

2009 Yearbook



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2009 MARKS THE 37TH YEAR OF OPERATION OF BUNBURY CATHOLIC COLLEGE, AND THE 127TH YEAR SINCE THE SISTERS OF MERCY COMMENCED CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN BUNBURY.

Much has changed since the Sisters first opened their doors to students in 1893. The public scrutiny of schools, the dreaded 'League Tables' and the limited information which is used to assess school effectiveness is a reality of our time. A close look at how schools operate, the methods employed to improve, the achievements of our students in all facets of school life and the quality of the graduates of the College are a more useful picture of the calibre of a school.

This year, the Bishops of WA promulgated the 2009 – 2015 Mandate for Catholic Education in WA. This document provides the College with a guide for much of our policy development, planning and other decisions which are taken on behalf of our community. The Mandate is our foundational reference document which underpins the ethos of the school and ensures that we are providing quality Catholic education for our students.

In addition to the Mandate, an audit of the operation of our College was undertaken this year by the Catholic Education Office as a requirement for our re-registration

as an educational institution. This process, which ensures that we comply with all requirements for State, Federal and Catholic authorities, was successfully completed and we have been recommended for re-registration.

During 2009 the College has been involved in the pilot project of the Quality Catholic School whole school improvement project. This project aims to be an ongoing, self-reflective process which will bring about changes that the school community determines will meet the needs of our students. It is envisaged that by 2011 all Catholic schools will conduct evidence-based annual reviews on various aspects of the operation of their school. Over a five year period all aspects of the school will be examined and will guide our improvement plans and school strategic planning.

While these compliance and planning processes have been occurring, school life continues at the usual hectic pace. It is through all aspects of College life, but particularly in the Religious Education programmes that we aim to help the students develop an awareness of an important relationship, their relationship with God. The Mandate Letter of the Bishops reminds us that "God is reaching out personally to every human being on the Planet, calling each to enter into a relationship with their loving Creator; and giving all who are responding to this call, ever-deepening personal experiences of God."

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To this end the Religious Education courses are intended to give students knowledge of the faith, an opportunity to explore their own faith and to examine the underlying values on which they live their lives. The new Religion and Life WACE course was introduced to Year 11 students this year and will be extended to Year 12 next year. There are many teachers who take on this challenging, though rewarding task of providing personal and faith development for our students and I appreciate the contribution of these teachers in this area.

We are very fortunate, and I am very grateful, to Fr Jesse, our school chaplain, who celebrates with us our weekly Mass in the Chapel, and is available to visit classes and to speak to our students individually. We are also fortunate that Bishop Holohan and Fr Tony Chiera have joined us for various ceremonies during the year. Their generous assistance allows us to provide a wide variety of liturgical experiences for our students and to challenge our students to be more introspective on what it means to be a Christian in today's society. I am also grateful to Mrs Viv McKenzie and Mrs Janet Wilson for the enormous work they do assisting students and staff in preparing their liturgies, Christian Service Learning and retreat experiences.

An examination of the College Year Book reveals that our students act to make our world a just and compassionate one. The students have been very generous organising and contributing to appeals such as the Victorian Bushfire appeal, Caritas, St Vincent de Paul and Mercy Works. They have entered into the fundraising aspect of our Feast Day wholeheartedly and volunteered hundreds of hours in service to make life a little better for members of our school and local community.

Our academic program is extensive and varied, providing for students aiming for university, TAFE, apprenticeships and traineeships or moving directly into the workforce. While these opportunities are provided, we also aim to help students develop a love of learning, a desire to strive for excellence and a good work ethic. This aspect is incorporated in our promotions policy as we place the responsibility for learning with each student.

Academically our students continue to excel. Our Year 12 class of 2008 produced some excellent results in their external exams; the most notable was for Kaitlyn Dubrawski, the Dux of 2008 and the Kelderman Award winner. Kaitlyn and Madeleine Venables also achieved Certificates of Excellence and over 98% of the students achieved secondary graduation. In addition to significant number of students achieving in the top trile for their TER and in the Vocational and Certificate courses, over 63% were offered their first preference for tertiary courses.

This year, our Year 9 students completed the national and state standardised testing producing exceptional results. As a year group the students achieved above



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the state and national averages and well above the minimum standards in Mathematics and Literacy, with only 1% below the minimum standards in mathematics and between 3% and 9% below the minimum standards in the different sections of the literacy testing.

Once again our students were provided with many opportunities to engage in vocational studies, work experience and structured workplace learning. For the first time, the latter being extended to a select number of Year 10 students with great success. A Careers Expo was provided for our students and students from the south west. I am grateful to Mr Michael Downes and Mrs Sue Howard for their initiative and work to ensure the success of this venture.

The wide variety of co-curricular activities in which we are engaged provides for close interaction between the students themselves and between staff and students in a way that is not possible in the formal area of the classroom. We rely very heavily on voluntary assistance from staff members, parents and students in order to provide these opportunities. I appreciate the enormous contribution made by all who take on these activities and hope that you derive personal satisfaction from the part you have played in the developing our young men and women.

Throughout 2009 there have been many opportunities for our students to be involved in co-curricular

activities of an academic nature. Our students have excelled in the various academic competitions and have participated in such activities as public speaking, interschool chess competitions, science and engineering challenges and business skills activities, to name a few.

The Arts faculty has certainly been busy and with much acclaim. Media, Visual Arts, Education Support and Design and Technology students have had their work displayed in a number of exhibits such as the Iluka Visions Exhibition and the Students in the Spotlight, with many students winning awards.

Dance, Drama and Music students have provided a varied repertoire for the large number of performances that have occurred this year. Of particular note has been the significant involvement of an increasing number of students and the excellent standard of performance of the instrumental ensembles and choir. Our students performed in the WA Performing Arts Eisteddfod receiving awards in all eight categories entered and were awarded the Zenith Award for Country Schools for their performances and contribution to the Catholic Performing Arts Festival. Mr David Harries and the teachers and support staff in the Arts faculty have made an enormous effort for our students and for this I am extremely grateful.

In the sports arena our students have been involved in a range of activities in House and interschool events.



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Participation, personal best and support have been the focus, with great leadership shown by our House Leaders and staff in their organisation of events. House spirit has been high, especially for McAuley House, the overall winner of the House Award. Many of our students have participated in local sporting events and it is pleasing to see the achievements of our students at local, state and national level.

Student leadership is an increasingly important aspect of our school with greater opportunities for involvement. Our Peer Support Leaders have provided a great service for our Year 8 students helping to make the transition to secondary education a bit easier. We have also seen wonderful role modelling by students in assembly items and announcing at various events. Head Girl, Nicola Stevenson, and Head Boy, Tristan Ceccato, and our House and Arts Captains have provided excellent leadership for our community and I am grateful for their enthusiastic support for many activities initiated by the students.

The P & F and the Art Extraordinaire committee have been very active this year and I am grateful to Mrs Wendy McLean, the President of the P & F, the P & F Executive and all our parents for their commitment for the College. On behalf of the staff and student my sincere thanks to our parents for their efforts in fundraising which have resulted in the donations of over \$60 000 towards resources for all learning areas.

The provision of quality facilities and resources has been significantly assisted from funds provided through the Building the Education Revolution and National Secondary Schools Computer Funds programs. A number of maintenance projects were completed, including a retaining wall and walkway near Flynn Oval and the Year 8 locker area. Our provision of access to computers has reach the 2:1 ratio and we have applied to access funds to move to a 1:1 ratio in the next stage. By the commencement of 2010 we will have made access to computers and interactive whiteboards available in most teaching areas.

The new Marist Sports Pavilion was completed this year, the final stage of the current capital development plan, named in honour of the Marist Brothers, the co-founders of the College. This facility has provided an additional learning space and has been made available to external groups who have an association with the College.

The College Board, under the leadership of Mrs Debbie Easther has provided wonderful support, financial advice and action on the various capital projects which have been undertaken this year. I am grateful for the work of Mrs Easther and Mr Michael Laurino who retire from the Board after seven and two years' service, respectively. I also appreciate the efforts of Mr Tom Hall and Mr Brent Steere for their work ensuring that we were able to take advantage of the funding which became available this year.

I am extremely grateful to all our staff members for their dedication in providing a caring environment in which our students are able to excel in their studies and develop their talents in so many ways. The innovation and hard work of the members of the Pastoral and Curriculum teams and the College Executive ensures that our College continues to be dynamic. I truly appreciate the work and support of this wonderful group of people.

Sadly we will be saying farewell to some staff members who are leaving the College. I am very grateful for their contributions to our school life and wish them well in their new endeavours: Mr Mark Cummins, Ms Callie Stevens, Mrs Rosemary Lindroth, Mrs Caroline Turner, Mrs Amy Allen, Ms Natasha Carbone, Mrs Kerry Langley, Ms Florence Parsons and Mr Matt Mumme. Our best wishes also to the following staff members who will be on leave for the whole or part of 2010: Mrs Allison Fergie, Mrs Wendy Morris, Mrs Maria Hingston, Mrs Kelli Carlisle, Mrs Tanya Wilmott and Mr Chris Barrenger.

As 2009 closes on a productive school year and during this Advent season I hope that the love that Jesus Christ brought to our world will find a place in your family. May Christmas be a time of peace and happiness for each family in our College community.





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Another year has flown by and it's a struggle trying to remember where it went and what has occurred. The College continues to develop in all aspects under the watchful eye of our Executive Team and dedicated board member Tom Hall. With the opening of the Marist Sports Pavilion, our current building plan is complete. The ongoing maintenance plan continues and we have benefited greatly from the Federal Government's 'Building the Education Revolution' funding.

Whilst there have been some questions about the funding of some school projects across the nation, our school has been well placed to take advantage of this funding opportunity thanks to the direction and planning of our Executive Team, especially our bursar, Brent Steere. We have also been able to access funding for computers and network support as well as for solar funding that will benefit our Science Department as well as our electricity bill. Thanks to this funding, our upgrade and maintenance plan is ahead of schedule.

It is great to see that our Principal Ms O'Meara has settled into the school over the past 2 years. I have been impressed by Denise's energy and commitment to the school community, particularly the staff and students. We are also very fortunate to have her representing our school on a number of Catholic Education Office committees. This commitment has meant many long days travelling backward and forward to Perth whilst still managing to juggle her commitments back at the school. The benefit of having a voice on CEO committees has meant that our school has had opportunities to be involved in a number of pilot projects as well as having a country school voice being heard. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Denise for her tireless commitment to the school.

I am sure that Denise would respond by saying that she couldn't achieve all that she does without the expertise and commitment of the Executive Team. So thanks to all the Executive who do an amazing job in providing a solid and innovative learning environment.

Throughout this year, I have heard people from many different groups sing the praises of our Music Department and more specifically, Mr David Harries. I was blown away at the Year 12 Graduation by the swell of students and staff in the BCC Choir and the energy and joy that came out of the group. It is fantastic that we have such dedicated and energetic teachers in our school who provide a wide range of opportunities for our students. Thank you to David for his energy and commitment. And thank you also to all our teaching and support staff who work so hard to provide a quality school environment.

Challenges for the year ahead include the reduced numbers in our Year 8 cohort for 2010. Brent and Denise have been working diligently with the Board to make sure that our financial future is secure. I would like to thank all of the Board members for

their commitment over the year to the College and its future.

On reflection upon the past 7 years, I would like to thank the College community for the privilege of serving on the Board and having the opportunity to be involved in the development of the future of the College.

It has been an honour to be able to serve with such dedicated people and to see the College continue to develop and grow.

Yours in Christ

Mrs Debbie Easter
Board Chair



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- Mr Tom Hall (Property)**
- Ms Denise O'Meara (Principal)**
- Mr Brent Steere (Secretary)**

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2009 started with a bang when the P&F donated \$30,000 towards the music department for some much needed instruments, which have given our music students many opportunities to improve their skills and performances.

I would like to thank sincerely the P&F Executive committee, Mrs Leanne Depiazzi (Vice-President), Mrs Janet O'Hare (Secretary) and Mr Stephen Culph our new Treasurer. Thanks also to Mr Neill Rowlandson, our College Board representative and the Board for their continued support.

Mrs Leanne Depiazzi and the Art Extraordinaire committee, together with parent supporters, are to be congratulated on an outstanding exhibition. The array and quality of the art and craft was exceptional.

The Second Hand Bookshop continues to reduce costs of texts, offer a return to parents selling books and raise funds for the P&F. Please continue to assist the BCC Community and P&F by supporting this service.

To the many volunteers who give their time unstintingly we would like to express our thanks.

Thanks also to Canteen Manager Maria Trovato, her staff and volunteers who keep the canteen running smoothly with healthy snacks and lunches. There is always a need for extra hands and any assistance would be appreciated.

This is my final year as President and I thank those who regularly attend our P&F meetings and assist with decision-making. Our year concluded with another bang when we donated a further \$32,000 to the College for equipment for Science, Maths, Dance, Special Ed, PE, Woodwork, Home Economics and Media.

The P&F Bursary for 2010 has been awarded to Brodie Mastrangelo from St Anne's School, Harvey.

Mrs Wendy McLean
President, Parents & Friends Association



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IT GIVES US GREAT PLEASURE TO PRESENT THIS REPORT OF OUR FINAL YEAR AT THE COLLEGE.

2009 began in full swing; as news from the Victorian Bushfires began to filter in, the Student Leadership Team (SLT) promptly swung into action to organise the very successful Victorian Bush Fire appeal. The school community came together to raise over \$6000 to donate directly to a Mercy and a Marist school in the affected region. This extraordinary success set the scene for the variety of things the SLT were to achieve throughout the year.

2009 brought many new initiatives throughout the year, including personalised house wrist bands and water bottles. We also conducted a recycling trial, with overwhelming success. This and many new initiatives will hopefully be implemented next year. In a revival of old traditions, the SLT held a school wide ring pull collection competition with over 46.095kg and 164 625 ring pulls collected. The money from the sold ring pulls was donated to the Wheel Chairs for Kids organisation, and will help provide wheel chairs to the victims of landmine explosions in Third World countries.

With all these new projects and ideas, we have begun to notice a growing sense of House spirit. This year has offered new competitions and more events amongst Houses, thus developing a stronger House community. The second year of this new House system is going well and has allowed for a broad range of student skills and talents to contribute to the overall house shield including service and commitment, academic and sporting areas.

As always, the Student Representative Council (SRC) strives to provide extra equipment or infrastructure to fellow students on demand. We conducted a survey amongst students at the beginning of the year to find out what was 'in demand'. There was overwhelming support for benches, paving and water fountains along the Sports Centre wall facing the Hockey (Year 8) Oval. The SRC approved the provision for benches and a water fountain. However, due to various structural factors the project was cancelled. We began looking for similar alternatives and anticipate that the project will go ahead next year.

We would like to thank the Student Leadership Team for their effort and dedication throughout the year. All our efforts this year would not have been possible without the help of the Year 12 House Leaders; Courtney Newman and Jesse Parmar, Shannon Valles and Andrew Brandis, Bridie Fisher and Michael Busby and Emily Bailey and Joshua Barton.

Tristan Ceccato and Nicola Stevenson



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**Year 12 - Nicola Stevenson (Head Girl)
Tristan Ceccato (Head Boy)**

**Year 11 - Alysia Fogliani
Elliot Chambers**

**Year 10 - Georgia Leyendekkers
Daniel Chegwidden**

**Year 9 - Tayla Doyle
Bryce Harnett**

**Year 8 - Rachel Pronk
Jesse Italiano**

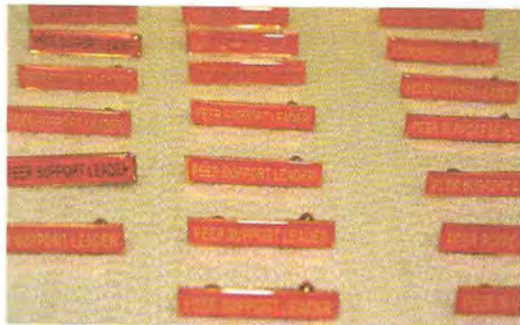
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Year 11 - Teagan Doyle & Joshua Parker

Year 10 - Georgia Leyendekkers & Jake Elson

Year 9 - Tayla Doyle & Luke Parker

Year 8 - Madeleine Fimmano & Jesse Italiano

McAuley

Captains – Courtney Newman & Jesse Parmar

Year 11 - Kira Hough & Nathan Serravite

Year 10 - Rachel O'Donoghue & Breanne Ashby

Year 9 - Naomi Dixon & Mitchell Ralph

Year 8 - Aimee Harrison & Zachary D'Alonzo

Valentine

Captains- Emily Bailey & Joshua Barton

Year 11 - Alysia Fogliani & Elliot Chambers

Year 10 - Megan Pedulla & Daniel Chegwidan

Year 9 - Crystal Anderson & Bryce Harnett

Year 8 - Rachel Pronk & Ben Musitano

Xavier

Captains-Shannen Vallesi & Andrew Brandis

Year 11 - Hannah Wheeler & Dara Carlin

Year 10 - Leticia Donovan & Anthony Galati

Year 9 - Jessica Ruland & Ben Johnson

Year 8 - Kate Jendrzejak & Matthew Landells

Arts Leaders

Lauren Dixon

Art

Sophie Newman

Dance

Kaitlyn Burns

Drama

Kelsey Vickridge

Media

Shanelle Schramm

Music

Jessica Signorini

Music

Congratulations also to our Year 11 Peer Helpers who have undertaken to mentor our Year 8 students as they journey through their first year of high school.

Peer Support Leaders - 2009

11J

Darlow Siobhan

Nyanjom Tess

11K

Andersson Nicola

Busher Chelsea

Williamson Chyna

Serravite Nathan

11L

Doyle Bronwyn

Forknall Christopher

Heslop Robyn

Mills-Phillips Loren

Rossiter Thomas

Smith Sophie

11M

Ayre Bronwyn

Creasey Darian

Hough Kira

Slater Jane

11N

James Jack

O'Mahony Eve

11R

Bertelli Lauren

Hammond Alana

11S

Brindley Ashlin

Keefe Hannah

Voigt Nadia

Kelly Lara

11Z

Ernst Katie

Gadd Phoebe

Plajzer Elizabeth

Morton Ashley

As we learnt many years ago, the transition from Year 7 Primary School leaders to Year 8 students, youngest in the College, can be quite daunting. As Year 11 students we were assigned to assist our new Year 8 peers and make the transition easier for them.

We underwent two days of training in Term Four of Year 10. Over these two days we learnt the most effective ways to communicate with our peers as senior friends in the College. We trialled many activities we could later use in our sessions. These included trust activities, games and even team exercises; not to mention indulging in pizza.

The first time we met with our peers we were just as nervous as them. Being a responsible role model for a group of excited Year 8 students sounds easier than it is, as we quickly discovered. We showed them around the College, where their classes would be and shared stories and experiences from our time at BCC.

Over the year we became more aware of our Year 8 students as they turned to us for advice and filled us in with all of the hottest Year 8 gossip. Overall our journey with our peers was an all round valuable learning experience.

Chelsea Busher and Darian Creasy





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"CATHOLIC SCHOOLS HAVE A VITAL PART TO PLAY IN THE CHURCH'S MISSION TO THE WORLD OF TODAY."

(Mandate. Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia. 2009 – 2015)

Bunbury Catholic College continues to fulfil its role as co-educators (with parents and the Church) in Catholic culture, morality and the sense of what is sacred.

2009 saw the introduction of some significant changes in the delivery of the Religious Education curriculum in Upper School. The Religion and Life course was initiated in Year Eleven with IAREL and IBREL being studied by 170 students under the guidance of Shendelle Mullane, Joanna Sykes, Mark Cummins, Leonie Ridgeway, Graham Jones and myself. The new course offers the students an approach to the RE that is similar to that in all other courses that they study. In 2010 some students will continue to study at Stage One level while others will progress to Stage Two level units and, for the first time in BCC history, sit the Tertiary Entrance Exam in Religious Education. Teachers have been very generous about giving up their time to prepare for the delivery of the new courses. They have worked tirelessly and enthusiastically with the result that students found the experience meaningful and interesting.

The Bishops' Religious Literacy Test was administered in Year Nine at the beginning of Term Three. The sound performance by students in this test can be attributed to their hard work and positive approach to the Test as well as to the dedication of their Year Eight and Nine teachers who put a number of strategies in place to ensure that the students were well prepared.

Despite changes to government requirements regarding voluntary service, Bunbury Catholic College continues to emphasise service as an intrinsic part of the Christian lifestyle. Consequently, BCC continues to organise formal service activities for each year group. Year Eight students are asked to identify and address a service need in the family, Year Nine students complete service activities in the Community which are organised through the College. Year Ten students are provided with two days at the end of the year during which they complete 10 hours of service tasks. They work in small groups and are led by staff. Students in Year Eleven are expected to continue this practical expression of Christian compassion and justice by continuing to offer their skills and talents in order to serve those in need. All of these activities are co-ordinated by Mrs Vivienne McKenzie, ably assisted by Mrs Janet Wilson. All practical organization is carried out by the Campus Ministry office and records are kept of student activities. Religious Education teachers instruct the students in the Christian teachings about service as well as overseeing the reflection process that is an essential aspect of Christian Service Learning.



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It is very much the intention of the College to ensure that what the students learn in Religious Education is linked to the practical day to day living of a Christian life. The students' response to Christian Service Learning is very gratifying in that it shows a strong inclination to live the Gospel message of compassion and inclusivity.

In a similar manner the opportunities to celebrate in prayer, liturgy and Sacrament provide a further element of the part the College plays in the Church's mission to the world of today. Mrs Vivienne Mc Kenzie, working with Year Co-ordinators, Homeroom teachers and Religious Education teachers, organises Masses, Liturgies, Retreats and Reflections that allow the students to participate in Church in very diverse ways. Thus what the students learn in RE classes about celebration and Sacrament is encountered real and meaningful ways that we hope will allow each individual student to develop his or her own prayer life.

I would like to thank the clergy of the parish who have always been more than happy to attend at the College and be present to the students. The reaction of BCC students to a request to write to the priests during the Priests' Retreat, and the content of those letters, is testament to how highly the clergy are regarded. I would particularly like to thank Fr Jess, our College Chaplain, whose cheerful response to all requests appears to be, "Yes. I could do that." He provided an excellent example for the students of faithful, joyous service.

