

Moora Residential College

Term 4 2023 Newsletter

A note from the College Manager

Dear parents, carers, and friends of MRC,

Goodness 2023 has flown past, it is hard to believe that we are again at the end of another year.

I would like to thank the MRC supervisory team; they are an amazing team led by Jasmine our Senior Supervisor and the ancillary team led by Joanne, you are all so very good and come with a can-do attitude.

To our parents: THANK YOU for entrusting your children to us to care for, we all LOVE our jobs, and we take the responsibility very seriously. To our students: thank you for the days that are always changing to keep us on our toes.

Our activities have been amazing this year, keeping students engaged every weekend. Sometimes there are students that say they are bored or "I don't want to do that" - we understand that gaming is an activity, but getting outside is good for everyone.

We have had many fun activities:

- The MRC My Kitchen Rules - which saw some wonderful food being cooked.
- Artwork, arts, and crafts.
- Baking, which from that we took some homemade biscuits to the local Lodge (Aged Care) and the students visited with the elderly.
- Chess competition, students learnt how to play chess and quickly worked out which supervisors they could beat at a game of chess.



- We celebrated NAIDOC week which was full of activities, a wonderful dinner and we lit the firepit in the new Yarning circle.

During this year we committed as a college to giving back to the community as they had all given up so much to save our college back in 2018. This is how this looked with the following activities:

- Cleaning up at the Museum gardens - the Museum volunteers really enjoyed having the students helping them out and the students did a great job and were spoilt with wonderful morning teas.
- Students helped to cook sausages for the rejuvenation of Apex Park which was a gathering for the Yued people who are the local Aboriginal people of Moora.
- Students helped to run the children's fun activity at the local Moora Show in partnership with the P&C from Central Midlands Senior High School.

We received great feedback. It is lovely to be able to give back to our community. The past 12 months have seen several changes around the college.

With the way the world is now, I will leave you with these thoughts as we farewell our Year 12's... all the very best to you, don't be strangers, pop back and see us, we love hearing what you are up to, be very proud of all that you have achieved in your school days.

How to become better every day!!

Become more observant, notice everything that surrounds you.

The world is full of examples, ideas, words, wisdom, mistakes, and experiences. Collect ideas, ideas tend to evaporate from your mind too fast.

Try to capture them before it is too late, write them down, draw them, take a picture.

Put down your phones, the one thing that has become a tool has also become a weapon at times, don't be so quick to answer a call or text, let your mind rest for a while.

Let's learn how to communicate by talking to each other again. Most importantly appreciate what you have right in front of you, it can all change very quickly.

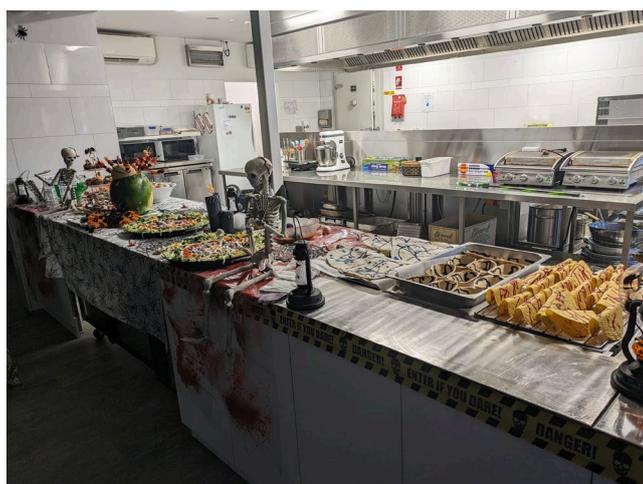
From the MRC team we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Happy Halloween!

MRC staff and students enjoyed decorating, baking, crafting, trick or treating for Halloween this year. We crafted up some very cute looking bats, decorated the foyer and dining room, baked, and decorated 178 Halloween cookies, gifted some of those cookies to the Frail Aged Lodge residents, staff at the Moora Hospital. A group of staff and students hit the town Halloween evening for some trick or treating fun, the Moora community did not disappoint!

A few staff and students stayed back at the college to hand treats out and see all the dressed-up families. On return to the college, we received our biggest treat yet, a Halloween feast lovingly created by Jo and Gillian. We all had a lot of fun and can't wait to do it all again next year.



Presentation Ceremony



Congratulations to our 2023 Award winners!

