



From the Principal

Welcome

We have come to the end of another busy but productive year with many highlights. The College continues to offer a broad range of educational experiences for our students across all areas of their learning.

As the year draws to a close, there have been a number of excellent activities that have showcased the talent and dedication of our staff and students. The Yr 12 Graduation at the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre saw us farewell our Year 12 students for the last time. We held a very successful Year 7 Orientation Day and Parent Information Evening, ensuring that our new Year 8 students will start their first year at the College in 2014 confident and prepared.

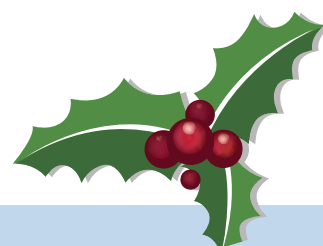
The Arts Department worked with our very talented Year 8-10 students to host the Arts Expo showcasing art work, dance and music. The Year 10 Drama Extension Class worked under the direction of Drama Teacher Ms Lund to deliver a very funny performance of "Teechers".

The College celebrated the outstanding achievement of our students with the Awards Assembly and our Defence Students enjoyed themselves at the Defence Family Supper. Last week, the College played host to a number of talented writers, poets and musicians at the Young Writers Festival, as students and parents and community members were given the chance to attend workshops of their choice.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, students and parents of Comet Bay College for another outstanding year and I look forward to seeing everyone again in the new year.

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas.

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 Teaching staff have experienced difficulty contacting parents due to these details being out of date or incorrect.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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PALS Awards

On the 15th of November 2013, the Year 12 VET class was invited to Parliament House to accept an award for their song they wrote, composed and performed on reconciliation.

Jamie Buktenica, Chloe Kearns and Scott O'Donnell attended to represent the class. The students were nominated for the award for their song 'Unity through Music' which they composed with the help of musicians Levi Islam and Bradford Corunna (Knowledge Bones). The students were awarded their plaque by Minister for Education, Aboriginal Affairs and Electoral Affairs the Honourable Peter Collier. The School was also awarded \$500.



Fantastic Results in Rio Tinto Big Science Competition

Once again Comet Bay College students have excelled in the Rio Tinto Big Science Competition.

This highly prestigious Australia wide competition encourages critical thinking and problem solving skills as well as allowing students to demonstrate their science knowledge. Three students gained High distinctions, 14 attained Distinctions while another 65 were awarded Credits. We are extremely proud of our 2013 results and wish to commend all our award recipients and acknowledge all students who participated.

This year saw the Year 8 students lead the way with 3 High Distinctions and 7 Distinctions. One Year 9 student along with 6 Year 10 students also gained Distinctions.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved High Distinctions:

Year 8 Students

Keegan Gordon-Tucker
Josie Davey
Damien Huxham

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HD



Congrats! Student Leadership Team 2013

The Comet Bay Student Leadership Team attended the 2013 PACT Student Leadership Conference on 4 December 2013. The conference had "IT in the classroom" as its topic. The students found the conference interesting, but especially enjoyed the opportunity of meeting student leaders from other schools.

In the afternoon, there was a competition between the schools to develop a new IT Policy for their school and then to present it to the conference. The Comet Bay College students created a vibrant, interactive presentation, which stood out for its content and creativity. The presentation was judged to be the best, and the students returned to College with another trophy and a cash prize! Commenting on the group, a principal from another school described the Comet Bay College's entry as "Dominating". Congratulations to the Student Leadership Team!



