



2023



BUNBURY CATHOLIC COLLEGE

50th Anniversary

"To act justly, to love tenderly and to walk with your God. Micah 6:8





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The year we celebrated 50 years of quality Catholic education



2023

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Throughout 2023, our school community has enjoyed celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Bunbury Catholic College, while honouring and acknowledging our College's foundations from St Francis Xavier College and St Joseph's School.

The year began with our Opening Mass, followed by a celebration of the achievements of our top performing students from ATAR, General and VET courses. Our Dux for 2022 and recipient of the annual Kelderman Award was Thomas Hogan, achieving an ATAR of 97.8. Thomas was closely followed by Lara Turkington with an ATAR of 97.7 and Bea Te with an ATAR of 97.6.

Fourteen of our 2022 Year 12s achieved an ATAR of 90+ while nine students were awarded a Certificate of Distinction, and six students were awarded Certificates of Merit by SCSA. Maya Lubcke was awarded a Certificate of Excellence (awarded to the top 0.5% of students) for English along with a Year 12 Academic Excellence Award from Catholic Education WA for her outstanding achievement.

Students also achieved excellent results in Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses, with 70 students achieving a Certificate II and 83 students attaining a Certificate III or IV. Our top achieving VET Award, sponsored by the BCC Ex-Students' Association, was jointly awarded to Eliana White and Tristan White.

This year our students embraced the wide-ranging offerings of academic, sporting and outdoor pursuits, faith and cultural, creative and performing arts experiences along with a host of other educational experiences. Such opportunities exist because of our very

dedicated and talented staff, to whom we acknowledge and thank for going above and beyond in their respective roles at the College for the benefit of our students.

It is also important to acknowledge that as a College, we have experienced significant loss and grief in our community, and our thoughts and prayers are extended to all family members and students who have been, and continue to be, affected by these very sad events. In such difficult times, our Catholic faith, belief in God, and dependence upon each other for support become of paramount importance.

As a Christian community, our students and staff have continued to support others less fortunate than themselves by supporting fundraising efforts for outreach initiatives such as CARITAS and the St Vincent de Paul Society. This has involved both the collection of money and activities such as our Feast Day and the Year 11 Winter Sleepout.

Our College continues to embrace the Marist charism, fostering strong links with our fellow WA Marist schools, Newman College Perth, and St Joseph's College in Northam. This commitment was evident in the combined Staff Retreat held at Newman College in Term 2. Our Student Leaders have also embraced opportunities to meet and interact with other Student Leaders from Marist Schools through the Marist Connect Program. Additionally, our Cricket Team had the honour of hosting the 2023 Marist Cricket Carnival in Term 4, welcoming Marist school teams from Queensland, New South Wales, and South Australia.

One of the many highlights of 2023 was the school production of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' staged at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre in February. This combined production with Our Lady of Mercy College featured a cast of more than 50 students and was supported by a full orchestra. It was an outstanding success and a credit to all students and staff involved. We are so fortunate to have such a talented cohort of performers, musicians, dancers, and supporting students and staff in our College community.

After much deliberation and a very thorough design process, we now have an updated College crest. This change came into effect in January 2024. We trust the new crest pays homage to the BCC crest originating from 1973 while also offering the College a more modern and visible expression of our College into the future. A College uniform refresh continues to be a priority, with a new blazer and selection of uniform items to be introduced in 2024.



Reconciliation Bridge Walk



Long-serving Bursar Brent Steere retired in 2023



Winter Sleepout



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Our Parents and Friends, led by our P&F President Alan Buckley, have continued to provide generous support, enabling our students to access the best possible facilities and programs at our College. This year, our P&F sponsored the purchase of five new outdoor table tennis tables, fans for the Gymnasium and Hall, and AV screens for the Gymnasium. They also continued to support our student wellbeing programs - Teen Mental Health First Aid and The Resilience Project.

This year's 41st Art Extraordinaire auction and exhibition, organised by our very dedicated P&F Art Extraordinaire Committee was a great success, showcasing an immense amount of artistic talent and the incredible dedication of our parent volunteers, to whom we extend our sincere appreciation. To all of our P&F and Art Extraordinaire Committee members, we say thank you for your great dedication and support of our College throughout the year. A special thank you is extended to our two retiring Art Extraordinaire Committee members, Rob George and Vicki Pianta, for their outstanding work over the past five and three years respectively.

Our College's Ex-Students' Association, led by President Malena Cahill, had a busy year welcoming past students and staff back to our many celebratory events. Especially notable were our 50th Anniversary Mass held in February and the Ex-Students Reunion held in October, which welcomed back over 300 former BCC, St Joseph's and St Francis Xavier students and staff to reminisce about their school days.

Our College Presentation Night in November was a memorable occasion as we welcomed new inductees into the Bunbury Catholic College Hall of Distinction. We congratulate Natalie Barr, Joseph Caruso, Julie Depiazzi, Jim Giumelli, Catherine Green, and Kyle Mincham on their very well-deserved recognition, honouring their outstanding contributions in their respective careers and lives since leaving our school. Our Hall of Distinction provides our current students with excellent role models and inspiration to achieve their personal best in their future lives and careers.

Our College Advisory Council Chair Julia Blandford has led a very talented and committed Advisory Council which has made excellent progress this year toward achieving its goals. The Council's Finance, Marketing, Capital Planning and Risk Management committees have each made significant contributions that will continue to be realised in 2024 and beyond.

This year we farewell and say thank you to retiring Advisory Council members Julia Blandford, Gerard Murphy and Kate Turner. We sincerely thank Julia for her outstanding work as Chair, and to all our College Advisory Council members, we say thank you for your great contributions to our school. Your continued support, in terms of both governance and compliance, is invaluable. Your willingness to endorse College initiatives to promote the best interests of all students is gratefully acknowledged.

We acknowledge and sincerely thank the Bishop of Bunbury, Gerard Holohan, who recently retired from the role he has held since September 2001. Bishop Holohan has an abiding passion for education, a passion that has guided all his years of ministry. One that has allowed him to do the work of Jesus, with young people, with the homeless, with those who are traditionally marginalised by greater society.

Bishop Holohan often talks about humanising education, about seeing the value of the whole person not only in classrooms but also beyond the confines of the colleges he has served. It is for this that he will be most remembered. As our College Chaplain, from the Masses he has celebrated to the Presentation Evenings he has attended and the graduating students he has blessed, his contribution to College life has been immense. We have been very fortunate to have Bishop Holohan so closely associated with our College, and we wish him every blessing for a happy and healthy retirement.

To all of our students from Years 7-12, we are truly blessed to have such a fine cohort of young people who attend our College each day, ready to strive to achieve their personal best. Thank you all for being who you are and for your excellent efforts and dedication throughout 2023. We hope that you have achieved your dreams in 2023 and look forward to seeing you flourish in 2024.

To our Graduating Class of 2023, you have all set a fine example for our College and we wish you every success and blessing for your future. Whatever career or pathway you choose in life, we hope that it will be rewarding and embraces your God-given talents to make a difference in the world and to others. We encourage you to choose a path that will bring you happiness and fulfilment in your life, as well as enrich in some special way the lives of others.

Thank you to our exceptional 2023 Student Leadership Council, led so ably by Head Girl Sylvie Greathead and

Head Boy Riley Hearne, supported by Deputies Ella Frisina and Flynn Smith. As a College, we place great importance on the ideas and voice of our students. To all our 2023 Year 7-12 Student Leaders, our sincere thanks for being proactive in initiating ideas and opportunities for all our students.

To Deputy Principal Murray Hegney, who has been appointed to the role of Head of Senior School at St Mary MacKillop Catholic College in Busselton, we extend our best wishes and congratulations. To our well-respected Bursar Brent Steere, who has faithfully served our College for the past 29 years, and who, along with former Principal Denise O'Meara, 'built' our second campus, we say a heartfelt thank you and farewell. We extend our very best wishes and blessings to Brent and his wife Christine for a happy and healthy retirement.

We acknowledge the great commitment and dedication of our College's Senior Leadership Team, Personal Assistants Gillian Alietti (Terms 3 & 4), Lee-Anne Walters (Term 1), and Paige Alava (Term 2). To our SLT comprising of Brent Steere, Murray Hegney, Craig Rodgers (Terms 1 & 2), Cecily McCarthy (Term 4), Justine Bow and Daria Smith, our sincere thanks are extended for your great efforts this year.

To all of our Administration Staff, Middle Leaders, Teachers, Counselling Team, Support Staff in the Cafeteria, Uniform Shop, Property Services Staff, Cleaners and parent volunteers, a heartfelt thank you for your great efforts and outstanding work throughout 2023. To our staff and families moving on from BCC at the end of this year, we say thank you for your outstanding contribution to our College and we extend every blessing to you.

To the entire BCC community, we thank you all for making this year at Bunbury Catholic College another very successful and memorable year.

Michael Pepper
Principal

Deborah Garbutt
Acting Principal (Term 4)



Michael Pepper
Principal

COLLEGE ADVISORY COUNCIL

During 2023 the College has looked back with gratitude, pride, and celebration at the past 50 years as a beacon of Catholic secondary education in the South West, while at the same time planning and looking forward to the future.

The College Advisory Council paused in March to workshop and establish our 2023 Strategy on a Page, led by previous College Council Chair, Danny Griffin. By year-end, we achieved our goals, guided by the principles of our College Mission, BCC Pillars, and Marist Values.

We greatly appreciate the work and collaboration of Council members, the P&F, and staff. Council members during 2023 have all completed online training in CEWA Council Terms of Reference, Mandatory Reporting, and participated in a review of the BCC Code of Conduct.

The year was one of consolidation for the Council – our second-year functioning as an Advisory Council (formerly a Board). We continued to work through the subcommittees of Finance, Capital Development, and Marketing and Risk. Considerable progress was made in Risk with a full update, audit, and report of the BCC Risk Register.

Capital improvements included the provision of 12 new classroom projectors, and an artificial baby for childhood studies, 382 student/staff tablets, and nine vape detectors, amongst other maintenance and school improvements. The Council Marketing Committee worked with the College leadership on the school crest update and associated style updates across the school. Council members participated in the College Registration Audit, and we had a representative attend the biennial Council Chair's Conference at Government House in August.

Student enrolments for the year increased to 960, and the Council has continued to focus on attraction and retention throughout 2023. The Council also reviewed and monitored the BCC financial position under the guidance and support of Catholic Education WA and College Bursar Brent Steere.

The Council congratulates and thanks Brent on his 29 years of service to our school. Brent expertly worked with previous College Boards and the school leadership to establish the Mercy Campus, which opened in February 2015, then assisted with the separation of the two campuses into single schools in 2020 while continuing to manage the finances of both schools until 2021.

Thank you to the talented group of Council members who have generously donated their time and varied skills and expertise. The Council has worked to provide support to our Principal and ongoing opportunities for our students to thrive and do their best, whatever their area of interest, in an environment of academic excellence with a commitment to pastoral care, staff development, and social justice.

On behalf of the Council, we acknowledge all the College staff and the fine leadership provided in the role of Principal by both Michael Pepper and Deborah Garbutt. They lead our school with dedication, professionalism, and care. Our College community can feel confident about the continued effective operation of our school as part of a vibrant community in the years to come.

Julia Blandford

College Advisory Council Chair



College Advisory Council

2023

PARENTS & FRIENDS

The P & F has always played an active role in the life of the College, and 2023 was no exception. Highlights of our activities over the last 12 months included our continued funding of both The Resilience Project and the Teen Mental Health First Aid Program; these programs are a vital resource for our students. The P & F is proud of its involvement and is committed to continuing this funding in the years ahead.

We funded a presentation to all students on the dangers of vaping, another important initiative that has had a positive impact on our students.

The P & F contributed to the social life of the College, with our sausage sizzle at the Parent Information Night proving popular with both parents and staff. We also hosted a sundowner for Year 7 parents which coincided with the Year 7 Social, and again, this was well received and appreciated by all.

Members of our P & F sit on the State Council of Catholic School Parents WA and on RREAC – a State Government body that provides feedback to the Minister of Education on matters pertaining to schools in regional areas. Over the last 12 months, feedback from our group was incorporated

into a number of reports that are currently being reviewed by the Minister. It is fantastic that our parent body has a voice on these groups, and we look forward to seeing positive impacts from this work in the years ahead.

The Art Extraordinaire took place in October and, once again, the event was an outstanding success. With over \$300,000 worth of quality art on display, the event was well attended and was a magnificent showcase for our school in its 50th year. We are very grateful to the organising committee, led by Teena Manning, for the wonderful job they did this year.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to our executive for their unwavering dedication throughout the year. Despite the challenges of operating with low meeting attendance in 2023, it is truly commendable how our small but dedicated group of parents and executives have continued to make a significant impact on our student body.

Special thanks to Michael Pepper and Deborah Garbutt; it has been a joy and a privilege to work with you both in 2023 and we look forward to doing so again next year.

Alan Buckley
P & F President



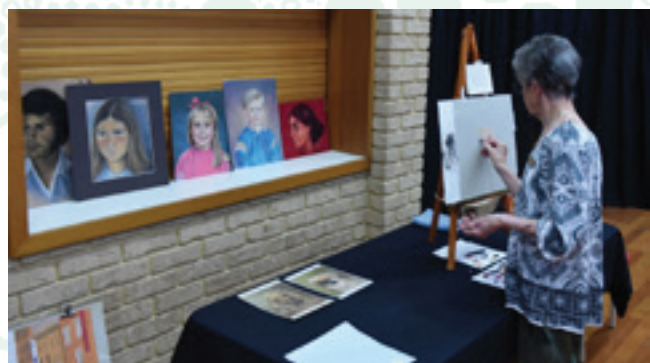
BCC P&F Committee

PARENTS & FRIENDS



2023

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BCC EX-STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION



BCC Ex-Students Committee with Principal Michael Pepper and Executive Officer Kiara White.

Planning for the BCC 50th Anniversary Reunion was a mammoth task by a dedicated and generous committee, supported by Principal Michael Pepper and his Administration Staff. Our ability to provide an afternoon of nostalgia on October 14, connecting with past colleagues and old school friends, was supported by having committee members with expertise across various fields, ensuring a smooth transition from the drawing board to fruition.

A revitalisation of the Association has occurred with two new appointments this year. Our dedicated Executive Officer, Kiara White, has been the 'engine room' of our communications efforts, along with updating our Ex-students data base. Our Secretary Margo Veen, also coming on board this year, brought a wealth of expertise in event management, and her tireless energy in following correct procedures ensured we ticked all the boxes for the 50th Anniversary Reunion.

Committee members Maria Trovato, Nola Jennings, Val Piggott, Anna Novel, Antonette Franco, Maria Papalia, and Alexis Woolhead worked tirelessly in preparing for the 50th Celebration. Maria, Nola, and Val contributed countless hours towards creating the memorabilia displays, while Alexis, Anna, Antonette, Maria, and Val were so flexible and accommodating with their time, setting up

the event from data collection and liaising with VIP guests, to managing and organising the front desk entry, floral displays, and liquor bar.

In my role as President I ensured that the finishing touches met everyone's expectations and, liaising with both the committee and BCC Marketing and Communications Coordinator Beth Ferguson, made sure that we were all on the same page.

The committee would like to extend a special thank you to Trish Kelderman, Rob George, Julie Ranson, Liz Harper, Helen Humphreys, Dianne Giesler and the many other family members for their assistance.

The Reunion was the launchpad for the new Ex-Students Instagram site, revitalisation of our Facebook page and the enhancement of the Ex-students page on the College website — all with the aim of updating and expanding our database, in preparation for developing a vibrant community for past students in their 'life after BCC'.

We look forward to keeping in touch through our quarterly newsletter in 2024. Watch out for future reunions and celebrations to come.

Malena Cahill

BCC Ex-Students' Association President



BCC Ex-Students' Association Committee: Maria Trovato, Margo Veen, Malena Cahill, Antonette Franco, Nola Jennings, Val Piggott, Maria Papalia, Anna Novel and Alexis Woolhead.

HALL OF DISTINCTION

BCC Ex-Students' Association Committee added six names to the prestigious list that is the BCC Ex-Students' Association Hall of Distinction in 2023. Honoured on stage at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre during Presentation Evening, the new inductees were Catherine Green, Jim Giumelli, Joseph Caruso, Julie Depiazzi, Kyle Mincham and Natalie Barr.



Catherine Green

CATHERINE GREEN

Category: Humanitarian and Service

Catherine graduated in 1996 and has worked in Social Justice since she left school, with a commitment that has never faltered.

Through conducting community consultations around emergency relief and recovery, Catherine has worked to relieve the trauma,

suffering and loss of peoples throughout the world. This work has spanned from bushfires in Australia to extreme weather events across the Pacific region, to war in Europe and Africa.

Some examples of her brave and courageous work have been in response to natural disasters in Australia, the Philippines, and Nepal. She also served as the Humanitarian & Emergency Affairs Consultant in Sri Lanka, Somalia, Israel, and Palestine.

Catherine has lectured widely and published papers on what she has learned from her experiences, for example, the mental health toll on people who have suffered catastrophic disaster events.

She is currently the Ukraine Response Director, involved with Humanitarian work.

She is an awesome example of a person living out the Gospel values of 'hunger and thirst for justice'.

We congratulate Catherine on her induction to the Hall of Distinction in the Humanitarian and Service category.



Jim Giumelli

JIM GIUMELLI

Category: Business and Professional

Jim Giumelli graduated in 1962 from Marist College and is the founder of engineering and construction company Ertech. He is a Fellow Chartered Professional Engineer of Engineers Australia with over 50 years of experience in the construction industry.

In addition to founding Ertech, Jim is the founder and driving force behind Motivation Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation aiming to educate and develop life

and employability skills for school students enrolled in Year 11 and Year 12, or equivalents, from diverse backgrounds. Motivation Foundation offers students the opportunity to achieve a nationally recognised Certificate II in Civil Construction and Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation. This is accomplished through on-site training and workplace experience while still in high school.

Jim was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering by the University of WA in recognition of his contribution to the private sector and community service.

Jim is also a significant patron of the National Breast Cancer Foundation, the Breast Cancer Research Centre, the Fresh Start Addiction Centre, the Perron Institute, and the Giumelli Family Foundations.

We congratulate Jim on his induction to the Hall of Distinction in the Business and Professional category.



Joseph Caruso

JOSEPH CARUSO

Category: Humanitarian and Service

Joseph attended Marist College from 1957 – 1962.

Joseph has received many and varied commendations during his long working career in the earthmoving and mining field. He was given accolades when he converted an old, disused logging

railway track to become known as the famous tourist 'Rainbow Trail' through the Karri Forest in Pemberton.

In 2002, one of Joseph's companies, Simto, was engaged in the construction of three artificial islands off the coast of Dubai, known as the Palm Island Project. At the time, this was one of the biggest, single land-based earthworks projects in the world.

Joseph's philanthropy endeavours include the St John of God Bunbury Hospital Oncology and Coronary Care suites at the South West Health Campus.

In 2015, Joseph was recognised for his philanthropic contribution to research into rare blood diseases and haematological disorders, research chosen as it is inherent in his family. The establishment of the Caruso Family Post-Doctoral Fellowship for research at Murdoch University was also unveiled.

In 2023, Joseph was awarded Life Membership of the United Nations Association of Australia WA, having served 25 years holding positions as president, vice president and environmental advisory member.

Joe currently holds the position of UN International Global Representative. We congratulate Joseph on his induction to the Hall of Distinction in the Humanitarian and Service category.

HALL OF DISTINCTION



Julie
Depiazzi

JULIE DEPIAZZI

Category: Medicine and Science

Julie graduated in 1990.

Julie is a Senior Physiotherapist at Perth Children's Hospital. She has dedicated her career to researching and improving care for debilitating childhood respiratory diseases. In particular, Julie specialises in the treatment of Cystic Fibrosis, Asthma and Tracheobronchomalacia. She

has presented her work at international conventions focused on innovating the care of respiratory-based conditions to improve the outcomes for young patients.

Much of Julie's work aims to improve the lives of children and families so they can live and contribute actively to their own communities. As part of this, she runs clinics in regional and remote areas of WA, and has published her research on tracheobronchomalacia and the results from trials in aquatic high intensity training to improve aerobic capacity in adolescents with cerebral palsy.

For the last two decades, she has been active in treatment and care for every child in WA who currently lives with cystic fibrosis.

Julie has also participated in a wide variety of community and charity events, including the Harry Perkins Institute Walk for Women's Cancer and the Rottnest Channel Swim.

We congratulate Julie on her induction to the Hall of Distinction in the Medicine and Science category.



Kyle
Mincham

KYLE MINCHAM

Category: Medicine and Science

Kyle graduated in 2007.

From a very young age, Kyle has had a passion and belief that he would one day rid the world of cancer and many other debilitating diseases that people face on a daily basis.

Kyle was awarded his PhD in the field of Medicine/Science/Immunology in 2018. His passion,

commitment, work ethic, pursuit of excellence, vision, integrity, leadership, and ability to interact collaboratively and constructively is truly impressive. His PhD studies were innovative and targeted novel approaches to disease prevention in early life.

Kyle secured a position to continue his post-doctoral research studies at the Imperial College London, a prestigious, internationally recognised research centre and home to leading world experts. He has successfully obtained a highly competitive fellowship to support his research.

His work attracts significant attention from the media and researchers, providing a strong rationale underpinning both the framework of several large ongoing international clinical trials and the development of new initiatives. Kyle is the author and co-author of many publications.

We congratulate Kyle on his induction to the Hall of Distinction in the Medicine and Science category.



Natalie
Barr

NATALIE BARR

Category: Business and Professional

Natalie Barr graduated in 1985.

Natalie has achieved remarkable success and garnered recognition in her career as a print, radio, and television journalist. Her media career with Channel 7 spans an impressive 28 years. Prior to joining Sunrise, Natalie had a wide-ranging

career as a journalist, news writer, producer, and news reader. She began her career as a Cadet Reporter for the Wanneroo Times before transitioning to television reporting at the Golden West Network in Kalgoorlie.

Natalie actively contributes to the community by supporting and championing numerous charities, notably the Telethon Children's Charity for over two decades. Natalie is an Ambassador for the Heart Foundation and regularly promotes the importance of heart health for all Australians.

Natalie contributes to the local community by supporting and promoting Bunbury and Western Australia as a tourist attraction and as a great place to live.

In many ways, Natalie's role on Sunrise has put Bunbury 'on the map' around Australia due to her regular references to Bunbury as well as many televised visits of her trips home.

We congratulate Natalie on her induction to the Hall of Distinction in the Business and Professional category.

BANKING ON IT

Our 2023 Year 12 ATAR Economics class members were inspired to further their studies by an ex-student who gave them a summary of the economics concept of productivity.

Since graduating in the Class of 2019, Michael Frayne has been studying Commerce at the University of Western Australia and Cambridge University in England. Michael has a particular interest in bank regulation and the quantification of data pertaining to the Global Financial Crisis and the Great Depression.

During his September visit, Michael was pleased to discuss his post-College studies aspirations in commercial banking with Assistant Deputy Principal Justine Bow and Head of Year 10 Wendy Morris.

He described the feeling of presenting to Ms Bow's Economics class as "weird" and said he felt that he should still be in his school uniform. "I still can't call them anything other than their teacher names," he said.

"The College's 50th Anniversary Reunion in October may be another opportunity to touch base with some of the College community I have drifted away from."



EX-STUDENTS INSPIRE FOOTBALL SUCCESS

The BCC alumni who were busy making names for themselves in the AFL, also set an example for younger students at the College.

Class of 2021 graduate Jessica Verbrugge is the winner of the 2023 Nola Marino Medal for the region's top female footballer. Jess began playing for Donnybrook in the SWFL Women's Competition when she was a Year 12 student, and this is her second Marino Medal win. Her photograph appeared on the front page of the September 19 Bunbury Herald, alongside the Hayward Medal winner.

Class of 2022 graduate Peter Woods won the KJ Lynn Medal for his role in the SW Football League Colts Grand Final for 2023. The Bunbury team defeated Harvey-Brunswick-Leschenault by 70 points in the game played at Payne Park on October 1. In 2023, Peter became our first MADALAH scholar to graduate from the College.

The College continues to nurture football talent, with students playing in the SWFLW. We congratulate the Bunbury Bulldogs Women's team on winning the SWFL 2023 Women's Grand Final, with a special mention for Bunbury team player Daisy Rigby, one of our Class of 2023 Year 12 graduates. Daisy kicked the winning goal against the favoured Busselton Magpies in the well-attended Grand Final played at

Kelly Park. Congratulations also to our Year 11 students Melinda Bobby and Emily Allen, who were part of the Premiership success.

Daisy has had a wonderful season. In August she kicked nine goals in a game against South Bunbury to break the individual women's competition goal-kicking record. Now, she has added a Premiership Medal to her achievements!

