



From the Principal

Welcome

As the holidays approach, staff and students continue to work hard to finalise assessments and complete tasks that have been given. All year groups have completed their exams and are now looking forward to a well earned break.

All staff have been focussing on completing the Year 8-12 Student Achievement Reports, which will be mailed out to families in the last week of the term. It is important that parents take the time to read through the reports and discuss any concerns as well as give deserved praise to students who have performed well. This will allow you to make the most of the Parent and Teacher Interview Evening scheduled for Term 3 on Wednesday 6 August 2014. The online booking system will be made available for bookings Week One of Term 3.

We had a very good turn out for the Year 10 Parent information Evening with over 250 parents and students in attendance. Associate Principal, Michael Churchman, provided a comprehensive information session with support from Dean of Vocational Education and Training, Kim Crow. Parents were able to ask questions regarding the Year 11 Course offerings for 2015. Year 10 students then take this information with them to their own counselling session helping them to choose their courses for Year 11.

The Winter chill is now upon us, so I would ask that all students ensure that they have a College jumper or jacket purchased from the College Uniform Shop. We now have the Second Hand Uniform Shop operating on a Wednesday afternoon at 3pm to 5pm as well. As in most things, the College continues to lead the way in student uniform, and I continually receive positive feedback from the wider Community about how great our students look. This pride in appearance is proven to flow onto pride in self, pride in work ethic and pride in College.

Jamie Hayres

Principal

Parents/Carers

Please ensure the College has your correct contact details including home and mobile phone numbers and email addresses. Teaching staff experience difficulty contacting parents where these details are out of date or incorrect. **Thank you**





Congrats!!

Congratulations to Luke Norman Year 12 who won Gold and Adam Keilar Year 12 who won Silver in the Worldskills Regional Competition!

Both students will be competing in the National Worldskills Competition in September. Luke has also won the Challenger Institute of Technology's Student of the Year for VET in Schools and Adam is a finalist in the Department of Training's Student of the Year for VET in Schools. In addition to the Worldskills Competition, Adam Keilar and Matthew Brady Year 12 have made it to the final of the State Training Awards.

Congratulations to former students Gabrielle Doherty, Madelyn Veenstra and Jessica Brown who have been awarded an Australian Vocational Student Prize for 2013! The students received a certificate and \$2,000 in prize money.

Congratulations to these students for their incredible achievements through hard efforts!



Congratulations to Year 10 students, Jessica Pavitt, Kailee Greenaway and Sophie Fidoie, who have been selected to represent Western Australia in the 2014 State Hockey 16s Team. They will be competing at the National Schools Championships in Adelaide, SA from 9 to 17 August 2014. We wish you girls all the best!



FOR YOUR DIARY

Comet Bay College Calendar

See what's coming up at Comet Bay College:

2014

4 July
Last day of Term 2

5 to 20 July
School Holidays

21 July
Student Free Day
Staff Development Day

22 July
Students commence Term 3

6 August
Parent/Teacher Interviews
4.00pm to 7.00pm

7 to 12 August
Year 11 and 12 Football
Melbourne Tour

13 August
Whole School Awards Assembly
12:20pm

22 August
Student Free Day
School Development Day

18 to 24 September
Year 8, 9 and 10 Exams

26 September
Year 12 English Mock Exams

26 September
Last day for Term 3

Congratulations to Year 10 students, Jack Norman and Lachlan Mitchel, who have been selected to represent Australia in the 2014 State AFL 15s Team. Jack and Lachlan will be competing at the National Schools Championships in Sydney, NSW from 18 to 27 July 2014. Well done and we wish you both all the best!



Congrats Kira Dwyer!

Student wins Peel Regional Schools Photo Competition

"I had the opportunity to enter a photography competition held by Murdoch University called 'The Peel Regional Schools Photo Competition'. The competition required you to take photos at the Mandurah Crab Fest of the Action Sports Games. I took a photo of the FMX (Freestyle Motocross riders). I have used composition techniques that I have learnt in my photography courses at Comet Bay College. These techniques are the application of High Shutter Speed (freeze in moment photography), Low Camera Angle (place object outside the natural environment) and Camera Exposure (exposure bracketing). The photo I took was in the category of Best Action Shot. I have competed against many entries in this competition. In the end, a panel of judges had chosen my photograph as the winning photo and all my efforts have paid off."

Kira Dwyer Year 10



Comet Bay College and Community supports

Poppy Project

Comet Bay College supported an RSL WA initiative for everyday Australians to come together for a very special Anzac Centenary Project.

