

Inlet Views

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Above: Students from the Year 11 Plant Production Systems class have been taking advantage of the fine weather and warm growing conditions. **L-R:** Ashleigh Prichard, Estacia Lang, Caitlin Wilson and Zeanna Roney-Sutherland

Plant Production Systems

Mr. Irwin's Year 11 Plant Production Systems class have been confidently preparing planting beds in the horticulture area as the season experiences fine weather and warm growing conditions. "Teams" have each been allocated a series of planting beds which they will personally be responsible for. This includes monitoring the crop through its growth stages, weed identification and removal, thinning out, fertilising and eventually harvesting. The teams have planted silver-beet, cabbage, broccoli and lettuce.

And the students don't just rear the crops, they eat them too as the produce makes its way to the College kitchen. The dining room provides nutritious, well designed meals all prepared under the direction of a qualified Chef, who in addition to locally grown produce, uses organic vegetables, eggs, meat and milk that is grown and produced on the College farm.

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From the Principal's desk

The election of two new staff members for the College Board has taken place ...voting for the election of two new Parent members has closed...

We don't often say this in Denmark, but we could really do with some rain. We've had some lovely, mild, summery weather on the south coast so far this year, but it's also been very dry and the days without significant rain are starting to mount up – along with the amount of hay our dairy cows are going through! Hopefully those season-breaking rains aren't too far away.

2018 Student Council

Congratulations to the following students who were recently elected by their peers and College staff to become student councillors for 2018:

- Year 10: Emma Gillespie, Natasha Nairn, Murray Findlay and Josh Kemp.
- Year 11: Deahna Keam, Haylee Pitts, Caitlyn Wheatley, Mitchell Anderson and Dylan Whitehurst.

These nine students will join our current Year 12 student prefects Chelsea Butterworth, Georgia Keast, Tahnee Montgomery, Codey Baxter, Gareth Korpel and Jack Nairn to form our 2018 Student Council. The Deputy Principal, Residential Manager and I meet with the student councillors on a fortnightly basis to discuss issues or ideas about improving the school.

Special congratulations to Georgia Keast and Jack Nairn for being selected as our 2018 School Captains.

Congratulations Student Council 2018

L-R: Josh Kemp, Emma Gillespie, Murray Findlay, Deahna Keam, Mitchell Anderson, Haylee Pitts, Dylan Whitehurst, Natasha Nairn, Tahnee Montgomery, Chelsea Butterworth, Georgia Keast (Captain), Caitlyn Wheatley, Gareth Korpel, Jack Nairn (Captain), Codey Baxter.

College Board Elections

The election of two new staff members for the College Board has taken place and I'm very pleased to announce that Darren Scahill and Daniel Gibbins were successful in securing those places. I'm sure that Darren and Daniel, with their respective skill sets, will be very positive additions to the Board.

Voting for the election of two new Parent members to the Board closes on the 23 March. Our next Board meeting on 13 April will be the first with the new increased membership of 11, consisting of 5 staff members and 6 parent/community members.

New ATO Dairy Position

I'm very pleased to announce that Kylie Quilty-Sanciolo has been appointed as our new ATO-Dairy, replacing Terry De Vos who late last year won the Assistant Farm Manager position.

Kylie has had extensive experience in the dairy industry on the west coast and will be a great addition to our farm staff. It's also pleasing that we've been able to add another female ATO to our team. Kylie will commence in her new

position early in Term 2.

The new ATO-Sheep position closed on Friday 16 March and we're currently going through the shortlisting and interviewing process. We've also advertised the ATO-Horticulture position, and that will close on Thursday 29 March.

UWA Medicine

In the last newsletter I commented on the strong performance of our 2017 ATAR students. I've since been informed that Bradley Kammann, our 2017 Dux, has been offered a place into the University of Western Australia Medicine course. Bradley completed five ATAR courses: Animal Production Systems, Plant Production Systems, English, Maths Applications and Maths Methods through SIDE. Congratulations to him on this extraordinary achievement.

Parent Lunch: Last Day Term One

All parents are invited to join our staff and students for lunch on the last day of this term, Friday 13 April. The normal program will finish at lunchtime. From 12.30 – 1.30 pm there will be an information session in the Lecture Theatre for our parents on the Western Australian Certificate of Education



From the Principal...

