

# 2021

# HARVEY AG COLLEGE



# AGGIE PACK

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# Harvey Ag Memories

## 2021



# STAFF LIST

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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The need to produce this Aggie Pack article is a reminder and always a good excuse for me to sit back and reflect on the year at a time that is traditionally very busy. There is a perception that the last term in school is easy given that students start to leave, but that is not the case with reporting, planning for next year and the myriad of other tasks required at this time of year.

2021 has been an interesting challenge in coping with COVID whilst attempting to maximise opportunities for students. Apart from a couple of hiccups when South West schools were shut down and we had some border closures, we found restrictions gradually relaxing over the year. I am really pleased that for the most part we are back to normal operations. They say every cloud has a silver lining and certainly we developed a number of systems in COVID that we will continue because they are an improved practice.

Numerous opportunities to enhance student learning outcomes were offered over the year including trips and tours, attendance at shows, after school support in Class and Trades and various Residential activities to occupy and engage. It is pleasing to see many of our students take advantage of opportunities on offer and in doing so taking an active part in improving their own learning and outcomes. Additional effort by staff and a flexible approach were adopted by all areas of the College to assist students particularly as they approached the end of Year 12. Our College continues to be in high demand for prospective students to the extent that we had three times the number of applicants for the number of positions in 2022. Whilst this is a great indicator of the quality of the College facilities and program, it is unfortunate that many terrific young people missed out on a place.

As much as I am proud of the College facility, it is the people who make the most difference to an organisation. We are fortunate to have a professional staff body who are passionate about the College and dedicated to improving our students. I am also grateful for the efforts of our College Board and the Agricultural Advisory Committee, whose members provided invaluable support and advice.

When I speak to prospective students and parents, as well as past students and parents, I continue to be immensely proud of the long and successful history of our College and I feel privileged to be playing my part in continuing that tradition. The fact that families continue to send their children to be educated with us, and that graduates continue to find themselves in demand for jobs, apprenticeships and further study, is all evidence of the great job that the entire College community does.

I thank all staff, parents, students and our community support for 2021 and look forward to an enjoyable and productive 2022.

Stephen Watt

# VICE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Each year our lives throw challenges at us. It is how we deal with these challenges that helps shape us as people and guides us in what we do and the decisions we make.

Sometimes we need to be reminded about the 'hard truths' of life.

I came across this post one day when I was aimlessly scrolling Facebook, and reflected on it. I ask that you do the same.

## 10 Hard Truths

- You're 100% responsible for your own happiness.
- Your health is your true wealth.
- You can't control most things except how you respond.
- Nothing worth having comes easy.
- Failure is a prerequisite to success.
- Not everyone is going to be like you.
- In order to help others, you must first take care of yourself.
- Actions speak louder than words.
- Vulnerability and asking for help are both strengths.
- Life is precious. You're going to die.

*Author Unknown*

Sometimes we need gentle reminders and sometimes not so gentle reminders to refocus ourselves and keep on track in life.

Thank you to all the staff, students and parents who have made 2021 a memorable and enjoyable year.

To those who are leaving please call back in and visit from time to time and keep us updated with what you are doing and the experiences you have encountered.

For those who are returning, I look forward to seeing you back refreshed for 2022.

Dean Pfitzner

## FAREWELL RAY BLACKBURN

This year we were saddened to report that Ray Blackburn, a long term member of our College community, passed away.

Ray Blackburn was a member of the Harvey Agricultural Advisory Committee since 1997 (following on from his father John Blackburn). In his time, Ray was a positive and active supporter of the College and involved in the development of Harvey from a small wing attached to the local high school, to the outstanding facility that it is today.

Ray has been a stalwart supporter of the College over many years, not only in his role on the Agricultural Advisory Committee advising on our Dairy operations but also through directly supporting our training programs. Ray filled the role of Chair on the Ag Advisory and was the Harvey representative on the Combined Agricultural Advisory Committee (CAAC) for many years. Ray held the Chair role on CAAC for a three year term straddling the years 2010 to 2013 and then remained on the Executive Committee as immediate past Chair for a further three year term.

In any role that Ray held he was respected as a committed, knowledgeable and capable individual who had a firm grasp of the need for Colleges and schools offering agricultural programs to be aligned with industry to best support student learning outcomes. Ray was a great support for agricultural education at a school level and a broader system level.

From a College perspective, Ray's vast knowledge and experience in the dairy industry was highly valued as was his willingness to freely provide his time to support the College student learning programs. Whilst Ray was stepping down from his formal roles on committees, he was still involved in supporting student learning programs and mentoring staff and will be sorely missed.



## WELCOME 2021

All new students arrived at the College on Sunday 31st January, but before parents had time to leave there was a Government announcement that the College would close due to COVID and we would once again go into lockdown.

Following the false start at the beginning of the year, all students returned on the next Sunday to start the year. On the Monday Mr Watt explained to the students how the College would operate within the COVID guidelines.



### STUDENT COUNCILLORS



Year 10 - Sebastian Pinzone & Jack Walker.

Year 11 - Madison Pepall, Erin Donaghy, Matilda O'Neill, Samantha Cox.

Year 12 - Robert Pepall & Rachel Davey (Captains) Chakiah Craigie, Harrison Gualter, Cooper Pearson, Joshua De Beer, Geoff Tozer.

### FAREWELL TO FRED VENABLES

The College said farewell to Mr Fred Venables as he moved into retirement after 17 years at the College as a Technical Officer. Best of luck.

*Goodbye!*



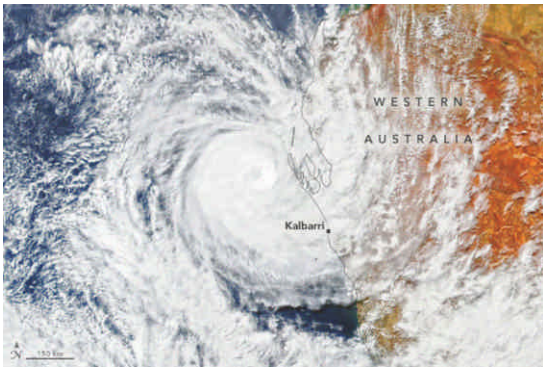
# BOYS HELP OUT IN THE COMMUNITY



In the aftermath of Cyclone Seroja, this letter was received by the College. Well done boys.

Hello

My name is Sarah Kingdon, my family the Bridgeman's own two farms in Northampton Jib Jib South and River View Farm. I just wanted to take the time to contact the school and say congratulations on developing such hard working conscientious young men. Year 12 students, Toby Emmett, Lucas Andersen and Geoff Tozer are to be commended, when the recent cyclone hit they went straight into action cleaning up and helping wherever they were needed, not just at our farms but others also. They gave up a week of their school holidays and did not complain once, they also did not stop working each day. These fantastic young men went above and beyond to help people without being asked and we appreciate them immensely. Thank-you.



Kind Regards  
Sarah

## STAFF ALSO HELPED OUT WHEN MOST NEEDED

Geoff Howell and Bob McGee travelled to Morawa Ag College after Cyclone Seroja to assist with the clean up around the Farm.



## EASTER RAFFLE

Once again we asked students and parents to support our Easter Raffle by donating chocolates and we received enough chocolate to make up 17 prizes. It was great to see mostly students were the lucky winners. Students raised \$720 which went towards the College Ball. The below winners definitely didn't need to buy any chocolates, especially Tom Wilson.

1. Tom Wilson
2. Maria Tartaglia
3. John White
4. Jack Buzzard
5. Brady Becker
6. Deegan Tilbrook
7. Teresa Hickman
8. Jamie Woods
9. Rhys Gibbs
10. Tom Wilson
11. Nathan Davies
12. Dean Pfitzner
13. Calvin Parker
14. Natalie Eloff
15. Amelia Raper
16. Sarah Woods
17. Sam Ferrari

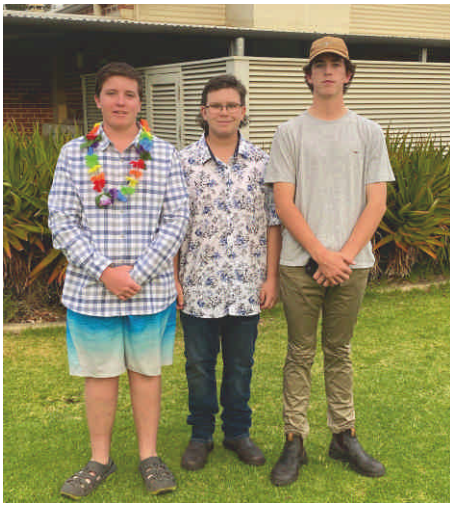


## STUDENT DINNER

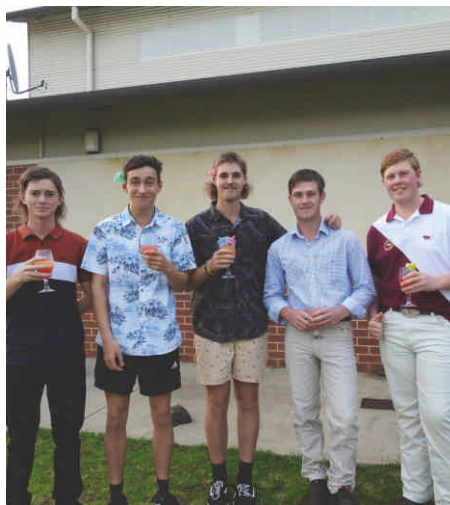


On the 31st March the majority of our students attended our Annual Student Dinner in the gymnasium. It was great to see students dressed up, mingling with each other over mocktails and canapés before heading inside for a beautiful Hawaiian dinner and dessert. The gymnasium was decorated in a colourful Hawaiian theme, with staff serving students their dinner and drinks. The night finished off with a disco.

The guest speaker for the night Joel Whitwell spoke to students about his life experiences and challenges whilst living with craniofacial deficiency. Joel described how having this deficiency has not prevented him achieving his dream of travel and has allowed him to develop strength, empathy and resilience.



STUDENT  
DINNER  
PICS



# ANZAC

This year we held our own ANZAC ceremony in the gym with students prior to them leaving for the weekend. We were lucky to have Jarrah Tinker and Alex McLarty play the bagpipes. Some said it was the best service we have held at the College and it sounded amazing.

As ANZAC fell on the weekend, we had a large number of students stay in and attend the Harvey ANZAC Parade and Service with Mr Jones. A number of people in the community commented on how great it was to see the students march.



# LEAVERS JACKET

What an amazing design this year! We had a few students put their designs forward for voting and this year Shannon Hewitt's design collectively out voted all of them.



# OPEN DAY PREPARATION

Any opportunity Ms Stringer gets she will look at creating displays around the College. Firstly, she designed the ANZAC hay rolls at the entrance. She then set the boys up to spray paint the hay rolls for her farm animals display for Open Day.



## YUCK CIRCUS/ONE PUNCH WONDER

Students enjoyed the opportunity to attend both the YUCK Circus and One Punch Wonder shows at the Harvey Rec Centre this year.

The YUCK Circus showed the humour of the trials and tribulations of what it's like to be a young woman growing up in Australia.

Cast members of 'One Punch Wonder' attended the College for a short performance of their play. This is a powerful show about the pressures facing young men today and the toxic mix of unhealthy masculinity, alcohol abuse, violence and the result of one punch.



## IMAGINE WINNING THE 10KG OF CHOCOLATE



As part of this year's Country Week Fundraising, Mrs Hickman purchased a 10kg Cadbury Chocolate bar for students to raffle off on Open Day. Mrs Lee Walton was the lucky winner of the prize. (I'm sure she shared it around her family).