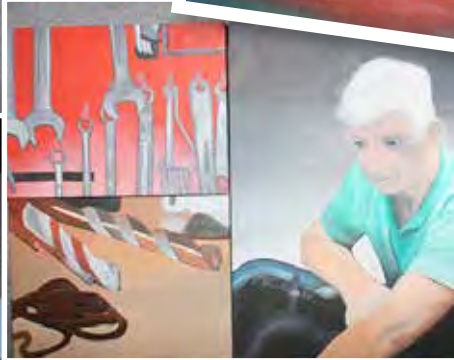
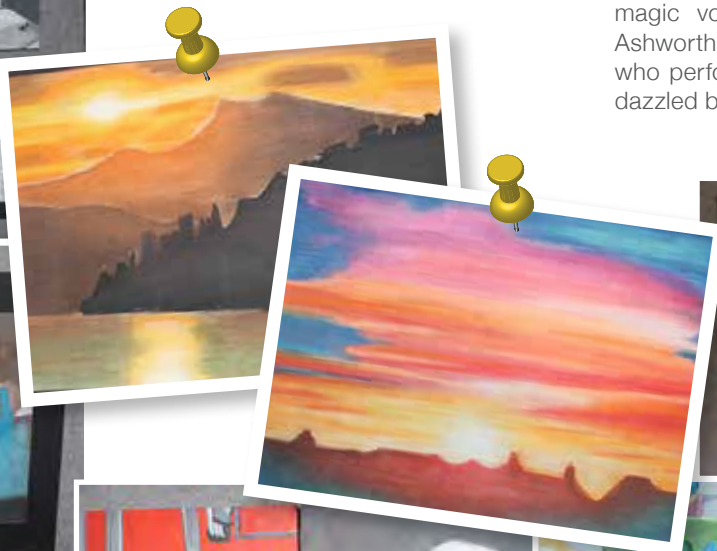
Comet Bay College *Annual Arts Expo 2013*

Our 6th Annual Arts Expo showcased students' achievements within the Arts. The opening night, held on the 3rd of December 2013, was a cultural evening which consisted of an art exhibition and a variety of performances.

The exhibition of art displayed an amazing collection of the students' artwork, which included paintings, drawings, textiles, ceramics and sculptural forms. The guests were invited to vote for their favourite piece of art and prizes kindly donated by Jackson's Drawing Supplies were awarded to the winners. The Principal's Choice Award went to Holly Kolega (Year 11), The Guest Speaker's Award to Ben Arnold (Year 12), Students' Choice Award

went to Briana Kordick (Year 12) and People's Choice Award went to Kassy Roderick (Year 10).

The opening night was very well attended. A brief introduction by Mr Pryer, the Associate Principal, was followed by brilliant dance, drama and musical performances. These were really warmly received by the audience who applauded the magnificent work of our talented and dedicated students. Some of the highlights included very entertaining MC'ing by Matthew Jones and Daniel Ridley, Maddie Wells' dance solos, drama monologues by Year 10 Drama Extension students and a brilliant cover of "Classic" (MKTO) by Year 9 Music Extension class. The audience was mesmerised by the magic voices of Megan Dobbs, Holly Ashworth and Abbie Edwards (Yr 10) who performed "Move" by Little Mix and dazzled by the artistry of dancers.



Annual Arts Expo 2013

Continued...

Arts Expo has become an event that students, staff and the wider community look forward to with anticipation. The event has grown in popularity since its inception, and staff from The Arts department are very grateful to everybody who has shown their support by helping out prior to and during the night.

You can help us grow The Arts at Comet Bay College. Everybody is welcome to choose activities or events to support, or simply follow the news from the Arts department on our Friends Of The Arts Facebook page.



Annual Defence Family Supper

The annual Defence Family Supper was held on Wednesday 11th December 2013. This year, it was Hollywood-themed, with the staffroom transformed into a glamorous red carpet event including mocktails & delicious sweets provided.

We had fabulous student performances, watched the DTM Music Video & event slideshows and presented the Resilience Award, kindly sponsored by Paul Papalia CSC, MLA.

This year's winner was Year 12 Graduate Monty Davison. Congratulations to him for being such a wonderful role model for his peers!

Entertainers

Chelsea-Rose Bowers
Brindy Donovan
Iain Parker
Renae Ambrose

Resilience Award Nominees

Mitchell Wrangmore
Amily Pugh
Matthew Hope
Brendan Miskelly
Ainslee Laidlaw
Chloe Murray
Casey Hayes
James Buxton
Kurtis Bradshaw
Monty Davison (Winner)

Helpers & People to thank

Paul Papalia for donating the Go Pro Camera for the Resilience Award prize
Casey Jelley – MC
Made with love Photography xx – Wanda for assistance with Hollywood Photoshoot
Shabana Tagore, David Karcheski, Neil Robinson & Pierre Potgeiter
Ben Hunt, Brody Renn, Charles Allomes, Mackenzie Brown & other student helpers.

By Claire Hunt

Defence Transition Mentor



Year 7 Orientation Day

Comet Bay College is the place to be!

