



MARGARET RIVER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

June 29 2018

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2018—Term Three

WEEK 1

July 16th

PD Day

July 17th

Students Commence

Life Skills Workshop Yr 12 P5

July 18th

Yr 12 English ATAR ECU Excursion

July 19th

Parent Information Night Year 10

July 20th

Haining Sister School Visit

WEEK 2

July 23rd - July 26th

Haining Sister School Visit

July 24th

Life Skills Workshop Yr 12 P5

WEEK 3

July 30th - August 17th

Yr 10 Subject Counselling

July 31st

SWSSWA Cross Country Collie

WEEK 4

August 6th

Drone Course

August 8th - August 9th

Waratah Visit

August 10th

Leavers Seminar

school in a variety of sports throughout this week. This is a great experience for the staff and students who attend this event and I would like to thank Mr Shane Joyce and the Country Week coaches for their efforts in organising teams for the week. It is fantastic to see that the number of students attending Country Week continues to grow. Best of luck to all our various teams and I am confident they will represent our school outstandingly.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a parent Expression of Interest for a position on the Margaret River Senior High School Board. This is an important body at Margaret River Senior High School and I encourage parents to nominate for this role.

I hope everybody has a relaxing and rewarding holiday. A reminder to parents that school will resume, for students, on **Tuesday 17th July, 2018.**

Andrew Host
Principal

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

The rush that comes at the end of Second Term has once again caught up with us. Yesterday, Semester 1 reports were sent home to parents. These reports provide parents and students with a good indication of academic progress through the first half of 2018. I encourage parents to review the reports with their children, highlighting and celebrating areas of success and examining areas where improvements can be made. I also encourage parents to contact the teachers of their children, to work together, to ensure all students reach their potential at Margaret River Senior High School.

We are getting a lot of families going on holidays during the term. Whilst, we understand that the taking of holidays is often beyond the control of parents, the absences due to these holidays has a significant impact on student learning. The school does not provide work for students who go on holidays and assessments that are missed often cannot be caught up on. This is particularly pertinent for Certificate and Upper School courses which will effect students' final grades. Students who go on School, State or Australian representation are provided work and missed assessments are taken into consideration when their final mark is being determined

We are currently working on our timetable for 2019. Mr Chris Buckland has visited all feeder primary schools and presented enrolment packages to students who have indicated that in 2019 they will attend Margaret River SHS in Year 7. If there are any parents who are yet to enrol their children, I would encourage them to do so as this will enable us to formalise offerings for this year group for next year. I thank parents for their assistance in this.

On Sunday, our Country Week team left for Perth to represent the



Margaret River Senior High School

Expressions of Interest are called for a parent member for the Margaret River Senior High School Board. There is one position which will have a two year tenure. Please forward your Expressions of Interest outlining your skills and attributes in one page or less to:

Mr Andrew Host
158 Bussell Highway
Margaret River WA 6285

Or email to:

margaretriver.shs@education.wa.edu.au

by **Friday the 20th July 2018.**

Outdoor Education

YEAR 9 ROPING EXCURSION - On Thursday 7th and Friday 8th June, the Semester 1 Year 9 Roping classes travelled to Wilyabrup Sea Cliffs to put abseiling and safety belaying skills, developed in class, to the test in a natural and challenging environment.

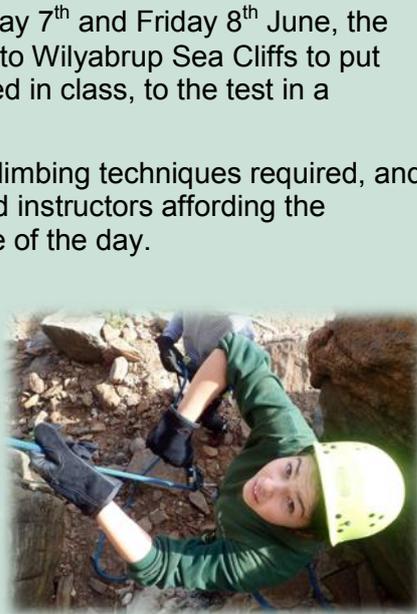
A series of climbs; ranging in difficulty and climbing techniques required, and abseils were rigged and manned by qualified instructors affording the students many opportunities over the course of the day.