Twenty eight staff teach Religious Education at BCC and their dedication and enthusiasm ensures a very efficient delivery of the RE Courses. However, it could be said that all staff at the College participate in our Mission to establish Gospel values as our way of life, either through the witness of their own behaviour or through the administration of the Gospel based Pastoral Care Programme. We are also blessed by strong, supportive leadership, and by an encouraging parent body. It is no surprise, therefore, that 2009 has been a wonderful year in Religious education at BCC. We look forward to 2010, thanking God for the year that has been and asking his blessings on what is to come.

Mrs Gobi May
Head of Religious Education



This year has seen the College involved in many wonderful Liturgies, Retreats and Christian Service Learning programmes. As always our students offer to participate in so many ways and I am extremely grateful for their efforts.

We began Term One with the Opening Mass in the Sports Centre, Bishop Holohan presided and Father Jess Navarra was the co-celebrant. The new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion were commissioned and presented with their badges. Ash Wednesday was celebrated with a Liturgy of the Word in the Homerooms. Holy Thursday saw the Arts Department work together to create a meaningful Liturgy that truly engaged the students. This always requires much hard work from both the staff and students and I greatly appreciate their efforts.

Term Two saw the Year 12 students go off on their annual four day Retreat, an experience all said was truly amazing. Many staff gave up their time to work with these young people to help them develop a better appreciation of their relationship with both God and their parents.

The Year Eight students invited their mothers and grandmothers to a Mothers Day Mass after which morning tea was served; it was lovely to see how well received this event was. Not to be outdone the fathers attended a Father's Day breakfast which was followed by a Liturgy of the Word. This too was a well attended event.

The Year Nine students have completed their Christian Service Learning component by visiting a number of aged care facilities in and around Bunbury. It has been delightful watching our students interacting with the residents. Students have been happy to entertain by playing the piano, engaging in craft activities or simply talking to the residents. A Christmas get together concluded this programme, with the aged care residents invited to attend a short concert, featuring items from the Bunbury Catholic College Choir and the Dance Department. The Year 9 students brought morning tea to share with the residents once the concert was concluded. My sincere thanks to all the teachers who took these students on the visits; this is a powerful way for our students to connect with the elderly in our community.

All through the year Father Jess Navarra has celebrated Mass on Wednesday mornings for various groups of students. The Mass is during Religious Education lessons and students from different year groups attend. It has been pleasing to note the reverence that is shown during this time, and many students have voiced their appreciation at being able to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist during the week.

The Year 12 students celebrated Graduation Mass together with their teachers in the chapel. Father Tony Chiera and Father Jess Navarra concelebrated

this Mass. Father Tony encouraged our students to go out and be a light to the world. The students really appreciated the reflection presented by Creed and Jack James; this was a powerful symbol of the support our Year 12 students have provided for one another. A Mass of Thanksgiving was held for each year group as they neared the end of 2009.

Many of our Year 11 and 12 students have participated in the Young Bloods competition organised by the Australian Red Cross Blood Service. Each Wednesday 5 or 6 students donate blood at the local blood donor centre. My appreciation must go to those teachers who willingly give up their time to accompany our students on these visits.

The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assisted with the setting up of the liturgies, opening up the Chapel and distributing the Eucharist at Mass. My thanks go to these young people who willingly gave up many hours of their time not only to assist me, but to be Christian examples for their peers.

Recently we have trained a small group of Year 11 students as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. I look forward to working with these wonderful students as we work together to provide meaningful liturgies for the College over the next twelve months.

I would like to thank Father Jess Navarra, our College Chaplain, for his advice and assistance over the last year. It has been a privilege to work with him. Special thanks must also go to the Pastoral Assistant, Mrs Janet Wilson without whose help and support I would have struggled to fulfil my role as Ministry Coordinator. She is truly a wonderful asset to Bunbury Catholic College!

Mrs Vic McKenzie



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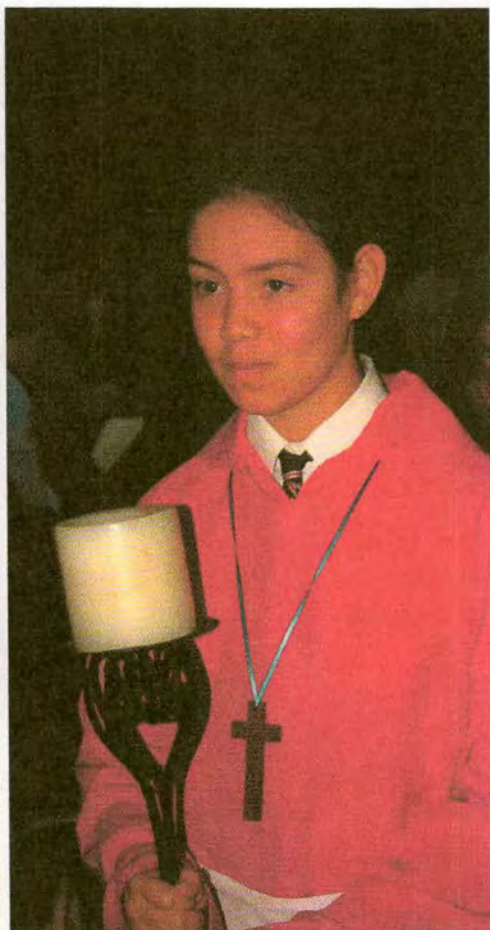
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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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Steffi Michel

Tabitha Browning

Stephanie Plint

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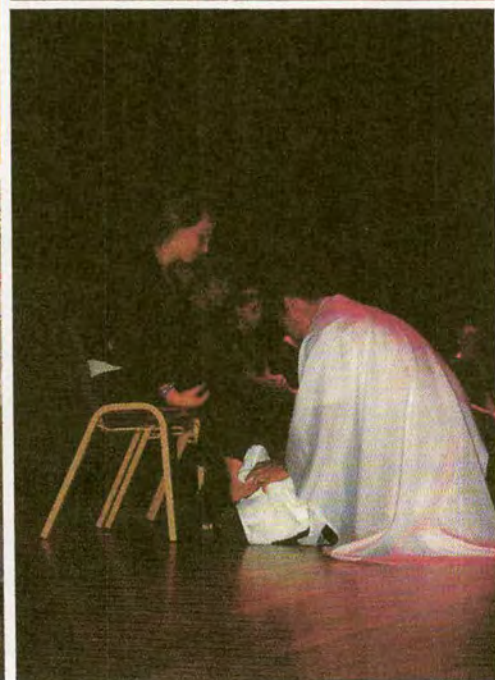
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Brigette Macfarlane

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Jesse McDonald





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GIVE A DAMN GIVE A CAN APPEAL

Give A Damn - Give A Can has been underway within the College - run as an inter-house competition with all Houses trying to collect the most food items or the longest line of food items. Cans of vegetables, fruit and soups, packets of dried foods, bottles of cordial and soft drink and jars of sauces were all donated by students and staff from all year groups. These items were given to the Rotary Clubs for distribution within the Bunbury area to needy families. This year there were 642 food items donated, an increase of 50% from last year's total. The number of food items donated from each House were:

McAuley	-	109 cans
Marcellin	-	142 cans
Valentine	-	153 cans
Xavier	-	238 cans

Congratulations to Xavier who was the House with the most and longest line of food items. House Points were awarded to all Houses for their involvement in this worthwhile event.

Fundraising Total

Caritas	\$248
Mercy Works	\$380
St Vincent de Paul	\$163
Waratah Children and Teens	\$285



Raising money for Bushfire victims

We ran a Bushfire Assembly and fundraising event to help the Victorian community affected by the bushfires.

The Bushfire assembly was to remember those who lost their lives due to the Victorian Fires. This assembly began with a Liturgy followed by a fundraising event - 'The Money Chain'. According to Coordinator Mrs Wendy Morris, "the aim of the money chain was for the students, teachers and parents to donate generously during the assembly. The collected money was put into one of the four chains (according to the students' and teachers' Houses). At the end of the assembly, the house with the longest chain of money was awarded points. We are still counting the money but we will have raised about \$6000."

"Bunbury Catholic College is a Marist/Mercy school and as such we have decided that all money raised will go directly to the Marist/Mercy community in Victoria who has been directly affected by the fires."



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Year 8 Retreat

The Year 8 Retreat kicked off with all of us being split into two groups. The first group was sent into the Hall, while the other group was sent into the new Sports Pavilion. Then we were split into even smaller groups. We then listened to a talk about friendship and our first activity was to make a 'Friendship Bumper Sticker.' One of the best was 'Hugs, not drugs'. After recess we completed a friendship workshop and made a postcard for our friends.

Lunchtime came and we went out onto the oval again to socialise with the others and 'squabble over a sausage sizzle and icecream'. Both groups then came into the Hall to watch a movie on friendship. We then went to mass in the Chapel where we watched a Powerpoint presentation using some of the photos taken earlier in the day.

Jess Yeo and Matthew Landells



Year 9 Retreat



Year 12 Retreat

During May the Year 12s finally attended their much anticipated Year 12 four day Retreat. Groups were announced before we departed and it became clear that this was a time to get to know the peers with whom we would not normally socialise.

Our four groups were sent to four different location; Bridgetown, Busselton, Harvey and Baldivis. Each of these offered different experiences however there were some activities that we all had in common. These included the much anticipated letters from our parents which provoked many teary reactions, followed by the

heartfelt replies written by each and every one of us.

Much of the retreat was based on our relationship with others, including teachers. During small group time we were able to see a different, more personal side of our teachers.

Retreat, to many, if not all, was the best experience of our high school life. A time when relationships were formed and memories were made.

Courtney Newman (12N)



Year 11 Retreat

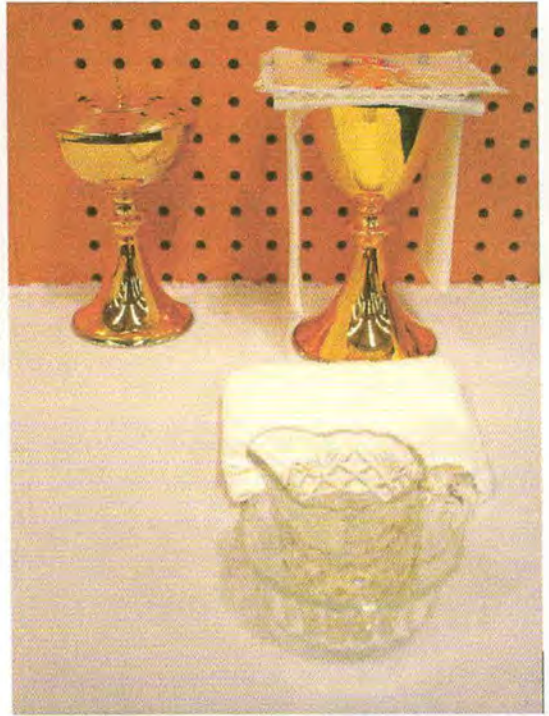
On the 30th of June we had the Year Eleven Retreat. Our day started with a presentation from Motivational Media.

The hall was converted into a movie theatre, with a mixture of both modern music and emotional stories entertaining and challenging us. We were shown what resilience really means, through the real life stories of Australian youth.

In the afternoon we were separated into two groups, and were introduced to the topic of retreat-fishing. That is when the hard work really began; with many games, worksheets and conversations.

At each location we were split into small groups and had the chance to work with people we didn't know very well. Overall the day was challenging, informative and a great break from the normal school day.

Brownyn Agre



The new Marist and Mercy program involving a number of Year 10 students has been very successful this past year. This worthwhile group meets once every two weeks to discuss relevant issues in today's society and promotes good Catholic ideals toward everyday life. However it's not all seriousness; our group shares a lot of laughs, smiles and memorable times together. A lot of new friends were made and friendships that were already existent grew even stronger throughout the year.

Confidence increased for every one of the students, with the frequent role plays and the accepting atmosphere helping those who may have struggled with voicing their opinions in the past. Students were able to be themselves and put their views across with regard to issues they felt strongly about and were also able to discuss problems in their home and school life. As the year progressed the group started to work as a reliable team, collaborating to achieve a common goal and helping each other to do better in everything possible. No task was too big for the Marist and Mercy team. Not to mention the wonderful staff of Bunbury Catholic College including Ms. Tanya Wilmot and Mrs Vivienne McKenzie who organised meeting activities and functions for the group. Thank you so much for listening and for making the program a most enjoyable one.



The Marist and Mercy group were involved in a number of community events in Bunbury throughout the year. These included the Caritas function 'Blueprint for a Better World' held in June and the Soup Van, which gave students a chance to help people who are less fortunate than themselves. These events really opened our eyes to see just how real issues such as poverty and homelessness are in our community. Additionally we also assisted with school functions including the Year Eight social, and for many of us in the group this created a sense of community and belonging at Bunbury Catholic College. I sincerely hope that the program grows in size as the younger members of Bunbury Catholic College move through the school system and would strongly encourage anyone to join this brilliant, and eye opening, program.

Emma Tournay



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ACHPER 2009

On the 26th of June the dance students of years 10, 11 and 12 participated in the ACHPER dance festival. We started our day off in the hall rehearsing our pieces to perform. We then headed over to the BREC for our dress rehearsals and everyone was starting to get quite nervous, yet excited, for the night.

For the year 12 students this was their last ACHPER festival experience. They performed two dances, "Like This", a hip-hop dance, and a Spanish piece called "Suite Espanola". Year 11's performed a ballet piece called "4 seasons" and the year 10A's performed "Bollywood" and contemporary dance "Breathe Me". The 10B's did a theatrical piece called "She's No Good". All dances looked extremely great up on the big stage thanks to Mrs Stewart and Miss Kukulka. The costumes looked fantastic thanks to Mrs Walker.

We had fun interacting with other schools and meeting new people. Overall it was a great experience.

Kayla Morabito and Annie Taylor

MADE TO MOVE – Semester One

Our first semester dance production titled "Made to Move" was held on Tuesday, 23rd June 2009. On the night students from years 9, 10, 11 & 12 presented the dance pieces they had been working on for the semester.

The night was a great success, particularly due to the help and support provided by the Year 12's behind the scenes, along with Mrs Walker and other members of the Arts Staff.

LETS DANCE! – Semester Two

To finish the year, the dance students from years 9-12 staged the second semester dance performance entitled "Let's Dance!" The hard work from all these students was showcased on the night, and their professionalism and presentation should be congratulated. This was the final performance for the Year 12 dance group the "Pink Ladies" and their hard work and dedication to dance was rewarded at the end of the night with the presentation of a small gift to each dancer. Congratulations and thanks to all those who helped on the night and in the preparation leading up to this event. Well done to all for a very successful year.

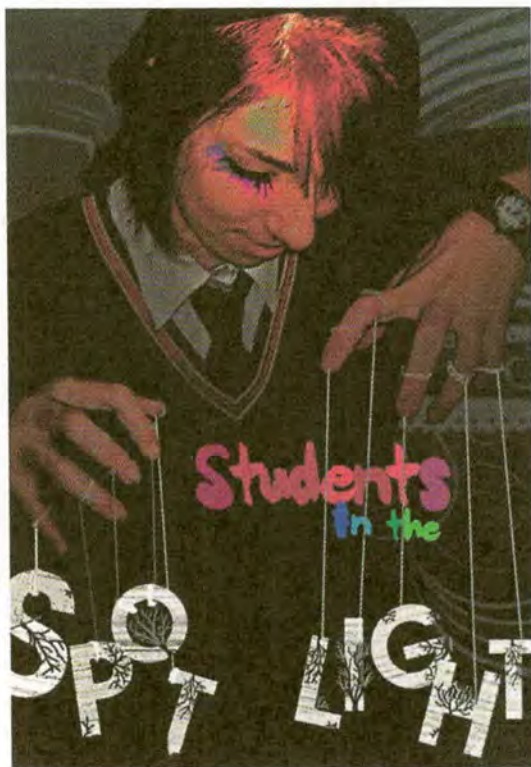
Students in the Spotlight

At the end of Term 3, the annual "Students in the Spotlight" exhibition evening was held to showcase the work of students within the Arts Department. The year 11 and 12 dance students presented some of the pieces they had learnt or choreographed as a part of their stage 1 and 2 WACE courses.

The performance began with both classes allowing the audience an "inside look" at some contemporary warm-ups and sequences they had worked on in class, and this was followed by the Year 12's presenting their "Ritual Dances" accompanied to traditional Aboriginal music.

The dancers then performed their Stage 2 set solo as a prelude to their practical exam. Finally, the Year 11 students presented three contemporary pieces they had created as a part of their Stage 1 course. All students exhibited professionalism in their performances, and the audience was very impressed with the skill and agility of all dancers.

Miss Elise Kukulka
Dance Teacher



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2009 has been an interesting year for the Drama Department, beginning with the introduction of a new Drama teacher to our midst.

After the initial introductions to our class, and the shock of finally having a male drama teacher after 4 years of females, the Year Twelves put their heads down and started to focus on the year ahead.

Amongst our work we were able to take a much needed 'road trip' to Perth to watch Cloudstreet at ECU. We left school at 2pm and didn't return until just after 1 in the morning. Many thanks must go to Mr Bailey for braving our all-female class and driving the bus.

After this it was time for us to focus on our OSP's (Original Solo Productions), which made up 35% of our Semester Two grade and was a vital part of our Practical Exam at the end of the year. We never believed there would be so much stress required for one simple piece of writing, yet there were many screwed up pieces of paper and lots of editing and refining to make our piece just right.

It was sad to say farewell to the Drama Department, considering everyone in our Year Twelve class had been participating since Year Eight, but the time had to come sooner or later and all of us felt a slight twinge when we finally said farewell to the department that had let us use our imaginations to escape from the stress of school.

A special mention must go to Mr Robertson (Robbo, G-Rob, Gez) for putting up with us this year. We were definitely a tough mob to win over, but you did it.

And to all those wondering about doing Drama, don't hesitate, just do it. You'll make friends with people you never could imagine and you'll have the time of your life.

Kaitlyn Burns
Drama Arts Captain 2009



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Taking over as Drama Co-ordinator at the College was quite a daunting challenge but one that I have thoroughly enjoyed. Having taken the reins from my good friend Ms Shana O'Shea I knew the students had been in good hands. I quickly found my feet in what was an extremely energetic and busy department brimming with talent and untapped potential. I have genuinely appreciated my time in the department and we look forward to great success in the future.

A special mention must go out to my Year 12 Students, and although I have only spent a brief time with them they won't be soon forgotten and don't be surprised if they turn up on your TV screens very shortly. An exceptionally talented group of students who continually surprised me with their immense skill and genuine personalities (and ability to come up with new nicknames for me). I certainly will miss YEEHAAA erupting from the classroom, the criticism of my striped attire and the ridiculous topics we often ended up talking about!! A huge thanks must go out to Kaitlyn Burns for her hard work and dedication as Drama captain for 2009.

The Year 11 students had a fantastic year and took the step up to the WACE course without a fuss and have had a great deal of success. We had the opportunity to travel to Perth to experience a live professional production and take centre stage at His Majesty's Theatre which was a great experience. Going to Sizzler with a group of Year 11 students for dinner was sadly not such a great experience!! However, I am certainly looking forward to next year with this great group of students.

Year 10 Drama has been an interesting journey to say the least. We looked at a variety of topics throughout the year such as Playbuilding, Theatresports, Indigenous

Theatre and Monologues with which we had great success. For some students the Monologue was a very challenging task and it was great to see how well they were eventually performed. Congratulations on a fantastic year.

The Year 9 students have been a lot of fun this year and we have certainly had some laughs, but wow have we got some talent to look forward to in the coming years!! Students had the opportunity to write their own plays that received some varied responses from the enthusiastic but somewhat confused audiences. We also enjoyed looking at Melodrama, Improvisation and a variety of scripts over the course of the year.

The highlight of the year for me had to be our involvement in the Students in the Spotlight where the Year 12's had the opportunity to showcase their Original Solo Productions for the eager public. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and just the confidence booster that students needed just before their practical exam. Huge thanks must go out to the family and friends who came and supported our students and enjoyed a mocktail in the "Lounge".

It has been wonderful to get to know so many people over the year, not only the wonderfully talented students at BCC but also the welcoming and supportive staff. A special mention has to go out to Mrs Karen Walker for all her work over the year with costuming, excursions and events. Many of these events just would not happen without her assistance. I look forward to what lies ahead and hold high hopes for Drama within the College.

Mr Gerard Robertson
Drama Co-ordinator

2009 has been a great year for Media, with many competitions entered, prizes won, and excursions enjoyed by all! This year also saw the introduction of Media as an elective for the Year 9 students, which has proved to be popular and successful.

In regards to competitions, the winning streak began in April when students were set the task of taking photographs for a CITY OF BUNBURY competition, in which they had to try and capture their favourite view of Bunbury life. To help students with this task a number of excursions were organised to various areas of Bunbury, so that they could practise their camera skills and have the opportunity to shoot different aspects of the Bunbury landscape.

Students produced some fantastic photographs and achieved very highly in their assignments and the following 12 students were selected to have their photographs exhibited at the City chambers and then at the Dolphin Discovery Centre: Aiden Dilley (Year 12), Alexandra Marra (Year 11), Elle Mayhew (Year 12), Emma Castro (Year 12), Erienne Lette (Year 12), Hannah Farrier (Year 10), Jessica Maguire (Year 12), Jessica Signorini (Year 12), Jonathon Turner (Year 12), Kayla Lombardo (Year 11), Madeleine Tyrrell (Year 12) and Myriah Powley (Year 10). Alex Marra then went on to be awarded second prize of \$150 for her photograph in the Student Category.

Around the same time, I also organised students to take "Every Drop Counts"-themed photos for a competition run by AQWEST. Again, the talent of Bunbury Catholic College students was recognised with Luke Russo (Year 11) winning third prize of \$150 in the Digital Photography category and the school winning \$500 for its contribution!