*yum!*

## PRINCIPALS VISIT THE COLLEGE

At the end of Term 3 the College hosted the Deputy Director General of the Department of Education and all of the Directors and Assistant Directors of Education from across all of the education regions in the State. The purpose of the visit was to showcase the Agricultural College system allowing them a better understanding of the benefits, challenges and points of difference in the style of education.



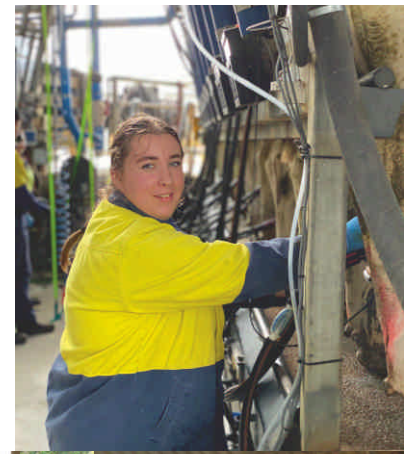
# OPEN DAY

On the 29th May, we held our Open Day. Last year due to COVID we were not able to hold the event, but this year we ran it under tighter restrictions with all visitors having to "grab a ticket" prior to arriving so it could be scanned and recorded at the gate.



# OPEN DAY

Despite the terrible weather approx 1100 visitors arrived at the College gate throughout the day. As always the day was a huge success with the different areas showcasing their skills. People were able to walk through Trades, Class and Residence and catch a bus and tour around the Farm.



# ARMY VISIT



We were lucky to have representatives from the Australia Defence Force (Navy and Army) speak to our students regarding career opportunities and the range of jobs that suit a variety of passions, skills and interests.



# RU OK? DAY

Our wonderful kitchen staff once again embraced R U OK? Day, with cupcakes for staff and students for morning tea.

# THANKYOU TO OUR STAFF

Extra activities around the College wouldn't happen without our wonderful staff. We try to make the environment for the students feel like home. Everyone is here for one reason, our students.



## WE GOT A MENTION IN THE HARVEY REPORTER

Reporter  
Monday, July 23, 2018

**Boot camp opens eyes to machinery careers**

ADAM POLAKEN

Marley and said she was keen to expand her...  
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Focusing on clean farms

Reporter  
Monday, July 23, 2018

**Plant the seed to cut carbon**

KASPIER JOHANSEN

Students at the Western Australian College of Agriculture (WACA) are looking to go green, after undertaking carbon audits at the school farm.

After 12 students completing ATAS as well as Certificate II qualifications in agriculture have been auditing 12 farm operations to conduct the audits, with the findings set to be shared with the different stakeholders at the school farm.

"We're using a growing population that needs to be fed, and we're able to produce the food we need for agriculture at the moment and be able to maintain the level of food production. I think we really need to look at matching our carbon output."

"We need to take an interest in well because we're the starting point, this is where we learn, it is planting the seed," he said.

"We mention the 'syringer' to some students and they're not actually sure what we're even talking about, so it's about raising awareness."

"We have to educate the up-and-coming generations because if we don't have our only good partner and land by ourselves."

Using calculations created at the University of Melbourne, students can see the greenhouse gas outputs of the school's dairy, beef, sheep and horticulture farms.

AgriCulture students Geoff Turner and Ashton Lambie, from the school farm.

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Throughout the year we are made aware of students' achievements outside of school.

## WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE - RHYS GIBBS

Rhys Gibbs took on the challenge of raising money for the World's Greatest Shave and faced the clippers on Friday 12th March. Congratulations to Rhys for raising \$690 for such a great cause.



## INTERSCHOOLS WA - OLIVIA HAWKINS



Olivia Hawkins competed at the Interschool Equestrian WA in Brigadoon. This year there was a record number of entries with 187 riders entered from schools all over the State. Olivia and her horse Bildan Park Coachella, aka Diva, had some great success in their classes; Combined Training 80cm - 4th, Novice Dressage Championship - 12th over all, Show Jumping 70cm - 11th, Show Jumping 80cm - 7th



Olivia and Diva qualified to represent WA at National Interschool.

## AWARDED THE GOLD MEDALLION

In July last year, Toby Emmett, Geoff Tozer and Geoff's dad Michael, headed out for a fishing trip at Horrocks Beach, north of Perth. A rogue wave hit their boat and Mr Tozer sustained a serious injury. Toby and Geoff navigated the turbulent waters into shore where Toby helped Mr Tozer to the beach, whilst Geoff single-handedly moored the boat.

Geoff and Toby were both presented with The Gold Medallion Award from Royal Life Saving Western Australia, by the Honourable Kim Beasley. The award was presented for their acts of bravery in rendering reassurance and first aid to Mr Tozer until paramedics arrived on the scene. Congratulations boys.



# COLLEGE BALL

On the 20th August we held our College Ball at the Lighthouse Inn in Bunbury. The theme was set as "A Night at the Oscars" and the Ballroom was decorated in a sea of black and gold. Students arrived in an array of vehicles before entering and sitting down to a three course meal. Everyone danced the night away before Cheyanne Allen and Harrison Gualter were awarded the Belle and Beau of the Ball. Once again it was an amazing night with everyone enjoying themselves.



# LEADERSHIP CAMP

*Our new Student Councillors headed to Perth to participate in a Leadership and Team-Building Camp, in conjunction with the Narrogin Ag College.*

On our way up we stopped in Pinjarra to meet with local Labour Member, Mrs Robyn Clarke. Mrs Clarke gave us a number of great ideas about how to improve the running of the Student Council, along with stories of her past experiences that gave us a new perspective on the way we handle matters.

Next we headed to Kinetica, which is a circus school in Perth, where we got to know one another better and grew stronger as a team. We also did some team building acrobatic exercises with the Narrogin Ag students.

On the way back to our accommodation at Karrinyup Waters Resort, we stopped to grab groceries for the next couple of days. This was a good exercise to build valuable life skills surrounding budgeting and calculating the amount of food required for our entire group. Throughout the following days, various students took turns cooking the meals allowing our skills to be further developed.

Later that evening we begin to plan and organise for the last term and next year, including various events and fundraising.

On Tuesday morning we continued with some more planning, including financial planning with Mrs Hickman, before joining the Narrogin Ag students to discuss public speaking, meetings and leadership skills with Mr Watt.

In the afternoon we participated in a Charity Bike Building Challenge with Total Team Building and the Heart Kids Foundation. For this task, we were put in random groups with the Narrogin Ag students and had to complete a number of challenges which involved working together as a collective team before building bikes which were later presented to the Heart Kids Foundation kids, who were overjoyed. After dinner we continued with further planning.

Written by the Student Councillors.



# GRADUATION & PRIZE DAY

## Scholarships

Year 10 Australian Defence Force Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award – Brodie Hewer  
Year 10 Australian Defence Force Future Innovators Award – Megan Cumming  
Year 10 LP & JA Fryer – Angeline Alley  
Year 10 Alcoa – Brooke Burgess  
Year 10 Friends of Harvey Ag – Bella Gatto  
Year 11 Farm West – Alex McLarty  
Year 11 Harvey Ag Society – Josie Curtis  
Harvey Bulls Football & Netball Club – Jack Booker & Caitlin Shales  
Year 11 Neville Munns Memorial Encouragement Shearing Award – Alyssa Rijkers  
Year 11 WA Farmers – Samantha Cox  
Year 11 Brunswick Ag Society – Samantha Cox  
Year 11 SafeFarms WA Award – Dusty Crook  
Year 12 Australian Defence Force Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award – Joshua Emmott  
Year 12 Australian Defence Force Future Innovators Award – Geoff Tozer

## Year 10 Awards

Best in Class – Max Rognetta  
Best on Farm – Stockden Ottrey  
Best in Trades – Daniel Martella  
Best in Residence – Jake Bailey

## Year 11 Awards

Best in ATAR Class – Samantha Cox  
Best in General Class – Ryan Bolton  
Best on Farm – Samantha Cox  
Best in Trades – Josh Miller  
Best in Residence – Samantha Cox

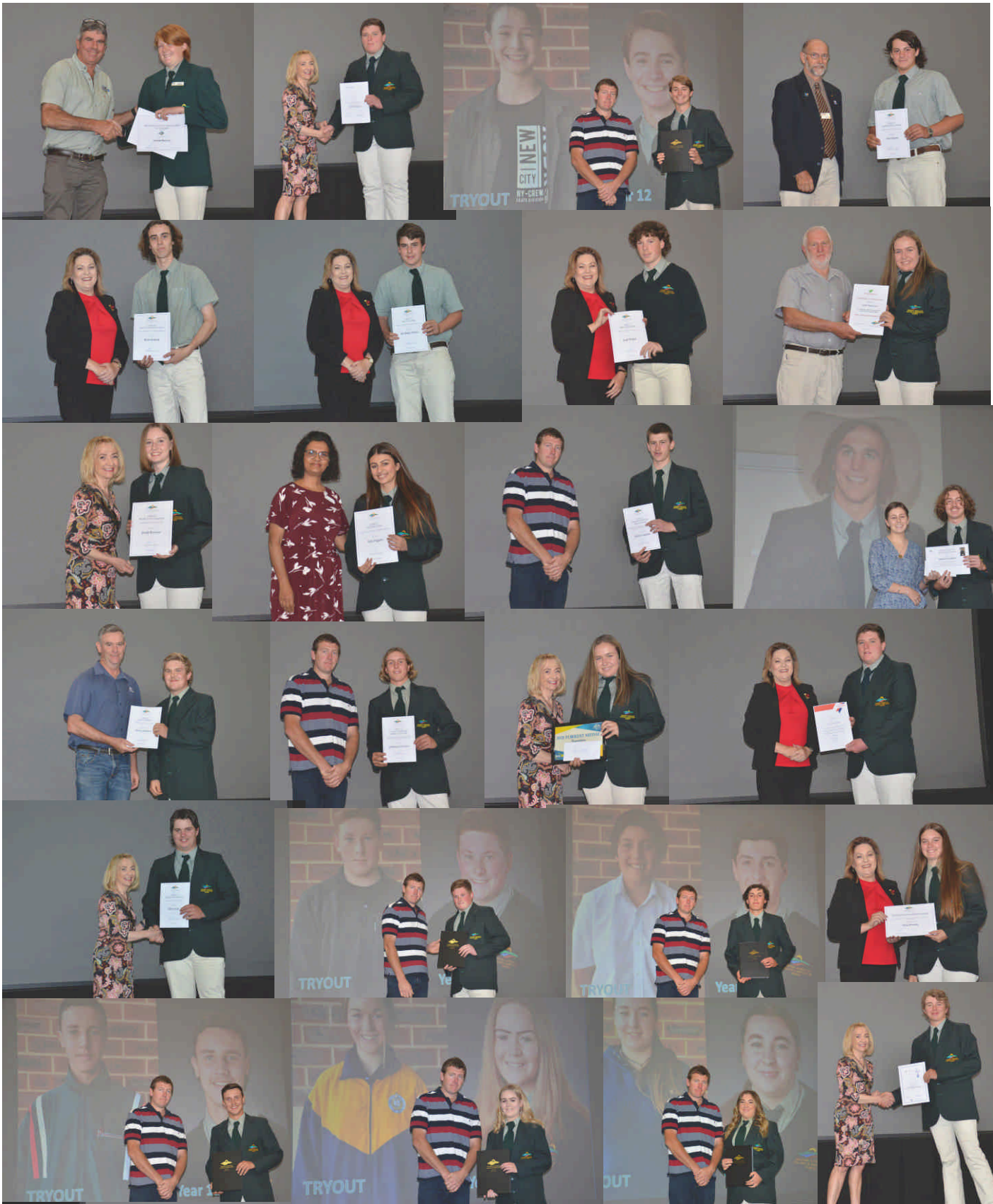
## Year 12 Awards

SafeFarms WA Award – Willow Williamson  
Runner Up Best on Farm – Joshua Emmott  
Best on Farm – Ashton Lantzke  
The Jack Gerrard Memorial Prize – Lachlan Chatfield  
Runner Up Best in Trades – Heidi Blurton  
Best in Trades – Dallas Johnson  
Best in Class General – Ella Piggott  
Best in Class ATAR – Ashton Lantzke  
Residential Citizenship and Forrest Medal – Willow Williamson  
Highest Attendance 99%– Heidi Blurton, Joshua Emmott, Evie Preston, Riley Vitali  
Ampol Best All Rounder – Geoff Tozer  
Neilson Family Incentive Award – Evie Preston  
Year 12 “Connor Jackson” Memorial Scholarship – Harrison Gualter

Highest Achieving General Student – Sebastian Omodei

Highest Achieving ATAR Student – Ashton Lantzke

# GRADUATION & PRIZE DAY



Congratulations to our new 2022 College Captains – Matilda O'Neill and Ned Gualter.