(WACE) requirements and the College's vocational education and training (VET) program. Following the information session, our teachers and trainers will be available to meet with parents to discuss their son or daughter's progress or any other concerns they may have as a result of the Term One Progress Reports.

School Enrolment Interviews

We have already commenced our student enrolment interviews for 2019. Given the very strong demand for places I would urge anyone who is thinking of trying to secure a place for their son or daughter to do so as soon as possible. Application forms can be downloaded from our website.

Term 2 Long Service Leave

I'll be away from the College in Term 2, enjoying long service leave. Steve Swallow will step up into the Principal position for the term and Amanda Gaunt will move into the Deputy role. Stuart Irwin will take over the Head of Studies position. Fred Knight will also be away on long service leave during Term 2. Terry De Vos will move into the Farm Manager position in Fred's absence, with James Skipper taking over the Assistant Farm Manager role.

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Old Collegians Assoc.

Vale Ian Dupe, past student 1970-1971 and a life member of the Old Collegians Association. Ian and partner, Lorraine, were staying in Albany the night before the 75th reunion last October when he became ill with a relapse of cancer and couldn't attend.

A funeral service was held in November at the Acton Park Hall, near Busselton, attended by close rural friends and family. Old Collegians Bruce MacMahon, a close friend of Ian's, and his wife, Tom Marsden and Don McCausland attended. We offer our deepest sympathy to Lorraine and family.

The committee of the Old Collegians Association has decided to amend the Life Membership fee. Past students and staff who wish to join can subscribe a one-off payment of \$100 for life membership and a name plaque on the Don Sheed honour wall in the college gazebo adjacent to the Administration building. Should you wish to have only life membership or the name plaque the cost is \$50 each.

To date, 125 names have been placed on the wall. Funds secured will be used for the annual scholarship, with a possible increase to two, as well as a proposed extension to the honour wall and a memorabilia cabinet.

By having your name on the wall (and those of deceased family members who were also past students), you are helping the association. Past students include those from DSA, DAJHS, DADHA, DAC and WACOA over the 75 years of the school/college. The association invites you to be part of it. Make it happen.

Contact with past students is very limited as many have passed on and others changed locations. So, we invite you to forward your current email addresses to hisylvi@bigpond.com so that we can have a database in place.

We, the committee and past students, are proud and excited at the progress that has been made over the 75 years to become a magnificent college where students have the opportunity to learn about agriculture with modern technology to begin their future life careers.

The Old Collegians Association is pleased to be able to contribute the \$500 George Elliott memorial scholarship to a student each year. Congratulations to Jessica Dearle, who was presented with her scholarship funds at the 2017 graduation ceremony. The Association thanks Jessica for her letter stating her pride and honour at receiving the award.

Preparations are in hand for the 1953-1956 reunion in Bunbury in October. Are you having a reunion this year? Let us know so that we can spread the word.

As we indicated in our last article, the committee are all getting old. We need younger past students to fill positions. Register your interest to Don at hisylvi@bigpond.com so that the association remains strong and grows.

Don McCausland
President
Old Collegians Association



Above: Ross McGuinness, a historian in his own right and co-author of the mammoth "Seventy Years" (A history of agricultural schools, camps and colleges from 1942—2012), stands by the Honour Wall where past students can have their name included.

<https://www.denmarkag.wa.edu.au/students/old-collegians/>



From the Deputy

Student progress reports will be posted out to parents during the final week of Term One...

Progress Reports

Student Progress Reports will be posted out to parents during the final week of Term One. While the Progress Reports do not provide information on predicted grades, they do provide feedback on a range of important work attributes that will give parents and students a very good indication of how things are progressing at school. Parents can meet with training and teaching staff on Friday 13th April (the final day of Term 1) between 1.30pm – 3.00pm to discuss their son / daughter's progress. We are also inviting parents to have lunch with us at the College and attend an information session on the Western Australian Certificate of Education and the VET training programme at the College.

Wagin Woolorama

College students travelled to the Wagin Woolorama on the 9th and 10th March 2018. Over 25 students were involved in the junior judging, wool handling and parading competitions at the show. Once again the

conduct and attitude of our students was very pleasing.