Recently, students have submitted more of their photographic work into a competition run by CHEVRON AUSTRALIA entitled Focus Environment, again with much success! Monique Italiano (Year 12), won \$200 for herself and \$1,500 for the school for her photograph, entitled "28 Grams", whilst Joanne Castelli (Year 12) won \$120 for herself and \$1,000 for the school for her photograph of a tree frog. Eve O'Mahony and Lauren Bertelli (both Year 11) also won themselves \$50 for their photographic work. Joanne Castelli and Judit Gildenhuys, another Year 12 student, also had their work selected to be exhibited as part of the recent IUKA Visions exhibition, at Bunbury Regional Art Galleries, and Judit's work was sold on the night.

As well as winning lots of prizes students have, of course, been studying hard too! The Year 12 students have examined the popularity of Hollywood films, producing some fantastic film trailers, and have also studied documentary film and the business of television in Australia. Meanwhile, Year 11 students have focused on genre and Reality TV, whilst Year 10 students have

looked at the history of Hollywood and animation. Year 9 students learnt about photography and the marketing of movies.

To assist in their studies Year 12 and Year 11 students have also been on a number of excursions, including a trip to a youth film school in Perth by the Year 11 students, to learn how to use special effects makeup and green screen, and a visit to the film festival Cinéfest Oz in Busselton, by both groups, to view the fantastic Australian-made films Mary and Max and The Combination.

Mrs Kate Bovell



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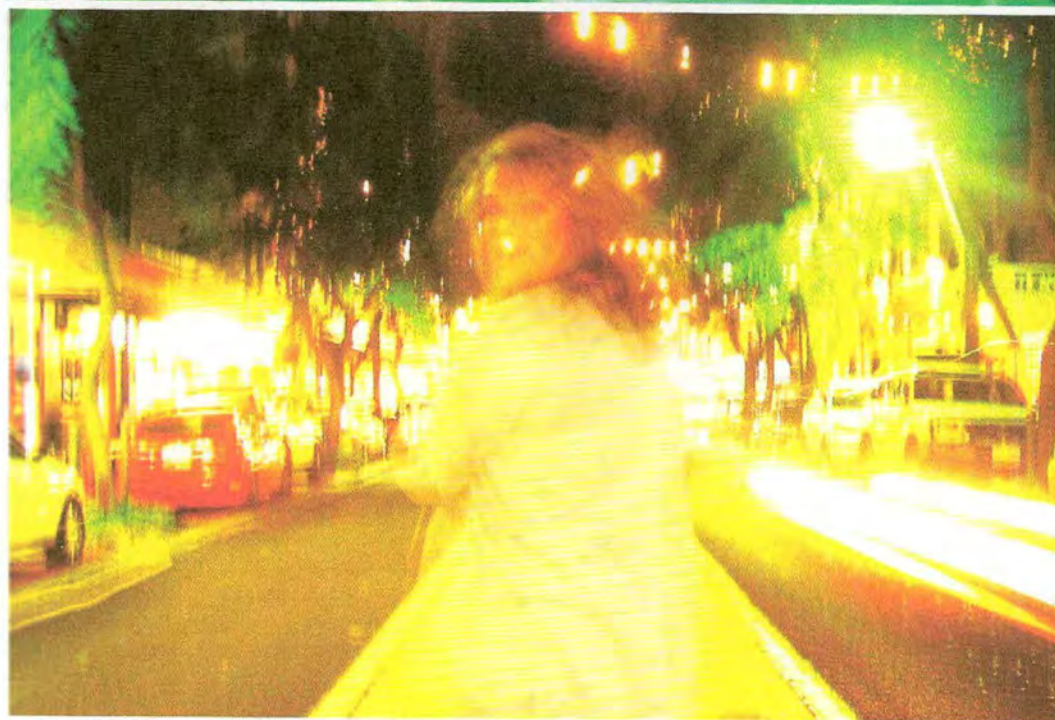
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This year has been a year of success for the Music Department. Mr David Harries is a brilliant music teacher who has given the school a fantastic name in the community for our musical achievements and talents. Throughout 2009 students have thrown themselves into developing the music program here, taking lessons, joining school ensembles, and performing to great praise in many events both in and out of college.

The Music Department staff have been fantastic in their support too, contributing with their specialist skills and their hard work.

They deserve a mention here:

Luke Campbell Guitar, Bass Guitar and
Drum tutor. Instrumental
tuition coordinator

Rory Mckenzie Music Teacher

Joshua Newton Webb Guitar Tutor

Sue Leclair Vocal Tutor

Barbara Morgan Music Teacher, Piano Tutor

Bill Curtis Brass and Woodwind Tutor

The **Autumn Serenade** was the first musical event of the year 2009. This event discovered many unknown talents throughout the school and showcased the new **BCC Celtic Band and Concert Choir**.

The next big opportunity for our students was the **City of Bunbury Eisteddfod**. The Concert Choir, Celtic Band, Percussion Ensemble, Rock Band, Concert Band and dozens of soloists all participated in this event. In every school section that we entered, we finished with a first prize, winning 13 major ensemble awards overall. The Celtic Band even managed to win \$1000, and the overall award for best Jazz band!! One enjoyable part of the Eisteddfod was that the Choir and Celtic band had a rehearsal 'sleepover' weekend. This was useful in bringing the ensembles together as teams, and it was a chance to learn, perfect, and memorise a large amount of repertoire. Lots of fun was had too, despite Mr Harries's best efforts to control events!!

Here we might pause to tell you about three new school music groups that have added to the school's music program, the Concert Choir, the Celtic band, and the RockTech project.

Since its debut in the Autumn Serenade this year, the newly formed BCC Concert Choir has grown from strength to strength, performing in competitions, festivals and concerts. Its blend of enthusiasm and ability, joined with an exciting and varied repertoire ensures that the choir appeals to all and is versatile in where it can perform. This year, as well as performing in school Masses and school concerts, the choir has travelled out into the community too, including shared concerts with the South West Music Guild and the Bel

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Canto Choir, and acquiring a wonderful choral master-class from Professor Yu Wen Pan from the National University of Taiwan.

Since its success in the Bunbury Eisteddfod, the BCC Celtic Band 'Spootiskerry' has performed at a variety of community events, delighting audiences with its blend of traditional and contemporary influences. Notable highlights include showcase performances in 'All That Talent' at the Lyric Theatre, 'The Best in the West' Variety show at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre, the 'Relay for Life' in Bunbury, and a special guest appearance at the 'Queen's Cup' in Busselton.

The RockTech project developed and run by Mr Luke Campbell gives students the chance to form new rock bands, learn repertoire, rehearse, perform and record their own work. It has attracted a large and enthusiastic group, and has already produced some talented young bands.

Feast Day celebrations were made memorable by many groups, solos, and duet performances. From the choir performance at the morning Mass, to the exciting contemporary concert in the afternoon, student musicians showed the school their talents, skill and passion for music-making.

The BCC Road Show was a Year 12 Music in Society project which involved a BCC concert party touring around to our primary schools over two days, to perform, interact, and perform (drumming) workshops. There were four primary schools that participated in the project, St Mary's Catholic Primary School, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Our Lady of Lourdes and Leschenault Catholic Primary School. To prepare for this event there were many after-school rehearsals as well as a Road Show rehearsal 'sleepover'.

Marto's Music Night on the 4th of September 2009 was organised by three of the Year 12 boys in the Music in Society class. This event raised funds for the excellent McGrath Foundation for breast cancer. Many amazing bands and solo artists performed to a highly praised audience.

The WA Performing Arts Festival for Catholic Schools and Colleges, held for the first time at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre, presented some of our school's very talented solo performers, as well as the Celtic Band and Percussion Ensemble, a chance to share a stage with the best school performers in the South West. There were many BCC students who worked hard behind the scenes to help run the event. As a result, BCC won the Zenith award for Best Catholic Country School in WA for Performing Arts.

The Spring Serenade was organised by the Year 12 Music Captains as part of their course. This was held on the 16th of September 2009 in the BCC Hall. The evening was a hit, with a full house delighted by the performances and the range of talent on show. If you

include the students in the dance groups and Concert Choir, over 120 students participated in putting on the Spring Serenade. It was a real indication of the explosion of music in the school this year.

Since the Spring Serenade there has been even more activity, including community performances for the St John of God Hospital, the Mayor of Bunbury, as well as preparations for the end of year Instrumental Evenings and Christmas events. Even as we write this, students are getting ready to finish the year with a bang.

We leave the school at the end of this year knowing that music is a very important part of life at BCC, and knowing that there are many exciting times to come. We are already planning for more concerts, rock festivals, musical productions, media appearances, and very soon in 2010, a choral and instrumental concert tour to New Zealand.

By Shanelle Schramm and Jessica Signorini
(Music Captains 2009)



Iluka Visions Exhibition 2009

This year the following students are to be congratulated as their work was selected for the Iluka Visions exhibition held at the Bunbury Regional Art Galleries:

Year 8 Mitchell Kemp, Caitlin Quill, Ryleigh Spencer, Robert Toombs

Year 9 Cameron Ayre, Stephanie Cheng, Mikayla Giudici, Samantha Hogan, Karl Schramm, Hannah Vanschayk

Year 10 Patrick Bendall, Erin Dilley, Dylan Nietrzeba, Megan Pedulla

Year 12 Joanne Castelli, Jarrad Damiani, Bree-Anna Dorant, Monique Galati, Judit Gildenhuys, Nicholas Godsell, Clare Martella, Sam Payet.

Awards were announced on the Opening Night of this exhibition and Clare Martella's amazing artwork won her two of these coveted awards: Best Upper School Digital Photography Award and Best Overall Upper School Award.

In total there were 23 student works representing BCC's Design & Technology, Education Support, Media and Visual Art Subject Areas. This is testament to their talent and dedication to their favourite subject.



2009 Overview

This year the Visual Art Department was in overdrive with a continuous stream of students eager to complete their fantastic works of art. There were some challenging projects and the year began with "Figure it Out", a Year 10 Art project. This involved almost life size, Henry Moore inspired sculptures made from wire, papier-mâché and resin and decorated in colourful patinas such as iron oxide (rust effect) and metallics to recreate a bronzed surface. The Year 10 Art Class worked long and hard but reaped the rewards at the end. Paintings inspired by Georgia O'Keefe were the highlight of second semester. Brightly coloured close ups of their environment painted in various techniques were carefully executed and I look forward to seeing their inclusion in next year's "Students in the Spotlight".

In Term One the Year 10 Craft class was asked to "Look to the Future" when designing ceramic busts. Futuristic heads decorated in metallic colours and foreign, found objects of wire, engine parts and circuit boards emerged from their amazing imaginations. In second semester students were asked to design and create their own T-shirt designs based upon the theme of "My Generation" which in their case was "Gen Y". They were quite excited about the prospect of wearing their own designs which resulted in fabulous t-shirts of which they should all be very proud.

Year 9 Art commenced the year with observing insects and their macro-environments. These drawings lead to the creation of drypoint etchings (scratching their image onto plastic and then rubbing ink into the grooves before printing onto paper). They then enthusiastically



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jumped into designing and creating their Fantasy Tree houses from wire and plaster constructions.

The Year 9 Craft class has created some wonderful pieces this year. In Term One they researched and experimented with the ancient textile technique of Batik and incorporated this into the theme "Under the Sea". In Second Semester Piñatas with an Australian flavour were the focus. Under the creative influence of Mr Slater and the inspirational flavour of lollies, papier mache creations of a Willy Wag Tail, Koala and FJ Holden adorned the art room. In Second Semester students were asked to design the 2010 BCC Birthday Card. Congratulations to Karl Schramm for taking out this honour. Students then completed the year with paintings derived from their observation of the landscape around Bunbury. Students had to choose their favourite landscape painter to inspire them to change the style and colour of their landscapes in order to evoke a certain atmosphere or emotion from the viewer.

2009 saw the introduction of the new WACE Visual Arts Course in Yr 11. Gone is the great expectation of the TEE Visual Diary, an artwork in itself replaced with a new found focus on the Art Making process. The students' first Task was to create a body of work using a vast array of textile techniques. The theme was "My Journey" and it was expressed through fascinating fashion pieces and large banners. Students had a broader topic in second semester which left it open to vastly different interpretations. The theme of "Series" had to be expressed through a 2D format which included various printmaking techniques, painting, drawing and digital media. Each student took a very individual approach and learnt a lot about the art making process. The challenges faced and overcome will aid in their preparation for next year.

As always it was a year of excitement, challenges, hard work and achievement for the Year 12 class. They began the year with the Art Camp to Augusta to derive inspiration for their first project theme "Living on the Coast". In Term Two "Cycle of Life" became the new theme. Students researched and recorded imagery of birth and death, rebellion and resolution, mythology and the physical world. Project Three, "Homage to the Human Form" began with life drawing at the Red Mill Studio. This was a great experience for the Year 12 students who were taught the proportions of the human body and how to face the challenge of drawing the nude from difficult angles. The year finally came to an end and students breathed a sigh of relief when all work was complete and handed in. It was an end of an era; these students would no longer be in the same room creating together but moving on and up in the world. Hopefully art will still play a role in their future endeavours

Ms Brenda Della-Sale
Visual Arts Coordinator



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Students in the Spotlight

On Tuesday 22nd September, the Bunbury Catholic College Visual Art Department hosted its annual "Students in the Spotlight" Exhibition. This event showcased student work and performances from our many learning areas. The successful evening was testimony to the time and effort BCC staff and students have committed to this year.

The inclusion of the People's Choice Art Award this year, proved to be very popular. In 2009 the winners were Erienne Lette from Year 12, Chyna Williamson from Year 11, Angela Signorini from Year 10 and Hannah Vanschayk from Year 9.

My sincerest thanks must be extended to all College staff and students whose time and assistance made this event possible, to the P&F Association for their continued financial assistance and to the Bunbury Catholic College community for their tremendous support of the exhibition opening. Together you made "Students in the Spotlight" a successful and worthwhile event.

The English curriculum has undergone extensive change in recent years. We are now nearing the end of this process with the release of the National Curriculum Board's paper, *Shape of the Australian Curriculum: English* (May, 2009). There are a number of key areas highlighted in the paper, summarised below.

That English as a subject should be:

- encompassing and inclusive, reflecting Australia's cultural and linguistic diversity
- fair and equitable for all students
- futures orientated, reflecting the needs of the global environment
- focussed on the development of clear and effective communication, needed for personal empowerment
- constructed to enable students to reflect on language critically
- based on the study of quality literary texts, particularly Australian texts
- facilitating the use of language to contribute to cultural, social and personal identity

The English programmes used at Bunbury Catholic College have been informed by the National Curriculum.

The streaming of students in Years 9 and 10 into three pathways has been successful in targeting the needs of individual students, ensuring that the courses are "inclusive", "fair" and "equitable" for all students. At the same time, students have found themselves challenged by the rigour of the courses.

I have found that English has been much more difficult and challenging than Year 8. We have covered a diverse range of books and have been challenged by having to write essays on them properly. We have also learnt grammar to help us in our writing. Oliver Venables

The jump from the Year 8 workload to Year 9 has been massive... but I feel the work has given many students more confidence and a broader knowledge which will help us later in life. Hannah Gardiner

I like the way we get plenty of time on our work, and we are usually relaxed, even when working in silence. We usually have a good time, unless we are put under lots of pressure which is rare. Jonathon Tognela

In Year 9 English I really enjoyed the topic on Australia. We worked in partners to create a presentation on an aspect of Australia which I found really fun. Overall, English in Year 9 has been challenging but enjoyable. Tayla Doyle

The tasks in Year 9 are far more challenging, but completing them and feeling a strong sense of success when we get the marks back is well worth it. Shannon Dusci

We regularly utilise Information Technology in the classroom. At BCC, we are fortunate to have excellent resources in the form of computers and Interactive Whiteboards in our classrooms. The English Faculty is

proactive in ensuring that resources used are relevant and reflect the "global environment".

Ultimately, the most important function of the subject of English is to empower our students to express themselves effectively; and to critically assess the messages that they are bombarded with every day by the media and information technology. These examples of student work best exemplify the success of our English programmes.

Mrs Vanessa Hicks - Head of English



"I find that memories are not a given. They come and go, flitting through my mind like butterflies on a spring day. I remember things I don't want to, and forget things I should remember. People say as you get older you lose a fundamental piece of you, and once it's gone you are just another elderly person trying to draw out the inevitable. Age, though, never really worried me. It seemed to be a collection of things; sagging skin, locking the doors twice, becoming annoyed if the jam is moved from the top shelf of the fridge. None of it concerned me at all; the only thing that worried me was forgetting. Forgetting her. I try to visualise her every morning now-I even imagine conversations. "Well Anna, how did you sleep?" I would say, absorbing the lavender and fresh dough smell that was her. I would hold these conversations till she was there with me, by my side like she should be. I need these sessions with her or I could forget.

After all, memories are not a given.

Katelin Taylor (yr 9)

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The following is an excerpt from a response in which students were asked to imitate the style of Dickens.

I was still far too young to be capable of fully understanding the world around me. At an age that I could not even remember how many years I had been alive, I neither knew what it meant to be as young as I was, aboard a cargo ship in the middle of the great vast ocean, alone. The funniest thing about that simple fact, which I can remember, was that I wasn't afraid of it. The vast blue which one could imagine engulfing anything which would seemingly be reduced to a speck compared to its vastness did not frighten me one bit. I was instead, in simple awe of it, as a child would be of a mountain. Being the child in awe that I was, I was not at all aware of the hustling and bustling going on around me of the crew and shipmates, who were in turn far too busy to notice me. (Who would take notice of a small child who had recently been orphaned and sent overseas on a small carrier ship to join his new family?)

Tom Jackson (yr 10)

Year 11 students in IC/D English were asked to imagine their future dream selves, and then write a feature article about their lives and experiences. The following are opening paragraphs:

Just Dreaming... **By Stefanie Italiano**

It is every young person's dream to travel the world, seeing all the amazing sights and experiencing many wonderful cultures. For a local Bunbury girl, the dream doesn't seem real.

I am sitting here in a bar on the Via Appia in Rome drinking a hot espresso coffee. The atmosphere is incredible. Vespers flying past, riders' scarves blowing in the wind. The streets crowded with tourists and locals.

The Teenage Prodigy **By Mark Spagnolo**

He's football's newest hot property, the teen sensation who is sought after by every top club and who many expect to follow in Maradona's footsteps as the best in the world. Tim Robertson reports that this time we should believe the hype.

Phillipa Yates, Year 9, was asked to investigate a significant historical event and consider how different people would view the event. She then wrote an account retelling the event from a selected perspective.

Surviving Hell on Earth

At last the war has ended, our troubles are over and Adolf Hitler will never be seen again! I can't believe that he's really dead and we are free at last. It all started on January 1933.

That was the day that Hitler came into power and life became hell for millions of people across the world. Hitler wanted a pure race. He believed that the blonde, tall Aryans of Northern Europe were superior and he regarded Jews as parasites - the lowest of the low. I am a Jew, so I was one of these "parasites".

I was four when Hitler became Germany's Chancellor. I lived in Berlin with my family. Papa was a doctor and Mother looked after me and my older brother Abe. We had a happy and care-free life ... well that was until Hitler came into the picture.

In April that year, German people were told that they were not to employ or buy goods from Jews. It would have been unthinkable to go to a Jewish doctor. Papa lost his job at the hospital and wanted to move our family to another country.

We couldn't get into Holland and the only other option was Poland. Papa knew it would only be a matter of time before Jews would be banned from travelling, so, as soon as we could, we migrated to Poland.

We moved into a small town just south of Warsaw and Papa got a job at the local surgery.



Italian 2009

While only a small part of a Year 8 student's timetable, the study of the Italian language has been undertaken by students with great enthusiasm and interest. This year 100 students have attended for 40 lessons, with approximately 20 students in each group. The process of learning a language in a group situation with all students participating allows for the enjoyment of understanding other cultures and also develops communication skills and thought processes that can be used by students in all facets of their daily lives. The course includes the use of computers as well as introducing contemporary Italian film and pop music, together with occasional sampling of the Italian cuisine to provide a full immersion of the language and culture to the students. This process encourages development of language and communication at a student level with attention to the relevance of daily life to the students. Activities with the students this year included the singing of Italian songs and the preparation of such delights as gnocchi and strudel. Classroom activities include games such as tombola dei numeri e delle parole (bingo with numbers and words and verbs) and zig zag in order to build their vocabulary in a fun way. T-labs have been used in conjunction with selected Italian websites for the students to explore at first hand such as "La Bella Lingua". The students have had much fun while learning about the language and it is pleasing to see a number of students taking the language to the next level in Year 9. The planned trip to Italy for these students in Yr 11 is looking promising.

Ciao

Mrs Laura Whitfield (Italian teacher)



Year 8 Bahasa Indonesia

2009 was a mixed year for Indonesian language at BCC. It was a year that saw more students returning to Indonesia for holidays – especially the island of Bali. Since the bombings in Bali, Australians in general stopped holidaying on the island and, this in turn meant students had a greatly reduced appreciation of Indonesian and Balinese culture. With more students returning to Indonesia, there is a greater interest in the culture and language of our largest and nearest neighbour. In Bahasa Indonesia's classes (Indonesian Language classes) there is still a focus on developing language at a social level, a level students may be able to use when they visit Indonesia or they meet an Indonesian. The classes only operate for each group for about a six week period so the amount of language covered is quite limited. In 2010 the format for LOTE at BCC will change slightly so students will have more continuity in their language acquisition and hopefully this will lead students to go on and select language courses in Year 9 and beyond.

Mr Rod Slater



Noongar

Kaya yaarn: Hello

Ngany Djoorabiny Noonook Djinanginy: I am happy to see you

Hi everyone! Noongar language has been happening in BCC since the year 2007. It has been a very positive experience not only for students but myself as well as we took part in many events throughout the year. On the 27th May this year members from our Noongar Language class attended a "Sorry Day" liturgy conducted at Mercy College in Perth. This was a fantastic learning experience for many students. They witnessed a very spiritually moving ceremony at the College and then were able to walk down to Wellington Square with many other schools from the Perth Diocese to interact with many Indigenous and Non-Indigenous people. Students participated in the Sea of Hands display where each student was able to plant a hand in the Australian and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander colours. We have had many visitors to Bunbury Catholic College sharing Aboriginal Culture and Language activities with us. During November, Troy Bennell came and taught our Noongar Language class to dance the Noongar way to the sound of the didjeridoo, clapping boomerangs and tapping sticks. The whole class participated which was a culmination of the Language we have been learning. Also during November some of our students' work was showcased at the CEO Aboriginal Teacher Assistants' Seminar in Perth- receiving many positive comments and much praise. Thank you to everyone, both students and staff, for your participation this year.

