



From the Principal

Winter is truly upon us and it is great to see that the vast majority of students have purchased a College jacket or jumper. The standard of the student uniform is something the whole community should be very proud of. I am occasionally asked why we place such great emphasis on the upholding of our College uniform. The uniform encourages students to take pride in their school, their education and themselves. I constantly receive positive feedback from the wider community about how smart our students look and this positive perception flows onto the College. The College Board has now approved the introduction of blazers and ties which will be **optional** for 2014 and beyond.

We had a great start to the term with Comet Bay College winning the National and State Anzac Day Ceremony Awards as the best ANZAC Day Service in the state and country. West Australian Senator Glen Sterle presented the plaques and a \$3,000 cheque at our awards ceremony, along with guest Federal Member Gary Gray MP. I would like to thank Claire Hunt and her team of helpers for the outstanding work that they did on the ceremony and preparing the nominations.

The Arts Department have also enjoyed amazing success this year so far with a student's work being accepted into the prestigious Young Originals and Metamorphosis Exhibitions in Perth. This is an outstanding achievement for both the students and the staff at the College. The Combined Student Band with members from our College and Safety Bay Senior High School delivered a great performance at the WA Schools Orchestra and Concert Band Festival, and our Senior School students put on the Play Ruby Moon in the College Performing Arts Centre with great reviews. I would like to thank and acknowledge the hard work of the Dean of the Arts Nadia Hall, Art Teachers Claire McKenzie, Rebecca Lockyer, Music Teacher Rob Thorpe and Drama Teacher Jenna Lund.

Year 11 and 12 Specialist Australian Rules Football Students and their teachers spent an exciting five days in Melbourne as they got to live the AFL dream visiting clubs, attending games and playing against teams from Victoria. The trip was extremely successful and made even finer with a great Dockers win over Carlton. I would like to thank Dean of Health and Physical Education and Head Coach Stephen Thomson and Health and Physical Education Teachers and Assistant Coaches Nick Chidzey and Ben Jahn.

The College held its Semester One Awards Assembly in Week 4 and I was very pleased to see the number of students being acknowledged for outstanding results and achievement. The sheer volume of students receiving awards clearly demonstrates the ongoing success of our focus on high standards and expectation and I look forward to our next Awards Assembly at the end of the year.

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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Congrats!

CBC Student Selected for State Touch Team

Congratulations to Wirihana Huriwai Year 8 for his selection to represent Western Australia in the 2013 State Touch Team by School Sport WA. This team will be competing at the National Schools Championships in Darwin, NT, from the 12th October to 19th October 2013.

Being part of the state team is a significant stepping-stone for the ultimate achievement of senior and national selection. **Congratulations and all the best Wirihana!**

Second Hand Uniform and Book Shop

The Second Hand Uniform and Book Shop will be commencing soon. This will work on consignment, ie when items are sold, the College will send a cheque to the supplier of items.

Venue: Office next to Performing Arts Centre.

Date: Items will start being collected on Wednesday 14th August 2013, and will start being sold on Wednesday 11th September 2013.

Time: 3.00pm to 5.00pm.

Items must be a good quality, not damaged or faded. There will be set prices for items regardless of age or quality. This is a service for our community, not a profit making venture.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting Jenny Miskelly for further information, during shop open times on 9553 8117 or 0435 925 437.

Congratulations

CBC Wins Both State and National 2013 ANZAC Day Schools' Award

Congratulations Comet Bay College for winning the 2013 ANZAC Day School's Award for both the state and national competitions! The College's entries featured a short documentary, which involved local Vietnam veterans, which fostered a very strong relationship between the veterans and the school community.

Senator Glenn Sterle, accompanied by Hon Gary Gray MP, presented the College with both awards, and a prize cheque of \$3,000, at our recent Semester 1 Awards Assembly, held on Tuesday 13th August.

"Comet Bay College is most deserving of this award and the \$3000 in prize money is recognition of their exceptional entry."

"Taking a 'whole-of-school' approach to the entry paid off, with a very polished end result,"

Mr Gary Gray MP Media Release, 11 July 2013

Thank you to staff and students for an outstanding ANZAC Day Assembly, and a huge thank to you Claire Hunt for her hard efforts in preparing for the assembly and the competition submissions!