Jess Verbrugge



Peter Woods



BCC STAFF

PRINCIPAL

Michael Pepper, Deborah Garbutt

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Deborah Garbutt

Murray Hegney

Craig Rodgers

Cecily McCarthy

ASSISTANT DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Justine Bow

HEADS OF LEARNING AREA

Arts

Kym Whitney

English

Cally Yates

Health & Physical Education

Graham Jones

Humanities

Tanya Ferres

Languages

Laura Whitfield

Mathematics

Leah Mackay

Religious Education

Daria Smith

Science

Kelly Usher

Technologies

MaryAnne Ashby

VET and Careers Coordinator

Michael Downes

Learning Centre Coordinator

Jodi Lang

Director of Sport

Kelly Bastow

Elite Sport Coordinator

Jason Frisina

Ministry Coordinator

Daria Smith

Director of Library Services

Colleen Wright

HEADS OF YEAR

Year 7

Jason Schuttloffel

Year 8

Anthony Blee

Year 9

Gerard Robertson

Year 10

Wendy Morris

Year 11

David Norrish

Year 12

Cecily McCarthy

TEACHERS

MaryAnne Ashby

Jarrad Baker

Liana Barraclough

Kelly Bastow

Anthony Blee

Justine Bow

Matthew Caden

Colleen Camarri

Daryl Carew

Michael Chappell

Asha Commisso

Jane Creasey

Michelle Crosby

Siobhan De Coppi

Eugene de Lima

Michael Downes

Tanya Downes

Mel Edwards

Robert Fairbairn

Tanya Ferres

Jason Frisina

Rebecca Froud

Laura Galati

Clayton Gibbs

Trudy Goff

Jacqui Granger

Paul Grebe

Larnae Gurusamy

Michelle Harris

Elizabeth Hay

Mike Hearne

Sandra Hearne

Teagan Howell

Graham Jones

Annabel Kanakis

Jodi Lang

Kerry Langley

Jennifer Larsson

Jeannie Lewis

Helen Leyendekkers

John Leyendekkers

Andrew Lockley

Emma Lynas

Leah Mackay

Gobnait May

Ted May

Cecily McCarthy

Iain McKenzie

Ludita McLean

Ashley Miller

Wendy Morris

Kim Mortimer

Maighread Nidheasuna

David Norrish

Alida O'Brien

Rory O'Hagan

Rino Papalia

Andrea Pedley

Carola Penman

Daniel Peters

Rajiv Pragash

Hannelize Reddin

Isobell Reeve

Tine Rigg

Elyece Robertson

Gerard Robertson

Jason Schuttloffel

Kim Shepherd

Cass Shine

Rod Slater

Daria Smith

Dai Tonai

Caroline Turner

Lisa Trunfio

Kelly Usher

David Walters

Laura Whitfield

Leah White

Kym Whitney

Colleen Wright

Katherine Wright

Cally Yates



Aboriginal Liaison Officer
Instrumental Music Coordinator
Cafeteria Manager
Cafeteria Assistants
College Nurse
IT Systems Administrator
IT Senior Manager
IT Assistant
Marketing & Communications Coordinator
Property Services Manager
Property Services Staff
School Counsellors

Uniform Shop Manager
Administration & Finance
Administrative Assistant
Assistant Bursar
Bursar
Finance Officers
Principal's Secretary
Receptionists
Registrar
Student Services
Learning Area Support Services
Arts Assistants
English Assistant
Home Economics Assistants
Science Technicians
Technologies Technician
Library Officers
Pastoral Services Assistant
PE Assistant
VET Assistants

Rosie Frain
 Luke Campbell
 Louise Brooks
 Dede Aprianti, Tracy Dilkes
 Teresa Fowler
 Greg Everitt
 Barney Arvidson
 Samantha Nicolas

 Beth Ferguson
 Darryl Alietti, Peter Moore
 Shane Perry
 Maria de Lima, Vicki Dewar, Rowena Oldfield,
 Nannerl O'Connor
 Marlene Leemeyer

 Emma Vaglivello, Raylene Jermy, Katrina Scott
 Sue Howard
 Brent Steere
 Rom Lea, Nancy Baker
 Paige Alava, Gillian Alietti, Lee-Anne Walters
 Tanya O'Connor, Marlene Leemeyer
 Geraldine Bowman
 Marian Blee

 Kirstie Hahn, Selina Hutley, Karen Walker
 Beth Gault
 Jo Crain, Carol Maclean, Jenni Thompson
 Belinda Bickley, Aislinn Dahlstrom
 Nathan Waldren
 Sharon Castelli, Alice Downes, Lorraine McKenzie
 Virginia McLaren
 Paige Alava, Sydney Lewis
 Kiara White, Heather McKenzie, Janet Wilson

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Stephanie Boyle
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 Jasmine Cogan
 Tracey Cowan
 Luke Crawford
 Carmel Forrest
 Jay Ketteridge
 Sydney Lewis
 Brad Ladhams
 Joanne Lutley
 Danielle Morgan
 Virge Robles
 Imogen Steele
 Lee-Anne Walters
 Indrani Weston
 Mary Wilson
 Tracy Woodhouse



New Teachers in 2023

							
Paige Alava	Dede Aprianti	Barney Avidson	MaryAnne Ashby	Jarrod Baker	Nancy Baker	Liana Barraclough	Kelly Bastow
							
Belinda Bickley	Anthony Blee	Marian Blee	Justine Bow	Geraldine Bowman	Stephanie Boyle	Louise Brookes	Matt Caden
							
Pauline Callegari	Colleen Camarri	Luke Campbell	Annmarie Casey	Sharon Castelli	Michael Chappell	Asha Commisso	Tracey Cowan
							
Luke Crawford	Michelle Crosby	Siobhan De Coppi	Eugene de Lima	Maria de Lima	Brenda Della-Sale	Vicki Dewar	Tracy Dilkes
							
Alice Downes	Michael Downes	Tanya Downes	Gregory Everitt	Beth Ferguson	Tanya Ferres	Stephen Flavel	Carmel Forrest
							
Teresa Fowler	Rosie Frain	Jason Frisina	Bec Froud	Laura Galati	Deborah Garbutt	Beth Gault	Trudy Goff
							
Jacqui Granger	Paul Grebe	Larnae Gurusamy	Jane Hancock	Michelle Harris	Elizabeth Hay	Mike Hearne	Sandra Hearne
							
Murray Hegney	Sue Howard	Teagan Howell	Selina Huntley	Raylene Jermy	Graham Jones	Annabel Kanakis	Jay Ketteridge
							
Brad Ladhams	Jodi Lang	Kerry Langley	Rom Lea	Marlene Leemeyer	Jeannie Lewis	Sydney Lewis	Helen Leyendekkers



BUNBURY CATHOLIC COLLEGE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023



- Front Row:** Ngoc Nguyen, Millie Anderson, Tia Little, Mikayla Bruce, Sarah Gibbs, Lily Ratcliffe, Isis O'Connor, Sylvie Greathead, Riley Hearne, Gerald Chitate, Ashleen Moore, Alexis Gianfrancesco, Mia Jones, Stephanie Congdon, Gabrielle Hall, Josephine Patane
- Row 2:** Sarah Duce, Mia Caden, Emily Ryan, Jairah Moral, Rachael Ghasseb, Darcie Halkyard, Elki Matthews, Joshua Grey, Ty Stubbs, Lochlan Moore, Jenson Clarke, Summer Stewart, Charlotte Davern, Caitlin Nguyen, Aurora Postma, Deena Duane, Amber Licciardello
- Row 3:** Hamish Thomson, Ella Frisina, Daisy Rigby, Sophie Oliver, Georgie Hollins, Zoe Parker, Layne Wilks, Gabrielle Crowley, Arrabella Stewart, Ebonee Griffin, Keira Petersen, Michelle Flynn, Griffin Evans, Eva Trewren, Sienna Falco, Tahnee Parsons, Indianna Sinclair, Jedd Host
- Row 4:** Oakley Delfs, Ayla Gray, Allanah Griffin, Benjamin King, Fraser Lanigan, Vincent Manalaysay, Coby Jilley, Jeremy Swiggs, Liam George, Darcy Potter, Maddison Holdsworth, Sebastian Evans, Lorenzo Fimognari, Kian Stapleton, Daniel Strooh, Perrie Goater, Indianna Starr, Abbie Field, Raymond Do
- Row 5:** Camden Rodwell, Reegan Cream, Aidan Hall, Ned Pemberton, Francesco Fiumano, Lachlan Princi, Jack Swann, Brooke Edwards, Judd Hollands, Deakin Du Boulay, Aidin Williams, Harry Young, Campbell Stirton, Ryan Sutton, Isabel O'Duffy, Daniel Norrish, Ella Catelan, Aleesha Zaccagnini
- Row 6:** Molly Turner, Marcus Pope, Harrison Blair, Cameron Wright, Noah Allen, Jaron Berry, Brodie Elson, Oliver Reilly, Jaxon Northrop, Christian Higgins, Flynn Smith, Jy Bolton, Sebastian Hiscox, Vincent Smith, Jacob Orsi, Kace Brand, Xavier Noonan, Noah Leblanc
- Absent:** Kiki Bell, Alix Crain, Elijah De Coppi, Chelsea Holbrey-Williams, Nemeshia Johnson, Tarli Lenaghan, Kiera Rayment, Charlee Sidebottom, Summer Towers, Logan Turner, Michael Williams
- Staff:** Mrs Deborah Garbutt (Deputy Principal), Mrs Cecily McCarthy (Head of Year)

2023

YEAR 12 STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



Front Row: Stephanie Congdon, Layne Wilks, Ella Catelan, Lorenzo Fimognari, Perrie Goater, Ella Frisina, Josephine Patane

Row 2: Riley Hearne, Campbell Stirton, Kace Brand, Flynn Smith, Darcy Potter, Raymond Do, Ned Pemberton

Absent: Deena Duane, Sylvie Greathead

Teacher: Mr Dai Tonai

Head Girl & Head Boy

Sylvie Greathead
Riley Hearne

Deputy Head Girl & Deputy Head Boy

Ella Frisina
Flynn Smith

Academic Captain

Layne Wilkes
Perrie Goater

Media/Arts Captains

Ella Catelan
Darcy Potter
Raymond Do

Stewardship Captains

Campbell Stirton
Deena Duane
Josephine Patane

Ministry Captain

Stephanie Congdon

Ministry Team

Riley Hearne
Perrie Goater
Ashleen Moore
Ngoc Nguyen
Josephine Patane

Sports Captains

Kace Brand
Lorenzo Fimognari
Ned Pemberton

Marcellin Captains

Kace Brand
Darcy Potter
Raymond Do

Xavier Captains

Layne Wilkes
Campbell Stirton
Ned Pemberton

Valentine Captains

Deena Duane
Stephanie Congdon
Perrie Goater

McAuley House Captains

Lorenzo Fimognari
Ella Catelan
Josephine Patane

HOUSE LEADERS



MARCELLIN HOUSE LEADERS

Front Row:

Juniper Milton, Amy Hunt,
Ruby Milton, Ava Stirton

Row 2:

Darcy Potter, Kace Brand,
Raymond Do



MCAULEY HOUSE LEADERS

Featuring:

Josephine Patane,
Lorenzo Fimognari, Ella Catelan,
Madeleine Thomson,
Marcus Fornal



VALENTINE HOUSE LEADERS

Front Row:

Deena Duane, Perrie Goater,
Stephanie Congdon

Row 2:

Riley Newport, Mark Dowey, Chloe
Garrett



XAVIER HOUSE LEADERS

Featuring:

Jordyn Castafaro, Olivia Prowse,
Layne Wilks, Oscar Russell, Pippa
Bouteloup

2023

MINISTRY TEAM



Front Row: Ngoc Nguyen, Ashleen Moore, Stephanie Congdon, Josephine Patane

Row 2: Riley Hearne, Perrie Goater

Teacher: Ms Daria Smith

PEER SUPPORT LEADERS



Front Row: Roena Delgado, Cheryl Manyura, Madelyn James, Macy Holmes, Lilly Braund, Florinda Mazza-Parton, Jessica Kennedy, Claudia Padman, Amelia Patane, Pippa Bouteloup, Brooke Sharp

Row 2: Alicia Hamilton, Laura Quartermaine, Natalia Dillon, Tia Clifton, Katie Gardiner, Amy Hunt, Makayla Cavallo, Sienna Friedrich, Chloe Garrett, Libby Shepherd, Melinda Miller

Row 3: Gabrielle Houston, Euan Tuia, Lucas Sutton, Evie Leatherbarrow, Riley Stenhouse, Liam Fazey, Ruby Milton, Kade Lubcke, Lila Hutton, Marcus Fornal

Row 4: Maxwell Francis, Samuel O'Hara, Archie Pemberton, Toby Blee, Harry Jones, Nick O'Brien, William Granger, Anthony Princi

Absent: Chelsea Hutchinson, Sienna Knox, Olivia Prowse

Peer Support Co-ordinators: Mrs Kate Wright, Miss Liana Barraclough

HOMEROOM REPRESENTATIVES



Front Row: Rhesty Anne Payapag, Baylee Brand, Remy Bartley-Crane, Andie Williams-Jones, Ava Blee, Emily Hunt, Imogen de Chanéet, Grace Emerson

Row 2: Michael Jupp, Joel Mathew, Ryan Berry, Lochlan Neill, Noah Towers, Sanchit Wadhwa, Joel Dixon-Hotchkin, Ronald Prince, Alex Kimani

Row 3: Tally Neill, Grace Richardson, Charlotte Gibbs, Max Overington, Chloe Steinmann, Poppy Lucas, Madison Brett, Sean Woods

Absent: Alyssa Bradbury

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



Front Row: Natalia Dillon, Grace Richardson, Isabella Ball, Elena Frontino, Rhesty Anne Payapag

Row 2: Ella Frisina, Edwan Trewren, Flynn Smith, Toby Blee, Riley Hearne

Absent: Cacharel Cavan, Sylvie Greathead

2023 STUDENT LEADERSHIP



During Bunbury Catholic College's 50th Anniversary year, the Student Leadership Council (SLC) took charge, steering a year packed with projects. In 2023, these remarkable students smoothly handled significant events and contributed to building our College's history.

They collaborated at the Marist Youth Ministry Leadership Camp, exchanging fresh ideas with their peers from Marist schools across WA and SA. Their active participation at the City of Bunbury Leaders' Summit showed their interest in networking, connecting with like-minded leaders from throughout the South West.

The team executed some transformative initiatives, such as Stephanie Congdon's visionary campaign for the BCC Op Shop, which saw a secondhand clothing and accessories stall spring up in the

Cafeteria during several lunchtimes. The Op Shop raised over \$1000 and was a testament to her dedication to Caritas. Meanwhile, Raymond Do's inspired leadership brought Harmony Week to life; a vibrant celebration honouring diversity within our College. House Captains organised dynamic House Games events each term, boosting enthusiasm and house spirit across the campus.

Building upon the successes of previous SLCs a successful Year 7 Social took place, and the Academic Display for Year 10s soared to new heights in its second year. Our Year 12 Leaders also carried through a project initiated by the previous leaders, ensuring that notice boards were installed in every College bathroom.

Student leadership holds significance not just for the Year 12s, but for all year groups at the College. The

Student Representative Council (SRC) participated in a Road Safety Leadership Summit presented by the CEO of Youth Leadership Academy Australia, Will Massara, enhancing their leadership skills and knowledge in the process.

The Year 9 student leaders played a pivotal role in overseeing the voting process for the 2024 Student Leadership Council, executing their responsibilities at polling booths with the utmost professionalism and integrity.

As Leadership Coordinators, we extend our deepest gratitude to the 2023 Leaders; your unwavering commitment and exemplary service have made working with you a delight.

Hannelize Reddin & Dai Tonai
Student Leadership Coordinators





2023

FAITH, LIFE, CULTURE



FAITH, LIFE AND CULTURE AT BUNBURY CATHOLIC COLLEGE IN 2023

Created and Called: a revolution of love and tenderness

In 2023, the Marist theme, 'Created and Called', invited all members of the Australian Marist family to: "Be who God created you to be". St Catherine of Siena's quote inspired prayers, reflections and retreats throughout the school year, and featured in our College birthday card.

'Created and Called' explored the idea that each person is created out of love and called by God to continue the mission of Jesus, which is to transform the world, so all people experience the peace and justice of Christ in their lives.

In true Marist fashion, to understand the notion of being called, we looked to Mary who, when called to be mother of God's son said "Yes". The gospel accounts of Mary reveal a woman who acts with justice, loves others with tenderness and humbly acknowledges the gifts God has given her. Mary is our model for Christian living and in the prayer life of the College, we ask Mary to offer our prayers and our hopes to her Son, when we pray: 'Mary our Good Mother, Pray for us' at the conclusion of every prayer.

The challenge for Ministry is integrating the Marist theme into the daily life and culture of the College. Masses, liturgies, and daily prayer are obvious places to start, but ultimately the goal is for the theme to be understood and then lived by all members of the BCC community.

During 2023, our entire community had many opportunities to deepen their understanding of what it means to be 'Created and Called' through the events that shaped, transformed, and reminded us of who we are, why we exist and what we are called to do.





The pictures tell the story of 2023...

January: Student Leadership Camp at St Thomas More College; Staff Mass to commence the teaching year.

February: Opening Mass for 2023 School year; Year 7 Retreat- Welcome to the BCC family; Ash Wednesday Liturgy; Year 11 Retreat on respectful relationships.

March: 50th Anniversary Community Mass; Lenten Op Shop — the idea developed and executed by Ministry Captain Stephanie Congdon; Holy Thursday Liturgy focussing on service to others.

April: Combined Marist schools Staff Retreat — we are one Marist family.

May: Mother's Day Breakfast and Liturgy for Year 7 students and their mothers.

June: Champagnat Day Mass to celebrate St Marcellin's Feast Day; Year 12 Retreat; Faith Formators Colloquium.

August: BCC Feast Day always celebrated on the Feast of Our Lady's Assumption; Year 10 Retreat: Social Justice — human dignity and modern slavery.

September: Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy for Year 8 dads, Year 11 Vinnies Winter Sleepout.

Grandparents Morning Tea, Year 9 Retreat: Connections that Count.

October: Year 12 Graduation.

November: Year 11 Thanksgiving Liturgy, Presentation Night prayer.

December: Vinnies Christmas Hampers; Advent Masses for staff and students.

Significantly, we celebrated our 50th anniversary in 2023, so there was time to look back and retell the BCC story. Our College exists because at different times, people such as the Sisters of Mercy, the Marist Brothers and the Catholic community have answered God's call to provide Catholic education for children and young people in Bunbury.

At the Community Mass on March 13, the BCC community gathered to give thanks for the gifts, graces, and sacrifices of countless people who have allowed the College to flourish and continue the mission of Jesus.

A new and lasting symbol for the 50th anniversary is the ceramic Sacred Heart created by the 2022 Year 9 Art students and their Art Teacher Tanya Downes. The Heart, installed outside the Chapel, compliments the Mercy Cross. Together, the Heart and the Cross remind us of our Mercy/Marist heritage. When you look closely at the tiles which make the heart, you will find the symbols of the Marist charism fashioned with exquisite skill.

The Sacred Heart, like our College, is the thoughtful creation of many hands. Similarly, the prayers, the liturgies and the retreats our College community participated in this year are the work of many hands, and with gratitude, I acknowledge and thank:

- The Religious Education teachers, who work hard to animate and teach the Religious Education curriculum.
- The Homeroom teachers, who facilitate prayer every morning and help in preparing our students for special College Masses.

- Teachers across all Learning Areas, who support and facilitate the year group Retreats.
- Michael Chappell, for organising and coordinating Christian Service Learning for all students.
- Our 2023 Ministry Captain, Stephanie Congdon, who brought her vision of a BCC Op Shop to reality during Lent, and the Year 12 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who assisted at all our College Masses.
- Tanya Downes and her 2022 Year 9 Art class, who researched and created the Marist Sacred Heart as the perfect companion for the Mercy Cross outside the Chapel.
- Virginia McLaren, our Pastoral Assistant, who helps prepare for Masses, Liturgies, Retreats and everything else.
- The Cafeteria Staff, who prepare delicious food for so many of our events (Retreats, Breakfasts...)
- Beth Ferguson, our Marketing and Communications Coordinator, and all staff who record the events with fabulous pictures.
- Our Senior Leadership Team and the Heads of Year who offer their generous support for all the events that make our school a Catholic school.

Daria Smith

Religious Education Coordinator/
Campus Ministry Coordinator



YEAR 12 RETREAT



YEAR 12 RETREAT



2023 MOTHER'S DAY



FATHER'S DAY



ENGLISH



Let's Chat about Generative Pre-trained Transformers

AI came to school in 2023.

At the outset, AI's writing was bland. To use the analogy of Richie Benaud's jackets – beige, cream, ivory, off-white. Simple in style. Straightforward. Yet AI is extremely teachable. Feed a few key concepts into its brain and some layers of complexity emerge. The beige gains tinges of colour.

AI's arrival at school was met with a mixed reception. Trepidation and caution from the teachers, a warm welcome from some of the students. Fast forward 10 months and AI is here to stay.

How does this affect English teaching and learning? The short answer is "A lot"!

It can be a useful tool when students are planning an essay, or a short story, or a speech, or a letter, or a memoir, or a poem, or a ... Yet students found that they quickly came undone if they relied too much on this generated and degenerative Transformer. It's the stuff dystopian tales are made of: If allowed, AI sucks the colour from the human brain. All that is left is beige, off-white, cream, or ivory. Even George Orwell could not have scripted this better.

The solution: "Ground Control to Major Tom. It's time to leave the capsule". Be daring! In our English classes we continue to nurture originality, voice, and imagination. Our students continue to respond to this challenge, and this year they created a range of fascinating texts – texts saturated with colour.



We are proud of the achievements of our Year 8 students who were very successful in a writing contest called History's Mysteries Young Writers Competition. Rhesty Anne Payapag won the competition, with second place going to Charlotte Gibbs. Congratulations to these two accomplished young authors!

Ground Control's strategy starts with reading. Our lower school students get to curl up in our beautiful College Library once a fortnight and READ. This is the foundation of curiosity, creativity, and control. It is in reading books that young people learn about "the peculiar world out there" and their place within it.

Our Year 7s were inspired by a real author and illustrator, Sean Avery. They responded to the challenge and created their own characters in an original setting. They layered their stories with visual features. They took control and created stories with real heart and soul. They made their readers care.



Our students were also privileged to be visited by West-Australian authors Dianne Wolfer and Amanda Betts, who shared their creative and original brains in a series of workshops. Our students learned how to turn ideas and experiences into a literary reality. They learned about creative control.

One thing we know for sure is that it has never been easier to control the human brain. In English, our students learn the skills to be Ground Control.

Cally Yates

Head of Learning Area – English
(With some thanks to David Bowie)



Spinning a Debate

Congratulations to Chloe Garrett, Gabi Houston, and Madeleine Thomson from the 2023 Speech and Debate team! They did an exceptional job representing Bunbury Catholic College in the Country Week Speech and Debate section.

Their hard work and dedication paid off, as they achieved an impressive 4th place in the B Grade competition. Debating not only encourages critical thinking but also fosters engagement with global issues. It equips students with lifelong skills and the confidence to pursue their potential and stand up for their beliefs. Well done, team!

Kim Shepherd

Debating Coordinator

Success with the English Acceleration Program

The English Department's specialised support classes for Year 7, 8 and 9 students went from strength to strength in 2023.

Our Acceleration classes focus on functional English skills through reading and writing strategies. Through the use of Direct Instruction, students work consistently at mastering basic grammar and writing skills. This rapid improvement contributes to greater confidence gains across other classes.

Here is some student feedback: "Do you feel more confident in writing in your other subjects?"

Yes, because when I started this program I didn't like to read my writing out loud

Yes, because I don't feel dumb

Yes, because I try more than any other years

Yes, I have come a long way with reading and writing this year from my old English class to this one

Yes, because there is no stress and it is easier to learn

The course for Years 8 and 9 combined some of the mainstream units alongside the Direct Instruction workbooks. It was a busy program but very rewarding for the students as they continued their functional English skills while studying novels, films, poetry, and Pecha Kucha presentations.

Helen Leyendekkers

English Acceleration Coordinator

EXTRACTS FROM OUR AWARD-WINNING AUTHORS

One Wish

by Rhesty Anne Payapag, Year 8

Run.

My footsteps carried me, faster than the speed of the bullets. Fear and the strong will to survive drove me further into the arms of God. I had to live.

Run.

The moonlight beamed down on me, acting as a guiding light, yet putting me in the center of attention... mocking me.

"Run."

My dead father's voice whispered, comforting and threatening, leading me away from deceivers. Why did I listen to him? Why did I trust him?

The Valdemar

by Charlotte Gibbs, Year 8

She had hair the colour of blackmail, a spine as straight as a guillotine, and a face that could sink ships. Her name, the very mystery of it excited authorities, like a door that had neither a lock nor a key. Wrong place at the wrong time, was what it was referred to, an accident that was on purpose. The day existed only as a memory, as a story, as a reward. The victim was both twenty people and one boat, one boat that burned with the brilliance of a diamond.

People say it was a tragic event, but an event only happens once, this has happened many times before, not always in the same way, not always by the same person, but at the same place, the most mysterious of these events... 'Barca scomparsa.'

This... is the story of the Valdemar, referred to by the locals as 'Sailing Death'.

The ocean was a mirror of the sky, a peaceful oasis, a death trap. The journey was not for the faint-hearted, not for the strongest minds, but for the most adventurous souls. But much to their dismay a predator lurks among them, waiting for someone to get too close, too comfortable, then, she strikes, letting them drown in sorrow as the ferry sails further, the golden wheel steering the ship towards the open ocean.

She watches the moon as if it were the ghosts of all the victims claimed. There has been much speculation as to how she did it. The echo of her only existed in the minds of survivors if there were any. But what really happened that day?

ENGLISH



POETRY CORNER

The Heart of Darkness by Bailey Parker, Year 12 Literature

BEFORE

This also
 Has been one of the bright places on Earth
 Familiar, comforting cocoon
 Neatly tucked within a great wall of vegetation.
 There was a mighty big river settled between cool banks
 Where my reflection was made gentle by soft, translucent
 lumps
 Careful caressers round warblers
 Mumbling their silky sounds.
 Upon the waters were smooth scents of papaya
 Flora's sweet gifts
 Drifting over an endless source of vibrant rainbows and
 little creatures
 Welcoming silver hippos, quirky sunbirds
 To be spotted by light filtered throughout.
 I would sense Nature's crackled hands below my feet
 Rooted in layers of rich soil, like that of an old artist
 Thick dark ancient veins of asymmetry
 Reaching to liven every interconnected item
 On her perfect canvas.
 From home's foot of a magnificent mountain
 A head upward
 Would lay complementary to forms
 Viewing wispy whites, mossy leafy giants
 Sleeping, grounded, in a great peace.
 This place was a warm glove
 A maternal grove of fruitfulness and life
 That intertwined with understanding tones of natural
 skyscrapers
 And rough arches of mahogany.
 Every night, simple inhabitants gazed
 Toward a venerable stream of sky light
 Far from the Heart of Darkness.

AFTER

They brought ugliness
 Factory-grade metallic ugliness.
 Like a toddler dressing a stiff doll
 They groom her carcass and coat her in ugliness.
 Their ghostly breasts pant together, pinprick nostrils
 grappling
 Air that doesn't belong in their lungs.
 Pink slimy faces
 Losing to the rays, progressively painfully slowly
 With that complete deathlike indifference
 Of a concrete-headed parasite siphoning the essence of
 its host.
 One of these maggots sits lazy mouthed
 Its skin fishy pale and greyed
 As if the blood had been needled out
 Dripped palm-ways
 Staining its hands red.
 The food is beige, empty, tasteless
 Staled by a lack of joy
 And the fallen angels writhe around
 Traitors, enforcing the success of their failed experiment.
 Their anthill was dry
 So the colony moved along.
 I fear I am the same as them
 Abusers of a kind home, slugging across the sea
 Hoping one day to drain it
 Whilst claiming to be "his" most righteous product.
 But they do not love the land.
 They are a sickly pandemic
 Fating us to become another blank space
 In a growing Heart of Darkness.
 The horror! The horror!

2023 ENGLISH



Haiku

by Eloise Ward, Year 8

all is calm and still
in the fields of red flowers
drenched with warmth and ease

"A poem" by Wynonah Le Roux, Year 8

A poem, an idea
A gift I gave you
It's the most valuable thing

Indication

by Grace Richardson, Year 8

Each step I take leaves its mark,
Wet sand forces it's way between my toes
Like a stoic seed pushing through dirt to blossom.
An indicator of how far I've come.

Occasionally the footprints stop,
I look behind to see the path I have taken
The long road of resilience
An indicator of how far I've come,

I pause for a moment
Happy with my life
A solitary impulse of delight
I keep going,
An indicator of how far I've come.



MATHEMATICS

As we reflect on the academic odyssey that defined this year at Bunbury Catholic College, Mathematics emerges as a beacon of intellectual exploration and achievement. Guided by a team of dedicated educators, this department has orchestrated a symphony of learning experiences that transcended traditional boundaries.

This year saw the infusion of fresh energy with the arrival of two dynamic educators, Robert Fairbairn and Rajiv Pragash. Their unique teaching philosophies complemented the existing faculty, enriching the academic landscape and expanding the horizons of mathematical exploration.

