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COLLEGE CHRONICLE

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**EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN
AGRICULTURE EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

An Independent Public School



Welcome to the first College Chronicle for 2023!

Last week I sent out a short Newsletter, with some general reminders and an overview of what this term will look like.

2022 School Survey

In this edition of the Chronicle, I will mention our stance on Vapes, expression of interest for College Board membership and a link to the National School Opinion Survey (NSOS) for **2022 parents only**. The survey will be sent out again at the beginning of Term 4, as a reflection of the 2023 school year, and will also include College specific sections relating to Trades, Farm and Class.

The 2022 NSOS will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and will also be given to staff and students, with slight differences in the way items are worded to suit the audience.

Link: <https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/d7tmbLxa>
(for 2022 parents only)

College Board Nominations

At the last Board meeting we agreed to some minor changes to the constitution regarding the composition of the Board and the duration of each category's membership. There is no longer a past parent category, although past parents are encouraged to nominate as a community member. The Board Chair will be chosen by Board members.

The Board will now consist of the following:

School Staff	Maximum of 3
Parents	Maximum of 6 (2x Year 10, 2x Year 11, 2x Year 12)
Community/Partners	Maximum of 3
Students	Maximum of 2
Principal	Compulsory membership

Membership Term:

- **School staff** will serve a term of no more than 3 years
- **Parents** will serve a 1-year term and can renominate if they wish
- **Community members** will serve a 1-year term and can renominate if they wish
- **Students** are chosen from the Prefect group and attend meetings on a rotational basis

A majority of Board positions need to be filled for the 2023 year. If you would like to nominate, please complete the attached form, and return to the College via email or in person. The closing date for all categories is Monday, 27 February 2023. Should we receive more nominations than positions available, an election will be held. Newly elected members must then complete the compulsory screening process before their membership can be confirmed.

Vaping

Research has found that some e-liquids sold as "nicotine-free" contain nicotine. Nicotine is a highly addictive and poisonous drug. E-liquids also pose a poisoning risk. Reports of combustion events and burns have been reported to WorkSafe WA.

In 2022, the DoE recognised the growing issue of vaping in schools and developed a package and set of guidelines, to assist schools to manage the problem and educate students and their families.

WA College of Agriculture – Narrogin follows the DoE procedures for reporting and managing vape related incidents. Students found to be in possession of or caught using a vape on site, or during a College related activity, may face a suspension or loss of residential privilege. It is illegal to sell vapes to friends at school or in the community and may result in police intervention.

I would like to acknowledge the manner in which all students have started the year, and give special thanks to the Student Leaders for assisting new students and setting a positive tone across the College.



The College Board meets once per term for about two hours. A remote and face to face option is available for most meetings. The Board is the peak advisory group at the college and can be involved in:

- a) Promoting the school in the community
- b) Establishing and reviewing from time to time, the school's objectives, priorities and general policy directions
- c) The planning of financial arrangements necessary to fund those objectives, priorities and directions
- d) Evaluating the school's performance in achieving them
- e) Formulating codes of conduct for students at the school
- f) Approval of a charge or contribution determined by the principal for the provision of materials, services and facilities
- g) Approval of the costs determined by the principal to be paid for participation in an extra cost optional component of the school's educational program
- h) Approval of the items determined by the principal to be supplied by a student for the student's personal use in the school's educational program
- i) Approval of an agreement or arrangement for advertising or sponsorship in relation to a government school
- j) Determining in consultation with students, their parents and staff of the school, a dress code for students when they are attending or representing the school.
- k) Advising on a general policy concerning the use in school activities of prayers, songs and material based on religious, spiritual or moral values being used in a school activity as part of religious education
- l) Advising on allowing time for the special religious education of students in the school, up to a total of 40 hours in a year

A school's Funding Agreement (with Schedules) is noted by the school board chair.

The Board is made up of the following members:

Principal	Mandated
Staff Representatives	3 nominated and elected by staff (3-year term)
Parent Representatives	2 parents of year 10 students (1 year)
	2 parents of year 11 students (1 year)
	2 parents of year 12 students (1 year)
Community	3 (1 year)
Students	2 students from the current Prefect group (over 15yrs) (1 year)

Invitation to nominate

Staff and parents are invited to nominate for membership. In the event that there are more nominations than positions, a ballot will be held.

Name: _____

Member type (circle one) Staff Parent of year 10 Parent of year 11 Parent of year 12

Brief outline of your particular expertise and experience that would assist the college board

Please return your nomination to the front office or email:

narrogin.wacoa.admin@education.wa.edu.au

By close of business, 27th February 2023.