**Comet Bay College now has
an official Facebook Page!**



Like us on Facebook to keep up to date with current news and events through the following link: www.facebook.com/CometBayCollege

FOR YOUR DIARY

Comet Bay College Calendar

See what's coming up at Comet Bay College:

Term 3

Wed 4th Sept
Comet Bay College Open Day

Week 9 & 10
Year 8, 9 & 10 Exams

Fri 27th Sept
Final day of Term 3

Tues 15th Oct
Students commence Term 4

Wed 16th Oct
Yr 12 Dress-up Day

Thurs 17th Oct
Yr 12 Breakfast
Yr 12 Assembly
Final Day for Yr 12 Non ATAR Students

Fri 25th Oct
Final Day for Yr 12 ATAR Students

2013

Year 8 Medieval Fair

In coordination with the Dragon's Bay Medieval Society, Comet Bay College hosted its Year 8 Medieval Fair on the morning of the 3rd of July 2013. The fair was a culminating event for the Year 8 History Course Medieval Europe (c.590 - c.1500).

The event displayed examples of the student's artistic and creative talent as well as era-relevant events and activities. There was jousting, archery and sword fighting demonstrations from the Dragon's Bay Medieval Society.

Each College department represented their field of study in regards to how it was involved in medieval times, for example; Science demonstrated an alchemy lab, Home Economics displayed medieval costumes and food, Society and Environment displayed heraldry and coats of arms, etc.

As an annual event, the CBC year 8 Medieval Fair is a fun, interactive event for students to enjoy and develop their understanding of the curriculum.



Year 8

Hit the skates!

On Friday 5th July, 116 Year 8 students made their way to Cockburn Ice Arena. It was fun, fun, fun from the word go!

The buses left with students bursting with energy and excitement and arrived shortly after 10am. As expected, it was freezing but the students had been reminded to 'rug up'. Many couldn't wait to jump on the ice and skated like they were born to be there, this is where they stayed for most of the day. Others, like Ms Taylor, were scared but tried their best to build their confidence as they clung on to the railings around the outside!

There were plenty of students becoming friendly with the ice as they fell too! But as the saying goes 'practice makes perfect'.

The D.J announced a game of ice tag and the fun really started. Later the cold of the ice was balanced by the hot food and drinks from the cafe.

The bus trip home was much quieter as the students thought about the day and compared bumps and bruises.



Year 8 Medieval Fair ...continued





WA Ballet Visits Comet Bay College

On Friday 14th of June, Comet Bay College had the great pleasure to host a 2 hour workshop from the Western Australian Ballet.

Deborah Robertson, Amelia Stokes and Kye Maurer worked with the Year 9 and 10 dance extension class, providing them great opportunities to learn about the technique, skills and history of ballet.



Old Hollywood Photoshoot

The CBC Defence students participated in an 'Old Hollywood' style photoshoot recently. The students looked fabulous in their suits and gowns and photos and video footage taken on the day will be used to make a music video, to be premiered at the Defence Family Supper at the end of the year.

Everyone had a great time and some very memorable moments were created.

Thank you to all those involved! ...

Wanda Brzowska Ladds
(Made with Love Photography)

Beck Hayes (Makeup Artist)

Lina McLernon (Makeup Artist)

Mr Potgeiter & James Myers
(Set production & Lighting)

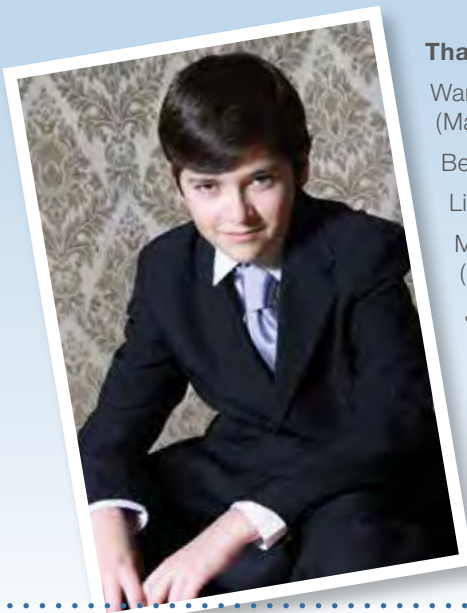
Julie Smith

Julie & Jani-Mei Jackson

Jasmine Chambers

Plus other parents who donated gowns
and suits for the photoshoot

Claire Hunt



Semester 1 Awards Assembly

During the morning of Tuesday 13th August, Comet Bay College had its Annual Semester 1 Awards Assembly, where students, staff, parents and VIP guests assembled in the gymnasium. Congratulations to all students who received an award!