Dormitory Award

Junior – Max Van Voorst and Mackenzie Hall

Senior – Leon Pastoors and Shonnay Robbins

Supervisors Award – Eugene Crawford and Mackenzie Hall

Sports Award - Ashton George and Kayzliyhana Tauariki

Academic Award - Cameron Turner

Citizenship Award – Alivia Hall

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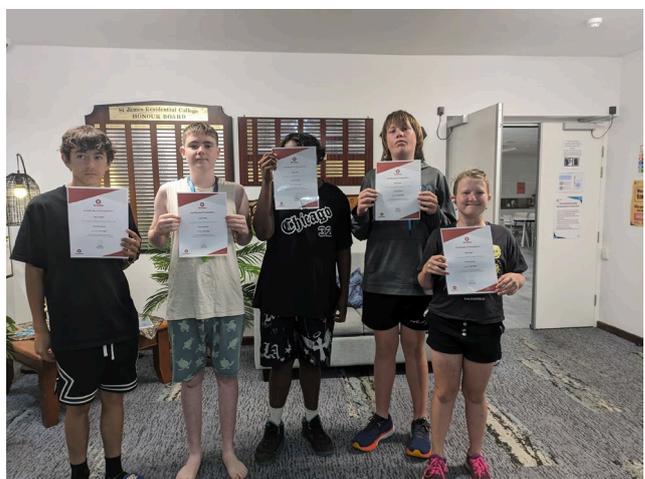
Student of the Year – Teagan Crawford

Head students for 2024 – Boyd Dunham and Charlotte Hillard



First Aid Course

Our students took part in a two day first aid course this term organised by the wonderful Ms. Harvey and instructed by Chris Lim from St John of God. This was a fantastic experience for the students who participated and will prove to be vital knowledge for them for the future.

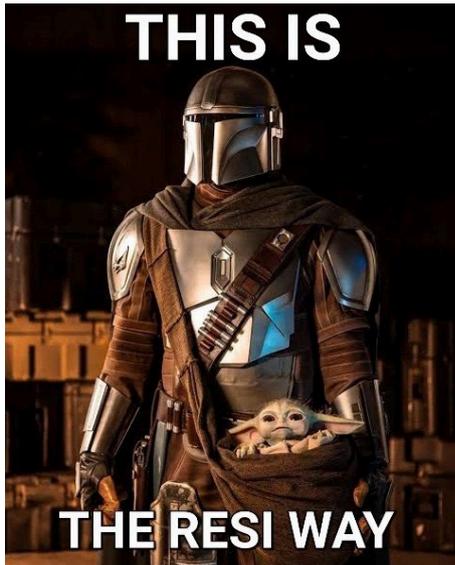


The RESI way..

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Safety
Independence

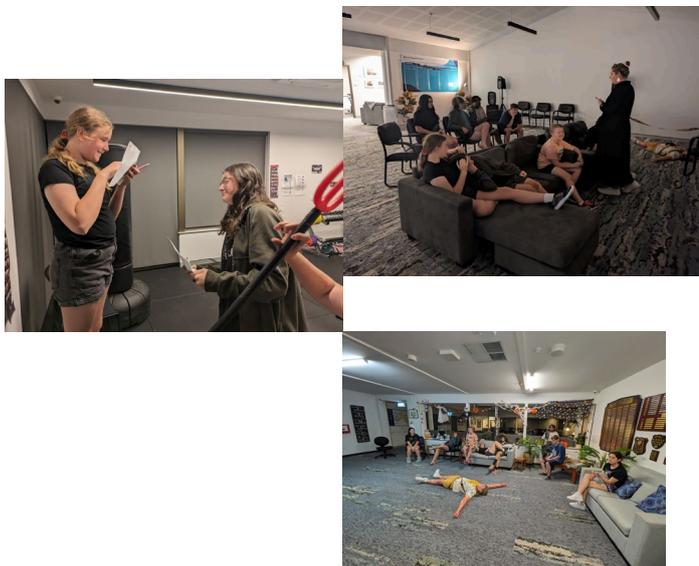
Reminding students about the behaviour around the college.



College Activities

Cluedo

Miss Porter hosted a live game of Cluedo, the Friday afternoon before Halloween. Students had to work in pairs and move around the college finding clues and asking other teams questions to solve the crime.



Our trip to Adventure World!

