



NEWSLETTER, TERM 1 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thurs 1 April: College closes 5.00 pm for Term 1 Break

Mon 19 April: College reopens 2.00pm for students to return .

Tues 20 April: Term 2 commences.

Sun 25 April: ANZAC Day

Mon 26 April: ANZAC Public Holiday

Sat 22 May: Ten Pin Bowling Excursion

Mon 7 June: WA Day Public Holiday.

Fri 2 July: College closes 5.00 pm for Term 2 Break.

IMPORTANT RE EXCURSIONS/CAMPS:

Deadlines for payment and permission are set well in advance. For future excursions students will be required to have their payments and permissions in by the deadline or unfortunately will miss the event. Due to increased boarding numbers and the limited number of seats on the buses priority will be given to the first permissions and payments received for any given event .

CONTACT DETAILS:

Phone: 08 96539700

Excursions/Emergency ah: 0467811683

Email: Moora.ResCol@education.wa.edu.au

Web: www.education.wa.edu.au/mooraresidentialcollege/home

Manager: Kevin Hurley

Snr Supervisor: Trevor Johnston

Admin/Finance Officer: Lynne Hurley

PLEASE NOTE: THE PREFERRED METHOD OF CONTACT FOR ALL PERMISSIONS AND QUESTIONS IS VIA THE COLLEGE EMAIL (LISTED ABOVE). ALL SUPERVISORY STAFF HAVE ACCESS TO THIS MAILBOX.

MANAGER'S MESSAGE:

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Despite some teething problems with the new building the first term has gone reasonably smoothly. Boarders are enjoying the newfound space, amenities and relative luxury of the new surrounds. During the remainder of 2021 we will be purchasing new gymnasium equipment, microwaves for breakout spaces and other items for boarder use. The first purchase was a new pool table in February which has had a very solid workout over the last month.

Boarding numbers are presently 43. This will have its challenges, one of which is that our buses can only accommodate 36 boarders (upon arrival of our new 12 seater capacity will be reduced to 34) so we will not be able to take all boarders on excursions. I ask all parents / caregivers to take note of excursion requirements listed opposite.

The official opening of the refurbished building was held on 3rd of March. As we were, and still are, on Stage IV COVID restrictions our ability to invite guests was very limited. The dimensions of our recreation area only allowed for 70 persons. Having 43 boarders in residence, 10 staff in attendance and representatives of government and the Education Department, left me no room to manoeuvre. I apologise to the many parents, both current and previous, and the many supporters who helped keep Moora Residential College alive. We do intend holding an open day when everyone can tour the facility as soon as restrictions are lifted. I was a bit disappointed that mediums such as Facebook were used to convey some people's disappointment. I would have been happy to discuss the situation should the phone have been picked up.

Thank you to all parents who have supplied their Centrelink AIC Statement. This matter is now very urgent —anyone who has not yet supplied this information please either email it to the residential college email address, or return it with your child at the commencement of Term 2.

Finally, a very big thank you to Tom Morrissey who has been with us this term whilst Gary Kingston took well earned LSL.