This year, we were privileged to have Western Australian Senator Glenn Sterle present Comet Bay College with the 2013 ANZAC Day Schools' Awards for the best ANZAC Day Service, along with guest Federal Member Gary Gray MP.

Not only did Comet Bay College win the 2012 ANZAC Day Schools' Award last year for the State, but this year, the College won 2 awards – the State AND National competitions. The College was award a \$3,000 cheque and 2 plaques. A big thank you goes to Claire Hunt and her team of helpers for her hard efforts in entering the College into these competitions!



The Arts

Year 10 Visual Art create for "Banners in the Terrace"

During Term 2, Ms McKenzie's Year 10 Visual Art class worked with local artist Jacq Chorley to paint a banner for "Banners in the Terrace". The annual "Banners in the Terrace" competition is one of the State's largest single community arts projects and each year brings St Georges and Adelaide Terraces alive with colourful vibrant works from communities around the state.

Year 10 Visual Art students worked closely with artist Jacq Chorley to create their banner based on the theme "Future Focus". Students chose to design their banner around the idea of youth being the future of the City of Rockingham. The class wanted to represent the positive natural features of the area. The banner was inspired by Pop Art, with students taking their own photographs and transforming these into stencils with the aid of Photoshop. Students hand cut their stencils and painted their designs onto the banner with special vinyl paint.

The class is to be commended for their enthusiasm and exemplary behavior throughout the project. We would like to thank Jacq Chorley for her wonderful assistance, ideas and guidance throughout the project. We would also like to thank the City of Rockingham for providing our students with the opportunity to work with Jacq and for supplying all of the necessary materials to complete the project.

The banner was hung in Adelaide Terrace from 28 July until August 10.

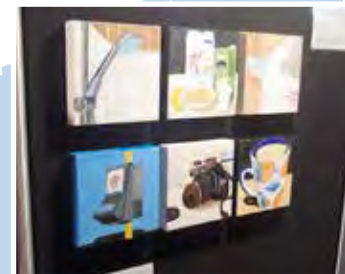


Year 12 students exhibit at St Georges Art 2013

Year 12 Stage 3 Visual Arts students Joville Davis, Tayla Hadler and Maisie Jones were selected to represent Comet Bay College at the annual St Georges Art exhibition held at St Georges Cathedral recently from July 20 until July 28.

St Georges Art is a premier annual event in art education in Western Australia, attracting schools from all sectors. This exhibition provides an excellent opportunity for students to exhibit their artwork in a unique setting. Each year, visitors flock to view the exhibition as the standard of art on display continues to reach new heights.

These three students have represented the college in an extremely positive manner, presenting works that demonstrate the hard work, skill and determination required of Stage 3 Visual Arts students. We congratulate these students on their success.



ICT innovation in Year 10 Visual Art Extension

Ms Bec Lockyer recently set her Year 10 Visual Art Extension class the challenge of researching a modern art history movement.

Students were assigned a movement to explore. They were each given an empty wine bottle and were required to paint this bottle in the style of their assigned modern art history movement. In addition to this students had to create a website using Weebly (www.weebly.com) that demonstrated their knowledge of the movement.

Pictured is the work of students Meggan Miller and Renee Giesemann.

The Arts



Meggan Miller's work



Renee Giesemann's work



Stage 2 and 3 Visual Arts visit AGWA

On the 19th of June, students from Year 11 Stage 2 and Year 12 Stage 3 Visual Arts visited the Art Gallery of Western Australia to view Year 12 Perspectives

Year 12 Perspectives is the premier exhibit of visual art works from Year 12 students who studied the Visual Arts courses of study in 2012. The exhibit is one of AGWA's most popular exhibits and allows our students the opportunity to view the work of students who were highly successful in these courses the previous year. Students were amazed by the level of skill and creativity on display and this has given these them new ideas and inspiration for their own production works. After viewing Perspectives, the group participated in a guided tour of the AGWA collection, then enjoyed lunch and ice cream in the Perth Cultural Centre.



