







From the Principal

Welcome to parents, students and staff. I have been very pleased with the start of Term Two with students working hard as I visit classrooms around the College.

Year 9 NAPLAN The Year 9 NAPLAN Testing went very smoothly, with students very focused on completing the tests to the best of their ability. We will receive the test results early in Term 4.

Comet Bay Professional Learning Community (CBPLC) We continue to focus on the implementation of the Comet Bay Professional Learning Community (CBPLC) with our partner primary schools, and have the official launch of the project with the staff selected to lead the project, which started on 4th June. The staff involved across the 4 campuses will be initially focusing on and developing the curriculum delivery document that outlines the key focus areas and skills and assessments needed for years Kindergarten to Yr 12. This will support the development of a consistent approach to the delivery of key skills and content to the students in all four schools. This is a fantastic opportunity that will enable us to work collaboratively as a community across all areas of student learning, to best meet the needs of our students.

Year 7 students in 2015 We continue to plan for the Year 7 students coming to the College in 2015, and will be sending out information to our partner primary schools in the near future. Part of this planning is around the big increase in student numbers we will experience in 2015. This will mean an increase in staff needed, rooms being provided and access to resources such as computers, text etc. We are currently working very hard with all the stakeholders to ensure that we are fully prepared for 2015.

Student Reports The staff are currently compiling their marks and finishing assessments so that student reports can be generated at the end of the term. I would ask that all parents/guardians encourage and support their children to complete all assessments that will be due this term.

Year 10 Course Selection Counselling Year 10 students will be counselled in Week 7 regarding their selections for Year 11 in 2014. Please make sure that you do not miss your appointment or that you reschedule if you do. This is a very important process that determines the next two years for the students. Information will be going out to all families soon.

It has been a great start to Term Two with lots of extra curricular activities such as sporting carnivals, the Specialist Football Teams competitions, excursions, drama, music and art and the first broadcast of the Comet Bay College Internal Radio Station.

It is a credit to the staff and students that such a vibrant and varied educational program is offered.

Jamie Hayres Principal

Parents/Carers

Please ensure the College has your correct contact details including home phone number, mobile phone numbers and email addresses. Teaching staff have experienced difficulty contacting parents due to these details being out of date or incorrect. *Thank you*

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Congratulations

Chloe Rearns!

Congratulations to Chloe Kearns Year 12, Public Sector School Based Trainee, who was selected to represent Gen Z at the Generations at Work Forum held at the Hyatt in Perth in April. The forum was to provide an insight into the new multigenerational workforce where there are now representatives from five generations working simultaneously creating never seen before challenges for managers.

Well done Chloe!

The Woman

Project

Along with 22 other Year 10 girls from schools across the region, Kassie took part in activities and excursions designed to make the students

aware of the different career opportunities available for women in industry, particularly in what may be considered non-traditional areas.

The iWomen project was an excellent way to encourage young women to aspire to further studies and contemplate a career in areas not previously considered.

Kassie said "The 2013 iWomen project was an amazing experience. I have gained so many new skills that will benefit me in advancing my future."

Congratulations > WA Training Awards 2013

Congratulations to Year 12 students, Jessica Brown and Blake Turner for being nominated for the WA Training Awards 2013.

The WA Training Awards recognize the outstanding achievements of apprentices, trainees and vocational students and the contribution made to our State's world class training system by trainers, training organisations and employers. The competition is a chance to win in more than \$100,000 in cash and prizes and the chance to represent Western Australia at the Australian Training Awards.

We wish the students every success as their application progresses!

Ex CBC student nominated for Challenger Institute of Technology Award

Brayden Miller, ex Comet Bay College student, was nominated for a major student award at the Challenger Institute of Technology on Wednesday, 10 April at Notre Dame University.

Brayden was in the Year 11 VET Program in 2012 when he was recommended for the award by his lecturer at Challenger for the VET in Schools Student of the Year, and was 1 of 4 finalists.