In a departure from routine, teachers Kate Wright and Rajiv orchestrated a memorable mathematics excursion to the Bunbury Wildlife Park. This experiential learning adventure

transformed abstract mathematical concepts into tangible, real-world applications, showcasing the beauty of math in the natural world.

The Mathematics department didn't just confine its impact to within the school walls. We proudly hosted the Have Sum Fun Mathematics Competition on behalf of the Mathematical Association of WA, turning our campus into a battleground of mathematical wit. Simultaneously, our students showcased their prowess on the national stage, competing in the Australian Mathematics Competition.

Our participation in the West Australian Junior Maths Olympiad yielded outstanding results, with Year 8 and 9 students securing the title of runner-up in their competitions. These achievements not only highlight the intellectual mettle of our students, they also underscore the high

standards set by the Mathematics department.

Amidst these triumphs, we bid a fond farewell to teacher Leah White, a stalwart of the department, as she embarks on her next adventure. Her departure leaves a void, however, her legacy of inspiration and dedication to the pursuit of knowledge will endure.

As we turn the pages of this yearbook, let's celebrate the collective efforts of our students, the guidance of the Mathematics department, and the spirit of intellectual curiosity that drives us to reach new mathematical heights. Here's to the thrill of competition, the wonders of experiential learning, and the enduring impact of educators like Leah. We send our best wishes with her on a new adventure!

Leah Mackay

Head of Mathematics



2023 MATHEMATICS



HUMANITIES



A Year of Exploration: The Humanities Chronicles

Humanities has been packed with exciting events and valuable learning experiences this year. From our Year 7s journeying back in time, to the Year 12s discovering pathways to career success in Economics, we've woven a tapestry of knowledge and discovery in Humanities.

Time-Travelling Year 7s: Unearthing History's Treasures

Year 7 students embarked on an archaeological adventure, recreating ancient artifacts and learning about ancient civilisations. The classroom transformed into a time machine as students uncovered the mysteries of bygone eras, igniting their passion for history. With enthusiasm and creativity, our budding archaeologists crafted Roman statues, miniature Colosseums, helmets, swords, spears and shields evoking the glory of the Roman Empire.

They delved into the world of Ancient Egypt, designing pieces reminiscent of the Pharaoh's treasures and recreated ancient scrolls, mirroring sacred texts and historical records. These hands-on experiences brought history to life, igniting a deep appreciation for bygone eras.

From Rhymes to Coastal Wonders: Year 8s Explore Economics and Geography

Year 8 classes took a different route, diving into the world of Economics with a twist. They explored the circular flow of income by composing rap songs, turning complex concepts into catchy rhymes. This creative approach made Economics fun and engaging for our young scholars.

In Geography, Year 8s studied the stunning coastal landscape of Bunbury and the natural forces that shape our shores. They went beyond exploration, creating sketches and comprehensive reports to document their newfound knowledge.

Embarking on a Humanities Odyssey: A Week of Thrills and Enlightenment

Humanities Week was an exhilarating whirlwind of discovery that left an indelible mark on our young minds. Year 7 students dove headfirst into the realm of global economics through an immersive currency game, where they were required to navigate the twists and turns of the Great Depression. On the other hand, Year 8 students excitedly embraced the challenge of an escape room, solving intricate puzzles to survive a fictional pandemic, showcasing their critical thinking skills and teamwork.

Years 9 and 10 students widened their horizons by venturing to the Learning Commons, where they delved into the history of the Vietnam War and national conscription — a theme aligned with this year's Remembrance Day. These eye-opening excursions not only brought history to life, they ignited thoughtful discussions among our budding historians.

Humanities Week was a testament to the power of experiential learning, where textbooks took a back seat and the world became a classroom. We eagerly look forward to many more adventures in the realm of Humanities, where learning is an exciting journey of discovery.

Tanya Ferres
Head of Humanities



2023

HUMANITIES



Former student of Marist Brothers' St Francis Xavier College, Joseph Caruso, visited our Year 12 History class and presented a copy of his book 'Caruso' detailing his parent's migration from Italy. He eloquently shared the arduous journey and vividly recounted the experiences of Italian migrants in Perth during the 1950s and 1960s. The students were actively engaged, asking questions, and listening to answers that enriched their understanding of the migration narrative and provided valuable insights into our ongoing exploration of Australian history.

SCIENCE



"Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known." Carl Sagan

This quote embodies the spirit of discovery and the endless possibilities that lie within the realm of Science, emphasising the never-ending quest for knowledge and the remarkable nature of the universe waiting to be explored.

Teaching Science is not solely about imparting facts; it's about inspiring the next generation of thinkers, problem solvers, and explorers. Throughout the year, our students have continued to be challenged and encouraged to think, learn, question, and collaborate.

Events and Competitions

Following the cancellation of many events and competitions in 2021 and 2022 due to Covid restrictions, students were keen to become involved in the many Science activities on offer at the College.

The year started off with the Year 8 Synergy Solar Car Challenge. In the lead-up to the event, students built and tested model solar cars, working out the fine balance between, mass, speed and solar efficiency. On the day, a team of four raced against teams from other schools in the region, competing for an opportunity to participate in the State finals. While we did not progress further than the regional heats, great teamwork and perseverance were the winners on the day.

In May, Year 9 and 10 students participated in the annual Science and Engineering Challenge. In this event, students compete in teams of up to four to solve eight engineering

challenges that focus on problem solving, communication, and collaboration. Success was seen in the main challenge of 'The Bridge', with our team's bridge withstanding the greatest weight.

During National Science Week, many students across lower school took part in the online Education Perfect competition. Schools from across Australia and New Zealand participate in this three-day event with the aim of completing as many Science questions as possible. The final results were impressive, with the College finishing second overall in WA and tenth out of 1409 competing schools. Our overall winner at the College was Year 10 student Madeleine Thomson, who answered a staggering 6555 questions, earning her 4106 points and putting her in the top 1% of all competitors.

Year 10 student Matilda Skerman participated in a six-month hands-on extension and mentoring program called 'Curious Minds' and, as part of the program, she sat three Senior Science Olympiad exams. These gruelling, two-hour exams are aimed at Year 11 and Year 12 students studying ATAR Science. Matilda was awarded a Certificate of Distinction in the Earth and Environmental Science Olympiad – a truly amazing achievement.

In and Out of the Classroom

Hands-on learning is an integral part of studying secondary Science. In addition to classroom experiments, dissections and demonstrations, students participate in incursions with visiting guests, and field and laboratory excursions out in the 'real world'.

Field trips are always a highlight. This year, students studying Earth and Environmental Science visited the sedimentary formations at Peppermint Grove and Cottesloe Beach, metamorphic rocks along the South West coast and cave formations in Margaret River.

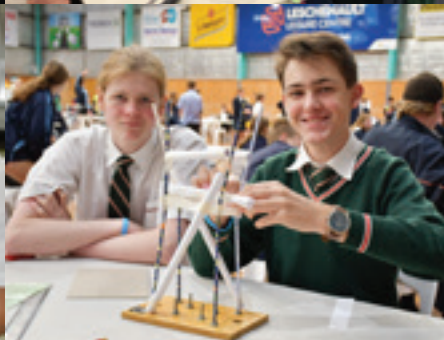
Year 11 Biology students had the opportunity to perform field surveys of vegetation in the Bunbury dunes and visit the Perth Zoo to study biodiversity. Year 12 Biology students visited the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research for some hands-on biotechnology studies and Year 11 Physics students participated in the annual 'Physics Big Day Out', investigating the physics behind the attractions at Adventure World.

In the classroom, psychology students developed activities to determine the stage of physical, cognitive, social, or emotional development of a child. Special 'guest children' — a 13-month-old, 18-month-old and 3.5-year-old participated in the activities and students analysed and reported on their results. In the Chemistry laboratory, while no real-life test subjects were permitted, students nevertheless enjoyed their annual titration evening.

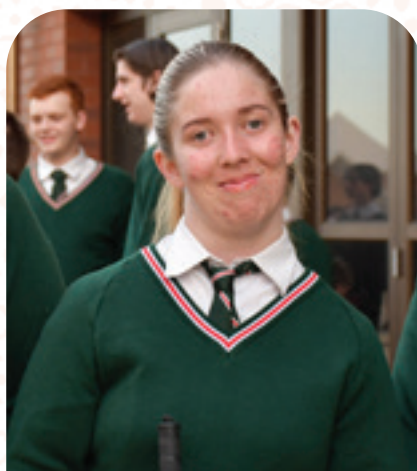
Finally, I wish to express my sincere thanks to all our Science teachers, as well as our amazing Science technicians, for all of the work they do to plan and participate in these numerous activities, both inside and outside the laboratory. It has definitely been a busy year.

Kelly Usher
Head of Science

2023 SCIENCE



LEARNING CENTRE



*Year 12 Graduate
Darcie Halkyard*

We have had such a busy year in the Learning Centre!

Our Year 12 student Darcie Halkyard graduated from BCC this year. Darcie has been at the College since Year 7 and will be missed by all. She recently completed a Work Placement at South Bunbury Primary Education Support Centre where she was able to support students with special needs.

Year 11 students have also been busy at their work placements and participating in Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network (ASDAN) courses, which count towards WACE graduation. Some of the Year 10 and 11 students have also been participating in the Community Access Program which, combined with their Workplace Learning experiences, assists them with developing work skills and some independent living skills.

All our students have been busy in their classes, supported by our wonderful Education Assistants. We have 17 EAs working in our school, assisting students to reach their potential and assisting teachers with differentiation and behaviour management.

Students have had numerous successes throughout the year, particularly in Art, with three of our students having work displayed at the Iluka Art Exhibition. We also had students participate in the College

musical production 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'.

Our Year 7 students took part in an Activity Day at Pelican Point, where they had a marvelous time participating in group activities and we even had one student use his media skills to make a documentary about the event.

Many thanks must go out to the Learning Centre Coordinator Jodi Lang for her unwavering commitment to both the staff and students at the Centre; Elyece Robertson, the ASDAN EAs, and the students who have achieved their certificates this year; and finally, the Social Skills Teachers and EAs who assist students needing extra support in developing communication, cooperation and organisational skills.

Sandra Hearne

Assistant Learning Centre Coordinator



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LEARNING CENTRE



ARTS – DANCE



Arts – Dance

Dance in 2023 was a vibrant and enriching experience for our students. From performances to excursions and workshops, our Dance program offered a diverse range of opportunities that complemented classroom learning.

Our Year 7 students embraced their introduction to dance, eagerly showcasing their newfound skills at term-end performances. Witnessing their progression in choreography and performance was truly rewarding. Among the various genres explored, the Spy-themed contemporary dance was a standout, garnering enthusiasm from both students and audiences. We look forward to welcoming many of our Year 7s back to dance next year.

In Year 8, students pursued a mix of Jazz and Contemporary styles, crafting their own choreographies for showcases that highlighted their passion and talent. Some memorable moments included “making friends and bonding while having fun” (Lily Martindale), the excitement of “learning and performing choreography at the concert” (Eva Greathead), the thrill of “doing make-up and

preparing for the concert” (Isabella Woods), and the joy of “experiencing a new activity, making friends, and learning new skills” (Alyssa Bradbury).

The Year 9 cohort exhibited remarkable skill and enthusiasm. Many students demonstrated advanced technical abilities and honed their choreography skills, showcasing their talent in non-verbal communication, a valuable life skill.

Although our Year 12 class was small, it was mighty. Our two students were incredibly talented and dedicated, excelling in both practical and theoretical aspects of the course. Alexis was a powerhouse, effortlessly mastering various dance genres and looked good doing it, while Summer was an elastic, graceful swan who exuded grace in ballet and contemporary dance. It was a pleasure working with both, and we wish them every success in their future endeavours.

As we look ahead, we are excited about the future of our Dance program. We anticipate another year of growth, creativity, and success as we continue to nurture the passion for dance in our students.





Excursions and Workshops

Early in Term 1 we hosted a workshop for the Year 11 and 12 Dance students from the Bunbury region. Professional Dancer Jacqui Claus travelled from Perth to teach our students the Set Solo, a piece all Year 12 ATAR Dance students are required to perform for their Practical Exam. It was a fantastic day and over a four-hour period our students learnt the whole solo, allowing them to dedicate the rest of the year to refining their skills without dividing their time.

In May, the Year 9 Dance class travelled to Perth to view the WA Ballet perform a series of dance works entitled 'Ballet to Broadway' at the iconic His Majesty's Theatre. In Semester 2, we saw 'Architect of the Invisible' by CO3, WA's Contemporary Dance Company and Link Dance Company. This work was a captivating exploration of Dante's 'The Divine Comedy' performed at the State Theatre Centre on a stage entirely made up of steps. It was incredible to see what the dancers could do in such a unique performance space.

During our annual Open Day, our Year 9 students participated in a Jazz choreographic workshop where they were able to demonstrate their technique as well as learning set choreography for their class dance. It was a wonderful chance for parents of current and prospective students to see what happens behind the scenes in a dance class at the College.

Performances

It was great to be back at the WA Performing Arts Eisteddfod at BREC this year. Our Year 9 students shone in their contemporary performance, receiving second place in the High School Dance section after competing against some Year 12s.

Traditionally, at the end of each semester, our Year 8 – 12 students perform at the Dance Showcase. These performances are a chance for family and friends to support our students as they show off all their hard work. Even for those students who dance regularly, the opportunity to create and perform their own works is, for the most part, unique to school dance and the opportunity to delve into their creative side is never wasted.

Term 4 brought the Year 6 Orientation Day, when our incoming students were immersed in high school life for a few hours. This was a chance for our Year 8 Dance class to show off their newly acquired skills through a performance. Most were super keen for the chance and dragged along those who were a little more hesitant. It's always challenging to keep the

students quiet before they perform, but afterwards, it's impossible as the adrenaline is pumping, and you can't get the smiles off their faces.

Dance provides entertainment to break up the serious business of awards at our annual Presentation Evening and this year the mantle fell to the Year 9 students — the same group who volunteered in 2022 as Year 8s. It is not surprising that, with their enthusiasm, they provided a wonderful performance to a medley of Christmas songs, bringing everyone into the spirit of the season.

None of these performances would have been possible without the support of our staff at the College, particularly from Arts Assistant Karen Walker with her fabulous costume design and construction, Drama Teacher Gerard Robertson for his guidance and assistance with lighting and other technical aspects and Head of Arts Brenda Della-Sale for her supervisory support.

And that is it for another wonderful year of dance at BCC!

Kym Whitney
Dance Teacher







Another busy year of Drama got underway with all eyes on February's performance of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. Year 12 ATAR students began working on the creation of their 'Candidates Choice' pieces in an attempt to make early inroads into their performance work for the end of the Year.

In the younger year groups, the Year 10 Drama students began to look at non-realist theatre and the way they can manipulate performance for a target audience. They looked at several absurdist texts throughout the year, culminating in a performance of 'Ruby Moon' in Term 4.

Year 9s worked on their improvisation skills and turned their hand to modern interpretations of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', with one group seeing the play turned into a version of the popular TV show 'The Bachelorette'.

Year 8s worked on Children's and Reader's Theatre under the watchful eyes of teachers Kym Whitney and Cally Yates. Year 7s continued their taster course in Drama that saw them look at a broad variety of drama concepts and participate in many performance pieces.

We were very fortunate to see some quality live theatre locally, the highlight being a superb performance of Bell Shakespeare's 'The Twelfth

Night', which shone a new light on the traditional version of the text and left students with a new perspective. We also visited the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre (BREC) for an adaptation of the classic text 'A Fortunate Life' and a new work that highlighted climate change called 'Black Sun, Blood Moon'. We were very lucky to participate in fantastic workshops with Black Swan Theatre Company and Feet First Collective which allowed our students to learn valuable skills from industry professionals.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Without a doubt, one of our biggest undertakings to date, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' saw a cast of over 50 students and an orchestra of 20 plus bring this re-imagined classic to life on the BREC stage on February 23, 24 and 25.

This new musical was a wonderful blend of the classic tale of Charlie Bucket and his trip through Willy Wonka's factory, mixed with some unique characters and upbeat modern show tunes. It was fantastic to combine creative forces once again with Our Lady of Mercy College to create a highly polished and professional performance, with assistance and support from the team at BREC.

Crowds flocked in and we surpassed all our previous box office records set in previous years. It was a gruelling schedule for the cast and crew, who did four public shows and two school matinees. However, to see the joy on the student's faces, and the many happy tears when the final curtain went down on Saturday evening, was truly remarkable and we all felt we had achieved something very special.

It was then quickly back to work, dismantling the set and clearing the venue - a reminder that our students are involved not only in the performance aspect of the production but in the creation of sets, props and scenery.

As always, none of this would be possible without the support of staff at the College and from the wider theatre community. I wholeheartedly thank them for their support in allowing our students to have this once-in-a-lifetime experience, one that I am confident they will remember for the rest of their lives.

We will look forward to our next College production and strongly encourage students to participate in the many Performing Arts opportunities that the College provides to enhance their skills and grow in confidence.

Gerard Robertson
Drama Teacher

ARTS – DRAMA



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Charlie and the Chocolate Factory



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory





Year 9 Media

Year 9 Media students kept busy this year, shooting images for a number of photo competitions as well as working in the graphic design and video production spheres. For the Chevron Photo Competition, students explored and showcased aspects of WA biodiversity and one of our students, Chloe Steinmann, achieved a highly commended award in the competition.

Another Year 9 student Jasmine Elliott earned similar recognition by winning a place in the Year 7-9 category of the Aqwest Photography Competition which ran with the theme of Caring for Country and Water.

Students produced designs for movie posters and Yearbook covers using Photoshop as well as exploring the potential of film through the production of short advertisements.

Jeannie Lewis
Media Teacher

Year 8 Media Arts

Looking at life through a lens encourages us to develop a keen sense of observation, strengthening our ability to view the spaces and

places around us with a heightened attention to detail.

It fosters our creativity, providing a platform for self-expression, through which we can convey our unique perspectives, identities, and emotions. It also often leads to increased mindfulness, as we learn to be present in the moment, immersing ourselves in the subjects we capture.

Beyond the artistic aspect, mastering photography also involves acquiring technical skills, such as understanding camera settings, lighting techniques, and editing processes, all of which can boost confidence and problem-solving abilities.

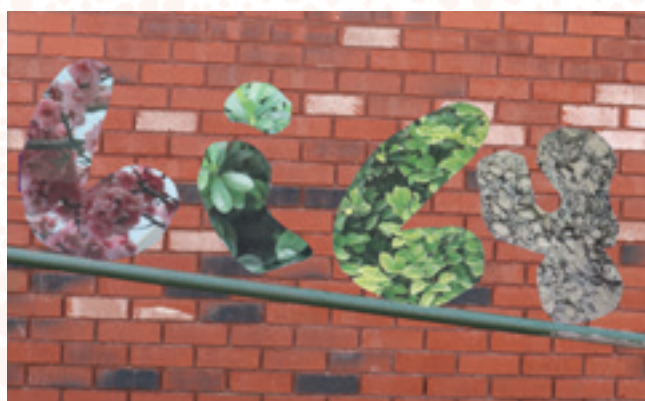
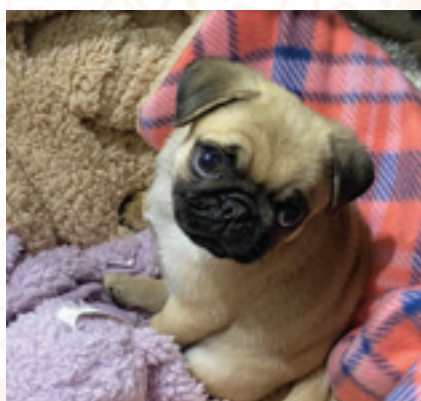
Year 8 Media Arts students have certainly taken advantage of these benefits, as they explored the endless possibilities of thematic photography, landscape photography, portrait photography, and the world of Adobe Photoshop.

As the Year 8s have discovered this year, learning photography is not just about mastering a craft; it is a journey of self-discovery, and a gateway to appreciating the beauty in the world around us.

Ashley Miller & Jacqui Granger
Year 8 Media Arts Teachers



ARTS – MEDIA



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ARTS – MUSIC



The Butter Noodles



Eisteddfod Choir



Portable Generator



Eisteddfod Choir



2023 was a busy year for the Music department, with our Year 7 and 8 classes developing their skills and knowledge in all things musical, while the Year 9s and 10s delved a little deeper into the theory of music.

Developing performance skills and experimenting with composition and improvisation has been the main focus for the senior ATAR and Certificate III Music students. They also worked hard in live performance and song writing and spent time in the studio recording their demo CD's.

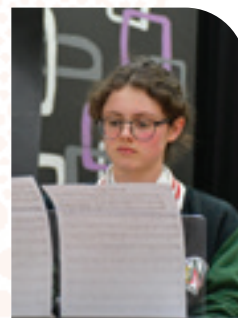
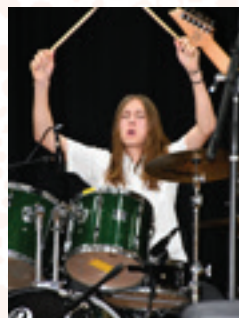
Outside the classroom, our Choir is going strong, performing at many school events, and winning a first place in the Bunbury Eisteddfod. The Wind Ensemble continues to grow in popularity and this year recorded their rendition of the College's sports team song 'When the Saints Go Marching In'. Our Jazz Guitar Ensemble reformed this year and are looking forward to more live performance opportunities.

The String Sensation Orchestra has expanded to include more than 20 students. This powerful and entertaining group of young musicians from the wider Bunbury region, have enjoyed live performances each term, and won a first place in the Eisteddfod.

The instrumental music program continues to produce music excellence through weekly one-on-one music lessons. In Term 1, our students travelled to Busselton for a 3-day Music Camp by the beach. During the year they enjoyed performance opportunities at Music Recital nights held in each semester, plus other performances in our Learning Commons, College Hall, during assemblies, at our Feast Day Concert and as a part of our Feeder Schools Christmas Music Tour.

Thank you to all the dedicated Music tutors, staff, and students who help to encourage and inspire one another.

Luke Campbell & Alida O'Brien
Music Teachers



ARTS – MUSIC





The BCC Art rooms have been abuzz with large classes creating diverse artworks from several Art disciplines. The process of lino cut is always a great project for students to be introduced to in Year 7. Our students derived inspiration from African masks and Pablo Picasso, who was greatly influenced by these beautiful sculptures and included their style within his own artworks.

Year 7 students were tasked with creating their own unique mask design focusing on line, pattern and form. In Year 8, colourful tonal self-portraits proved a great way to teach colour theory, while the Year 8 Creative Clay class was inspired by gargoyles to create unique ceramic mugs. The Year 9 Art classes designed the 2024 BCC Birthday Card, created mixed media sculptures inspired by the theme 'Home is where the Heart is', and wooden automatons inspired by nature and sustainability.

The Year 10 school year is filled with many events outside the normal classroom, so, as always, it was a push to encourage students to complete projects in ceramics, mixed media drawings, life-size papier mâché dogs and bird-inspired painted plaster carvings. Students researched contemporary mixed media artists, Futurism, and several abstract art movements to inspire the design and colour scheme of their artworks.

The Year 11s let their creative juices flow when it came to thinking outside the box for their 'Sense of Place' etching projects: Mixed media CD covers, kinetic and interactive sculptures and dioramas demonstrated the diverse concepts on display. The Semester 2 theme, 'Symbolic Safari', asked students to explore an aspect of their life's journey and represent this through symbolic imagery. Childhood memories and family were common themes chosen by students, who once again pushed the creative boundaries of mixed media through plaster casting, watercolour, found objects, origami, time pieces, and children's books.



The Year 12s will attest to a challenging year completing projects that formed a significant part of their final grades and their final WACE score for Visual Arts. In Term 1, our upper school students were fortunate to have renowned local artist Tony Windberg run a workshop to encourage students to link concepts with techniques and medium in Visual Arts practice. The annual excursion to the Art Gallery of WA in Term 2 to view 'Pulse', an annual exhibition of top Year 12 artworks from the previous year, also provided inspiration and motivation.

Students drew upon subjects that were close to their heart, which led to unique and intriguing works that have incorporated many Art disciplines. These artworks communicate a diverse range of themes including existentialism, cultural identity, enduring love, adolescent mental health, trauma, valuing older generations, loss of loved ones, and family traditions.

The year's Visual Arts programs along with Film and Photography from our Media Arts courses culminated in our Open Day Art exhibition staged in the College Hall. As always, it was wonderful to see over a semester's worth of work all together in a colourful display.

Brenda Della-Sale
Head of Arts



ARTS – VISUAL



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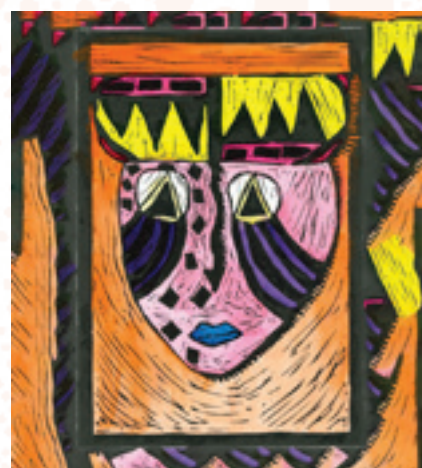
Iluka Visions South West High School Exhibition 2023

The Iluka Visions Exhibition is the annual art exhibition that showcases the creativity of our talented South West High School students at the Bunbury Regional Art Galleries. BCC has always enjoyed great success at this event, and this year, we were fortunate to have eight artworks selected for the exhibition. Congratulations is extended to the following students: Samantha Nicolas, who was a Year 12 in 2022, Amber Licciardello in Year 12, Amy Hunt, Emma Young and Lawson Traill in Year 11, Raya Noonan in Year 10, Ashlee Kath in Year 8 and Caleb Negus in Year 7.

These students put the time and effort required into their artworks, and they should be very proud of their achievements. Just to be selected into what is a fiercely competitive field is a major feat.