## CLASS END OF YEAR REPORT

As the year concludes, it is a great time to reflect and celebrate who you are and what you have achieved. May the photographs that follow make you smile and refresh your memories!

A special thanks to the Class staff who have worked tirelessly this year to provide you with a wide range of learning opportunities and have helped you achieve your class goals.

As the Year 12s leave the College may you take with you amazing hopes and dreams for tomorrow and acknowledge that your future is in your hands.

Have confidence in your knowledge, skills and the courage to pursue your goals. Work hard and be prepared to persevere, knowing each failure takes you a step closer to success.

Always strive to be the best person you can be. Remember you are unique and have a very valuable contribution to make to the community around you.

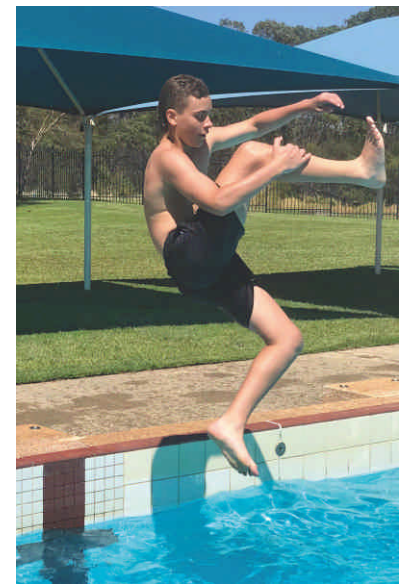
Please come back to visit, we would love to know where your dreams and hard work are taking you!! !

Tania Pfitzner



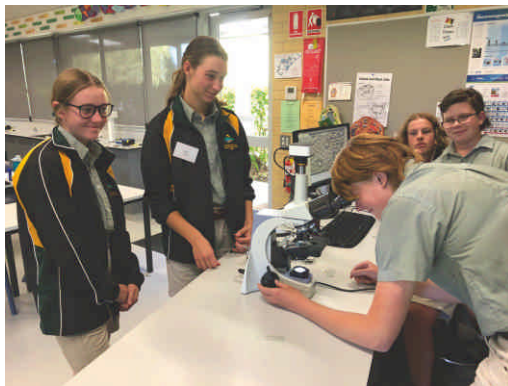
# YEAR 10 – SWIMMING ASSESSMENT

Ms Stringer assessed new students at the Harvey Pool before they travelled to Busselton for the annual camp.



# YEAR 11 ATAR PLANTS

Year 11 ATAR students collected and prepared various leaves from around the College for a Stomata Peel experiment. Stomates on plant leaves help a plant to transpire and this is where gas exchange occurs so we can breathe oxygen. Stomata are surrounded by two guard cells that open and close the stoma depending on the time of day and temperature. We found a lot of stomata!!



# YEAR 10 PLANTS

Year 10 Plant students walked around the Horticulture area and spoke to Mr Olde and Mrs Morris regarding this enterprise. As part of an assignment, students were asked to develop a new enterprise and to use the information they had learnt to help them.



## YEAR 11 ATAR PLANT - SEED GERMINATION

In class, students made seed germination predictions as they learnt about plant structure and function. They learnt about two types of seeds that germinate and the characteristic of each, whilst giving a reason why they chose between a Monocotyledon and a Dicotyledon.

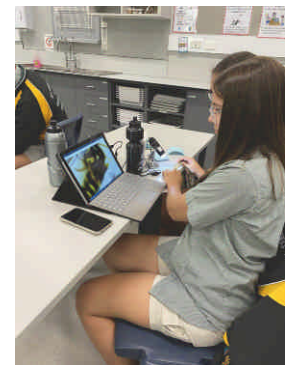
Monocots contain a single embryonic leaf when they germinate, where the Dicot contains two embryonic leaves at germination.

Students selected a variety of seeds to germinate - carrot, chilli, sunflowers, basil, coriander, barley, parsley and chives. After the weekend most students found they were spot on with their predictions.



## YEAR 11 ATAR BIOLOGY

The Year 11 ATAR Biology class learnt how to download the digital microscopes onto their devices. They then used them to classify some invertebrate specimens. These new digital microscopes far exceed using the old-fashioned magnifying glass for looking at 3-D or whole specimen samples. The students were also able to take a photo to add to their description later.



## YEAR 12 GENERAL SOIL TESTING

The Year 12 General students spent Week 4 preparing the front rugby field for a crop trial. Students separated the field into 0.5ha plots and conducted soil tests with Lance Stubberfield from CSBP. Lance spoke with the students and explained the process and importance of soil testing, what the results measure, nutrient requirements of the plant and some ideas on what varieties we could trial. Lance also showed students new technology that takes different depths of soil up to 30cm. Students worked hard to obtain the soil results before sending them off to the lab for testing

# KINGS PARK EXCURSION

The Year 11 and 12 ATAR students visited Kings Park in Week 4 of Term 1. The Kings Park excursion, located at the Bold Park Ecology Centre provided hands-on, inquiry-based learning experiences for our students in three streams – STEM, Cultural Heritage and Well-being. Students were exposed to ecological field studies and the science behind plant conservation. These programs highlight the unique plants, people and places of Western Australia and the role we can play in a sustainable future.

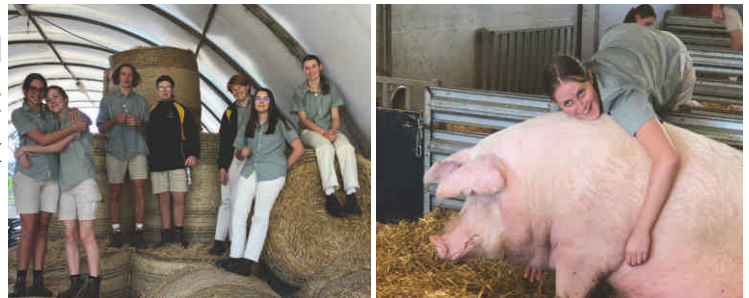
Students carried out an ecological survey using transects and quadrats, working together in teams to identify key taxonomic groups, identify the abundance of species in the area. They also learnt how to correctly identify, collect, clean, dry and store seeds for conservation and seed banking purposes.

Students discovered the importance of Aboriginal knowledge of controlled burns and land management and how native bushland responds to fire.



## YEAR 11 ATAR END OF EXAMS

Year 11s were rewarded with a tour around the Farm to see the animals and to get some fresh air after all their hard work during their exams.



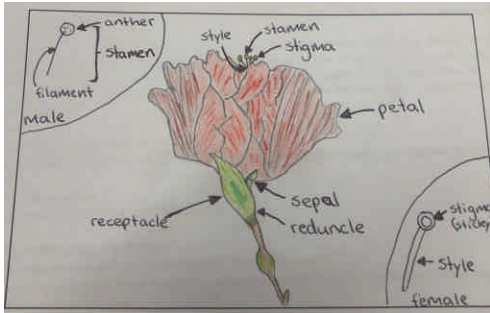
## YEAR 10 COTTON BUSH PICKING



There are always jobs to do around the Farm and this day it was cotton bush picking.

## YEAR 11 ATAR - PLANT DISSECTION

Students have been learning about plant structure and functions, conducting a flower dissection to get a better understanding. Students dissected flowers into the main sections and located the reproductive parts. Some students were lucky enough to compare the differences between unfertilised and fertilised flowers and at different stages of maturity. Students were asked to display, draw and label their dissections - we have some great artists in this Class!



## YEAR 11 - GENERAL LAMB GROWTH TRIAL

Year 11 General Animal Production Systems students visited Sheep to chat to Mr Adams about the 2021 Lamb Growth Trial.

Students obtained valuable information about the materials, method and variables in the feedlot where sheep growth was being monitored.

The lightweight and heavyweight wethers are fed the same feed type (Easy One pellets) but fed different amounts per week depending on 4% of their body weight.

We obtained the results from Mr Adams at the end of the trial, analysed these results, discussed any impacts to the trial and made conclusions about the weight of sheep that would benefit a feedlot environment, as well as keeping costs of feed as low as possible for the College.



## YEAR 12 GENERAL PLANT INSECT HUNT

The Year 12 General PPS were on the hunt for insects down at the Horticulture section. Students have been learning about pests and beneficial insects, different ways to identify them and the damage they can cause and the way we can control pest populations with biological, chemical, mechanical and cultural control options.



## YEAR 11 PATANE FARMS EXCURSION



Year 11 General Plant Production System students visited Patane Farms to look at the 'Paddock to Plate' activities for growing broccoli. Lauren Patane did an excellent job explaining the process and students were able to gain a first-hand look at the entire process. We are fortunate to have an export producer on our doorstep.

## YEAR 12 CROP TRIAL DISCUSSION

Mr Howell visited the Year 12 General PPS class to discuss the plan for the crop trial. He spoke to the students about AgriWebb, the College's annual rainfall, varieties of pastures that could be good for the crop trial and the calendar of operations for this year.



## YEAR 10 - SCIENCE INVESTIGATING ENERGY & MOVEMENT



During Physics the Year 10s investigated energy and motion. The challenge was to build a rollercoaster that had a minimum of one loop and two hills. This was a STEM activity as the students were given the equipment to use and the rules, but could build with their own innovation. This is a great hands-on way of showing students an energy converter whilst also highlighting Newtons Laws of Motion. Some designs included the double loop, a twist and a big finish. It was great to watch the students interact within their designated teams and work together to meet the challenge.

## YEAR 11 - ORGANISM CLASSIFICATION

Students were set the challenge to classify a group of organisms. They were given very little instruction other than to group them. They had to explain their groups to the other teams and then see how others grouped their organisms. It was a great way of illustrating the importance of classification as well as the need to structure. No two teams grouped their organisms the same way.



## YEAR 11 ATAR BIOLOGY



Students completed an investigation on classification and dichotomous keys.

A mixture of live and preserved specimens were brought into the class for students to analyse. The spiny leaf insect was among the favourites. Built into the lesson was an important fact that certain structures cannot be used when classifying due to variation within a species due to sex or age.

## YEAR 11 EXAMINING THE COMPOSTING PROCESS

Year 11 General Plant Production Systems students made a visit to Intensive to explore the composting process, how it could be improved and what the finished compost is used for.