The weather was chilly, overcast, windy and at times wet but the students 'toughed out' the conditions.

Very good skills and safety awareness and practices were displayed ensuring a rewarding experience for all, both students and instructors.

Special thanks to Mick Dempsey of the Margaret River Climbing Co. for lending us his climbing expertise on both days. We are very fortunate as a school to have been able to draw on his services for many years and look forward to continuing this into the future.

Stuart Kupfer-Hollis/Sue Buckland
Year 9 Outdoor Education



YEAR 10 CANOEING EXCURSION REPORT - On Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th June, the Semester 1 Year 10 Canoe classes undertook their camps.

This comprised camping the night before at Sue's Bridge and paddling a section of the Blackwood from a point West upriver and pulling out once reaching the campsite.

There was healthy flow on the Blackwood from recent rains and students enjoyed relaxing flat-water paddling, white-water sections and the opportunity to float/swim down a larger rapid.

Stuart Kupfer-Hollis/Sue Buckland
Outdoor Education MRSHS



HASS & Languages News

LANGUAGES



The Year 9 & 10 elective Languages semester courses wrap up with a movie making project. The Side-By-Side competition asks students to interact spontaneously with another member of the class that learns the same language. The video can cover any topic. The **Tell Me Your Story** film competition is open to all background speakers and is a bilingual production with the student telling a story in their native language with English subtitles.

The students have completed their end of course tests and showed an average improvement of 32% with regards to this standardised testing tool compared to the pre-course testing. This is a remarkable achievement considering that the students only study German, French, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Dutch or Latin for two periods per week.



Hayley selling pies from her mobile shop



YEAR 9 HASS & STUDENT COUNCIL

The students completed their studies of Economics and Business by applying their understanding in a practical context. The students formed small business ventures and competed against each other in a food market that was organised by the student council. The goal was to generate a profit that was to go towards the Red Nose Foundation. The business group consisting of Byron George, Saffron Sgroi, James Ransley, Mitchell Greenhalgh and Adrien Eddy won the competition with a new Year 9 business profit record profit of \$116.00. This group was innovative because they sought sponsorships from Margaret River Butchers and Brumbies who donated sausages and buns for the sausage sizzle. Very special thanks to these businesses for their support of our fundraising effort.

The student groups did a marvellous job, generating \$754.80 for the foundation. The student council applauded the efforts by the Year 9 Economics students. The Year 9 students analysed the outcomes of the market in a business report where they had to reflect on supply and demand, price mechanism, competitive advantage strategies, business innovations and target market during this recess fundraiser. The business report was required to be written digitally, saved as PDF document and submitted electronically. The students will receive an employability certificate of competency for these skills.

After the holidays the Year 9 students continue the study of Economics by participating in the national ASX Stockmarket game. In class, the Year 9 HASS classes study Politics and Law.

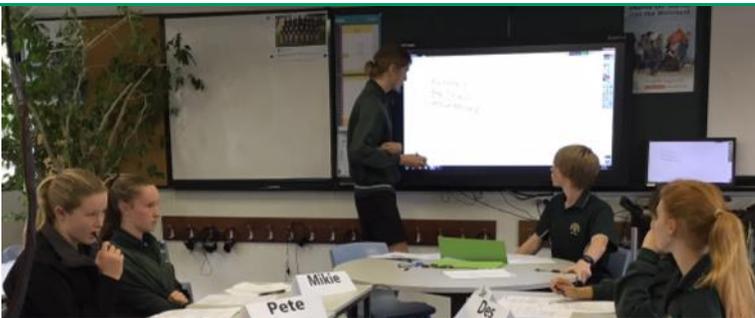
Patrick Marzohl
HASS and Languages Teacher