Special congratulations go to Amy Hunt who won the Year 11/12 Highly Commended Award for her artwork 'Distances', and to Samantha Nicolas for being awarded the Overall Year 11/12 Award for her digital artwork





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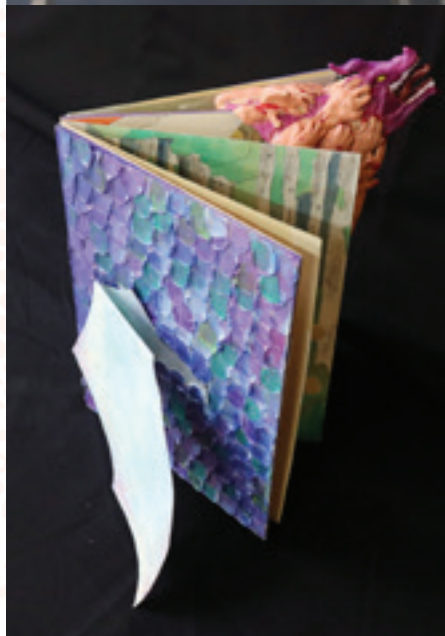




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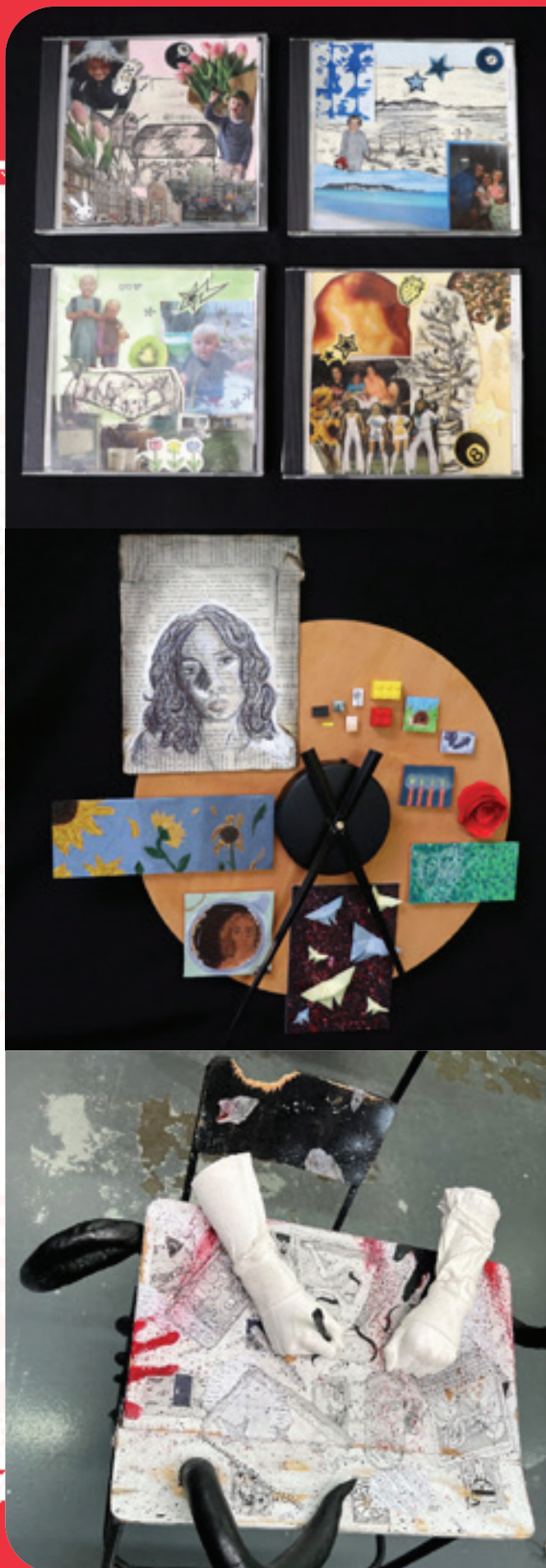
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YEAR 11 & 12 ART



LANGUAGES

"A different language is a different vision of life" Federico Fellini"



INDONESIAN

Another year of incredible growth and achievements for our Indonesian course students! Our Year 10 class took part in a memorable journey to Perth Zoo, where they participated in a combined excursion with students from Wesley College. It was a unique opportunity for our students to put their language skills to the test while building connections with peers from another school.

The Year 12 students ventured to the prestigious University of Western Australia and Murdoch University, where they engaged in intensive exam preparation workshops and had the privilege of studying Indonesian within a university environment.

A highlight of the workshop was a captivating address by guest speaker DFAT State Director Sally Dawkins, who eloquently underscored the importance of Indonesia in Australia's future.

But that's not all – our students also savoured the rich flavours of Indonesian cuisine by visiting two authentic Indonesian restaurants, putting their language skills to the test in a delectably immersive way.

Adding to the excitement, 2019 graduate Max Leblanc paid a special visit to our Indonesian class, generously sharing his insights and advice on conquering the WACE examinations.

Dai Tonai

Indonesian Teacher





ITALIAN

Our Year 7 students embarked on their inaugural journey into the realm of acquiring a second language with tremendous enthusiasm. Throughout the year, they consistently demonstrated their eagerness to learn and grow. Beginning with basic tasks such as greetings and personal introductions, they progressed seamlessly to more intricate components of the language, including describing families, friends and personal interests.

Moving into Year 8, students honed their linguistic skills by delving into the differences between the Italian and Australian school systems, and leisure time. In the second semester, the theme "Facciamo la spesa" (Let's go grocery shopping) provided an immersive experience in Italian food specialty shops.



Students mastered the application of singular and plural nouns, along with the use of appropriate expressions during shopping. As a grand finale, they presented a spectacular play, 'Al Ristorante' showcasing original dialogues and performing as if they were in an Italian restaurant.

The outstanding Year 9 class continued their linguistic journey by tackling more intricate content and grammar through the theme "Tutto su di me" (All about me). This theme delved into their immediate surroundings, homes, towns, and the daily life of an adolescent. At this advanced level, the journey becomes more challenging, but the class embraced the complexity with astonishing results.

In a more unconventional mode of communication, Year 9 Italian classes were introduced to Caff  Italia, a

language immersion activity where they shared their language knowledge and indulged in the pleasure of sampling delicious Italian coffee and food.

Year 11 students seamlessly transitioned into their ATAR content, discussing relationships with family and friends, Italian celebrations, and the technology in their lives. In the second semester, their focus shifted to travel-related content, and they had the unique opportunity to explore Italy through virtual reality.

Concluding the academic year, Year 12 ATAR students exhibited resilience and unwavering commitment in the face of the unexpected challenges posed by Covid. Their dedication to their Italian studies is commendable, and we extend our best wishes for their future endeavours.



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Excursion

A visit to Fremantle at the end of June was an opportunity for students to delve into the influence of Italian culture on our community. The day commenced with a visit to the Fremantle Town Hall, where the Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge warmly welcomed the students. She spoke to them in English and Italian, shedding light on the significant contributions of Italians to Fremantle's culture. Mayor Fitzhardinge also shared her own experiences in learning Italian as a second language.

Encountering leaders of the Fremantle community who spoke fluent Italian, acquired as a second language, served as a powerful source of inspiration for the students. It provided them with positive role models and motivation to persist in their Italian language learning journey. Melville Senior High School also participated in the excursion, allowing students to connect with peers who share a similar passion for languages.

The exploration continued with a visit to the Welcome Walls, culminating in a delightful meal at La Sosta — one of Fremantle's most authentic Italian restaurants. This immersive experience broadened the students' understanding of Italian culture and fostered connections with their peers and leaders in the broader Fremantle community.



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AUSTRALIA ITALY EXCHANGE

In June, we had the honour and pleasure of hosting three Italian students; Valentina Mombelli from Istituto Salesiano Don Bosco in Brescia, and Giuseppe Saita and Maddalena Miglierina from Istituto Salesiano Don Bosco in Milan.

The students spent eight weeks with our Year 11 classes, enjoying the hospitality of our hosting families and exploring Western Australia.

At the end of November Natalia Dillon, Aiden Hill and Libby Shepherd embarked on a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. They flew to Italy, heading to Brescia, a charming city nestled in the Lombardy region.

Brescia is gracefully located at the foothills of the Alps, just a short distance from the picturesque Lake Garda and Lake Iseo. Our students took part in an exchange program tailored for ATAR Italian students.

They immersed themselves in the Italian culture for eight weeks. Their immersive language experience unfolded at the Catholic secondary school Istituto Salesiano Don Bosco, where they were reunited with exchange student Valentina.

Arrivederci!

Laura Whitfield
Head of Language



VET



Our goal is to work closely with students to create healthy, happy, and balanced individuals who have the necessary skills required to tackle the career and training opportunities that are presented to them now and in the future.

The VET and Careers team aims to provide the following services:

- Individual, quality career counselling
- Opportunities for Student Work Placement

- The delivery of nationally recognised certificate courses
- Access to external or online certificate courses within a student's school program
- Pathways to University, TAFE, apprenticeships, traineeships, and other employment

We work together with local businesses to provide our students with industry relevant information to assist with their pathway from school to further study or the workforce.

This includes workplace learning host employers, guest speakers to cohorts and classes, excursions, and professional networking events.

We also host the annual South West Career Expo to create links with the wider community that will open the doors for students to further opportunities beyond school.

Michael Downes
VET and Careers Coordinator





Year 10, 11 and 12 Workplace Learning

The Workplace Learning Program offers students the chance to explore various career paths by gaining hands-on experience in different fields. Guidance and support from workplace mentors and colleagues provide students with a clearer understanding of the daily requirements of a job and the potential paths they can pursue to reach their goals.

In 2023 we created over 500 work placements for students with the help of nearly 300 employers! The support we receive from local businesses is what helps to keep these programs running as well as creating apprenticeships, traineeships, and future employees. The College extends a sincere thank you to all the businesses for their continued support to our programs, as well as students and families.

Year 10 Careers and Work Exposure Week

Career classes and a week of Work Exposure provided our Year 10 students with valuable insight into the realities of workplaces. Work Exposure offers students their first taste a real work environment, presenting a fantastic opportunity to explore their interests and various industries.

During Work Exposure Week, held in June, the majority of our students secured places to work with local businesses, across diverse sectors such as education, pharmacy, hairdressing, building and construction, hospitality, auto mechanics and electrical. We extend a huge thank you to all the employers and businesses for their continuous support of this invaluable program. Congratulations to all Year 10 students on their participation.

"I found the most enjoyable aspects of working in the veterinary industry to be watching and observing surgeries and handling animals. I learnt a lot about how much goes in to running a business and different work health and safety considerations in the day-to-day. These include how the tools are handled and differences in surgeries in the surgical suite versus outside the surgical suite. I also learnt that communication is very important in the workplace."

Marlee Gard

"I worked in the plumbing industry for my week of Work Exposure. I enjoyed working with PVC and copper pipe as well as digging trenches to lay the pipes. I also enjoyed working on a different job site each day. I learnt that some tasks and jobs are not as easy as they look. I learnt how important it is to communicate and watch for hazards, as there could be harmful consequences if there is an issue."

Toby Brookes

"My Work Exposure placement was at Eaton Primary School. I liked how nice all the staff were and how patient they were. I also enjoyed working with the children as they are all unique. I learnt that working with children can be very tiring and I was exhausted by the end of the week! I found that work health and safety is a big consideration, even to use a small step ladder to reach higher up. I also realised that communication is extremely important and needs to be clear and efficient in the workplace."

Olivia Bambrick



Year 10 Professional Networking

The Year 10 Professionals Breakfast brought together students, staff, professionals, and guest speakers Kelsey Gerdei (BCC ex-student) and Jack Stubbs to share their amazing career success stories. Our Year 10 students shared breakfast and discussed possible future careers when they met with professionals from various fields, including representatives from Hairdressing and Beauty, Veterinary Science, Marine Conservation, Engineering, and the Police Force.

Breakfast was provided by Louise Brookes and our Cafeteria team, along

with our Year 11 and Year 12 student assistants and baristas, creating a very successful and insightful event for our Year 10 students. Thank you to the many people who made this possible by donating their time and expertise, including ex-students, parents, Advisory Board members, staff, and members of the College community.

South West Career Expo

After a few years of smaller or online South West Career Expos due to Covid, we were happy to return to the traditional full-scale event in 2023. More than 1900 students, parents, and job seekers filled the BCC Gymnasium and 46 exhibitors with

116 staff members available to chat with patrons about career and training opportunities within their industries.

Representatives from local businesses, community services, training organisations, universities, residential colleges, and local government attended, with many offering take-home information and promotional material. Interactive displays proved quite popular, allowing students and job seekers to try some aspects of different careers.

Congratulations to BCC student Riley Bell who was the lucky winner of the South West Career Expo door prize, kindly donated by Retravisson Bunbury. Riley is now the proud owner of a Weber barbeque.





VET



Try A Trade and Career Taster Programs

The Try a Trade programs organised by the Bunbury Regional Trade Training Centre and South Regional TAFE, have become very popular among Year 9, 10 and 11 students in recent years. These programs allow students to experience trade areas of Hospitality and Building and Construction in the areas of Carpentry and Bricklaying.

As part of the WA Government's Career Taster program for Year 9 students, 15 of our students visited South Regional TAFE and took part in four 1-hour Career Taster sessions.

During the excursion, our students were taken through an engaging session about Allied Health, Art, Beauty and Bricklaying through virtual reality headsets, computer programs and construction games.

The Yalagan Group mining and construction trailer arrived on campus, allowing 40 Year 9 students to participate in a session discovering safety for mining and construction and discussing careers with Yalagan trainers. The trailer is a purpose-built mobile training unit providing students with fun and accessible hands-on experiences using industry safety equipment and applicable PPE.





WorldSkills Competition

The WorldSkills Competition offers students, trainees, and apprentices an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in a competition against others within their industry.

In 2022, Logan Turner and Flynn Smith participated in the regional WorldSkills Competition at South Regional TAFE in Electrotechnology and Building & Construction Carpentry and Joinery, respectively. Both students did incredibly well, qualifying for the National Championships held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre in August 2023. TAFE students from across the nation showcased

their trade skills and vied for a place on the podium. We are pleased to report that Logan Turner was awarded the gold medal in Electrotechnology, and our Deputy Head Boy Flynn Smith topped the scorecard for WA in Carpentry, receiving a certificate of excellence and achieving fourth place at the nations' biggest vocational education and training competition.

Both students agreed that the WA team cheered the loudest at the awards ceremony. We are very proud of these young ambassadors who have bright futures ahead of them and will no doubt do well in their chosen trades.

Certificate III in Business

Certificate III in Business is a two-year course, which aims to provide the practical skills and knowledge required in areas of business and office administration. Students develop and build teamwork, interpersonal skills and organisational capabilities which can be used to further strengthen their future employability skills.

"Certificate III in Business is a course where you learn more about how efficiently a company is run and what makes it succeed. During the two years I spent studying the course I learnt more about the different formats and workplace safety procedures for different areas of work. I would recommend doing this course to learn more about how to help the company or area of work you aspire to in the future." **Gerald Chitate - Year 12**

"Business was an enjoyable certificate that taught me many skills I can use in my future workplaces. Business helped improve my technology skills and knowledge and helped me understand how to work with others in a professional manner. The Business Certificate is a certificate I would highly recommend to others and is very beneficial." **Makayla Cavallo - Year 11**

"Being part of Certificate III in Business has helped me develop many skills that I use unconsciously throughout all my classes. Whether it being writing a formal letter or being able to format documents correctly. I believe that anyone striving to expand on their overall knowledge on digital programs or even just their own professionalism, Certificate III Business is the way to go!" **Angeleigh Delgado - Year 11**



Amelia Patane, Emma Littlefair
and Ella Johnston.

Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care

"Part of the requirements of the Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care are practical components where we are required to work in industry. My industry placements at a Childcare Centre have been a great experience and an eye-opener into what it is like to be an educator in an Early Childhood Centre. I have also had the pleasure of getting to work in the industry with past students who have completed this certificate course at BCC. Getting placements in day-care centres has really helped me in completing components of my course and attaining new skills."

Amelia Patane - Year 11



Certificate III in Music

The Certificate III in Music is offered in partnership between Bunbury Catholic College and the College of Sound and Music Production (COSAMP). This two-year course is designed to help students get a foot in the door of the contemporary music industry. This year, students were invited back to Hay Park to assist with setting up for the "Groovin The Moo" music festival.

Throughout the year, students organised, operated, and performed in live music events, including lunchtime concerts in the College Hall and Learning Commons in Terms 1 and 2, the annual College Feast Day Concert, and a gig at the Parade Hotel in Term 3. Many original songs were written and demo CD's recorded. Our music students are to be commended for their efforts this year.

Luke Campbell

Instrumental Music Coordinator





Certificate IV in Preparation for Health and Nursing Studies

Visit from The Rural Clinical School

We were fortunate to have third year Medicine students from UWA's Rural Clinical School visit our class. They showed students how to suture wounds, measure blood pressure without a machine, and listen for different heart sounds using a stethoscope.

A soundbite from one of the participating students...

"Thank you so much for the opportunity to talk and work with the medical students, we learnt a lot about the processes and pathways we can take to get into the medical field. It was helpful having current university students to talk to about their experiences studying and what universities they recommended for fields of medicine."

The suturing was a very interesting, fun thing to have practised and I think everyone enjoyed the experience regardless of their skills."

Thank you to Emma and the students from the Rural Clinical School for their time and enthusiasm.



Visit to ECU Bunbury by the Certificate IV in Preparation for Health and Nursing Studies Students

The Year 11 Certificate IV in Preparation for Health and Nursing Studies class along, with a few Year 10 students wishing to study nursing, had a great opportunity to learn about future pathways when they visited the School of Nursing at Edith Cowan University in Bunbury.

The teaching wards in the School of Nursing provided a great opportunity to see how different and hands-on their study could be after Year 12. The students were able to examine very lifelike manikins and found the blinking and moaning a little disconcerting. In the maternity room, they saw the premature baby manikin, birthing manikin, and newborns.

A sincere thank you to Amy and the team from ECU for showing us around the campus and nursing wards.

Wendy Morris
Health Teacher



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Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation – Year 11

With over 40 Year 11 students enrolled in this course of study, this was one of the largest cohorts of Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation. During a day trip to Dunsborough, they all had the opportunity to tackle some fun and challenging mountain bike trails.

Students have been busy completing their Provide First Aid and CPR qualifications, as well as participating in bushwalking, bodyboarding, surfing, and mountain biking.

Without a doubt, the highlight for this year was the Surfing and Hiking Camp in Margaret River. Each day, the students surfed for two hours at Boodjidup Beach, and we also hiked as a group along part of the Cape to Cape track, starting at Redgate Beach and trekking all the way to Conto Campground.

This camp will be a long-lasting memory for all the students who attended. We are looking forward to more outdoor pursuits and adventures with this crew next year!

Liana Barraclough, Cassandra Shine & Michelle Harris
Outdoor Recreation Teachers

Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation – Year 12

We are very proud to announce that all 31 of our Year 12 Outdoor Recreation students graduated with their Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation. Throughout 2023,

our Year 12s spent time sea kayaking, training for their Recreational Skipper's Ticket (RST), and completing their Bronze Medallion qualifications. Many of our students will finish their schooling with these certificates and extra qualifications to their names.

A highlight for the year was certainly our Year 12 Sea Kayaking Camp, when our students tested their skills during three days of paddling around Augusta and Stand Up Paddle (SUP) boarding at the front of the Colourpatch in Augusta.

We camped for two nights at the picturesque Hamelin Bay, enjoying the beauty of the beaches and local wildlife. In Term 3, students trained hard in the pool for multiple weeks to obtain their Bronze Medallion qualification — congratulations to the crew who were successful.

This year's class has been such a great group of amazing students to work with, and we are sure that they have created some lifelong memories through their certificate course.

It has been a pleasure to teach each of you. We wish our Year 12 students all the very best for a life full of adventure and outdoor memories.

Liana Barraclough, Cassandra Shine & Michelle Harris
Outdoor Recreation Teachers





Certificate III in Sport & Recreation – Year 12

Students completing the Certificate III in Sport and Recreation conducted their own programs to small groups, including HITT sessions, water-based sessions, continuous training, and “limited” equipment games. Although it would be hard to top last year’s Quidditch game, this year’s highlights again involved Daniel Norrish’s idea of a “water inflatable lesson”. This year, students have completed their First Aid Certificates, and some have clocked up umpiring hours and other accreditations.

In Term 3, the Year 12s were amazing, coaching Ultimate for the Year 6s at Picton Primary, and finally the annual Year 12 Ten Pin Bowl Off, which saw many strikes and Indianna Sinclair wanting the gutter rails.

A sincerest thank you for a wonderful two years to the class of 2023 – Hamish Thomson, Ryan Sutton, Daniel Strooh, Daniel Norrish, Ben King, Ty Stubbs, Oliver Reilly, Deakin Du Boulay, Jedd Host, Abbie Field, Sarah Duce and Indianna Sinclair.

Ludita McLean
PE Teacher



Certificate III in Sport & Recreation – Year 11

This year, students helped at various carnivals, completing industry hours in roles such as officials for the Our Lady of Mercy College Athletics Carnival, administrators for the South West High Schools Cup Netball Carnival and ACC Football Carnival, umpires for the Indoor Beach Volleyball for the Year 7-8 Lighting Carnival and Year 9-10 Winter Carnival, and umpires for the Year 10 PE Hardcourt Volleyball.

Our students finished the year running their own sporting events. After a highly competitive Speedminton class event, the eventual premiers of B grade were Harry Morgan and Flynn Martindal, with Euan Tuia and Brooklyn Madenyika the premiers of A grade.

Congratulations to Harry Morgan, Flynn Martinson, and Tanner Reid on winning the 2on2 Volleyball; Kade Lubcke, Seth Hutton and Flynn Martindale on winning the 3 Basketball; Max Di Lallo and Marcus Fornal on winning the Table Tennis; Seth Hutton and Evan Licciardello on winning the 2on2 Basketball; and Euan Tuia and CJ McEleney on winning the Doubles Badminton.

Ludita McLean
PE Teacher





Certificate II in Engineering –Year 11 and 12

The Year 11 and 12 Certificate II in Engineering classes had a productive and exciting year. Students had the opportunity to develop basic fabrication, welding, and machining skills, as well as expanding their knowledge of the engineering trade.

Students were able to see a professional engineering workshop on an excursion to Orontide in Davenport — a company which provides specialist engineering, preservation and maintenance services to a variety of industries across Western Australia. This excursion was a fantastic opportunity for students to see how their studies can apply in a professional environment.

This year, our students have developed their skills in the fully equipped engineering workshop and built their own quality projects. All eight of our Year 12 students achieved their certificates and our Year 11 students will continue their certificate course in 2024.

I wish the Year 12 students all the best in their future endeavours. Overall, a great year in Engineering, and we are looking forward to another great year ahead.

Rino Papalia
Engineering Pathways Teacher

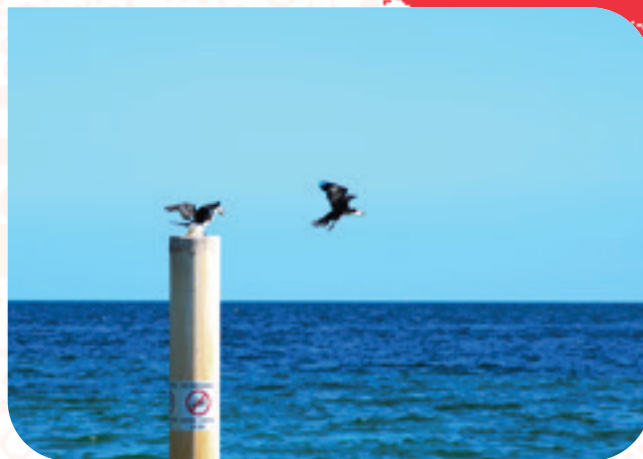




Certificate II in Creative Industries (Film & Photography) – Year 11 and 12

This year was a busy one for the Year 12 Film & Photography class, which started with scripting and filming entries for the Cinesnaps short film competition. The theme 'The Switch' provided the impetus for some very interesting and creative results, with students capitalising on the opportunity to hone their skills in make-up, lighting, camera movements and continuity challenges.

We also participated in a series of workshops at the CinefestOz Film Festival in Busselton in August. Students had a lot of fun learning how to make and operate puppets, how to build multi-layered sounds, and learning what it's like running a costume department on a feature film.



The day included a visit to Orana Cinemas, where we watched the Jub Clerc's film 'Sweet As', with the added highlight of meeting the writer/director, who was on hand afterwards to chat about the filmmaking process.

In March, students met renowned South West Photographer Christian Fletcher in his Dunsborough studio. Their entries in the annual Aqwest photography competition fared well, with Jack Swann taking out the top prize.

The year was capped off with the editing of the Year 12 Breakfast film, which was also shared with the College at the final assembly for the Year 12s.

Jeannie Lewis
Media Teacher





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Business Information Technology – Year 7

Business Information Technology (BIT) was run for the first time as an elective in Year 7 in 2023. This class was designed to build Year 7 students' skills with different software platforms and applications that we use at the College — Teams, OneNote and SEQTA were all covered. All our Year 7 students took part in BIT for one term during the year.

Each lesson began with a Typing Tournament aimed at improving typing ability to enhance speed and accuracy for other classes and online assessments. They also looked at the correct way to send and reply to direct messages and emails. They completed class tutorials on using Microsoft Word and Excel, which culminated in individual tasks.

"BIT was a very fun learning area. We learned a lot, like styling words on a word document and using cool and fun tools. We had a lot of fun at the end of BIT because we got to design stickers from the new stuff we learnt throughout the term. We all made very cool and creative stickers. Thank you to Mrs Camarri for a great term of learning more about our devices and making every lesson a fun and interesting one." **Sienna Swarbrick**

"I am so thankful that BCC has given the Year 7s a chance to understand the device that has been gifted to us. BIT allowed us to learn skills that will stay handy all the way up to Year 12 and beyond." **Grace Waters Year 7**

Business Information Technology - Year 9

Year 9 Business Information Technology (BIT) was offered for the first time in 2023, focusing on the context of small business. Students looked at where a small business might be placed, how it could be advertised, and what software a small business would use. The main software identified was Microsoft Word and Excel.

Students used Word to create stationery items and design logos. In Excel, students completed tutorials on how to use the software and then created a budget to produce a tote bag.

The final assessment was a combination of the semester's work, with each student developing a plan to make a product and writing a plan in OneNote on how that product would be made. Students had to budget for production using Excel, noting areas such as consumables that would be reused.

The budget showed how much the item cost to make and what they would sell it for to make a profit. Once they completed the budget, students used Word to write a sales marketing speech seeking investors to help fund their new venture. Students made one of their items to use when giving their marketing sales pitch.

Colleen Camarri

Business Teacher

"I enjoyed doing BIT this year because I learnt how to use Excel." **Adam Hunt**

"BIT is very interesting and exciting, especially for people who love technology and computers. We learn about various things such as how to use Excel and how to make our own business logos." **Nirmal Kurian**

"Business was a fun class where we got to learn about platforms we use like Excel and word. I learned so many new things that I can add to my everyday learning, and I even got to make a tote bag." **Olivia Licciardello**

"In BIT this year we have been using Excel and Word documents to make a product, we have been calculating costs and % of items, working towards our final product, mine is a t-shirt. It's also been fun learning about all the cool shortcuts and ways to design Excel documents that I have been using in other classes as well and I'm sure it'll help me in the future. Mrs Camarri used a cool printer that drew cool designs. Mrs Camarri has also been helping us along the way to design our shirts, coasters, mugs etc. I have enjoyed BIT this year and it has been really helpful in learning about Word and Excel." **Toby McGee**

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Kessey's Timetable Term 2 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics
Science	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science
History	History	History	History	History	History
Geography	Geography	Geography	Geography	Geography	Geography
Art	Art	Art	Art	Art	Art
Music	Music	Music	Music	Music	Music
Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education
Religious Education	Religious Education	Religious Education	Religious Education	Religious Education	Religious Education
Personal Development	Personal Development	Personal Development	Personal Development	Personal Development	Personal Development
Language	Language	Language	Language	Language	Language
Computing	Computing	Computing	Computing	Computing	Computing
Design	Design	Design	Design	Design	Design
Home Economics	Home Economics	Home Economics	Home Economics	Home Economics	Home Economics
French	French	French	French	French	French
Spanish	Spanish	Spanish	Spanish	Spanish	Spanish
Latin	Latin	Latin	Latin	Latin	Latin
Classical Civilisation	Classical Civilisation	Classical Civilisation	Classical Civilisation	Classical Civilisation	Classical Civilisation
Classical Languages	Classical Languages	Classical Languages	Classical Languages	Classical Languages	Classical Languages
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Catering For College Community Events

In 2023, students were presented with the opportunity to volunteer and complete a variety of catering projects.