Congratulations to Tilly Smith who achieved 1st place in the Meat Sheep junior judging event. Also congratulations to Caitlin Swann and Jenna Wise for making the final in the Cattle junior judging competition. The College also achieved very pleasing results with the Corriedale sheep and wool at the Woolorama.

Well done to all students and remember, we don't expect you to win, just participate. In particular I was very impressed with a number of Year 10 and 11 students who were involved in junior judging for the first time and had only limited training and practice prior to Woolorama. I am sure they will do very well at similar events at the Perth Royal Show and Albany Show later this year. Thank you to College staff James Skipper, Jo Angilley and Brian Taylor for their supervision

of students at Woolorama and Neville Koenig (Sheep ATIO) and Colyn Garnett of Willenenup Merino Stud for his assistance with the training of students prior to the event.

OLNA Testing

Students need to demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy (in addition to a number of other requirements) to achieve a Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) at the end of Year 12. Students can meet this standard by demonstrating Band 8 or higher in the NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy tests in Year 9 or by meeting the minimum standard of the reading, writing and numeracy components of the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment in Year 10, 11 or 12.

The first round of OLNA testing for those Year 10, 11 and 12 students yet to meet the minimum standard has now been completed. As soon as the results are available to us we will forward the information on to students and parents. It is important to note that students have up to six opportunities (two per year) from Year 10 to Year 12 to demonstrate the literacy and numeracy standard. The next round of testing this year will be in September.

Q fever Vaccinations

A number of parents gave their consent earlier in the year for their son/daughter to be vaccinated against Q fever. Whilst vaccination is not compulsory, it is highly recommended that all new students to the College are vaccinated.

Q fever is a disease that affects humans and animals. The organism is uncommon but may be found in cattle, sheep, goats and other domestic mammals, as these animals are carriers of the disease. Humans can pick up the bacteria when they come into contact with faeces, urine, milk and blood of these animals. Any possibility of infection can be prevented by vaccination.

In the swim

Diversity and enjoyment is an important aspect of our education program here at the College and there are countless opportunities for extracurricular activities to broaden our student's perspectives, build confidence, develop leadership skills, work together and share experiences. Years 10 & 11 swam their proficiency test and surf lifesaving test by running 100m, swimming 100m and running another 100m in less than 5 minutes! They then had to prove their boat capsize knowledge by being able to tread water for 15mins and put on a PFD unassisted. The reason? To determine students swim levels and fitness prior to undertaking water-based activities.



Deputy Principal cont...

The majority of our students were vaccinated for Q fever on Tuesday 20th March. Students must be at least 15 yrs. of age before they can be vaccinated. Students that are not yet 15 yrs. of age will have an opportunity of being vaccinated later in the year, probably in June at the Denmark Medical Centre.

Work Experience- Final Week of Term 2

I have already received enquiries from students about options for the final week of Term 2 from June 25 – June 29.

The following options will be available to students in the final week of Term 2:

- Year 10's will have the option of participating in Country Week Sport or continuing at the College with their normal College program.
- Year 11's and 12's will have the option of participating in Country Week or undertaking a one-week work experience placement.

Year 12 students who are enrolled in a Certificate 3 Agriculture will also have the option of staying at the College and continuing to work towards this qualification.

Additional Work Experience for Year 12 Trades and Agricultural Studies Students

The College recognises the importance of our students, particularly those who are apprenticeship, traineeship or employment bound, experiencing a range of different work places during their training program.

We also acknowledge that work experience placements, particularly for our Year 12 Trades and Agricultural Studies students, often lead to apprenticeship or job offers the following year.

In light of this, an additional one-week block of work experience is available for all Year 12 Trades and Agricultural Studies students in the second last week of Term 2. These students then have the option of completing another week of work experience in the final week of term or participating in Country Week.

Information regarding work experience for our Year 12 Trades and Agricultural Studies students during the last two weeks (or just

the second-last week if students are involved in Country Week) of Term 2 will be coming out to parents shortly.

As soon as the Country Week teams are finalised we will also be sending out work experience information to the parents of those Year 11 students who will not be attending Country Week.

Maths Tutoring

College Maths teacher Deb Hatch is running Maths tutoring sessions on Thursdays afternoons between 4.00 – 5.30pm.

These sessions are open to both residential and day students. I encourage all students who may be finding Maths challenging to attend, in particular ATAR students and those students who are still working towards meeting the requirements of the OLN numeracy test.

