

Geraldton Residential College

Term 3 2021 Newsletter

Message from the College Manager

FYI – Presentation Day Address Friday 10th September...Welcome students, families and invited guests to our annual college presentation day. Firstly, I too would like to acknowledge the Southern Jamitija People who are the traditional owners of the land in which we meet today, and show my respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and acknowledge the work of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians in the education of our children.



Most of you may not know that this year the Geraldton Residential College celebrates 100 years of boarding. We will be holding a celebration

event on Sunday 10th October, so look out for more news on this event.

Today we celebrate boarding life in 2021 and recognise all our students. We congratulate them on their successes and their contribution here at the college to make this their 'home away from home'. We specifically acknowledge and congratulate our Year 12 students with two of them being recognised as "Lifers" in the Award Ceremony today.

Sometimes we have sick kids, cranky kids, happy kids, and homesick kids which makes me think that we are just one big happy dysfunctional college family! These moments allow me to reflect on the many wonderful memories of college life this year, with busy mornings and afternoons just the norm as staff support them all to achieve their educational and personal goals. I love the visits up the corridor to my office daily by many students and I am humbled that they want to share their stories, troubles, or requests with me. We can never underestimate the gift of 'self', and just being present and available for young people as they navigate life has an enormous impact on promoting positive wellbeing.

I love this quote by Rita Pierson (American Black Woman and Educator) who said that "Every kid needs a champion" and they do...that is our role here at the college to be that champion, providing high care and support every day. We promote positive behaviours through our Positive Behaviour Support Program, and we will also celebrate this later in our PBS Award Prize Bonanza.

So far this year we have given out 932 PBS tickets, congratulations to the following top 5 students

Student	# Of Tickets
Ben Sellenger	68
Rohan Trigg	60
Summer Parker	46
Matilda Criddle	44
Addison Moses	42

Students can cash in their rewards for a variety of rewards, with each reward going into the Annual Draw on PresentationDay.

I am proud of the investments made at the college this year, all of which support student wellbeing and safety.

- X 2 10-seater College Vans – (our old ones are up for sale so please see me if you need a 14-seater bus or two) after the event
- Replaced 96 student desk chairs
- Replaced every common room lounges too
- Fitted out a commercial gym
- Commbox – events, study time, student quiz nights and the list of uses is endless

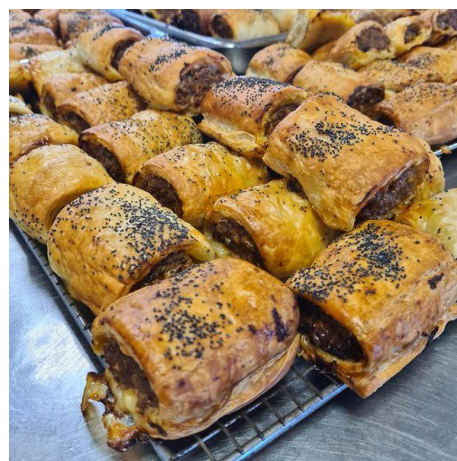
Thank you to the Supervisory and Ancillary Teams who work with me to provide 24/7 care to the students entrusted into our care, it is a privilege that we never take for granted. Shout out to Mrs Edwards who works tirelessly behind the scenes managing all the finance and administration.

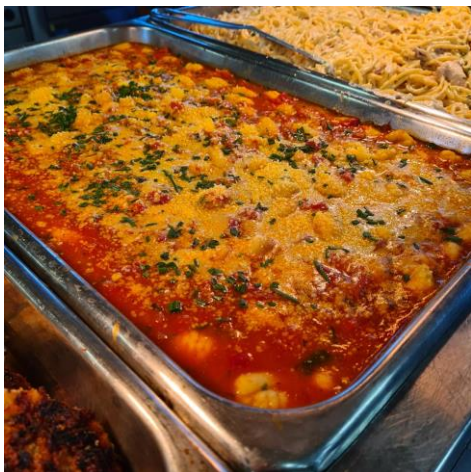


To my trusty sidekick, Mrs Wilson who supports me in my vision for every child to achieve a quality education in a safe, caring, and nurturing environment, a heartfelt thanks. Thank you also to our LINC Committee who provide me with ongoing support, personal and professional guidance. I extend my gratitude also to all the staff of our partner school in particular our Boarding Liaison Officers and School Psychologists. Together we are committed to 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 children, they are all AMAZING!