For Open Day, our Year 9 students prepared, cooked, and served an array of afternoon treats for guests visiting the College. Students were able to cater for individual dietary requirements and describe the food being served to guests.

During our 50th Anniversary Celebrations, students from various classes prepared over 1300 cupcakes. These cakes were made in Food Technology classes and then decorated and iced in readiness for all the students. Great teamwork, skills in large-scale catering and food production and safety were addressed in this project.

Soups for both staff and students were mass produced as part of our Feast Day Celebrations.

Catering for College Community events is a wonderful opportunity for students to work collaboratively in teams, work under pressure, support College events, learn valuable food production and catering skills, and produce high quality food products.

MaryAnne Ashby

Head of Technologies & Food Technology Teacher

Caring for Children Studies - Year 9

Year 9 students studying this elective have been busy working on planning, devising, and producing a Felt Story Board Language Activity for 3 to 5-year-old children. Students were required to investigate the features of an interesting and appropriate story for children as well as develop their craft and hand sewing skills to produce high quality resources.

Our excursion to Little Angels Early Learning Centre allowed the Year 9s to interact and communicate with children in this age group and were able to bring their stories to life. Students loved the opportunity to interact with children in this Early Education setting.

Child Development - Year 10

Year 10 Child Development allowed students to explore the RealCare Baby Simulation Program. Taking the baby home, caring for, and looking after the needs of a newborn proved to be an exciting and challenging opportunity. Students explored the role and responsibilities of parenthood, the physical and emotional changes during pregnancy, and services to support the new family. Childhood nutrition was explored, and students planned and prepared a variety of quick savoury meals to feed a 3 to 5-year-old.

A variety of play experiences involving children allowed students to gain an understanding of childhood development, and students produced innovative and creative puppets as part of a language-based activity.

MaryAnne Ashby

Caring for Children and Early Childhood Education Teacher

"Child Development was really fun this year. I got to take the RealCare Baby home and even though it was challenging, it was very exciting and enjoyable. Making the child's birthday cake was my favorite part of this course. I am glad that I gave this elective a go, as it had so many interesting and different aspects to it." **Ardra Jeevan - Year 10**



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Digital Technology

What Year 7 students thought about Digital Technology

I have really enjoyed Digi Tech because I got to learn about all sorts of new ways to code and use computers. My Digi Tech Teacher this year was Mrs Langley and Mrs Mortimer and they were both really kind and supported anybody if they needed help.

I also loved how they taught us how to navigate through all the digital platforms that teach us how to make a small .jpeg file which was really cool. But my favourite thing so far was the turtle code which taught us how to draw shapes with code. Overall, I would rate my Digi Tech a 9.5/10 experience because of how fun everything was.

Lincoln Delich

I enjoyed this year's Digi Tech course, I learned import life skills such as problem solving and being creative through Minecraft and making board games. Mr Gibbs helped us understand all the aspects of coding which made it enjoyable. **Riley Charles**

Digi Tech has taught me a lot about how to use coding and all about how to be safe on the internet with passwords. My favourite part was making a game that used technology concepts. It was extremely fun. Digi Tech has been such a good learning subject and I loved it. **Cassie Turpin**

I liked Digital Technology because I got to learn about new things I didn't know. I really liked the Grok learning and the Minecraft. **Jack McGee**

In Digital Technologies this year I have really enjoyed being able to tackle lots of problem solving in both Grok and Minecraft coding, and getting the satisfaction of completing a problem. Creating board games was really fun, and we also got to learn more about networks at the same time. **Carys Griffin**

What Year 8 students thought about Digital Technology

The Year 8 Technologies was a fun and interesting experience where I learnt important skills like Excel spreadsheet skills and even skills in coding in Minecraft using Python. **Payton Henderson**

I loved Digi Tech, it was fun, innovative and relevant. **Luke Herbert**

eSports Club

The College Year 8 eSports Club, founded in 2023 with 17 passionate members, aims to promote esports among students by providing a platform for friendly competition and skill development.

This year, the club hosted two exciting events: an individual Super Smash Bros. tournament, where Tristan Johnston in Year 7 emerged victorious and Seton Do in Year 8 showcased his skills as runner-up; and a thrilling team FIFA tournament at the end of Term 4. In this tournament, AID — Zak Hutton and Lincoln Delich, known for their unwavering enthusiasm and dedication, claimed the championship title.

The Wings of Fire — Liam Brandi and Charlie Howlett and The Panakes — Payton Henderson and Emily Chapman, tied for second place, demonstrating an impressive level of teamwork and sportsmanship.

Beyond tournaments, the club fosters a vibrant community through weekly meetings where members hone their skills in friendly matches, develop leadership qualities by preparing the game room and setting up tournaments, and welcome new players with open arms.

This inclusive environment has fostered a strong sense of camaraderie among students who share a passion for eSports. We eagerly anticipate the return of cheers and exciting gameplay in the year to come!

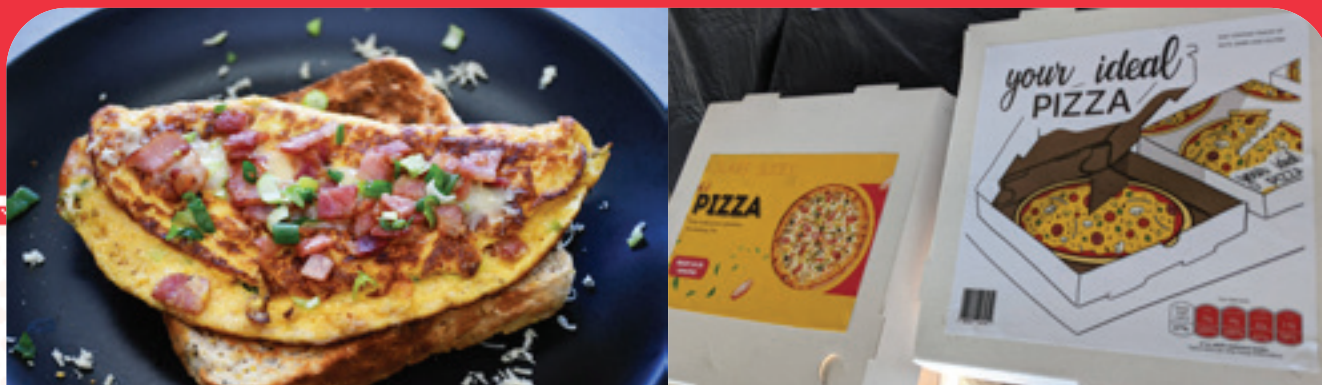
Clayton Gibbs

Digital Technologies Teacher and eSports Club



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Food Technology - Year 7

I think that Food Tech is a good subject! Not only do you learn some cool techniques, like how to cut with a claw grip, but you also get to taste all the delicious food you prepare. It's definitely one of the most fun classes out there! **Liam Irving**

Food Technology - Year 8

My Food Tech experience was very diverse, fun and created many opportunities for me to learn about what I'm eating. **Casey King**

Foods is one of my favourite classes and I look forward to it every week. We learn important safety skills, as well as make some great food. Getting to make the Breakfast Cereal Slice and trying all the different ones was one of the best recipes we did. **Imogen de Chaneet**

I enjoyed Year 8 Foods as we got to make a range of nutritious and healthy foods that were also fun to make and tasted good. We learnt new skills that we can use throughout the rest of our life. **Grace Richardson**

Foods was such an amazing elective to do for a semester. I really enjoyed working with my group, cooking, and learning new skills to help me in future. My favourite meal that I cooked was my spaghetti and garlic bread. I cannot wait to do Foods again next year!! **Lily Bycroft**

Food Technology - Year 9

Food Tech is a great experience where you can learn about many different skills and delicious food. I loved that we worked as a team and got to

explore different recipes and many different methods on how to cook them, the skills we learnt are definitely skills I will use now and in the future.

Olivia Pelusey

I have loved every minute of Food Tech this semester, learning how to cook and bake easy but delicious recipes every single week. It's very fun making and sharing yummy foods with the people in our groups and it's definitely a wonderful opportunity to learn incredible skills that will be useful in the future. **Jana Badawy**

Year 9 Foods has been an easy fun way to learn new skills in the kitchen. The support and teaching make cooking feel stress free and a delight.

Isabella Ball



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Textile Design Technology

I really enjoyed Textiles. Mrs Ashby taught us how to use a machine, how to thread one and how to correctly use and wind a bobbin. We were also able to make a bag and cushion. We were supplied with many resources from fabrics to buttons and specialised products. Overall, every Thursday and Friday I really looked forward to coming to Textiles and I am sad that the course has finished. Mrs Ashby was an amazing teacher and helped us every step of the way. **Sierra Jones -Year 8**

Textiles is very fun and enjoyable. I learnt how to use a sewing machine which I've been dying to learn. I would like to say thank you too Mrs Ashby for teaching us. I hope to do this course next year! **Akemi Mainit - Year 8**

I really enjoyed this course because I learnt multiple things such as to correctly complete hems. It was a small but very fun class to interact with and the classes were chilled. So in the end, even though I didn't choose this course, I am very glad that I was part of it. **Luc Friedrich - Year 8**

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Wood & Metal Design Technology

Here's what some of our Year 10 students said about Wood Design Technology

In Woodwork I have enjoyed using all the machines to make projects like the candle holder and cabinet. I have also liked working with all the materials. **Layla Hancock**

I extremely enjoy Woodwork and using all the materials, machines and being able to work with my friends. Being able to build furniture projects is such a good opportunity.

Amelie Thompson

I have really enjoyed learning how to use all the equipment and have liked the process of my work coming together.

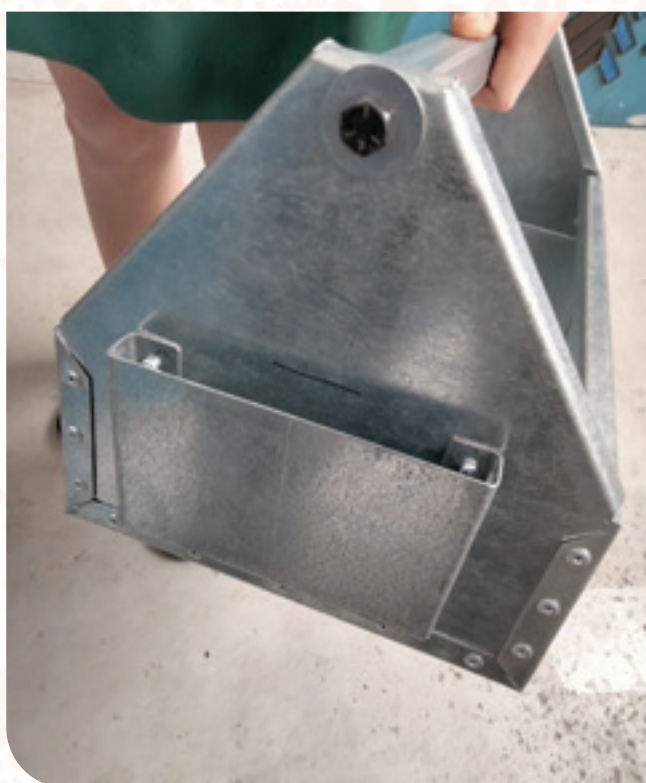
Amahli Lowe

Woodwork is great, we build extraordinary projects.

Adrianna Minella

The Woodwork program is an enjoyable and chilled class where we make very cool things like candle holders out of recycled materials, bedside tables and other cool fun things. **Harrison Krawczyk**

I've really enjoyed the process of making the bedside table. I think it's a great thing to make as I'll be able to use it in the house. I love how the project looks and the creative process of making it. **Ben MacPherson**



Building & Construction

2023 was a busy year for the Building and Construction class, with many individual project tasks completed. One of the highlights would have to be the construction of a new plinth for the statue of Mary in the Chapel, built and installed as part of the College's 50th Anniversary celebrations.

The students have gained skills in many trades, including fabrication/welding, brick paving, brick laying, carpentry, plumbing, concreting, and painting. A number have successfully gained trade-based apprenticeships prior to the end of the year, and we wish them every success as they start their new careers.

Daniel Peters

Design and Technology Teacher

2023 LIBRARY



February

Library Lovers' Day — We kicked off the year with a celebration of our love of libraries! Library Lovers' Day fell on Valentine's Day this year, and students and staff indulged in a range of sweet surprises and activities to enjoy.

March

"I like nonsense, it wakes up the braincells!" Dr Seuss

In honour of Dr Seuss' birthday, the Library collaborated with the Learning Centre to create a festival of all things Dr Seuss! The Library was transformed into a mini Whoville with Truffula trees, the Lorax and, of course, the Cat in the Hat! All students were treated to a festival of silliness with joyful quizzes and activities, and many enjoyed the merry walk down memory lane.

May

Launch of WA Young Readers' Book Award — "Books make your mind grow". Students enjoyed a colourful recreation of Sean Avery's WAYBRA illustration to commemorate the event. This included the introduction of M.E — a life size skeleton brimming with character and mind-blowing ideas! An array of activities and competitions were on offer from May through to October, and students had so much fun working their way through the WAYBRA short list.

In keeping with the theme, a group of keen readers and crafters created Book Dioramas to promote their favourite book or genre. Their artistic creations were then displayed in the Library for everyone to enjoy.

Ancient Rome — The Library was transformed into Ancient Rome, including an arena with a life-sized Gladiator, chariot and horse! The Year 7 Humanities students were transported into an ancient world and relished learning about everyday life living in an ancient Roman city. Activities began in May with the introduction of Pompeii and the city of Rome, and continued through June and July, where students learnt about the Roman Emperors and ancient artefacts. Students created ancient artefacts of their own, which were unveiled and displayed in an Ancient Worlds Museum for our school community to explore.

June

Room to Read BCC Reading Hour — Students read for an hour and donated a gold coin to support the not-for-profit Room to Read organisation. One lucky Year 7 homeroom was chosen to spend the hour curled up in the Library with a good book and a hot chocolate.

Dianne Wolfer — Year 8 English students were rewarded with a visit from Western Australian author Dianne Wolfer. Dianne took the students through the fascinating process of researching the history and putting together her novel 'A Dog With Seven Names'. The students studied the book and learnt about the history of Western Australia during World War II through the eyes of a courageous little dog.

August

Book Week 2023 — The Library was adorned in honour of this year's theme "Read, Grow, Inspire". Students were involved in variety of quizzes and themed competitions, finishing with our inaugural Book Week dress up day and parade, where students dressed up as their favourite literary characters.

September

AJ Betts — To conclude our Book Week activities, award winning author AJ Betts visited our students to promote her latest book, 'One Song'. AJ's high energy workshop provided a fascinating glimpse into the writing and publishing process. In keeping with the theme of 'One Song', Bunbury Catholic College's student bands put on a wonderful performance at lunchtime which was enjoyed by all.

October

Sean E Avery — Year 7 English classes were treated to an incursion by best-selling author and illustrator Sean Avery. Students attended a series of hands-on workshops where they gained invaluable insight into the process of storyboarding and writing formulas. The students left feeling inspired and ready to create picture books of their own.

November

Remembrance Day saw the Library transformed into a military museum with artefacts from World War I through to current times on display, with a focus on the Vietnam War. Warrant Officer Ewen Downes visited and spoke to the Year 9 humanities students, talking about the Vietnam War and his personal experiences in the conflict zones of Iraq and Afghanistan.

The approach of Christmas inspired the transformation of the Library into a festive wonderland — just in time for the Year 6 Orientation Day where we welcomed students to "Choose Their Library Adventure". They learnt about genres, chose the books that they wanted to read next year, and had time to explore our beautiful Library and enjoy the various activities that the Library provides to students.

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INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING

SW School Sports Swimming Champions

Competing at the South West Sports Centre, the Bunbury Catholic College Interschool Swimming Team won three Championship Shields: Lower School Champions, the Upper School Champions, and the Overall Champion School!

Congratulations to our Individual winners:

Year 7 Champion Boy Zenon Parsons

Year 7 R/U Champion Girl Kaylee Rea

Year 8 Champion Boy Thomas Blandford

Year 9 R/U Champion Boy Ash Spinelli

Open Champion Girl Ingrid Blandford, who broke two records.

The Championship shields were presented to senior swimmers Harry Jones and Ingrid Blandford.

INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS

Over the past few years, our Athletics timeline has been impacted by Covid, with disruptions in 2020 and 2022. As a result, there was a lot of excitement about this year's Athletics Carnival, as many students had missed the opportunity to be involved in recent years.

Director of Sport Kelly Bastow described the day as "Blessed with amazing weather, the carnival was as good as we could've hoped for".

Results

Champion House - Xavier 5137

Second - McAuley 4778

Third - Valentine 4412

Fourth - Marcellin 4379

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Each year we reward a Senior School and a Junior School overall champion for the total number of points earned.

Junior Champion Girl (Year 7-9) Ruby Maratea 206 points

Junior Champion Boy (Year 7-9) Bernie Edmondson 180 points

Senior Champion Girl (Year 10-12) Lily Kilpatrick 185 points

Senior Champion Boy (Year 10-12) Deakin Du Boulay 178 points

Year 7 Champion Boy - Bernie Edmondson

Year 7 Runner Up Champion Boy - Liam Beauclarke

Year 7 Champion Girl - Natasha Warner

Year 7 Runner Up Champion Girl - Cassie Turpin

Year 8 Champion Boy - Max Overington

Year 8 Runner Up Champion Boy - Nicholas Tyrrell

Year 8 Champion Girl - Ruby Maratea

Year 8 Runner Up Champion Girl - Andie Williams-Jones

Year 9 Champion Boy - Nirmal Kurian

Year 9 Runner Up Champion Boy - Jack Worsfold

Year 9 Champion Girl - Tahlia Warner

Year 9 Runner Up Champion Girl - Tia Gildersleeve

Year 10 Champion Boy - Jackson Novel

Year 10 Runner Up Champion Boy - Thomas Oliver

Year 10 Champion Girl - Lily Kilpatrick

Year 10 Runner Up Champion Girl - Sienna Christie

Year 11 Champion Boy - Max Francis

Year 11 Runner Up Champion Boy - Harry Jones

Year 11 Champion Girl - Chelsea Hutchinson

Year 11 Runner Up Champion Girl - Emily Allen

Year 12 Champion Boy - Deakin Du Boulay

Year 12 Runner Up Champion Boy - Vincent Smith

Year 12 Champion Girl - Summer Towers

Year 12 Runner Up Champion Girl - Allanah Griffin

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INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Bunbury Catholic College Interschool Cross Country Team was awarded 2nd Champion School, and Spirit Award at the SSWA Cross Country Interschool Carnival.

Our Year 9 Boys and Girls were awarded Champion Team and finished 3rd in the combined relay.

Our Year 7, 8 & 10 teams finished in 2nd place and our Open Team finished 3rd.

Individual success

Tahlia Warner Year 9 Girls Champion and fastest 2.5km overall girl in a time of 10 minutes 13 seconds

Baylee Brand Year 2 Girls Runner Up Champion and 2.5km overall 2nd fastest girl in a time of 10 minutes 9 seconds

Taj Allan 3rd Year 9 Boys and 3rd fastest 2.5km overall, in a time of 8 minutes 46 seconds

Lochlan Neill in 6th place Year 9 Boys (7th for 2.5km overall), in a time of 9 minutes 6 seconds

Matthew Bouteloup 9th place Year 9 Boys (10th for 2.5km overall) in a time of 9 minutes 12 seconds

Blake Ecclestone 3rd place Year 8 Boys

Archie Pemberton 5th Open Boys and 5th overall fastest 5km in a time of 16 minutes 14 seconds

Oliver Tilley 4th Year 10 Boys

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

Some of our fittest and fastest students contested everything from javelin throwing to the final relay races at the SSWA Interschool Athletics Carnival held at the Hay Park Athletics facility.



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**INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY**

Congratulations to all the Cross-Country individual winners and Champion House Marcellin.

House Results:

Marcellin 171

McAuley 170

Valentine 164

Xavier 154

The Panda Award for participation went to McAuley House.

Congratulations to Tahlia Warner who equalled the Year 9 Girls record set in 2015.

Here are the winners followed by the runners-up:

Year 7 Girls Natasha Warner & Cassie Turpin

Year 7 Boys Oliver Kuhn & Liam Jones

Year 8 Girls Lily Martindale & Paris Standley

Year 8 Boys Blake Ecclestone & Nicholas Bell

Year 9 Girls Tahlia Warner & Baylee Brand

Year 9 Boys Lochlan Neill & Carter Bailey

Year 10 Girls Anna Lockley & Amelie Thomson

Year 10 Boys Jackson Novel & Oliver Tilley

Year 11 Girls Chelsea Hutchinson & Ingrid Blandford

Year 11 Boys Archie Pemberton & Max Di Lallo

Year 12 Girls Allanah Griffin & Indianna Sinclair

Year 12 Boys Jy Bolton & Jacob Orsi



CRICKET

Kim Hughes Cricket

We started off our Kim Hughes campaign with a close win over a very young team from Our Lady of Mercy College in Leschenault; the boys bowled well but struggled with the bat, except for Brandon O'Rourke who scored a fine 54.

The struggle continued in the next week when we fell short to Dalzellup College in Round 2, after they made 221 batting first. We had solid performances from Riley Stenhouse (79 runs) and Nico Le Roux (48 runs).

After our bye week, the boys knew they had to lift their game to have a chance to qualify for finals. However, was not the case after setting a subpar score of 158, led by Evan Licciardello with a well-made 34 in tough conditions against Bunbury Senior High School, who were chased down with the loss of just 1 wicket.

With no chance of finals, the boys matched up against Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School and ended on a high with a dominating victory, setting Grammar 191 thanks to strong displays from Brandon

O'Rourke (50), Evan Licciardello (37) and Evan Crowley (25), before bowling them out for 127 with Nico Le Roux taking 5 wickets.

All in all, not the result we were hoping for this year, however, players who had good performances such as Brandon O'Rourke, Riley Stenhouse and Evan Licciardello should be commended for their efforts.

Captain Daniel Norrish and Vice-Captain Oliver Reilly.

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CRICKET TOUR

This year our College hosted the annual Australian Marist Cricket Carnival. This carnival saw teams from New South Wales, Queensland, Adelaide, and Our Lady of Mercy join our First 11 on the pitches throughout the carnival.

Led by Captain Riley Stenhouse, the boys had some very strong days and some days we'd like to forget, finishing the week with two wins and three losses. With the youngest side in the competition, it was a good learning opportunity for future tours.

Brandon O'Rourke (BJ), Year 11, was our strongest performer scoring 232 runs over five games and being awarded the prestigious Batter of the whole Carnival award. BJ was named Player of the Match on Day 1 with 108 not out – the only 100 for the carnival!

Our bowling attack was led by Eddie Trewren with 10 wickets and Evan Crowley with 7 wickets. Eddie was awarded player of the match on Day 5 for his bowling spell of 4 wickets for 20 runs from 6 overs.

Both Brandon and Eddie were named in the Marist All Australian First 11

Team containing the best players of the carnival. Euan Tuia was named the BCC Champagnat Award Recipient — awarded to the player in each team who most displays the attributes of St Marcellin Champagnat; family spirit, love of work, presence, simplicity and In the way of Mary.

Thank you to Michael Chappell for coaching the boys all week, assisted by Gerard Robertson and Jason Frisina, and thank you for the mountain of work put in by David Norrish and Kelly Bastow in running the entire carnival.



COUNTRY WEEK

Pre Country-Week

With 12 teams competing in Country Week 2023, we were elevated into the Tier 1 competition for larger schools capable of fielding more than ten teams. With this in mind, we set off for the week-long carnival in Perth on Sunday June 25.

Our BCC Country Week squad made us proud through a week of hard-fought battles in all sporting arenas.

Congratulations to everyone, with special mention to the Grand Final winners: the Volleyball Boys, both the AFL Boys and Girls, as well as teams that contested their Grand Finals in Soccer and Hockey.

More than 3000 students from regional WA were in Perth for this exciting sporting event.

The Saints teams' placements and coaches:

- AFL Boys (1st) with Jason Frisina and AFL Girls (1st) with Liana Barraclough
- Basketball Boys (5th) with Jason Schuttloffel and Girls (5th) with Michelle Crosby
- Hockey Boys (2nd) with David Norrish and Girls (2nd) with Graham Jones
- Netball Girls (6th) with Cass Shine
- Soccer Boys (2nd) with Rajiv Pragash
- Speech and Debate (4th) with Kim Shepherd
- Volleyball Boys (1st) with Ludita McLean and Volleyball Girls (7th) with Kerry Langley
- Touch Rugby (6th) with Asha Commisso.

Under the guidance of Sport Director Kelly Bastow, the teams were assisted by Kym Whitney, Karen Walker, Sydney Lewis, and Michelle Harris.

Country Week involves a lot of work by many hands, so a big thank you to everyone who contributed to our success, and well done to all our young representatives.

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COUNTRY WEEK CAPTAINS' WRAP

Our Country Week Captains Flynn Smith and Daisy Rigby, along with leadership group members Jy Bolton and Ella Frisina, put together this wrap up of Country Week 2023.

"The students representing the College at Country Week were all super excited to head off on the Sunday. Everyone packed into the busses and started our journey to Perth. We arrived at the Rendezvous, excited for the big week of competing ahead and got changed into our teams' colours for the traditional silent disco.

Monday morning, we got up early and headed to the buffet breakfast before the big opening ceremony. When we arrived at the ceremony, the atmosphere was electric, with 4000 people chanting and screaming. We returned our trophies from last year and prepared for our first round of games. Over the week we enjoyed various activities that the teachers had organised for us, such as mini golf, go-karting, laser tag, quiz nights and a night at the Karrinyup shopping centre.

Throughout the week we were extremely competitive as a school, looking dangerous across all sports. We fought hard and with passion in each game, and in return got some great results. Our AFL Boys and Girls teams returned home with back-to-back grand final A grade wins, our Basketball Boys and Girls both fought hard and got 5th in their division. Debate did a great job in their first year of Country Week, and narrowly missed out on the final. Hockey Boys and Girls both came just short in the grand final, taking home runner up in A grade for both.

Netball Girls competed to a very high standard, with great support all week long, finishing in 6th place. Soccer Boys had a great tournament, just missing out on first place, in a thrilling grand final against Halls Head. Touch Rugby improved dramatically over the week with the young team coming in 6th and are predicted to be strong next year. Volleyball Girls had a competitive tournament, improving each game, coming in with 7th place, while Volleyball Boys took home gold in a nail biter grand final.

This year we changed our culture to better our school's performance.

We have brought in pots and pans and vuvuzelas, to show our stance in the crowd, and let the other schools know that we are proud to be from BCC. This culture benefited our teams' performances and brought lots of energy to each game.