Students learnt the benefits of using compost in agriculture as a slow-release fertiliser by adding nutrients to the soil, whilst also playing an important role in improving the soil structure. By adding organic matter back into our soils it makes a key contribution to sustainable farming.

Whilst up at Intensive we were lucky to be able to see the one day old piglets. It was also a reminder of how fortunate we are to have access to the Farm as such a valuable learning resource.



## YEAR 12 - BIOLOGY

Biology students were involved in modelling DNA replication, transcription and translation. Students had to label and explain the processes at each step.



## YEAR 10 INVESTIGATING INHERITANCE PATTERNS



Students from Year 10 Science investigated inheritance patterns by planting some snap peas and carnations to compare incomplete dominance of traits with co-dominant traits. Students were prompted to predict the outcome of their "offspring".

## YEAR 10 STRAWBERRY DNA INVESTIGATION

Year 10 students completed DNA extraction from strawberries to investigate the form and function of DNA and the roles it plays in society. Students were able to make links to genetic modification and the use in agriculture in terms of building disease or drought resistant crops to help improve productivity.



## YEAR 12 THE USE OF BIOTECHNOLOGY IN SCIENCE

Year 12 ATAR Biology students investigated the uses of Biotechnology in Science. Performing gel electrophoresis enabled the students to learn valuable laboratory techniques such as pipetting at a micro level, following complex instructions with unfamiliar equipment and analysing a set of results.

## YEAR 12 - ATAR LEARNING SOIL STRUCTURE

Students learnt about soil structure, texture and type, by conducting a soil ribbon test by smelling, feeling the texture, balling it up and then pushing the soil between their fingers and thumb to create ribbons. The longer the ribbons, the higher the percentage of clay, the shorter the ribbons, the more sand percentage present in the soil.



## YEAR 10 EXCURSION WELLINGTON DISCOVERY CENTRE

Year 10 students travelled to the Wellington Discovery Centre in Collie for a Sustainable Forestry excursion on a Friday in Week 8 and 9. These parks and wildlife excursions work by engaging students' natural curiosity in the environment to develop deeper understandings of biodiversity, ecosystems and conservation.

Students were introduced to the concept of sustainable forest management and its social, economic and environmental considerations. Students also took part in some hands-on management exercises and carried out environmental monitoring fieldwork.

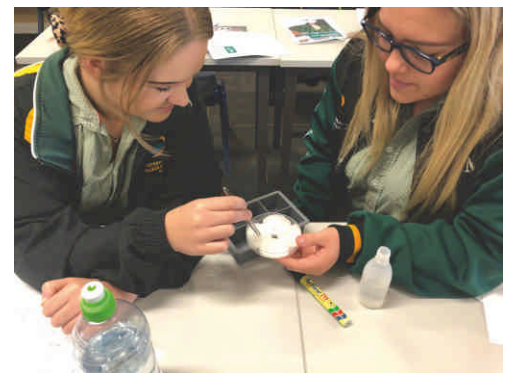


## YEAR 12 BARLEY GERMINATION

Year 12 General Plant Production students setting up their Barley Germination Investigation.

This genetically modified barley has a recessive trait that can germinate Albino seedlings. Students made predictions about the germination rate of Albino barley and how this could effect the yield of a crop in a Barley Enterprise.

Students collected the data from all three General classes, then tabled and graphed the data, before discussing their analysis in their assessment task.



## YEAR 11 ANIMALS CLASS - AUTOPSY

As part of the Year 11 Animals lesson students conducted an autopsy of some lambs to examine the cause of death.

## YEAR 10 EXCURSION TO MARGARET RIVER

Year 10 students took advantage of not attending Country Week and headed down to Margaret River to visit a couple of farms.

First stop was at Wulura Farms. Brad Harnett (ex-student and Ag Advisory member) and manager of the property, spoke to students about the corporate production of olives, grapes and beef.

Second stop was 'Big Valley' Eco Tourism Farm. Kylie Silverthorn (ex-student) works on her family farm. Kylie spoke about the concept of regenerative agriculture practices and pastures, alongside their sheep operation.



## YEAR 11 – SOIL INVESTIGATION

The Year 11s investigated the effect of different soil types (sand, clay and potting mix) on plant growth using a Rockstar Wheat variety and the effect of using an organic liquid seaweed fertiliser on half of the plant trial.

Students were required to work together in small groups to weekly measure each individual plant, record the data, make any observations on plant growth and obtain an average for each soil type. Students then analysed the data, graphed and discussed their findings in the investigation write-up.

## YEAR 11 PLANTS (BUDDING)

The Year 12 PPS General students were privileged to receive a T-budding demonstration for the last time before Mr Foster retires, in preparation for their test on plant anatomy and function, and in particular asexual reproduction.

Mr Foster's knowledge and entertaining demos will be missed!



## YEAR 12 - SOIL INVESTIGATION

Year 12s established a Plant Productions Investigation at Horticulture to look at the effect of different soil types (sand, clay, loam and potting mix) on plant growth using a Vixen wheat variety and a standard pellet NPKS fertiliser.

Students were required to take weekly measures on each individual plant, record the data, make any observations on plant growth and obtain an average for each soil type. Students then analysed the data, graphed and discussed the findings in their investigation write-up.



## YEAR 10 - CALF SHED EXCURSION

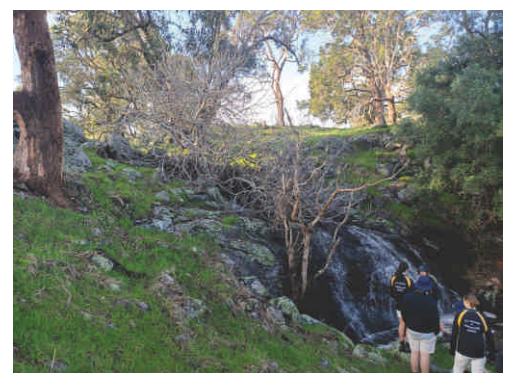


Students from Animal Production visited three different calf shed designs around the South West area. Students viewed the different management methods involved in the recording of production costs and income, inputs and outputs and identifying the different features of each enterprise.



## YEAR 11 - DEGRADATION INVESTIGATION

The class went on a tour of the Farm visiting the Dairy (waterfall) and Beef (river & top of hill) to look at examples of land degradation in the animal enterprises. Like everywhere, there is a lot of evidence of erosion from all the rain we had over the winter!



## YEAR 12 FARM AUDIT

Year 12 General PPS students out and about on the College Farm conducting a Farm audit of Horticulture and Beef Sections. Students learnt about ecosystems, sustainability, salinity, soil pollution and land degradation. Mr Olde and Mr Millichamp helped the students with their audit by informing them of areas with degradation concerns and areas they are trying to improve.

Students took water pH tests from the dam, the creek and Hort water trough. Soil pH and moisture tests were taken from the Citrus and Beef section.

Students followed up by writing a report in regards to the audit, including pH measurements, pictures of land degradation and possible strategies to prevent/correct these issues.



## YEAR 12 PLANTS - SOIL HEALTH



The Year 12 PPS ATAR Class were given the opportunity to speak with Cameron from Eco-Growth, finding more out about the trial at the Beef section and the importance of soil health. The students asked some great questions and Cameron delivered his presentation that linked with curriculum and topics that could be covered in the exams.

## YEAR 12 - CROP TRIAL

Students have been monitoring the crop trial closely and with some young black and white additions to the crop, it proved to be worth a look at how the cattle graze the crop, seeing which grasses they were grazing on more than others. The young dairy heifers grazed the crop trial for a short period of time (a few days) and then it was locked off and fertilised for a hay/silage.



## YEAR 11 ATAR - PEST MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT

Students have been learning about plant health and have been scouting around the citrus and the Horticultural area for pests and beneficial bugs. Students then looked at some of these tiny critters under microscopes, sketch and identify them as a pest or beneficial. They had to research their life cycle and the damage they cause to a plant enterprise.



## YEAR 10 SCIENCE INVESTIGATION

Year 10 students investigated how electrons gain energy when heat is added, allowing them to jump electron shells. This is the basic principle behind fireworks, neon lights and lasers.



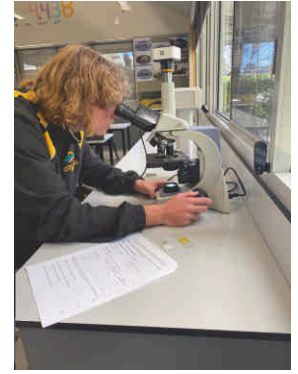
## YEAR 11 & 12 PLANT TISSUE TESTING CROP TRIAL

Year 11 and 12 students plant tissue testing in the crop trial with Lance Stubberfield from CSBP.



## YEAR 11 ATAR - BIOLOGY

Year 11 ATAR Biology students showed their microscopic slide preparation skills in class. They had to prepare a wet mount of onion epithelial cells without air bubbles (ask them how hard this was to achieve 😞). They then had to focus the slide at multiple magnifications and work out the field of view and specimen size.



## YEAR 11 MURESK CAMP

At the Muresk Camp, Year 11 students were privileged to listen to five guest speakers on the topic of re-gen ag and sustainable farming, spray free crops and grazing, increasing an enterprise's biodiversity, no-till options and promoting soil health. Government agencies and pioneer re-gen farmers were among the speakers.

Students were also given a tour of the Muresk perennial shrub trial of native salt bush by the Muresk Farm Manager.

This has given Year 11 Animal Production students some great information leading up to their sustainability task at the old Harvey Ag site.

Past students Laura and Amanda spoke with the students about uni life and the courses available before the night activities. Luke popped in to say hello to staff and students at the end of the night. It was wonderful to see them thriving in their tertiary studies!



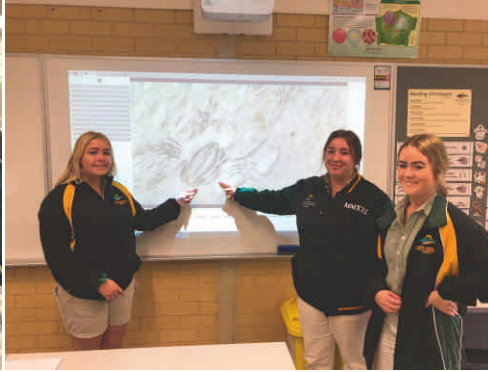
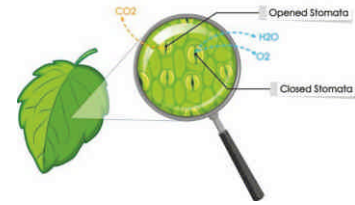
## YEAR 11 ANIMAL PRODUCTION SUSTAINABILITY

Year 11 Animal Production Systems students visited the old Harvey Ag site to gather notes and info on possible land use options while staying sustainable. Mr Howell gave the students some important info about what the site is currently used for, its potential and the sustainability practices he needs to consider for the environment, river system and neighbouring agriculture and housing.



## YEAR 12 PLANTS - STOMATES

Year 12 General PPS students learnt about plant structure and function. They collected and prepared various leaves from around the College for a Stomata Peel, whilst reacquainting themselves with the correct use of microscopes.



## YEAR 10 DINNINUP SHOW PREP

Year 10 students spent a lesson at the shearing shed preparing for the Dinninup Show sheep judging events.



## YEAR 12 END OF YEAR CLASS PARTY



Class staff said farewell to the Year 12s by holding a party.

Goodluck to the Year 12 students.

