



Principal's Report



I would like to take the opportunity of thanking all staff, students and families for another fantastic year. We have improved in our Attendance Data for the 6th year in a row which has taken a team effort by the college and families to ensure students get to school each day. We also saw improvement in our NAPLAN data in 2016 with all areas tested showing greater progress than that of Like – Schools. An increased number of school leavers have enrolled in University for 2017 in either direct entry or through bridging courses, which again shows the

ability of our students to achieve to a very high standard. We wish them the best of luck into the future.

As you will see throughout this newsletter, there has been a great deal going on this term which has complimented the learning programs of our students. It is important that our students are given the opportunity to enhance their learning and our staff work very hard to provide these opportunities. There have been a number of camps and excursions off site this year and I have received praise for the behaviour and manners of our students from the public.

I have been busily reading end of year reports the last couple of days and I must say how impressed I am with the achievements of the majority of our students. It is clear that most are placing a high importance on their learning and are providing themselves the best chance of success into the future. I would like to congratulate those students on their efforts.

As we draw closer to the Christmas break, I would like to wish all staff, students and their families a Merry Christmas and hope that you all have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Ms. Vicki McKeown
Principal

**Merry
Christmas**

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"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do.

So throw off the bowlines.

Sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails.

Explore. Dream. Discover."

Mark Twain



Inspire Academy Camp 2016

On October 19 until October 21, the Inspire students were on camp at Bayview Geographe Resort in Busselton. We didn't get to the activities because of the horrible weather. My favourite part was hanging out with McKenzie, Tegan and Ashleigh on the last night. It was an awesome camp and I can't wait until next year's camp.

Ashley- Student

I am a part of Coodanup's one and only Inspire Academy. We went to Busselton on our end of year camp. During the three days and two night long camp, we stayed at Bayview Geographe Bay Resort in Busselton. We went shopping, swimming, had a BBQ and overall it was a wonderful camp. It was completely amazing seeing the looser side of the teachers, but it was also really fun for me seeing my mates relax. I made many friends on this camp; friendships I think will last a long time. I would really like to thank all of the teachers (especially Chris) for an amazing camp.

Student

On Wednesday 19 October 2016, Mrs Bennett, Ms Campbell, Mrs Muir and Mr de Fries took the Year 7-10 Inspire students to Busselton for the Inspire camp. We were there for 2 nights and 3 days.

We arrived at the Busselton Resort around 12pm. We grabbed our luggage off the bus and we went to our villas. For lunch we had salad rolls and fruit and for our drinks we could have orange juice or water. After lunch, we went back to our villas and got ready to go to Busselton Jetty. In the afternoon we went to the Busselton Jetty and then into town to go shopping. After shopping, we went back to Busselton Jetty and sat on the foreshore and waited for our fish and chips to cook. While we were waiting for our food, it started to rain. We got our food and went back to the resort and ate our food there.

The next morning we woke at 7am and got ready for breakfast. For breakfast we had a choice to bacon, scrambled eggs, toast, fruit and cereal. For our drinks we could have orange juice or water. After breakfast, we went back to our villas and got ready

to go for a swim. We went swimming in the indoor heated swimming pool. After we swam, we went back to our villas and got ready for lunch. For lunch we had salad rolls and fruit. After lunch, Mr de Fries took the kids that wanted to go to the shops into town. For dinner we had a BBQ: we had the choice of hot dogs or chicken burgers. We also had fruit and muffins.

On the morning of 21 October, we woke up at 7am and got ready for breakfast. After breakfast, we went back to our villas, got our bags ready. At around 9:30am, we locked up our villas and put our luggage on the bus. On the way home we stopped at the Bunbury Shopping Centre. We had lunch and after lunch, we went shopping. After we sent shopping, we went back to the bus and headed back to school. At 2pm we arrived back at the college.

Thank you to Mrs Bennett for organising the camp, and looking after all of us during the trip. We had a great time. Also thank you to Ms Campbell, Mrs Muir and Mr de Fries for being our guardians while we were in Busselton and making it fun for us.



