THE COODANUP BLOG

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Cooranup College has shown significant growth over a number of years and 2018 has been continued this trend. Our student attendance continues to improve. This is most pleasing as research tells us that student absenteeism has a profound impact on academic achievement and future success. You will find your child’s attendance percentage on their report and we encourage you to work with your child to set an improvement goal for 2019 should the percentage be less than 90%.

This semester you will be receiving your child’s report electronically. Please contact the college to update your email address or request that the report be sent to you via post if you have difficulty accessing email correspondence. You will notice a change in the report comment structure. There will be a grade and attribute for each learning area with a single overall comment at the bottom of the report. This comment has been created by the homeroom teacher who is your child’s advocate within the school.

End of year celebrations started with the very successful Year 12 Finishing Ceremony which was attended by many parents and carers. We also had a great turn out to our Clontarf, Girls Academy and CLAN celebrations as well as the final Year 7-10 assembly. I wish to thank you all for supporting your children at these events as recognising their achievements is an important part of their college experience.

Schools are incredibly busy places and this year has been no exception. I am proud of our achievements as a college in 2018. We have made many gains and had many visitors visit our school to see the great work our staff are doing. The students always present themselves beautifully and it is an honour for me to be the Principal of such a great school.

The school year ends on Thursday 13 December and I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break. I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work and genuine care they have for all of our students. Thank you to you as our partners in the education of our young people. Your support is very much appreciated.

Ms. Vicki McKeown
Principal

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Coodanup College would like to express our appreciation for the donations received towards our Year 12 Finishing Ceremony.

The generous donations were incredibly helpful and allow us to provide many awards for our students who have ascertained significant academic achievements and to those who showed great improvement overall, making the event such a huge success and enjoyed by all.

The assistance in donations means so much to Coodanup College and our students. The list of the businesses below have contributed to our ceremony:

- Mandurah Muscateers
- Charity Computers Inc
- Cape Bouvard Investments P/L
- Mr David Templeman
- Mr Zac Kirkup
- Australian Super Scheme
- Inner Wheel Club of Mandurah
- Lions Club of Falcon
- Coastal Business Equipment
- City of Mandurah
- Peel Flower House
- Mr Andrew Hastie MP
- Hot Klobba
- Slater Gartrell Sports
- Jacksons Drawing Supplies
- Azztek Kitchens
- Mandurah Districts Rotary

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Sport’s Captain Message

Brody our Sports Captain spoke about Sportsmanship and Courage. He paraphrased a quote by Theodore Roosevelt and communicated the message that: “It is not the critic who counts, it is the person or people in the arena trying—whether they succeed or not.”

Well done Brody and all of our students that participated in the carnival for 2018.

Teacher in Charge – Health and Physical Education
Renate Paskandy
This year the Junior School has continued to grow as more students are choosing to come to Coodanup College and display our values of; We will learn, We will be fair, We will be safe and We will be proud. Currently, the Junior School has increased in numbers to 417 students or 58% of the student body. With that number, I have been really proud of how we have handled the challenges that Junior School brings. Students have shown resilience and composure through various tests such as NAPLAN and PAT Testing, coped with moving around during exams and have worked to be kind to others through the changes to their classes.

As a college, we have had a few structural changes with our numbers growing, and I am very pleased with how they have worked. My Year Coordinators; Ms Entz, Ms Whild and Ms Cousins have been working to improve secondary school for their cohorts, and their feedback has been valuable in enabling us to make a few changes for next year.

For 2019, this will be an exciting time for the college as we implement a series of common strategies to improve student understanding. These seven strategies will be known as the “Coodanup Learning Compass” and they will aim to steer learning in the right direction, as they have demonstrated through research to improve student achievement, if consistently used in classes. Some of the teachers and students have trialled the use of the strategies already and the feedback from all parties has been positive.

On a final note, I would personally like to take the time to wish all of our friends and college community the very best for the break, stay safe, and I look forward to your return in 2019.

Junior School Deputy
Mark Utley

Wow! What a tiring but rewarding and fulfilling 2018 in the Junior School. The students, teachers and guardians certainly deserve a rest at the end of our final term and the end of the 2018 school year.

Why pay school fees?

• It is important to pay our school fees each year
• The college advises parent/guardians when fees are due
• School fees should be paid annually, and special arrangements can be made with the college in assisting with a payment structure
• Money from voluntary contributions and charges is used by the college towards the cost of certain materials, services and facilities for students
• This includes stationery items, art and craft materials, textbooks and photocopy materials
• Parents may also be asked to pay for extra options, such as camps, excursions, swimming lessons and social outings, and particular charges are applicable for Year 11 and 12 courses.