Welcome students, parents, and staff!

I have been fortunate to take on the Deputy Principal position here at the Western Australian College of Agriculture - Narrogin for the first Semester of 2023. This is an opportunity I am really looking forward to, we have a great group of students lead by an awesome leadership team of students and staff.

It has been a pleasing start to the 2023 school year at the College with students seeming to enter the College and get stuck into the new timetable and programs offered with ease. Students are already making the most of the plethora of opportunities available from Farm, Trades, Class, Residential activities, afterschool activities, town run, afterschool tutoring, just to name a few.

Term 1 is already looking to be jam packed with many calendared events both in the schooling programs and in curricular activities offered. Wagin Woolorama, WACoA Carnival, Country Week trials and training, OLNA, MSP Photo Day, Closed Weekend, GRIP Leadership Conference and of course the College Ball. Students are encouraged to plan their time wisely to allow for plenty of activities as well as schoolwork, study, friends, family, and rest.

We look forward to a busy and productive Term 1



Friday Attendance Expectation

Unfortunately, last week we had quite a few students leave the College to go home at lunch time, mainly due to catching available TransWA buses. A reminder with the new timetable change this means our students are now missing out on valuable time within specific areas and classes. If a student misses our Friday afternoon program every week, they are missing 100 minutes of their allocated face to face learning per week resulting in 16.6 hours per term. The students will be missing the same area/ program every week and will ultimately fall behind.

We ask that if your student falls into this category, you please make alternative arrangements to allow your student to attend the maximum face to face delivery time. If the College can help in anyway or you wish to discuss this, please contact myself at the College.

Wagin Woolorama

All students at the College will be attending the Wagin Woolorama on the 10th of March as spectators, with some students again involved in competitions through the day. There will be a Compass event coming out next week outlining the school excursion, so please keep an eye out and endeavour to get your consent for your child into the school as soon as possible.

A reminder to all students and parents that the College's formal uniform will be worn on the day.

MSP Photo Day

Our professional school photos will occur on Wednesday, 22nd of February 2023.

A reminder to all students and parents that the College's formal uniform will be worn on for the photos.

Closed Weekend Reminder

A reminder that there is a Closed Weekend on the 4th – 6th of March 2023, with a Labour Day holiday on the Monday. Can Residential parents and students please ensure you enter your leave on the College's [REACH](#) platform. Residential students return after 3pm on Monday.

Student Drivers

Students who have or are intending to have a vehicle on-site at the College need to complete the attached [2023 Application for a Student Vehicle at the College form](#).

A few reminders to those students that are having a motor vehicle at the College:

- It is a privilege, not a right, to have a motor vehicle at the College.
- Motor vehicles are permitted on campus for the parents' and students' convenience and are not to be used by students for unauthorised leave.
- Day students may bring a vehicle on-site to assist with daily travel to and from the College.

Any breach of these conditions may result in removal of the vehicle.

Please return any completed forms to the Front Desk as soon as possible.



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I _____ wish to apply for permission for my son/daughter
(Parent/Guardian print name)

_____ to bring a vehicle to the College and agree to the following.
(Student Name)

- This permission form must be completed prior to the vehicle coming on site.
- Students are only permitted to have a vehicle on site whilst they are on 'Good Standing'. In the event of them losing 'Good Standing', they will not be permitted to have any vehicle on site until they return to 'Good Standing'.
- Parents must ensure vehicles are roadworthy and licensed. It is suggested students hold at least third party car insurance in the event that they are responsible for damage to property belonging to others.
- The vehicle is for day student travel, weekend leave and holiday travel and then only with the express permission of the Deputy Principal and parents (Trips to town, etc., are NOT permitted unless for extenuating circumstances).
- No other student is to travel in the vehicle unless written approval is received from the passenger's parent and the driver's parent.
- Luggage is to be packed and unpacked in the car park immediately adjacent the residential duty room.
- Cars must be parked in the areas set aside for student parking.
- Keys to be handed to the Duty Supervisor who will lock them in the Duty Room.
- No spare vehicle keys will be kept by the student at the College.
- Day students will hand their keys into the front office on arrival once parked.

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- Cars can only be worked on in the workshop area after obtaining permission from the Automotive Instructor and the Deputy Principal. This must be arranged so that the vehicle is taken to the workshop at the start of the day and taken back at the end of the school day.
- Students suspected of being affected by alcohol or drugs whilst driving will have their parent contacted and possibly be referred to the Police.
- Students will abide by all staff directions, road rules, signage and drive in a manner appropriate to the location whilst on College property.
- College reserves the right to inspect vehicles and luggage on return for prohibited substances/objects. This inspection will be carried out by a member of Senior Staff at the discretion of the Principal or Deputy Principal.
- The Principal will use discretionary powers where it is considered necessary to amend the vehicle policy.
- Failure to abide by these conditions may result in the car being removed from the College.