## YEAR 10 PLANTS

Year 10 students have been learning about biosecurity in their Plants class. They enjoyed getting out of the classroom as they went on the hunt for pests! Students collected both weeds and insects down at the Horticultural section and identified those insects that are actually beneficial.



## YEAR 11 ATAR UNI EXCURSION

Students accompanied by Mrs Day and Mrs Jones on a tour of UWA, Curtin and Murdoch Universities looking particularly at the Agriculture related programs they offer.

Students enjoyed UWA where they had a campus tour and received information. The highlight was participating in activities relating to Electro-Magnetic Technology, Soil Science, Plant/Crop Science and Weed Control Technology.

Students then visited Curtin, participated in a STEM activity and received course information before moving onto Murdoch after lunch. At Murdoch, students took a campus tour and received information about their study options and the robotics program and enjoyed exploring the Animal Anatomy Museum. Thanks to Mrs Day and Mrs Jones for enabling students to have this opportunity.



## YEAR 10 MOCKTAILS & CANAPES



Year 10 students spent their Health class making mocktails and learning how to eat canapés correctly.

## YEAR 10 PRACTISING FOR DINNINUP SHOW

Mr Gelmi came into the College to instruct Year 10 students in sheep judging for the Dinninup Show.



# YEAR 11 ATAR

Year 11 ATAR students conducted heart dissections in their Animals class.



## P.A.R.T.Y PROGRAM

Year 11 students attended the P.A.R.T.Y. (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth) Program at Busselton Hospital for a one-day injury awareness and prevention program for youth age 15 and older. This program is a vital component in reducing death and injury from alcohol, drug and risk-related crashes and incidents.

The students spent the day with First Responders, Nurses, Doctors, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists and Mr Symon Still (Injury Prevention Manager). Symon was previously a teacher who was involved in a motor vehicle accident in 1994 resulting in him becoming a quadriplegic.

Students followed the process from accident, treatment, then through to recovery or fatality.

As our Year 11 students are at the age where outside influences can affect their decision making, the College believes this program is of huge benefit.



# FARM REPORT

How quickly the year has passed. It seems only a short time ago that we welcomed this year's cohort of new students to the College Farm.

In reflecting back on 2021 it has been another busy year on the Farm with returning students getting straight back into working on their Certificate II in Agriculture. Our new students completed all the necessary inductions and College driving licence requirements before commencing their formal Farm training programme.

As with most years, our students were involved in numerous excursions in 2021 including Wagin Woolorama, Sheron Farm Bull Sale, Gate2Plate at Albany, Three Ryan's Farm at Manjimup, Fruitico (table grape operation) Farm Skills and many others. These excursions allows us to expose our students to commercial sized agricultural operations, network with industry personnel and experience various industry activities. There is a lot of behind the scenes work that goes into an excursion and I need to acknowledge the work put in by Farm staff to make them happen.

We also had a number of incursions onto the Farm this year to bring industry experts to talk with students. These included Murray Green from Gallagher Livestock Systems who provided training in the use of our new Gallagher scales, Lance Stubberfield from CSBP to discuss our soil test results, Cam McPhee from Eco Growth Fertilisers and Craig Martin from Elders to name a few.

Due to our success at Farm Skills in 2019 (the event was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID) Harvey along with Cunderdin Ag College were invited to participate in the World Skills Competition. Congratulations to students Toby Emmett and Geoff Tozer who were selected to compete.

The College also competed in the Narrogin Equine Challenge at the end of Term 3. This event coincides with Narrogin's Open Day. Mr Dunlop and Mr Edwards along with 16 students, their horses and several parents made the trip across to compete against Narrogin and Denmark Ag Colleges. It was a long day for staff, students and horses and by all accounts a great event.

The College also had some students compete in the Best of the West Stockman's Challenge at Mayanup along with Mr Edwards, our Equine Technical Officer.

Mr Adams together with 12 of our students made the usual trek up to the Perth Royal Show to compete in the AWI Young Breeders Challenge, the AWI Ag College Challenge and to show some of our stud ewes. The College was placed first in the AWI Young Breeders Challenge and second in the AWI Ag College Challenge. Well done to all involved.

This year we have conducted a major review of our Horticultural Section which includes citrus, viticulture, vegetable production and parks and gardens. There are plans in place to remove old citrus trees and plant newer varieties, remove the old wine grape root stock and plant a new variety of wine grapes and to replace the old netting on our table grape block. This process will take two to five years to complete.

On the staffing front, the College lost a long time staff member in Mr Fred Venables who had been with the College for 17 years. Fred started as a relief T/O, then moved to our pastures section, then part time at Beef with Mr Millichamp. With Fred moving on Mr Dunlop is now full time at Beef.

We also lost Mr Rodney Vallance from our Workshop section and Mr Foster who has been at the College for 33 years is retiring in December this year. We have welcomed two new staff members to the College this year. Miss Bronte Holmes is an ex-student who graduated in 2015 and is working in the Dairy with Mr Brad Falkingham. We have also appointed Mr Steve Cruickshank to replace Mr Foster in Horticulture.

Looking back at 2021, it has been nice to have some sense of normality back to the school year. We have been very fortunate here in WA to avoid more lockdowns and disruption as has occurred in the east.



# CERTIFICATE III REPORT

In 2021 we had 43 students enrol in the Certificate III in Agriculture qualification with 41 students achieving this by graduation. The step up to the Certificate III in Agriculture qualification is notable and students certainly felt the extra workload and commitment required to achieve this prior to the end of the school year. A large congratulation must go to everyone for working so hard and making the full year commitment to this course.

Mr Howell and I always review the data and look at trends that have developed over some time. At Graduation it was apparent that many Farm Focus students would be pursuing a trade related apprenticeship in 2022. For students and families this is a decision made with a lot of factors in mind.

At Graduation I made comment that some of the trainers are nearing retirement but our graduates have 40 plus years to go. My point here is, whatever path you choose to follow, make sure it is fulfilling, rewarding and most of all brings you happiness. Life is too short to pursue a career in an area that you do not have passion for.

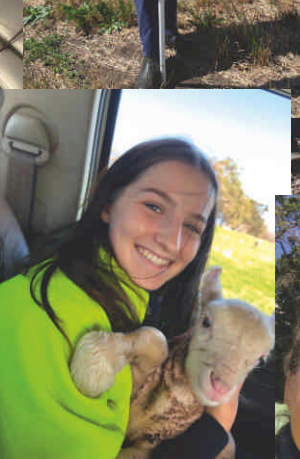
## 6 rules to life

1. If you like something because you think other people will like it, it's a sure bet that no one will.
2. Most doors in life are closed. If you find one you want to get into, you better have an interesting knock.
3. Everything you think is important, isn't. And everything you think is unimportant is.
4. Never burn your bridges.
5. Lean into it – Means the outcome doesn't matter. What matters is you were there for it, whatever "it" was, good or bad. The process is more important than the product.
6. Always assume your Mum is listening.

I hope that you not only learnt a lot about agriculture but developed a passion for it and have grown as a person through the journey. Where ever you go and whatever you do, I hope you are happy, successful and make the most of every opportunity presented to you.

On behalf of all our Trainers I thank you for choosing the WA College of Agriculture Harvey to complete your formal schooling.....especially at 6am in the middle of winter walking through mud and driving in the rain to move the dairy cows. These are the moments in life that help create the people you have become – Congratulations.

# CERTIFICATE III PICS



# INTRODUCTION TO FARM FOR NEW STUDENTS



Mr Howell and Mr Dyson explaining the Farm processes to all new Year 10s and 11s prior to going out on section.

## ST JOHNS FIRST AID TRAINING



New Year 10 and 11 students completed the St Johns Ambulance First Aid course as part of their Certificate II in Agriculture. This certificate is current for the entire three years whilst at the College.

## RURAL BIZ - MURESK VISIT

Rural Biz Training spoke to our Year 11 and 12 Farm Focus students about the Diploma in Agriculture course available at Muresk.



## GATE TO PLATE

Students attended the Harvey Beef Gate 2 Plate Schools Challenge in Albany on the 25th March 2021. To be selected to attend and represent the College, students were asked to submit an application to the Farm Manager. From these, only eight students were then selected.

The Harvey Beef Gate 2 Plate Schools Challenge is an inter-school competition aimed at Year 12 students. These students participate in a number of events and have the opportunity to hear from and network with industry speakers and experts.

The College was well represented with the standouts for the individual events being Toby Emmett and Cooper Pearson. Toby received joint winner in the Industry Engagement Award.



# WAGIN WOOLORAMA

Students elected to attend this year's Wagin Woolorama in March. Some students competed in sheep, beef and shearing events. Other students travelled across to have a look around and support the competitors.

Congratulations to Samantha Cox, Geoff Tozer, Willow Williamson and Shannon Hewitt for placing 1st in the State Junior Merino Judging event.

In the Beef Judging, congratulations to 1st Jake Sharp, 2nd Emma Derbyshire and 5th Jada Carlisle. In the Shearing, congratulations to 1st Seb Omodei, 2nd Ashton Lantzke and 5th Patrick Addison. Well done to all the other competitors.



# DOWERIN FIELD DAY

As part of the Muresk and Dowerin Field Day excursion, the College took a Fencing Team and a few students to compete in some Sheep Judging events. Congratulations to Mr Morris and the team (Jake Sharp, Nathan Davies, Sarah Woods and Henry Pratley) for placing 2nd. Congratulations also to Samantha Cox for placing 1st Meat Sheep Judging, Ella Rendell placing 1st and Paige Fell 4th in the Merino Sheep Judging



## WORLD SKILLS COMPETITION

Geoff Tozer and Toby Emmett attended Parliament House for the presentation of their uniform for the National World Skills Competition. It is the first time WA has had students compete in the VET in Schools Primary Industries category of the competition. Geoff and Toby joined two students from Cunderdin Ag College in the event.

On the 25th August both Geoff and Toby headed to Perth to compete in the competition, even getting to rub shoulders with the Premier. Well done boys.



## WORLD SKILLS PRESENTATION

Geoff Tozer received a Bronze Medal for the category, with students from the WA College of Agriculture Cunderdin taking silver and gold.

This is a great testament to Agricultural Education and the programs on offer in the State, with Western Australia taking the trifecta on the podium beating all the other States. Well done!

## THREE RYAN'S EXCURSION



In Term 3 a number of students visited 'Three Ryans' Farm in Manjimup. This farm takes a holistic and regenerative approach to their agricultural model which includes enterprises such as pasture, chickens, beef, sheep, vegetables and pastures. We do hope we can return to view the automated cabbage harvester which is one of only two in Australia.

## MURESK / DOWERIN TOUR

All Year 11 students visited Muresk Institute in Northam to undertake a taster course to highlight potential post school options available in the agricultural industry. Students also had the opportunity to meet Sally Panizza, the Director of Agricultural Education.

Students cooked a great BBQ for tea before completing the final project for the night which included building a tower out of spaghetti and marshmallow. Some students chose to eat the building material instead of building a tower. Well done to the tower builders who received chocolates.

The next day students attended the Dowerin Machinery Field Day to observe current trends and emerging technologies in agriculture and to support the College Fencing Team and Sheep Judging competition.



## FARM SKILLS

This year three teams headed to Farm Skills to compete against other Colleges and schools.



# BRUNSWICK SHOW

Eight students attended the Brunswick Show to compete in the Stud Dairy Holstein, Young Judges and Junior Paraders competition. Students have been preparing for over six months in training, leading, washing and clipping, all leading towards this one day, where eight College heifers competed against each other and other studs in very competitive stud classes.