Mrs Cooke (Noongar Language)

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Perth Business Enterprise Showcase

In Business Skills we made clay candle pots, wine bags and place mats.

I went to Perth with Mrs Lindroth, Mrs Lutley, Jesse and Jayden in Mrs Lindroth's car. We left early to make sure we had plenty of time to set up our stall.

A board was put up at the back of our stall showing photos of our class at school. The prices of the things we were selling were made into posters to make it easier.

When people came to our stall we explained how we had made the things and showed them the moulds for the candle pots explaining how we had to roll the clay into balls pushing them down into the moulds, leaving them to dry and then decorating.

I was nervous when we first got there but I felt better when people started to buy the things we had made.

It made me feel good that I was part of the Business Skills Class and I had a good day.

Andrew Spaven



BCC Learning Centre

We have a very talented team comprising Mrs Rosemary Lindroth (part time teacher) along with our fabulous band of Teacher Assistants who carry out a wide range of support roles within the school: Uma Weeks, Joanne Lutley, Tania Wilmot, Bev Seroka, Pauline Callegari, Tracy Woodhouse, Maria Hingston, Carmel Forrest, Janet Ryan and Kelli Carlisle. Sadly Mrs Lindroth will not be returning in 2010 and we will miss her valuable contributions.

Many students access the Centre over the year for a multitude of reasons. Some enter simply to complete unfinished work or assessments whilst others participate in both short and long term intervention programmes. There are also students for whom the centre offers a very specialised and individual educational programme.

Three nights a week the Centre is open for what we affectionately refer to as 'The Homework Club'. This club is open to all and offers some assistance in completing homework for students who, for whatever reason, are not able to complete their work alone in the library or at home.

Other programmes that run through the Learning Centre are a Business Enterprise Unit and a Recreation and Leisure Unit. The Recreation and Leisure Unit is a new one and offers some of our students the opportunity to experience a range of activities in the wider community as well as an opportunity to practice practical skills such as shopping and planning their ventures.

This year the students involved in the Business Enterprise unit managed several money making ventures which culminated with a camp held in Busselton. As part of the camp the students were required to plan and budget for their meals as well as cook and clean for themselves. The students took part in all aspects with enthusiasm and their level of collaboration and cooperation before and during the camp was incredible.

It has been a wonderful year and 2010 promises to be even more exciting and rewarding.

Ms Sue Williams
Head of Learning Centre

The Mathematics Association of Western Australia's Have Sum Fun regional competition was once more hosted by Bunbury Catholic College. The competition has a quiz night format with a team of six students answering four rounds of eight written questions over twenty minutes. Students from Bunbury Catholic College, Australind SHS, Bunbury SHS, Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School, Busselton SHS and Halls Head Community College took part this year and the standard of competition was very high. Teams from Bunbury Catholic College were:

Team 1: Benjamin Parker, Daniel Godson, Isaac Chegwidden, William Garvey, Daniel Chegwidden and Jye Horan

Team 2: Zosia Dabrowski, Morgan Harrison, Lauren Italiano, Cameron Ayre, Luke Bark and Shaun Wong.

At the mid-competition break, Team 2 was in equal first place, with Team 1 one point behind. However positions were reversed in the second half of the competition, with Team 1 placing second overall on a tiebreak and Team 2 one point behind! Both teams were very competitive and are to be congratulated on their performance.

Bunbury Catholic College students also participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition – the annual competition sponsored by the Westpac Banking Corporation and administered by the Australian Mathematics Trust. Congratulations to all students who participated in the 2008 AMC. Among the certificate winners were four students who achieved a High Distinction – **Lauren Italiano (Year 8), Cameron Ayre (Year 9), Declan D'Agostino and Jack Bartholomew (Year 10)**. The Prudence Award is presented to the student who answers the greatest number of consecutive question correctly, and this year the winner was Noel Hinton (Year 10) who correctly answered 14 consecutive questions. A further 26 students achieved Distinctions and 89 students received Credits. A full list of student achievement in the AMC is presented in the Achievers section of the Year book.

A major change for Mathematics this year has been the introduction of new WACE courses for Year 11 students. Extensive professional development and the hard work of all staff have made for a smooth implementation. Staff have also worked hard to introduce the technology accompanying the new courses in the form of the Casio Classpad. Next year will be easier.

Voluntary tutoring of students on a Thursday afternoon is now an established part of the College routine, with some students turning up every week to take advantage of the expertise available. I am appreciative of the efforts of staff in making this such a valuable part of what is on offer to students.

Mrs Allison Fergie
Head of Mathematics



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What a big year for the Physical Education Department in 2009. We saw the departure of Miss Dunnet to Broome, the arrival of Mr McGuire and our awesome Assistant, 2008 head girl and sensationally talented netballer Natasha Carbone. The year started with a very busy office with Mr O'Dea rejoining the team for the first semester, along with Mr Avard, Mr Northover, Miss Wood, Miss McLean, Mr Jones, Miss Crosby and Mr Famlonga. Term 3 saw the departure of Mr O'Dea to follow a new career and term 4 saw Mr Jones and Ms McLean go on long service leave. This saw the arrival of the vibrant Ms Balding to finish the year.

Lower School Physical Education

The Year 8-10 classes showed great enthusiasm in their general PE classes, completing many different activities and sports. The electives this year were a great success with Outdoor Education, Cricket and Netball Extension, as well as PE Extension also very successful and enjoyable.

Upper School Physical Education Studies

The Year 11 and 12 students were very fortunate this year with the school offering the full range of Physical Education Studies Courses. There were six upper school classes this year with the courses ranging from Year 12 students sitting TEE exams, other Year 12 students completing their Certificate II in Community Sport and Recreation, to Year 11 students sitting the 2 levels made available to them.

The Year 11 and 12 PE recreation classes were also run with enthusiasm, with the students being able to experience lawn bowls, tennis, as well as indoor and outdoor beach volleyball throughout the year.

The Physical Education Department put in a tower of work this year on top of their PE classes in extracurricular activities such as organising and coaching countless sporting teams, organising carnivals and trainings, as well as Outdoor Education camps and Health Education. Thank you to all staff in the PE Department and others who helped to make all the sporting activities possible this year. Also a big thank you to Miss McLean for her guidance and leadership in 2009 before she took a well deserved break.

Mr Travis McGuire
Acting Head of Physical Education





"I AM AMONG THOSE WHO THINK THAT SCIENCE HAS GREAT BEAUTY. A SCIENTIST IN HIS LABORATORY IS NOT ONLY A TECHNICIAN; HE IS ALSO A CHILD PLACED BEFORE NATURAL PHENOMENA WHICH IMPRESS HIM LIKE A FAIRY TALE."

Marie Curie quotes (French Physicist, twice winner of the Nobel Prize, 1867-1934)

Science is a very important aspect of our lives, and continues to be an area of growth in our world. The Science Learning Area has encompassed this need by increasing the number and selection of courses in Upper School so that all students have the opportunity to study Science and prepare for a future career in an area of Science or Engineering. The advent of Stage 1 Earth and Environmental Science, Chemistry, and Human Biological Science has allowed students who normally would not be eligible for classic "TEE" subjects to study Science at a level that they can enjoy and achieve success. This also prepares and enables them to sit an external exam in Year 12 if they continue into Stage 2. As always we have continued to develop the Lower School Courses with a focus on skill development incorporating the Investigating Outcome into all topics studied, and challenging students to "Communicate Scientifically" in order to develop their scientific literacy skills. This is particularly desirable for success in the new WACE courses, and students are exposed to "real life Science" such that they can make informed decisions about the world around them.

All of the laboratories now have Interactive Whiteboards that assist teachers to provide more interesting ways of demonstrating scientific processes, allowing the students to observe scientific models closely and interact with them. It also enables students to present their own

research to the class in an engaging way. More software has been purchased by the department for all areas of Science, making different pedagogies easily accessible.

There were many activities and events undertaken by the students and staff during the year. The Year 8s were treated to a Science Inursion, "Going Greene with Dr Deane" presented by Dr Deane Hutton. There were many stimulating demonstrations presented to students, as well as information about practical strategies to save our planet. Two Year 8 classes, under the expert supervision of Mrs McKenzie and Mrs Kovacs, entered the "Crystal Growing" Competition run by Curtin University. They spent months growing enormous and beautiful crystals from solutions of copper sulphate and alum. We are awaiting the results, but feel confident that this year will produce a winner! Mr Townsend's Year 11 and 12 Biology students visited the Perth Zoo early in the year to study animal adaptations, and habitats and ecosystems. Chemistry IAIB students visited Cristal Global's Australind chemical plant in 3rd Term, organised by Mrs Forrest and Mrs Kovacs, where they were introduced to chemicals and processes that they had been studying, as well as potential careers. They found the excursion very interesting and beneficial to their understanding of chemistry in "real life" situations, as well as having access to an electron microscope to view minute particles. The Year 11 Physics (Mrs Zuideveld) and Earth and Environmental Studies (Mrs Kovacs) classes travelled to Perth to visit Scitech to interact with the hands-on displays. Physics students were entertained by "Cosmic Collisions", the "High Voltage" show and other demonstrations, whilst our Earth scientists experienced "Climate Change - Our Future, Our Choice". The EES students also travelled to Yallingup with Mrs Kovacs where they experienced caving and rock formation identification first-hand!

National Science Week was held nationally from 14th to 22nd August, and Bunbury Catholic College celebrated with many activities, competitions and much consuming of astronaut ice cream! The theme for this year was "Astronomy" as it is the International Year of Astronomy, and is also a time when Western Australia is hopeful of securing the Square Kilometre Array (SKA). Our College was the recipient of a \$250.00 grant from Science Teachers Association of WA that was used to purchase materials and prizes for the event. The students enjoyed many displays, activities and quizzes held throughout the week in the Science laboratories and the library. It began with the inaugural Science Teachers' Trolley Race held on Albert Oval, much to the amusement of the students and non-Science staff! The students were invited to engineer "Mars Landing Vehicles" to successfully land humans (eggs) the right way up without casualties. They made rockets that were judged on the distance travelled as well as the most artistic! Astronauts and space shuttles were the highlight in the library while in S4 students tasted freeze-dried ice cream and chocolate "asteroids". Mrs Zuideveld took 8 Year 11 girls to the "Science Cafe for Girls" in Perth, where they met our Chief Scientist, Professor Lyn Beazley, and interacted with many other prominent West

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Australian scientists. This event served the purpose of encouraging more young women to take up the challenge of a Science career. Mrs Zuideveld also entered her Year 10 students in the Online IQ competition run by STAWA. We were very pleased that one of the teams, consisting of Daniel Chegwidan, Jye Horan, Noel Hinton and Pat Bendall, won the competition! The staff weren't left out, and were treated to morning tea with a celebratory cake and a Science quiz, won by the very knowledgeable Mrs Kathy Hogan!

The Upper School Chemistry classes entered the Australian National Chemistry Quiz in Term 3. The College had 74 entrants of which 5 received High Distinctions, 6 Distinctions, and 11 Credits. Considering there were over 120 000 entries from all over Australasia, their performance was very commendable. Many of these students had also attended various Science and Engineering Summer and Winter School Experiences, and clearly this has enhanced their Science skills.

In September, Samantha Greene from UWA visited our Year 11 Chemistry and Biology students to discuss applications of, and careers involving, Chemistry. This program gives students an opportunity to obtain a scholarship allowing them to work in laboratories and

industry over the Summer break. It is pleasing to note that Chyna Williamson and Bronwyn Ayre were selected to participate in this very worthwhile event. Several Year 9 students applied for and are attending the UWA Science Summer School that also encourages the pursuit of Science through exposing like-minded students to research that occurs in Universities through lectures and interactive workshops in a university setting. Four Year 11 students and Nicola Stevenson from Year 12, were chosen to participate in the Engineering Summer School held at Murdoch University at the beginning of this year. They were all granted a scholarship to the university as a result of their attendance. Brandon Bode from Year 11 was chosen to attend the West Region Australian Student Mineral Venture which occurred during the July holidays. BCC also had two students from Year 11, Johanna Lee and Jaxon Mumme, selected for the prestigious National Youth Science Forum to be held in Canberra in January 2010. Students are always encouraged to pursue these opportunities, which are advertised throughout the school year, and are extremely worthwhile for students' future studies and career opportunities.

In Term 2, approximately 170 students representing all year groups, sat the Rio Tinto Big Science Competition. They were extremely successful with 75 students receiving high distinctions, distinctions or credits. Two students, Year 8 Zosia Dabrowski and Year 9 Stephen Mazza, were in the top 2% of the 37 643 students who completed the competition throughout Australasia.

In November, the Year 9 Course 1 students will participate in the third Science and Engineering Challenge held in a regional area in WA. "The Challenge," as it is better known, aims to present Science and Engineering in an inspirational manner, to excite the imagination of students and provoke their interest in the fields of science and engineering. It is organized by the University of NSW in cooperation with Engineers Australia. The Challenge has also been described as engineering sports for students as different teams need to work together in order to solve problems, design and complete tasks in a fun yet highly competitive environment. This year we were hoping to uphold our position as "Day Champions" in 2008, however we finished a noble third. This is another important opportunity for students to get involved in "real" science.

The new WACE courses have offered us a great challenge involving a lot of work during the year, with some major changes taking place in terms of the number and type of courses offered and the changes to the syllabus. This work will continue next year with the advent of Stage 3 courses and some Stage 2 courses being run in Year 12. This involves a lot of extra time and professional development, and I am grateful for the enthusiasm with which the staff always participate. I would thus like to thank all of the Science staff, including our extremely supportive Science Technicians, on behalf of myself and the students.

Ms Annabel Kanakis
Head of Learning Area - Science





This year in S and E we did a variety of "interesting" topics. We got to experience all three disciplines of the year we were introduced to 'Munchkin' the cat. We went on a variety of adventures with Munchkin and Mr Samuels, such as jumping off a plane, crossing a river and climbing up a tree.

Teleisha Hill Year 10



1990's
1940's
1970's
1950's
1960's
80's

Year 8

In the First Term we learnt about earth and its surroundings: longitude and latitude and mapping for Imagination Island. In the second term we had an excursion over to Saint Mark's Church and Cemetery and did some questions about it. With the information we had we did an assignment. Aisha Murray wanted to get a good grade so she decided to build a Saint Marks Church out of clay.

In the Third Term we did an assignment on the 60s called 'Decades'. We had to interview a relative or a friend that was our age in the 40s, 50s or 60s. It was also very hard because we had to do lots of tasks including in-class paragraphs, the interview and special questions.

During Term Three we also did an assignment on technology where we had to design a piece of technology for 2017. We did lots of associated tasks and we had to do either a T.V, magazine or radio advertisement, or a model of our piece of technology.

During Term Four we have been learning about Vikings and the medieval days. We've also been learning about their culture and how they lived.

written by Gemma Wharton, Aisha Murray and Reilly George - 8W

First term began with us learning about mapping and using an atlas. With these new skills we put together our own map of Imagination Island. We then had to design the shape and size of our new island and make it a place for tourists to visit.

We began Second Term with the history of Saint Mark's Church. We had to put together a poster and collect as much information as possible for our assignment. We went on an excursion to St. Mark's Church and Graveyard and we gathered primary information.

We started Term Three studying the inventions through the decades. We had to choose a decade within the 1900's and describe what it would have been like to live in that time with their traditions and rituals.

To help us with this we were asked to choose someone to interview that lived who grew up in the decade that we chose. Near the end of term we had to pick an invention and change it to what we believed it would be like by the time we were twenty-one.

During Term Four we studied the medieval period. This included Vikings and what life was like for them.

We really enjoyed the Medieval Day at the end of term.

Year 11 Geography

2009 has been a busy and exciting year in Geography! A new course with a unique focus has brought different challenges and rewards.

The first Semester focused on 'Environments at Risk in the South West' of Western Australia. Here we learnt how ecosystems worked, how we humans affect them and why this was so important. A highlight was the excursion to 'Wellington Mills Discovery Centre' in the Wellington National Park. Here we learnt how the trees, soils, animals like the chuditch and humans need each other. It was a great day made possible by the enthusiastic and friendly help of the 'Department of Environment and Conservation' Environmental Officers.

Our second unit was on 'The People and Places of the South West'. This section concentrated on the pluses and minuses of Agriculture, Mining, Tourism and our Cities south and east of Perth. We learnt how we use the environment to make the things we need as well create our own 'environment' as a place to live.

Towards the end of this Unit, we spent a day touring the 'Global Millennium' refinery at Australind as well as the Bunbury region from Burekup to Dalyellup. We learnt why titanium is so important to our use of plastics and paint as well as its economic value to the people in the SW and around the world. The fieldtrip around Bunbury helped to highlight how Bunbury changes, why it will keep moving and where it could go in the future. This was an important chance to use what we learnt in the classroom to understand what happens outside our school life...

Throughout this year, a key theme has been the sustainability of our part of the world. We have had a chance to understand what is happening and why this is vital to us now and into our future...

It is, after all, our Planet...our Future...



Year 10

The Society & Environment learning area was really exceptional this year. The year started off with Geography, in Term 1, where we learned about Landforms, Landscapes, Vegetation and many aspects of Climate and Climate Change. Geography was really interesting and also relevant as it applies to everything that occurs around us in our everyday life. Nine weeks later, we had our first exam, which concluded this unit. In week ten, we all moved into our new classes for the start of the new topic, Economics.

Economics was as relevant and interesting as Geography. Economics was studied over a period of eleven weeks, where we learned about Demand and Supply, the economic status of many countries around the world and we also learned about the earth's resources and the market. Economics was very important at that time as we were able to connect our studies with the global recession happening across the globe. After the exam, we all moved into our Term 3 classes. History was one of the most important topics learned throughout this academic year. We studied about Australia's involvement in World War II as well as the Pacific war and the Vietnam War, in which all of our brave soldiers have fought. At the end of Term 3, we were all given the choice for a topic out of the three to study in Term 4. Some people chose History, where they learned about Great Leaders in the past and others chose Geography or Economics.

S&E was really exceptional this year as we had a different topic and a different teacher each term. It also helped us in terms of what subjects we wanted to choose next year as we had a broad range of topics that we explored. I would like to thank Mr. Samuels, Mr Cummins, Mr. Chipchase, Ms. Stevens and Mr Norrish for their amazing and continuous efforts this year in S&E.

Fouad Haydar - IOM





BCC Guitar Making 2009

2009 saw the end of a two year journey of discovery for a group of Year 11 students and one Year 9 student. This group began the BCC Guitar Making course at the beginning of 2008 and most of them finished their guitars in term 3 2009. Dom D'Alonzo, Tyson King, Ethan Tyrell, Ellen Carter, Brandon Bode, Jack Pilatti and Brendan Smith are now the proud owners of solid body electric guitars they have made themselves. The students had a choice of two body shapes to choose from and they developed their own headstock shapes, a concept that created a number of very interesting ideas. Once again the emphasis was on the use of indigenous timbers only and the main timber used was Australian Ash for the body and the neck, complemented by a Jarrah fingerboard. The hardware was imported from the USA, a combination that provided opportunity for some extremely high quality and well appointed instruments to be created. This group of Guitar Making students are to be complimented on their application and perseverance; two traits that have allowed the emergence of some fine instruments to be created and played. A special mention to Mr Steele for his assistance and knowledge in this guitar making venture.

Mr Rod Slater

Materials Design & Technology

2009 saw the first running of the Materials Design and Technology course in both Year 11 and Year 12. Both classes were well subscribed and the Year 12 group catered for students wanting to study at the Stage 1 level and the Stage 2 level. The quality of the design work and the resultant production were both diverse and of a high quality. The Year 11 students continued with a similar course to that introduced in 2008, with the design process centred on box construction in Semester 1 and frame construction, in the form of a mirror design, in Semester 2. A number of the mirrors

were very individual and displayed some quite abstract design thought. Next year the revised Materials Design and Technology course will be implemented in Year 11 and then in Year 12 in 2011. The Year 12 students began their designing experience with a design brief that required them to design a seating device for an identifiable design problem. Once again the designs that were developed by the students displayed ingenuity and when this flair was coupled with an array of fine indigenous timbers supplied by a number of individual students, the resulting seating designs were outstanding. Three students, Nicholas Godsell, Jarrad Damiani and Sam Payet, all had their creations accepted into the South West Visions exhibition. Semester 2 for the Year 12 students evolved with them being presented with a design problem requiring them to design and create a storage cabinet for a new store in Bunbury. They needed to develop a design that would be attractive to the retailer. Once again there were a number of outstanding offerings constructed in both Pinus radiata and in native timbers.

Mr Rod Slater

Head of Technology and Enterprise

Information Technology Report

2009 has seen many different aspects of Information Technology at our College. Many of our learning areas now have a projector system, allowing various video presentations to be shown as necessary within each of the main learning classrooms. The first computers promised to schools from the Federal Government have been installed in many of our general learning areas, which means that greater student access to computers is now a reality. The computer labs are well and truly part of our daily classroom activities, but now it is much easier for students to log onto a computer from many other classrooms around the school.

Also as part of the Federal Government initiative we have upgraded our computer management system, as well as installed a range of computer furniture to handle the influx of computers. We now have an extensive wireless network system operating at the College. I.T support has been well and truly managed through the efforts of Mr Greg Everitt and Mr Chad Combes. These two have worked tirelessly at keeping our system operating at full capacity.

This photo shows the new server room system operating to meet our system needs.



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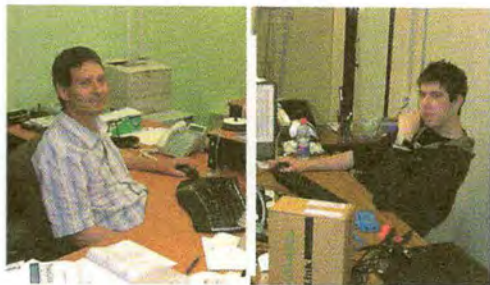
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Greg and Chad at their work tasks



New software offerings this year include the Atomic learning package, providing online tutorials for many of our programmes such as Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, as well as many others. Students can learn at their own pace with this system and achieve very good results through the planned activities. Students will use computers at some stage for almost all their subjects.