Canberra Tour 2016

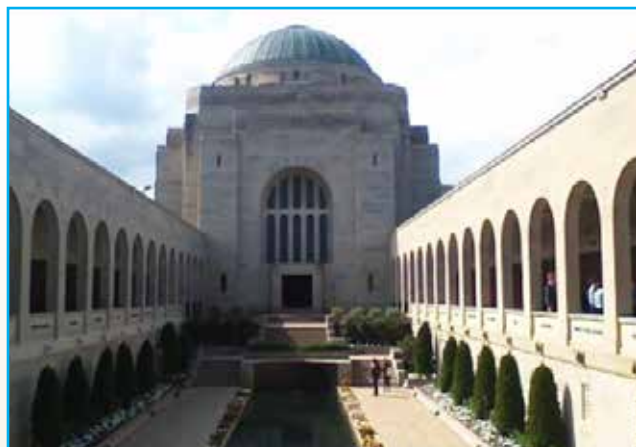
On Monday 28 November, 8 excited Year 10 and Year 11 students and two teachers met at Perth Domestic Airport to embark on our tour of Sydney/Canberra.

We arrived into Sydney for our first days tour of the scenic, iconic tourist like places, e.g. the Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge before we headed off to our accommodation at Ibis Styles Eaglehawk, in Canberra.

After a short nights rest we began a whirlwind four days of exploring Canberra. Students visited Parliament House, the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial, educational activities at the Australian Electoral Commission and Old Parliament House.

On Friday 2 December was our last day in Canberra. We were up very early, packing up our gear and see the last sights of Canberra before we departed for our long trip home.

Chris Bennett Inspire Academy Coordinator



Murdoch University TLC (Learning for Tomorrow) 2016

At the beginning of the school year, nine Year 12 students were fortunate to be given the opportunity to attend a course that would help them reach a potential goal of an entryway into university.

These Year 12 students were selected to represent Coodanup College. During the program, students were given units of work that focuses on critical thinking, how to write an essay at university level and learn how to reference their work on

different topics. Students also studied different categories of work, including an essay of 1500 words and an oral presentation.

I wish each student the best of luck for their results in TLC.

Chris Bennett
Inspire Academy Coordinator



Inspire Academy Lego Robotic Team

In August this year, 3 teams represented Coodanup College in Robocup Junior, which was held at Curtin University, Bentley Campus and competed in the Robocup dance competition against several other schools from around Western Australia.

The Lego Robotic Team built their own robots and programmed them to dance. Each Tuesday after school, students stay behind to work on their robots, problem solve and create a robot while having the opportunity to be mentored by a Murdoch University student.



Our Robotic team did well. Out of 28 teams completing from schools all over Western Australia, the Inspire Lego Robotic team came 9th, 11th and 15th.

Congratulations to all teams who put in a lot of hours after school and I'm really proud of their achievements.

Chris Bennett
Inspire Academy Coordinator



News from the Inspire Academy

All students in the Inspire Academy have worked hard this year and now they are all starting to prepare themselves for 2017.

Tears were flowing when the Year 12 Inspire Students left Coodanup College to embark on their new adventures. I wish them well in their new journey at University or TAFE.

Inspire interviews have commenced; I have been busy interviewing students from the Network schools and Coodanup students, also talking to their parents/guardians about the expectations of the Inspire Academy. Inspire Academy has three criteria areas: Learning, Attendance 90% and above and behaviour. To date, there are 77 students in the Inspire Academy and the numbers are growing.

A big thank you goes to Mrs Vicki Muir for coming on board and helping me out in the Inspire Academy. Vicki has been a great asset and I would not have been able to achieve all of outcomes and challenges given to me.

Lastly, I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Chris Bennett Inspire Academy Coordinator

Alcoa – Goals 4 Girls News

We have had a very busy year in the Alcoa Goals 4 Girls program. The program worked on a four domain structure where the students engaged in activities for themselves, for the school, for the community and for the environment.



First and second term, the Year 7 and 8 students participated in Zumba with our external instructor Daele. They also learned more about themselves doing About Me activities and team building games. For the environment they made a junk journal out of recycled arts, crafts and household items. At the beginning of the year the school was running the Litter Leaders program, which the girls participated in for one recess or lunch across the term.

During Semester Two we have been just as busy. The Year 8 girls worked with Landcare and engaged in some activities in our local environment near the school. As part of a reward and an opportunity for the girls to engage in activities out of their comfort zone and meet students participating in the program from all the year groups, 40 of our students went on a two day camp at Fairbridge Village. They participated in abseiling, the amazing race, trust games and various other activities.