STUDENT COUNCILLOR FOR A DAY

Margaret River SHS student councillor and YAC member were invited to attend the 'Councillor for a Day' student leadership excursion on Tuesday, 19 June at the Augusta Margaret River Shire Offices. The event was organised by Lâdriel Hackett, Shire Youth Bursary and Community Development Trainee and the Augusta Margaret River Shire Council. The students were welcomed by Cr Pamela Townshend, Shire President, Cr Julia Meldrum, Deputy Shire President and Lâdriel Hackett. The eighteen students were then split into two groups to tour the Shire offices. Several Shire employees explained their roles and duties to the students. During the provided lunch Chief Executive Officer Gary Evershed spoke to the students briefly about the current upgrade to the Cultural Centre. After lunch, the students participated in the Shire's current Waste Management and Feasibility Study and in a review of the Local Planning Strategy. These projects were presented by Shire employees, Ruth Levett and Matt Cuthbert. The latter resulted in a mock Shire Council meeting.

The students were highly engaged throughout this event and would like to thank Lâdriel Hackett, the Shire council and the Office staff.



SCRAM ROUND 2 ADJUDICATION

The two School Conflict Resolution and Mediation (SCRaM) teams have been working hard to prepare for the second adjudication last week. It is wonderful to see how the students gain confidence and skill in mediation. This week, the two groups will commence preparing for Round 3. Special thanks go to Margaret Dixon, the SCRaM convenor of Western Australia and Vice-president of the Citizens Advice Bureau for adjudicating both teams via video analysis.



YEAR 7 FORM WINNERS

Form 7.2 celebrated winning the Term 1 inter-form competition with a pizza lunch. The students wish to thank Mr Buckland and the Student Services team for the yummy pizzas from the canteen and are now even more eager to win more positive Seqta points, attend the Form Rep meetings and show respect and courtesy around the school.

PATRICK MARZOHL
LANGUAGES TEACHER

Water Works News Term 2

Proud to be a
**Waterwise
School**



This term in our waterworks student group, we have started a new succulent garden in the Year 12 area. What was once a boring dirt patch filled occasionally with annual flowers that needed lots of watering has been transformed into a very attractive garden bed. In time the garden will be filled with very hardy, drought tolerant succulents- perfect for the North facing courtyard. The students have planted the small succulents and spread the limestone mulch. We will post the final photo as soon as the plants are a little more established.

We are hoping the data logger to monitor our school water meter will arrive in the next week so we can more closely monitor our water usage and detect leaks more readily

Lisa Chandler

Quinn, Arlo, Jarvis and Mykala from the Waterworks student committee get to work shoveling limestone for the new Waterwise garden



The bed after the limestone application



REMEMBER TO TURN OFF ALL YOUR SPRINKLER SYSTEMS NOW AS IT IS WINTER. NO SPRINKLER OR RETICULATION SYSTEMS SHOULD BE NEEDED BEFORE SEPT 1.



Fix leaking taps and toilets

Fixing a leaking tap or toilet is usually simple and a licensed Waterwise Plumber can do the job. These leaks can waste up to 10,000 litres of water a year.



Year 12 garden bed before the Waterworks students get into action...



Seek a leak

Leaks can be extremely wasteful and costly. Regularly checking taps, pipes and fittings around your property could save precious water.

[Where should I look for leaks?](#)

Inside the home

Look in the kitchen, bathroom/s and laundry for dripping taps or leaking washing machine and dishwasher connections. Damp patches on the walls may also indicate a leak.

You can check your toilet cistern for leaks by placing a few drops of food colouring in the tank. Without flushing it, look for colouring in the toilet bowl. If it's getting through then you have a leak.

Outside the home

Look around your garden at:

- outdoor garden taps/hoses
- garden irrigation (including sprinklers)
- automatic solenoids and manual isolation valves
- exposed pipe work.