Please be reminded that 2018 outstanding fees are now due for our Year 11 and 12 students.

Payment can be made at the college Administration Office.
Coodanup College attended the Mandurah Foreshore on Wednesday 10 October to show their support for Mental Health Week.

Our Clontarf Academy students joined together to celebrate Mental Health Week, along with Peel-based service providers showing their support for the local community.

The students were fortunate to meet with MLA David Templeman who kindly showed his support by having a photo with the students.

The Clontarf students spoke with some of the agencies on the day and they were; KERN Allied Health and avivo. This gave the students the opportunity to participate and engage in activities on the day.

Operation Officer - Coodanup Clontarf Academy

Kevin Dalgetty
Tony Hoang

Incursion

On Wednesday 14 November, the Year 10s had an incursion where Tony Hoang shared his powerful story.

Tony’s Cabramatta Story is centered on choices and consequences and brings to light the dark reality of drug abuse and the effects it has on family, education and community. Tony’s transformation from a life filled with tragedy and despair to hope and achievement is one to inspire every audience.

The specific aims of the talk are as follows:

• Inspire and motivate students to achieve goals, dreams and aspirations
• Engage at risk students to rethink their path of destruction
• Challenge destructive mindsets and cultural perceptions of this generation
• Equip with strategies for healthy and positive relationships.

The students were captivated and Tony certainly ‘spoke’ to them, there was not one murmur during his talk and some poignant questions asked at the end. The students were so respectful and appreciative, several of the cohort came up to Tony at the conclusion and shook his hand and personally thanked him.

Jane Bradbrook-Mann

Have Sum Fun Online

In Term 4, six teams of Year 7 students took part in Have Sum Fun Online, a nationwide problem-solving competition organised by the Maths Association of WA. “Numeraptors”, consisting of Linh, Tessa, Ashley and Mia, were the top-performing team from Coodanup, finishing 58th out of 100 with a score of 21.1 out of a maximum of 30.

Teacher
Chris Hall
The year is nearly over and what a fantastic year it has been!

Goals 4 Girls have participated in dance workshops, circus workshops, assisted in helping to clean up the Creery Wetlands, through adventure and exploration. The girls designed creative artworks using re-useable items found around the college. We have enjoyed working together in teams, painting positive messages onto banners and we have learnt that working together to improve fitness, is fun and is an activity we can enjoy with our friends.

The G4G’s have developed very good outdoor education skills leading up to their annual camp to Lake Leschenaultia. The camp was a huge success!! This challenge saw the girls working together to build a boat from recycled materials and materials in the surrounding bush, to navigate tracks and unknown terrain on their bike expedition. The students have developed canoeing skills, went bush walking in the wetlands, and learnt that to look after our environment we must leave only footprints. The girls set up tents and learnt about the bush and the dangers they might encounter. They have all successfully completed their basic First Aid training following the St Johns Action Plan.

I have instilled in the girls that we are a team and that we need to help and encourage each other in all activities. Throughout the year, we have chatted about all our experiences and have been able to reflect on our experiences in our journals.

Through this program, the girls are being positive role models for all girls in the Coodanup College’s school community.

We are all looking forward to 2019, and we are proud to announce that Zonta is going to be part of the program. Zonta aim to provide the girls with mentors through a variety of “hands on” learning activities.

Goals 4 Girls Teacher
Lisa Webster
Hi everyone, from all of us in Home Economics, we would like to take the opportunity to wish you and yours a safe and happy Christmas and holiday break.

Once again, this year has flown in our area – we are busy right up until the last minute of school.

Our Year 11 students have left, and they finished their year with a celebratory cook up and sit-down lunch to which they invited staff of their choosing. We sat in the area behind Home Economics which we have been cultivating all year and now has quite a lovely appeal to it. Balloons and crackers added to the festivities. The students involved did a fabulous job and everyone enjoyed themselves.

As mentioned, the area behind Home Economics has been an ongoing project which has hit its straps this year. We have had a shade sail donated and Ray and Greg put it up for us. The Year 7 CLAN have been attending the garden every week and Max Lockyer has also started helping to keep everything alive. Ideally this is an area for tutors and for staff to get some Vitamin D and fresh air – maybe whilst they mark, have a break. That’s the big picture plan anyway. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this.

Classes have been busy all Semester and the final classes will all get to do a Christmas cook – where they cook different things and then share with the class. Hopefully some parents or carers will get a lovely goodie bag under the Christmas tree.