The Year 7 girls ran a school lapathon with fairy floss, snow cones and a sausage sizzle to raise funds for Relay for Life. The Year 7s are also currently finishing filling 11 shoeboxes with gifts that have been kindly donated by our school and wider community as part of the Operation Christmas Child Project for the Good Samaritans. These presents will be sent to children in poverty around the world, who live in extreme desperate situations to give them some hope and joy at Christmas time. Lastly our Year 7s and 8s having been practicing very hard for the past 5 weeks to perform at the Living Water's Church Carols by Candlelight on Saturday night.

Throughout the year our Year 9 and 10 students have participated in yarnning circles, various craft activities and just this term looked at beauty therapies making their own creams, soaps and candles.

We are very proud of all the work our Alcoa Goals 4 Girls students have done this year and look forward to the new Year 7s joining us in 2017.

Outstanding Fees

The year is coming to a close and this is a reminder to Parents & Carers that all outstanding fees and charges for students must now be paid. We now have EFTPOS onsite for ease of payment and payment can also be made directly to our bank account. ANZ Bank BSB: 016 742 ACC: 4395 00159 Please quote student surname and year as reference.

Secondary Assistance Scheme

The Western Australian Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs.

Parents/guardians must apply for the Secondary Assistance Scheme each school year (annually) and applications do not carry forward to future years.

To be eligible for the allowance the parent/guardian must hold a Department of Human Services (Centrelink) or Veteran's Affairs card that represents a statement of income for the family.

The allowance consists of two components:

- \$115 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the parent/guardian or the school.
- \$235 Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the school.

Application is made by the parent or guardian for student/s enrolled in Years 7-12 studying a full time secondary course at a Western Australian public school.

R U OK?™



R U Ok? Day has a special place in Coodanup College's heart – we understand that people have things going on in their lives that we may or may not know about. For this reason we try to make this day eventful, creating awareness around helping and caring for one another, highlighting that it is okay not to be okay, and how we can help each other. We point out that it can be as simple as asking if someone is okay, and being a listening ear.

Each year we hope to raise awareness among our staff as well as our students of the importance of supporting one another and being kind, and how simply being caring can be life changing. We held our staff R U Ok? Day the day before our student day. Shannon Le Plastrier (Youth Worker) and her students made chocolate treats for every staff member, Tracy Claydon's Year 12 Careers students



make TicTac 'R U Ok?' holders, and many students wrote personalised 'thank you' postcards to surprise each staff member and organised and placed in staff members pigeon holes by the SAER team for staff to find that morning. Our staff were then treated to a delicious lunch, organised by our school Chaplain Mel Pike, and made by the wonderful ladies at Living Waters Church.

Our student 'R U Ok?' day started off fantastically, with the SAER team meeting bright and early to prepare for the day ahead. Not far behind the SAER team was Mr Jones – who was the awesome Pikachu mascot for the morning. Coodanup College's staff then gathered in the Great Court chatting to and welcoming our students, helping to spread the message of the importance of asking 'R U Ok?', and caring for one another.



The first event was having Coastal FM's CoastCat in our Great Court, helping to start our day with some great music, sharing the day's message and crossing live with our students yelling 'R U Ok?' to the listeners. We had Callum's swerve dance moves, as well as many brightly dressed students and staff moving to the beat. We were super happy that there was some sunshine (a massive change

from last year!) – especially considering the epic feat of seven adventurous staff members going to do later on. The students then set off to class to get some all-important learning in prior to our fun filled afternoon.



At recess the students could buy ice-creams for \$1.50 from our outdoor kitchen area, dance along to Coastal FM radio, and come over to our information area that was set up under our bright yellow marquee. It was here that the students had the chance to meet and chat to our school Psychologist, Dana, and could collect information on different support services that are available to them (Hearspace, Beyond Blue, PYMS, Peel Youth Services and more). At our info booth we were spraying student's



R U OK?™

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hair yellow, and putting on temporary 'R U OK?' tattoos. Meanwhile we had Jen Davies and Seb Laughton running around the Great Court as our Pikachu mascot, which they purchased with VIVO points they earned by following our Positive Behaviour Support expectations at our College.