On Thursday 5 December, Year 7 students joined the College for their Orientation Day. Staff worked hard to consistently display the energy, passion & talent, which have made our College the most popular and successful in the local area.

Students experienced a range of subjects including Physical Education, Design & Technology, Art, Music, Photography, Maths, English, Science, Society & Environment, Drama and Leadership. Students were also blown away by the most amazing dance performances in the Performing Arts Centre.

One thing is for sure - Comet Bay College is the place for your child to be!



My Kitchen Rules Competition

Comet Bay College promotes healthy eating

Given that the prevalence of obesity in Australia has more than doubled in the past 20 years, and the fact that many teenagers skip breakfast, the Community Youth Nurses at Comet Bay College felt it appropriate to facilitate a health promotional activity in their College to promote healthy eating amongst the students.

Healthways funding application was successful to provide for the activity and the fresh produce was purchased locally.

The messages contained in this activity included the importance of eating breakfast before College, eating healthily and the dangers of drinking high caffeine drinks like Red Bull, Mother and V, especially before College.

A "MY KITCHEN RULES" competition was organized with the assistance of the Home Economics teachers Shabana Tagore and Julie Coyle and the Leadership Students in the College. The theme "Spring" was decided upon and teams were selected. The 4 teams had to cook a main meal and a salad using fresh W.A produce only. Judging was based on nutritional value, appearance, taste and preparation/cooking skills, team work and technique.

The four teams competed on the 20th November 2013 and Chef Olivia Harste from Betty Blues Rockingham and Phillip Cousins, School Kitchen Garden Specialist, judged the final meals.

Congratulations to the winners Robert Crabtree Year 10, Oliver Barnard Year 9, Aleisha Brown-Fuller Year 9 and Damien Huxham Year 8, from the house faction Mariner. There will be a trophy placed with the winners names in at the foyer of the College to encourage a yearly event. Prizes were distributed to the winners at the Awards Assembly, and the donations of 2 food processors and a large esky were handed to the Home Economics Department to be used for next years Fruit and Vegie month promotion.

Over the weeks leading up to the event, messages to students were displayed around the College and advertised in the Daily Notices about the importance of eating breakfast, eating healthily and how caffeine drinks can affect their behaviour and health.

Robyn Rogers and Celia Brown
Community Youth Nurses



Young Writers Festival

"To breathe is to survive, to read is to live" - Ron Barton

In an age where words evolve, merge and are born on a daily basis the writer is God. Authors take on mythological importance as they transport us to new worlds that are as familiar as they are fresh. They introduce us to people who are unlike anyone we have ever met but may as well be family, in that they are so recognisable.

Each of the writers and presenters asked to be a part of this year's inaugural festival were specifically chosen for their passion and enthusiasm. Musicians, poets, teachers and novelists - this eclectic bunch all have one desire, to stoke the fire in the creative minds of today's youth.

The day opened with a rousing speech from Paul Papalia who spoke of the power of words and foreshadowed the growth of this event. He then gave out book prizes and Kindles to our competition winners, two of which are now being published. Following that, students, staff and community members participated in workshops and discussions from 12:30 to 6:30. All involved have spoken highly of the festival and we look forward to building on this success.

By Ron Barton
Associate Dean of English



Trade Day

"On Monday the 9th December 2013, participating year 9 classes contributed to Trade Day. Trade Day is an economics focused event and real life simulation of producing and consuming goods and services. All groups within classes were given 30 minutes to produce and 30 minutes to consume. Despite the fact we were not allowed to produce food, we all had fun providing goods and services such as nail painting, henna tattoos, fortune telling, games and more. Many entrepreneurs were discovered during the course of the day and everybody had a lot of fun."

Leah Jones
GATE Year 9



Student Support News

STUDENT PARKING / PERMITS

Students should continue to park in the designated areas displaying their permits. If a student needs a parking permit in 2014, please see us in Student Support on Monday 3rd February 2014.

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!!!!

We would like to wish you all a very happy and safe holiday. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

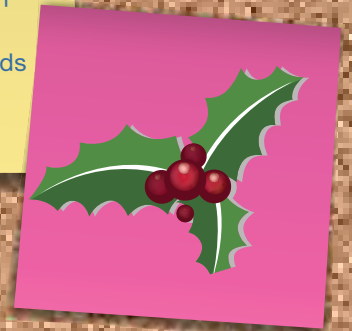


2014 TERM ONE

Students commence Term 1 of 2014 on Monday 3 February 2014.