Equine

The College is very pleased with the number of students involved with the equine programme and the number of student owned horses on site. It does however create some issues, in particular when horses come back to the College at the beginning of each term. I ask parents and equine students to assist by considering the following;

- Horses must return home by the end of each term for the school holidays. Please liaise with Equine trainer, Elissa Forbes about the return of your horse at the beginning of the following term. The College no longer requires horses to go into quarantine for a 24-48 hour period when returning to the College in Term 2. However horses must be checked for general health

(including body temperature) and be administered a parasite treatment prior to being placed in a College paddock.

- Please inform Elissa Forbes with at least 3 days' notice if you intend to remove your horse from the College during the term.

Please contact either myself or Elissa Forbes if you require further information.

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Staff and students wish Mr. Osborne a happy and relaxing and much deserved Long Service Leave. We all look forward to seeing you back at the College at the start of Term 3.

Notice Board

Foster caring...it's not just the child's life that changes!

Do you enjoy looking after kids?
Do you want to make a difference in a child's life?

If so, you may want to consider foster care. The Department of Communities - Child Protection and Family Support's Albany Office is looking for foster carers who can provide a loving home to children for occasional weekends, short and long periods of time.

Please contact Chung Siew on (08) 9841 0777 for more information.

Congratulations to Equine Teacher Elissa Forbes who recently won three major dressage awards in addition to winning the Australian Warmblood Horse Perpetual Trophy.

Elissa has brought a wealth of knowledge to the College Equine Program.

Right: Elissa at a dressage equestrian event.





From the Residential Manager

Please advise me now of travel arrangements for the Home-Weekend and Easter as I will need to book bus tickets...

Week 9, Term 1 and summer is all but over. Autumn (my favourite time of the year) has arrived with the first shedding of leaves and the arrival of the best surf and swimming conditions in the southern ocean.

Peaceful Bay – Residential Camp

The camp held between Friday 23rd February to Sunday 25th February 2018 was attended by 44 students, 8 staff including our Chef Kevin Ryan and a very helpful Ray Benson. Together they kept the students and staff well fed and the other campers envious of our camping style! Students spent much of their time at the bay fishing, floating about, jumping off ‘bombie rock’ or snorkelling around the back of the rocks with Bernie. Camping under the stars and glorious peppermints at Peaceful Bay is a great way to relax, socialise and get away from the College for the weekend.

HOME WEEKEND – EASTER

Please advise me of travel arrangements/ requirements for the end of this week as I will need to book bus tickets.

Please do not leave your decision to the last minute otherwise a ticket may not be available.

Leavers Jacket

Jackets will arrive on the 7th May 2018 and payment of \$85.00 must be paid either prior to or on collection. We look forward to seeing our Year 12's in their jackets. I will commence the design of next year's jacket in third term and will place the order before the end of the year so that jackets are available midway through 1st Term 2019.

REACH – Installation

I am sorting out the issues for parents who have not received their username and password. You will receive this information before the end of Term 1. I will send a text to prompt you to have a look for it in your emails. If after that you still have not received your username and log-on could you please email me:

kelli.gillies@education.wa.edu.au

and let me know. Also include the details that you would like for REACH and we will update the system which will then send through your log in details.

While we are working through this we will run the two leave systems concurrently for Term 1 while parents, students and staff are getting the hang of it all.

REACH APP Features

- Create leave events
- View and Manage Leave Events
- Sign in and out of school campus
- Manage Hosts
- Personal Leave Calendar

Lights Out

Year 10	Move from supper to dorm at 9.15pm
Year 10	Preparations for bed – in bed by 9.30pm
Year 11/12	Move from supper to dorm at 9.15 pm
Year 11/12	Preparations for bed – in bed by 9:45pm.

Please note that students will have points deducted if they are up after 'lights out'

Black Dog Ride ...Start a conversation today about depression



Above: Students Neroli Weatherhead, Dylan Whitehurst, Tilly Smith and Kye Shanhun, pictured with BDR coordinators Councillor Roger Seeney, Bev Seeney (one of the National Mental Health Advisors to the BDR Board) and Rob Woods, President of the Lions Club. And "Winston" the BDR mascot.