WA artist Thomas Hoareau visits CBC



On 5 August, WA artist Thomas Hoareau visited the College to speak to Year 10, 11 and 12 students about his recent exhibition A Case of Déjà Vu. Mr Hoareau's work appropriates works from the past and places them in an urban and suburban Perth context. Mr Hoareau spoke at length to students about the inspiration, ideas and process of creating his works. This was a great opportunity for students to meet a practicing artist and understand the artistic process.

We would like to thank Art On The Move and Smarter Than Smoking for sponsoring Mr Hoareau's visit to the school. This was incredibly beneficial for students, particularly our Year 11 and 12 students as they prepare for their final exams.

The Arts

Continued...

Visual Arts students shine as exhibition season continues...

Several Comet Bay College students have been selected for two upcoming exhibits.

Tayla Hadler (Year 12, Stage 3 Visual Arts) has been selected to exhibit at Metamorphosis 2013. This exhibit is presented by the Central Institute of Technology at Gallery Central and presents innovative, exploratory and exciting creative works completed by Year 11 and 12 students enrolled in creative art and/or design courses. This exhibit receives a large number of entries every year with a small number being selected for final exhibition. We would like to congratulate Tayla on her amazing achievement! Metamorphosis runs at Gallery Central, 12 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge from Monday 19 August until Saturday 7 September from 10am until 4pm daily.



A whopping 24 students have had their work selected for exhibition in Young Originals 2013. Young Originals is an exhibition of outstanding work from government school students across the state from years 8 to 12. Again, entry into this exhibition is highly competitive and to have so many of our students accepted is an outstanding achievement. Year 12 Stage 3 Visual Arts students Joville Davis, Tayla Hadler and Maisie Jones have had their Semester 1 works selected. Year 8 Visual Art Extension student Brindy Donovan has had her beautiful scraperboard drawing accepted. 20 students from Year 9 Visual Art Extension have had their paintings from Semester 1 selected as a group entry. These acrylic on canvas board works depict a wide variety of brightly coloured foods painted in a realistic manner. Young Originals is held in the Spectrum Project Space at Edith Cowan University in Mount Lawley from Monday 26 August until Wednesday 3 September from 10am until 4pm daily.

Laptops

Returning of College Owned Laptops

A reminder to all year 11 & 12 students that College owned laptops must be returned BEFORE leaving the college, as per the agreement signed by yourself and your parents. Recent correspondence from State Insurance Company Riskcover, who insure Government schools, have indicated they are willing to pursue both legal and debt recovery actions for equipment that is not returned. Debt recovery may impact credit ratings.

College Owned Laptops - Year 12 Return Shedule

Year 12 will return their College Owned Macbooks, and all accessories – powercord and any attachments etc, in the following sequence:

Non ATAR students to return by 30 August – Week 6 Term 3

ATAR students to return by 25 October – Week 2 Term 4

(ATAR is defined as a student studying four or more ATAR subjects)

Please ensure you backup the hard-drive of your laptop as they will be reimaged and all data will be lost. Unfortunately, the College is not able to offer any technical or other assistance with the laptops due to the volume being returned and the processing required. Students will not be able to attend Graduation if their allocated laptop has not been returned.

All laptops are to be returned personally to the library. Students need to collect a return form.

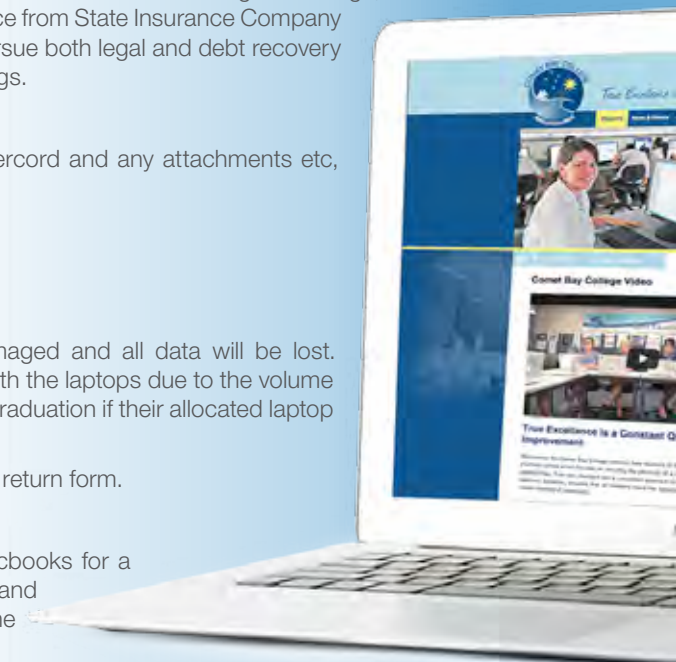
Purchasing of College Owned Laptops – Macbooks