PRESENT OR ABSENT?

The school uses an electronic system to record attendance in lessons. When a teacher enters an absence, the system identifies this and an automated service sends a text message home.



CONTACT DETAILS

Please, please, please ensure your contact details and any Emergency contact details are up to date.

Uniform Shop Extended Trading Hours 2014

In 2014, extending trading hours will be available the week before Term 1 commences, and also during the first two weeks of Term 1 during the times below:

Day	Date	Start Time	End Time
Tuesday	28/01/2014	9.00am	3.00pm
Wednesday	29/01/2014	9.00am	3.00pm
Thursday	30/01/2014	9.00am	3.00pm
Friday	31/01/2014	9.00am	3.00pm
Monday	3/02/2014	9.00am	3.00pm
Tuesday	4/02/2014	8.00am	11.30pm
Wednesday	5/02/2014	8.00am	11.30am
Thursday	6/02/2014	1.00pm	4.00pm
Monday	10/02/2014	1.00pm	4.00pm
Tuesday	11/02/2014	8.00am	11.30am
Wednesday	12/02/2014	8.00am	11.30am
Thursday	13/02/2014	1.00pm	4.00pm

For further information, please contact our Uniform Shop Coordinator, Jenny Miskelly on 9553 8100

During the morning of Thursday 12th December, Comet Bay College hosted its Annual Semester 2 Awards Assembly. The assembly awarded the top students in subjects and also other general and community awards.

VIP guests Paul Papalia CSC, MLA, Senior Pastor Keith Carmody, Bindi Gane from the Bendigo Community Bank and Chief Petty Officer Lex Davison attended and presented their awards.

Congratulations and well done to all students who received an award!

Semester 2

Awards Assembly 2013

Congratulations Year 8-10 Award Assembly Winners
Thursday 12th December 2013



English			
Subject	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
English	Brindy Donovan	Tamika Bland	Hanneke Wiersma
Indonesian	Rhiannon Maguire	--	--
Mathematics			
Subject	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Mathematics	Damien Huxham	Sara Guest	Meggan Miller
Science			
Subject	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Science	Keegan Gordan-Tucker	Breon Feran	Lucy Hazlehurst
1B Integrated Science	--	--	Connie Wai
Society and Environment			
Subject	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Society and Environment	Rhiannon Maguire Claire Mortimer	Breon Feran	Hanneke Wiersma
1A Modern History	--	--	Supakarn Bamrungtin
1A Politics and Law	--	--	Tyson Sarich
1A Psychology	--	--	Kai Selkirk
Health and Physical Education			
Subject	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Physical Education BOYS	Jackson Perry	Blake Good	Henry McCahon
Physical Education GIRLS	Brindy Donovan	Tatum Gittins	Kasey Miegel
Health Education	Javier Ross	Leah Jones	Lucy Wrona
Australian Football Specialist Program	Jaike Alteri	Lachlan Mitchell	Kyle Russell
Surfing Development Program	Sean Pollock	Kierra Pollock	Tyson Sarich
Soccer Development Program	--	Samuel Dean	Luke Duckett
Outdoor Education	--	Blake Good	Jasmine Rafferty
Fitness Education	--	--	Jade Hammond
Sport and Community Leadership	--	--	Alexis Good

Awards Assembly 2013



The Arts			
Subject	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Visual Arts	Elise Dobbs	Chloe Morley	Indyana Nuttall Kassandra Roderick
Visual Arts Extension	Brindy Donovan	Megan Nurse	Renee Giesemann
Drama	--	Kelsey Savage	Mikaela Innes Alexis Good
Drama Extension	Brindy Donovan	Niamh Tosh	Hanneke Wiersma
Dance	--	Tenaya Ryan	Mikaela Innes
Dance Extension	Rebecca Weldon Sarah Kemp	Maddison Wells	Ashlee Morehead Caitlin Crowder
Craft	--	Georgia De La Pair	--
Ceramics	--	--	Fynlay Howell
Music Extension	Emily Galvin	Samara Horne	Megan Cooper
School of Instrumental Music	Damien Huxham	Kyrah-Dean Harris	Megan Cooper