Health and wellbeing is a vital part of the College education program which is why participation in the Black Dog Ride event is an important date on the Residential calendar. On Sunday 18 March 2018, an impressive column of 120 "Black Dog Riders" including 6 staff, arrived at the College with the aim of bringing awareness and to "Start a national conversation about depression and suicide." The College hosted lunch for the riders and funds raised are donated to the cause to combat depression and suicide among young people. And it's not just about one day - the College takes the health of its students seriously...it has a purpose built medical centre on site that is staffed on a part time basis by a Clinical Nurse, a Consulting School Psychologist and a School Chaplain who contributes to our pastoral care program.

Residential Manager cont...

Prep arrangements

All students are to be in their dorms, at the library or computer room at 7:00pm sharp.

Year 10's supervised prep is held in the computer room.

Year 12 ATAR students are allowed in the library and are allowed to work together.

Other students are supervised in their dorm, doors closed. If students complete homework they are to remain in their dorm reading quietly.

If a student has work to do but their laptop isn't working, they can ask a Residential Supervisor for permission to go to the library. They must be there at 7pm. If students are disruptive they will be sent back to their dorm.

If students do not have access to the dormitory Wi-Fi they can speak to the residential supervisor to access the computer room. Students can gain permission to access the computer room from 4.00pm – 7.00pm if the matter is urgent.

Seating Arrangements in the Dining Room

Often it is the seemingly small issues that can cause the greatest anxiety....we have seating plans in the dining room for breakfast and dinner to encourage students to socialise outside their friendship groups and to make it easier for new and old students to meet others and to not worry too much about who they should or will be sitting with at meal times. Lunch is a bit more relaxed and students can choose to sit with their mates

Laundry

Second hand clothing is available in the laundry. Check with Carol and Michelle our laundry ladies if you need to change sizes of clothing before buying anything new. We welcome donations of the College uniform (in good condition) as students leave the College.

Clothing without name tags will be displayed on the table for collection when the laundry is staffed, otherwise it will be packed away until the following shift. A record of lost clothing is kept in the laundry. If students have lost an item of clothing please report it to the laundry staff.

College Uniforms

There are second hand uniforms available in the laundry and via our Facebook group WACoA Denmark – Buy and Sell – Second-hand uniforms

Can you please check your students uniform; in particular 11 & 12's to make sure students are not wearing clothing that is too small, ripped, stained etc.; boots also. We do have some second hand uniforms; please contact me or the laundry staff for that information.

Can you please check your child's uniform; in particular year 11's and 12's to make sure students are not wearing clothing that is too small, ripped, or stained. Please check boots also.

Health and Wellbeing

The College continues to provide support to students requiring doctors and other health related appointments. Where possible these appointments are made outside of school hours to minimise disruption to the school program. For any follow up appointments with specialists the College asks parents and carers where possible to make these during school holidays. Please contact the College if your child has any medical imaging needs before appointments are made in Albany.

When students are ill in residence the College will provide immediate care and will arrange necessary medical appointments. To minimise the spread of illness all students who are unwell are required to remain in their rooms, eat after all other students and minimise contact with other students until recovered. If students are unable to participate in the learning program for more than one day the College will contact families to discuss alternative care arrangements.

School Nurse

Madeleine Blakers will be attending the College from **0730-0810 Tuesday to Friday**. Madeleine will come and say hello in the dining room and see anyone who would like to be assessed (i.e. Borders that have been unwell overnight).

She will make her way to the sick bay thereafter to see any students that would like to drop in.

School Psychologist

Renae Davies is our Provisionally Registered School Psychologist for 2018. Renae will be on campus on **Wednesday** for any students who would like to make an appointment. Renae can help students with strategies for settling into boarding life, managing relationships, study habits and exam stress. We would like to encourage students to use this valuable service. Parents can contact Renae on a Wednesday at the College.

Travel Arrangements for Home Weekend and End of Term

The College organises travel arrangements (bus tickets) for **Easter and End of Term**. please advise the school or your child of the travel arrangements for the **Home Weekend**. The return time is always booked for students to arrive together in the afternoon of the return day for **one** pick up. Tickets that are changed so as to arrive at a later time will incur a pick up fee of by the College of **\$100.00**. All other travel arrangements throughout the term are to be arranged by the parent/guardian.