## First up - Junior Paraders

Class 1 - Dylan Emmott and Andrew Schumacher competed in their first class ever and took out 2nd and 3rd place. Some helpful feedback from the judge set the boys up well for the rest of the day!

Class 2 - Samantha Cox took out a close 2nd place, only to be beaten by a cow's whisker. Evie Preston, Maya Fraser and Shannon Hewitt received honourable mentions.

## Champion Junior Paraders

State Finals saw Sam and Andrew fight it out against two experienced paraders. Sam secured an awesome Reserve Champion Junior Paraders and 2nd place State finalist.

## Stud Holstein Classes

The all Australian Calf Class saw Dylan Emmott take our youngest heifer (lovingly referred to as Fish) around the ring. Unfortunately, we did not place, but Dylan is to be commended on his improvement in presentation and for taking the judges' feedback on board.

Evie Preston took out a 4th with 'Chapstick' in a big class of quality heifers, with Sam and Andrew to be commended on their presentation.

Sam and 'Carob', Maya with 'Barbie' and Dylan with 'Monica' took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively in their class. Shannon took our oldest girl 'Colorado' who was a late addition to our show team around for a 1st place in her class.

Sam, Evie and Paige Fell took on some fierce competition for the Young Judges - Dairy competition and Sam came away with a brilliant 1st place. This was a State Final competition too, so our Sam has done an outstanding job this year!

A special thank you to Celeste Whittaker and Paige Fell for volunteering to be our poo shovelers for the day and their help in the last week of prep. We couldn't have done it without you!

Everyone is to be commended on the effort and time they have invested in our animals and their own skills over this year. Every single student did their absolute best on Saturday and I am so proud to have taken each and every one of them.

Written by Michelle Minchin - Ag Teacher

# BRUNSWICK SHOW



Congratulations to Josh Emmott for placing 1st in the Junior Beef Judging and to Geoff Tozer and Alyssa Rijkers for placing 1st and 2nd in the Junior Meat Sheep Judging.



Congratulations to our Year 10 students who competed at the Dinninup Show. What fantastic results.

## Meat Breeding Sheep Judging

1st Deegan Tilbrook, 2nd Sam Waters, 3rd Jack Buzzard.

## Merino Sheep Judging

1st Sam Waters, 3rd Georgia Buchanan.

## Beef Judging

1st Sam Lynch, 3rd Montana Holly.

Congratulations to Alyssa Rijkers for placing 4th in the Novice Shearing. Well done to the boys who also competed.



# DINNINUP SHOW



## BOYANUP SALE



Year 10 Beef students attended the Boyanup sale yards for the Black Rock Sale to check out the prices of beef cattle.



## SHERON PARK OPEN DAY

Year 12 Beef students attended the Sheron Farm Open Day on the 12 February with Mr Dunlop.



## SHERON PARK SUPREME BULL SALE

Mr Millichamp and Mr Dunlop took eight students to the Supreme Bull Sale at the Brunswick sale yards on the 17th March 2021.

## ELDERS VISIT TO BEEF



Craig Martin and Emma Dougall from Elders spoke to the Year 11s about Traineeships available at Elders.

## FIELD EXCURSION

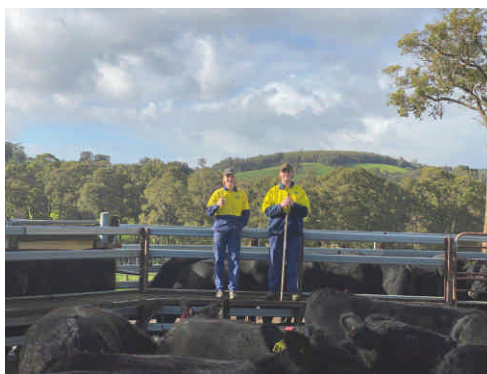


Beef students were busy with excursions to Harvey Peel Catchment Council Field Day, Boyanup Sale Yard, Atherton Orchards in Donnybrook and Galati Feedlot in Brunswick.



Students who completed the AI course last September had the opportunity to practice their skills with the second round of AI's at Beef. Joel Adornetto completed work experience at Farmwest as part of his Year 12 program over the year.

## PREG TESTING



Year 12 students spent the morning helping Dr Frank from the Brunswick Veterinary Services by pushing the cows up and recording pregnancy testing.

## MITCHELL'S LOW STRESS STOCK HANDLING

Brooke Colins, Tayla Forbes, Olivia Willmott and Hanah Grover all attended the Mitchell's Low Stress Stock handling course in Waroona over a weekend at the end of March 🐮 with four students from Morawa Ag.



## GALLAGHER INSTRUCTION



Murray Green from Gallagher attended the College to instruct staff and students on how to use the newly purchased cattle and sheep weigh scale reader. This reader will enable the College to electronically record live weights of all our cattle and sheep. The information gathered can be accessed by students in class via the Gallagher cloud base program to analyse daily live weight gain.

# SHEEP

## SOMEONE HAS TO DO IT!



It's a yucky job cleaning under the shearing shed each year, but someone has to do it. This was a great introduction for the Year 10s to Sheep section.

## ROYAL SHOW SELECTION

The Royal Show ewes were selected in February and prepared for their time in the sheep shed.

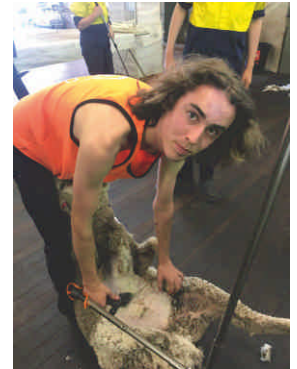


## WORKING THE PADDOCKS



Tractor work – smoothing out the paddocks with the speed tiller and then clover seeding and harrowing.

## AWI SHEARING AND WOOL HANDLING



A shearing and wool handling school was held throughout Week 3 of Term 1 with Kevin Gellatly and Amanda Davis instructing.



# THINGS HAPPEN AT SHEEP THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



## TREE PLANTING

Mr Adams continued with his tree planting initiative at Sheep throughout the year with the help of the students. Some of the plants were grown at the Horticulture section, whilst others were bought from Boyanup.



## EWE PREG TESTING



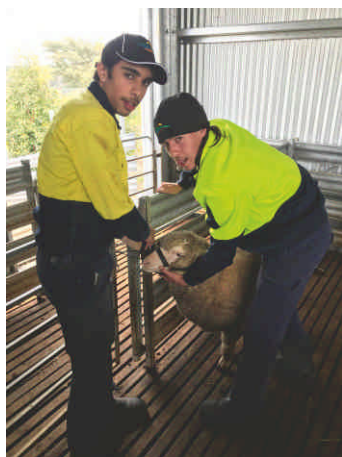
Students are involved in pregnancy testing of the ewes.

## BARLOO MERINO STUD

AWI wether selection at Barloo Merino Stud in Gnowangerup on the 17th February. All Ag Colleges acquired 6 wethers to look after and prepare for showing at this year's Perth Royal Show in the Wether Challenge.



## ROYAL SHOW PREPARATION



Throughout the year students work with the show ewes in preparation for the Perth Royal Show. Here students are using hand shears to trim the fleece to make them neat and tidy.

## RABOBANK WA SHEEP EXPO AND SCHOOL CHALLENGE



Congratulations to Blake Johnston, Jack Byrne, Alyssa Rijkers and Payton Marley for placing 3rd at this year's 2021 Rabobank WA Sheep Expo and Ram Sale School Challenge in Katanning. The students were required to judge a group of four rams from various studs, which they had to place in order according to the overall quality.

## NEW TRAILER FOR SHEEP

Mr Adams, with some assistance from Trades, had a new crate and cover made for the sheep trailer. Mr Truss and Mr Briggs supervised construction of the cage with their Year 11s and 12s and Mr Adams had the cover manufactured by a local upholsterer.



# AWI CHALLENGE PERTH ROYAL SHOW

What a day at the Royal Show!!! Congratulations Mr Adams and the students who helped out...very much deserved after all your hard work 🏆

- 1st in Poll Merino Fine Autumn Shorn Ewe under 1 1/2 class
- Grand Champion Poll Autumn Shorn Merino under 1 1/2
- Reserve Champion of all Autumn Shorn Poll Merino.
- 2nd in Medium Poll Merino Autumn Shorn under 1 1/2
- 3rd in Poll Merino Fine Autumn Shorn Ewe under 1 1/2.

First Place - AWI Wether Challenge/Future Sheep Breeders Challenge - Blake Johnston, Kimberley Mannion, Jack Byrne, Breanna MacDonald, Alyssa Rijkers, Sarah Woods.  
Second Place - AWI College - Sebastian Omodei, Ashton Lantzke, Tayla Forbes, Willow Williamson, Geoff Tozer and Shannon Hewitt.



## AWI SHEARING & WOOL HANDLING

### TILBA TILBA RAM SALE



Mr Adams and students attended the Tilba Tilba Ram Sale in Williams to purchase two rams for the College stud.





Mr Edwards has been very busy at the Equine section with the students replacing all the fences and gates. It looks great!! A lot safer and neater.

## WORKING WITH THE YOUNGSTERS

## AFTERNOON RIDE



Beau Whitaker and Ella Gardiner working with the youngsters.



Afternoon ride around the farm.



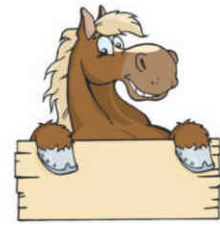
## STOCKMAN CHALLENGE CLINIC

Jim and Ange Laverty from Nuwarina Equine hosted a very successful clinic in preparation for the Stockman Challenge. Thankyou to Mr Edwards for organising this weekend for the students.

## HOOF TRIMMING



Will Armstrong, Henry Pratley & Alex McLarty busy trimming feet.



## DRIVER TRAINING

Mr Edwards was lucky enough (depends who you ask) to assess students in Year 10 and 11 for driver training in both farm utes and tractors.

## EQUINE CHALLENGE - NARROGIN

Sixteen equine students travelled across to Narrogin to compete in the annual Equine Challenge. Riders competed in show jumping, games, dressage and in-hand events. It was a great day, students came away winning many events. Thanks to the parents for their support in transporting horses to the event.



## BEST OF THE WEST STOCKMAN CHALLENGE

Congratulations to those students involved in the Best of the West Stockman Challenge, especially Henry Pratley placing first and Paige Fell placing third in the Junior event.

Many thanks to Mr Edwards who generated the interest and supported the students in their training.



# BUTCHERSHOP / GENERAL FARM



Mr McGee continues to supply the kitchen with meat. Students learn the art of sausage making and different meat cuts.

## GENERAL FARM

Mr Morris is the 'go - to - man' for maintenance around the Farm. With a wooly winter this year, there has been a lot of cleaning up happening around the College. When students are rostered to Mr Morris, they are always guaranteed to get their hands dirty.

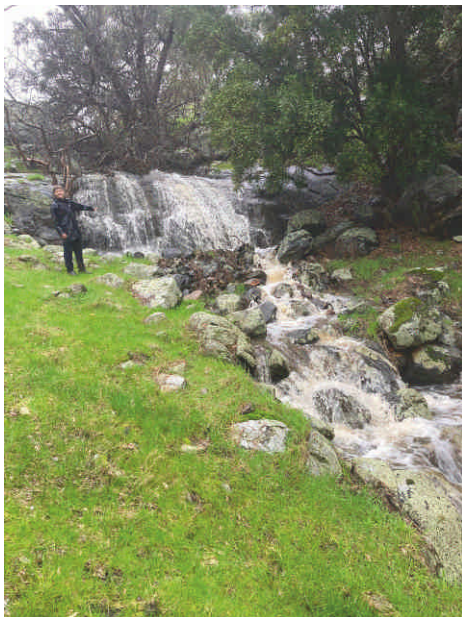




## CATTLE CLUB

Our students commenced Cattle Club at the beginning of the year with Mrs Morris and Ms Minchin.