Design and Technology			
Subject	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Mechanics	--	Sheldon Gait	Travis Schofield
Small Machines Automotive	--	Keenan Grayling	Cameron Clarke
Electronics	Paige Addis	Tom Norman Michael Lofthouse	--
Jewellery	Keeley Starling	Chelsea Likar	--
Metal Technology	Brock Moore	Cheyenne Gibling	Jayden Lowe
Wood Technology	Keegan Gordon-Tucker	--	TeAmo Chase

Home Economics			
Subject	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Home Economics	Will Murdoch	--	--
Caring for Children	--	Kyra McAlpine	--
Food and Cooking	--	Aleisha Brown-Fuller	--
Food and Nutrition	--	--	Fynlay Howell
Cooking Extension	--	Oliver Barnard	--
Textiles	Braidy Trainor	--	--
The Family, Community and Childcare	--	--	Chloe Drake
Fashion and Style	--	Krystie Bland	Rebecca Wood Karis Tyson
Beauty, Image & Wellbeing	--	Siobhann Border	Chene Van der Merwe

ICT			
Subject	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Computing	Brindy Donovan	Thomas Barnes	Caitlin Crowder
Graphics Technology	--	Sheldon Gait	Design: Photography
Design: Photography	--	Tamika Bland	Jordan Coates
Business Education	--	Candace Doherty	Courteney Vos
Media	--	--	Kyle Bullock



Awards Assembly 2013



Premier Student		
Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Brindy Donovan	Niamh Tosh	Hanneke Wiersma
Best All Rounder		
Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Paige Addis	Krystie Bland	Callum Hamlet
Citizenship Award		
Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Vinnie Francek	Sophie Fidoe	Alycia Barker
Personal Best Award		
Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Mathew Ritz	Niamh Tosh	Caitlin Crowder
School Community Award		
Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Karl Jones	Tyler Carbone	Chad Savage

Encouragement Scholarship

Jade Hammond - Year 10

Resilience Award

Jakob Joyce - Year 10

ADF (Long Tan) Leadership and Team Work Award

Alycia Barker - Year 10

Bendigo Community Bank "How to Improve your Community"

Lachlan Hope - Year 9

Seth Matthews - Year 9

James Nicholls - Year 9

Wiltronics Science Award

Jayden Davison - Year 10

Rio Tinto Big Science Award

Keegan Gordon-Tucker - Year 8

Josey Davey - Year 8

Damien Huxham - Year 8

Ryan Botha - Year 8

Caleb Burnes - Year 8

Joshua Downes - Year 8

Lletyon Eggins - Year 8

Emily Galvin - Year 8

Genevieve Lloyd - Year 8

Tom Mostyn - Year 8

Leah Jones - Year 9

Patrick Adair - Year 10

Jayden Davison - Year 10

Louie Harding - Year 10

Jessica Richardson - Year 10

Kassandra Roderick - Year 10

Chayanin Saibo - Year 10

Travis Schofield - Year 10



Fabulous Fables Read to students at Comet Bay Primary

Did you know that fables were first written by Aesop 600 years BC? While fables have been around for a very long time it doesn't mean they are any less relevant today. These overtly fictitious stories still play an important role in teaching the reader or listener a lesson they should learn about life.

Ms Dahlstrom's General Year 8 English class embarked on the challenging task of writing and illustrating their own fables this term. The students went on an excursion on Wednesday 4th December to Comet Bay Primary School, where they read their fables to students ranging in age from pre-primary through to Grade 3. Feedback from the teachers was very positive, with many commenting on how creative their fables were and how well they interacted with the students. Comet Bay College is proud of how these students have sought excellence in their work and represented the college in such a positive light.

From left Brock Smith, Jacob Hutton, Harrison Rogers and Abbey Harvey were some of the students who did a great job entertaining the students with their fables.