Our group goal is to make 5,000 fabric Poppies, which will be laid on the beaches of Ellen Cove in Albany on the 1 November 2014. This important day marks the 100 year anniversary of when the 30,000 ANZAC Troops set sail for Gallipoli. Following the Albany commemorations, the fabric poppies will then be sent to Federation Square in Melbourne for ANZAC Day 2015, and a number of poppies will be returned back to Perth for Remembrance Day 2015. Following that project, artists will be invited to create an artwork from the poppies for an exhibition.

Over 40 volunteers from the local area, including Comet Bay College students, parents, veterans and community members, came together on Thursday 26 June to support this community project. Our College library was filled with fabric & thread as crafters happily worked together and made over 200 poppies in one sitting. It was a wonderful afternoon for all.

Comet Bay College would like to sincerely thank all the volunteers who joined us on the day, and for those who are encouraging their friends and colleagues to add to our contribution by making more poppies. If you would like a copy of the pattern and instructions, please email **Claire Hunt on claire.hunt@education.wa.edu.au or phone on 0430 336 419** if you have any questions. All completed poppies should be delivered to Comet Bay College by the end of August.

Spotlight Mandurah are generously supporting this project and have kindly offered 50% off red fabric & black buttons, in order to assist volunteers in their Poppy making endeavours.

Thanks again for all involved!

Claire Hunt
Defence Transition Mentor



Year 10

Students showcase their Italian cooking skills

On Friday 20 June 2014, the students from Year 10 Food Science and Technology prepared and executed a memorable three course Italian dinner for their parents and College staff.

We started at lunchtime and cooked for almost three hours to get all our food completed. The menu started with a Minestrone Soup winter warmer, followed by Cannelloni and Risotto for main course. The meal concluded with a picture perfect dessert of Tiramisu or a deconstructed Lemon Meringue Pie.

The tables were set for 40 covers. All guests were impressed with the food and delighted with the service. The whole experience gave us an insight into the workings of the food industry and we had a great time playing the role of chefs, waiters and 'dishwashers' too!

The evening was well coordinated by Jordan Buchanan (Head Chef), Lachlan Hope (Sous Chef) and Jesse Bushby (Host). We would like to thank our parents, grandparents and teachers who attended the event; we really felt encouraged by your presence.

For those Year 10 parents searching for a culinary experience, don't miss our next dinner in August as we explore the flavours and spices from the traditional kitchens of Asia.

Lachlan Hope
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Jordan Rules Rule-O-Rama

The Leadership Certificate I Class planned a special event in which the school rules would be promoted. The class decided that the event would be based on a 70s style game show theme with contestants playing quiz-style games based on the school rules. The creative students in Leadership Certificate I worked hard to design, paint and organise games in a style that would replicate a real game show.

On 24 June, Rule-O-Rama was held as a lunch-time event. Mr Stewart and Mr Thorpe ensured that the 70s music was blasting out over the school radio. The hosts, Joey Trimarchi Year 11 and Brendan Miskelly Year 11, looked the part in their 70s clothes, as did

game show girls, Maddison Wells Year 10 and Georgia Hale Year 10. The hosts did a wonderful job of introducing the contestants and asking the quiz questions. The star of the show was Jordan Lewis Year 11, who had no trouble answering a majority of the questions, gaining the most points and taking out the competition. Well done Jordan, winner of Comet Bay College's Rule-O-Rama!

Leadership Certificate I Class





Primary School *Visits and Transition*

Earlier this term, Comet Bay College held its annual primary school visits and transition day with Year 5 students from Comet Bay Primary School, Secret Harbour Primary School and Singleton Primary School.

The purpose of these events was to give the primary school students a basic overview of life at Comet Bay College and the many opportunities it has to offer. A team of student ambassadors assisted in these events and they represented the College in an exemplary manner. Thank you and well done to the following students involved who were all a credit to the teachers and the College:

Maddison Ayton	Joshua Germain	Chloe Price
Cavan Barber	Seth Giometti	Jourdan Rafferty
Harry Bell	Tatum Gittins	Nathan Stacey
Brianna Carbone	Trisitan Guest	Tia Starkie
Tyler Carbone	Connor Gunning	Keeley Starling
Cameron Carswell	Owen Hall	Izelle Steenkamp
Joel Carter	Chris Howarth	Blake Thompson
Samuel Dean	Ben Hunt	Simona Vuyk
Brindy Donovan	Jake Kelly	Madison Wallace
Callum Drake	Jamie Klatt	Rebecca Weldon
Alice Fidoe	Charlee McLean	Patrick Weldon-Thom
Ella Ford	Harry Mears	Maddison Wells
Vinnie Francek	Shane Mitchell	

Students model at Everywomen Expo

Two of our students, Jessica Wyatt & Vinnie Francek, were both selected by Metro Modelling Academy to perform at the recent Everywoman Expo at the Perth Convention Centre. There were 14 shows spread over 3 days, each show was an hour in length. They modelled a range from sportswear to glittered ball gowns and everything in between. Jessica also had the opportunity to be a hair model for Onyx Hair. The students worked very hard over the 3 days and did a fabulous job.