By the end of Period 4 we had X-Factor's Big T warming up for his performance and kicking the footy around the Great Court with some of our students. We then had students and staff gather around the stage, with parents, guardians and families coming to join in on the fun. Big T was the star of the day, talking about his journey, and how important it is to support one another and just never give up no matter how hard things seem to get. Big T and the crowd chanted 'R U OK, R U OK' together and danced along to Big T's music. Another of our stars of the day was our very own Callum Markham who even got up on stage to dance with Big T. After the performance everyone was invited to have a free hamburger

cooked on the new outdoor kitchen by our amazing Chaplain and her team of volunteers while students and guests browsed at the op-shop which was organised by Year 8 and 9 girls in Jane Timmens' Engagement Program.

The next much anticipated highlight of R U OK Day at Coodanup was when we had seven of our staff getting in the spirit to make the students laugh and have



a great time – going on the dunk tank! Even though it was a cloudy chilly day, all seven got up there and got dunked (many times!) by students who had enough VIVO points to purchase the chance to dunk their chosen teacher. Among many other students who purchased the chance to dunk a teacher, we had Brodi Stein, Aaron Haddon and Peter Dimer who purchased to dunk 5 teachers! We learnt that a lot of Coodanup students have a good throw on them – some dared to run and push the dunk button – even on our Deputy Principal, Ms Kerr! Ms Kerr, Ms Higginbotham, Mr Jones, Mr Trowbridge, Ms Gav, Ms Bradbrook-

Mann and Ms Rossow were the staff that braved the dunk tank. Big T hung around to dunk Mr Jones many more times than he was expecting, and Mr Trowbridge and Ms Kerr were smart enough to be in their wetsuits for the freezing dunking experience. Ms Bradbrook-Mann and Miss Rossow were in their bright yellow R U OK day tutu's, Miss Gav braved the dunk tank even though the weather wasn't nice – which was her condition of being dunked!

After R U OK Day, the SAER team did a survey on what the students thought of the day, which came back with the following answers:

What went well? The top two choices were the Dunk Tank and the Big T performance

What messages did you gain from the day? The most common responses were: To ask are you okay?, that talking can make a big difference, the importance of asking friends if they are okay - it can help to save a life

Where would you go if you needed support? Many of our students answered that they would: go to their parents/guardians/siblings/family, teachers/staff members, close friends or a trusted adult. This highlights the important role that all of us play in supporting our children/students/friends, and supporting one another!

SAER Team

Christmas Eve Carol Service – all welcome!!

7 PM, 24TH DECEMBER 2016

Come and celebrate the greatest true story ever told

All Ages Welcome!

Special surprise for the children!

Traditional Christmas Eve Refreshments provided

You are also very welcome to join us for Christmas Day Service: 8 am Christmas Morning.

Church of the way Coodanup: 58 Steerforth Drive Coodanup (08) 95815544



StepAthon 2016



On Friday 14 October 2016, students from two classes 7.3 and 7.4 along with staff and Justus the education dog, represented Coodanup College at the inaugural StepAthon event.

It was held at Bendigo Bank Stadium and along with other Mandurah schools from both primary and secondary sectors, the 1000 students completed laps of the oval, aiming to raise both money and awareness of good physical and mental health.

There were other fun sport clinics including Basketball, Bust A Burpees and throwing shaving foam pies at

facilitators and students. Thank you Caleb!

Step is a Mandurah based charity that support plans by funding specific programs into the schools that are based around prevention of any areas of their lives that are touched by any mental health issues. They initially funded the 3 Tier Mental Health program that runs out of the PYMS and the GP Down South which is now up and running successfully in all high schools. Step's main aim is providing programs that are educational around healthy eating, healthy minds and being part of a healthy community.

It was a fun and educational day and we will back again next year when it will be even bigger and even better.

Jane Bradbrook-Mann
Student Services Manager



Senior School Report

This Semester has been very productive in Senior School. Both Year 12 and Year 11 have worked hard to complete their final assessments for the year.

We said goodbye to our Year 12 students at our inaugural finishing ceremony in October. It was an amazing event, well supported by families. I was very proud to see our young people recognised for their achievement. They looked incredibly smart in their gowns and sashes and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

We had a huge increase in the number of students eligible for WACE achievement this year and we are predicting a steady increase in years to come. It was our first year with students graduating with ATAR English and next year we look forward to a number of students graduating with four ATAR's.