These Year 10's are busy in a Society and Enterprise lesson



Year 8 students working on ICT material in the IT computer lab



We look forward to progressing further next year in the I.T. area. I hope all students have a great start to the new year. Now our 2009 Year 12 students have left, I hope each one enjoys the benefits of their studies during their time at the College. They were certainly able to witness the growth of I.T. during their five years of secondary studies.



Mr Peter Hogan
Head of Information Technology

Home Economics



Child Care Studies

Year 10

Students in year 10 have studied Child Development. Students have had to care for the computerized infant babies which again have proven to be very popular. Visits from new mums and their babies have been enjoyed by all students.

Students have produced gift cards suitable for young children.

Year 10 child development students have also produced a language based activity for young children 'Felt Storyboards'.

MaryAnne Ashby
Children Services Teacher



Year 11 & 12

The introduction of the Certificate II Children's Certificate in Year 11 & 12 offers students practical experiences in working with children and opportunities to observe and interact with children of a variety of ages. Students have completed several work placements outside of school in a variety of child care settings.

MaryAnne Ashby
Children Services Teacher

This Certificate II course has been great. It has taught me a lot about the industry of child care.

Jordan Reeves - Year 12

Child Care has taught me a lot about how to interact with children and I have also had experience in centres which helped me to see what children are able to do and how their imaginations work. It also provided me with more information about child care.

Amity Fucile - Year 12

Child Care has been a great and educational experience. I have learnt how to care for children of different age groups and how to set up different activities for the children.

Vanessa Liffers - Year 12

Home Economics

Once again this department has had a very busy and productive year. The upper school Food Production class prepared a delicious three course lunch for staff to enjoy, during Term One. This was packaged and delivered to the staff room, for them all to savour. The many positive comments received afterwards, was indicative of the quality of the food served.

Similarly, this group was also responsible for providing cocktail foods to the presenters of the Careers Expo, in Term 2. Despite the inclement weather, the students worked fantastically as a team, to plate and serve food of an excellent standard. Once again the comments made to the students, reflected how impressed the guests were, with the standard of the foods served.

Throughout the year, the Home Economics department has also been responsible for catering for both the Year Eight Mother's Day Morning Tea and the Father's Day Breakfast.

The foods classes were also responsible for mass producing savoury items for the Year Twelve Graduation supper.

Leading up to the end of their school year, the Year Eleven students have worked hard as a team, to produce two beautiful gift food hampers. These were raffled to raise money for the missions. Some lucky staff members received early Christmas presents.

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South West VET Awards

The South West VET Awards and Presentation Evening was held at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre on 27 October 2009. This event commemorates the huge accomplishments of our students who participate in VET programs and it was again presented by South West VETlink Inc.

Our students were very strong contenders in their nominated industry and award categories with six students making it to the finalist stage.

Student	Industry Award Nominated
Jordan Bennett	Personal Care & Beauty, SAL
Vanessa Liffers	Community Services & Health, Workplace Learning
Jeremy Mason	Metals & Engineering, SAL
Jack Pilatti	Building & Construction, SAL
Jakub Roney	Automotive, SAL
Jessica Cook	Community Services & Health, Career Path, Endeavour

To top off this fantastic acknowledgement of achievement, the honours of winning the Automotive Industry award went to Jakub Roney and Jack Pilatti received the award for the Building & Construction Industry. A very special additional "Notable Achievement Award" was also given to Jessica Cook for being a finalist in all of her three nominated categories.

Jack Pilatti / Jakub Roney / Jessica Cook
Photos by Henderson Photographics



Workplace Learning (WL)

The subject Careers & Enterprise focuses on understanding and preparing our students for the workforce.

For some students, the opportunity to enrol in the Workplace Learning (WPL) units and participate in a real life situation to support and consolidate this theory was extremely important and relevant.

Year 11 Workplace Learning consisted of each Careers and Enterprise student heading out into the workforce for up to 75 hours twice in the year. Whether this was done in the form of one day a week or a block period in the holidays, it proved to be an exciting and well worth while opportunity to pursue.

The places of work varied with each member of the class and saw students go to law firms, radio stations, panel beaters, child care agencies, and engineering departments.

In order for the Workplace Learning program to be successful it was important that we had to manage our school work efficiently and to ensure that we did not miss out on anything important. In some cases, students were able to get placements up in Perth. This meant that they had to organise a train to Perth and transport within the city.

Everyone who went out on placement gained a lot of new skills, abilities and networks that they hadn't had before. Being able to work independently and organise this for yourself is a great feeling.

The people we met and things we learnt exceeded any of the expectations that we had.

Written by Jacob Troy-Johnston & Sarah Penny
(Year 11)



Sarah Penny consolidated her business skills at Young & Young

Jacob completed one of his placements at Spirit Radio



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Year 10 Business Money Management 2009 (Certificate I in Business)



Business Money Management was at times a real challenge, it tested your computer skills and how much you really did know about computers themselves, which for me I found out wasn't a lot. We learnt how to construct bank statements and learnt how to prepare and start our own small business and all the steps to making it successful. It has at times been hard but once you are committed and motivated to learning new things and completing set tasks I have come to the conclusion that this subject has been a very worthwhile and rewarding one.

Amelia Radford

So far this year I have learnt how to use many programs such as Excel, Word, Power point and Publisher. This course has also taught me how to keyboard correctly, how to have correct posture and how a business functions. These abilities that I have learnt will be useful for the future.

Daniel Kearney

Business money management is an educational program in a friendly environment to learn about the structure of a business, assessing many skills that will be needed for future reference in the specific area of Business. Numerous skills learned from this program are essential; for example learning to type in a professional manner, which has enabled me to type quicker. Overall this program has been very beneficial.

Harley-Rose Hart

South West Careers Expo 2009

Career, University and Industry Expos are frequently held in Perth and are fantastic, but because of distance, Bunbury Catholic College took on the task of providing some of the many features offered in an Expo environment to their students and opened up the invitation for all school students and parents in the South West Region. Students and parents were invited to come and discover some of our local larger businesses that offer career opportunities within mining, construction and community infrastructure.

There were plenty of opportunities to discuss higher education aspirations with universities and residential accommodation options. Traineeships, apprenticeships, TAFE and many other training organisations offered alternative career pathways for students. Also available to discuss further options were local government, the Police Force, the Defence Force and so many more. It was a fabulous event that will be bigger and better next year.



South West VETlink promoting opportunities for students



Alcoa were on board with apprentices to answer questions



A hub of excitement in the College Hall of all that was on offer

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Year 10 Workplace Learning (WPL) Year 10 Work Experience

After a very successful Work Experience, Bunbury Catholic College introduced and encouraged some of our Year 10 students to enrol and complete the Workplace Learning (WPL) mode of 2 units for Second Semester of 2009.

Students went to work at businesses on Wednesday every week, completed a logbook, recorded tasks undertaken every day and worked a minimum of 110 hours during the semester. All this information was then transferred into skills based competencies and a credit for completion noted on their Upper School WACE Certificate.

Again, the program has worked well with business, parent, student and school working together to achieve similar outcomes. Students have been able to achieve school requirements, gain a better understanding of the industry and confirm their desire or change their intended career pathway.

Thank you to the many businesses who participated in this program which included industries such as hairdressing, administration, electrical, metals, schools, mechanics, building and construction and more.

Our Year 10 group plugged in their ipods, tuned into "Working Class Man", dressed in something other than their school uniform and set about preparing for an arduous week in the real world of work.

Businesses around Bunbury and some as far as Sharks Bay, accepted our students onto their site and demonstrated some insight into what a career in that industry may involve. Every student came away with a different experience and memory but the opportunity to witness on-the-job situations, experience hands-on jobs, enquire about career pathways available, gain skills and use some fascinating technology and equipment are only some of the benefits that the Work Experience Program offered.

The partnerships between businesses, parents, students and the community assist in this wonderful opportunity and the College extend their thanks to all involved in this annual event.



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Students at Leschenault Catholic Primary School enjoyed having Jillian Harris in their classroom



Amelia Radford getting acquainted with the tools as a mechanic at Shane Williams Auto Repairs



Jayden Zappelli @ CCR Group



Braden McMillan with the Brag Wall of Spencer Signs



Max O'Connell measuring up plate at Elite Stainless Steel



Steven Kelly & Craig Talbot @ Westrac

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School Apprenticeship Link

The SAL program continued as part of Bunbury Catholic College's educational offerings for 2009. The program is a partnership with local government, industry and schools providing opportunities for future apprentices to secure a solid start in that industry. The SAL program is available to all schools in the South West and our students competed for a position by a process of selection including an application, test and interview. This year our successful students were involved in the following trades/industry: hairdressing, building and construction, automotive and metals and engineering.

Following on from the successful model in 2008, this class of Year Eleven students continued their school studies at the College during Monday to Wednesday. On Thursdays, they attended TAFE and completed their theory and practice involved in the Accredited Certificate Course associated with the program and industry. On Fridays they were placed with a business for experiences to expand and consolidate these skills. The SAL program also tried to have students placed in businesses that had real possible apprenticeship opportunities. Again, several of our SAL students had early success and secured apprenticeships prior to the end of the school year. Other students may continue into year twelve studies and will work towards Year 12 graduation.



Jeremy Mason – Metals & Engineering



Dane Crognale, Jakub Roney & Kieran Contarino – Automotive



Career Paths

The Career Paths program enables upper school students an opportunity to obtain training and units of competency towards a certificate course in selected industries.

In partnership with South West Regional College of TAFE, our College offered interested students the following Career Path Program options:

- Certificate IV in Preparation for Entry into Enrolled Nursing
- Certificate IV in Residential Drafting
- Certificate III in Teacher Assistant
- Certificate II in Applied Fashion Design & Technology
- Certificate IV in Survey (Mining & Engineering)

The commitment students make to themselves, their parents and the College to stay up-to-date with subjects at school, attend TAFE one day per week including lectures and completing assessments in their chosen program is a credit to them. The programs vary in duration from 12 to 18 months and a number of students will take up full time studies at TAFE in order to complete certificates and then move into the workforce.

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ACHIEVERS

Congratulations to:

Kate DeAngelis and Shannyn Armstrong from St Brigid's School, Collie were awarded the 2008 Verve Energy Year Seven Awards.

Stephen Mazza was awarded the Bunbury Catholic Diocesan Liturgical Choir Educational Scholarship for 2009.

Breanne Ashby and Angelia Signorini attended the UWA Women in Science and Engineering Day in April.

Jesse D'Agostino, Jayden Depiazzi and Andrew Spaven from our Business Skills group attended the Business Enterprise Showcase which is held at the Catholic Education Office each year. Jayden represented our group during the presentations, confidently explaining how our Business Skills group operates, the products we make and the work involved.

Three of our students travelled to Busselton to compete in the Southwest regional semi-final of the Rostrom Voice of Youth Speaking Competition. **Myriah Powley (Year 10)** and **Jake Elson (Year 10)** competed in the Junior Division and **Bronwyn Ayre (Year 11)** in the Senior Division. Each junior competitor had prepared and presented a 6 minute speech on a topic selected from a set list while the senior competitors prepared and presented an 8 minute speech. All competitors then had 15 minutes to prepare a 3 minute impromptu speech which they then presented. Myriah spoke on the topics 'Take a Chance' and 'Solid Gold'; Jake spoke on 'A Moment in Time' and 'Strength in Numbers' and Bronwyn spoke on 'A Polite Society' and 'Keeping Up'.

Bronwyn Ayre won the senior division and went on to compete in the State final in which she presented a new 8 minute speech. Bronwyn also qualified as a finalist for the state final of the Plain English Speaking Awards held in Perth.

Emma Tournay was selected to attend the Sir Charles Court Young Leaders Program which has a focus on Vision, Leadership and Community. Each year thirty Year 10 students are selected from WA schools to attend an intensive and stimulating four day residential program, at Curtin University of Technology during the July holidays.

Bunbury Catholic College took part in the South West Region Science and Engineering Challenge. The Challenge was run over two days, with several schools from the South West participating. Our school was represented by 32 students who were divided into groups comprising 8 teams of 4. The teams worked very well together, and were excellent representatives for the College. Overall we came third with a very high score, however, just not enough to win on the day.

Zosia Dabrowski (Year 8) and **Stephen Mazza (Year 9)** were both awarded a High Distinction in the Rio Tinto Big Science Competition. This means they were in the top 2% of the 37643 students who completed the test.

Students in the next 13% were awarded Certificates of Distinction and BCC had 13 students in this category; Year 9 students **Cameron Ayre, Luke Bark, Jessica Depiazzi, Damian Hinton, Mikayla Giudici, William Garvey and Liam Reeves** and Year 10 students **Jye Horan, Tristan Depiazzi, Christopher Seymour, James Nicholson, Shaun Wong and Daniel**

Chegwidden.

Australian Mathematics Competition 2009

Congratulations to all students who participated in the 2009 Australian Mathematics Competition earlier this year. Excellent results were achieved with High Distinctions awarded to **Lauren Italiano, Cameron Ayre, Declan D'Agostino and Jack Bartholomew.** The Prudence Award goes to the student who answered the greatest number of consecutive questions correctly and this year went to **Noel Hinton** who answered 14 consecutive questions correctly. Another 26 students received Distinctions and 89 students received Credits. Well done to all participants.

Congratulations to **Elliot Chambers** who was awarded the CWA 'Young Volunteer of the Year Award' for WA. Elliot is very active as a volunteer and is a member of the Australind Youth Advisory Council. He is also involved in voluntary time keeping for the SW Touring Car Club and provides administrative support at the Sunshine Community Centre in Harvey. He delivers Meals on Wheels with his grandparents and DJ's for community gatherings.

Brandon Bode from Year 11 attended the **West Region Australian Student Mineral Venture (ASMV).** Brandon attended many sessions and workshops involving aspects of the mining industry including geology, extractive metallurgy, geophysics, surveying and engineering. The ASMV is a prestigious venture that is sponsored by many of the major stakeholders in the mining industry. Attendance will ensure work experience placements should the students pursue a career in mining or earth sciences.

Nicola Stevenson attended The WA Science & Engineering Summer School having been nominated and successfully chosen from a large number of students from across the state. The School is the premier, residential science summer school in WA. Held in January, the School is for students about to start Years 11 and 12.

Several students from Year 10 participated in the Regional Youth Parliament allowing them to experience the parliamentary process and to put forward issues which are of concern for our youth. **Chris Seymour** from Year 10 was selected as the Premier for this session and had the opportunity to meet and chat with the Premier, Colin Barnett.

Chris Lovitt (Year 11) received the Harvey Shire and Rotary Scholarship to attend a 6 day sail trip on the Leeuwin Sailing Ship.

Four teams of Year 10 Science students participated in a challenging and enjoyable online science quiz. The team consisting of **Daniel Chegwidden, Jye Horan, Noel Hinton and Patrick Bendall** were the winners of this competition. A wonderful achievement!

The Year 11 Stage 2 Chemistry students performed wonderfully in the Australian National Chemistry Quiz with five certificates of High Distinction awarded to **Brandon Bode, Katherine Brandis, Regan Crabbe, Jarrad Gardiner and Johanna Lee.** In addition **Bronwyn Ayre, Meghan Castelli, Samantha Harper and Elizabeth Plajzer** achieved certificates of Distinction. Credits were awarded to **Darian Creasey, Courtney Farr, Phoebe Gadd, Cowan Jenkins, Thomas Poga-**

Achievers

Sporting Glory

Presentation Night Awards



Smith, Sophie Smith and Emma Vincent.

Johanna Lee was selected to represent Western Australia at Youth ANZAAS 2009.

Youth ANZAAS is a residential five day national conference for 50 science students in Years 10, 11 and 12 from Australian and New Zealand schools and was held in Melbourne in July.

At the Awards of Excellence in Catholic Aboriginal Education in Western Australia, **Penny Parker** received the award for Outstanding Student for 2009. Penny has provided a wonderful role model for other students and has been very active in the community as a representative on the Youth Advisory Council for Australind.

The Arts Achievers

Clare Martella (Year 12) won the Best Upper School Digital Photography Award and Best Overall Upper School Award at the Iluka Visions Exhibition.

Chevron Australia conducts a state-wide environmental photographic competition, the Focus Environment Awards, each year. Congratulations to the following students on achieving success in this competition. In addition to receiving the award and a cash prize, the students have also won a total of \$2 500 for the College. This money will be used to purchase equipment for the Media department.

People and Environment category:

1st Place - **Monique Italiano**

Highly Commended - **Eve O'Mahony**

Plant and Animal Habitat category:

2nd Place - **Joanne Castelli**

Nature's Moods category:

Highly Commended - **Lauren Bertelli**

WA PERFORMING ARTS EISTEDDFOD

Congratulations to all students who participated in the WA Performing Arts the Award Winners. The main Award winner were:

Bunbury Catholic College

Best Open Adult Choir - Joint Winner

Best Secondary School Choir

Best Any Age Gospel Choir

Best Any age Sacred/Religious Choir

Bunbury Catholic College Celtic Band

Most Outstanding Performance By A Band

Elliot Frost

WAPAE & City of Bunbury Jazz Now Camp

Encouragement Award

Courtney Gledhill

Senior Dance Aggregate

Bunbury Upstage Dance &

Fabric Scholarship - Runner Up

Shanelle Schramm

Yamaha/Vibrations Music

Contemporary Keyboard Contest

Brodie Stewart

WAPAE Barry Lewis Award for

Best Piano Composition

WAPAE Jazz/Country/Blues

Best Performance By A Soloist

SW Music Guild Most Musical Ability & Potential

Reilly Stewart

Vibrations Music Intermediate Percussion Aggregate

The Stratz

WAPAE & Vibrations Music

Best Performance on Band Challenge Night

The Catholic Performing Arts Festival was a wonderful showcase of the enormous talent of students from Catholic schools in the South West. For the fourth time since 1996 our College has been awarded the Zenith Award for Country Schools and Colleges. This honour acknowledges our students who performed in the Festival and the magnificent contribution of our staff and students during the three days of the Festival held in Bunbury. The following students received an Honourable Mention (the highest acclaim possible) for their performances:

Louise Macnish & Shanice Palfrey - Piano Duet (Secondary)

Anthony Galati & Stephen Mazza - Piano Duet (Secondary)

Reilly Stewart & Brodie Stewart - Instrumental Duet (Secondary Percussion)

Gillian Yates - Secondary Vocal Solo

Marcus Gadd - Secondary Vocal Solo

Louise Macnish - Secondary Vocal Solo

Emily Sharp - Secondary Vocal Solo

Brodie Stewart - Secondary Piano Solo

Year 11 Dance - Secondary Dance

Year 12 Dance - Secondary Dance

BCC Celtic Band - Entertainment Band

Bunbury Catholic College Percussion Ensemble - Instrumental Ensemble (Percussion)

The Gala Concert was also a great success opening with a lively performance from our College Percussion Ensemble and closing with our much acclaimed Celtic Band, Spootiskerry. Our congratulations to these performers, the Yr 11 Dance group, **Brodie Stewart and Louise Macnish** for their entertaining contribution to the concert.

Musical Theatre stars! Bunbury Catholic College students are taking the musical theatre scene in Bunbury by storm. **Chelsea Burns (Year 11)** starred in her first lead role in the musical, 'Blackbeard' which was put on by the Bunbury Musical Comedy Group and BREC. **Kaitlin Burns (Year 12)** was in the ensemble. **Tayla Doyle** starred as the lead in 'Alice' with great support from **Shanice Palfrey, Louise McNish, Steven Mazza, Anthony Galati, Eilish Cole, Penny O'Neill, Jacinta Brindley and Hannah Gwilt (Yr 9)**. Parents Pam McNish and Marie Palfrey also did a fantastic job on the superb costumes,

"The Little Shop of Horrors" also featured many BCC faces and voices! Notably, **Brodie Stewart** made his debut as Musical Director (a mighty task at 15!). He was joined by **Kaitlyn Burns** in the female lead role and **Chelsea Burns and Shanice Palfrey** in support roles. The music, ably led by Brodie, was all BCC with **Reilly Stewart** on drums, **Daniel Temple** on Bass Guitar, **Mr Rory McKenzie** on Bass Guitar and **Mr Josh Newton-Webb** on guitar.

Each year our Art students in Year 9 have the opportunity to design the College birthday card for the coming year. Congratulations to all students on the high standard of production and especially Karl Schramm whose design has been selected for 2010.

The top TER student and **Kelderman Award Winner**, for 2009 is **Katherine Navarro** with a top score of 98.5. Congratulations Katherine!