From all of us in Home Economics – Merry Christmas - stay safe, practice your cooking skills and enjoy the break.

Home Economics
Tamara Gavrilovic and Karen Larkman
CLAN Celebration Night

On Wednesday 28 November, CLAN had their CLAN Celebration night and what a fantastic turnout from family and friends.

Approximately 100 showed up meaning we had to move from the original location to the PAC last minute. Thanks again for your support. Although we like to celebrate everyone’s achievements, there were some individual prizes and the following were awarded on the night:

Congratulations to all for a fantastic Awards Ceremony.

CLAN Teacher
Program Coordinator SEN
Ben Jones

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Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)

The college became a Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) school 5 years ago. At this time the student expectations and core values were introduced with our PBS Matrix. Together both staff and students demonstrate our high expectations, conduct ourselves with pride, encourage each other, use this language and adhere to these values; We will Learn, We will be Safe, We will be Fair, We will be Proud.

On Friday 16 November, a facilitator visited the school to conduct a survey, a SET (School Evaluation Tool). The SET aims to determine how accurately school-wide PBS Universals are being implemented and establishes how successful the school is with its PBS journey. A “healthy” school is considered to be in the 70s and we are delighted to announce our latest overall result was a fantastic 87.9%. Well done Coodanup!

SAER Coordinator
Jane Bradbrook-Mann
On Wednesday 7 November, the Coodanup Girls Academy held their annual Academy Awards Night at Coodanup College. With over 50 guests which included students, families, community members, guest speakers and Coodanup College staff. What an amazing event it was.

Cheralee and Bonnie-Lee are our two Year 9 students from the academy and were our MC’s for the night. These two young ladies spoke and ran the event like professionals. Trevor Stack commenced the night with a beautiful Welcome to Country, then our key note speaker Lesley Nelson the CEO of South West Aboriginal Medical Service spoke to the students and guests about her career pathway and how she became the woman she is today. It was very moving and inspiring to all.

A healing dance was performed by the Coodanup Girls Academy students and then the awards were given out. The Coodanup Girls Academy would like to say a massive congratulations to the following students who received awards on the evening. Vicki McKeown the Coodanup College Principal addressed the guests and spoke about the academy and how far it has come since opening in 2016.

**Academy Rising Star:** Montaya  
**Academy Ambassador:** Liberty  
**Sportswoman of the Year:** Cheralee  
**Academy Friendship Award:** Bonnie-Lee  
**The Honorary Elsie Ugle and Barbara Pickett Award:** Shakeina  
**The Ricky Grace Award:** Kaneesha

The Coodanup Girls Academy staff would also like to say thank you to the below award presenters:-

- Kelly Bennet - Deputy Principal: Coodanup College  
- Christine Haines - Giving Circle  
- Elsie Ugle - Coodanup College  
- Barbara Pickett - Coodanup College

To finish the evening, Phillip Walley-Stack performed a beautiful song for the graduating students. Then Ricky Grace CEO Girls Academy addressed the guests and presented the Ricky Grace Award to the Year 12s. Ricky spoke about the importance of the Year 12s understanding that their journey with Girls Academy hasn’t finished, we are one family, and the academy will continue to support the graduating students post school.

Once again thank you to all involved and we are looking forward to continuing this great work in 2019.

Girls Academy  
*Nicole Rendell*
Success Update 🎄

Coodanup College students enrolled in the SUCCESS program at Billy Dower Youth Centre have had a busy second semester, especially our year 12 students who have been focused on getting their certificate courses completed.

Many students made the most of the opportunity to participate in the Barista Course that ran from Billy Dower and really enjoyed it. Several are wanting to develop their barista skills further and one of our female students was awarded a Dream Big grant through the City of Mandurah to enrol in a more intensive training opportunity.

The PALS NAIDOC grants awarded to our school were also successfully completed and two of our students designed and painted garden benches and were donated to the Billy Dower Centre in Term 3. The benches represent the 6 Noongar seasons and a further 4 are yet to be painted and donated to brighten up the outdoor area of the youth centre. Display posters featuring and made by Aboriginal students were also given to the centre for public display.

Those year 12 students who have attended and worked consistently well over the course of the year were invited to complete their First Aid certification through the school in Term 4, giving them valuable additional skills and another certificate for their leaver portfolios.

Students all participated well and successfully completed their theoretical and practical training.

It has been a productive and positive year for the SUCCESS team in our first year off site from the college and our staff team wishes our leaving year 12s all the very best for their futures.