Check your hot water systems and air conditioning units.

Also look for damp and unstable brick paving and garden areas that may be moist and greener than expected.

Sisterhood

June Update

Sisterhood

@ MRSHS – Empowering young women to develop a healthy and positive mindset.

Sisterhood is the 'new look' girls lunch time program run in the library several times throughout each term, over the school year. Sisterhood is about providing our beautiful young women with the tools to support social and emotional growth, engaging in discussion around current social issues, challenges and connecting with other girls in a fun, creative and supportive environment. Girls have the opportunity to connect with the Year 11/12 students, our "Big Sisters" through peer mentoring. The Big Sisters help to organise sessions, facilitate small groups and share their stories. The program is supported by volunteer mentors and we will be inviting Inspiring Women from our community as guest speakers throughout the year to share their stories.

Special thanks go:

- NewsXpress Margaret River and Augusta News for their generous donations of the Teen Breathe Magazine.
- Priceline Margaret River for their generous donations of beauty products.
- Teen Breathe Magazine for the donation of 50 FREE Mini Mags.
- Headspace for the donation of 900 FREE Subscriptions for Headspace APP.
- Available for all students, not just the Sisterhood.

If you or anyone you know feels they may have a story to share that will inspire or benefit our girls, please contact Kathryn Seisun, YouthCARE Chaplain/Mentoring Coordinator on Ph. 97570730 or by email Kathryn.seisun@education.wa.edu.au.

Kathryn, Kristy, Deb and Bree and the Big Sisters

Kathryn Seisun - YouthCARE Chaplain/Mentoring Coordinator

Kristy Palmer – Library Officer

Deb Salkeld – Ed-Connect Mentor

Bree Johnson – Ed Connect Mentor



Arts News



Congratulations to Arts students who have ended the term with many exciting performance events.

The Year Nine play “Voyage of the Titonic” was a huge success. A packed auditorium full of excited students and parents were highly entertained as the Year Nine Drama students presented an original script that has resulted in an hour long performance set on a cruise ship. A collection of very colourful characters were presented to the audience – including an aging rock star and fairy with the hiccups and our very own Prince Alarming!



Year 10 Drama students performed “Dags” by Debra Oswald. The play explores all of the angst and turmoil associated with adolescence and

ends with a strong message about self-worth. Girl meets boy, girl loves boy and then girl realises boy is a self-obsessed twit and she is better off loving herself more and him less. Two amazing casts presented this comical play to large audiences of students and parents. I was very proud of the talent and the commitment my Year 10 Drama students demonstrated.



Dance students have been offered some wonderful opportunities.

During the evening on Wednesday the 20th of June thirty students travelled to Bunbury Entertainment Centre with Dance specialist Amanda Gradisen and Sue Buckland to see the **Sydney Dance Company** perform. This important exposure to quality professional dance will help students as they prepare for



Country Week Dance and for our large scale **YOH Fest Dance** item which will take place in Bunbury next term. The rehearsal schedule for this event is

extensive and Amanda Gradisen is dedicating many hours of training to ensure our dancers are well prepared for this challenging performance.



Arts News Cont...

Music Students have ended the term with a series of lunch time concerts to entertain parents and students here at school. All classes have presented their work as class bands during informal concerts which have been very popular with students across the school.

Good Luck Country Week Dancers and I wish everyone Happy Holidays.

See you for another busy Term Three.

Mem McCormack

Head of Learning Area - Arts



VISUAL ARTS NEWS

Certificate III Visual Art course:

All 68 Certificate III Art students are presently learning how to knit. The course prescribes the creation of a knitted beany. The students received a pair of knitting needles and are required to knit their beany over the holidays. The first project of the course produced outstanding naturally dyed fabric. I am most impressed with the work ethic and commitment by these Upper School students.

Kate Marzohl-Duffy

Visual Art Teacher



VET/Careers News



Year 12 student **Kallan Sherwood** travelled, all expenses paid, to Sydney to compete in the World Skills Competition in May. This is a prestigious event promoting the high development of vocational (VET) skills.