## DAIRY



This doesn't happen very often, but with this wet winter, the waterfall behind the Dairy was well and truly overflowing. You can just see Jaxon Cuxson in the rain!

Mr Truss designed some metal work to install around the Dairy.



## DAIRY DISCOVERY



Mr Millichamp, Miss Holmes, Samantha Cox and Josie Curtis attended the Farmwest Dairy Discovery in Bunbury to network and check out the exhibits



# HORTICULTURE



Year 10 students planting asparagus



Year 12s making melagane



Year 12s planting with Mr Olde



Broccoli planting with the Year 10s



Cabbage planting



Students involved in the wine making process



Grape vine pruning



Students have a lot of garden to keep trimmed



Cleaning up veggie patch ready for planting



Budding & grafting lesson



Mandarin picking



Lemon curd & rhubarb



Mandarin picking in the rain



Orange dipped in choc. yum



Picking and washing veggies for the kitchen



Planting flowers for Open Day



Pumpkin picking



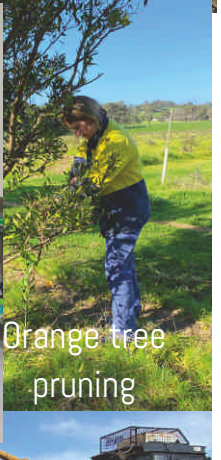
Removing the grape vines



Whatever is planted must be watered



Making tomato sauce & relish



Orange tree pruning



Strawberries planted and netted



Unblocking all the drains after the rain



Year 12s wine pressing

White chocolate orange

## FRUITICO EXCURSION



On the 6th September staff and students from Horticulture / Viticulture attended an excursion to Fruitico at Meelon. Students were shown around the vineyard and packing/storage shed. Fruitico are the leading WA table grape brand sold domestically and number 1 premium in Asia, all from the Peel Region.

## DRIVE SAFE AUSTRALIA



“Drive Safe Australia” came onsite to deliver and assess two units of competence in the Operation of Light Vehicles and Commercial Vehicles.

# INTENSIVE



## FURNISHINGS

The year has seen students completing a range of gorgeous furniture pieces and projects that will be valued for many years to come. All new students to the College worked on their own hall tables with Mr Cantwell and Mr Briggs. A simple but timeless design that introduces students to the room and the use of the machines in our very well appointed facility. Some students customised their work with small resin and timber inlays or opted to make the hall table from She-oak.

The Year 11 students had the opportunity to further their furniture making skills with the crafting of a bar stool in either Western Australian Jarrah, Marri or Blackbutt. This is a challenging project, however richly rewarding for those who are willing to work hard and apply themselves.

All students undertaking Furnishing classes on Friday as an optional extra were able to make very elegant bedside tables with drawers from WA hardwoods. The pieces are extremely complex and are always well received at home. The intricate dovetails challenged even the most meticulous student. The ever popular coffee table was also completed by some, much to the delight of their parents. Students quickly realise that these pieces will never leave the family home no matter how much they protest.

The highlight of course has to be the work undertaken by the Year 12 students. A range of beautifully designed and crafted Queen size bedheads were made from Jarrah, Marri and She-oak. The frame is solid Jarrah shaped on the spindle moulder and router. The centre panel was either tongue and groove Jarrah panelling or if they could rise to the challenge, hand cut custom veneers. The results were stunning. Two students opted to make a set of bar stools based on last year's design.

All students undertaking these projects were rewarded for their efforts with exceptional pieces of furniture which were the envy of their peers.

The introduction of a Skill set (shown below) taken from the MSF20313 Certificate II Furniture Making was undertaken for the first time this year. These units were chosen to further expand the skills and knowledge base, as well as the qualifications of Year 12 students who had already completed Certificate II Furniture Making Pathway.

- MSFFF2004 Prepare Surfaces for Finishing
- MSFFF2006 Apply Surface Coating by Spray Gun
- MSFFM2002 Assemble Furnishing Components
- MSFFM2005 Join Solid Timber
- MSFFM2006 Hand Make Timber Joints

Keith Briggs





# BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

This year has been a very productive and positive year for the Building and Construction Trades area. The Construction program at the College has focused on key areas within the construction industry that are currently and/or projected to experience skills shortages. These areas include brick and blocklaying, concreting, roof and wall framing, basic tiling and painting.

Phase 1 students have worked hard to learn how to use basic construction tools and materials, all the essential Work Health and Safety (WHS) requirements and how to apply them to your job on a day-to-day basis. They have learnt how to effectively communicate and understand the culture, occupations, job roles and employer expectations in the construction world. Key highlights have included the creation of some very nice terrazzo style polished concrete garden seats, mosaic tile work and recycled timber pot plant stands. They also worked out in the field mastering basic levelling equipment such as automatic and laser levels while marking out house plots.

Meanwhile, Phase 2 and 3 students have developed their skills required for industrial and domestic construction, practising basic roof and wall framework, brick, and blockwork, how to erect scaffolding and lay footings. They learnt how to maintain a wide range of tools and building materials and further developed their knowledge to communicate on the worksite, to calculate and measure, and read plans.

A success to note here is the completion of a large limestone retaining wall at the front of Trades. All blocks were handmade and laid by students of the College. This has been a long-term project that has been great at showing students that although construction can be a messy process the final product is worth it and can add value to an area as well as being something that they can be proud of.

Another long-term project is the ongoing construction of a site shed from the foundations up. A project above the minimum requirements of the courses providing excellent exposure to timber wall and roof framing, roof sheeting and cladding materials.

In conjunction with these larger projects there have been some excellent dog kennels constructed, painted and finished that any faithful farm dog would be pleased to call home. Trades extra students also completed a brick cottage garden exercise consisting of piers, walls, paving and carpentry that met a set of specific plans.

All students in the Building and Construction area should be very proud of their efforts and achievements this year. I know all the trainers including myself, are keen to see their further achievements in 2022.



All in all, the past year was a successful year with all students having no disruptions to their practical training to complete their enrolled certificates.

All student knowledge assessments/tests are online using a platform called Socrative. Like CONNECT, students now sit the required knowledge assessments under a more flexible arrangement which also aligns with changes in our society. When in the class, one of the benefits of the Socrative software is that students receive instant 'live' feedback. This delivery is a lot more engaging and beneficial to all.

As with last year, 100% of all enrolled Year 12 students completed their Certificate II in Vocational Preparation and a significant number also completed Certificate II Vehicle Servicing Technology.

The Automotive classes are very popular and the demand is high. We have continued to add more new tools, equipment and vehicles to keep current with industry. This year we have purchased a new launch X-431 bi-directional scan tool to read and scan modern vehicles and set components.

The surplus of cars gave the Year 10 and 11 groups an opportunity to dismantle and recycle two of the older vehicles. The students worked feverishly completely stripping down the parts and components, learning along the way how they come apart and work. All students involved found this to be an enjoyable educational activity for identifying component, using tools and equipment and selecting parts for recycling or disposal.

A significant number of students have been successful in securing automotive related apprenticeships this year. Congratulations to you all.



Duncan Campbell





The PlasmaCam system has continued to enable the students to add flare to the projects carried out in the Engineering Metals area. The students are able to value add to the existing projects and a touch of professionalism that increases both the engagement of the students and the quality of the final product. To accommodate new equipment such as the PlasmaCam, fabrication fixturing benches, as well as an increase in students, has required a redesign of the metals workshops and storage areas opening up the back area by moving steel racks and redesigning some of the work flows.

2021 has been a big year in the Engineering Metals area continuing to have large numbers of students in all year groups. Students have continued to go for larger and in many ways more complex projects and have put out what I would consider some of the best engineering projects completed at my time at the College. These included;

- A 4.8m by 2.2m off road trailer hot dipped Galvanized with a 5mm aluminium checker plate floor.
- Custom built ute tray with built in drawer and under tray boxes.
- Four flat top ute trays with sides.
- A 2400 x 1500 dual axle Hydraulic Tipping Trailer.
- An enclosed 3.5m x 2.0m motorbike trailer.
- Two 1.2 x 2.1m box trailers.
- Power take off unit.
- 3 large flat top trailers.
- Barbeque / Smoker.
- 2.0m x 1.8m motorbike trailer.
- Hay feeder.
- Several large Aluminium tool boxes.
- Numerous dog cages and ute boxes.
- Dining table.
- Coffee table.
- Wood boxes.
- Large fire pits.

All of the students were able to complete meaningful projects that will be used and valued, giving them a sense of pride and reminding them of their time at Harvey Ag for many years to come.

Guy Truss



## SEA TREK

This year two groups of students travelled to Denham to take part in a week long Sea Trek. Heading off from the College, the first stop was the Lobster Shack in Cervantes, then onto Geraldton.

Next stop was Denham where the boats were packed with supplies, then off they sailed. Navigating their way around to Big Lagoon, Gregory's North, Point Perron, before heading back to Big Lagoon.

At each campsite students had the opportunity to fish, swim, snorkel and cook their camp food. Everyone came home tired, tanned and ready for a good sleep and a comfortable bed.



# WACOA CARNIVAL

Students competed in the following sports over the carnival - indoor cricket, mixed netball, touch rugby, table tennis, fishing, triathlon, basketball, croquet, ten pin bowling, frisbee golf, squash and lawn bowls.

The opening ceremony was at the Harvey Recreational Centre, before commencing the evening sports. All events were held in Bunbury and in and around Harvey.

The weather was hot all weekend, but everyone appeared to have a great time.

Indoor cricket - Harvey

Mixed netball - Harvey

Touch rugby - Harvey

Table tennis - Denmark

Fishing - Harvey

Basketball - Harvey

Croquet - Cunderdin

Ten pin bowling - Denmark

Triathlon - Harvey

Volleyball - Denmark

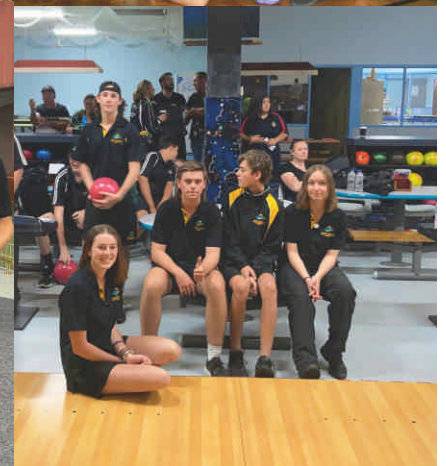
Squash - Harvey

Tennis - Harvey

Lawn bowls - Narrogin

Frisbee golf - Denmark

Congratulations to all.



2021. The start wasn't fantastic. Here we were, 1st day of the year welcoming the old and new students into Boarding with their parents and guardians, when news came through that we were being locked down as of 6.00pm that day, so we had to send all students home. The outlook was not great and it looked like 2021 was going to be just like 2020.

Things slowly improved as the year progressed and by the end of Term 3 we were basically back to pre COVID in all areas.

Busselton Camp - another great weekend with Jodee Sayer and John White as the main organisers. Students had a great weekend full of fishing, swimming, kayaking, beach cricket, footy and a game of Par 3 golf. All staff play a part in making this weekend a great way for students to get to know each other, especially for the new students.