Vehicle Forms

A reminder that prior to any student vehicle/motor cycle being brought to the College please ensure all forms are completed and up-to-date and that any vehicle or motorbike that comes on to site has been approved. Quad bikes will not be approved as part of our recreational motor cycle program.

Medication

We require students to hand in any medication that they have to residential staff; medication is recorded, stored and administered from the residential office.

Weekend Leave Forms/Requests

While we are transitioning to REACH you can still submit leave forms via facsimile or email. Please ensure weekend leave forms are in **by close of business Wednesday** so that we can prepare for the weekend accordingly. The College will contact you if there are any concerns regarding leave arrangements. Student safety is our utmost concern with regard to leave arrangements.

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Extra Curricular Activities...Term Two

Term 2 is when extra curricular activities commence. Details are being sent home for those programs your son or daughter has nominated to participate in. Program fees are detailed in the Fees, Contributions and Charges booklet.

Rock Band /Music Performance

This program commences Wednesday 2nd May 2018 and runs from 6.30pm—9.00pm. The College facilitates music group tutoring, jamming and vocal sessions for guitar, drums, keyboard, harmonica, wind and percussion, culminating in group performances in the local community. A number of students have progressed to further music studies and or are active performers in the entertainment industry.

Recreational Skippers Ticket

Recreational Skippers Ticket (RST) is a qualification based on a set of State Marine Safety Competencies for which the skipper of a boat is required to be certified if in charge of a vessel with a motor of 6HP or more. Theory, land based instruction, skills training and water based practical training and assessment sessions will be delivered on Saturdays and Sundays. Training is delivered by the Great Southern Maritime Training Centre and assessment by South Coast Diving Supplies. Past students have utilised this qualification for recreation and to assist with entry to such industries as marine engineering, deep sea fishing and aquaculture research. Courses Commencing 26th May 2018.

Scuba Diving

This popular program is conducted in May by South Coast Diving Supplies and consists of three evening theory sessions, followed by two weekends of practice diving, training and assessment at South Coast Diving Supplies, the Albany Aquatic Centre, Albany beaches and harbour. Participation in this challenging course is subject to a successful medical assessment. Students from this program have progressed to higher qualifications, now being employed as diving instructors, by the Navy and the oil and gas industry. The program commences on Tuesday 8 May 2018.

Free Form Furniture & Fine Woodcraft

This extra-curricular program is conducted at the Boatshed by Southern Regional TAFE

instructor Bryan Thompson. Work-safe issues and insurance is covered by Denmark Wood Turner's Association. Projects undertaken include using furniture making hand and power tools under supervision. Commencing Monday 7th May 2018, sessions will run from 5pm-7pm weekly. Ex-students have entered the cabinet making and building industries as well as competing successfully in woodcraft exhibitions.

The Music Hall

Denmark Arts presents a Music Hall for Youth on a monthly basis at the new Arts Centre where students may participate along with professional musicians, dance the evening away from 7pm-10pm with healthy food options available. Entry is \$5 per person and meal options \$5 ea. The College will transport students to and from the venue. This is an "Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Free" venue.

The Boat Shed

A new initiative for Denmark youth is the Boatshed. Located in the industrial area, youth can participate in boat building projects on Sunday afternoons, supervised by industry professionals and wood work volunteers. There is also gym equipment on site for those idle moments. This is an "Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Free" venue.

Other Programs Available...

As a student at the College membership of several clubs and associations is available to broaden student interests. These include:

Country Club Membership-Golf and Tennis

Held on weekends or after school. The club is adjacent to the College. College Junior Championships are held late in Term 3.

Yacht Club Membership

Located at the Denmark rivermouth launching ramp—students are able to participate under supervision, sailing a variety of mono hull and catamaran craft on Wilson Inlet. An exhilarating day out!

Dragon Boating

On the Denmark River in both the College and Club teams. Students participate in dragon boat challenges with the High School and Albany teams. Held on Wednesday afternoons and Sundays.

Kayaking

On weekends as College excursions or as a member of the local kayaking club. Experience the Denmark, Hay and Frankland Rivers. In all these activities, yachts, kayaks, dragon boats, golf clubs and tennis rackets are all made available for student use.

Kelli Gillies

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From the Head of Studies

Year 11 and Year 12 ATAR students attended the University Information Night at UWA Albany...