This term, students have nominated for Student Leader positions for 2017 and I was impressed by the number of students that put their hand up for consideration. All of the staff listened to them each give a speech and the quality of the presentations brought a tear to my eye. It was such a difficult job trying to choose between them. Now that we have, I am excited to see these young leaders blossom in their role. They will make fine positive role models for our younger students.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas, be safe over the holidays and I look forward to seeing you looking sharp and ready to learn next year.

Kelly Bennett
Deputy Principal



Food Technology



Food technology provides students with an opportunity to learn an extremely valuable life skill – we focus on family friendly cooking which can be sustained from Junior school right through to adulthood. Students learn to work with their peers, correct and safe use of equipment, reading and experimenting with recipes, plating up for presentation and cleaning up after themselves.

Food technology this year has been extremely busy and I believe it has been fun and enjoyable for the students involved.

We have had students enjoying their cooking classes, enjoying eating their results, and taking home treats, tastes and recipes for their families.

We have also started a Cooking Club this year – running over 10 weeks – stay tuned for the launch next year.

I hope that many of the students will bring home their Christmas cooking treats before school finishes, and indeed cook some treats they like for the family over the Christmas and holiday break.

Merry Christmas to you and your family from the Food Technology staff.

Tamara Gavrilovic



Year 7 "My Experience at Coodanup College"

Instead of me writing about what we have done this year I asked some students what they have enjoyed. From the feedback I gained, it was clear that the highlights were varied which is great! A great deal of effort, time and thought go into the excursions so thank you to all involved. Finally thank you Alex and Bonnie for your responses!

Ben Jones – Year 7 Teacher

In my first year of High School, I have had some interesting classes. In the first semester, I had Art, Agriculture, Fitness, Recreation and Cooking. I liked Fitness the most to be honest, because I did fun sports like Basketball, Soccer, Kickball and Lacrosse. The first semester went well and I looked forward to the second semester.

During the year we have used a cool website called 'Kahoot' where we do quizzes and sometimes whoever comes first wins a lolly. I like these type of activities and sometimes our teachers make our subjects fun by doing a news report or playing BINGO in Math.

We have also been on fun excursions, like going to the Maritime Museum in Fremantle. We took part in the Stepathon at Bendigo Bank Stadium. I have found this school year interesting and I hope you found it interesting as well.

Alex Sounness - Student

The best thing that has happened in 2016 is going to AIME at Murdoch University and learning about Science and Maths. We also went to Fremantle and saw things like old boats and cannon balls (Maritime Museum). We had a beach carnival and we got to verse all the other factions in the school. We made the animal of our faction and we completed an iron man competition.

We had a sleepover camp and disco, which was cool as we stayed up late. This was a bit like the G4G camp in which we stayed up eating biscuits and marshmallows, it was yum! We got to run around in the dark and some of us even managed to fall over, but it was all good fun. I am already looking forward to next year!

Bonnie-Lee Hall- Student

Factions 2016

2016 was the first full year for the Coodanup College faction system. With 20 enthusiastic and hardworking Student Leaders drumming up mateship, friendly competition and inclusion amongst their fellow class members.

The new school year was kicked off with a Beach Fun Day down at Doddies Beach in February. Students were bussed down to the beach for a day of fun events, sandcastle building, free swimming, beach walks and the College Iron Man/Woman official competition. The students were exceptionally well behaved and had a thoroughly enjoyable day building positive relationships with their fellow class mates. Upon returning to school the students were invited to enjoy a sausage sizzle prepared by the SAER team further having the opportunity to get to know teachers and new students.

Mr Collins-Britton and his team of enthusiastic leaders organised weekly Faction breaktime activities. These included soccer, basketball, indoor cricket and chess. Each year level and faction had the opportunity to compete against each other to discover the overall winner for each event. These activities were met with excitement and friendly rivalry between the factions.



(Back row left-right) Maddy Worthington, Shayne Taylor, Kane Briggs, Brodie Sexton, Michael Whittaker, Tahlia Turner, Boadie Bath, Bree Lewis, Zoe Southwell, Freesia Pearce, (Front row) Zaria Hunt, Brandon Worthington, Summer Pollock, Talon House, Sarah McLellan

Our faction's culture is not only related to sport – our VIVO rewards system also carries a prestigious award at the end of the year. Following the PBS matrix, students are rewarded with VIVO's which contribute to the yearly winner of the VIVO competition. This year it is going down to the final week with The Western WOLVES just beating the Eastern SHARKS currently. We introduced the knock out chess competition which pits staff and students against each other to claim academic bragging rights for their house. We also look forward to purchasing a Memorable Board in 2017 to honour our winners and wonderful sporting leaders.