WACoA Carnival was another fantastic annual event, comprising of 13 different activities over Friday night and Saturday. The weekend finished off with a dinner at the College with all the other schools. This event was enjoyed by all participants who got to mix and make new friends.

The College Ball was held on a very cold night in August. It was once again an amazing night and students embraced the evening and we had our biggest crowd ever. Well done to the organisers, once again a night to remember.

Charity Boxes were a wonderful gesture we undertook several years ago that has bought many a smile to young people who are a little less fortunate than us. Once again students collated donated items under the supervision of Heidi Armstrong and handed them over to several local Primary Schools for students in need. This is truly a wonderful gesture.

A big welcome to Kelly Genge who came onboard as our new Chef when Judy Morton decided to reduce her role in the kitchen. Kelly has settled in well and has a great attitude and outlook.

This year we have had a changeover of some great Residential staff for various reasons. Gary and Charlotte Mills departed the College and Jodee Sayer moved into the front office. We also gained some excellent staff in Heidi Armstrong, Nat Wellington and Rob Hodgson.

Residential staff would like to wish all the Year 12s the very best. To everyone else, have a fantastic Christmas break, a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you back in 2022.

# BUSSELTON CAMP

At the beginning of Term 1 some 40 students, both Day and Boarding embarked on our annual camp to Busselton. Students were kept busy with a variety of games and challenges. It sure is a fun weekend away.



# COOKING CLASSES

Ms Taylor and Mrs Wellington helped upskill our students by taking them to the Intensive Hub and cooking a meal from scratch in pretty basic facilities. We deliberately chose a kitchen away from our main one, with basic facilities and equipment to emulate what most of them will encounter next year when they are out in the real world. Ingredients were sourced from the main kitchen, recipes were chosen and with lots of team work the meal was a great success. Great work.



## RESIDENTIAL JUMPERS

Our Residential students organised and designed their jumpers to wear after hours.



## JODEE SAYER FAREWELLS RESIDENTIAL



Jodee Sayer left working as a Residential Supervisor after 7 years...but she hasn't gone far.....into the Admin office as a member of the team.

## THANKS TO JUDY



Thank you to Judy for cooking for the students over the 7 years. In Term 2 Judy changed job roles to lighten her workload and is now one of the kitchen staff.

## FARWELL DINNER FOR THE YEAR 12S



*Farewell*



*Goodluck*

We said farewell to the Year 12 students with a dinner at the Brugan Brewery. Robert Pepall and Rachel Davey took control of the evening's proceedings and awards were handed out to some of the staff who attended.









## TOMORROW MAN



The boys attended a two hour workshop run by two experienced male facilitators who created a safe and nonjudgmental environment to break down the stereotypical male. It was a successful workshop with students leaving the room with strengthened resilience, self-confidence and connectedness to their peer group

## TOMORROW WOMEN



At the same time the girls attended a two hour workshop presented by two informative female facilitators creating a safe, non-judgmental place for women who are facing every day issues like gender stereotypes, internal and external pressures with social media, beauty expectations, relationships and the inner critic.



## HALLOWEEN

Staff and students gathered to celebrate Halloween, with a special evening involving games, a movie, and dress-ups.

The spookiest costumes received prizes with Greg Davies, Paige Fell, Matilda O'Neill and Josie Curtis all winners. All the students sat down together to watch 'Coraline' and had a laugh while doing so after prep.

The night was a great success with many happy students and a great turn out. Thanks everyone.



## STUDENT CHRISTMAS DINNER

A great big thanks and well done to our Student Councillors who took on the planning of the Boarders' Christmas Dinner. The Councillors co-ordinated the evening with the help of Greg (Chef) and his crew and had direct contact with Santa and one of his helpers. Santa and his (her) helper arrived in one of the side by side vehicles, bells ringing and decorated in tinsel.

Students decorated the dining room and a Christmas tree with presents underneath for Santa to gift to students. It was a wonderful night, great food and was really appreciated by the students.

A massive thanks to both Bob McGee and Chris Curran for assisting with carving of the hams. To Robyn Heasman for assisting "Santa" and for Santa (Grace Holly) – a big thank you.



## YEAR 11 DINNER

The Year 11 students celebrated their end of year by attending the Brugan Brewery in Wokalup for dinner. It's hard to believe another year has gone. We will see you back next year for Year 12.



## YEAR 10 DINNER



Our Year 10 Boarding students went down to Bunbury for their final night onsite. They all enjoyed themselves, the meal and venue at the Back Beach Restaurant in Bunbury.

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Back Row: Dylan Emmott, Michael Kirajn, Andrew Schumacher, Noah Harrobin, Steckidan O'they, Jack Booker, Samuel Waters, Jhy Paek  
 Fourth Row: Cameron Bean, Caitlin Shales, Miller Leeson, Jake Bailey, Maya Fraser, Tyson Baggetta, Angeline Alley, Ella Gardiner, Deegon Tibbrook  
 Third Row: Tessa Clifton, Xander Camarri, Jack Buzzard, Sam Lynch, Mitchell Snell, Montano Holly, Koltyn Te Haara, Roman Tortisi, Mae MacDonald, Tyson Wollinger  
 Second Row: Daniel Marfella, Matthew Vitalone, Charlotte Tellini-Mazza, Mia Chapman, Sebastian Pinzone, Brodie Hewer, Paige Kirk, Megan Cumming, Elouise Angi  
 Front Row: Dylan Moyses, Nathan Itallano, Jack Walker, Jaxon Camilo, Tia Boylan, Bella Gatto, Jordan Rakowski, Logan Haines, Georgia Buchanan, Max Rognetta  
 Absent: Biralee Tinker, Beau Whitaker



Principal: Mr Stephen Watt



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Back Row: Xavier Milner, Ned Gualter, James Principe, Hugh Portwood, Campbell Duggan, Jaxon Cuxson, Jacob Hart  
 Fourth Row: Josh Miller, Jordan Tremayne, Alexander McLarty, Francois Smoak, Gregory Davies, Rose Hughes, Henry Pratley, Ryan Bolton, Koby Gough, Lewis Hordienko, William Armstrong, Dusty Crook  
 Third Row: Josie Curtis, Samantha Cox, Leith Charteris, Olivia Hawkins, Samuel Ferrari, Lachlan Gardner, Jamie Pastorjicki, Geordie Scott, Jake Sharp, Emma Derbyshire, Jack Byrne, Felix Colterrell, Ella Rendell  
 Second Row: Payton Marley, Paige Fell, Blake Johnston, Patrick Thomas, Breanna MacDonald, Kimberley Marnion, Eliot Dell'Agostino, Natalie Hoff, Rohin Hill, Tristan Clarke, Sarah Woods, Billie Vance  
 Front Row: Matilda O'Neill, Daniel Roughton, Nathan Davies, Cassy Cole, Dakota Robinson, Blake Emery, Elen Swinbank, Maxwell McFarma, Alyssa Rijkers, Brady Becker, Madison Peppall, Brooke Burgess, Erin Donoghay  
 Absent: Jack Fairman, Ziggy Phillips, Celeste Whittaker



Principal: Mr Stephen Watt



# FAREWELL TO THE YEAR 12S

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Back Row: Robert Pepall, Olivia Morgan, Thomas Wilson, Lucas Anderson, Jamie Woods, Toby Emmett, Riley Vitali, Lachlan Chatfield, Jarrah Tinker, Rueve Smith  
 Fourth Row: Dallas Johnson, Malakye Forrest, Declan Cook, Cooper Pearson, Ashton Lantzke, Harrison Gualter, Mac Fleay, Connor Carbone, Zac Bedggood-Skinner, Rebecca Muir, Kade Wallace  
 Third Row: Jezel Herring, Patrick Addison, Damian Maiolo, Evie Preston, Tayla Forbes, Calvin Parker, Jada Carlisle, Brooke Collins, Louis McCully, Shannon Hewitt, La Toyah Carson, Emilia Holland  
 Second Row: Joshua Tartaglia, Ella Piggott, Chakiah Craigie, Kyra-Lee Bayliss, Rhylee Bevin, Hanah Grover, Harry Martin, Zoe Carrick, Joshua Emmott, Geoff Tozer, Liam Weedon  
 Front Row: Heidi Blurton, Cheyanne Allen, Alexis Galati, Joel Adornetto, Sebastian Omodei, Willow Williamson, Jake Staples, Rachel Davey, Olivia Willmott, Rhys Gibbs, Poppy Blohm, Joshua De Beer  
 Absent: Keelan Hinchcliffe, Rory Innes



Principal: Mr Stephen Watt



## 2021 | WA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE - HARVEY YEAR 12



Absent: Keelan Hinchcliffe, Rory Innes

Principal: Mr Stephen Watt



CLASS OF 2021



# VALEDICTORY SPEECH

Hello, good afternoon everyone and thank you for all coming. My name is Robert Pepall and I was the College Captain for this year with Rachel. This last year was pretty normal, all things considering with COVID and being our final year.

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone in the Class of 2021, the staff, the cooks and the cleaners for a memorable 3 years at this school. We have all had our ups and downs here and some of our good mates left for apprenticeships and from what I hear are doing well. I would like to take a minute to look back on our time here at the College and remember all the memories we have made.

Like complaining to Camby about not wanting to do another small motor service or listening to Mr Briggs explaining in excruciating detail about metal work and woodwork and how all us little Vegemites need to remember to put the tools away and clean the workshop. The time that Josh Emmott, the Farm manger, lost his school drivers licence.

All in all we have learnt a lot in our time at the College, being looked after by the resos, the cooks and the cleaners.

I would like to wish you all the best of luck for your future, wherever you may end up. Thank you for sharing this journey at this College with me.....

.....Hi my name is Rachel and alongside Robert, I was the 2021 College Captain. I came to Harvey in Year 11 and in the short time I've been here I have made some of my best friends and memories and I like to think I've made the most of my opportunities.

I applied to be a Councillor for Year 12 and surprisingly got a position. I thought I'd test my luck some more and applied for College Captain. Being in this position allowed me to be a voice for my fellow students and I can only hope that I helped make a difference with their time at the College.

It also helped me grow as a person. It is a big responsibility and it was 100% worth it, but I couldn't have done it without all the staff.

On behalf of all the students, we can not thank them enough for their efforts. In our short time here they have helped shape us into the people we are today. They are hard working and dedicated and go to extreme lengths to help us.

Now, all the staff are great, how can you have a favourite, especially on Farm, as all the TO's are wonderful. Milli and Dunlop are funny, Stevo is so knowledgeable, Morri is so hard working and Bob has the best chats. You really can't pick, but Mr Olde's my favourite.

# VALEDICTORY SPEECH

The resos are so caring and look after us all, so how could you have a favourite. Bill always cheers you up, Mel always has a smile on her face, Chris and John are always....so happy, but not as happy as Bernie. However, Sparky's my favourite.

All the teachers are equally great. Miss Franco is like our second mum, Mrs Minchin always has great stories to tell from her weekend and Brakas make English soooooo fun. But Mrs Day is definitely my favourite.

I definitely couldn't pick a favourite meal. Yeah, I definitely could pick a favourite meal.

I'm sure that everyone can agree with me that we are extremely privileged to have been able to attend a school like this. The things we've learnt, skills we've gained and opportunities we've been given to set up for our future.

I'm sure we will never forget the memories and friendships we've all made. Keep each other safe and remember to check up on each other everyone now and again. Even if you're not that close, a quick message can mean a lot.

I wish everyone the best for their futures and thank this school for everything they've done for us.

Thankyou.

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so the  
adventure  
begins*





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