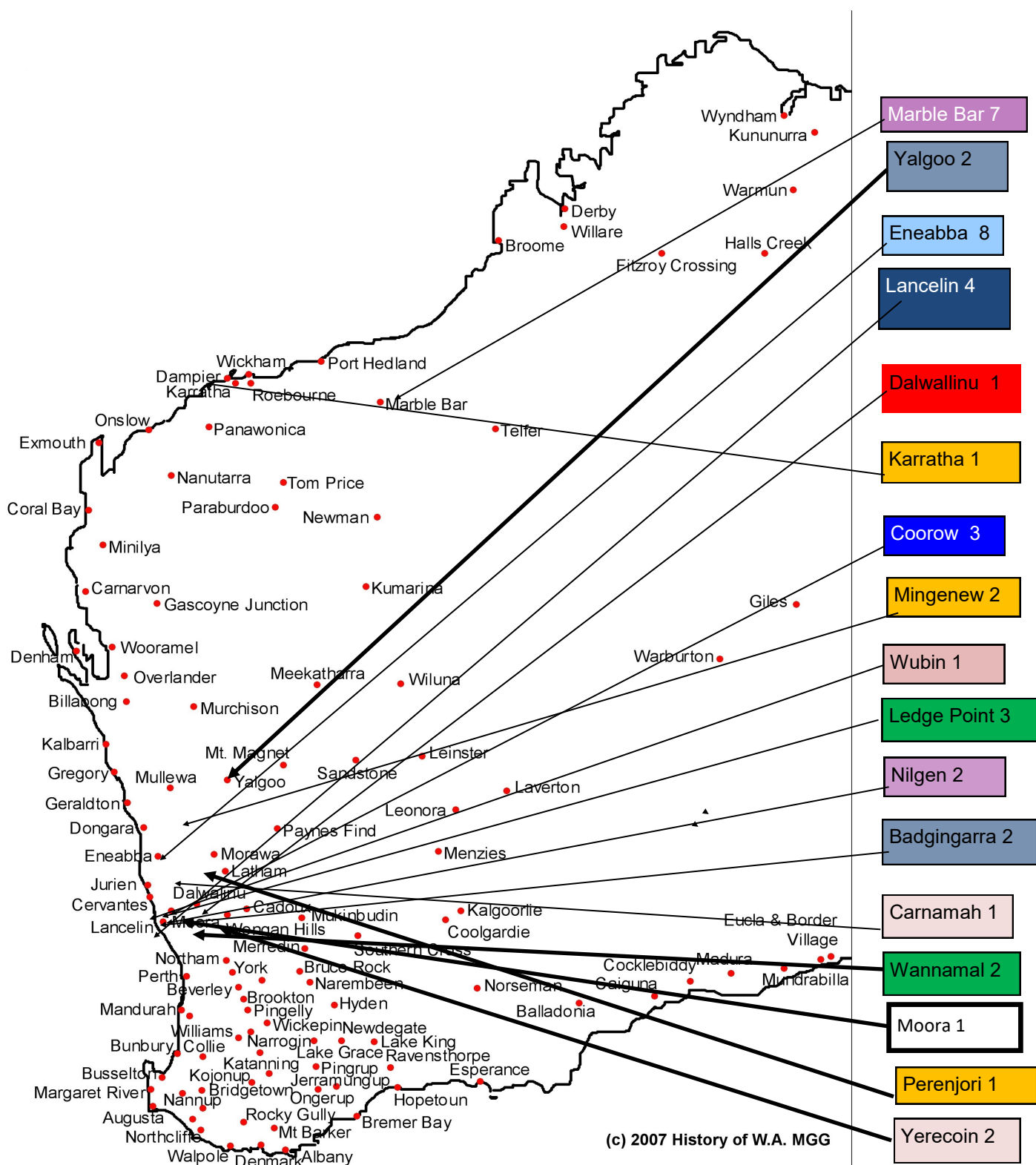
I wish all boarders a safe and enjoyable term break.

Regards

KEVIN HURLEY

COLLEGE MANAGER.

Where do we come from?



Moora Residential College finished Term 1, 2021 with 43 students. Currently the boys' wing has very limited availability so if you have a son intending to commence at MRC in future and have not yet submitted an Application for Residency this should be done without delay to avoid disappointment.

OPENING OF REFURBISHED MRC

On 3 March Moora Residential College's refurbished facilities were officially opened by Hon Melissa Price MP, Federal Member for Durack. The project was funded under the Federal Community Development Grants Programme and included the demolition of ageing student dormitories, and the construction of new recreational and accommodation facilities, and a new kitchen and laundry. We can now house up to 50 students at a time in state of the art facilities. Due to COVID-19 level 4 restrictions we were unable to have the large celebration we had hoped for, nevertheless it was a wonderful celebration. We will be holding an open house once restrictions are lifted to enable us to properly thank the wider community for their support.