Australian Maths Competition YEAR 8

CREDIT

Bronte Adams
Kevin Baker
Kahlia Byass
Isaac Chegwiddden
Benjamin Cook
Samuel Cook
Zosia Dabrowski
Jarred Giles
Daniel Godson
Baillie Goldsmith
Morgan Harrison
Jacob Horan
Daniel Jessop
Louise Keeffe
Aish Khanna
Dale Mason
Benjamin Musitano
Brianna Nilon
Benjamin Parker
Danica Pergoliti
Jason Perrella
Rachel Pronk
Jarred Rando
Kim Simioni
Ella Snow
Jessica Tan
Caitlyn Taylor
Alex Zolnier

DISTINCTION

Peter Boom
Niamh Carthew
Thomas Della
Carlton Gardiner

HIGH DISTINCTION

Lauren Italiano

YEAR 9

CREDIT

Alexis Aboagye
Luke Bark
Anna Barningham
Ella Bevan
Emma Culph
Xyrus Dangazo
Liam Davis
Jessica Depiazzi

Lachlan Doyle
Aprille Edoloverio
William Garvey
Mikayla Giudici
Aasha Haines
Matthew Hannagan
Thomas Harling
Luen Harris
Aleisha Hawley
Ashley Henriksen
Megan Heslop
Damian Hinton
Samantha Hogan
Louise Mayhew
Samantha McLean
Demi Mooney
James Pitts
Liam Reeves
Katharine Rossiter
Jessica Ruland
Reilly Stewart
Nicholas Trinder
Kelsey Valli

DISTINCTION

Jaraisa Allen
Jasmin Angel
Braigon Buck
Ashley Gemmoni
Veronica Lette
Matthew Parisella
Luke Parker
Michael Phillips
Dean Quaife
Brendan Waters

HIGH DISTINCTION

Cameron Ayre

YEAR 10

CREDIT

James Beard
Aimee Befumo
Sophie Cook
Samantha Cotterell
Emma Dalton
Thomas Jackson
Ellise Laventure
James Lette
Joshua McMillan
Nicola Panorios
Myriah Powley

Ryan Rowlandson
Sophie Starr
Katelin Taylor
Emma Tournay
Shaun Wong

DISTINCTION

Tristan Depiazzi
Noel Hinton
Jye Horan
Benjamin Szabadics
James Nicholson
Tim Peskett
Daniel Chegwiddden
Brayden King

HIGH DISTINCTION

Declan D'Agostino
Jack Bartholomew

PRUDENCE AWARD

Noel Hinton

YEAR 11

CREDIT

Bronwyn Ayre
Courtnee Farr
Jasmine Fimmano
Jarrad Gardiner
Jaxon Mumme
Marco Satti
Ryan Tolentino
Shannon Verhagen
Holly Wilson

DISTINCTION

Jessica Akl
Regan Crabbe
Johanna Lee

YEAR 12

CREDIT

Andrew Brandis
Jarrad Damiani
James Doyle
Alexander Dubrawski
Alesha Heath

DISTINCTION

Min Luo

Achievers

Sporting Glory

Presentation Night
Awards

Congratulations to:

Devlin (Year 10) and **Ethan Zoetelief (Year 8)** competed for the Dalyellup Beach Surf Lifesaving Club at the Country Championships at Trigg Island Beach. Devlin won two silvers, one for the beach sprint and one for the beach flags and Ethan won silver for the beach flags.

Brianna Fogliani (Year 8), Annaliese Gann (Year 8), Kevin Baker (Year 8), Amber Tognela (Year 8), Blake Smaniotto (Year 8), Alex Maher (Year 9), Stephanie Gann (Year 10) and Alysia Fogliani (Year 11) who competed for the City of Bunbury Surf Life Saving Club at these same Championships. Bunbury Surf Life Saving Club was overall winner at this competition, winning by 200 points.

Toni (Year 9) and Lauren Lander (Year 11) represented Western Australia in the 2009 National Schools Triathlon Championships held in Devonport, Tasmania.

Lauren writes:

Toni and I went over to compete in Devonport, Tasmania in the National School Sports Triathlon Championships. The individual race was held on Sunday 22 March and the team's race was held on the following day. All the junior competitors competed in a 400m swim, a 12km cycle and a 3km run. The intermediates had a 600m swim, 16km cycle and a 4km run and the senior athletes had a 750m swim, 20km cycle and a 5km run. The conditions were very wet and windy - during the swim we were not only contending with one another, but we were also fighting against large swells. The bike leg was probably the toughest leg because not only did we have to watch the wet roads, but we spent half the course riding into a strong head wind. By the time we hit the run the rain had stopped and the temperature had risen enough to help our feet defrost from the water temperature. Overall Toni came 21st in the junior category and I came in 24th in the intermediates. I found that competing alongside athletes my own age helped me with my motivation. Ironically enough, on the day of the team races the conditions were absolutely perfect. Both Toni and I were doing the run legs in our respective all age teams. My team came in fifth place and Toni's came in thirteenth. Over the two days Western Australia finished in fourth place, which was an improvement from the previous year. The atmosphere was incredible over these two days and it was an unforgettable experience for us both.

Toni, Kelsey Valli and Lauren were the First, Second and Third placed women in the Surf to Surf Fun Run in Bunbury.

Benjamin Jerez (Year 9) was a finalist for the West Australian Youth Award which recognises community involvement and sporting excellence. Ben has achieved National level in Tae Kwon Do and travelled to the 2009 International Tae Kwan Do Championships held in Korea and Malaysia in July. Ben is also a member of the Youth Advisory Council in Dalyellup.

Ryan Rowlandson and Jeremy Mason both returned

from the National Inline Speed Skating competition in Brisbane, victorious. Ryan took home four bronze medals on the road whilst Jeremy found the indoor track more to his liking, winning 1 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze medals. As a result of his performance Jeremy was selected for the Oceania competition in Brisbane and World Competition in China during 2009.

Alex Maher (Year 9) and Amber Tognela (Year 8) competed in the State Junior Surf Club Championships held at Secret Harbour. Alex placed 5th in the individual sprint race, 5th in the flags event and collected a gold medal in the team sprint relay. Amber collected a silver medal in the individual sprint race and silver in the all ages sprint relay as well as a gold medal in the under 13 sprint relay.

Daniel Temple is the current West Australian Electric Off Road Remote Car Racing Champion. He races cars, two wheel and four wheel drive buggies and a truck. He took part in the National titles held in Canberra and was placed sixth.

Samuel Galati competed in the Country Zone Tennis Tournament in Geraldton. Samuel made the State Country boys team by making the semi finals in the main draw. Samuel will now travel to Sydney in January to compete against other states.

Marshall Roberts and Kyle Tosana travelled to Adelaide during the October school holidays to represent Western Australia in the National Under 15 Hockey Carnival held at Gepps Cross.

Chloe Delpert (8C) recently competed in the State Taekwondo Championships held in Perth. Chloe, who is currently a provisional blackbelt, won Gold for Sparring, Gold for Creative Pattern and Bronze for Traditional Pattern. Because of these achievements Chloe has been selected as a member of the WA State Team and participated in the 2009 Australian National Taekwondo Championships.

KOKODA 2009

Along with 21 other young trekkers I was selected by Clubs WA to attend the Kokoda Youth Leadership Challenge during the October school holidays. I was given the opportunity to walk the 133km Kokoda Track over ten days, following in the footsteps of our heroes who fought during the Second World War. I had the chance to stand at Isurava Memorial and the spot where Bruce Kingsbury was awarded the first Victoria Cross on Australian soil where we took part in a moving dawn service.

The days started early and were always hot, sticky and humid, and we greeted rain everyday at four in the afternoon. The track covered difficult terrain through the jungle with multiple river crossings. Photographs don't really do the steep terrain justice or show how physically demanding it was.

A most moving experience was meeting Ovoru Idiki. At 103 years of age he is one of the last surviving Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels, who directly helped carry injured





Australians and supplies during the campaign. It was an awe inspiring moment to see him with the Australian flag draped across his knees and proudly displaying numerous medals given to him by fellow trekkers. Our carriers were the most amazing people. They were honoured when you called them a Modern Angel. They kept us safe, taught us their native language, sang songs, and shared stories of their families and villages. They became our Papua New Guinean family.

There was an amazing transformation on our final night in Papua New Guinea. On request of our carriers we sang our National Anthem once more. From the feeble singing at Isurava Memorial our voices were transformed into a loud unified song and you could tell the track had touched us all.

Sophie Smith, Year 11

TAEKWONDO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

On the second of October I competed at the 2009 Taekwondo National Championships held in Brisbane. I flew over with my family and other members of my club who had made the State Team. To qualify for the State team we had to score a first, second or third placing at the State Championships held in Kwinana in August. The Poomsae competition was held over two days; the black belts on the Thursday and the coloured belts on the Friday. On the first day the black belt competition was held and several members of clubs I train at (Boyanup Taekwondo Club and the South West Taekwondo Academy in Bunbury) placed within the medal scoring range. Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded with divisions ranging from one to as many as twenty or more competitors. On Friday (being a red belt) I competed in a division of fourteen competitors and won a silver medal. Training for Nationals is serious - anything from three to five times a week - and you have to be able to stay on top of your schoolwork, but the rewards you get at the end make it worth it. I have had a lot of support from my parents and coaches - they have all been wonderful. My thanks also to the school for help with sponsorship and funding which went towards the expenses of travelling interstate to the national competition.

Alex Ayton, Year 9

Congratulations also to **Marshall Roberts (10M)** and **Kyle Tosana (10M)** who have been selected in the WA State Under 15 Hockey Team to play in the National Competition in Adelaide from 1 - 10 October 2009. The boys have been trialling in Perth following their selections from a Regional Hockey Competition during the last holidays.

Madeleine Tyrrell was awarded the Rhonda Bozzelli South West Goalkeeper of the Year Award at the South West Hockey Association Awards. This is the second year in a row that she has won this award and her 5th Rhonda Bozzelli Medal.

Kelsey Valli competed in the All Schools Cross Country Event and was placed 10th out of 160 competitors.

Siobhan Darlow was selected by Equestrian Western Australia to compete for the State in the Interschool National Equestrian Competition which was held in Weribbee, Victoria.

Congratulations to **Joshua Dunn** who was selected by The Swan Districts Football Club to attend the Under 15s WAFL Development Football Carnival in Perth. Swan Districts will play against the other WAFL teams over the two weeks. Josh is one of eight boys selected from the Bunbury area.

Megan Kenny and **Gracie-Mae Smith** were selected for the Associated and Catholic Colleges Girls (ACC) Representative Hockey Team. This team will be competing in an international competition to be held in Beijing in April 2010.

Lyndon Goldsmith (9D) was selected to represent WA in the 2009 State Schools Swimming Team which competed in Perth.

Chloe Delpont (8C) and **Ben Jerez (9D)** competed in the Taekwondo Championships held in Malaysia during July. Chloe progressed to the Finals in the Patterns Sector, competing against over 30 competitors in this division. Ben competed against 36 in the Under 18 division in the lightweight category and placed equal fourth. Here is his account:

TAEKWONDO INTERNATIONALS

On the 19th of July I flew over to Kuala Lumpur to compete in the International Clubs Taekwondo Institution competition. I was set to fight in the Under 8 Division in the lightweight category. Although the heat and the lifestyle was very different I enjoyed it.

The day of the competition came and little did I know that I would have to fight in the biggest division of 1500 competitors. The 36 in my division were set for a long day with five fights to win gold. In my first fight I was 13 and my opponent 16 but I won 12-0. My second fight was not long after and that was against a more experienced 15 year old Malaysian fighter. With a reassuring head kick in the third round I won the fight 4-1.

Now, fighting for the Bronze medal in the quarter finals stood the 16 year old Thai fighter on the other side of the ring. He was more experienced and talented and beat me 13-5. He then went on to win Gold. With an equal fourth, I was very happy with how I had fought. I had a great time and learnt so much about the Malaysian culture. It opened my eyes to the world and the competition around me. **Ben Jerez**

Lyndon Goldsmith was awarded a swimming scholarship at the "Smarter than Smoking" Scholarship Awards.

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ACHIEVERS

Subject Awards

YEAR 8

Tyla Bennett
Niamh Carthew
Benjamin Cook
Zosia Dabrowski

Ashton Hardstaff
Lauren Italiano

Matthew McEwen
Benjamin Mustano
Benjamin Parker
Jessica Tan
Caitlyn Taylor

Physical Education
Mathematics
Mathematics
Society & Environment
English
Society & Environment
Mathematics
English
Science
Physical Education
Mathematics
Science
Science
Society & Environment

YEAR 9

Cameron Ayre

Anna Barningham
Stephanie Cheng
Daniel Costello
Tyla Doyle
Mikayla Giudici
Aleisha Hawley
Ben Larking
Stephen Mazza

Brae Price
Tarryn Saul
Sean Smith
Thomas Wheeler

Mathematics
Science
Society & Environment
Dance
Digital Graphics
Wood Design & Technology
Drama
Art
Physical Education
Aero Modelling
English
Music
Metal Design & Technology
Home Economics
Building & Construction
Outdoor Education
Physical Education

YEAR 10

Breanne Ashby
James Beard
Shenae Bearman
Kiara Damiani
Reece Depiazzi
Evie Lovett
James Nicholson

Business Management
Building and Construction
Physical Education
Dance
Outdoor Education
Home Economics
English
Science
Society & Environment
Physical Education Extension
Mathematics
Drama
Physical Education
Metal Design & Technology
Music 1A/1B
Art
Digital Graphics
Wood Design & Technology

Callum Penman-Smythe

Timothy Peskett
Olivia Plaskett
Marshall Roberts
Andrew Scott
Brodie Stewart
Katelyn Taylor
Emma Tournaz
Joshua Walker

Physical Education Extension
Mathematics
Drama
Physical Education
Metal Design & Technology
Music 1A/1B
Art
Digital Graphics
Wood Design & Technology

YEAR 11

Jessica Akl

Bronwyn Ayre

Nathan Barber
Phoebe Berndt
Katherine Brandis
Ashlin Brindley
Chelsea Busher
Meghan Castelli

Regan Crabbe
Siobhan Darlow
Katherine Dillely
Jordan Dwyer
Alysa Fogliani

Jordan Ghasse
Alexandra Hickey
Stefanie Italiano
Lucinda Kitney
Johanna Lee
Harley Loffler
Christopher Lovitt

Eve O'Mahony
Sarah Penny
Katharine Reilly
Jakub Roney

Janica Sell
Hannah Wheeler
Chyna Williamson

Chemistry 2A/2B
Mathematics 3A/3B
Mathematics 3A/3B Specialist
History 2A/2B
Religion & Life 1A/1B
Building and Construction 1A/1B
English 2A/2B
Geography 1A/1B
Drama 2A/2B
Mathematics 2C/2D
Biology 2A/2B
English Literature 2A/2B
Economics 2A/2B
Work Place Learning 1A/1B
Accounting 2A/2B
Technical Graphics 1A/1B
Human Biology 2A/2B
Music 1A/1B
Material Design Technology Wood 1A/1B
Dance 1A/1B
English 1C/1D
Earth Environmental Science 1A/1B
Chemistry 1A/1B
Physics 2A/2B
Mathematics 2A/2B
Mathematics 1D/1E
PE Studies 1A/1B
Media Production 1C/1D
Applied Information Technology 1A/1B
Food Science & Technology PA/B
Careers and Enterprise 1C
English 1A/1B
Human Biology 1A/1B
PE Studies 2A/2B
Art 1A/1B

YEAR 12

Shaun Arrowsmith
Mark Blades
Joanne Castelli
Emma-Rose Castro
Tristan Ceccato
Anthony Cortellazzi
Jarrad Damiani
Lauren Dixon
Bree-Anna Dorant
Joshua Dubrawski
Kirsten Edwards
Ju-dith Gildenhuys
Morgan Harris
Alesha Heath

Ellie Hunter
Matthew Jauncey

Todd Lauren

Vanessa Liffers
Clare Martella
Rohan Martin

Carly Maughan

Callum McPherson

Katherine Navarro

Courtney Newman

Samuel Payet
Oliver Richards
Gregory Spaven
Candy Taylor
Claire Tempra
Kelsey Vickridge
Stephanie Vwaycott
Morgan Young

Material Design Technology Wood 1C/1D
History
Careers and Enterprise 2A/2B
Art & Design
Economics
English 3A/2B
Building & Construction
Media Production 2A/2B
Art
Physics
Physical Education Studies 2A/2B
Human Biology
Vocational Education and Training
Applicable Mathematics
Physical Science
English 2C/2D
Careers and Enterprise 2A
English 1C/1D
Senior Science
Work Place Learning 1A/1B
Technical Graphics
Certificate II in Children Services
Applied Information Technology 2A/2B
Music in Society
Physical Education Studies 1C/1D
Beliefs & Values
Calculus
English Literature
Accounting
Discrete Mathematics
Chemistry
English 3A/3B
Food Production
Material Design Technology Wood 2A/2B
Applied Information Technology 3A/3B
Mathematics 1D/1E
Geography
Physical Education Studies 2A/2B
Dance 2A/2B
Biology
Drama 3A/3B

Mission Award - 12M This award is presented to the Home Room which has shown the greatest enthusiasm for the missions in an effort to make a difference to those in need.

Caltex Best All Rounder - Kaitlyn Burns The recipient of this award has demonstrated a commitment to excellence in the academic, sporting, cultural and leadership aspects of Bunbury Catholic College.

Positive Image Award - Courtney Newman This award recognises the student who through their willingness and generosity to participate in all school activities is seen as an excellent role model.

Tom Hall Vocational Education & Training Award - Morgan Harris This award recognises the student who has excelled in learning opportunities available outside the College Campus.

Citizenship Award - Gerrard Mazza For service to the College Community.

Leadership Award - Nicola Stevenson & Tristan Ceccato This award acknowledges the Leadership skills demonstrated by students in the College and their involvement in the Student Representative Council.

ECU Academic & Citizenship Awards - Ashlin Brindley & Callum McPherson The recipients of these awards have demonstrated commitment to ECU's core values of Integrity, Respect, Rational Inquiry and Personal Excellence.

Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award - Breanne Ashby & Stefanie Italiano & Todd Lauren This award acknowledges the achievements of young people who have demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership and teamwork either within the College or the wider community.

Sr Martha Bursary - Stephanie Nicolao In memory of Sr Mary Martha, a Sister of Mercy who was a founding staff member of our College. This bursary is awarded to the Year Ten student who strives to give of his/her best in every aspect of the College Life.

Bunbury Marist Old Boys' Assoc Bursary - Eve O'Mahony This bursary is awarded to a Year Eleven Student who has consistently demonstrated a conscientious effort in the pursuit of academic excellence.

Excellence Awards - Carly Maughan & Katherine Navarro The recipients of this award have achieved at least ten 'A' Grades over the two years in Years Eleven and Twelve.

Proxime Accessit - Carly Maughan The recipient of this award has achieved the second highest final academic results in Year Twelve.

DUX Award - Katherine Navarro The recipient of this award has achieved the highest final academic results in Year Twelve.

Marcellin Champagnat Principal's Medal - Tristan Ceccato & Nicola Stevenson

Catherine McAuley Principal's Medal - Joshua Barton & Jesse Parmar The recipients of these awards have demonstrated application towards academic progress, together with integrity, courage and commitment to the witness of Catholic values both within the school and wider community.

Christian Living Awards

YEAR 8

Liam Ashby
Dayna Fimmano
Hannah Italiano
Mitchell Kemp
Sarah Talbot

Isaac Chegwidien
Daniel Godson
Claire Jendrzek
Gioia Parkes
Ethan Zoetelief

Jennifer Dinh
Georgia Holman
Daniel Jessop
Caitlin Quill

YEAR 9

Alexandra Ayton
Aasha Haines
Damon Jones
Stephen Mazza
Karl Schramm
Theodore Wilde

Agrille Edoloverio
Stephanie Hart
Rose Kerr
Liam Nabben
Angus Spence

Jarrod Emmott
Samantha Hogan
Louise Macriash
Luke Parker
Leah Vincent

YEAR 10

Robyn Anderson
Stephanie Gann
Luke Ieraci
Joshua Noonan
Amelia Parisella
Kiera Rodgers

Daniel Chegwidien
Fouad Haydar
George Leyendekkers
Caris Panizza
Callum Penman-Smythe
Sophie Starr

Anthony Galati
Noel Hinton
Kura Nilon
Marshall Roberts

YEAR 11

Kyle Davis
Samantha Harper
Cowan Jenkins
Brett Lofthouse
Katharine Reilly
Ryan Tolentino

Kyle Davis
Samantha Harper
Cowan Jenkins
Christopher Lovitt
Shan Richardson
Gillian Yates

Bronwyn Doyle
Kira Hough
Harley Loffler
David Mazza
Jakub Roney

YEAR 12

Joshua Barton
Tristan Ceccato
Brianna Hynes
Gerard Mazza
Jesse Parmar
Nicola Stevenson

Katie Brennan
Marcus Gadd
Matthew Jauncey
Jesse McDonald
Stephanie Plint

Michael Busby
Elizabeth Gwilt
Eli-Elizabeth Mayhew
Courtney Newman
Hannah Sharpe

Sporting Awards

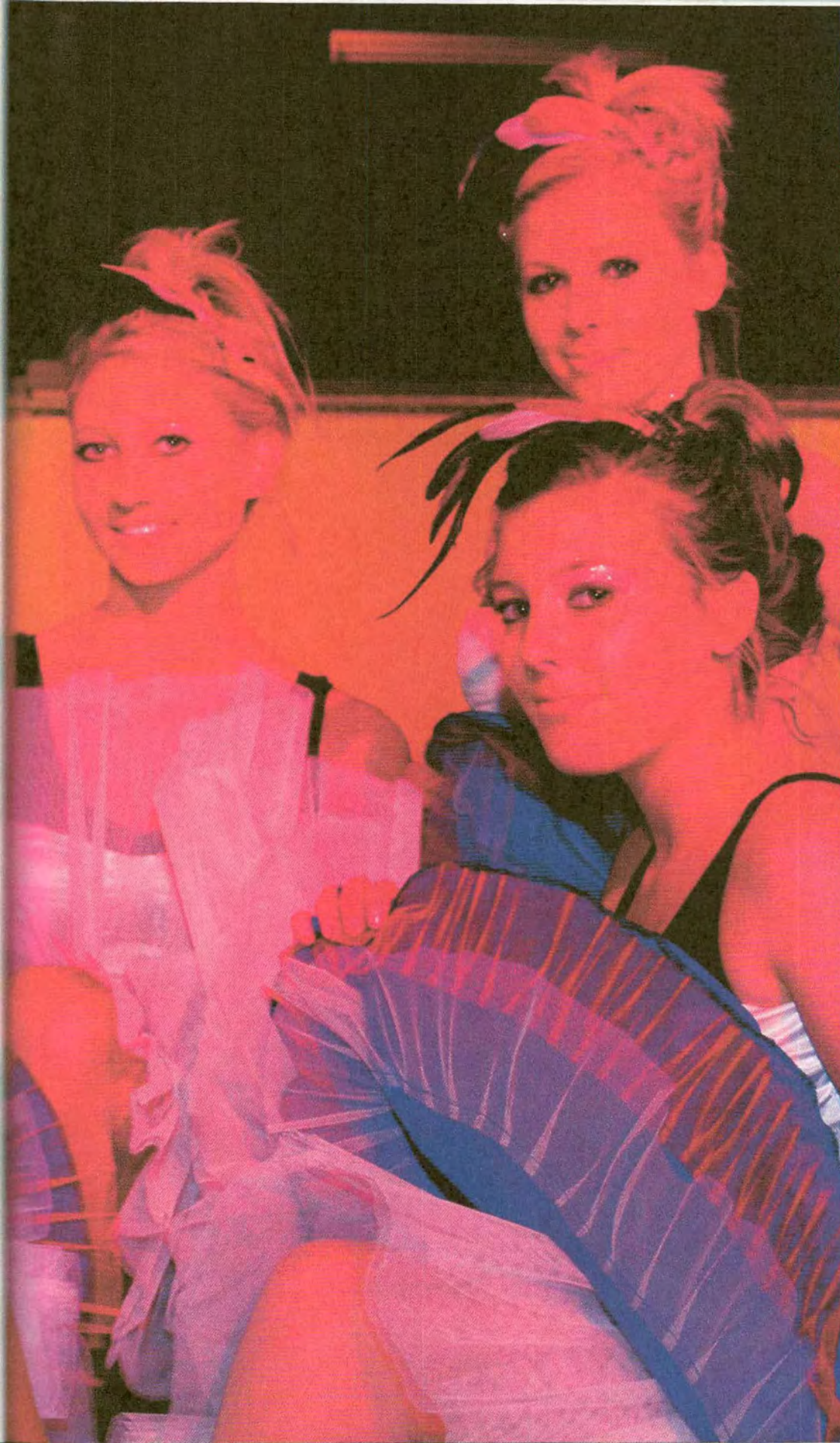
Junior Sportsman
Junior Sportsman
Senior Sportsman
Senior Sportsman

Toni Lander
Thomas Wheeler
Lauren Lander
Nicholas Godsell

Achievers

Sporting Glory

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EVENTS

Book Week/NAIDOC Week/ Reconciliation Week



NAIDOCWeek

Bunbury Catholic College celebrated with a number of interesting activities, including a special NAIDOC assembly.



