, and to keep the water troughs clean.

At various times of the year when grazing is minimal, students are expected to supplement grazing with hay, as horses require 90% of their feed to be roughage. Horses need to eat constantly because, as herbivores, their GI tract is designed to be always digesting small amounts of forage. Hay is always available for purchase for this purpose.

We advise that mineral blocks are also put in the horses paddocks to supplement the horses diet and helps prevent fence chewing.

If there are any problems or concerns, please feel free to contact me during work hours.

Introducing Equine Manager - Tracy Cooper



Equine Manager Tracy Cooper has extensive experience in horsemanship. The skills she brings to the College are an asset to the ever growing Equine program., Certificate II in Equine Studies.

Above Right : Tracy competing in a show jumping event on a 5 year old horse



Above: Briana Carroll riding the College horse "Timby".

Tracy Cooper

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Certificate II Equine Studies

Students work towards achieving industry competencies:-

- * Work effectively in the industry
- * Handle Horses
- * Work safely in an equine organization
- * Provide daily care for horses
- * Implement horse health and welfare practices
- * Implement and monitor a horse feeding program
- * Relate equine form and function
- * Equine anatomy
- * Equine physiology
- * Demonstrate basic horse riding skills

Finishing Touches on the Arena



The new arena provides an excellent training facility .

Rules & Expectations

We expect good behaviour from all of our students at all times. Good horse riding etiquette to be shown both on and off your horse and courtesy to other riders is expected when out riding and in the arena.

To take horses off site, three days notice is required and the dates will be recorded on the calendar. The same rule applies for horses returning at the beginning of Term.



From left in a clockwise direction:

Jack Rowlands learning to trot on College horse "Skye".

Students practice tail bandaging skills in preparation for loading as part of their "Handle Horses" competency.

Georgia Keast pictured with her own horse "Primo".

Ben Snell and Courtney Conning enjoy a moment.



COMING EVENTS

Year 11 excursion to Narrogin Equine Carnival

Coming Events

We hope to be hosting our own show in the near future, we would also like to be more competitive at the Albany Show. A trip out to our local stud farm is always a pleasure. Our students love the new-born foals. Of course the Blackwood Marathon is high on our list - we hope to be competing this year! Look out for our weekly activities on our notice board in the tack room, ranging from pole work and jumping, to trail rides and lots of other exciting activities.



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