

## Geraldton Residential College

# Term 4 2021 Newsletter

### Message from the College Manager



A note from the College Manager – Term 4 2021

Dear Parents, Carers, and Friends,

As the year draws to a close, and I reflect on the year that was, we have much to celebrate and build on in 2022.

The year began with many new and returning students as it does every year, what was different this year was the overwhelming preparedness by parents to ensure that their children settled in quickly to school and boarding life, thank you.

Our role is unique and one of great privilege, which requires providing 24/7 emotional, social, and physical support and care to your children. We do this through the framework of our Positive Behaviours Support (PBS) Program. Staff use PBS language when supporting students to make positive choices that demonstrate Respect,

Responsibility and Care for themselves and others in all areas of the college. Students are rewarded with positive tokens, which allow them to cash in for a variety of bigger rewards, with BCF vouchers proving very popular with the boys. Our students are also supported by Luke (college psychologist), external providers, and through their schools with a variety of wellbeing activities and services available.

All parents/carers will receive their child's report with this Newsletter and this year we have adapted the reports to reflect how students are meeting or working towards displaying the values of Respect, Responsibility and Care. I believe that this will enable parents/carers to have a conversation with their child around the college values and how these represent the same expectations at home, and in society.

Next year we will welcome over 30 new students with enrolments continuing to increase since 2019, and students attending one of our five partners schools which is wonderful.

Our focus remains on student wellbeing, however, there will be a greater focus in this area, with the launch of our GRC Act |Belong |Commit Club. This will entail a weekly activity calendar that sets out the key activities each week, for example, Surf Run with Mr P or Miss Tia on Thursdays after school and Sunday mornings, Beach Cricket with Mr Shiosaki on Sunday afternoons, GYM sessions with Mr A & D Driscoll on Tuesday and Friday nights, Dellahale Pilates and so on. I am anticipating that this will give the students the ability to plan their week around what we are running and what their sporting commitments are,

to ensure that they are active and happy every week. We will keep you updated via our Facebook page and on the big screen in our reception area.

We have updated many assets in the college this year to enhance student well-being and promote a homely feeling. Over the holiday's new carpet will be laid in Dellahale House, and new cushions have been purchased for all the common room lounges too. We are also opening New Dellahale for our Year 12 ladies which I know they are very happy about.

Thank you to my team of dedicated Supervisors and Ancillary staff members, your commitment and care throughout the year is very much appreciated, which was evident in the many cards received, and from the conversations had with parents in recent days expressing their gratitude to you all. Thank you also to Luke Seraglia our College Psychologist who leaves us to take up a new position in Perth close to his family in 2022. Our new Psychologist is Matthew Kay, and I am confident that he will build on the great work already done through the School Psychology Service.

Finally, thank you to our School Principals and their Teams, and our LINC members who provide ongoing guidance and support to me, the College, and our students.

On behalf of the GRC Team, I wish all our students, families, and partner schools a truly magical and special Christmas, and we very much look forward to welcoming you all back on Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2022.



## From the Kitchen to the Table

Our College Chef Joy continually prepares healthy balanced and nutritious meals every day for all our students.



## Student Activities In Term 4

### Christmas Party

We held our College Christmas party on the Wednesday evening prior to Yr 11 leaving us. The students enjoyed the festive atmosphere, glorious food and fun games, The sack races between the two houses, will definitely be an annual event. Frewer House were the clear winners for 2021!

## Christmas Party continued...



## Orientation Weekend.

Our Orientation Event was a huge success where we welcomed 20 prospective students for 2022. Lots of fun was had by all, students braved the cold evening by having a night swim. Saturday saw the students going down to the beach and enjoying local outings and activities. We are looking forward to welcoming the students back with us next year.



## 100 Year Celebration

In October we celebrated 100 years in boarding at the Geraldton Residential College, and the event was enjoyed by all those that visited on the day, many thanks to Mrs Barbara Edwards who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make it such a wonderful occasion.



## SAFE WA

Over the last few months, many of our students rolled up their sleeves to get vaccinated to protect themselves, their family, and the college community! Thank you once again to the Geraldton Community Health Centre for looking after our students during this time.



## Important Dates for Term 1

Item	Details
<b>Save the Date</b>	College Orientation Weekend is on 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
<b>Student Clothing</b>	Please label all your children's clothing especially their school uniform.  Please encourage your child to check lost property on a regular basis.
<b>Prohibited Items</b>	Aerosol Cans, Energy Drinks, Caffeine Flavoured Milk, non-Eat Learn Thrive (ELT) cereals which are high in sugar content are all prohibited from the College
<b>Light's Out Policy</b>	Effective from Term 1 The new lights out policy is: Sunday to Thursday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Junior students 9:00 pm</li> <li>Senior students 9:30 pm</li> </ul> Friday to Saturday Junior & Senior students 10:00 pm  Consideration will be given to senior students who need to study outside of these times

Item	Details
<b>GRC Opens Term 1</b>	Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 9:00 am
<b>GRC Closes Term 1</b>	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 5:00 pm
<b>School Return Dates</b>	<p><b>Geraldton Grammar School</b> Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022</p> <p><b>Nagle Catholic College</b> Years 7, 11 &amp; 12 Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 Years 8, 9 &amp; 10 Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022</p> <p><b>Geraldton Senior High School</b> Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022</p> <p><b>Geraldton Christian College</b> Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022</p> <p><b>Champion Bay</b> Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022</p>
<b>Labour Day Weekend Week 5 Term 1 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b>	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2022  We encourage all our students to head home for some family time, this is not always possible for our remote students, so perhaps a local farm stay is something that you may wish to consider early.
<b>School Close Dates</b>	<b>All Schools close</b> Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022