On November 25th we all headed down to Adventure World for our final excursion of the year. We had a blast and had lots of fun! The rides were great and we got to spend some quality time with our friends. We made sure to Slip, Slop and Slap as it was a really hot day!

Thanks to Miss Porter, Mr Kingston and Mrs Kohlen for taking us on such a wonderful experience!



Ready Steady Cook!



“Oh, what a night”
Mid-September back in 23....

Wow! Our Ready Steady Cook Grand Finale went off with a bang! 6 teams competed for the title and plated up two dishes.

One recipe “The Chapman Slice” (a sweet chocolate and coconut slice named after none other than our resident Doctor – Dr. Chapman)!!!! The other dish was a “Gourmet Pie – no recipe given – the teams had to create their award-winning pie using a surprise box of ingredients. This challenge REALLY forced each team to their limits and required a great deal of thought and teamwork – there were two proteins of chicken and beef mince – this was their basis – the rest was up to them!



Three judges were called in to taste and deliver their verdict. We had Jo Trip (our resident college cook), our College Manager Mrs Anne-Marie Wilson and Tina from the local French Café “Jeanne D’Moore”.



The judges really had their work cut out for them and the final decision of declaring a winning team would not have been an easy one.

Justice and Max were named our Ready Steady Cook Grand Final winners for 2023, followed closely by two teams gaining 2nd and 3rd equal place – Teagan and Kayzli and Cameron and Gus.



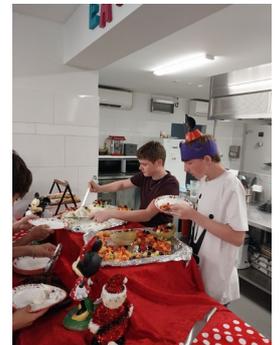
Congratulations to all competing teams, you made us all so very proud! It was a special night and an activity we can't wait to do again next year!

We would be up for the challenge if any other Residential Boarding Colleges would like to get involved in this fun activity in 2024.

Christmas Party!

On December 6th we held our annual Christmas Party here at the college. This year's theme was Disney and what a joy it was to see everyone turn out in their best Disney costume

Many thanks to our cook Jo, Gillian and Noi for the amazing meal they prepared for us, everyone loved it and had a fantastic time!



Staff Movements

We would like to welcome Jessica Carter to the MRC family as our new Manager Corporate Services (MCS).

Jess is settling into her new role at the college very well and is enjoying getting to know the students and staff.



Our new weekend Cook is Noi Stoner. She joined the team at the beginning of Term 4 and her food is amazing. Noi always has a smile and is happy to help wherever she can.



Debbi Burnett, our cleaner is retiring at the finish of this term. Debbi has been at MRC for 7.5 years and we will miss her. We wish Debbi a very happy retirement.

What to bring in Term 1

EVERY ARTICLE OF CLOTHING MUST PLEASE BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH IT'S OWNER'S NAME.

SUMMER WEAR

Please remember to bring back lighter clothing for the warmer days and nights. Make sure that you pack your beach towel, bathers, sunscreen and rashies, as they are required to be worn in the College pool.

Please ensure that your student brings a water bottle back to the college with them.

School Uniforms

In conjunction with **CMSHS** we are ensuring that all students are wearing correct school uniform, please ensure your student has the correct school uniform.

Also please make sure your student has all pens, pencils, rulers, and other stationery required for schoolwork to help them be ready for their school day

GENERAL

NO aerosol cans are to be kept in the students' rooms; they need to be handed into the Supervisors!

NO electric blankets/heaters or fans are allowed to be brought in from home. All the students' rooms are air-conditioned/heated.

Please ensure that your child returns to the college with a drink bottle.

If you are sending an email regarding fees or accounts to the MCS please forward to our new email

moorarescol.admin@education.wa.edu.au



Important Dates for Term 4

Event	Details
MRC closes for Term 4	Thursday 14th December at 5:00pm.
MRC opens for Term 1, 2024.	Tuesday 30 th January at 9:00am. Please return all signed BAHA forms for 2024 along with the AIC letter of approval from Centrelink.
Central Midlands Senior High School	School starts Wednesday 31 st January 2024.
MRC closes for Term 1, 2024	Thursday 6 th April at 5:00pm.
Save the Date:	MRC 50 th Anniversary, will be held at the college in partnership with CMSHS over the weekend of the 22 nd - 23 rd November 2024.

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