PLEASE NOTE – the College does not accept any responsibility for damage or loss whilst the vehicle is located on College property.

DRIVER'S LICENCE NUMBER	
MAKE, MODEL, YEAR & COLOUR	
VEHICLE REGISTRATION	

Alternative Vehicles that may be used on occasion

_____	_____	_____
(Make)	(Model)	(Rego. No)
_____	_____	_____
(Make)	(Model)	(Rego. No)

SIGNED _____ DATE _____ SIGNED _____
(Parent) (Student)

Date vehicle will be brought on property _____

OFFICE USE ONLY: COLLEGE STAFF AUTHORISATION

SIGNATURE: _____
DATE: _____

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HEAD OF TEACHING & LEARNING – Leanne Sjollema

This year has certainly started well. Our new Year 10 students seem to be settling in to their new routines and it has been wonderful to hear all the great feedback from staff about their positivity, courtesy, respect and their enthusiasm for learning.

The Year 11s have a slightly different entry into Class this year, having chosen elective courses to help put them on track to their future career or study pathways. It is always a big adjustment from year 10 with the increase in workload and level of detail expected in tasks. This will require a level of focus and commitment to their studies that is above what was expected in year 10. Please encourage your child to make the most of this new learning environment and use their class time wisely.

Year 12s have had an enjoyable start to the year, settling in with a positive attitude and impressing staff with their work ethic and diligence towards their studies already.

Our Class staff in 2023 are as follows:

- ◆ Miss Leanne Sjollema – Head of Teaching and Learning, Year 11 Animal Production Systems
- ◆ Miss Eastwood – Equine Studies, Animal Production Systems, Plant Production Systems
- ◆ Miss Louise McKenzie – Year 12 English, Year 11 English, Year 10 English
- ◆ Mr Chris Dougall – Plant Production Systems, Year 10 and Year 11 Mathematics

- ◆ Ms Danielle Quinn – Year 11/12 Maths Apps, Year 12 Foundations, Year 10 science

We also have two wonderful teachers joining the team in a relief capacity: Mr Alfred Iasky teaching Mathematics and Mr Trevor Horne teaching English and HASS.

Class staff are keen to support the students to achieve their academic and employment goals and to assist with this, they have offered tutoring for all students between the hours of 3–4pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday each week. Please encourage your child to access this support regularly as required.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's Class teachers or myself if you wish to discuss your child's progress. I encourage you to check Connect regularly as this is where teachers will upload Class work, assessment tasks and student results so you can keep track of your child's progress, due dates and assessment requirements.

Finally, diagnostic testing is underway to ensure we have reliable literacy and numeracy data for each student. This data, along with school based assessments and observations, will be used to help develop targeted OLNA support plans for each year group. The first round of OLNA is set to commence week 5 and students will be given targeted support prior to sitting their OLNA.



Miss Sjollema



Miss Eastwood



Miss McKenzie



Mr Dougall



Ms Quinn



CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the following students for being recipients of the 2022 Telstra Tech for STEM Regional Scholarships!

Meka Epworth, Aleeyah Staggard, Amira Schmid, Christina Smith, Libby Hardingham, Finn Synnot, Will Humphries and Lucius Treasure.

These students were nominated by the school and each received an Apple iPad or Microsoft Surface Go in recognition of their commitment to studying STEM courses and VET qualifications in the country.

2023 YEAR 12 PREFECTS



Meet our Year 12 Prefects for 2023: Emily Langdon, Bryce English, Amira Schmid, Finn Synnot and Libby Hardingham.

These students had their first meeting on Wednesday 8 Feb and are enthusiastic about being the voice of the students, organising the College ball and planning for some new projects later this year.

Nominations for Year 10 and 11 Prefects open in Week 4.



Welcome to 2023!

It is great to see students back and ready to engage in their respective trades courses. Year 10 students will cycle through the trades sections over the course of the year, with Year 11 and 12 students undertaking their allocated and timetabled subjects for the year.

Staffing in Trades is as follows:

- Mr Dean Pfitzner – HOD Trades and Furnishings
- Mr Mark Batt – Construction and Furnishings
- Mr Allan Dewing – Automotive
- Mr John Parker – Engineering

Parents and students are reminded and asked to follow up with their respective instructors as the first point of contact in relation to their progress, and if there are any concerns or issues that need to be addressed and resolved.