After competing and winning the regionals, Kallan was trained by a local team at Margaret River Campus of South Regional TAFE in preparation for the Sydney event. Kallan came 4th in his category, although he said the competition was fierce with only single points between the places.

World skills runs over two

years and the regional events will take place again next year and be open to Year 11 students studying VET courses.

Michelle Miller

HOLA Vocational Education and Training



Year 10 Career Expo

During Week 3 of this Term, a number of enthusiastic Year 10 Students made their way up to Perth for the annual Career Expo at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre. Students had the opportunity to engage with a number of professionals from over 50 work places and educational venues including Western Australian TAFE and Universities, The West Australian Police Force, Creative Industries from all over Australia, Building and Construction companies, Volunteer organisations and many more. Students were able to ask questions and develop a deeper understanding of the opportunities available after school.

Emma Dziadulewicz

Careers Teacher



Surf Academy



This term has seen the Surf Academy trying some alternative activities to help improve their performance in the water. Students have completed theory lessons with a focus on Nutrition and Goal Setting to provide them with some drive and information on how to best fuel their bodies.

Skateboarding using Smooth Star skateboards (thanks to SW reps Andrew and Kathryn Seisun) helped students with technique and flow. The tarp surfing was a hit!! We also conducted some swimming sessions to improve fitness and confidence when the waves get a bit bigger. Surfing sessions have now resumed.

Berin Sluiter
Surf Academy



Tomorrow Man



We were very lucky to have the opportunity through external funding to have two presenters from Tomorrow Man come to Margaret River to speak to our Year 10 boys.

The workshop is focused on exploring the traditional notions of masculinity and support and strengthen resilience and peer support. Tomorrow Man delivers workshops designed for men, young and old to explore traditional notions of masculinity and the consequences and behaviours that can result from this. Within the workshop participants were supported to bravely and honestly express themselves while challenging limiting gender stereotypes, codes and understanding. Each workshop was 2 hours long and engaged the boys in such a positive manner.

We have been lucky to secure partial funding to bring back the group again in Term 3 for a follow up session and also include a workshop for the girls.

Below is an email from a parent -

"I just wanted to thank you and the Margaret River Senior High School for organising the Breaking the Man Code workshops for the Year 10 boys. My son gained so much from it and we had the privilege of him sharing

that with us in the evening. It hit a chord with our son that made him realise firstly how lucky he is and secondly how he needs to be available for his mates and even people he didn't have a prior connection to. I can only encourage the high school to do more of this and hope that a similar opportunity is given to girls."

Mental health needs to be understood from a young age with support, compassion and empathy, as does domestic violence and this was a wonderful program that created a safe space for the boys to express themselves openly"

Our Year 10 boys responded very positively to the presentation and have provided excellent feedback about its value. We also included additional feedback to the boys in regards to the themes discussed and the supports within our school and community.

This program will hopefully be incorporated in our MRSHS calendar every year as one of our priorities at MRSHS is student health and well-being with mental health being a focus.

Kara Beecham
Deputy Principal.



Presenters - Ryder and Jack



Tomorrow Man Workshop



"As a parent you'll now have access to a cross section of information from many of Australia's leading experts. All available here in one easy to follow resource on your smartphone, tablet or laptop."

SPECIAL REPORT—Online Game: Fortnite

Most parents of adolescent children would be aware of the online game, 'Fortnite'. For many young people, the addictive nature of this game is having adverse effects on children's behaviour and affecting their mental health. With over 125 million registered players worldwide, this game encourages players to battle each other to death using a variety of weaponry.

With an age rating of 13+, this game raises many cyber safety concerns. Unfortunately, it allows unmoderated chat between players, leaving children exposed to be contactable by 'randomers' online. This function alone makes it unsuitable for primary aged children.