Overall, as a school we came in 4th place in Tier 1, proving that even though we haven't been in the competition long, we are still a strong force that will only improve in the coming years.

We would like to take the time to thank all the teachers for making a massive effort to train and prepare us for Country Week. Without your endless support we wouldn't have been able to achieve such great results. I would also like to give a massive thanks to Ms Bastow, who spent countless hours organising and preparing all aspects of the week, to give us the best experience possible, your dedication does not go unnoticed. We would also like to thank Mrs Walker, who came up for the week with us and, not only washed all our clothes in record time for the next day, but also came down to the grounds with a smile and supported as many games as she could. We are appreciative."



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YEAR 7 ACC AFL

Congratulations to our Year 7 ACC AFL teams who competed in the South West Division of the ACC Statewide Division One Carnival in Week 9.

Both boys' and girls' teams competed extremely well, with our girls finishing in second place to a very strong Mandurah CC team and our boys going through the day undefeated.

Thank you to PE Teachers Liana Barraclough and John Leyendekkers for coaching the teams.

The boys then travelled to Perth in Week 10 to compete in the Grand Final Carnival against Court Grammar, CBC Fremantle, Emmanuel Catholic College, and Sacred Heart. They competed well in the first two games, winning comfortably. The third game against Court Grammar ended up being the 'grand final' event, with both teams undefeated at the time. After a slow start, the boys grouped together and made a brilliant comeback, with time unfortunately running out and leaving this fantastic group of boys in second place.

This carnival coincided with Country Week, and it was fantastic to be able to bring across some of the senior players to coach in between their Country Week fixtures. A big thank you to Relief Teacher Abbey Piggott and Practicum Teacher Fynn Stokes for accompanying the team to Perth and coaching, with the assistance of some of our senior students.

ACC AFL CARNIVAL

We played one and a half games before the thunder, lightning, torrential rain and hail cancelled the first attempt at holding the ACC South West AFL carnival.

A week later, on Wednesday August 9, our Year 10 AFL teams competed in the carnival and both teams won two games, lost one and finished in 2nd place!

NETBALL

SSWA High Schools Cup

Congratulations to all our teams competing in the Champion Schools Netball Cup – and to the Year 11 Sport & Recreation students who worked hard to run the carnival.

The South West division of the cup competition was held at the Hay Park Netball Centre, and one of our five teams – the Intermediate Girls – won the opportunity to travel to Perth to compete in the Elimination Day Finals.

Our Open and Junior Girls finishing 5th, Junior Boys taking out 2nd place and the Senior Boys rounded out the day in 6th place.

Our Sport & Recreation students, led by PE Teacher Ludita McLean, ran much of the carnival and did an amazing job. Thank you to all the team coaches.

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Year 7/8 girls

The girls played six games throughout the day, for 3 wins and 3 losses.

The momentum of the game and the girls' cohesion improved dramatically throughout the day, and we had our best game played against Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School. There was fantastic teamwork and spirit shown from each of the girls and we are super proud of the leadership and gameplay seen across the board!

Asha Commisso

Open Girls

The Open Girls had a great day playing netball; they displayed a high skill level and worked well as a team. They finished 3rd in our Pool after drawing one game against Cape Naturaliste and narrowly losing another by 2 points to St Mary MacKillop College. This meant that, unfortunately, we missed out on the opportunity to play off in the crossover final for the top position.

The girls did extremely well to play 8 games of netball. A special shout out to Ella Frisina and Millie Anderson who were solid in the mid court all day.

Another special shout out to our two football playing girls Daisy Rigby and Brooke Edwards who put on a netball dress – even if it did feel weird. They showed us just how talented they are on the netball court as well as the footy field.

We really appreciate you displaying your Saints spirit by helping out our team!!

Cass Shine

Netball Semi Final

Our Intermediate Girls Netball team travelled to Perth for the semi-final of the SSWA Champion School Cup Netball Competition.

They girls competed well throughout the day, however, did not qualify through to the grand final event. Many thanks to Laura Galati for coaching the girls.



HOCKEY

David Bell State Semi Finals

Our Senior Boys Hockey team qualified through to the state semi-final event after finishing second at Country Week, which was a qualifying carnival.

After a 6.30am start on Monday July 24, Coach David Norrish's boys started the day strong exacting revenge on the Country Week champions Great Southern Grammar. We then lost to Como Secondary College and Shenton College before lunch break. After lunch we were able to secure wins against John XXIII College and Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School to finish third in the State — a fantastic result which sees four Year 12 students complete their time in our senior hockey with a promising future.

SSWA State Hockey Finals - Buchanan Cup

It was a bright and early start for our Phys Ed team as they headed to Perth with our Senior Hockey Girls, for the State Finals of the SSWA Buchanan Cup.

After arriving at the Perth Hockey Stadium on September 1, our girls drew with Ursula Frayne Catholic College in Round 1. A second-round win against Newman College saw the girls lift, however some tough losses to Como Secondary College, Shenton College and St Hilda's Anglican School saw us finish the carnival in fifth position.

It was fantastic to have our Year 12 girls finish off after many years representing the College. Thanks to Captain Lily Ratcliffe and seniors Abbie Field and Alix Crain.

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SURFING

SunSmart School Surf

We finished in second place by 1 point after a fantastic display of competition all day at the SSWA School Surf Titles contested in August.

Congratulations to our SunSmart School Surf Team who competed in the Bunbury Division.

First Place Awards

Junior Boys Body Boarding: Flynn Fazey, Saxon Ghandour

Senior Boys Body Boarding: Tanner Reid, Koby Drage-Edwards

Junior Boys Surf: Carter Bailey, Riley Della-Sale

Senior Girls Body Boarding: Tahnee Parsons, Mia Jones

Runner Up Awards

Senior Boys Surf: Flynn Smith, Aidan Hall

Senior Girls Surf: Brooke Edwards, Allanah Griffin

Our 1st Place Champion Teams have qualified for the State Finals in Perth at Trigg Beach on

School Surf Finals Perth

August 25 2023

With a 5am start to the morning of August 25, our group travelled up to Trigg Beach for the SunSmart School Surf State Finals to compete against some of the best in the state for Surfing and Bodyboarding.

The boys were eager to get into the water with some clear skies and great conditions expected for the day. Our entries in Junior Boys Bodyboarding, Saxon Ghandour in Year 7 and Flynn Fazey in Year 8, started us off with great win and advanced all the way to the Semi Finals.

Continuing the trend, our Junior Boys' Surf team of Carter Bailey and Riley Della-Sale, both in Year 9, also advanced to the Semi Finals. The Senior Boys Body Boarding team of Tanner Reid and Koby Drage-Edwards, both in Year 11, fought hard in their knockout round but were up against some tough competition.

Overall, well done to all the boys who competed on the day! Special thanks to John Leyendekkers and Sydney Lewis for driving and helping with the day.

GOLF

Champion Schools Golf Competition

August 21 2023

The BCC Golf Team took part in the School Sport Championship Golf at Gosnell's Golf Club in August. The competition attracted 95 junior golfers representing WA schools, all eager to prove that they could master a challenging course.

Results

Riley Charles in Year 7 achieved an excellent second place overall with 45 points, winning a medal and golf shirt. Congratulations!

Lilli Andrew in Year 8 finished 10th in the Girls section, with 31 points.

Oliver Tilley in Year 10 and Jedd Host both finished in the pack with 31 and 28 points, respectively.

Our players had a brilliant experience and hopefully made many new connections in golfing circles. Many thanks to all the parents who travelled to Perth to support us.

David Walters

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2023 SUNSMART SCHOOLS TENNIS CLASSIC

Congratulations to everyone who represented the College at their Tennis events at the SunSmart Schools Tennis Classic in March. We had three teams advance to the finals this year. These included our Junior Girls team of Eva Winzer, Lucy Scott, Lily Martindale and Ruby Maratea and our two Senior Boys teams comprised of Euan Tuia, Nathan Fulton, Toby Blee and Kade Lubcke in one team and Evan Crowley, Nayte Charles, Riley Bell, Lucas Pedrochi and Rory Old in the other.



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WINTER CARNIVAL - September 20

Soccer Girls

The BCC Soccer Girls team took part in the Winter Carnival, and it was very obvious from the first game that these girls were not just there to make up the numbers. Their hard work, tireless running and fantastic team ethic saw them go undefeated in their pool, finishing top of their group without conceding a single goal.

In the grand final, BCC came up against a stronger and more experienced Australind Senior High School and despite our best efforts, we were defeated 2-0.

Overall, it was a great experience for our team, with some outstanding individual displays by Seanadh-Leigh McEleney, Mia Kirkpatrick, Sophia Harvey-Palermo and Delilah Hunter. A big thank you to our Year 11 students (Chloe, Ruby, and Pippa) who assisted with coaching and officiating on the day.

David Walters

Soccer Boys

Our Soccer Boys team this year played extremely well with excellent teamwork. Coming in first place, they dominated the competition with no losses throughout the competition. This is a young group of Year 9s and 10s, and we are extremely excited to see what the future holds for the senior Saints Soccer team next year.

Rajiv Pragash

AFL Girls

The AFL Girls played with great spirit throughout the day of competition. They improved with each game, some going from very timid on the field to laying strong effective tackles. Their confidence continued to grow, and it was great to see so many parents and grandparents there to support and watch.

The girls played four games, only going down in each by a point or two. Their overall behaviour was impressive, and they represented the College with respect and pride, all done with smiles on their faces.

Michelle Harris

AFL Boys

The carnival games were short — two, 10-minute halves in each game. Our AFL Boys team started with a close loss to Bunbury Senior High School, then we had solid wins against Margaret River and Georgiana Molloy Anglican School. This meant we finished second in our pool. In the semi-final against Australind Senior High School, unfortunately, they were too good for us resulting in us playing for third against Our Lady of Mercy College.

With a good team performance, we ran out 11-point winners against our sister school in a game played in good spirit. There were solid performances all day from Carter Bailey, Dylan Scott, Evan Crowley, Lucas Pedrochi, Taj Allen,

Riley Della-Salle, Toby McGee, Oliver Tilley, Jack Worsfold and Tom Oliver. Thank you to Tanner Reid (Runner), Flynn Martinson (Assistant Coach) and Jackson Novel (Goal Umpire) for their support of the team.

Jason Frisina

Hockey

Our Hockey team played a great set of games for the Winter Carnival. Throughout the day the team treated the carnival as a rehearsal for Country Week in 2024, and they viewed losing only one game, and the rest being draws, an excellent result.

The games were mixed so the boys played across the back and supported the girls up forward. They were an absolute pleasure to coach for the day.

David Norrish

Touch Rugby

We took a relatively new and inexperienced team to the Year 9 and 10 Winter Carnival for Touch Rugby, with this being the first official games for most of our players. Throughout the day, we increased our awareness of the game and ended up playing some really good passages.

All players will be far better for the experience, and it is hoped they will continue with Touch Rugby in future carnivals. We managed to play a really good game against the eventual winners, Our Lady of Mercy College, managing to draw and finishing the day in third place.

Michael Chappell

Basketball Boys

Our BCC Basketball Boys team played at the South West Sports Centre in Bunbury and due to so many teams in A grade, we were separated into two pools; Pool A and Pool B.

The boys played consistently all day and managed to win our games against Newton Moore Senior High School, Cape Naturaliste College and Australind Senior High School. We unfortunately lost against Harvey Senior High School. Due to the results from other games in our pool, we ended the day on top of our pool which meant we then played in a crossover final against Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School who finished their pool in second place.

The boys fought hard, however, fell short in that game which meant we were then to play off for 3rd vs 4th place. This game was against Cape Naturaliste College who we had already defeated earlier in the day. It was an extremely close game; unfortunately the boys were defeated, which placed us in 4th out of a total of 10 schools.

Congratulations to all the boys for their efforts and a big thank you goes out to Marcus Fornal for taking on a coaching role for the day, and to Flynn Martindale for being our umpire and scorer.

Michelle Crosby

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Netball Girls

The Year 9/10 Girls Netball team had a fantastic day — they came away A Grade champions after being undefeated all day.

The team had some very close wins, including defeating Bunbury Senior High School by only 1 goal. They displayed a fantastic team effort throughout the day, and everyone contributed equally towards the win.

This is a very talented bunch of netballers and the future of netball at BCC is very bright. A special shout out to a Katie Gardiner, who was our umpire for the day.

Cass Shine

Volleyball Girls

The Winter Carnival for the Volleyball Girls was nothing short of ecstatic. Our team was undefeated and showed immense sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout the day. Overall, we came second to Eaton Community College. Thanks to Kian Stapleton and Kerry Langley for coaching.

Volleyball Boys

Our Volleyball Boys were undefeated during the round robin games and went on to win the Grand Final in a close game against Eaton CC 42-36. Thanks to Frankie Fiumano for coaching on the day.

Ludita McLean

LIGHTNING CARNIVAL

Year 11 Certificate III in Sport and Recreation

The Certificate III in Sport and Recreation class officiated at the Volleyball competition for the Lightning Carnival. We umpired on all six courts and also collated the scores sheets for the premiership tables. Well done to all those who officiated and played.

Congratulations to Kade Lubcke who umpired the Volleyball Girls Grand Final.

Ludita McLean

Year 7 Netball

The Year 7 Netball Girls were absolutely amazing at the Lightning Carnival held in August! They were all so excited to get out and try their hardest — even if it didn't always lead to winning. Teamwork was something that really stood out, especially considering a lot of the girls had never played together before.

Year 8 Netball

The Year 8 netballers had a fantastic day out at the annual Lightning Carnival. They competed in A Grade and were undefeated all day. They played eight games overall and won them all by varying margins. The toughest game was against Margaret River Senior High School, who we

managed to defeat by 1 goal. It was a great overall team effort and all players contributed towards such a very successful day.

A big thank you to our Year 10 students Elena Frontino and Ava Stirton who helped out with coaching, umpiring, and scoring for all of our games. Special mentions also go to: Ashlee Rowe, Lily Martindale, Lucy Scott, and Ella Stewart who played consistently solid netball all day. It was a pleasure to coach such a talented and lovely bunch of girls. The future of netball at BCC is bright.

Cass Shine

Netball Boys

The Netball Boys couldn't have achieved a better outcome, completing a total of 6 games and concluding the day undefeated with victories in each match. A shout out goes to Max Woolhead for his consistent shooting in GS, and to Lachlan Humphrey and Caleb Thompson as our centre court stars. A huge thank you is also extended to the two Year 10 coaches Chloe Hughes and Jasmine Rowe for their exceptional coaching and support of the boys!

Asha Commisso

Touch Rugby

The Touch Rugby side was full of enthusiastic but inexperienced rugby players. Our day got off to a great start, defeating Bunbury Baptist College. However, as the day progressed, we faced more experienced sides, who had players a little too fast for us and we suffered defeats in our remaining games.

It was pleasing to see our team grow and work more as a team throughout the day, and there are promising signs for the future if they keep playing touch rugby. Well done to all the players; we fought out every game until the end and will be better for the experience.

Michael Chappell

Soccer Girls

Our Year 7 and 8 Soccer Girls team took part in this year's School Sport WA Lightning Carnival.

In a highly competitive A grade section, the BCC girls settled quickly into the competition. Their running, slick passing and overall work rate made them a very difficult team to play against.

Despite losing the opening game against an excellent Australind Senior High School team, BCC were undefeated in their next five matches.

Overall, a great team effort with some outstanding individual displays by Eva Edmondson, Brianna Spinelli, and Andie Williams-Jones, who was our top scorer with six goals. A big shout out to Amelie Thompson and Ryan Leatherbarrow for assisting on the day.

David Walters

Basketball Girls

Great teamwork by all the girls throughout the day. The team played six games back-to-back with only short breaks. The competition was tough, with some very close games. The team only lost one game on the day, but due to previous game scores we ended up in second place.

The girls were fantastic and all worked extremely well together. Everybody did exactly what was asked of them, we just had one game that didn't go our way.

The Year 10 helpers were a huge support to the team and encouraged and cheered on all the games.

Jason Schuttlöffel

Basketball Boys

Our BCC Boys Basketball team travelled to the South West Sports Centre to play against other A grade Year 7/8 teams from other schools on August 16. We played four games throughout the day to determine our final standing. The boys played so well and ended up with two wins and two losses, which put us in second place in our pool (Pool A).

We then played in the crossover finals where we were up against Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School, who had also placed second in their pool (Pool B).

Unfortunately, the boys didn't secure the win, which placed us in fourth place overall for the day out of 10 teams, which was exceptional!

Well done to all the boys, and a big thank you to Ben MacPherson, Luke Steele and Dylan Walters from Year 10, who assisted with coaching, scoring and umpire duties throughout the day.

Michelle Crosby

AFL Girls

The Year 7 and 8s attended the Lightning Carnival and had a great time in the sunshine. The girls developed their skills over a number of games and faced some tough competition against other local schools.

It was great to see some of the girls begin a passion for football, having very little to no experience prior to the carnival. The girls should be congratulated on demonstrating great sportsmanship by offering to lend players to struggling teams so they could participate. Congratulations to all the girls who attended.

Liana Barraclough

AFL Boys

The boys played well together considering it was their first time playing as a group. They fought hard against some very strong competition and bigger bodies, coming out with a win against Margaret River Senior High School and another against Bunbury Senior High School. Overall, a great team effort shown by all the boys. Special thanks to our Year 10 helpers—Dylan Scott, Ashton Griffiths and Oliver Tilley, who made the day run super smoothly.

Michelle Harris

Volleyball Girls

The girls did an amazing job at the Lightning Carnival, with only two players having ever played volleyball before. They showed lots of support for each other and some great teamwork on many plays. All players really enjoyed throwing themselves around on the sand to try and win or save points, and we had some excellent returns and hits that resulted in many points.

Although this was a participation carnival, we managed to win two out of our four games, and the two losses we incurred were by very narrow margins. Coaching the girls was a great experience as they were exceptionally respectful and attentive listeners. I believe the future of volleyball at BCC is incredibly promising, as the young team performed admirably, and I felt immensely proud of their achievements.

Heidi Somers - Year 10

Hockey

The A Division team went through the day undefeated, winning the competition. Our B Division team went through the day undefeated. C Division team both won and lost a couple of games.

The Year 10 coaches managed their teams exceptionally well, on and off the field. They ensured players represented the College appropriately and rotated players efficiently. They provided positive feedback and instructions to all players.

Every player participated actively and demonstrated respect and appropriate 'intensity' toward umpires and opponents. The skills of BCC players were certainly evident across the teams and often proved the difference in the results.

Student umpires Imogen de Chaneet and Ruby Maratea provided consistent and appropriate dialogue to the players, controlling the games effectively and in the right 'spirit'. Congratulations to all concerned on a successful carnival.

Graham Jones

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Health and Physical Education

Bunbury Catholic College continues to develop a diverse and comprehensive range of Health, Physical Education, Outdoor Education and Co-Curricular courses and activities across our curriculum.

Our professional and enthusiastic staff members — Kym Whitney, Ludita McLean, Michelle Harris, Jason Frisina, Kelly Bastow, Cassandra Shine, John Leyendekkers, Michelle Crosby and Liana Barraclough — have all worked diligently and effectively as a team to ensure the success of our programs and courses.

We also acknowledge the magnificent contribution of our PE Assistants Paige Alava and Sydney Lewis, with a special mention to our wonderful Karen Walker, who have all been an integral part of our team, providing technical, practical, and administrative support across our programs and courses.

The PE curriculum is based around the national and WA curricula and facilitates their knowledge, confidence and lifestyle involvement in healthy activities beyond the classroom and their school life.

We provide a co-curricular program to extend and challenge students — both individually and collectively — through a range of sports and activities at a representative level.

We are committed to fostering a positive culture and understanding of the needed for success. To reinforce these objectives, the College continues to develop the Elite Sports Program. This program aims to provide successful applicants with the opportunity to extend their knowledge and skills in their chosen sporting context at the elite level.

We are very appreciative of the time and expertise provided by the staff and parents in ensuring the success of these opportunities. Fortunately, the College was able to participate in the annual Country Week carnival of sports, achieving outstanding results! The College enjoyed a return to full participation in the range of annual carnivals and events open to the College and our talented athletes.

We also wish to congratulate the numerous students who were selected in national, state, or representative teams during 2023.

Graham Jones

Head of Health and Physical Education

SPORT SNAPSHOT

Curricular

Aquatics, athletics, AFL, SEPEP model, volleyball, tennis, ten pin bowling, badminton, soccer, netball, basketball, cricket, gymnastics, tee-ball, softball, ultimate frisbee, touch, SCSA courses in PE Studies, Certificate courses in Sport and Recreation and Outdoor Education, PE Elite courses, Drug Education, Mental Health, Body Image, Keys for Life, nutrition, snorkelling, kayaking, hiking, body boarding, surfing and many more.

Co-curricular

Athletics, cross country, swimming, outdoor education camps and excursions, carnivals for various sports and year groups, representative teams in netball, basketball, cricket, football, hockey, soccer, volleyball and tennis, lunchtime competitions, weights room programs, rowing and many more.



SPORT



ELITE SPORTS PROGRAM

Our Elite Sport Program, now into its third year, continues to evolve, extending learning opportunities for students who have a particular interest, talent or capability in high performance sports. Apart from the Elite Sports lessons conducted within timetabled classes, Health & Physical Education (HPE) staff facilitated many sessions before and after school in the areas of water-based recovery, running, swimming, Pilates, strength and conditioning.

Highlights for the Year 9 and 10 Elite Sports classes were an introductory duathlon—a swim and a run—and then a triathlon—adding a bicycle ride.

Year 11 and 12 Elite Sports students who take advantage of our mentor program recorded some amazing personal results this year and we look forward to seeing these students' progress in their sporting pathways.

Records displayed on the walls of the College Gym show the 'All Time Bests' for the 30 metre Sprint, Multi-stage (Beep) Aerobic Fitness Test, Chin-ups, and a Vertical Jump, as well as a 1000m indoor rowing record. These records create strong motivation among the year groups, with students trying to better their previous times and gain bragging rights. This year, 11 records were set or equalled.

Records set in 2023

30m Sprint (seconds)

Year 10	Keenan Buckley	3.93
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Multi-stage (Beep) Aerobic Fitness Test (stage)

Year 8 Boys	Blake Ecclestone	13.8
Year 8 Girls	Ruby Maratea	11.7
Year 9 Boys	Carter Bailey	14.4
Year 9 Girls	Tahlia Warner	11.1
Year 10 Boys	Jackson Novel	14.12
Year 10	Anna Lockley	11.2

Chin-ups (number)

Year 9 Boys	Riley O'Rourke	24
Year 10	Boys Harrison Krawczyk	17

Vertical Jump (centimetres)

Year 7 Boys	Crispin Gimmy	63
Year 10	Oliver Tilley equalled Henry Amponsah's record from 2022	68

Expert Presenters

External providers and experts in their field presented to our Elite Sports students.

- Jessica Sedunary and Charlie Thomas from the West Coast Eagles AFL women's team gave two presentations to all year groups, providing in-depth information on the application of sports science principles such as women's health, nutrition, hydration, goal setting, resilience building, injury management and prevention.
- Aspire Physiotherapy owner and BCC ex-student Ben Piggott, and his associate Pia Jorgensen, conducted Pilates sessions.
- Danae Cornford from local health and nutrition business Happywhenfit, had Year 9 and 10 students engaged in a 'Master Chef' experience, creating their own healthy, balanced recipes for judging.
- Tennis Coach and BCC ex-student Cooper Smith gave a very insightful talk to our Year 9s about how to gain an American College sport scholarship.
- Abbey Piggot, Mindfulness Educator & Coach spoke to our Year 9 and 10 Elite Sport students about the science behind stress management and arousal regulation.

A big thank you to our College Performing Arts Assistant, Karen Walker, who gave up her time to make many yummy breakfasts for the students so they could attend school ready to learn.

Jason Frisina

Elite Sport Coordinator



ACADEMIC CHALLENGE AND ENRICHMENT STUDIES (ACES)

Year 7

Twenty-five Year 7 students were invited to participate in the 2023 ACES program. They learned about the Engineering Design Process by forming "companies" tasked with building "Eggstronaut Landing" apparatus. The students had to budget and choose the materials best suited to building a successful lander. They have also been engaged in some Tournament of Minds challenges, preparing for the competition in 2024.

Year 8

Students worked on the Solar Car Challenge in Term 1, which involved building a solar car that would move the fastest on the track provided. They also built a catapult that could accurately launch marshmallows into a target, requiring many prototypes before it was ready to compete.

Electric vs petrol cars was the topic for heated debating in Term 2, with students researching the topic as well as learning how to conduct a debate.

A Bee Biosecurity project involving research, modelling, and problem solving aimed to raise awareness of the importance of bees in the environment and the protection of them, particularly Australian native bees. The students' work was very impressive, and they presented their research and modelling at the Open Day.

Year 9

Students started with some engineering problem-solving tasks as part of the Science and Engineering Challenge. They built a prosthetic leg to fit a human and then designed and built prosthetic limbs for animals who had been in an "accident". This was followed by bridge building, based on the design process that was demonstrated at the Challenge.

The group then worked on a nuclear submarines project presented by the Royal Australian Navy. This involved researching how submarines operate and how nuclear fusion is used on board to power them. They submitted an 8-minute presentation to the RAN, but unfortunately, they were not successful in the heated battle for first prize!

Year 10

The year began with a team entering the Brain Bee Challenge. Having scored well in Round 1, the girls headed to UWA to engage in all things neuroscience and they sat the test for Round 2. Matilda Skerman came third overall, which was a terrific effort.

Students participated in the Science and Engineering Challenge SW, representing the College in bridge building. They won the challenge against six other schools, with their bridge being able to withstand the most weight of over 5 kilograms.

Collaborative work on solving some big, local problems led to two awards for our students involved with the Innovation Academy 2023. Seven students from Years 10–12 were part of the academy, a collaboration between seven secondary schools in the South West — an extraordinary opportunity provided by teachers from Manea Senior College. Members of two teams received awards at the Innovation Academy 2023 Presentation Night at the Dolphin Discovery Centre.

Madeleine Thomson, Matilda Skerman and Xavier Noonan were in a team which looked at how the Dolphin Discovery Centre could improve the study of dolphins by using an app to gather fin recognition data. They won the People's Choice Award.

Amy Hunt and Noah Leblanc's team worked on how the Southern Ports Authority and Tronox Holdings could accommodate the many workers required for future projects. They also addressed the issue of the current labour shortage. Their team won the Excellence in Innovation Award.

Cara Hearne and Raya Noonan worked on Copenhagen Energy, suggesting how to overcome possible damage to the sea floor if windmills are situated off the coast.

"The Innovators Academy was an insightful and interesting experience, it opened my eyes to the range of things I could do in my community to help the world."

Madeleine Thomson Year 10

"I think the Innovators Academy was a great chance to get to know like-minded people which helps develop innovative ideas for the future."

Cara Hearne Year 10

There have been a number of other achievements by individuals in ACES and the Science Café (Years 11 and 12). In January Perrie Goater, Ebonee Griffin and Xavier Noonan attended the National Youth Science Forum after being accepted and gaining scholarships for this prestigious event, and Amy Hunt was chosen to attend next year's forum.