During Week 5, Term 4 the leaders attended a rewards camp celebrating all of their efforts during the year supporting their fellow students. They attended Bayview Holiday Park in Dunsborough spending time swimming in the heated pool, relaxing and fishing. Brandon and Zoe our future Sport Captains for 2017 took care of their fellow leaders



by maintaining a "mum" and "dad" role throughout the camp. They ensured their cabins were clean and tidy and managed the clothes washing for their "kids". All the students have proven themselves as worthy leaders and our Bull's Leader, Michael, showed his hunting and gathering skills by catching fish for his "family" for dinner. The camp was a wonderful positive experience for all the leaders and they are looking forward to representing their factions again in 2017.

Visual Arts Newsletter

Coodanup College Art Exhibition 2016 in the College Library opened on Wednesday 19 October from 5.00pm – 6.00pm with drinks and nibbles.

This year a mixed display of artworks from Year 7 to Year 12 was exhibited by art teachers: Mrs Fitz, Mrs Mann, Ms Sheridan and Mr Odunga. Talia Williams, from Year 10, won the Encouragement Award for her plaster sculpture and her painting, influenced by Frida Kahlo.

Mrs Fitz, Mrs Mann and Ms Sheridan





Junior School *Report*

It doesn't seem like a year ago that I reflected upon 2015, and now 2016 is nearly to an end. This year has been a year of growth and recognition throughout the Junior school. There has been an increase in student numbers with new families joining our school community.

2017 Hi-lights...

- **Year 7:** Coodanup College was identified as one of a few schools across W.A. that showed a significant improvement across attendance, behaviour and engagement in Year 7. Positive Year 7 transition data resulted in an interview conducted by the Department of Education to determine the common elements of best practice. Following on from this, two schools were selected to participate in a film to showcase best practice. A film crew visited our Year 7 classes in term 4 and interviewed parents, students and college staff to share their thoughts. This film will be used as part of an Attendance and Transition Toolkit for W.A. in 2017.
- **Year 8 Learning:** Students have been working hard and I have been very impressed with the quality of work that has been produced throughout the year. I have really enjoyed reading the Year 8 Fractured Fairy Tales and their recent HASS essays, and having the opportunity to provide feedback. Teachers and students often bring assignments and tasks to me and share how proud they are of the work.
- **Year 9 students and staff** should feel very proud of themselves as our NAPLAN results showed progress and improvement in 2016. I spent time with every Yr 9 student prior to their NAPLAN, looking at their previous data, strengths and weaknesses. This was valuable as it enabled students to plan for NAPLAN and made visible what they needed to focus on.
- **Dancing:** some of you may or may not know that I taught dance for a short period of time...and I do 'Love to Dance.' I thoroughly enjoyed the Year 7 disco in term 1. After chatting with the 7s, one of the hi-lights would have to be Mr Jones's creative dance moves on the dance floor!
- **Assemblies:** We love to recognise and celebrate individual achievement. Each assembly I have had the pleasure of presenting so many certificates for Learning, Attendance and for meeting the Positive Behaviour expectations. Year Coordinators have worked hard to present engaging and meaningful assemblies for their year groups so I thank them for all their efforts this year. Thank you also to the students who presented information on topics such as mobile phone expectations and cyber bullying.

Thank You

I would like to acknowledge the Junior school Student Leaders who have worked hard to set high expectations for their year groups. It has been a pleasure to work with the Student Leaders across many different areas, in particular the Transition visits and assemblies. I am very proud of the way you have conducted yourselves this year. Well done.

Thank you to the staff who have set high expectations for learning, attendance and behaviour. You have been consistent, persistent and have never run out of energy to keep up with all the Junior schools students.