I have had many enquiries from year 12 students wishing to purchase the Macbooks for a nominal price. The issuing of the Macbooks was a Federal Government initiative and as such all schools were required to asset this equipment and be audited by the Department of Education.

Under Federal Government Policy, as a College, we are required to 'maintain a fleet' this means that if we sell a laptop, regardless of the price and age, we are required to replace it to maintain the required number. The college has participated in a Technology audit annually and currently the replacement cost of a returned laptop is \$1,100.

Theresa Walsh

Teacher Computing



On Tuesday 2 July 2013, Emily Rowlands, Kobi Marks-Merle and I attended the ABC Community Science Forum at the ABC TV studios in East Perth, where we had the opportunity to express our views, as secondary school students, and listen to a variety of perspectives about the study of science.

It was a very rewarding and humbling experience, as we had the chance to talk to a number of highly-respected members of the Western Australian science community, including Lynn Beazley and Fiona Stanley. Being in a room that was filled with people who were every bit as passionate about science as we are was invigorating and inspiring, and it was really satisfying to be given the opportunity to describe how we thought the ABC might improve their communication of scientific achievement to the general public. There were many good points made by a number of individuals - at times I felt the need to say "here, here" to express my agreement with a particularly good point (I managed to restrain my excitement though!). Simon Cherriman and his wife in particular argued strongly that there is a need to create more opportunities for adolescents to have hands-on experience with science, and to get children away from the pre conceived ideas of it being about "white lab coats". I agree strongly with this view - when I took part in the BioGENEius competition in 2011/2012, I was able to experience what science was about outside of the classroom, and I believe others that are interested in the sciences should have the same opportunities that I did.

Danielle Drabble Year 12

All Students attend ABC Science Forum

From attending this Science Forum, I feel I have really been enlightened in my views towards the multiple aspects of the scientific community as well as the ABC's involvement in the presentation and broadcasting science topics to the general public. It was great to see such a variety of scientific representatives from across Australia as well as members of the public and students from a variety of schools and universities from WA. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing Professor Fiona Stanley take such a personal interest with regards the student input, and my discussion with Nobel Laureate Professor Barry Marshall. All in all, it was a fantastic night!

Kobi Marks - Merle Year 12

The 2013 Science Forum held at the ABC Studios was an awesome opportunity. Attending this forum with Mrs Burton, Ms Johnson, Danielle and Kobi gave us a chance, as students and teachers, to tell the ABC how they can improve their science coverage and utilise the resources available. As a student looking for a career in medicine, the forum really informed me about the importance of science communication to other members of the community, particularly of my age. At the forum there was an option to meet and greet some of WA's eminent scientists, namely Professor Lyn Beasley, Professor Fiona Stanley and Nobel Laureate Professor Barry Marshall. I personally was very interested by Simon Cherriman and his involvement with teaching children by allowing them to have a hands on experience in the field; many scientists are portrayed as boring 'white-coat lab rats'. Nothing could have better informed me regarding the ABC's genuine efforts to communicate with the wider community about science and science broadcasting.

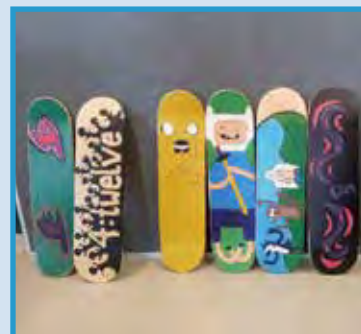
Emily Rowlands Year 12



Year 10 Good Standing

The Good Standing event for the Year 10 students was an all day event as they completed some fantastic pieces of art. The students came in, with no preconceived ideas, and were shown some examples. They then sketched out their own designs and completed their skateboards or babushka dolls. All had a great time and I'm sure you'll agree they look fantastic.