Our new sign was installed just in time for the Opening!



Thank you to Cheryl Chipper for her Acknowledgment of Country



Supervisor Leanne Harvey, and Year 12 boarders Jacob Bronickis and Tasmin Mackay performed the National Anthem.



Melissa Price expressed her delight at having played a role in securing the funding for the project.



COVID restrictions limited attendance at the function.



WE MADE IT! Unveiling the plaque with Ms Price is Kevin Hurley, Manager MRC.



Ian Williams, Dept of Finance (BMW); Colin Armstrong, Architect; Daniel Sudlow, Manager Residential Colleges; Peter Robertson, Senior Project Officer Capital Works and Maintenance DOE.



What it was all about!! Our boarders celebrating with Melissa Price.

Meet the Staff...

We have been fortunate in receiving an increase in supervisory staff FTE for 2021 and beyond. A merit selection process was held over the Christmas vacation period and we welcomed 3 new staff members who commenced at the end of January: Ms Leanne Harvey, Ms Annie Kohlen and Mr Travis Howe. All three new recruits bring new skills and interest to the supervisory team. A brief article about each of the new supervisors will be published in coming newsletters.

New supervisor, **Leanne Harvey**, is a qualified music teacher and has been a regular relief teacher at CMSHS for 8 years. Leanne is a skilled performer and she has travelled the world with her trumpet playing. Leanne is married to Aaron, the other half of their music duo, Kokomo, and has 2 adult sons. Her interest in music is being put to good use with plans for a College band and choir! Watch this space!



Where are they now?...



Our 2020 Year 12 Boarders have moved in different directions.

Chloe (Coco) Bettell is taking a gap year prior to commencing Nursing training;

Lucy-Ann Wilson is working as a Life Guard on Christmas Island.

Alex Lewis has been keeping himself busy with casual jobs until his Cert IV Programming course starts in Semester 2;

Top Wanyu has moved to the metropolitan area and is currently working with a removalist company.

Ben Rogers has moved to South Australia;

River Richards is working at Elders in Moora.

CMSHS P&C SCHOOL BALL...

After COVID-19 caused the cancellation of the 2020 P&C School Ball, our senior boarders went all out to dress up for the 2021 Ball! Everyone had a fabulous time. Thank you to the organisers and volunteers who made this special occasion possible.



2021 Information...

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021:

Term 1: College opens 2.00 pm Sun 31 January, closes 5.00 pm Thurs 1 April.

Term 2: College opens 2.00 pm Mon 19 April, closes 5.00 pm Fri 2 July

Term 3: College opens 2.00 pm Mon 19 July, closes 5.00 pm Fri 24 September

Term 4: College opens 2.00 pm Mon 11 October, closes 5.00 pm Thurs 16 December

Moora Residential College has new phone numbers: **1. 96539700 (landline)** - this is the number you will most frequently call. **2.** The College now has a mobile number **0467811683**—this is an EMERGENCY after lights out number, and the phone number to call to communicate with staff conducting an excursion.

BOARDING FEES

2021 Boarding Fees remain the same as 2020. The parent portion of the fees is payable in 3 equal instalments at the beginning of each of Terms 1, 2 and 3 unless other arrangements have been made with the Manager.

Communicating with the College.

Staff at the college have varying shift times, and are sometimes either on leave or absent. The preferred method of communication for non-urgent matters will continue to be by email to the shared mailbox **Moora.ResCol@education.wa.edu.au**. All supervisory and Administration staff, along with the Manager, have access to this mailbox and therefore your request can be dealt with in a timely manner.

During 2021 the **Reach Boarding System** for parents and guardians requesting leave for boarders will be put into place. In the meantime **all leave of any type MUST be emailed to the Moora.ResCol@education.wa.edu.au** address. Telephone requests will not be acceptable.

HANDBOOK.

The new handbook is available on our website.....