The Comet Bay College VET program is an excellent opportunity for young people who want a practical upper school course with the opportunity to explore and participate in a working environment. For further information about the innovative programs that the VET Program can offer, contact our department on 9553 8141.

Kim Crow

Vocational Education and Training (VET) Manager

FOR YOUR DIARY

Comet Bay College Calendar

See what's coming up at Comet Bay College:

Term 2

Week 7

Year 10 Course Counselling Week

Tues 18th June

Battle of the Bands - Lunch Break

2013

Wed 3rd July

Year 8 Medieval Fair - Periods 1 & 2

Fri 5th July

Last Day of Term 2





ear 12 School Ball

After weeks of excitement, planning and talking in the lead up to the ball, the day finally came - The 11th of April 2013.

The year 12's special day. After most of the day was spent for the girls getting our hair and make-up done, it was time to meet up with our dates/group. After photo after photo was taken by proud parents and families, the limos finally arrived! The limo ride was spent with our closest friends with only the best surround sound system, laughing and enjoying ourselves. Upon arriving to the Esplanade Fremantle, there we saw all the different Limos that ranged from a 16-seat Hummer, to even having an 8-seater Transformers Bumble-bee Camaro! Then we walked in to see our excited teachers and everyone looked amazing!

We were served mock-tails and then walked into the ballroom. After a few speeches and the dinner, the rest of the night was spent dancing the night away with our year group. The music ranged from our childhood songs, such as the 90's 'Vengabus ' by The VengaBoys, to Macklemore's 'Thrift Shop' and even a few slow dances. Everyone left throughout the night into the adjacent room to get photos with the professional photographer. Towards the end of the night, it was time for the much anticipated awards, where everyone applauded the winters. Bell of the Ball was awarded to Monique Rimmer and Beau of the Ball went to Joshua DelPrete. Everyone had an amazing night and enjoyed celebrating our last year of school with

people we have spent most of our teen years with; it was a night that allowed us all to get away from the study and hard work that Year 12 brings.

Dayna Lazarides and Chelsea McLean Year 12









Tockey Carnival

On Monday 20th May, 22 students participated in a Senior School Mixed Hockey Carnival at Lark Hill Sporting Complex.

Comet Bay College entered two mixed teams of years 9-12 students with varied experience to the game. Both teams played exceptionally well throughout the day, playing five sets of 30-minute games of hockey with no substitutes and little rest in between. They demonstrated energy, enthusiasm and excellent teamwork throughout the tournament. All students displayed impeccable manners, fair play

and sportsmanship and were a credit to the College.

Many thanks to Gillian Hassan and Jill Roberts for assisting with the organization and coaching for the carnival.

Jess Michelson

Teacher of Health and Physical Education











and Hinemoa Mehau Year 11. Hinemoa modeled a piece named "Freedom Fighter" made by a CBC parent, Julie Smith. They entered the Tribal Category of the competition.

The students did a fantastic job modeling the outfits, and have been invited to model at the Maritime Day in Fremantle as part of the sustainability display, promoting recycling, held in August this year. They have also been invited to perform as part of the entertainment at a Breast Cancer High Tea event in October.

Photographs taken by Michael from Star Creations.

Above: Hinemoa Mehau, Year 11. Her "Freedom Fighter" costume was made by Julie Smith (school parent of Cayden Smith) in the Tribal Category of the Wearable Art competition.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea







On Thursday 23rd May, the College's Student Leadership Team hosted a morning tea in support of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. The students were dressed up in a Mad Hatter's theme and served the staff tea, coffee and a delicious range of fruit platters, cakes and biscuits. The themed morning tea was held to help raise funds for the Cancer Council. Thank you to the students who hosted this great event, and thank you to all those who donated!



Students compete in WA State da Vinci Decathler

Competition 2013

On Friday 31st May, eight students from the Year 8 GATE class were selected to represent Comet Bay College in the Western Australian da Vinci Decathlon at Wesley College. This gala academic day comprised activities in the following disciplines: Art & Poetry, Code Breaking, Creative Producers, Engineering Challenge, English, Mathematics, Philosophy, Cartography, General Knowledge and Science.