BOOK WEEK 2009 –BOOK SAFARI

This year's Book Week theme of Book Safari presented a challenge. Where would the Library staff find a life size African lion or leopard for display? Having exhausted a few possibilities, it was decided that we would have an "Aussie Outback" Book Safari instead, featuring our very own Aussie landscape, flora, fauna, and outback heroes.

A giant reproduction of Uluru was created on the window by our resident library artists and all manner of outback regalia appeared, including the Aussie ute and campsite scene. The star exhibit was of course, Bluey the ute dog. Staff and students keenly vied for the prizes to identify Australian animal paw prints and list the Aussie icons on display. Our intrepid Year 8's undertook a challenge during Term 3 to complete reading a challenge during Term 3 to complete reading treks along the Birdsville Track, Canning Stock Route and Top End Explorer. Our final Book Week highlight was the visit and book talks by West Australian author Norm Jorgensen, whose very first published book wasAshe of the Outback!.



National Reconciliation Week

We celebrated National Reconciliation week with our opening liturgy at the College assembly. Fourteen students also represented the College at the National Sorry Day Liturgy and Gathering which was held in Perth on 26 May. The message portrayed during these events was that reconciliation is NOT an event, a walk, or a once a year occasion. Rather it is about relationships, listening and sharing.

- Book Week
- Naidoc Week
- Reconciliation Week
- Shae for a Cure
- Student Sport
- Medieval Day
- Mother's Day
- Father's Day
- Launch of ExStudents Association
- Art Exhibition

Shave for a Cure/ Staff vs Student Sport

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Students Vs Staff Sport

Student Versus Teachers Soccer

SUPER NORTHY GRABS A HAT TRICK – STUDENTS ARE ATROCIOUS

For the first time since the basketball match, the students lost to the teachers. Losing 4-2 in five-a-side soccer. Mr Northover was the Star for the teachers bagging 3 in the first half with Mr McGuire taking the second goal. The students should have pulled one back when Mr Stace gave away a penalty earning himself a booking. However, Aaron Offer, despite protests from his team, shot the ball right into the goalkeeper's hands. It wasn't long before the game got intense with Mr Dunn and Louis Asser being booked for a tussle and Mr Famlonga being sent off for footy tackling Callum Richardson. At the half, it was 4-0 to the teachers.

In the second half, the students picked up where they had played on the weekend, nearly making it 4-1, if only Callum Richardson hadn't lost the ball to Mr Stace and retaliated by sending him to the ground and earning himself a booking. The students 'finally' scored with Callum Richardson firmly placing the ball past Mr Norrish and spurring on a renaissance. It wasn't long before the teachers' frustration got to them, with Mr Harries being sent off for a dubious tackle. It wouldn't be long before the students scored a second goal, again at the hands of Callum Richardson. If the drama didn't seem to have ended, the twist of fate would prove to be inevitable with Andrew Stace sending his Dad to the ground, seeing red the next second! The match slowed down and at the full time bell, the score was 4-2 in favor of the teachers.

By Jake Elsen (Year 10)

Students Versus Teachers Netball

The students just toyed with the staff. The staff only scored in the 2nd quarter. Final score - Students: 17 Staff: 5

The staff's excuse – "we had the talent but we don't train so we are not as polished". (Mr Northover and Mr McGuire claimed that if they were there, it would have made a difference??). Seriously, congratulations students! It was an impressive display (Jonsey couldn't even stop you goal scoring).



THE WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

The Leukaemia Foundation World's Greatest Shave is one of Australia's biggest fundraising events. Each year thousands of people across the country show their support by shaving or colouring their hair. The funds raised go to the Leukaemia Foundation to help continue providing practical care and support to patients and families living with leukaemias, lymphomas, myeloma and related blood disorders. It also funds research into better treatments and hopefully cures. On Monday 16 March, the Bunbury Catholic College community showed its support by holding its own shave-off in the College Gymnasium. Students and Staff combined to raise over \$600 to see Mr McGuire, Mr Famlonga, Mr O'Dea, Mr Avard and Mr Northover lose their hair for Leukaemia. A very big thank you to all students and staff for their generosity in donating money towards the shave. It was very heart warming to witness just how generous and compassionate our College community can be. Thank you also to Mrs Myrna Carbone and Helena from South West TAFE for giving up their time to come in and remove the men's hair.

Mr Paul Northover



EVENTS

Year 8 Mothers Day Mass

It was wonderful to see so many excited and proud Mothers and Grandmothers and other significant women who play a part in the lives of our Year Eight Students, attend our Mothers' Day Mass and morning tea during May. The students exchanged cards with their mums and then staff, students and mothers enjoyed morning tea in the warm sunshine.

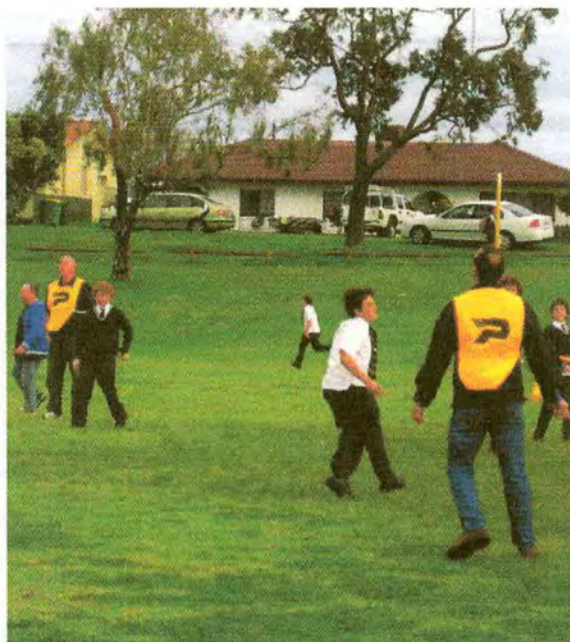


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Fathers Day

Year 8 Fathers Day Breakfast

We celebrate and thank God for our fathers.



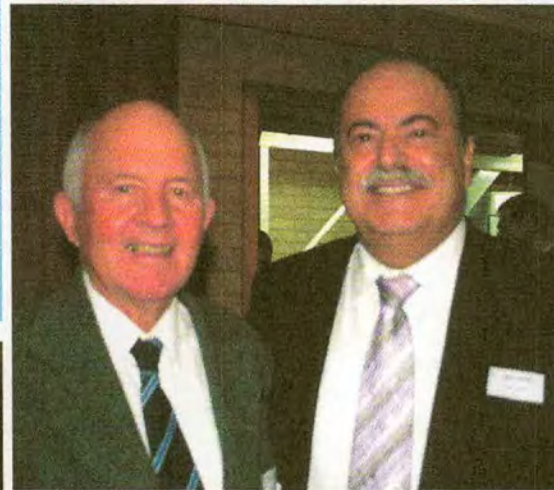


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LAUNCH OF EX-STUDENT ASSOCIATION

On Friday night August 14th, Bunbury Catholic College launched a new association that includes past students and staff of Bunbury Catholic College and its predecessors, St Francis Xavier (Marist Brothers Bunbury) and St Joseph's Convent. The College also launched its new and updated website on the same day which will provide visitors with a great deal of information about what the College offers. Ex-students will be able to join the Association online at www.bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au by following the links to Community and Ex-students. There is also a trip down memory lane on the website with a number of photos that reflect the long and proud history of Catholic Education in Bunbury.

The BCC Ex-students Association will be responsible for organising events such as class reunions for its members. But the role of the Association will go far beyond that. The College believes the former students are among the College's greatest assets and the school wants to welcome them back to offer careers advice and guidance, to give talks and provide role models for the present generation.





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Remembrance

As a blood sun rises over a dark and distant land
The reveille sounds out loud and clear,
A cold dread fills the heart of each and every man
For that sounds heralds yet another day of fear

They load up their guns with whatever they can find
They pity for mates, families who won't reunite,
And yearn for those they left behind
As they prepare for todays heart wrenching fight

As their orders get dealt out
The apprehension is high,
They quake with nerves like a rattling shout
Hoping today won't be the day they die

The orders, "Go, take your places"
Everyone's frozen with fear
To see the shock on each persons faces
Makes you wonder who'll make it out of here

Up and over the trenches they strain
The gun shots loud and violent
Their heart threads are pulled increasing the pain
As their mates fall down, hearts silent

Frozen limbs propel them forward
Across the battle field dusted with snow
Bayonets raised as sharp as a sword
Cannon balls fall with a deadly blow

Frigid mud pulls at their feet
The ringing of bullets a deafening sound,
A piercing pain slows the heart beat
The soldier falls to the ground

Blood ebbs away taking life
A boy too young to die,
Never had the chance to take a wife
Left his family without a goodbye

A blood sun sets on a desolate battle field
The last post sounds out loud and clear,
Death, devastation and destruction revealed
The loss of those once held dear

A new sun dawns on liberty
We remember those who fought,
To keep this country safe and free
Their lives were not for naught

We bow our heads in silent prayer
Forever in their debt,
Their families sorrow and loss we share
Lest we forget

Ashton Hardstaff



Art Extraordinaire

Bunbury Catholic College's major fundraising event Art Extraordinaire celebrated its 30th anniversary this year.

From humble beginnings in the lounge room of a supportive artist this annual exhibition, auction and sale of artwork, ceramics, woodwork and textiles has grown to include artists from across Australia.

Art Co-ordinator Elizabeth Harper, whose mother, Trish Kelderman, was involved in previous Art Extraordinaires, gathered together some previous exhibitors who have now made their name in the art world and who exhibited again at Art Extraordinaire as part of the 30th Anniversary celebration.

This included guest speaker, Greg Baker. Greg, now a multiple award winning artist lives in the Perth hills. He remembered the early days of Art Extraordinaire and commented on the wonderful feeling that still surrounds the event.





OUT OF CLASS

New Zealand Ski Trip

In the July school holidays I was lucky enough to be part of the group of fifty students led by Ms Mclean who flew to New Zealand for a ten day ski trip. Five of these days were spent on the Cadrona ski slopes learning how to snowboard and ski.

The large majority of us had no skiing ability whatsoever so, as you can expect, most of us spent the first day falling over. I saw some pretty intense face plants. My lowest point was charging down the beginner slope with absolutely no idea how to stop and stacking right in front of Miss Sykes! It was not my best moment and she reminded me of this later. Although most of us ended up with bruises (not helped by going down an expert run), many did start to show some real improvement and ended up being quite good.

After the skiing experience we spent two days in Queenstown shopping for presents, going on the luge, spending time in the ice bar at -5degrees (quite nippy!) and flying down the river on jetski boat doing 360degree turns. Some people were even brave enough to bunji jump with a 130 metre drop!

Getting back to Australia was a lot harder than we had anticipated. We split up into five groups in order to get home. One group spent eight hours in Sydney, due to the stopover. This allowed us to see the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Opera House whilst hanging out with Miss Sykes and her subtle beach bag.

It was good getting to know all of the teachers such as Ms Mclean and the disapproving look she gave us when we had done something stupid or Mr Avard catching all of our embarrassing moments on video. A big thanks to all of the teachers who took us as they made it an experience we will never forget.

Callum McPherson



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Regional Youth Parliament

It was 9.00am at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre, and young politicians were flooding in from all over the South-West. The bus pulled up to the Centre, and six talented student MPs from Bunbury Catholic College were about to join the other members on the floor of the Legislative Assembly. Weeks of preparation had led to this day, and we were all excited yet nervous as we took our seats. It was our time to shine, and our time to do our electorates proud. The day commenced with the ringing of the bells and an inspirational speech from Dr Harry Phillips, our clerk and mentor for the day ahead. Then, Mr Speaker invited the students to take the microphone, opening with a series of "address inreply" statements, bringing to the Parliament's attention issues that affected the member's electorates. However, the orderly calm of these statements was about to be broken, as debate over lowering the voting age was about to begin. The proposal was that the voting age should be lowered from 18 to 16, and debate was initiated after the Bill's introduction by the Attorney General. I, Brendon Grylls, as the leader of the National Party, fought valiantly against the Opposition to have this Bill introduced, as did the majority of the Government side. The Government and the Opposition were at war, and heated debate consumed the floor. Despite the Government's best efforts, a small number of Liberal ministers crossed the floor to support the Labour cause, and ultimately the Bill was defeated by a slim margin. Following the voting age debate came petitions. A number of members, both Government and Opposition, presented petitions to the Parliament, asking for changes to be made in their respective electorates. Following the petitions was question time, where members informed the Parliament of changes and policies being implemented by the Government. The final order of business for the day was a Bill proposing tougher legislation in regard to tattooing and piercing for persons aged under 18. Being a Bill introduced by a member, the members of parliament could vote based on personal judgement, leading to an enthralling debate that consumed the afternoon. Debate was filled with valid points, interjections and calls for order from Mr Speaker. In the end, the Bill passed by a significant margin of 7 votes. After receiving certificates from the Member for Bunbury, Mr John Castrilli, our proud yet tired politicians departed with a more thorough knowledge in political proceedings and a new found interest in the subject. Thank you to Mr David Norrish for the opportunity and for supervising the politicians for the day.

James Nicholson

Economics Forum

The Physics class go to Adventure World, Human Biology to the zoo and Media to WAAPA, but that's nothing compared to the experience that the top four economics students, Tristan, Alesha, Grant and Bree-anna had at the 2009 CCI and ETAWA Economics Forum in Perth one Friday in August. It was a cold morning, but we didn't mind because we knew that the day ahead was going to be thrilling and one we would never forget. After waiting around in the bitter cold, Mr Chipchase decided to show up in his fancy hired car 15 minutes late. The two hour trip up to Perth seemed like a 10 minute drive due to the riveting conversation that occurred. We arrived at the Western Australian Chamber of Commerce and sat down with our team mates from Mindarie Senior High. There were about a hundred other top notch economics students present from all across the state. We were first graced by the presence of the one and only Steven Kemp, the man responsible for writing our textbooks. Then we had a morning tea to die for except we didn't get much because Mr Chipchase stole most of the food (like the seagull that he is.) After that another man talked and it was quite informative. His name was Nathan Taylor. Some other people spoke too, including the head of CCIWA. Then we won a whole stack of chocolates for showing off our knowledge of fiscal policy. We didn't even finish and we still won, which just goes to show the calibre of economics students at BCC! Once we got home, all the other members of our economics class were incredibly jealous that we were able to spend a whole day exploring the fascinating wonders of TEE economics.

By Tristan, Alesha and Bree-anna.

We would like to thank Mr Gerard Mazza for his contribution to the efforts of this article.



OUT OF CLASS





Chess

On the 2nd of September BCC hosted the Bunbury Region Interscholar Chess Tournament, with a Primary and a Secondary competition. BCC won the Secondary competition (due to a lack of decent competition!) and won the right to compete in the State Finals.

On the 23rd of October, the BCC Chess Team travelled to Perth Modern School to compete in the State Chess Finals. Our team consisted of: Michael Maratea, Damian Hinton, Liam Eddy, Liam Reeves, Luke Bark and Brendan Waters.

We faced some very tough competition, as the top three teams have dominated the competition for several years. The team got off to a bad start, only winning three of their first fifteen games, and was in last place.

It started to turn around after that, and we won almost all of the next fifteen matches to be on the verge of the top three. After a tough fight with the hosts, Perth Modern School, BCC finished fourth, only two points away from making it into the National Finals.

Michael Maratea was the team's best player on the day, winning 5 out of his 9 matches and finishing 10th overall. It was a great year for chess at BCC, and our aim is to make it to the National Finals next year!

Chess Club will resume in 2010 in the library at lunchtime on Fridays – if you want to help us become the best team in the state, we'll see you there!

Mr Bradley Dunn

Year 8 English

Earlier this year in English we had to create our own picture books. To help us do this, we went on an incursion. At this incursion a picture book author came and told us many things about picture books. For example, the number of pages in a picture book have to be a factor of eight for printing purposes. We also learnt about creating illustrations and storyboards.

We also learnt that writing a story book is harder than it looks, you have to get it proofed by the publication company and this usually takes quite a few times to get it exactly right and suitable for young children to read. Overall, the incursion and story writing task were very informative and enjoyed by all.

Caitlin Quill

United Nations Youth Ambassador visit

During June we attended a Conference held at the City of Bunbury Council Chambers, conducted by the United Nations Youth Ambassador, Chris Varney. Student Leaders from other schools across the district were also in attendance. The meeting gave the Leaders the opportunity to voice their concerns and ideas for the community. For the United Nations consultation, Mr Varney is creating a "Dear Kevin" book of reflections, comments and artwork from young people which captures their concerns and hopes for Australia and will be presented to the Prime Minister, Hon. Kevin Rudd, at the time of International Youth Day on 12 August 2009. Our Student Leaders were given the opportunity to write a letter for inclusion in this book.

Nicola Stevenson and Jesse Parmar - Year 12 Students

Blueprint for a better world

During June, Caritas Australia visited Bunbury to launch a display called "Blueprint for a Better World". This is an interactive exhibition which encourages people to be aware of global poverty. It uses eight Millennium Development Goals to illustrate how we can help to end poverty. The program has been successful in allowing children and adults to realise that they can make a difference even in small ways to help end poverty and injustice in our world. The program encourages people to make a commitment.

Many of our classes were able to visit the display and I hope this experience will assist our students consider what they can do to help build a better world.

Youth Literature Days 2009

Four long, dreary days of the year away from classrooms, teachers and mathematics seemed a dismal decision to make, but we signed up for the Youth Literature Days anyway. An hour into the very first writers workshop, with author Maureen McCarthy, and we were converts – loving every minute of our decision to attend! Over the course of the year we were lucky to learn from well known Australian young-adult authors Maureen McCarthy, Archie Fusillo, Matt Ottley and Markus Zusak. They helped us structure and detail our work... and we also had fun along the way as we listened to their stories and imagined, and then wrote about, our own creative worlds full of romance, comedy, death, action and life! I enjoyed every second of the Youth Literature Days and am sure the rest of the group did too.

Georgia Leyendekkers (Year 10)

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Francesco Giaroni 11M

Exchange Period: BCC Semester 2, 2009 from Italy

Exchange Organisation: Southern Cross

In these few lines I just want to say THANKS to all the people who made this experience so beautiful!

I remember the very first day of school when I was completely lost searching for the Physics class and so many faces passed in front of me so quickly that in my head I just had a mess of English names. Now when I think that in a few days I have to leave, I feel a pit in my stomach because I have lived here, not just visited as a tourist. I have lived the culture, the places and the traditions.

When I think of Australia next time I won't have a slideshow of Australian landscapes and monuments, but a lively image made by all of you who shared this time with me and all that we've said and done together. For example, all the times I said "Sorry, I don't understand". The times you looked at me as if I was a weirdo while I was doing something which for me was absolutely normal, but here it was to the contrary. Or when I tried to learn some slang (with really bad results) or to teach you some Italianwhat a wonderful time (Ay)!

The last thing I want to say is that I hope I'll be back again and maybe I'll become Aussie enough to eat Vegemite!! See you soon

Francesco

Carly Maughan 12H

Exchange Period: 1 year to Finland 2010

Exchange Organisation: Rotary

I wanted to do a year on exchange to learn about other cultures and a different language. A gap year overseas helps you develop as a person, gain more independence and gives you experiences outside your comfort zone. My parents were both exchange students themselves in America, and my sister spent her gap year in Denmark. As a family in Harvey we have also hosted 5 overseas students through the Rotary program. My preference was to be given Norway, however, Finland was chosen for me.

A Rotary exchange program allows you to experience life with more than one family whilst attending school with students your age. You can choose subjects which are more enjoyable than academic, and there is the possibility of travel in Europe with other exchange students.

I hope to see the northern lights, and visit Russia and St Petersburg which are very close. I might even see Santa in Lapland!!

Carly

Year 8 Camp

Our Day at Meelup

The day began with an early start. We woke up before the teachers at 6.30 in the morning and we packed our day bag ready for a big day at Meelup with 'Dekked Out' Adventures. We gobbled down breakfast, which was a variety of toast and cereals, and slept walked to the buses.

On arrival, we were split into four groups. Each house had two groups. We met the 'Dekked Out' crew and were allocated one of the four activities. The activities consisted of beach games, bush walking, kayaking and fox holes. We rotated throughout the groups approximately every hour and a half. After we had completed two activities, we ate yummy rolls for lunch. Apples and watermelon were shared for dessert.

