



College Mission, Values and Purpose

Our Mission

Within an agricultural context, our mission is to develop in students the skills, knowledge and attitudes to reach their full potential and contribute positively to society.

Our Vision

WA College of Agriculture - Denmark educates the rising stars of the agriculture sector in an exceptional specialist school that the industry values, protects and nurtures.

Our Purpose

- All members of the College community promote the values of learning, excellence, equity and care.
- To ensure all students develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to achieve their individual potential and contribute to society.
- To provide opportunities for students to develop knowledge, skills, values and understandings within the context of rural industries.
- To provide opportunities for students to achieve nationally recognised vocational qualifications and secondary graduation.
- To provide opportunities that assist students to access employment or further education.

Our Values

- Participation – in all aspects of College life and contribution to the community.
- Responsibility – trusted to undertake tasks and being accountable for own actions.
- Cooperation – supporting and respecting each other.
- Care – having self-worth and consideration for others.
- Excellence – having pride in achievements; striving to do one's best.

Located just east of the town centre of Denmark, the WA College of Agriculture is a 560 hectare working farm and educational facility for Year 10, 11 and 12 students offering a wide variety of studies with an agricultural focus.

While the majority of students are residential, there are a number of day students with a dedicated bus service is provided to and from Albany.

About the College

Our History

The "Denmark School of Agriculture" began in 1942 when students were moved from Narrogin School of Agriculture as it was used as a war convalescent hostel for returned servicemen. Students were boarded in town until the boarding facilities were built in 1947. These facilities catered for up to 40 boys. In 1953 the school was amalgamated with the High School and became known as the "agricultural wing of the Denmark Agricultural Junior High School". In 1972 it became the "Denmark Agricultural District High School". Then in 1991 the agricultural wing separated from the high school and became the Denmark Agricultural College for Years 11 and 12. The College purchased temporary accommodation units to take the bed number up to 64, and also offered positions to girls in 1991. The separation from the High School was a significant turning point for the College as numbers were dwindling and many questions were being asked about the viability of the facility.

Since then this College has developed considerably and is considered one of the leading lights in the achievement of educational and training outcomes for young men and women in a diversity of agricultural and related fields.

The Denmark Campus is one of five WA Colleges of Agriculture in Western Australia.

Our School Program

The College runs at full capacity with 135 students. In 2010 the College expanded to admit Year 10 students. The College is part of a consortium with four other regional agricultural Colleges, now titled WA College of Agriculture - Denmark. Courses running in Denmark cover a variety of subjects including Viticulture, Metals & Engineering, Business Management, Plant and Animal Production and Systems; Aquaculture, Horticulture, Automotives, Equine Studies, Landcare and Forestry; as well as the traditional core subjects such as English, Maths, Geography and Information Technology. Students have the opportunity to attend and participate in a wide variety of agricultural shows, both in Western Australia and interstate. Students also have the option of mainstream, vocational or trades programs.

Our Farm Program

The operation of the College beef, sheep, dairy, vineyard, horticulture and forestry enterprises involves students in both the practical and business aspects of these farming enterprises, with the focus on running these enterprises as commercial operations. The success of College students and 100% employment rate for graduates shows the value of the education gained at the College and we are extremely proud of their achievements.

Our Residential Program

Student dormitories are well equipped single rooms with under floor heating, wardrobe, desk and access for computers, including Wi-Fi. The common/lounge rooms also have under floor heating; modular lounge suites; television, and kitchen with facilities to make hot drinks and snacks. Students are able to add decorative touches to make their rooms their own space.

Nutritious meals, including morning and afternoon teas use College and local produce. Vegetables are grown organically on the farm and eggs, meat and milk are produced on site for the College kitchen as well as being sold commercially.

There is a sports gymnasium, a weights room and pool table for out of school hours use. The TV lounge receives Foxtel. After hours activities include movie nights in the on-site Lecture Theatre; beach trips; regular Saturday morning shopping trip in a College bus in to Albany as well as some Friday night outings to Albany for ten-pin bowling or movies. There is a daily local bus trip into Denmark town site for personal shopping. Students can enter local sporting competitions at the Denmark Recreation Centre, join the Golf club across the road, and earn a Recreational Skipper's Ticket for boating. Woodwork and fine furniture courses are run in association with TAFE for interested students. The College Ball is another exciting event, with students involved in planning and organising this much anticipated night.

Employment at the College

The College operates on a 24 hour, 7 days per week basis during the school term and in a limited capacity during term breaks. The College employs a variety of staff on casual, fixed term and permanent appointments across the following non-teaching positions:

Residential Manager	Business Manager	Farm Manager
Residential Supervisor	Education Assistant	Farm Supervisor
Chef	School Officer	Technical Officer – Agricultural Instruction
Cook	Library Officer	
Domestic (Kitchen Hand)	Domestic (Cleaning)	
Domestic (Laundry)	Gardener	

Current Staffing Information

	No	FTE
Administration Staff		
Principals	1	1.0
Deputy Principals	1	1.0
Heads of Departments and Learning Areas	1	1.0
Total Administration Staff	3	3.0
Teaching Staff		
Other Teaching Staff	11	8.3
Total Teaching Staff	11	8.3
School Support Staff		
Clerical / Administrative	23	19.0
Gardening / Maintenance	21	14.5
Other Non-Teaching Staff	1	0.8
Total School Support Staff	45	34.3
Total	59	45.6

For further information about the College please visit our website

www.denmarkag.wa.edu.au