Comet Bay College

students are visited by the 'Western Australian Constitutional Centre'

On period two of Thursday 29 May 2014, the Year 9 GATE and Extension Society and Environment students at Comet Bay College were surprised to receive a visit from the 'Constitutional Centre of WA'.

These students had been studying 'Politics and Government' this term as a part of their learning curriculum. After a short and sweet topic introduction, the members of the Constitutional Centre wasted no time in beginning the lesson, which focused specifically on the 'Three Levels of Australian Government' (local, state and federal government). My teacher for that lesson had first presented our class with a hard copy of the 'Constitution of Australia'. She specifically pointed out section 51 of the Constitution that, as we were taught, outlines the legislative powers of the parliament. We then learnt the titles of the leaders of the local, state and federal levels of government. We were then selected at random to read a particular page of a laminated booklet we received. Next, we completed the four interactive activities and answered the questions on the supplied sheet of A4 paper. Activity No. 1 focused on defining much of the vocabulary used throughout the text. Activity No. 2 was a partner-activity that was made up of six questions that were written in a small booklet. Activity No. 3 required our class to match the questions printed on green cards with the answers provided. Activity No. 4 demanded we fill in the blank spaces under the headings of 'FEDERAL- STATE- LOCAL'. The activity required us to indicate the 'source of power', 'head of state (monarch)', 'Queen's representative (title)' and the 'leader of government (title)'. We also had to write down the appropriate names of the Lower Houses and the Upper Houses of Parliament for both the federal and the state levels of government, state whether voting in that level of government is compulsory or voluntary, list a few of the responsibilities of each level of government and state the number of years between each election. Activity No. 4 also required our class to answer three inferential and evaluative questions. Overall, the one-hour visit was certainly a beneficial learning experience for all of the students involved.

Claire Mortimore
Year 9



Bell Shakespeare "The Palgers" visit Comet Bay college

Comet Bay College had the pleasure of hosting the world renowned Bell Shakespeare Theatre Company for an afternoon in early June. The actors engaged and transformed Romeo and Juliet (a text students often find complex and confusing) into a fast-paced, entertaining and informative look at Elizabethan life and young love. Many students commented on the talent of the performers, their excellent acting skills and the excitement of seeing a quality live performance. We are looking forward to them visiting us again next year!

Jenna Lunda
Drama Teacher



Actors: Rowan (Romeo), Stacey (Juliet), Jack (Mercutio) and Jane (Nurse).





Teacher wins *Gold* in Hockey World Cup Australian Team

Katy Vipond, VET Teacher, returns from the Masters Hockey World Cup with Gold. Katy was selected last October and spent Term One training hard to meet the fitness requirements. The tournament, the largest FIH (Federation of International Hockey) event of the year, ran from 5 to 13 June in Rotterdam, Holland. The Over 40 Women's competition had 9 countries competing. Australia beat South Africa, Scotland and Wales in the pool games and moved through to the finals in second place. They beat New Zealand 3-1 in the quarter finals to meet England in the Semi-finals. Katy captained the Australian team in the Semi-finals against England and they won 2-0. The final game saw Australia take on the hosts, Holland. It was a close game ending in a draw of 1-1 and Australia came out winners in the penalty shoot-out.

"It was a memorable experience. Representing your country is awesome, especially as one of the leaders. To do this in a World Cup is even more special and to top it off with a gold medal is amazing. I am extremely proud of what I have accomplished", said Katy.

Senior *Hockey* Carnival

The carnival took place on Monday 23 June at Lark Hill Sports Complex. Comet Bay College entered an A and B team. Both teams played extremely well and showed great sportsmanship throughout the day. The final game was between both Comet Bay College's teams; the A team winning 1-0. Well done to everyone! A great day overall!

