

COODANUP GIRLS ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



Coodanup College
Term 3, 2020

EXCITEMENT. UNLOCKED.



TOP TEAMWORK

In Week 6, nine Coodanup Girls Academy members were chosen to attend the 2020 Showcase Rugby League Camp along with students from four sister Academies. We left the college at 7.30am and made our way to George Burnett Oval for a 9am start. The day began with a beautiful Welcome to Country from Aunty Jill Hill, followed by a debrief from Kayleigh and her team at NRLWA. Coodanup started strong and went through undefeated to the finals. With just one break in warm conditions, our team played off against Clontarf Girls Academy in the grand final. They went down by one try in the last minutes in an exciting game that made everyone very proud. Our students showed great determination and teamwork, having each other's backs and never giving up. Everyone then headed to Woodman's Point Camp for an overnight stay. Noongar Elder Aunty Betty Garlett hosted a smoking ceremony and welcomed all visitors. Students then enjoyed some free time and the opportunity to make new friends and build new relationships. They enjoyed team games at dinner and dancing in each other's rooms. Our camp finished off with archery and ultimate sports activities. From dodgeball to basketball and hockey, as sore as our students were from rugby, they still gave it a go. This was a jampacked camp where lots of memories were made. We look forward to next year's event.



POLICE ACADEMY

In Week 5, a group of Year 10 Coodanup students visited the Western Australia Police Academy in Joondalup. We met Newton Moore Academy students at the front and introductions were made. Our tour was led by four female staff, three of whom were young Indigenous women who were completing their cadetship with the Western Australian Police Force. The girls visited the shooting range, gun room and taser room, learning about the importance of safety as well as working in a team environment. We then went to the Police Village training area, where we watched police officers deal with certain situations as they were tested by their supervisors. Our tour ended in the classroom with the three cadets talking about their pathways and what led them to the police force. Our girls left talking about what an amazing option it could be for them in the future.



TRIPLE TREAT

Each year all Girls Academy members are invited to an induction event. This is usually held in Term 1 but was rescheduled to Term 3 because of COVID-19. Students were broken up into three groups and rotated through activities. They started the day with some team-building activities, with the seniors in their groups breaking the ice by asking everyone to share their names and favourite colours. Group 1 was treated to a modelling session with Bindjareb Middars. Many students started off quite shy but, with encouragement from other girls, found the confidence to not only give the catwalk a try within their group but show everyone once all groups were back together. Another group created canvasses with Kaisha based on the six Noongar seasons — the art pieces are amazing and will be used to create a display in the Academy space. The third session was spent brainstorming what the Girls Academy values of Leadership, Connection, Empowerment, Resilience and Respect mean to them and how we can ensure we live by them. The induction was a great success. Academy staff are so proud to see new connections formed and girls living up to our values every day.

DREAM GRANT

Each year, the City of Mandurah offer grants of \$350 under the Youth Dream Big Fund. Coodanup Girls Academy advisory committee member Tamara Mott, who is the youth development officer for the City of Mandurah, recommended Girls Academy nominate three worthy recipients. At the time of nominations, students were learning from home due to COVID-19 restrictions, which created all kinds of challenges. Three Year 11 students, Cheralee Anderson, Bonnie-Lee Hall and Shanice Hayden, were chosen, enabling the girls to receive devices to help them complete schoolwork both at home and in class. Congratulations, girls and thank you, City of Mandurah!



GREAT ESCAPE

Each term, girls with attendance above 90 percent are invited to attend the Shining Bright reward excursion. In Week 10, Coodanup Girls Academy took our Shining Bright students to the Escape Hunt Rooms, in Fremantle. With one hour on the clock we were locked in a pirate-themed room. The goal was to find the treasure by solving clues in three different rooms. Watching the students from different age groups come together to work as a team and celebrate each small victory was amazing. Our students found the treasure with 15 minutes still left on the clock. We then went for lunch at Grill'd Burgers to continue our celebrations. We are so proud of the girls for keeping their attendance above 90 percent in Term 3 — well done! Our Term 4 event is planned for Adventure World and we can't wait to take more girls than last year. Girls, that means we have to beat 23 members. Keep your attendance above 90 percent, get to class on time and stay in class, to receive an invite!