In light of last week's announcement from the World Health Organisation now recognising "gaming disorder" as a mental health issue, this special report will help parents gain a greater insight into Fortnite and the concerns surrounding it. Parents are encouraged to reassess their gaming allowances and better manage technology usage at home.

If you have any concerns about your child, please contact the school counsellor for further information.

Here is the link to your special report: http://margaretrivershs.wa.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/online-game-fortnite-special-report



Special Report



FORTNITE SHOULD YOU BE WORRIED?

Community Noticeboard

School Holiday Program
Friday, 13th July 2018
Old Youth and Community Centre, Busselton
10:00 am-2:00 pm

All school-aged children are welcome to our free program, which includes a healthy lunch.

www.nyoongarsports.com.au

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Address: 43 Tonkin Blvd, Margaret River 6285 (Rapids Landing Estate)

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- ⇒ Turn Right at the round about to turn down Hudsbeth way.
- ⇒ Take first left to turn into the Rapids Landing Community & Visitor Carpark.
- ⇒ Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre is located to left of the Visitor Carpark.

Community Noticeboard

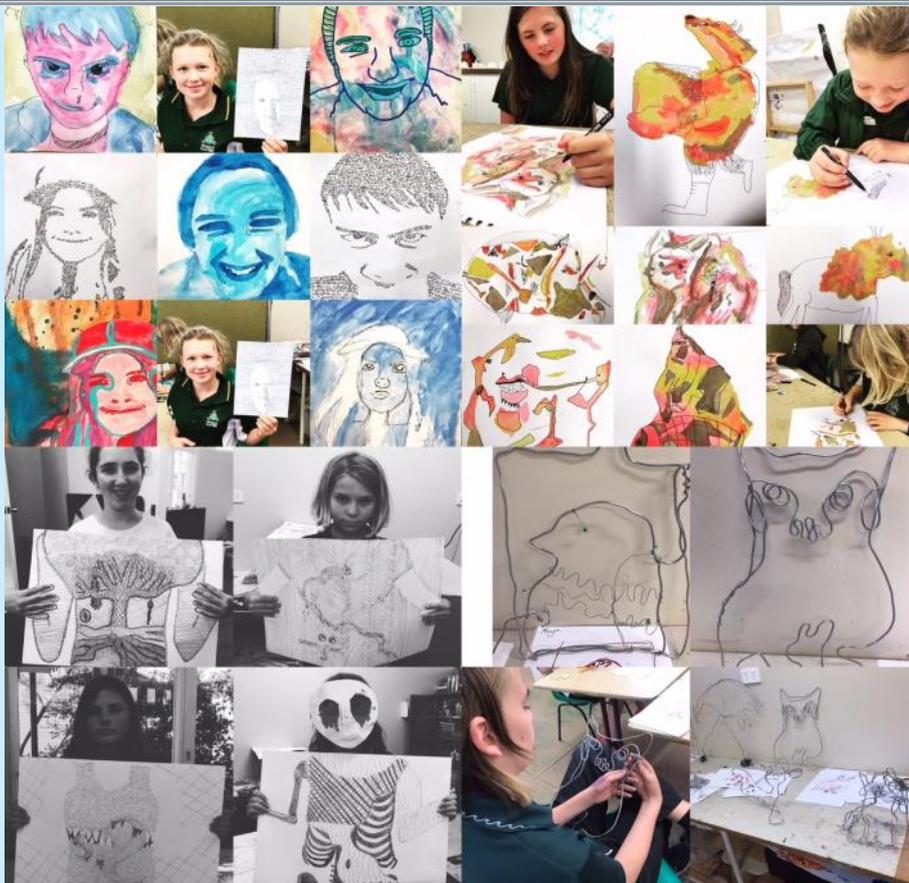


The Astronomical Society of the South West (Inc) will be holding special Mars Astronomy Nights for the public at their Observatory, Keble Heights, College Grove, Bunbury. The Observatory will be open on Friday 13th, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th of July each night from 7.00pm to 10.00pm, weather permitting.