"Initially we had to identify each other's intellectual strengths so we could work together as a team to achieve the best outcome for each activity. Although we were working under pressure while competing against 224 students from 28 schools, it was a great experience for all of us. We thought the day was really exciting particularly to win the General Knowledge section and come second in Code Breaking and the competition very challenging". (Compiled by the participating students).

Congratulations to Brindy Donovan, Lleyton Eggins, Emily Galvin, Damien Huxham, Jack McClay, Rhiannon Maguire, Tia Starkie and Rebecca Wheldon who were wonderful ambassadors for Comet Bay College.

Tenny Burton

Dean of Academic Extension

Rockingham City

Scholarship Recipients

Each year Rockingham City Council rewards top students from schools within the region with the presentation of a cheque that helps towards their education through the purchase of textbooks.

Schools are able to nominate worthy students from Year 7 and Year 10. As a member of the audience, I was extremely proud to witness not only Year 10 students Kirstin Tapper and Courtney James receive their reward, but four 2012 Year 7 students, Paige Addis, Emily Galvin, Emily Friedhoff and Javier Ross, who now attend Comet Bay College. As you can see from the photo these students each elected to wear the College uniform, a fact noticed by all in attendance.

I would like to congratulate these students and thank them for the manner in which they conducted themselves during the event: they were each wonderful ambassadors, and an endorsement for our College.

Jenny Burton
Dean of Academic Extension

Geography class visits Perth City

On Friday 5th April 2013, the stage 3 Geography class visited the Perth Central Business District and Inner Mixed Zone to study the patterns and processes that contribute to the development of our city.

The group caught the train from Warnbro station to Perth underground, and entered the CBD for a trip to the top of the QV-1 building at the west end of the city.

After a lengthy elevator ride and a trip through some maintenance access ways, we arrived at the top of the building where we were given the opportunity to study the layout of the city from a bird's-eye view, and ask questions relating to the site and situation of Perth.

After photos were taken, and stomachs were settled, we left the QV-1 and returned to the city streets, where we began an "amazing race" style competition, in which we separated into groups, and raced through the CBD to get to certain goals and districts within the city in order to answer questions in our booklets about zone characteristics before the other teams.

This took us to areas such as the Hay and Murray Street malls, the Supreme Court Gardens, and the Carillon City and London arcades where we enjoyed the sights and experiences of the city while working through the course booklets we were given.

After the race, the group met up again at the Old Shanghai Food Court in the Northbridge, where we were given the chance to enjoy lunch before setting off again to answer more questions posed to us about the urban processes visible within the IMZ, which took us to various locations around North and East Perth.

Once the teams had all met up again, we caught the CAT bus into the West Perth, where we once again set out to trace our way back into central Perth while finishing the last sections of our booklets, and after a long walk back towards Perth underground, our work was done.

We were given some time to get a drink, some food, and whatever else we wanted before finally meeting up again and catching the train south in time to catch our bus home.



WAMSE Preparation

This year, WAMSE testing (West Australian Measurement of Standards in Education) will be held from the 5th to 9th of August.

As part the preparation process for this test, the Society and Environment Learning Area have created an extensive preparation package for each Year 9 student to complete. Comprised of past test papers and tasks that reflect the skills and content that will be examined, the students will be asked to work on it methodically over the course of Terms 2 and 3 so as to maximise their levels of achievement.

The package is also on the Comet Bay College website: (https://sites.google.com/a/cometbay.wa.edu.au/cbcse/wamse-preparation-2013)

It is anticipated that parental support over this time will help all Year 9 students as they 'Seek Excellence' in WAMSE testing.

Sir Charles Court Young Leaders Program Success!