Gifted & Talented Program

Nominations to enter the Gifted & Talented Program at Comet Bay College are now open by accessing

HYPERLINK "<http://www.det.wa.edu.au/curriculumsupport/giftedandtalented/detcms/potal/>" www.det.wa.edu.au/curriculumsupport/giftedandtalented/detcms/potal/

Students and parents of students in years 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are encouraged to attend an

Information Evening

for Comet Bay College and entry into the Gifted & Talented Program on

Wednesday 5 February 2014 from 6.45 - 7.45pm

RSVP by Tuesday 4 February

Comet Bay College

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Telephone 9553 8100 / 9553 8122

Further information can be found on the college website:

HYPERLINK "<http://www.cometbaycollege.det.wa.edu.au>" www.cometbaycollege.det.wa.edu.au

**PLEASE BE AWARE THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS
12 NOON MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2014**



TEDx Program at Comet Bay College

Wednesday the 11th December was an amazing morning at Comet Bay College. The auditorium was decorated, the banners were on display and the presenters nervously waited their turn to appear on stage.

TEDxYouth@CBC 2013 gives the students, in both Year 10 Extension and GATE, the opportunity to present their ideas to their peers. TEDxYouth@CBC aims to be a catalyst for inspiration, giving young people at Comet Bay College a voice. After preparing for two weeks, a field of 52 potential speakers was narrowed down to 14 finalists. Presentations were varied, powerful and captivating. Topics included dances about society and body image, presentations on the justice system, the value of roleplaying and how we should all pay attention to the little things. The audience was mesmerised by the power and confidence of the speakers. Organisers, Ron Barton and Jason D'argent, were proud to see their students perform in this event at Comet Bay College, the only public school to host a TEDxYouth event in the country.

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TED has created a program called TEDx. TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. Our event is called TEDxYouth@CBC, where x=independently organized TED event. At TEDxYouth@CBC event, TEDTalks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events, including ours, are self-organized.

Responses to the event were both inspired and amazing, as recognised by comments from our staff. According to English teacher Monique Wood, "There were some powerful speeches which reflect the great work Ron and Jason have done with the students". This sentiment was similarly echoed by Physical Education Teacher, Rob Clackett, "The speeches were informative, funny, heartfelt and above all showcased some amazing talent across the Year 10 cohort." Finally, Matthew Potts, a Vocational Education teacher stated, "I was astounded by the quality of all of the speeches that I watched." As both teacher of the students and organisers of the events, both Ron and Jason were impressed and proud of the speakers and their classes, for both taking part and being attentive as audience members. Unfortunately it is highly likely that this event will not run next year so it was great to finish on such a high note.

Australian Football Specialist Program's *Year 9 v Year 10 Footy Match*



In hot conditions, the students from the Year 9's took on the Year 10's Friday morning. The Year 10's started strong with Kyle Russell and Josh Schoenfeld who set up a six-goal lead in the first quarter. The Year 9's, to their credit, worked hard for the duration of the game with the best Year 9's beingayne Selkirk and Lachlan Mitchel, but the team was outplayed by the Year 10's. The final score being Years 10's: 139 to Year 9's: 29.

Well done to all players and the Year 8 students that helped with umpiring and providing water to the players.

By Benjamin Jahn

Teacher Physical Education

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program Online Shop

As part of the expanded Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program, which is available to all year 8's 2014, Datacom is offering an online shop. There is no obligation to purchase through them - it is just an option. Please note, although the iPad mini is in the shop, Datacom does not recommend this for prolonged use.

Comet Bay My School Shop

Link: <https://www.myschoolshop.net.au/#store/CBC2014>

- The Comet Bay My School Shop is open 24x7 until 9 January 2014.
- The shop support line will be open from 6 January 2014.
- Between the 20th of Dec 2013 and 6th of January 2014, please be advised that your support query may not be responded to until the line reopens on the 6th of January. Rest assured we will assist you with your query, and that there is plenty of time between the 6th of January and the 9th of January, to place your order successfully. If in doubt, please only place your order during the times that the support line is open.
- The shop will CLOSE on the 9th of January at 5pm Sharp.
- Unfortunately there will be no orders accepted past this time, as logistically they will not make it to the school in time.
- Parents are reminded that there is one single delivery to the school, with a scheduled day for pickup that will be advised to you. This is arranged for the purpose of the students signing their Digital Citizenship license and School Network Policy agreement.

- **The AppleCare and Device Insurance policy, whilst both recommended, are provided as an option and is a direct agreement between you and the company providing the service. (Apple Inc. for AppleCare, and Covertec Pty Ltd for the Covertec insurance policy)**

For more information visit
<http://www.apple.com/au/support/products/> or
<http://www.covertec.com.au>

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*Wishing everyone
a safe and happy holiday break!*