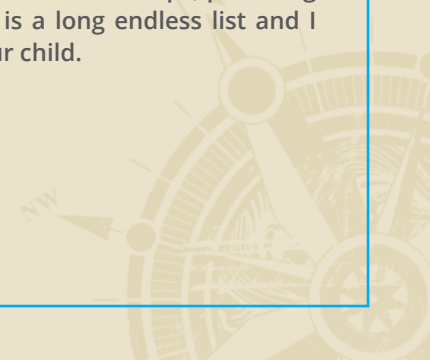
A huge thank you to the Junior school Year Coordinators who are the backbone of each year group and keep our students on track.

Parents and carers, thank you for working with us, responding to phone calls, supporting our events, cooking sausages, ensuring your child is on time, prepared and in uniform, attending assemblies and catch-ups, providing information that helps your child have a smooth day, informing us of absences.... it is a long endless list and I appreciate your efforts. When we work together we achieve the best outcomes for your child.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Ms Kerr

Deputy Principal



Merry Christmas

The Arts

We are on the home stretch! Our year 12s have graduated and are off to pursue great things and our lower school students are ready to move up to become our senior school body. The amount of creativity we have seen this year is fantastic and we can't wait to see what 2017 brings to the Arts Department.

DRAMA:

This term in Drama we have been studying the Italian theatre, "Commedia dell'Arte." The students have explored using masks and are now learning about stock characters and stereotypes. We are being very physical in class as Commedia uses masks and so we need to be very clear and expressive with our body language. Commedia also employs actors who are very acrobatic and in the next few weeks we will be trying out some "Lazzi," or acrobatic tricks to add into our performances.

STAGECRAFT:

Our Stagecraft students have been having great fun experimenting with our new range of make-up. After our excursion to the Western Australian Opera Company to talk to their Make-up artist we wanted to try more for ourselves. We are very interested in special effects, especially using the blood! We found it easiest to practice on our arm or thigh if we were creating on ourselves. It was very messy but the best way to learn is to practice!



DANCE:





College Communications

How the college will communicate to our parents/carers in 2017

- ◆ **College Facebook**—the college Facebook will provide you with up to date information as it is released. It is for information only, so we encourage you to like our page to receive the information at www.facebook.com/coodanupcollege
- ◆ **Electronic sign**—our electronic sign at the front of the college will also advise you of special dates and important notices.
- ◆ **Electronic emails** - this delivers the colleges letters, invitations and newsletter straight to your email address. This email system stores all parents/carer email addresses, which then in turn gives us the ability to send letters straight to your email. Please ensure that your current email address is on file at the college.
- ◆ **Website**—the college website is where you will find our events, the Australian Curriculum, college programs, policies and procedures, uniform information etc. Please use the website for additional information that is pertinent to your child and yourself. www.coodanup.wa.edu.au
- ◆ **School Stream**—this is the new phone app that will commence in 2017. The college will now be able to send you messages by the means of the app. Please ensure that your current mobile device number is registered at the college.
- ◆ **SMS**—we will still continue to use this service to advise you of urgent messages.
- ◆ **Newsletter**—our E-Newsletter is sent by email straight to your email address or you can access from the college website or school app.
- ◆ **Parent Teacher Online**—this is the new way to make an appointment with your child's teacher for parent interviews. It is all done online very simply.

Thank you to our Sponsors

I would like to express our appreciation for your sponsorship of the Year 12 Finishing Ceremony.

Your generous donation was incredibly helpful and allowed us to provide many awards to our students who ascertained significant academic achievements and to those who showed great improvement overall making the event such a huge success and enjoyed by all.

You are a valued member of our community and as a sponsor your business name will appear in our:

- ◆ Newsletter,
- ◆ Facebook page,
- ◆ Website,
- ◆ Parent letters,
- ◆ Media,
- ◆ Electronic sign and
- ◆ Program of the night.

This information will be seen by many people including staff, students, parent and community members. A letter and certificate of appreciation will also be provided to you to display proudly at your business.

Please know how much you've helped us and how appreciative we are of your kindness. Your assistance means so much to us but even more to **Coodanup College**.

.Below is a list of Sponsors who contributed to our 2016 Year 12 Finishing Ceremony.

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| ◆ City of Mandurah | ◆ Azztek Kitchens |
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| ◆ Lions Club of Mandurah | ◆ Officeworks |
| ◆ Mr Kim Hames | ◆ Hot Klobba |
| ◆ Rotary Club of Mandurah Districts | ◆ Slater Gartrell Sports |
| ◆ Lions Club of Falcon | |



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