In further fantastic news for the Society and Environment Learning Area, Year 10 student, Hanneke Weirsma has been selected to participate in the *Sir Charles Court Young Leaders Program* (Curtin University of Technology) during the upcoming July school holidays.

Students who have demonstrated academic ability (particularly in the humanities), an interest in history, leadership potential and involvement in their communities, are selected to participate each year. They attend an intensive and stimulating four-day residential program, including activities at Curtin University and various other locations across Perth.

Participants meet inspirational speakers and participate in team-building and leadership activities. They are challenged, invigorated and learn to see themselves as others see them: as Young Leaders. They return to their schools and communities to build upon their experiences in the program.

Being one of only thirty students (state wide) selected for the prestigious program speaks to Hanneke's ability to 'Seek Excellence' at Comet Bay College. **Congratulations!**





Technology Update

Bring Your Own Devices (BYOD) - iPads, Tablets & Laptops

With the relaxation of Department of Education network policies, Comet Bay College is now able to allow students to 'Bring your own device' to the College. This means that students are able to bring their own iPads, laptops etc for use in the classroom, as a learning tool. Students and parents will be required to sign an agreement (to be collected by the student from the Library). Once signed and returned to the library, the technician will allow students access to the College's wireless network. Please be aware that student devices cannot be 'bound' to the College network – meaning that while students will have access to the internet for research they will not have access to shared drives, printers etc. Please note that the DoE or the College does not provide any insurance or is liable for the loss and/or damage to data, software or the device. It is recommended that this equipment is covered under your own household contents insurance and that the data is regularly backed up.

College Owned Laptops - Macbooks - Year 12 Students 2013

For clearance and asset purposes, the College will be requiring the return of the **'College owned Macbooks'**, issued to students in 2010 from the current Year 12 students in the following sequence.

• Non ATAR - returned by Friday 30 August 2013 • ATAR - returned by Friday 25 October 2013

ATAR is defined as four (4) or more Schools Curriculum Standards Authority ATAR courses. Students are required to return the Macbook, charger and all connectors. Students will be issued a receipt for return.

General Returning

The College has recently had some students returning laptops belonging / issued to other students. Students are responsible for returning the laptop which they were issued. Students can check the serial number with Mrs Schutz in the library to verify if this is their laptop. Students returning other students' laptops are still liable for the laptop they were first issued. Please also remember that laptops should be returned before you leave the College.

Theresa Walsh
IT Coordinator













Arts Scholarships



Each year Comet Bay College offers a variety of the Arts scholarships to students entering and currently at the school. The Arts Extension Programs in Years 8 to 10 are intensive programs which allow students to expand upon their repertoire of skills and explore a greater range of styles and techniques. One scholarship will be awarded per year group in Lower School. Selection will be based on outstanding demonstrated practical and academic performance in appropriate Arts Extension programs as evidenced in the semester results for that course.

Terms and Conditions of Arts Scholarships

The criteria for the selection of the successful candidate will be based on students' results in the appropriate Arts Extension course. These students will be announced at Semester 2 Subject Awards Assembly as top performing students in respective areas of the Arts Extension. The scholarship will cover the following year's fees for Arts Extension course, in which the winning student received the award. Year 8 scholarships will be awarded at Semester 1 Awards Assembly and will cover current Arts Extension course fee.

Scholarships cover voluntary contributions and compulsory charges for Year 8 to 10 only. Ongoing eligibility for the Scholarship in Years 9 and 10 will be dependent upon satisfactory progress and behaviour throughout the year.

In Year 8 scholarship winners will receive a reimbursement of voluntary contributions for the appropriate Arts Extension course for that year.

Successful scholarship winners will be notified individually in writing.

For further information telephone Dean of Arts Mrs Nadia Hall on (08) 9553 8100

Do you have a spare instrument?

The Music Department is seeking donations of guitars, keyboards and other instruments in working order to help bolster our expanding department. The instruments will be used to help expand the department's ability to provide more students opportunities to learn and perform within class. Any donations would be greatly appreciated, and can be dropped off at the

Robert Thorpe
Music Teacher



This is an opportunity for all Year 10 students with an interest in construction industry trades. We have 2 trades on offer for you to try in June.