University Information Night

Year 11 and 12 ATAR students attended the University Information Night at UWA Albany on Monday 26 of February. University representatives from UWA, Curtin, Murdoch, ECU and Notre Dame were present and informally spoke to our students about tertiary courses, prerequisites and the university lifestyle. It was a highly informative event and I thank Dane Carter for assisting me with the excursion.

Guest Speakers – Year 11 General English

As part of the Year 11 General English program, students are being assessed on their listening and note-taking skills. The ongoing assessment involves guest speakers from various industries and those with interesting life experiences to present to our students.

We are seeking individuals who are interested and available to present on Wednesday mornings from 8.10 to 9am. Please make contact with myself or Shiralee Goodwill for further information.

Country Week

Training for Country Week has officially commenced and Mr Woodruff is leading a dedicated team of coaches from the College and local community members, preparing the students for the big event at the end of term two.

Students are required to attend the weekly training sessions to ensure the teams are filled with enough students for each event, more details on timings and costs will be released soon.

Gate 2 Plate Challenge

The annual Albany Agricultural Society Gate 2 Plate Challenge took place at Wilyung Feedlot on Wednesday 21 March.

The beef production competition assesses cattle performance through the grain-fed,

MSA graded, domestic supply chain in Western Australia. The competition aims to reflect as closely as possible the real life situation of cattle entering the grain fed, MSA graded domestic supply chain and reward those animals that not only meet requirements for carcase quality but are also profitable at each stage.

Competitors received detailed feedback on individual and group animal performance at each stage of the supply chain throughout the competition.

Courses of Study

All Year 11 and 12 students are enrolled in upper school courses of study. Assessments of these courses involve percentage marks for assessments completed.

Assessments include tests/exams, assignments, research projects, in-class assessments and practical skills. The final percentage will determine a grade (A,B,C,D or E) which will be listed on the student's Statement of Results.

Assessment Policy

The College's policy on subject completion requires students to complete all tasks in the assessment program. If a student does not complete an out of class assessment task by the due date and the student does not provide a reason which is acceptable to the College, the following penalties apply:

- 10% reduction in the mark for each school day the assessment task is late.
- A mark of zero (if not submitted or submitted more than 10 days late)

This can have serious implications on a student's final mark and grade for a

subject and his/her choice of achieving secondary graduation.

Note: When a student is likely to experience difficulty in meeting a deadline they must discuss the matter with the teacher at the earliest possible opportunity before the due date.

For any missed in-class assessment task where the student does not provide a reason which is acceptable to the College, a mark of zero will be recorded.

If a student does not submit an assessment task or attend a scheduled in-class assessment task, the teacher will contact the parent/guardian by letter, email or telephone to discuss the risk of the student not completing the course unit and to negotiate a solution.

Please encourage your child to complete all assessment tasks by the due date. Our aim is for all our students to work and achieve to their personal academic potential. A list of assessment due dates can be located on the College.

Amanda Gaunt

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EASTER CLOSED WEEKEND

The College will be closed on Easter Tuesday. Residential students will return after 4pm on Tuesday 3 April 2018.

Classes re-commence for all students on Wednesday 4 April 2018 at 8am

END OF TERM 1

Normal program will finish at lunchtime Friday 13 April. From 12.30-1.30 there will be a WACE information session in the Lecture Theatre for Parents.

For more information
See Principals Report.

Term Two commences for all students
8am, Monday 30 April 2018



From the Farm Manager

Wagin Woolorama was well attended by the College with students participating in a variety of events...



Quite a lot has been happening on the farm over the past month. Fertilising and lime spreading has taken up a fair bit of the work along with driver training to get students trained in driving skills and operate machinery.

Calving has been full on in both the dairy and beef sections with students being taught how to feed and handle young dairy calves as well as marking the beef calves.

Wagin Woolorama was well attended by the College with students being able to participate in showing, judging, parading and wool handling events. Congratulations to Tilly Smith who won the Junior Poll Dorset Judging event. All students were a credit to the College with their appearance and behaviour.

Machinery is being prepared and made ready for our spraying and re-seeding pasture program which is due to start shortly.

The AWI trainers will also be on site for four days to undertake crutching training with all the College stock being crutched and prepared for the lambing season.

Grape picking will also be undertaken at the College vineyard with Year 10 students being assessed for their Cert. I Certificate in Food. Some extra grape picking will also need to be done off site.