Stuart Jackson Year 10 Coordinator



Year 7 in Secondary School 2015

In 2015, Year 7 public school students will move to secondary school.

The move will provide your child with the same opportunities as children across Western Australia, giving them access to specialist subject teaching and facilities needed for the Australian Curriculum.

As a Year 7 student in a secondary school, your child will be introduced to new and more demanding mathematical concepts including formal algebra and geometry, and will study biological and physical sciences including mixing chemicals using specialised equipment. They will also have access to a diverse range of learning experiences such as computer science, robotics, food science, woodwork and metalwork.

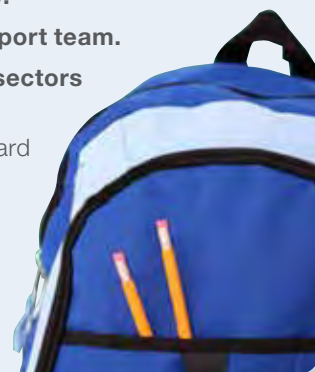
Pastoral care is a priority for every member of our staff and covers the safety of all students in our care, their emotional, social and intellectual wellbeing as well as their conduct and behaviour. We work towards this by:

- **Providing an environment of inclusion and respect throughout the College community.**
- **Providing a formalised student welfare system that includes a dedicated Student Support team.**
- **Promoting positive and effective communication between the student, parents and all sectors of the College community.**

The move will provide exciting new opportunities for your child. Our college and staff are working hard to prepare them for the transition.

If you have any questions I encourage you to visit the Department's parent website at det.wa.edu.au/schoolsandyou or make a time to meet with me or one of my leadership team.

Jamie Hayres
Principal



Student represents CBC at Sir Charles Court

Young Leadership Program

It can be hard in a world like ours to not view leadership as simply politics, making speeches and organising. It's what I used to think leadership was all about, however the Sir Charles Court Young Leaders Program showed me that it is much more. The program was founded by Sir Charles Court and designed for Year 10 Students of diverse backgrounds from all around WA. It is run by Curtin University and the History Teachers' Association of WA. It focuses on enhancing young people's understanding of the concepts of vision, leadership and community service.

It was an incredible opportunity to be given the chance to take part and represent Comet Bay College on the five-day residential program. From the beginning, it proved to be an intense and informative experience, but it was one I will never forget. It allowed me to see more clearly the bigger picture of what leadership actually involves through speeches from people with inspiring stories, physical activities and simple challenges that have a stronger message. We were shown to have confidence in your own abilities as well as others', make the effort to listen and get to know different people. Perhaps the best part of the program, however, for all who took part, was the network of friendships created and maintained even though the program is over. It was overwhelming and almost unbelievable to meet so many people with such similar interests, each creating moments that I will always cherish.

The whole experience was absolutely amazing, and is one that I still can't describe fully. For students next year who are given the opportunity to apply, I would simply say 'seize it'.

Hanneke Wiersma
Year 10



Student Support News

UNIFORM POLICY

Girls are not permitted to wear shorts to school. These are to be worn for specific lessons only.

Boys must wear shorts purchased from the uniform shop. Sports / footy shorts should be worn for Phys Ed only. House shirts must only be worn for specific lessons or on a Friday.

Please ensure that all uniform is purchased from the uniform shop. Wearing incorrect uniform will result in the loss of good standing and detentions.

ATTENDANCE

Anything below 90% means your child is at risk. Holidays are not considered to be acceptable for absence.

BORROWED UNIFORM

If you have borrowed any school uniform, please return this as soon as possible to avoid a bill!

PHONE POLICY

Please do not contact your child during the school day. This will lead to their mobile device being confiscated. If you need to get a message to them, please speak to the front office or Student Support. We are more than happy to pass a message on.

PICKING UP STUDENTS FOR APPOINTMENTS

If you need to pick up your child during the day for an appointment, please provide a written note advising the time and date you want to pick up your child. The note should be given by the parent/guardian to the child to show their teacher so they can leave the class and be ready to sign-out in Student Support for when you arrive.