Mars will be appearing 5 times brighter than we normally see it in our night-sky as it has it's closest approach to Earth since 2003 and this rare opportunity won't happen again for another 30 years. There will also be other planets and many other night sky objects to be seen.

Cost: Adults - \$12.00; Children - \$8.00; Family - \$35.00.

Further Information phone: Cameron on 9795 8204



Tweenart – For Creatives of the ‘In between ages’ of 11-15yrs.

The perfect artistic outlet and social hub for like-minded creatives aged 11-15yrs. This afterschool art program gives Tweens an opportunity to explore a variety of art mediums, styles and approaches. The program strives to create an environment, provide the resources and approach art in a way that encourages young people to problem solve, embrace curiosity and individual thought in order to express themselves authentically. To nurture these qualities and the creative spirit the classes are a combination of open-ended ‘process’ based creative invitations and more structured sessions to develop skills and art appreciation in an environment that is fun, flexible and relevant to tween culture and interests.

**“Every child is an artist; the problem is staying an artist when you grow up”
Pablo Picasso. Let’s keep the creative play alive, right through from a tween to Adulthood.”**

Pablo Picasso

FEE: \$170 per term Quality art materials and afternoon tea included.

TIMES: Tuesdays 3.30–5pm

VENUE: Margaret River Community Resource Centre, Tunbridge Street.

Contact:

**Kate Dunn
AthR BA (Fine Arts)
MA (Art Therapy)**

0431020222

ughdarell@hotmail.com

Community Noticeboard

Notre Dame upcoming events July and August

For more information and to register for any events, visit notredame.edu.au/events

A Day in the Life of a Uni Student

Friday 6 July

Year 10, 11 and 12 students are invited to Notre Dame's Fremantle Campus for A Day in the Life of a University Student to experience what student life at Notre Dame is really like! Visit our campus, take part in lectures and activities, enjoy a tour of our town university, and meet current students and academics.

1-on-1 Advice Sessions

July 9 - July 13

Considering your uni options but unsure of the right degree for you? Book in for a 1-on-1 advice session at the Fremantle Campus during the July school holidays. Speak with our advisors about degrees that align with your strengths and interests and how to apply.

Notre Dame Open Day

Sunday 19 August

Kick-start your uni journey at the Notre Dame Open Day. Enjoy the atmospheric Fremantle campus, check out the facilities, enjoy music, food and games and get involved in the festivities.



Tickets available at www.mudfestwa.com.au/southwest for \$66 + booking fee.

Mud Mayhem and Dirty Double course waves commence from 9.00am in 10-minute intervals.

Muddy Paws Challenge starts at 1.30pm.

All children 14 years and under must run the entire course with an accompanied registered guardian and all children from ages 15 to 18 must have a parent guardian waiver signed upon registration.



SOUTH WEST FOOTBALL CAMPS

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



BUSSETON
(Vasse)
MON 9 - TUES 10 JULY
Vasse Playing Fields



SHANE WOEWODIN



BUNBURY
(Australind)
WED 11 - THURS 12 JULY
Leschenault Leisure Centre

BROWNLOW MEDALIST

200 AFL GAMES (MELB & COLL)
BRISBANE LIONS ASST COACH 2011-16
EAST FREMANTLE WAFL COACH 2008-10

WA STATE 12's BOYS
ASST COACH 2012-17
LUKE CUNNINGHAM

Ex -MELB-FREM-CARL (AFL)
WAFL PREMIERSHIP PLAYER
TROY LONGMUIR

Ex -CARLTON & WEST COAST
AFL PLAYER
KANE LUCAS



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WAAPA Winter School 2018

WAAPA at ECU is offering an exciting performing arts program for children and young people these July school holidays. For the first time, we are including courses for students from Years 1 to 12. The Winter School includes classes in drama, acting, screen acting, dance, musical theatre and RAP. For information about the many courses on offer please visit Winter School or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au or 9370 6775.