Our sheep AI program has been run and completed with most students being given the opportunity to be involved with this and our cattle AI program will be run next term again with most Year 12's being involved in this.

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From Top: Kate Marley with Grand Champion Ram; Spraying the corn crop; Caitlyn Wheatley crutches sheep; Ben Oldham tags a calf; Year 10 Students observe as a ewe is artificially inseminated.



Photo—Kind acknowledgement Farm Weekly





From the Business Manager

The first instalment of the Residential Accommodation Fee should be paid...



Account Related Communication from the College

By now, all parents and carers should have received their first statement from the College. If you haven't, please send an email to the Finance Team inbox to let us know. Invoices will be provided to all parents/carers at the time an item is applied to your account where payment is required prior to participation in the event. Statements summarising all items charged and payments received will be posted twice per term. If a student changes a study stream or if your account goes into credit, you will receive communication from the College regarding this.

Residential Boarding Fees – Instalment 1

Please be advised that the first instalment of the Residential Accommodation Fee should be paid in full prior to the commencement of term 2. This does not apply to parents and carers who are on an approved payment plan or are in receipt of the Assistance for Isolated Children where payments are directed to the College.

A **big thank you** to those parents and carers who are up-to-date with their accounts.

Have you recently made a payment? Please contact us.

On 8 and 9 March 2018, two large deposits were made into the College bank account with no reference number suggesting who the funds relate to.

If this is your deposit, please contact the College on 9848 0200 or [email us](mailto:denmark@education.wa.edu.au) for further verification.

Cheques & Money Orders	Posted to PO Box 350, Denmark WA 6333
Electronic Transfer	BSB: 306 009 Account: 0110895 Bank: Bankwest Denmark Please use student name as reference
Credit/Debit Card	Credit card payments can be made in person at the College between 8am—4pm Monday to Friday

Student Allowances and Subsidies 2018

Enclosed with your first statement were application forms for the following student allowances and subsidies. If a particular allowance or subsidy applies to your situation, please complete the associated application form and return to the address indicated on the form. If you have not received a copy of the allowance forms, please visit our website

www.denmark.wa.edu.au

then click on Parents the select Financial Assistance from the left hand menu to download and print the application forms.

Secondary Assistance Scheme \$235.00/\$115.00 – Applications Close 13 April 2018

The Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs. To be eligible for the allowance the parent/carer must hold a Department of Human Services (Centrelink) Family Health Care Card, Pensioner Conces-

sion Card or a Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card that represents a statement of low income for the family.

The allowance consists of two components:

- \$115 Clothing Allowance which will be paid to the parent/carer unless indicated on the application form that you wish it to be paid to the College.
- \$235 Education Program Allowance which is paid directly to the College and will be deducted from contributions and charges.

Boarding Away from Home Allowance (BAHA) \$1,948.00

The Department of Education makes available a student Boarding Away from Home Allowance each year to families with children attending primary and/or secondary school and boarding in residential accommodation.

The allowance consists of two components:

Agricultural Special Subsidy which applies to all students in residents who are not in receipt of Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) from the Department of Human Services (Centrelink).

AIC Subsidy which applies to all students who are currently in receipt of AIC from the Department of Human Services (Centrelink).

BAHA Agricultural Special Subsidy Applications close 31 July 2018.

BAHA AIC Applications close 30 November 2018.

Further Contact & Information

As always, please don't hesitate to contact the friendly administration team or myself with any questions or concerns regarding your account at the College on (08) 9848 0200 or visit our website:

denmark.wacoa.finance@education.wa.edu.au.

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Upcoming Events

- March 30:** Good Friday
- March 31 to April 3:** Home Weekend
- April 3:** Travel Day Resi Students
- April 4:** Class Program Starts All students
- April 13:** Board Meeting
- April 14:** End of Term 1
- June 1:** Advance notice College Ball

End of First Term and Beginning of Term 2 2018

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
9	MAR 26	27 Q Fever Vac.	28	29	30	31 HOME WEEKEND	APR 1
10	2 HOME WEEKEND	3 Travel Day Resi students return 4pm	4 Class program Starts 8am	5	6	7	8
11	9	10	11	12	13 Board Meeting	14 Term Holidays commence	15
Term Two 1	APR 30 All students return Class program Starts 8am	May 1	2	3	4	5	6

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