Both courses will be run over 3 days here at Comet Bay College

Carpentry Weds 12 June – Fri 14 June Bricklaying Mon 24 June – Weds 26 June

Register your interest with Mrs Crow or Mrs Kirkby in the VET/Careers Office
- places are limited so hurry !!!!



Attention all Year 12 stage 2 & 3 students in the Rockingham/Kwinana/Peel regions

Do you study: English, Maths, Human Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physical Education Studies, History, Geography, Drama, Visual Arts, Accounting and Finance ATAR courses?

The WACE Prep Days for 2013 are happening soon.

Where: Murdoch University, Rockingham Campus

When: 8, 9 and 10 July, 2013 (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)

– July School Holiday Seminars

Registration* is online this year and students will need to go to this weblink to register:

http://www.experience.murdoch.edu.au





Each newsletter, we will take the time to interview a member of the Student Support team, so you can get to know more about the friendly and professional staff here at Comet Bay College.

Spotlight Student Support Staff

Stuart Jackson

Associate Dean for Year 10

How long have you been at Comet Bay College?

For 6 years

Where were you born?

Liverpool UK

Why did you decide to be teacher?

Realised I had a wealth of not only education experiences but also life experiences which are just as equal in value, and I wanted to give something back to the community.

What do you like about your job?

Being able to help individual students to find them a career path and to help them achieve their true potential

What do you dislike about your job?

Not having enough time to fully realise my goals and aspirations for individual students.

The easy way to get your Tax File Number

The ATO, with the cooperation of schools, offers students aged 13 years or over, the opportunity to apply for a tax file number (TFN) through school. This is a voluntary program and makes it easier for students to obtain a TFN.

Students need a TFN for employment, applying for Centrelink benefits, opening a bank account or deferring university fees.

Applying for a TFN through school is easier because students do not need to show identifying documentation to the ATO. The application form is available from the school, and students can complete it at home. The form requires information such as the student's name, address and date of birth. Students also need to provide the following details:

- Students born in Australia will need to provide their;
- birth certificate number, state of issue and year of registration, or
- Australian passport number and date of issue.
- Students born overseas will need to provide their;
- overseas passport number and country of issue, or
- Australian citizenship certificate number and date of issue, or
- Australian passport number and date of issue.

It is important that the application form is completed correctly and in full, and signed by the student. All information provided on the application form will remain confidential.

The school will certify the application form by cross-checking against the information held on their records. Students are not required to show identifying documentation to school or the ATO.

Students will receive their TFN via a notification letter sent to their postal address within 28 days of the application being received by the ATO.

As part of the Year 10 Career Education, all students have been issued with an application form, and we strongly urge you to complete and return.

Kim Crow
Vocational and Education
and training Manager

Health Undate



CBC Community Youth Nurse



MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE. 20-30 cases in WA reported each year. Mainly in winter-spring.

Signs: Fever, Headache, Rash (red/purple spots/ bruises), Neck stiffness, drowsiness, vomiting, dislike of bright lights.



AEROSOL DEODORANTS are not allowed at school

Students can carry roll on deodorants only.

Aerosol and perfume can cause an asthma attack



There is TWICE THE FIBRE IN ONE ORANGE as there is in a 200ml glass of orange juice.



Encourage students to LIMIT THEIR SCREEN TIME to no more than 2 hours a day.

Anaphlaxis-E-Learning now available via the DoE iLearning system. Teachers can earn points towards your Teacher Registration Board for completing this trainining and updating your skills on Anaphlaxis.

Students with Anaphlaxis should always carry their Epipen on them at all times. Generic Epipens are kept with first aid kits in all the areas of the school including Student Services and the Health Centre.

Did you know that students who don't eat breakfast are way more at risk of having mental health problems, behavioural problems and difficulty concentrating?

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