

Geraldton Residential College

Term 3 2022 Newsletter

A note from the College Manager

FYI – College Manager's Address from Presentation Day...

We held our annual presentation day in Week 8 of this Term, whereby we celebrate boarding life in 2022 and recognise all our students. We congratulated them on their success and their contribution here at the college to make this their 'home away from home'. We specifically acknowledged and congratulated our Year 12 students with two of them being recognised as "Lifers" in our annual Award Ceremony. This year we welcomed 86 students which was a significant uplift on previous years, this did mean an allocation of additional supervisors however, given the many challenges this year we are only seeing these position filled now. This is great news for Term 4, where we are looking forward to being more proactive so that we can better meet the social needs of our students, with plenty of surf runs, local outings and a local overnight camp trip planned.

This Term we have welcomed Toni-Jane Burton and Natalie Broad to the Supervisory Team. Joanne Bradley, Alan Evans and Aika Ikegami joined our casual relief Supervisory Team, sincere thanks to all our casuals for making themselves available when needed...especially in Term 2 where at times I felt that I was leading a health facility with so many sick students and staff. Next Term we welcome Jeremy Accorato to the Supervisory team in a full-time position, we are thrilled to have him join us and it means that we

will just about have a full Supervisory Team in place for Term 4.

In June I attended the National Indigenous Education Boarding Symposium in NSW, which was an enriching cultural experience. I meet many peers from across the country and took away many learns and ideas. The time away reinforced my commitment to lead a college that embraces the values of social justice and inclusivity for all and celebrates the rich histories and culture of Indigenous Australian peoples as the oldest living culture in the world. The college was also a finalist at the Awards Ceremony for Organisational Leadership in Indigenous Boarding & Education.



The front of the college has undergone a significant make over – with our beautiful cultural artwork and our new Department of Education signage completed this Term. Sincere thanks to all the staff and students at GRC that were involved in the project, specifically Mr & Mrs Shiosaki and Mrs Baron who designed and

created the artwork and worked with our students, thanks also to Mr Williams Principal at NCC for supporting this work. Our next project is a yarnning circle which is currently under construction at the back of the college. Mr Shiosaki will work with Stephanie Brahim and our students to create a wonderful space for reflection and yarnning that the entire college community can enjoy.



The students have really enjoyed the art and craft classes we started this Term and these we will continue in Term 4. Our students did enjoy the local shows and outings that were organised. We are also working closely with Catholic Education Transition Support (TSO) team, in particular Marion and Stephanie Brahim who is the TSO for the Midwest/Pilbara region. Stephanie works with Aboriginal boarding families and has been visiting the college each week supporting their children's academic and wellbeing, she has also become a member of our LINC Committee, which will provide an Indigenous voice at the table. Stephanie, Marion and Lassmyn are working with all our Aboriginal students in the planning of our Term 4 NAIDOC Week celebrations.

This Term we farewelled Mrs Wilson and recognise her incredible contribution at the college, she is loving her new role at Moora as College Manager.

I have been well supported by Jason Driscoll who was appointed to the Senior Supervisor position earlier this year & Gary Pattenden stepped into the acting Senior Supervisor position as well. They work tirelessly alongside me to deliver the high care and service goals of the college, and I am very grateful for their support and expertise. I would also like to acknowledge and thank them both for the work they have done in ensuring that today is a success. Next Term Mrs Lynda Thompson will be acting in the role of Senior Supervisor, and I look forward to having her leading Dellahale house and taking on additional leadership responsibilities.



Thank you also to our LINC Committee who provide me with ongoing support and personal and professional guidance. I extend my gratitude also to Chloe our tutor and all the staff at our partner schools in particular our Boarding Liaison Officers and School Psychologists. Together we are committed to the continuity of student care, from the College to School and back again each day.

To the parents and carers, thank you for choosing us to care for your children, they are all exceptional young people and if they leave us as Respectful, Responsible and Caring young adults then we know that we have done well!

Regards,

Ruth Davis

Student Wellbeing Activities In Term 3

2022 Presentation Day

We held our Annual Presentation Day where students were awarded for making positive choices whilst being Respectful, Responsible and Caring throughout the year.



Annual Trip to the Chapman Valley and Mullewa Agricultural Shows

This term we took a group of students to the Annual Mullewa & Chapman Valley Agricultural Shows, the students had a great time exploring all there was to see and do! We are not sure who had the best time, the students or Mr Shiosaki!



College Gym

Our students are making good use of the gym that was refurbished late last year, with students using the gym most evenings!



Cultural Artwork

This term Mrs Micelle Shiosaki and Mrs Jasmine Baron and students from both Nagle Catholic College and GRC completed this exceptional artwork.

It is difficult to express how very grateful we are! The project has been a culmination of planning and contribution from many staff and students, with Michael our gardener cleaning and preparing the wall, and Mr Shiosaki and GRC students painting the canvas ready for Mrs Shiosaki and Mrs Baron to paint this cultural masterpiece!



Cultural Needs

Stephanie and Marion from CEWA will visit the college throughout Term 4 working on activities and projects that are student led. We are so excited about this partnership with CEWA and together with Mr. Shiosaki, our Aboriginal Support Officer we look forward to meeting the cultural needs of ALL our Aboriginal students at GRC together 🤝



Maitland Park Fairground

28 students braved the cold and went down to Maitland Park to spend some time at the annual fairground, we also welcomed Mr Alan Evans to the Supervisory casual relief team. Alan is a PE teacher at CBSHS and we are thrilled to have him onboard!



Things to Note for Term 4

Event	Details
In the dining room Lets be - Respectful, Responsible & Caring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure your technology is left in room/basket at mealtimes Clear away dishes and push chairs in as you leave the table Be responsible for picking up dropped items and cleaning up any spillages Wear footwear in the dining room and kitchen Practice good hand hygiene Please note that 2-minute noodles can only be consumed in the main dining room Perform rostered duties without complaint Reduce waste Remove hat before entering dining room
Student Clothing	Please label all your children's clothing especially their school uniform. Please encourage your child to check the lost property on a regular basis
Junk Food	May we ask the parents to support us in educating your children to make healthy food choices and limit the amount of "junk food " they are consuming especially 2-minute noodles
Prohibited Items	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
Light's Out Policy	The lights out policy is as follows Sunday to Thursday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior students 9:00 pm Senior students 9:30 pm Friday to Saturday Junior & Senior students 10:00 pm Consideration will be given to Senior students who need to study outside of these times

You lose your key...it creates a fee...

Important Dates for Term 4

Event	Details
GRC Opens for Term 4	Sunday 9 October 2022 @ 3:00 pm
Geraldton Senior High School	School starts Monday 10 October 2022 School ends Thursday 15 December 2022
Nagle Catholic College	School starts Tuesday 11 October 2022 School ends Friday 9 December 2022
Geraldton Christian College	School starts Monday 10 October 2022 School ends Wednesday 7 December 2022
Geraldton Grammar School	School Tuesday 11 October 2022 School ends Friday 9 December 2022
Champion Bay Senior High School	School starts Monday 10 October 2022 School ends Thursday 15 December 2022
Orientation Day	Friday 28 October to Saturday 29 October 2022
GRC Closes for Term 4	Thursday 15 December 2022 @ 5:00 pm