STUDENT ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS

If your child will be absent, the preferred method of notifying the College is through email at the following address: cbcattendance.cometbay.cc@education.wa.edu.au - If this isn't possible for you, then contact Student Support on 9553 8100.

SHOPPING CENTRE

Please be reminded that the Secret Harbour Shopping Centre will not serve students during school time.

SKATEBOARD BAN

Please remember that skateboards are banned in school. If they are seen, they will be confiscated.

PINK SLIPS

Students must report incidents to Student Support using the pink slips. As soon as a pink slip is completed, we can investigate the issues.

Spotlight Student Support Staff

Philip Waddy

Associate Dean for Year 12



How long have you been at Comet Bay College?

Since the beginning

Where were you born?

Wickford Essex UK - Home birth, before it was trendy.

Why did you decide to be teacher?

Fell into it really. All I wanted at the beginning was piano lessons (part of my Music Teaching Degree) but, by the time I had finished my first prac, I discovered that I really enjoyed working with kids.

What do you like about your job?

I like the opportunity that teaching gives me to meet an enormous variety of people and the knowledge that I can make a difference in some of their lives. Also, the fact that I found it very hard to answer the next question...

What do you dislike about your job?

I'm a risk taker and I believe that the best things in life are experienced and achieved by risk takers. Between risk management and political correctness I feel that many opportunities escape us.



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.

Fremantle Literacy Centre Young Writers Day!

Last month, a selection of the year 8 GATE and extension students were given the opportunity to meet fantasy author Kirsty Murray at the Young Writer's Day. The program, run by the Fremantle Literacy Centre, is held once a term for young, talented writers and consists of tips and exercises conducted by a published author to help develop our story writing skills. We travelled up to the Literacy Centre by bus, which is situated inside of the Fremantle prison.

The day consisted of a variety of activities. First we learnt about setting the scene of the story, followed by a short creative writing time to put the tips we were taught into practice. The descriptive narratives we wrote were about places we had been before and focused mainly on targeting the five senses of the reader. We also created character profiles and learnt that figuring out the plot and the characters first helps develop the story better.

Kirsty Murray was helpful and enthusiastic; she was able to answer any questions we had on writing and publishing. We also got to meet her and some of us even had a photo taken with her at the end of the day. During breaks for lunch and recess, some of us went around the courtyard and met new people from the other schools. This definitely led to some hilarious events and lots of photos.

Everyone gained some great tips and strategies to help with our writing and we also had the chance to meet new faces. The excursion concluded with a fun bus trip back full of discussion about the day and Kirsty Murray's lessons. Like the previous authors and the many future ones we're yet to meet, we look forward to learning more and are thankful for the excellent opportunity we've been given!

Literacy ICT Coordinators Update for Term 3

Here at the College, teachers have been busily using technology to ensure we realise the College vision of providing a 21st Century education for your children. As Literacy ICT coordinator, I am privileged to work alongside many innovative educators and felt it timely to share the many wonderful things being used in classrooms around the college.

Students at CBC access learning content anywhere and at anytime. Edmodo is one popular application used by many of the teachers at the college. Most of the students in our iPad classes are very familiar with Edmodo, as their teachers use it to deliver curriculum, share resources and give students opportunities to engage in online discussions in a safe & secure setting. Many teachers and learning areas similarly use their own websites to provide both students and parents access to course outlines, homework, assignment resources and due dates.

Technology is also helping teachers promote positive behaviour. A popular application being used by many teachers is Class Dojo. Using this application, teachers are able to track student behaviour in class and automatically generate weekly reports to parents.

Video games and gaming are being used to enhance learning. Gamification is the process of applying the way video games work, and sometimes actual games themselves into a learning environment. In Society & Environment, one group of students played Age of Empires 3 to learn about medieval history while another year 9 class use an online game, Nation States to learn about politics. Meanwhile in Mathematics, students are creating board games to develop their understanding of probability and chance.