FRENCH EXCHANGE STUDENTS

In May we had the honour and pleasure of hosting three Italian students Eva Nicolas, Heloise Caignon and Romane Pagnoncelli into our Year 11 classes.

Heloise and Romane joined us for 10 weeks and Eva remained for an extra two weeks. The students stayed with host families and had the opportunity to explore the beautiful South West region.



2023 GRADUATION



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2023 OPEN DAY



OPEN DAY



2023

OUTWARD ADVENTURE



PEER SUPPORT



Peer Support Program

In the vibrant tapestry of Bunbury Catholic College's pastoral care system, the Peer Support Program is interwoven as a strong, bright strand; and this year, our Year 11 Peer Support Leaders have elevated the role to new heights.

These dedicated individuals, champions of positive relationships, have played a pivotal role in guiding our incoming Year 7 students through the intricate journey of transitioning to secondary school.

Our 2023 leaders were more than just mentors; they were architects of organisation, relationship builders, and cultivators of resilience. Their commitment to fostering a sense of community has left an indelible mark on Bunbury Catholic College.

As we acknowledge their exceptional service, we encourage our 2023 Peer Support Leaders to embrace the multitude of opportunities that will undoubtedly arise from their leadership experience. Their positive impact on the world starts right here, within the walls of our College.

Peer Support Training

Behind the scenes, our Peer Support Leaders undergo rigorous training in alignment with the nationally accredited Peer Support Australia program. In November, our dynamic

Year 10 cohort showcased their leadership skills and creative prowess during an intensive two-day training.

These 43 emerging leaders exhibited maturity and insightful wisdom during reflective practices, showcasing their readiness to take on the responsibilities of guiding their peers. The pinnacle of their training was a memorable session where small teams of leaders and co-leaders demonstrated exceptional communication skills while facilitating a practice session with our current Year 7 students.

The 2024 Peer Support Leaders embodied flexibility and resilience, seamlessly adapting to the challenges presented by the unforeseen downpour of rain at precisely this time.

Acknowledged at a special assembly dedicated to Peer Support Leaders past and present, this enthusiastic group seamlessly transitioned to their role in the Year 6 Orientation Day. Armed with empathy, assertiveness, and problem-solving skills honed during their training, they built essential relationships with the incoming 2024 cohort of Year 7 students.

To our newest members of the College, consider yourselves privileged to have these leaders as mentors.

Kate Wright & Rajiv Pragash

Peer Support Coordinators



2023

PRESENTATION EVENING

Presentation Evening on November 28 was a showcase of award winners and talented students who filled the main stage of the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre with music, dance and song.

Congratulations to all our award winners and performers.

Year 7

Taj Franklin-Hicks	Physical Education
Carys Griffin	Digital Technologies English Science
Jack McGee	Indonesian
Michael Monisse	Italian
Kaitlyn Pitts	Religious Education
Kaylee Rea	Humanities
Caleb Thompson	Mathematics
Cassie Turpin	Physical Education

Year 8

Remy Bartley-Crane	Italian
Thomas Blandford	Physical Education
Charlotte Gibbs	Food Design Technology
Elena Gibbs	Humanities Mathematics Religious Education Science
Payton Henderson	Digital Technologies
Aaron Joseph	Visual Arts (Creative Clay)
Joshua Mack	Indonesian
Lily Martindale	Physical Education
Annabel Milford	Media Arts
Michellie Neaves	Dance
Max Overington	Materials Design Technology
Grace Richardson	Drama English
Sol Russell	Textile Design Technology
Lauren Smith	Music
Andie Williams-Jones	Visual Arts

Year 9

Ayesha Atif	Indonesian
Jana Badawy	Italian
Ryan Berry	Computer Aided Design - 3D Modelling
Frances Best	Caring for Children Studies
Ava Blee	Dance
Samaire Bozanich	Wood Design Technology
Mahalia Churcher	Jewellery & Glass Design
Cara Darling	Religious Education
Blake Dawson	Metal Design Technology
Aysel Elsayed	English
Mali Hart	Drama
Michael Jupp	Humanities Mathematics Science
Ryan Leatherbarrow	Physical Education
Lochlan Neill	Business Information Technology
Sreesha Shaji	Music
Chloe Steinmann	Media Arts
Queenie Tze Ching Tay	Food Design Technology
Tahlia Warner	Physical Education
Erica Winter	Visual Arts

Year 10

Olivia Bambrick	Child Development Studies Visual Arts
Tom Booth	Workplace Learning
Cody Ecclestone	Data Science Technology
Marlee Gard	Food Design Technology
Cara Hearne	Drama
Paige Hebbend	Indonesian
Lily Kilpatrick	Physical Education
Benjamin MacPherson	Religious Education
Pia Mangano	Music
Lucas Pedrochi	Physical Education
Hamish Potter	Engineering Metal Design
Matilda Skerman	Humanities Mathematics Science
Christian Spinelli	Wood Design Technology
Madeleine Thomson	English
Cameron Tyrrell	Media Arts



PRESENTATION EVENING

Year 11

Shaela Avins	Biology ATAR
	Earth & Environmental Science ATAR
	Religion & Life General
Ingrid Blandford	Chemistry ATAR
	Human Biology ATAR
	Mathematics Methods ATAR
	Physics ATAR
Justine Blower	Visual Arts General
Makayla Cavallo	Workplace Learning
Zak Davies	Certificate II in Engineering Pathways Materials Design Technology (Wood) General
Roena Delgado	Certificate III in Music
Brady Emerson	Design General
William Granger	Economics ATAR Marine & Maritime Science General Mathematics Applications ATAR
Sebastian Hancock	Physical Education Studies ATAR
Jamie Harrison	Mathematics Specialist ATAR (ViSN) Religion & Life ATAR
Amy Hunt	Visual Arts ATAR
Amy Hunter	Modern History ATAR
Seth Hutton	Mathematics Essential General
Madelyn James	English General Human Biology General
Ryan Long	Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation
Chloe MacNeill	Psychology General
Amelia Patane	Certificate III In Early Childhood Education & Care
Brooke Sharp	Certificate III in Business Certificate IV in Preparation for Health & Nursing Studies
Libby Shepherd	Italian ATAR Literature ATAR
Riley Stenhouse	Certificate III in Sport & Recreation
Brodie Stewart	Accounting & Finance ATAR
Jasmin Tan	English ATAR Psychology ATAR
Marcus Woods	Building & Construction General

Year 12

Millie Anderson	Human Biology General Psychology General
Mia Caden	Italian ATAR Music ATAR
Ella Catelan	Certificate II in Creative Industries (Film & Photography) Visual Arts ATAR
Charlotte Davern	Certificate III in Business
Elijah De Coppi	Chemistry ATAR Materials Design Technology (Wood) ATAR
Raymond Do	English as an Additional Language ATAR
Deakin Du Boulay	Certificate III in Sport & Recreation
Ella Frisina	Physical Education Studies ATAR
Liam George	Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
Rachael Ghasseb	English ATAR
Alexis Gianfrancesco	Dance ATAR
Perrie Goater	Modern History ATAR
Ebonee Griffin	Chemistry ATAR Human Biology ATAR Indonesian ATAR Psychology ATAR
Riley Hearne	Politics & Law ATAR (ViSN)
Amber Licciardello	Visual Arts General
Ashleen Moore	Religion & Life ATAR
Zavier Noonan	Mathematics Methods ATAR Mathematics Specialist ATAR Physics ATAR
Isis O'Connor	Drama ATAR
Isabel O'Duffy	Drama General
Sophie Oliver	Certificate IV in Preparation for Health & Nursing Studies English General
Jacob Orsi	Accounting & Finance ATAR
Zoe Parker	Certificate III in Music Mathematics Applications ATAR
Ned Pemberton	Earth & Environmental Science ATAR
Flynn Smith	Materials Design Technology (Wood) General Workplace Learning
Vincent Smith	Biology ATAR
Arrabella Stewart	Mathematics Essential General
Logan Turner	Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation
Layne Wilks	Economics ATAR Literature ATAR Religion & Life General
Aidin Williams	Computer Science General



PRESENTATION EVENING



Special Awards

Oliver Kuhn	Year 7	Junior Male Sports Star
Tahlia Warner	Year 9	Junior Female Sports Star
Brooke Edwards	Year 12	Senior Female Sports Star
Lucas Pedrochi	Year 10	Senior Male Sports Star
Abigail Bovell	Year 8	Junior Performing Artist of the Year
Camden Rodwell	Year 12	Senior Performing Artist of the Year
Ngoc Nguyen	Year 12	Senior Visual Artist of the Year

Outstanding Contribution to the Year Group

Awarded to the student in each year group who is a positive role model to others, through their sense of service, the embodiment of Marist values, and through a tireless commitment to the wellbeing of others.

Kaylee Rea	Outstanding Contribution to Year 7
Abigail Bovell	Outstanding Contribution to Year 8
Ava Blee	Outstanding Contribution to Year 9
Edwan Trewren	Outstanding Contribution to Year 10
Amy Hunt	Outstanding Contribution to Year 11

Australian Defence Force Innovators Awards

These awards recognise students from both Year 10 and Year 12 who have demonstrated innovation in the study of STEM subjects.

Oscar Clarke	Year 10
Aidin Williams	Year 12

Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Awards

These awards acknowledge the achievements of young people who have demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership and teamwork, both at the College and in the wider community.

Reece Kidd	Year 10
Ella Frisina	Year 12

Christian Living Awards

The recipients of this award were selected for practising their faith during their daily interaction with others, as well as being true models of Christian values.

Chahana Kafle	Year 7
Jack McGee	Year 7
Gabriel Gragasin	Year 8
Grace Richardson	Year 8
Ella Scott-Higgins	Year 9
Noah Smith	Year 9
Keenan Buckley	Year 10
Cameron Tyrrell	Year 10
Marcus Fornal	Year 11
Charlotte Barbeti	Year 11

Community Awards

For service to the College Community.

Raymond Do	Year 12
Logan Turner	Year 12

Christian Service Learning Award

The recipient of this award has endeavoured to practise their commitment to the service of others in real terms by undertaking the highest number of community service hours.

Logan Turner	Year 12
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Catholic Citizenship Award

This award recognises the student who has made an outstanding contribution to the College over the past six years, in every facet of College life.

Stephanie Congdon	Year 12
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Positive Image Award

This award recognises the student who, through her willingness and generosity to participate in all school activities, is seen as an excellent role model for those at the College.

Deena Duane	Year 12
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PRESENTATION EVENING



Principal's Awards

Marcellin Champagnat & Catherine McAuley Medals

The recipients of these awards have demonstrated application towards academic excellence, together with integrity, courage, and commitment to the witness of Catholic values, both within the College and in the wider community.

Catherine McAuley Medal

Sylvie Greathead Year 12

Marcellin Champagnat Medal

Riley Hearne Year 12

Sr Martha Bursary

This bursary is in memory of Sr Mary Martha, a Sister of Mercy, who was a founding staff member of the College. It is awarded to Year 10 students who strive to do their best in every aspect of College Life.

Pia Mangano

Dylan Scott

The Marist Old Boys' Bursary & The Sisters of Mercy Bursary

These bursaries are awarded by the BCC Ex-Students' Association to recognise Year 11 students who have demonstrated a conscientious effort in the pursuit of excellence at the College.

Shaella Avins The Sisters of Mercy Bursary

Aff Tirgarnezhad Arabi The Marist Old Boys' Bursary

Leadership Awards

These awards acknowledge the important leadership role demonstrated by senior students at the College.

Ella Frisina Year 12

Flynn Smith Year 12

Ashleen Moore Year 12

Lorenzo Fimognari Year 12

Academic Excellence Awards Year 7 to 11

These awards recognise and promote academic excellence by acknowledging the student with the highest academic aggregate in each year group.

Carys Griffin	Year 7
Elena Gibbs	Year 8
Michael Jupp	Year 9
Matilda Skerman	Year 10
Ingrid Blandford	Year 11

Academic Excellence Award Year 12

The recipient of this award has completed at least 20 units of study and achieved 14 'A' grades or more over the course of Years 11 and 12.

Ebonee Griffin Year 12

Engineers Award

The Engineers' Award is sponsored by the WA Engineering Association. It recognises those students who have achieved over 75% in Mathematics Specialist, Mathematics Methods, Physics and Chemistry.

Zavier Noonan Year 12

Ampol Best All Rounder

The recipient of this award has demonstrated a commitment to excellence in every sphere of College life.

Layne Wilks Year 12

Forrest Medal

The recipient of this award has demonstrated a commitment to the ethos of the College through academic achievement as well as a commitment to leadership.

Campbell Stirton Year 12

Vocational Education and Training Awards

These awards acknowledge the achievements of the top two students who have excelled in Vocational Education and Training.

Abbie Field	Year 12	Excellence in VET - Certificate Pathways
Logan Turner	Year 12	Excellence in VET - Trade Pathways

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The recipient of this award has achieved the second highest final academic result in Year 12.

Ebonee Griffin Year 12

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The recipient of this award has achieved the highest final academic result in Year 12.

Zavier Noonan Year 12



2023 REMEMBRANCE DAY



YEAR 12 BALL



2023

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2023 SUMMIT CAMP



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YEAR 11 SEMI FORMAL



YEAR 11 SEMI FORMAL



2023 YEAR 12 LAST DAYS



YEAR 12 LAST DAYS



2023 YEAR 7

Welcoming our new cohort of Year 7s at the beginning of February was an awesome way to start the 50th Anniversary Year of Bunbury Catholic College.

The College Hall was the epicentre for our excited and wary young people as they came together for their first day of secondary school.

Standing in front of the Hall on that first morning – very noisy and all dressed neatly in their College uniforms – they were eager to impress and keen to get on with it. They arrived as individuals from more than 20 primary schools located in the South West and other parts of Western Australia, but on that first morning they each joined a Homeroom group as an important step in becoming a member of the BCC community.

With the support of their Homeroom Teachers and the Year 11 Peer Support Leaders, they began their transition into secondary school; and what a journey it has been! They were urged to embrace the College values of kindness and respect towards each other and staff, to strive to do their best in everything, and to be the best person they could be.

Term 1 was a real eye-opener for the group as they met new people, formed new friendships, and learned the routine of a high school. It did not take them long to find their feet and start to flourish in this new environment. An early retreat for the group also helped with this transition.

Throughout the year we have worked to create an understanding that at BCC we celebrate diversity and, if we create a safe, nourishing, and nurturing environment, and are willing to help others, then we can overcome adversity, differences and obstacles.

Having the Peer Support Leaders role model this behaviour and Homeroom Teachers delivering The Resilience Project all helped with this.

Students enjoyed a Mother's Day Breakfast in Term 2 as their chance to acknowledge those significant people in their lives who demonstrate daily the qualities of selflessness, compassion and caring.

A disco put on by our Year 12 Student Leadership Councillors was a great time to interact with each other, and then numerous students took a big step forward by nominating themselves to be a Homeroom Representative for 2024.

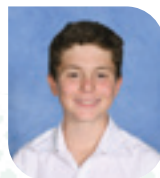
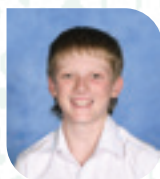
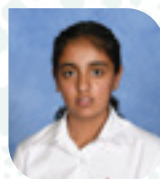
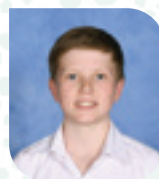
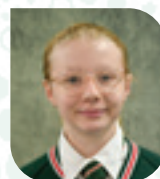
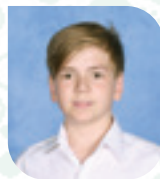
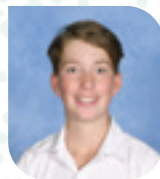
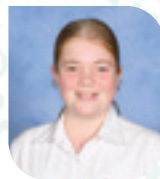
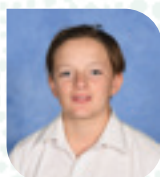
We have also been challenged throughout the year. The transition to high school can be daunting, for students and their families. I have been truly inspired by the resilience and fortitude that the entire College community has shown throughout my first year. This support and nurturing spirit will serve us all well as we move on.

On behalf of the Year 7s of 2023, I would like to thank the people they met on that first day – their Homeroom Teachers Trudy Goff, Matt Caden, Siobhan De Coppi, Cassandra Shine, Michelle Crosby, Iain McKenzie, Jarrad Baker, Michael Hearne and Kim Shepherd, and Deputy Principal Murray Hegney. These important people in the lives of the Year 7 group embody the Marist characteristics of Presence, Simplicity, Family Spirit, Love of Work and In the Way of Mary.

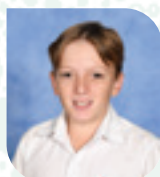
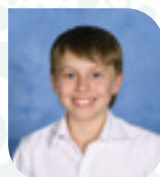
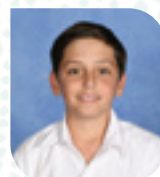
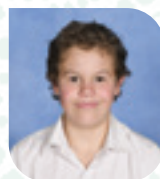
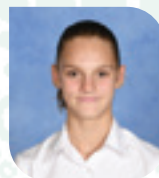
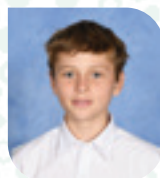
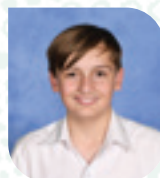
It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with this group and I look forward to continuing the high school journey with this awesome cohort.

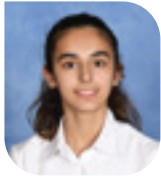
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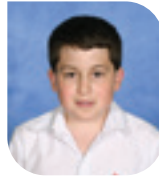
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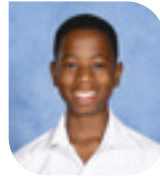
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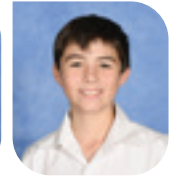
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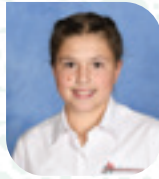
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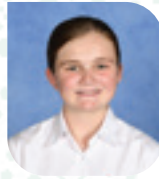
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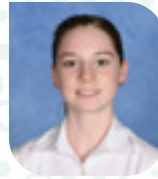
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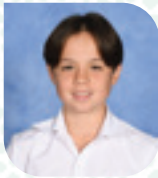
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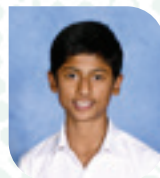
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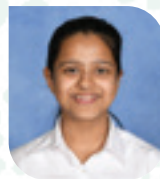
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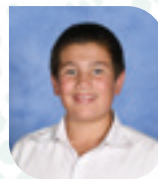
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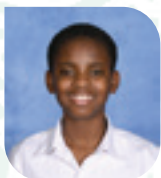
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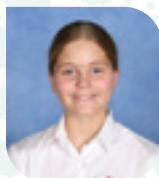
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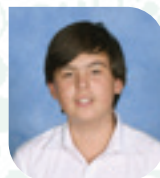
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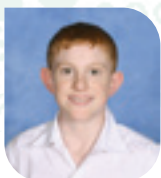
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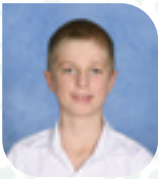
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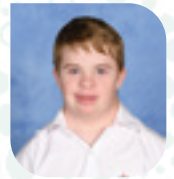
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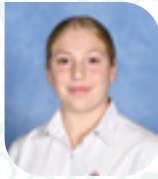
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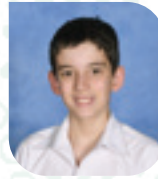
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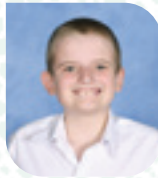
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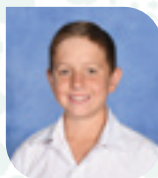
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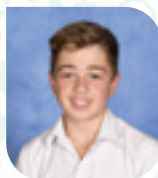
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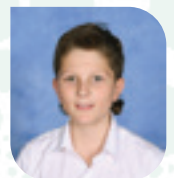
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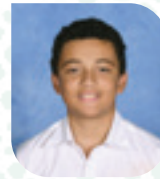
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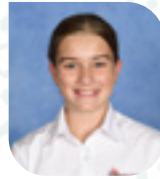
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YEAR 8

After the uncertainty and general trepidation, they faced in their first year of high school, our Year 8 cohort – students and staff – mostly embraced the opportunities of 2023 with optimism. No longer the “babies” of the College, the students put down roots in a new location away from the confines of the C-block and from there began to spread their wings physically, socially, and emotionally.

This sense of “freedom” came with greater expectations and challenges, including acknowledging and accepting responsibility for behaviours, modifying behaviours when necessary, thinking about our impact on others, and embarking on new relationships.

Against this background, our focus was to attempt to bring some stability to their life at the College. While Year 7 was a time of transition and finding their way in a very new and busy environment, in 2023 students were encouraged to settle into academic and behavioural routines that would give them the best chance to strive and thrive, and to broaden their friendship groups as they continued their high school journey with new goals and

aspirations. For some students, it has been a challenge while others have flourished.

A sharper focus on academic progress and achievement was facilitated by the College’s commitment to the Elevate Study Skills program for Year 8s. They relished the opportunity to sample critical notetaking and study techniques and habits designed to kick start their learning for the years ahead. Students participated in mixed ability sessions, and parents also benefited from information sessions to show how they could assist and support their children.

Year 8s continued the long-standing College tradition of acknowledging fathers and other significant men who play such an important role in our students’ lives, with a breakfast celebration in the College Hall. After enjoying a healthy breakfast prepared by Virginia McLaren, accompanied by a beautiful liturgy organised by Daria Smith, our guests and students came together for a soccer game in the gymnasium.

At the end of a relatively quiet year for our Homeroom Representatives, they showed their leadership qualities

and gave the College a glimpse of their potential and capacity to take on great leadership responsibilities in the future when they designed, organised and ran an outstanding activities program in the last week, culminating in a fantastic lunch. Again, thank you to Virginia for supporting the students and to staff who mentored and assisted the leaders.

A special thanks to staff who worked closely with our Year 8s throughout the year, providing support, encouragement, and guidance including the counselling team of Maria de Lima, Vicki Dewar, and Nannerl O’Connor for their outstanding commitment to students’ mental well-being, our College Nurse Teresa Fowler, and especially our Homeroom Teachers Kerry Langley, David Walters, Clayton Gibbs, Rajiv Pragash, Elyece Robertson, Sandra Hearne, Teagan Howell, Asha Commisso, and Liana Barraclough. These people were crucial in keeping our year group moving forward.

Anthony Blee
Head of Year 8





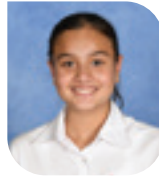
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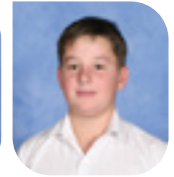
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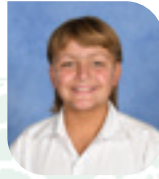
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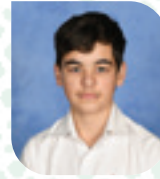
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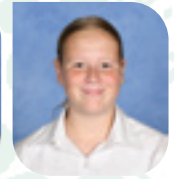
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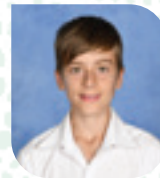
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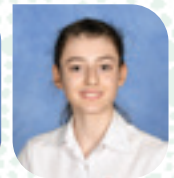
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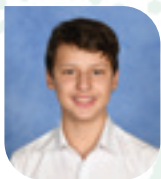
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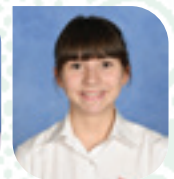
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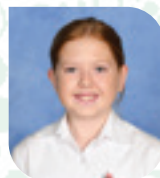
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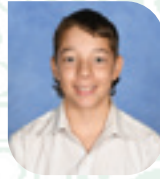
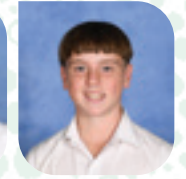
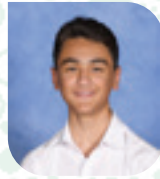
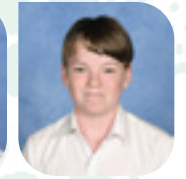
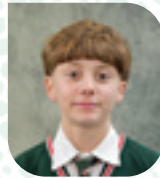
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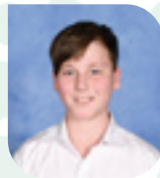
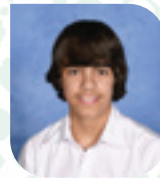
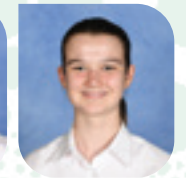
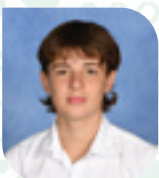
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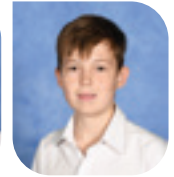
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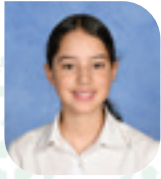
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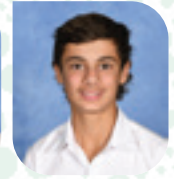
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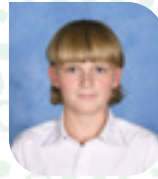
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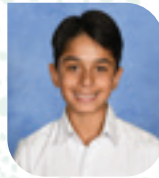
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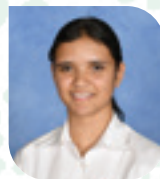
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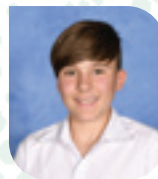
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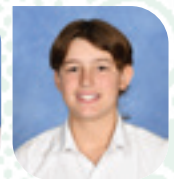
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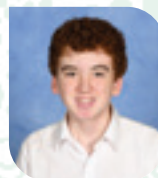
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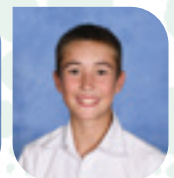
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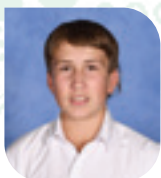
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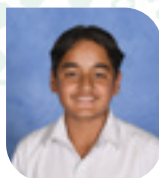
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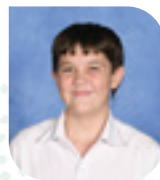
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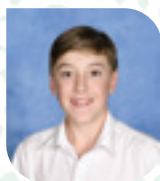
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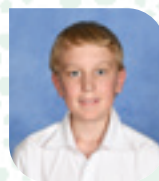
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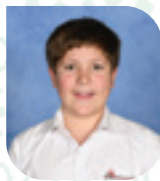
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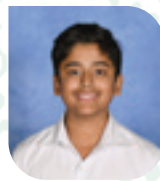
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2023 YEAR 9

It has been another busy year for our students as they close in on the end of their third year at BCC. This year, we have been challenged with NAPLAN and OLNA testing and have also been fortunate to be immersed in various educational activities, excursions, and events.

Students are also to be congratulated on continuing their service to the community, raising funds for Caritas, and giving kindly to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

The focus for this year's College Retreat was friendships, relationships, and boundaries. We were very lucky to have 'YourChoicez' to facilitate this Retreat for our students. This allowed students to explore the important friendships they make during their time at Secondary School.