From the Kitchen to the Table

Our College Chef Joy does an amazing job preparing healthy balanced and nutritious meals every day





Student Activities In Term 3

Creative Cooking Classes

Our new female boarding supervisor Ms Ashleigh Smith is pictured in the kitchen with Evie and Darcy mixing up our tasty afternoon tea over the weekend.

Ashleigh joins the GRC supervisory team and brings with her many years experience as an Education Assistant from Allendale Primary School. There is nothing quite like some fresh home made scones served with jam and cream for afternoon tea.



Camping Trip to Galena Bridge, Murchison River

In week five Mr Andrew Driscoll & Ms Tia Juantika hosted a very successful college camp excursion to Galena Bridge by the Murchison River.

The weather was terrific and perfect for lots of outdoor adventure this weekend. I am sure an extension by one day would have been most welcomed by all students!! This way there would have more time for snorkelling, fishing, bush walking and cooking yummy food over a campfire



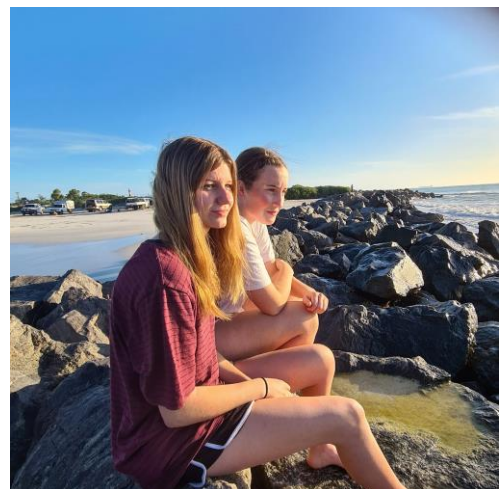


Afternoon Beach Walks & Swim

Fred Chris & Kade catch some waves at Pages Beach! A cheeky mid-week swim is a nice way to refresh after a busy day at school.



As summer is approaching the students are testing out their surfing skill in preparation for next term! If not surfing, why not soak up the sun and enjoy the beach views we have here in Geraldton



Naidoc Week

We celebrated NAIDOC Week at GRC. We kindly acknowledge the work that Mr Lassmyn & Mrs Michelle Shiosaki & Mr Jason Driscoll did in the lead-up to the event, it was a huge success!

NAIDOC week honours the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples.



2021 Presentation Day



Supervisor Award – Molly Vlahov & Isabella Tomlinson



Academic Award – Rohan Trigg



Citizenship Award – Sophie Batten



Arts/Music Award – Keshi Boase



Frewer House Award – Ben Sellenger



Dellahale House Award – Latisha Excell



Frewer House Award – Chris Sesar-Daublin



Manager's Award – Thomas Kitto



Junior Sports Boy – Jayden Le Roux



Senior Sports Girl – Isabella Tomlinson



Junior Sports Girl – Hayley Criddle



Head Students 2022 – Sophie Batten, Brooke Curtis & Kyle Dobney



Senior Sports Boy – Kyle Dobney

2021 Year 12's

We bid farewell to our Year 12 students, Connor Fogarty, Blake Hathaway, Betty Steer and Cazsper Vigolo, We wish them all the best in their future endeavours!



Things to Note for Term 4

Event	Details
Save the Date	The College's Orientation Day is on 29 th October 2021 @ 4:00 pm
Student Clothing	<p>Please label all your children's clothing especially their school uniform.</p> <p>Please encourage your child to check lost property on a regular basis.</p>
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	<p>Effective from Term 4,</p> <p>The new lights out policy will be Sunday to Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior students 9:00 pm Senior students 9:30 pm <p>Friday to Saturday</p> <p>Junior & Senior students 10:00 pm</p> <p>Consideration will be given to Senior students who need to study outside of these times</p>

Important Dates for Term 4

Event	Details
GRC Opens Term 4	Sunday 10 th October 2021 @ 3:00 pm
GRC Closes Term 4	Thursday 16 th December 2021 @ 5:00 pm
School Return Dates	<p>Geraldton Grammar School Tuesday 12th October 2021</p> <p>Nagle Catholic College Monday 11th October 2021</p> <p>Geraldton Senior High School Tuesday 12th October 2021</p>
100 Years of Boarding at Geraldton Residential College	Sunday 10 th October 2021 @ 12:00pm
College Orientation Day	29 – 30 October 2021 (Overnight stay)
School Close Dates	<p>Geraldton Grammar School Thursday 9th December 2021</p> <p>Nagle Catholic College Friday 10th December 2021</p> <p>Geraldton Senior High School Thursday 16th December 2021</p>