Jess Michelson

Teacher Physical & Health Education



Annual Specialist Football Trials

On 22 May, Comet Bay College held its Australian Football Specialist Program Trials for 2015 and 2016. Year 5, 6 and 7 students around the Perth Metro area attended the trials on the oval, coordinated by Steve Thomson, Dean of Health & Physical Education. The College is 1 of 6 schools in the entire State of WA who run the sought after specialist program, approved by the Department of Education.

Successful applicants will be provided with ongoing development in the skills and attributes of Australian Rules Football and work towards the level of conditioning required to play top level football and also gain valuable experience in both umpiring and coaching roles.

Thank you to all staff and students who assisted on the day!



Netball Tournament

The South Perth Netball Cup took place in Fremantle on a very wet and windy day in May. The rain started around 9am and continued to pour down until well after 11am. We didn't allow that to dampen our spirits and we battled through our first four games with sharp passes and good movement around the court. Both the middle and open aged teams played with determination and energy, showing no signs of slowing down in the midst of terrible conditions.

The girls showed strength of character in their play as well as sportsmanship and teamwork. Whilst the weather did not play well, we finished with respectable results; the middle school team placed fifth in their group and the open age placed fourth.

Overall, the day was an excellent display of team cohesion, support and encouragement. Well done Girls!

Gillian Hassan

Assistant Dean of Health & Physical Education





COMET BAY COLLEGE ATTENDANCE

Please be aware that a note is to be provided when your child is absent. If you send an email to advise us that your child is absent, we accept this as a note.

Our attendance email (preferred method of contact) is as follows

cbcattendance.cometbay.cc@education.wa.edu.au

Alternatively

Please phone
9553 8144 or 9553 8145

Thank you



School App

is now available for FREE!

Comet Bay College has released its new School App for both Apple and Android devices.

What is the School App?

The App is a tool that gives parents easy access to College communication and information. It includes current news and upcoming events, which can be received through alert notifications on your phone. Parents can also send student sick/absentee notes, or provide change of details directly to the College through the 'e-forms'. The app also provides useful information such as College Newsletters, Polies, Uniform Shop details, plus much more.

How do I get the App?

For iPhone and iPad users:



- Click the "App Store" icon your Apple device.
- Type "Comet Bay College" in the search.
- If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "Install".
- If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", Comet Bay College will then be visible. Click "Free" then "Install".
- When installed, click "Open".
- Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
- Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
- Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.



- Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device.
- Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in "Comet Bay College".
- Click the school name when it appears in the search.
- Click the "Install" button.
- Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
- Click "Open" when installed.
- Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
- Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable to you.

Student Support News

COLLECTING STUDENTS DURING COLLEGE HOURS

When collecting your child during College hours, parents must provide a note to be sent in with the child that morning, so the teacher can release the student at the requested time. When arriving to collect your child, identification must be shown at the front office.

CAR PARKS

The car parks are only to be used by visitors and staff or students with parking permits. Some parents are still using this area or driving too fast resulting in hazards to staff and students. Please use the designated street parking only.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure your contact and emergency contact details are up to date.

UNIFORMS

Winter is here and the days are colder. Please continue to support our Uniform Policy by ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform. Jumpers and jackets are available from the College Uniform Shop and Second-hand Uniform Shop. Non-uniform items will continue to be confiscated. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact Student Support for further information and support.

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open on Tuesdays from 8am to 11.30am, and Thursdays from 1pm to 4pm.

NOTES

Please write a note for your child if they have an appointment. This allows them to leave their class and sign out promptly.

AEROSOLS

Winter can be a bad time for asthma sufferers and they are more susceptible to attacks. Another student has recently suffered an asthma attack, which was caused by inhaling body spray. If you see any students using aerosol sprays, please confiscate immediately.

BORROWED UNIFORM

If you have borrowed any school uniform, please return this as soon as possible to avoid payment.

Class Excursion to the Supreme and Magistrate's Court in Perth

On 20 May 2014, some of my class -mates from 2A Politics and Law and I met at the Warnbro Train Station to catch the train up to the Esplanade Train Station, where our teacher Ms MacLeod met us. We were on our way to the Francis Burt Law Education Centre. Prior to the excursion, we had been studying the Hierarchy of Courts and the Australian political and legal system.

Once we arrived at the center, we met our tour guide who first outlined what we were going to witness and learn throughout the day. We were all eager and excited to see what the day would bring. We then entered the Supreme Court House, located just off Barrack Street, for our first activity of the day. In an empty courtroom we learnt the layout of the court, the role of court personnel and the characteristics of a Criminal and Civil trial. We were then escorted by our guide to be part of the public gallery of a murder trial in session. We were able to observe the testimony and questioning of a key witness by a lawyer of the defence.