With the mid week start to the year, the students have now completed a full cycle through the Trades area. All student year groups across the Trades areas have been busy with inductions and completing safe work procedures for tools, equipment and machines. Students will continue to work through and complete the safe work procedures over the coming weeks and will be in full swing with their course work.

Trades Induction

Each class in Trades over the last week, as part of the start-up process for the year, has received an overall induction to the Trades area. The 'Trades Code of Conduct' was referred to and explained so all students have a clear understanding of their expectations. In summary:

- Come to class prepared – each student has their laptop (once issued), pens, pencils, calculator, PPE (eye and hearing protection).
- Arrive on time.
- Be polite and courteous to peers and staff.
- Behave appropriately.
- Respect people, facilities and equipment.
- If workshop is unsupervised, wait outside for trainers/teachers.
- Obtain permission to use tools, equipment and machines.
- Obtain permission before leaving your work area.
- Mobile phones are not to be used during the school day.

With all student abiding by the code of conduct, demonstrating a willingness to learn and aspiring to do their best, they will assist in maintaining or improving the positive reputation of the College that precedes them.

Personal Projects

As part of the Engineering & Furniture Making Courses and After School Trades offerings, students will be involved in making personal projects. Parents/guardians and students need to be aware of the following College policy and procedure in relation to personal projects being undertaken:

- Students and parents/guardians negotiate with the respective instructor as to the type, style and complexity of the project to be undertaken.
- Signed parent/guardian permission received.
- 50% deposit paid before the commencement of the project.
- Once the project is complete, a final account will be raised and needs to be paid in full prior to the personal project is taken form the site.

Note that students are able to supply their own materials, with an account only being raised for incidentals and consumables.

Thank you in advance for your support of this process.

The Trades Staff are looking forward to the year, working with and assisting all students in developing their skills and knowledge in the Trades area.

Take care, stay safe and have a great weekend!



Mr Batt with year 11 students Oliver, Brandon and Blake.

TRADES TRAINING CENTRE



ON FARM

Year 12 Students laying a concrete slab for the new fuel bowser.



ON FARM

Year 10 students removing an old fence on the north block.



EVENTS



Term 1 2023

Date	Event	Venue
Thursday, 22 February	MSP Photo Day	College: Student Services Lobby / Duty Room and Amphitheatre
Sat 4 - Sun 5 March 2023	Closed weekend	
Monday, 6 March 2023	Labour Day - Public Holiday Residential students return after 3pm	
Fri 10 - Sat 11 March 2023	Wagin Woolorama	Wagin Showground, 15 Ballagin St
Thursday, 6 April 2023	College Ball Last day of Term 1	Fremantle Sailing Club

The whole College term planner is regularly updated and can be found on our website homepage.

EGGS FOR SALE

\$4 per dozen at the main office.

For large orders please contact the Farm Office

08 9881 9726



Due to eggs shortages, please call the Main Office in advance to check
if any are available for purchase on 08 9881 9700

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Term 1, 2023

as of 02/02/2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	23 January	24	25 School Support Officers commence	26 Australia Day Public holiday	27 School Administration Staff commence	28	29
Wk 1	30 School Development Days	31 January New students returning 9am Returning students come onsite 3pm	1 February Students commence classes Term 1	2	3	4 Katanning Park BBQ lunch excursion	5
Wk 2	6 February	7	8	9	10 International Day of Women & Girls in Science	11 Kulin Water Slide excursion	12
Wk 3	13 February Shearing commences	14	15	16	17 CENSUS DAY	18 Carousel shopping /movie excursion	19
Wk 4	20 February	21	22 MSP Photography Day	23	24	25 Adventure World excursion	26
Wk 5	27 February	28	1 March	2 Finance meeting	3 Wellbeing Day P & C AGM meeting 2pm Student leave after 3pm	4 CLOSED WEEKEND	5
Wk 6	6 March Labour Day Public holiday Students return after 3pm	7	8 International Women's Day	9	10 WAGIN WOOLORAMA	11	12
Wk 7	13 March TMHFA	14	15 Public School Review	16	17	18 Trip to Collie excursion	19
Wk 8	20 March TMHFA	21	22	23	24 GRIP Conference Leadership Camp ? TBC	25 WACoA Carnival Harvey	26
Wk 9	27 March TMHFA	28	29	30	31	1 April Bounce excursion	2
Wk 10	3 April	4	5	6 2023 College Ball End of Term 1	7 EASTER Good Friday Public Holiday	8 EASTER	9 EASTER
	10 April EASTER Monday Term 1 holidays	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17 April Term 1 holidays	18	19	20	21	22	23