In our iPad classes, teachers are embracing student centred learning. With six iPad classes across year 8 and 9, students are using these devices in class to enhance their learning. In Science, students use their iPads to solve problems, as one student explained, "I love that we have the ability to choose how we do things and are able to use apps we are familiar with." Using the iPad, students interpret data and present their findings in a multitude of innovative ways, including documentary film. In English, students use the devices for research, to find definitions, create presentations and short movies. Using blogs, students in one class share writing and get feedback while discussing each others ideas. In Society & Environment, students this instant access to knowledge allows students to easily contrast different forms of information and present their findings in innovative ways. Maths students are able to reinforce their learning by designing interesting presentations on concepts learnt in class.

Staff and students are constantly developing new and interesting ways to use technology at our college. If you have any queries or want some advice please don't hesitate to email me at Jason.D'argent@education.wa.edu.au

Jason D'Argent, Literacy **Literacy ICT coordinator / English teacher**

**By: Paige Addis, Brindy Donovan,
Emily Galvin, Lleyton Eggins,
Tia Starkie and Rebecca Weldon**





An Invitation to

Comet Bay College OPEN DAY

College Tours
Meet the Staff
Live Performance
Student Work Displays
Entertainment and Activities
Food and Drink

Wednesday 4th September 2013
4pm to 7pm

2 Allatoona Avenue, Secret Harbour



RSVP simona.iezzi@education.wa.edu.au



DRUG AWARENESS FILM COMPETITION

- WHO:** Year 10, 11 and 12 students at Comet Bay College
- WHAT:** Students will have an opportunity to work in groups of 3 to produce a short film/advertisement which presents an **anti-drug message** to senior school students
- WHEN:** Films and advertisements to be scripted, filmed and edited during Term 3, with **final submissions due in week 9 of Term 3**
- WHERE:** Although some students will be completing their films/adverts as part of an English assessment, most groups will need to film and edit in their own time

After school sessions will be offered each fortnight for students who need assistance or some guidance with their films/adverts.

PRIZES:

1st Prize – Students whose film is chosen as the winning entry will be given the opportunity to spend a day behind the scenes in an *ABC Television broadcasting studio*

2nd Prize – The runners-up will be given the opportunity to visit an *ABC Radio broadcasting studio* and will be interviewed on-air about their film



Year 8-12 Assessment Policy

Please note that the College has undertaken a review of the existing assessment policies for both lower and senior school and has developed an inclusive Year 8-12 Assessment Policy, effective as of this semester.

The policy has been developed in accordance with the School Curriculum and Standards Authority guidelines.

This policy can be downloaded via our website through the following link: www.cometbaycollege.wa.edu.au/policies-publications

SnapChat App Warning



PHOTOS DON'T DISAPPEAR FOR GOOD!

Numerous high school students are thoroughly engaged in the new app sensation, SNAPCHAT. This application can be used on iPhones, iPads and smart phones and allows the sender to send a photo to another device with a set time limit on how long these files will exist when received by the end user. The photo is only seen for ten seconds by the receiver, then disappears or apparently expires. Snapchat tells users that the file then "disappears" this is certainly not the case!

Whether your child is using an Android or iPhone, the photos and videos can be recovered as highlighted in numerous "how to" Youtube videos, articles and blogs. Also, people can easily take a screen shot of the photo whilst on their phone for that ten seconds...then keep it.

Parents, please take the time to chat to your son/daughter if they are using this app on their smartphones or iPads and make them aware of the consequences that can occur.



Health Update

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Teenage Health

Two relevant and reliable Australian websites for your children to use to find information about puberty are The Hormone Factory www.thehormonefactory.com and Teen health www.chy.com

Anaphylaxis-E-Learning now available via the DoE iLearning system.

Teachers can earn points towards your Teacher Registration Board for completing this training and updating your skills on Anaphylaxis.

Students with Anaphylaxis 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.

Energy-Drink Effects on Children

Did you know, energy drinks contain an unregulated amount of caffeine? Did you know that they are associated with cardiac abnormalities, seizures, mood and behavioral disorders? Did you know they have no therapeutic benefit and the ingredients are understudied and not regulated?

Did you know that 40% of 12-17 yr olds in Australia are drinking alcohol? Its time for the "Other Talk". A new resource has been launched: a site that is helping parents to have the "Other Talk" with their children about alcohol and other drugs.

The new resource www.theothertalk.org.au is the first port of call for families, with information that can make having the other talk easier.

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