Students enjoyed the seminars and participated freely in the group sessions. Thanks to Daria Smith and Virginia McLaren who were pivotal in successfully running this program.

Towards the end of the year, we had several opportunities to start thinking about future career and study pathways after being invited to attend several courses. We were able to send students to Eaton Community College to participate in a Try-a-Trade program that focussed on bricklaying and carpentry. We also sent students to the South Regional TAFE to try their hand at beauty, art, allied health, and painting and learn about all the courses that TAFE provides.

Finally, we had a visit from the Yalagan Training group to take students through various aspects of the mining

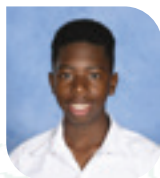
and construction industry with their purpose-built mobile training facility.

These valuable opportunities allow students to contemplate their future career pathways as they start to consider study options in Year 10. We extend our appreciation to the College VET department for orchestrating these opportunities.

A heartfelt thanks goes out to our dedicated Homeroom teachers, who consistently ensure the well-being of our students and guide them in making the most of the opportunities available at the College.

Gerard Robertson
Head of Year 9





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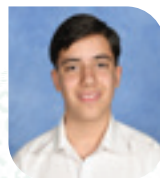
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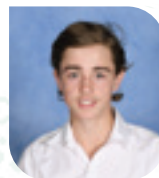
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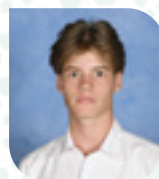
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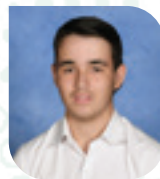
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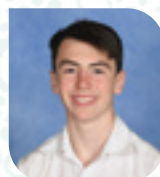
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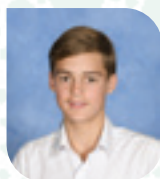
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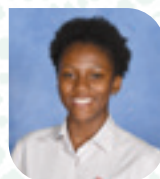
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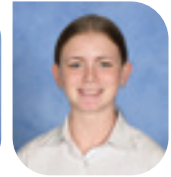
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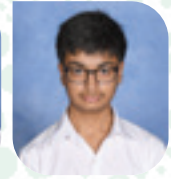
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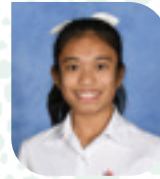
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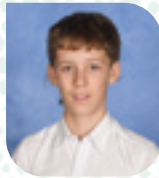
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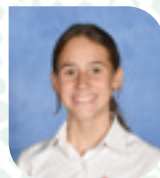
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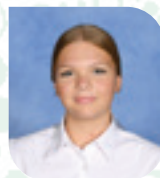
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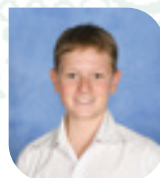
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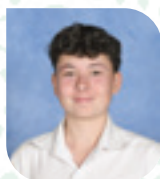
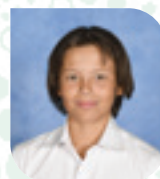
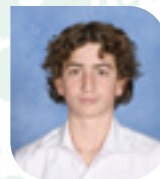
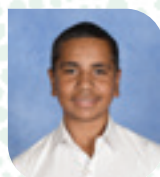
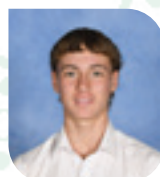
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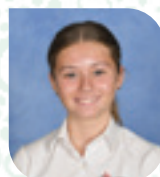
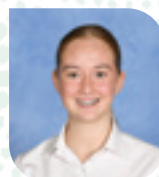
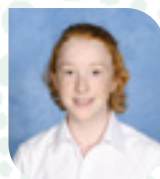
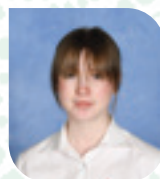
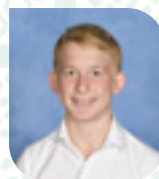
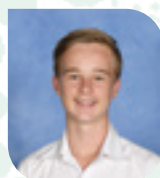
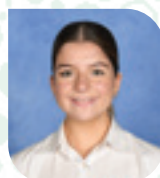
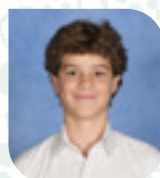
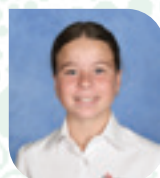
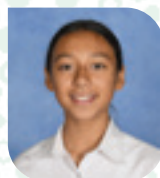
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2023 YEAR 10

The Year of Decisions

Year 10 is the time when students must start making choices for the next two years and beyond. We started this process with an Academic Display organised by the Year 12 students. Each upper school subject was represented by the 12s and they could answer student questions about the course.

This provided the students with a valuable insight into what the upper school courses were really like. Following this, the students attended the Professionals Breakfast. Representatives from a wide variety of professions came to the College and had breakfast with students who were interested in that profession. This gave

the students an opportunity to find out more about their possible career path.

The students and parents had the option to further discuss their subject choices for 2024. It was exciting to hear the variety of dreams and aspirations of the cohort.

The Year 10 Retreat opened the students' eyes to modern day slavery and inequities in the world. It was a thought-provoking day. The students had many ideas of possible actions they could take in their lives to help reduce the problem.

Term 4 saw the year group pack their bags and head to Karridale for the annual Outward Adventure Camp. This is where the students really showed

their true colours. They supported each other, challenged themselves, made new friends and were delightful. They should be very proud of what they achieved.

This year would not have been possible without the ongoing support of our Homeroom Teachers - Kym Whitney, Laura Galati, Larnae Gurusamy, Andy Lockley, Rory O'Hagan, Michael Chappell, Ted May, Bec Froud, Jeannie Lewis, and Kim Mortimer. Thanks also to Ash Miller who held the reins in my absence, and to Craig Rogers, Cecily McCarthy, and Deborah Garbutt for their ongoing guidance.

Wendy Morris
Head of Year 10





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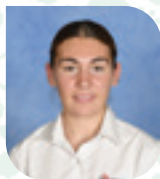
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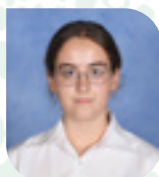
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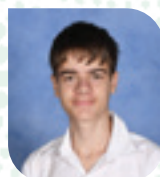
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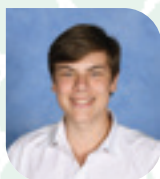
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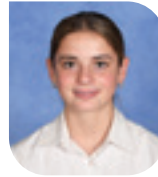
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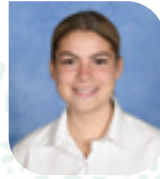
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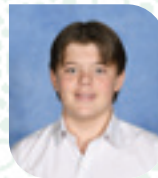
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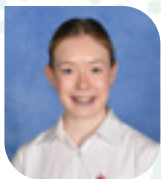
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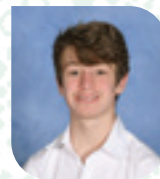
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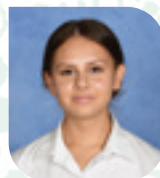
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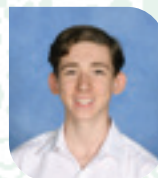
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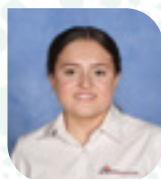
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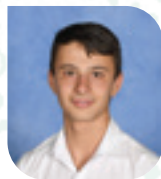
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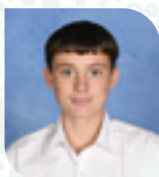


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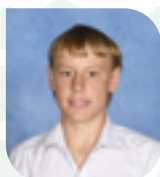
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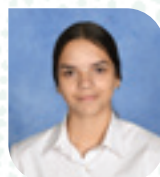
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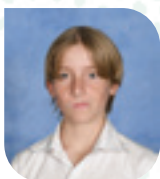
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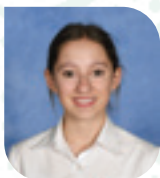
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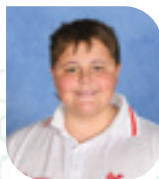
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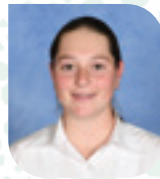
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YEAR 11

The Year 11 cohort concluded the year just that little bit closer to the finish line.

They started the year with a few days in Perth looking at the various universities, TAFE opportunities, the WA Police Academy, and other industries which opened their eyes to some opportunities beyond Bunbury.

On their return, the students settled into their ATAR, General and Certificate courses and the majority quickly realised the higher work effort that was required in Year 11, compared to previous years. Concentrating

on study planning and skills and developing self-motivation, a very healthy academic ethic started to develop.

It was increasingly pleasing to see the high academic standard that was becoming evident in the ATAR subjects and the amazing work effort that was displayed in the students completing certificate courses.

Several social functions such as the Semi-Formal, the Winter Sleep Out and the River Cruise gave students occasions to have fun with their friends. On the sporting field, Year

11s have set a high standard in terms of effort and behaviour when representing the College. Students have shown themselves to be very capable in a number of academic competitions, providing a great example for the younger students.

The final part of 2023 has seen the Year 11s setting themselves up for their final year at the College.

David Norrish
Head of Year 11





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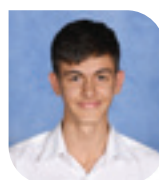
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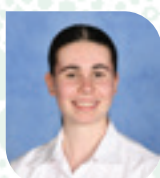


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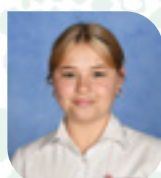
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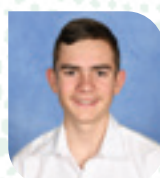
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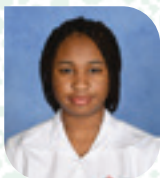


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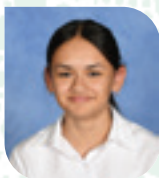
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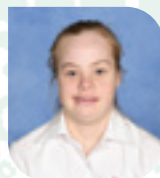
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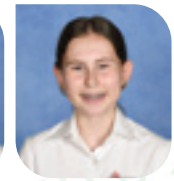
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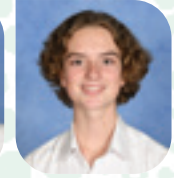
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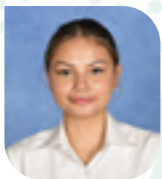
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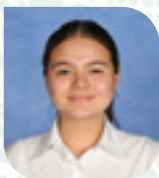
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YEAR 12

Dear Graduating Class of 2023

Over the past years, you have grown together, laughed together, cried together, and supported one another through both triumphs and challenges.

You have formed bonds that will last a lifetime, and your shared experiences have undoubtedly shaped you into the individuals you are today. You are a truly gifted and diverse group of young people, who come together without judgement or prejudice.

As you reflect on your time at BCC, do not forget the invaluable guidance

and support that you have received from your teachers and mentors. They have not only imparted knowledge but have also instilled in you the values of perseverance, dedication, and the pursuit of excellence.

As you embark on the next chapter of your lives, remember that the world is vast and full of endless possibilities. It is up to you to chase your dreams, seize opportunities, and make a positive impact on the world around you. You have been equipped with the knowledge, skills, and resilience necessary to overcome any obstacles that may come your way.

However, also remember the importance of staying grounded and true to yourselves. It is easy to get caught up in the pursuit of success, but it is equally important to remain compassionate, empathetic, and kind-hearted individuals.

Our success should not be measured solely by our achievements, but also by the positive difference we make in the lives of others.

Farewell my friends.

You will forever be a part of us here at BCC.

Cecily McCarthy
Head of Year 12





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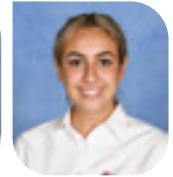
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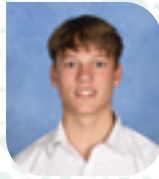
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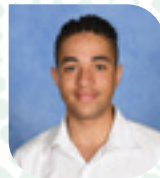
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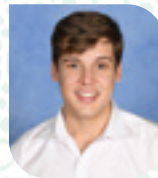
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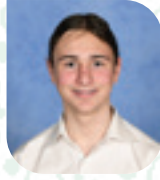
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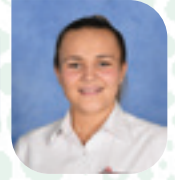
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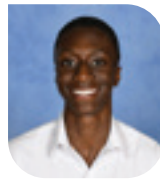
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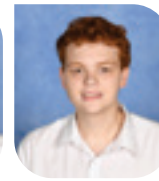
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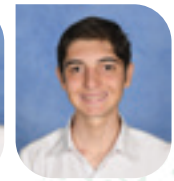
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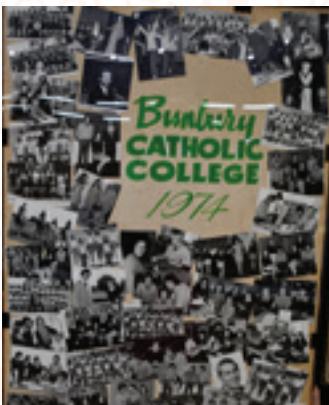


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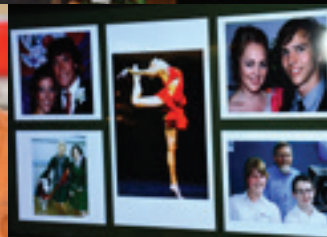




BUNBURY CATHOLIC COLLEGE



A year of special events to commemorate half a century as a co-educational Catholic High School





College Musical

A full theatre production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, performed in conjunction with Our Lady of Mercy College, at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre in February.

More than 70 students were involved as actors, singers, musicians and in backstage roles, and the production played for three full houses, including a matinee for primary school students.

Community Mass & Family Picnic

Our official 50th Anniversary launch on March 11 brought people together for a Community Mass at the College.

In the evening, members of the College community joined together for a Family Picnic, enjoying the songs and music performed by talented students and the picnic spots and food vans set up on Albert Oval.

Wardandi Gift

Students from five local Primary Schools joined us on Wardandi Boodja to celebrate Aboriginal culture through sport and art, and to contest the Wardandi Gift relay race on May 9. The winner of the inaugural Wardandi Gift, run on Albert Oval, was St Mary's Primary School Donnybrook.

Marcellin Feast Day and College Mass

Students and staff celebrated the Feast Day of Marcellin Champagnat on June 6, along with Marists around the world. Students and staff enjoyed celebratory cupcakes made by the Food Technology department, marked with the 50th Anniversary logo. Commemorative badges were given to everyone at the College, and each staff member received insulated keep cups embossed with the 50th Anniversary logo.

College Feast Day

The College celebrated Feast Day in August, with plenty of cheering from the House Games and colourful market stalls offering food, fun and entertainment. In front of the whole school student body and staff, VET Coordinator Michael Downes opened the jarrah box he had made, which had served as the College's 25-Year Time Capsule since it was sealed in August 1998. A new College Crest for 2024 was launched.

College Open Day

Tours of the College held for the Open Day on September 7 allowed prospective students and their families to appreciate some of the College's rich history as well as the opportunities on offer. Displays showcased aspects of excellence, from academic, sporting and artistic achievements, including memorabilia from past theatrical productions, to the vocational and future career opportunities available through facilities such as the Trade Training Centre.

Art Extraordinaire

The Gala Opening and auction for the 41st Bunbury Catholic College Art Extraordinaire took place in the College Hall on October 13. This major annual fundraiser and renowned fine art exhibition began in the home of Ria Bignell in 1980 and has only missed two years in its illustrious history.

The Art Extraordinaire continued over the weekend of October 14 and 15, giving those attending the Ex-Student Reunion the opportunity to visit the exhibition.

French Oak Tree

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary, Marist Schools Australia gifted a French Oak which was presented to the College during the Feast Day Assembly. It was planted on Albert Oval, in front of the Marist Pavilion, and Director of Marist Schools Australia Darren McGregor visited the site on September 19 where he was joined by our 2023 and 2024 Student Leaders who were able to thank him for the generous gift.

Sacred Marist Heart Mosaic

A Sacred Marist Heart was installed outside the College Chapel to mark the College's 50th Anniversary. The heart is a mosaic of clay tiles made by students under the direction of Art Teacher Tanya Downes. It hangs on the right side of the entrance to the Chapel, opposite the Mercy Cross.

Presentation Evening

Held at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre on November 28, the Presentation Evening was an opportunity to celebrate our students' successes and the worthy life achievements of six ex-students who were admitted to the BCC Ex-Students' Association Hall of Distinction.

Community Mass & Family Picnic

Bunbury Catholic College opened in February 1973 as one of the first co-educational Catholic high schools in WA. The stories that shaped the College's history throughout the years were shared on a special day of celebration to mark the 50-year milestone in 2023.

On March 11, the 50th Anniversary Mass was celebrated in the College Gymnasium by Bunbury Bishop Gerard Holohan, with more than 300 attendees, including Catholic Education Western Australia Deputy Executive Director Wayne Bull. Following the Mass, guests enjoyed exploring an exhibition of memorabilia dating back to the days when the campus was known as St Francis Xavier College.

That evening a picnic was held on Albert Oval. This was a festive occasion with food vans offering delicious meals and musical performances by talented students Cacharel Cavan, Cara Darling, Sol Russell, Darcy Potter, and Xavier Noonan.

Principal Michael Pepper described the day as a wonderful

celebration of the 'special journey', undertaken not only during the past 50 years, but in the years preceding the formation of the College.

Deputy Principal Deborah Garbutt said community is at the 'heart of everything' the College practised and she looked forward to the anniversary celebrations extending throughout the year.

The Reunion

The Bunbury Catholic College 50th Anniversary Reunion created a buzz of excitement as old friends reunited in the College Gymnasium on Saturday October 14, with approximately 400 people attending during the afternoon.

The reunion brought together ex-students from Bunbury Catholic College, along with the two schools that preceded the College – St Joseph's Convent run by the Mercy Sisters and St Francis Xavier College run by the Marist Brothers.

A Reunion Panel of ex-students spoke about their own memories of their school days, answering question put by the MC, former Bunbury Catholic College Board Chairman Danny Griffin.





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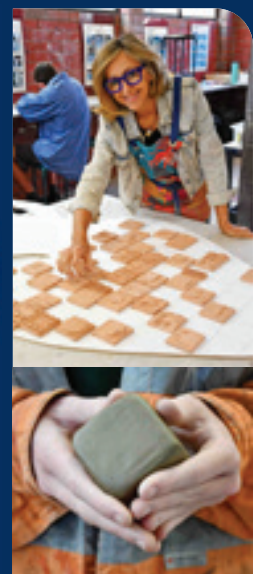
Reunion Panel

David Mazza credited his English Teacher, the late Pat McDonagh for giving him self-belief and being his inspiration for a career in teaching.

Head Boy for 2021 Scott Tuia said he encouraged students to make the most of their time at the College. His favourite cafeteria food was a chicken strip roll called a 'Yummy Drummy'.

Rhiannon Shine said that Head of English Cally Yates had been a fabulous teacher who was pivotal in her decision to pursue a journalism career at the ABC. She advised students to "Be kind to yourselves and to others".

Inaugural Year 9 student in 1973 and now Clinical Psychologist, Dr Pia Broderick, remembered Sister Cabrini standing four boys in front of a class of girls and explaining that the boys would ask them to dance at the first social.



THE MARIST SACRED HEART

A beautiful 3D ceramic public art sculpture to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Bunbury Catholic College, designed and produced by the Year 9 Three-Period Art students in Term 4, 2022. The students researched how our Marist Community is inspired by the leadership of St Marcellin Champagnat, brainstorming the 'Five Pillars' of our Marist Identity.

Each student designed a selection of images symbolising each of the Five Pillars: Presence, Simplicity, Family Spirit, Love of Work and being inspired by Mary, the mother of Jesus—often referred to as 'In the way of Mary'.

Once the students were happy with their drawings and colour studies, they transferred their designs onto clay tiles, which they glazed to be then assembled into the final art artwork.

Graduate from the 1960s Joseph Caruso remembered the lovely canteen food, available on Wednesdays and Thursdays, which required ordering a few days beforehand. At the time, Roy Orbison was singing 'Oh, Pretty Woman' on radio station 6TZ.

For Ivan Banks, who was the Principal for 10 years and had two sons attending classes, the sense of community at the College was most remarkable and he shared memories of the ordination of Bishop Gerard Holohan in the Gymnasium in 2001.

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A new time capsule will be filled with memorabilia from the 50th celebrations this year.



Students from the 1970s from right: Mark Price, Pat Herring, Garry Buswell, Br Mark Paul and John O'Neill.



THE HEALTHY CHEF

One of the famous ex-students who travelled home for the BCC 50th Anniversary Reunion was celebrity chef and author Teresa Cutter – aka The Healthy Chef. Teresa's latest book contains photos from yesteryear, including one of her as a 16-year-old schoolgirl taken in 1984.

Teresa Cutter, nee Ostasiewicz, attended the College in the class that graduated in 1985, along with Sunrise television presenter Natalie Barr and BCC Pastoral Assistant Virginia McLaren.

Her favourite subjects were Art, Dancing and English and she enjoyed many sports — Teresa credits the College with inspiring her love of cycling. One memorable occasion was a BCC bike race open to all the students aged 13 to 17; they raced their bikes through the streets and along the Back Beach before finishing back at the College — Teresa remembers being the first girl to finish.

Since graduation Teresa has moved to Sydney and built up her brand name as The Healthy Chef, and she recently self-publishing her tenth cookbook.

After enjoying the excitement of the reunion, Teresa returned to the College to generously present copies of four of her books to our College Library.



Celebrity chef and author Teresa Cutter

Past students and staff come together

The Bunbury Catholic College year-long 50th anniversary celebrations concluded with another significant event when over 400 alumni from Bunbury Catholic College along with the two schools that preceded the College — St Joseph's Convent (run by the Mercy Sisters) and St Francis Xavier College (run by the Marist Brothers) gathered for a reunion.

Members of the community were seen exploring the displays of the school's historical journey around the school's gymnasium and mingling with new and familiar faces.

Current students Felix Wood, Matthew Gragasin and Pia Mangano played the role of roving reporters who conducted interviews with incoming guests.

Felix reported, "Mark Price was in Year 11 in 1973, and said that some students were part-time gardeners planting grass on Albert Oval. There were 55 people per class, and he felt the change to co-ed was interesting."

"Jan Hynes attended the St Joseph's Convent from 1947 to 1956, she remembers at 11:45am every day, all the girls would go into another class and sing. Her teachers were all religious sisters and she enjoyed learning embroidery."

"Wynne Tucker was also a St Joseph's Convent student from 1956 to 1957. She recalls going to the Cathedral with the sisters and wearing gloves and berets. Her peer Gerald, who was in his final year, played the double bass in the school orchestra, and she remembers going to the Rose Hotel with another girl to get the double bass and they'd walk it back to the Convent."

"Jillian Panizza was in Year 8 when the College became co-ed and she remembers the first classrooms were demountables, and being able to paint the walls of the art classroom."

"Julie Ranson was a student in the College from 1973 to 1977. She recalls when Brother Bernard built the first computer at the school in 1976 and used it to teach Mathematics and Science subjects for Years 11 and 12," Matthew reported.



"Peter Stanicic was a Marist student from 1958 to 1963. He recalls riding with his friends on bikes all the way to Hungry Hollow for a swim and to the old St Patrick's Cathedral to attend Friday Mass."

Reporter Pia shared, "Leah Mackay graduated from BCC and is now the Head of Mathematics at the College. She described her year group as close-knit and diverse. Her goal as a child was always to become a teacher and after setting her mind to it, she achieved her goal. Leah highlighted Outward Bound as one of her most memorable schooling experiences."

Part of the celebrations included a panel comprising of former students and staff who shared some memories. Teacher David Mazza, former Head Boy Scott Tuia, ABC Journalist Rhiannon Shine, Clinical Psychologist Dr Pia Broderick, Businessman Joseph Caruso and former Principal of 10 years Ivan Banks.

Principal Deborah Garbutt said this has truly been a year to remember.

"The year has enabled all our community members to celebrate such a significant milestone together, through a wide range of celebratory events, each designed to honour the very fabric that constitutes our College," she said.

"What a privilege it has been to share old memories, but also to make new ones, as we look forward to our 75th anniversary; may Bunbury Catholic College continue to go from strength to strength."

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Steering the College Finances

Nearly three decades at the Helm

After 35 years in Catholic Education and 29 years at BCC, Bursar Brent Steere announced his retirement towards the end of 2023. He shares some thoughts about his College journey...

I came to Bunbury in October 1994 for a one-year contract that somehow turned into almost three decades of employment—and it's been a great ride and I have loved the journey.

In my retirement, it will be difficult initially adjusting to a more sedate life but I recommend that everyone should have a hobby or sport, and mine is 8 Ball.

Not a lot of people know that I worked in the hospitality industry as a publican prior to joining the Catholic secondary education sector, starting at Servite College in Tuart Hill, and along the way, I studied for 12 years part time, to gain accounting, governance and management qualifications.

Special thanks go to two ladies who have been inestimably helpful to me as Assistant Bursars: Nola Jennings, who joined us in 1995 and worked for about 25 years and Sue Howard who joined the Finance team in 2015.

Over the years I have been responsible for many of the nonteaching staff in Property Services, Canteen, Uniform Shop, and managed Administration and Finance staff.

Five Principals have run the College while I have been here: Britt McGowan, Ivan Banks, Mandy Connor, Denise O'Meara and Michael Pepper and I have fond memories of the many wonderful people I have worked with over the years.



BCC Bursar for 29 years Brent Steere — on his retirement in 2023 and looking back to 2010.

My Favourite Projects

- Building a second campus on a greenfield site in Australind was a massive project. My involvement with the Mercy Campus commenced in mid-2012 and ended in mid-2021, well after it opened in February 2015. The schools separated academically in December 2019, with Mercy campus becoming the standalone Our Lady of Mercy College and we continued to manage the finances of the two schools during 2020, completing the financial separation by the end of Term 1 in 2021.
- Being responsible for both Colleges—while Mercy found its financial legs—made this nine-year period challenging.
- Seeing the Trade Training Centre established on our campus and then opened in 2013, where students could learn Metalwork and Plumbing.
- The construction of the Sports Centre which opened in 2000, the Performing Arts Centre opening in 2006 and the Library Commons opening in 2014.

Laying the foundations for the Trade Training Centre on the Marist Campus in 2013





Bunbury Catholic College Marist Campus 2023



Our Lady of Mercy College, Australind

Inspirations

If I had my time over, I would teach Accounting or English. What inspired me to become a bursar was working in hospitality and starting to study Accounting to assist me in my work and it continued from there.

I aspired to be an architect in my early days and have been privileged to be involved with planning several large construction projects on the College campus.

The people who inspired me are my dad, my wife, past Principal Ivan Banks and Tom Hall who was a member of the College Board for 32 years and a valued mentor to me, particularly due to his breadth of knowledge of the building industry. I am also in awe of the work ethic of past Principal Denise O'Meara who left in 2019.

I cannot thank the College community enough for the opportunity to be involved in the important work of educating young people. I will miss the hustle and bustle and interaction with everyone!

Brent Steere

Bursar 1994–2023





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