Next, we were escorted to the Magistrates Court. Here we were able to observe another criminal trial in session, comparing the similarities and differences of what we had just heard/seen at the Supreme Court. We were then escorted back to the Supreme Court for our final activity for a basic question and answer

session in which we were able to re-call and discuss what we had learnt during the day's events.

At the conclusion of the tour, we were able to purchase some lunch to satisfy our growling bellies, and then were escorted back to the Esplanade train station to begin our journey home.

The day was an amazing experience that opened our eyes to the way in which a court works, the similarities and differences between a criminal and civil trial and the importance of the courts as part of the Political and Legal system. The hands on experience helped with our exams the following week, as we were able to recall the events we engaged in during the excursion.

So on that note, I would like to thank our wonderful Politics and Law teacher, Ms. MacLeod, for organizing such a great opportunity and allowing us to develop and improve our knowledge regarding Australia's political and legal system and our tour guide for leading the tour and my fellow P&L class mates for their participation and infectious enthusiasm.

Caitlin Crowder
Year 11

Health Update

Smoking. What's in a cigarette?



Cigarettes are made from the dried leaves of the tobacco plant after they have been treated with many different chemicals. Cigarette smoke contains over 4,000 chemicals and many of these cause cancer. Some of the chemicals found in cigarette smoke include:

- Arsenic (also found in white-ant poison);
- Hydrogen cyanide (the poison used in gas chambers in World War II);
- Benzene (also found in petrol) and;
- Acetone (also found in paint stripper and nail polish remover).

Smoking is the largest cause of preventable death in the Western World.

For more information on smoking, go to www.oxygen.org.au and www.quit.org.au

FACTS ABOUT SMOKING

- Approximately 80% of Australian adults don't smoke.
 - The majority of Australian adults who do smoke say that they wish they had never started smoking and that they would like to stop.
 - Around 80% of Australian smokers have tried to quit at some point.
 - Almost 93% of young people aged 12 to 17 years do not smoke.
 - People who start smoking in their teen years are more likely to become regular smokers, smoke more heavily, have difficulties quitting and are at greater risk of getting smoking related diseases.
- Smoking is the largest cause of preventable death in Australia and about 245 Western Australians have body organs partially or completely removed because of problems caused by smoking each year.



HELP YOUR CHILD TO BE A NON-SMOKER

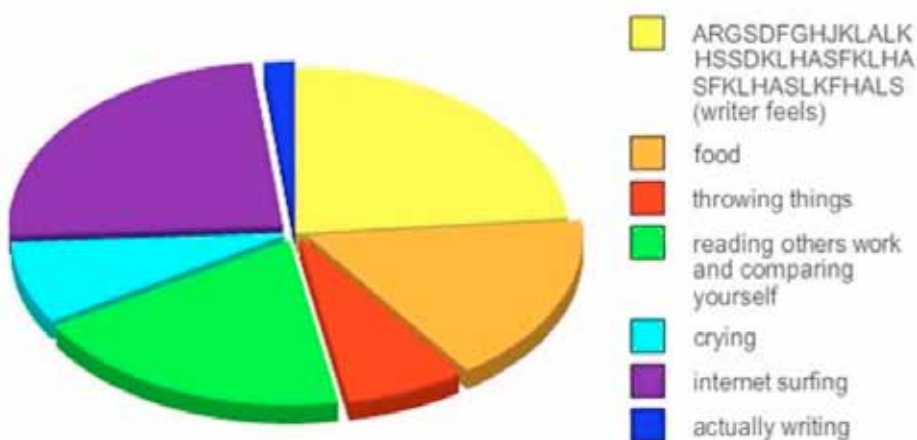
Set a good example by being a non-smoker. If you have found quitting difficult and are still a smoker, tell your child how you feel about it.

Reinforce the non-smoking messages. Make your house and car smoke-free zones. Don't send your child to buy cigarettes or allow them to light cigarettes for yourself or others. If there are smokers in the house, keep cigarettes away from child access. Discuss the issue of smoking with your child when you see others smoke.

Educate your children about the dangers of smoking. Explain the long-term risks but emphasise the immediate risks to their health and wellbeing (for example, bad breath, stained teeth and fingers and less money in their pocket). Explaining the long-term risks may not have much of an impact, as young people can find it difficult to imagine 20 or 30 years into the future.

Creative Writing Club

Being a Writer



Every Monday fortnight - 2.50pm to 3.50pm in room 504

**Contact Miss Hulin for further
details -
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