One of the beach activities was called fox holes. We had to dig deep human length holes in the sand. Some of us even dug until we reached water! After we had made about 20 holes, we elected someone to be 'it' who had to stand at the finish line and try to spot people who were not in a hole. The rest of the group had to run, jump and crawl between the holes trying not to be spotted.

Bush walking was another activity we completed through the day. We walked between four and six kilometers, depending on which group you were in. Some people were given jobs such as: group leaders who were given walkie-talkies/navigators, a safety leader who was in charge of giving out sunscreen, a hydration manager who made sure that everyone was drinking enough water and first aid helpers. We learnt about north, south, east and west and also a bit of map reading if we were lucky enough to be a navigator. We saw some beautiful scenery and some of us even saw a stingray.

By Homeroom 8C



The trip to Busselton was not that bad. We were divided into our House Factions. Each bus had one faction. When we got in the bus, my friend, Millie decided to get a closer seat. I was sitting with her until we got there.

When we got to Busselton, I was a little bit dizzy. Then we had a whole group Mass with Fr Jess and Fr Cyril. After Mass, we had dinner. We were divided into two groups, had a delicious dinner followed by dessert.

We then headed up to our dorms. We found a very big dorm which had 14 beds. I was with Keely, Gemma, Amie, Ember, Sarah, Sophia, Lauren, Lauren, Emma, Ryleigh, Claire, Sinead, Tiffany and Milbie. There were many people in the dorm and that's why it was hot. Keely and Amy were sent outside in the middle of the night for talking too much. We were the loudest dorm on the first day as we did a lot of talking about ourselves. I also met a lot of new people and made new friendships.

I found it so funny how Claire was sleeping; she was so close to falling off the bed so the teacher had to push her in. Then we all fell asleep.

Rose Magpantay 8W



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Year 10 Outdoor Education Camp

Kayaking – Semester 2

Hot weather and low water levels greeted the Semester Two Outdoor Education camp. A group of 24 students spent two nights at Sue's Bridge paddling the Blackwood River during the day and recovering during the night. Day 1 saw us paddle the River from Bridgetown for eight kilometres. Unfortunately due to water levels being low we spent many of those kilometres dragging the boats over rocks. With the antics of the "Urban Kayakers" to keep us entertained, we all breathed a sign of relief when we reached the extraction point. At night students cooked their meals on Trangias with the Griffiths brothers, Daniel Kearney and Callum Penman-Smythe, bringing along half a cow to cook.

Day 2 saw us paddle along the River around Sue's Bridge for six kilometres. This part of the river was much higher and didn't require us to work as hard. With the warm weather, a swim for morning tea was welcomed along with the sighting of local fauna. The afternoon saw us pack all our gear up and head to Busselton for lunch at the jetty. All students showed great independence and self management looking after themselves and the group during the camp. I would like to thank Mr. Travis McGuire and Ms. Michelle Crosby for assisting me on the camp.

Mr. Clee Avard



Year 12 Art Camp

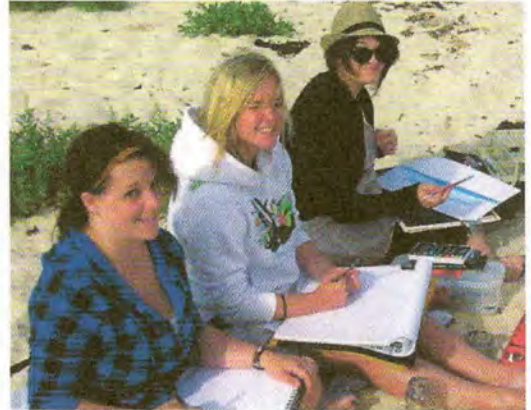
In February, our Year Twelve Art group embarked upon a journey to the Margaret River/ Augusta region of the South West, our ambition to create a plethora of drawings specific to this area, and our theme "Living on the Coast".

The bus trip there was largely uneventful with a short stop at the Capel service station. On arrival at what was to be our temporary home for the next few days, we explored the town, scavenging for food, eventually finding a meal at the local tavern.

We soon returned to the Youth Hostel and gathered in the common room, armed with sketch books, a variety of art supplies and our skills. We then drew the Grammar Art teacher, Mr Schultz, in various attractive poses including 'the Tourist', 'the Homicidal Chef', and 'the Akubra-Clad Man'. We drew for five, ten and thirty second intervals, followed by longer sessions of the stunning Miss Della-Sale, and two students from Grammar. Red-eyed and teary with exhaustion we stumbled up to bed.

The next morning arrived too soon, stirring us at 7.00am to get prepared for the day ahead. We left base at 8.30 and headed on the bus to Hamelin Bay. We began to draw, paint and sketch in the natural environment, with a broken jetty, seagulls, cliffs, rocks, boats and beach capturing our interest. We left this picturesque setting for Alexander Bridge, which we drew perched on the banks of the Blackwood River. We then went back to Augusta to eat lunch at the Bakery and prepare for our next drawing session, located at the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse. This was an interesting location, where the natural environment collided with the structures and lighthouse. This windy location was then traded for the calm and protected beach of Flinders Bay, where the jetty, fishermen and rock pools provided interest for students. We then returned to Augusta for dinner and relaxation, before embarking upon an evening drawing class, adding and editing our pieces drawn on location. Once again, exhausted we made our way to our beds around midnight.

We woke the next morning to a breakfast of fruit, coffee, toast and cereal, and began packing our belongings. We then drove to Boranup Gallery, in order to observe the artworks of prominent Western Australian artists, and to be inspired by their interpretation of the region. From mosaics, to iron sculptures, water features, cutlery and more paintings and drawings that were able to be displayed, the art gallery held interest for everyone.



We then left for Margaret River where we observed artworks at another gallery, with a more modern take on the landscape, and found further inspiration. We then proceeded to draw the cafe strip and the bustling town centre, finding willing models in a small child and other colorful locals. After our interesting stop at Margaret River (which included an adventure into the local lolly shop for many), we were on our way home. The trip itself was almost completely silent (a relief for all of the teachers), with many sleepy students finding some peaceful shut-eye before dropping off the Grammar kids and eventually stopping back at school. The camp was a great experience full of fun and inspiration, new friendships and techniques, and we have all taken memories home with us that we will never forget. Thank you to all of the teachers who made this possible.

Bree-anna Dorant and Lauren Dixon



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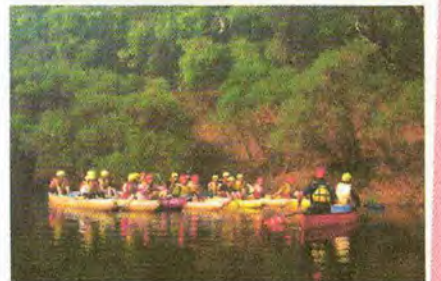
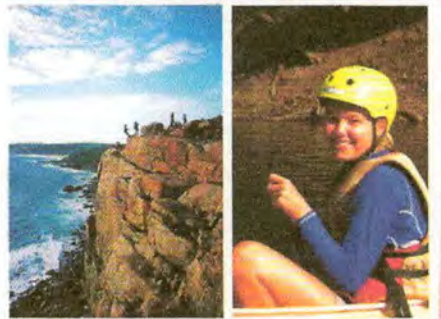
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An opportunity! A chance to be exposed to a world outside of one's comfort zone that must be experienced by all students! Outward Adventure is an invaluable resource for students as it serves as a future reference they can draw upon. It is an opportunity to learn more about team work, about those in the team and most importantly, about yourself. It gives you the chance to conquer fears and build friendships. It is this chance that is just so valuable to the participants. The simple dynamics, where everyone is equal, gives fantastic scope for the growth and maturity of each individual. Therefore this chance is just so important for students to take advantage of and an absolute must!

The team is possibly the most important aspect of Outward Adventure, because without it, nobody will go anywhere. This simple philosophy forces students to learn about how teamwork is used in many aspects of life such as school, sport, the workplace and the community. Outward Adventure offers the chance to also learn about what the team expects from each member and therefore teaches about respect for each individual. The camp shows students how a team cannot function without each member pulling their weight and taking on some of the various roles and responsibilities. This experience reiterates the importance of the age old sayings, 'there is no "I" in 'team' and that 'in this team everybody is equal'. However, in some cases certain members may believe that they are greater than the team, providing yet another learning experience.

When individuals believe they are above the team, the others around them learn so much about their real personality. Outward Adventure gives the chance to indeed learn more about those around you by placing them in certain challenging situations. People who students may have been best friends with may turn out to be completely different people when around pressure situations. It also gives the opportunity to discover more about people in the group who the students may not have known very well, which in turn could lead to new friendships being made. The simple notion that people behave differently in various environments is a perfect platform to discover more about others.

By being placed in unfamiliar environments, students get the chance to experience nature in a different and more appreciative way. It is this part of the program that is very fulfilling because seeing these different environments may not be possible from home. Along the journey, the students come across some very challenging and at times unforgiving terrain, which if fully utilized, could lead to more opportunities such as interaction with native wild life. These environments provide even more opportunities to hopefully conquer fear. The natural rock faces of cliffs can be the perfect vessel for some of the world's most challenging activities like rock climbing and abseiling. For many, these activities not only help them to learn more about each other but, more importantly, themselves.

By Joshua Parker (Year 11)



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Outward Adventure

Look at me ... platinum blonde hair, immaculately applied makeup so my skin appears flawless, hair pulled back neatly with a side fringe girls could only dream about. My watch is so classy it could be classified as 'jewellery', freshly manicured hands with a perfect French finish. I make everyone in this school look like peasants and I am their queen. I can do it, so tell me why can't you?

If there was one thing I had dreaded from the first ear splitting siren at this school, it was this. The thought of eight days, one hundred and ninety two hours, eleven thousand five hundred and twenty minutes, in the bush without my phone, without My Space, without MSN, without a hair straightener and mostly without makeup, well it seemed to me like a death wish.

You couldn't even begin to imagine the devious plans I had concocted to get out of this. From faking appendicitis, 'breaking both legs' in a tragic motor vehicle accident, to paying my parents both a million dollars. I prayed for bad things to happen, but they never did, and my parents (being the rich, uptight people they are) forced me to go.

You could look at this as a positive, being forced to go, but from where I was sitting not one solitary positive thought crossed my frustrated mind. To make matters worse, I was stuck with 18 people who all had bad clothes, bad skin and no money. My bet was they had never heard of a thing called a mirror. Oh, and did I mention I had never talked to them before! Peasants don't talk to their queen unless talked to. But spending one hundred and ninety two hours with these peasants turned my life around. Who knew peasants were just like the higher class?

Yes, I broke all my nails, and yes I felt dirty and unattractive, but these 18 people basically didn't care about my appearance or money for once. They simply cared about what I had to offer on the inside. These 18 beautiful people, along with this experience, changed me.

Proudly I walked 100 km in 8 days with all of my 18 team mates besides me. At times I wished I could give up, just call a taxi and get out of there, but they couldn't all fit in the taxi could they? So why bother?

The feeling you get once you have successfully abseiled down a 50 metre rock face, and climbed a 30 metre rock wall, and you look around to see 18 dirty and tired but smiling faces screaming your name along with encouraging remarks ... well it's better than buying that pair of Jimmy Choo shoes that everyone wanted and has been talking about.

Sitting around the camp fire talking about others and their life was actually interesting, you learn so much more than you would ever know by just looking at them or having the odd polite conversation. The 18 peasants were now my friends. I cared about them. I cared about their life. I cared about what they had to say. I cared about these peasants. I actually cared about others? I actually cared.

Over the days spent out in the wilderness, I learnt to



make conscious decisions and to be patient with others. By simply just making choices about where and when to hike, planning the food and sitting around listening whilst everyone put in their opinion about the day's unfolding events and activities, you learn so much about yourself and how to deal with situations. I have made friends with people I once never would look twice at. During every difficult minute of this experience I was pushed to my limits, only at the end to feel a wonderful sense of accomplishment.

The laughs, the tears, the pain and triumphs will stay with me always. This, girls, is my experience of Outward Bound. Honestly, take one last look at me. My platinum blonde hair still remains, along with my perfectly applied foundation and my wardrobe may only be full of one-off pieces from top designers, but now look deeper. I am no longer a spoil brat who expects her own way. I am no longer judgmental and I no longer consider myself in the higher class.

I attend a school full of kings and queens. I look at no one as a peasant. If there is one thing I am now excited about from the first ring of the siren at this school it is the four terms, one hundred and ninety days and the four thousand five hundred and sixty hours I get to spend with all my new friends. I couldn't even imagine why I had attempted to concoct reasons to not go on this adventure. I no longer saw those 18 people as those with bad clothes, bad skin and no money but as individuals.

Outward Adventure is one of those things in life you have to go into head first to get the most of out it. So good luck and have fun.

By Alixandra Hickey (Year 11)



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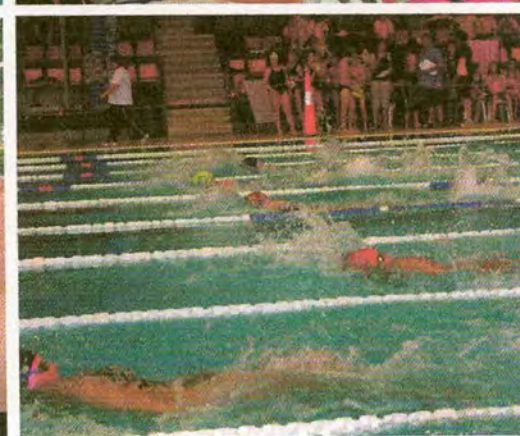
SWISSA Swimming

The SWISSA interschool swimming carnival was held at the South West Sports Centre, Bunbury. Swimming at our 'home pool' gave us the advantage over the other schools and we went into the day feeling very confident. Our main aim for the day was to have a Bunbury Catholic College competitor in every race and we achieved just that. Our school spirit ensured that we cheered each other on and maintained good sportsmanship throughout the day.

We ended the day with a comfortable fifth place. Fredrick Irwin easily won the competition for the 13th consecutive year. Lyndon Goldsmith and Nick Godsell deserve a special mention for coming runners-up in their age groups. Well done boys! Our lower school swimmers stayed competitive all day and are a positive sign of what we may see in the future.

Congratulations to all swimmers on a great effort.

Miss Michelle Crosby



SWISSA Results

House Athletics

House Swimming

House Cross Country

Netball

Football

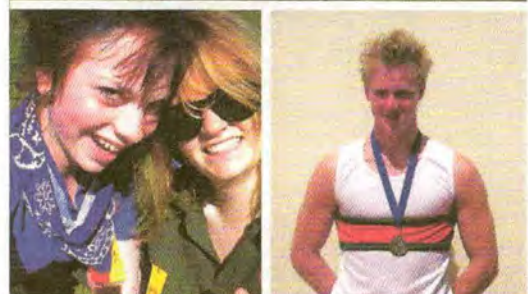
Cricket

Rowing

Soccer

Triathlon / Equestrian

Volleyball / Hockey



SWISSA ATHLETICS Pipped at the post!

During September more than 100 BCC students travelled to Frederick Irwin Anglican College in Mandurah for the annual SWISSA Athletics Carnival. In 2008, Bunbury Catholic College was placed second overall, so coming into the carnival we were a highly respected, athletic school. This year's squad of athletes was of an extremely high calibre, having broken and equalled many records at our own Interhouse Athletics Carnival, held back in August.

The Carnival commenced in Mandurah at 9.00am, and by 9.15 Bunbury Catholic College already had one broken record to its name. Nicholas Banasiak broke the first record of the day in the Male U/16 Shot Put, throwing a massive 14.58m. From here on in Bunbury Catholic College broke numerous records and set very high standards for the rest of the schools.

At 1.30pm, just before the commencement of the relays we were in second position, a mere 20 points behind Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School, but also only 15 points in front of Kolbe College. The relays brought mixed results with most of the schools having one or two wins from different relay teams. The results at the end of the day were as follows:

Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School:	2,029 pts
Kolbe College:	1,956 pts
Bunbury Catholic College:	1,925 pts
Frederick Irwin College:	1,917 pts
Mandurah Catholic College:	1,821 pts
Tranby Catholic College:	1,443 pts
Ocean Forest Lutheran School:	684 pts

The College also had a select few students who achieved Champion or Runner up Champion. Congratulations to the following students who excelled in the Carnival:

- Nicholas Banasiak:
Male U/16 Champion
- Julia Phillips:
Female U/17 Runner Up Champion
- Georgina Sobejko:
Female Open Runner Up Champion

Congratulations to all of the athletes who competed on the day, you all did the College very proud.

Natasha Carbone



SPORT



Cross Country

Congratulations to the 64 students who travelled to Camp Mornington in Harvey to compete in the SWISSA Cross Country. Special congratulations go to the following students who were very highly placed:

- U/15 Girls** Toni Lander - 3rd Plc
Kelsey Valli - 4th Plc
- U/17 Girls** Lauren Lander - 3rd Plc
- Open Girls** Tamsyn Roberts - 3rd Plc

The final results of the day were as follows:

- 1st Place** Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School
- 2nd Place** Kolbe Catholic College
- 3rd Place** Mandurah Catholic College
- 4th Place** Fredrick Irwin
- 5th Place** Bunbury Catholic College
- 6th Place** Tranby Catholic College
- 7th Place** Ocean Forest Lutheran College

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HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On a beautiful Wednesday 26th Aug at 7 am, the set up for the Athletics Carnival began. Actually, after weeks of preparation by Natasha Carbone and the Physical Education staff, the carnival finally arrived.

Lots of competitors, lots of colour and the novelty events even had a large turnout, which for some teams made the difference in final placings. To finish the day came the staff vs. students relay race – in which Mr McGuire came home strong to win, but then, who can forget the second students' team with Luke Morabito's run past Mr Stace at the end.... So the score really is I all.

However, before the day started, with pre carnival events and PE Classes XAVIER was in front, followed by VALENTINE, then MARCELLIN and then McAULEY.

Would this be a turnaround from last year where Xavier was last and McAuley first?

Or could Marcellin come back and repeat 5 years of unbeaten history from 2002 – 2007?

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL WINNERS:

FEMALE

U/14	Champion	Emma Glover	77
	Runner-Up	Annaliese Gann	43
U/15	Champion	Aleisha Hawley	60
	Runner – Up	Toni Lander	51
U/16	Champion	Caris Panizza	87
	Runner Up	Logan Triplett	48
U/17	Champion	Julia Phillips	95
	Runner Up	Courtney Gledhill	66
Open	Champion	Erienne Lette*	93
	Runner Up	Laura Nation	57

MALE

U/14	Champion	Harrison Keefe	47
	Runner- Up	Travis Cleggett	46
U/15	Champion	Liam Davis	64
	Runner –Up	Braigon Buck	55
U/16	Champion	Nicholas Banasick	63
	Runner Up	Marshall Roberts	48
U/17	Champion	Trent Walton	77
	Runner Up	Brendan Phillips	70
Open	Champion	Nicholas Godsell	94
	Runner Up	Jordan Daly	65

AFTER A COMPETITIVE DAY

THE RESULTS WERE:

	JUNIOR	SENIOR	OVERALL
Xavier	1st	3rd	3rd
Valentine	2nd	2nd	2nd
McAuley	3rd	1st	1st
Marcellin	4th	4th	4th

It was very close between Xavier and Valentine for 2nd and one relay event could have changed it. But who would win the Panda Award?? Marcellin had the most participation, even though they came 4th!

However, the team spirit of Xavier and McAuley throughout the day was superb. It came down to the student officials (which Xavier excelled at) and the Panda Patrol.

For the third time this year – XAVIER won the panda.

Julia Phillips broke 4 records

U/17 200m 27.28 secs
old record 28.02 – Ashlea Tresize 2003

U/17 Triple Jump 9.74m

old record 9.5m – Caitlin Davis 2006

U/17 Javelin 25.50 m
old record 25.50 – Erienne Lette 2008

U/17 100m 13.33
old record 13.45 – Amanda Vittiglia 2004

Erienne Lette broke 2 records

Open Discus 24.90 m
old record 23.80 Erin Fee 2008

Open Javelin 28.20 m
old record 23.88 Erin Fee 2008

Nicholas Banasiak broke the Discus record with 37.77 - old record Cameron Fergie 36.79 2006

Naomi Fimmano who had a dead heat with Julia 13.33 secs to break Amanda Vittiglia's record of 13.45 in 2004

Veronica Lette broke the U/15 Javelin Record with 25.6 – old record 21.27 J. Kahn 1990

Jordan Fimmano broke the U/14 Shot Put record with 12.32 – old record Nicholas Banasiak 12.24 in 2007

Ms Ludita McLean
- Head of Learning Area, Physical Education



Swimming

HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2009 – MARCELLIN VICTORS AGAIN!

Congratulations to all competitors for their fantastic HOUSE SPIRIT and participation in this year's Swimming Carnival.

INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL AWARD WINNERS 2009

Congratulations to the following Record Breakers:

Lyndon Goldsmith breaking Ben Donald's 50 m F/S (27.61) record to 27.32

Jessica Ruland breaking Emma Bluett's 50m Breaststroke (43.34) record to 42.73

Jessica Tan breaking Jessica Ruland's 50m Breaststroke (43.47) record to 42.22

Marcellin have won the carnival since 2004 and this year.....the overall results were:

Valentine	836
Xavier	947
McAuley	994
Marcellin	1263

The Panda Award is a highly sought after House Award which is awarded to the house with great spirit, sportsmanship and participation. This year it was very tightly contested.

So who received the Panda Award for swimming? - **XAVIER** - Congratulations!!

Ms Ludita McLean - Head of Learning Area, Physical Education



Age Group	Male	Female
U/14's Champion: Runner Up:	Brynn Wells David Wilson	Jessica Tan Bianca Vallelonga
U/15's Champion: Runner Up:	Lyndon Goldsmith Jordan Freeman	Jessica Ruland Toni Lander
U/16's Champion: Runner Up:	Nicholas Banasiak Christopher Laurino	Sophie Cook Emma Townsend
U/17's Champion: Runner Up:	Andrew Wilson Alix English	Lauren Lander Eloise Yates
OPEN Champion: Runner Up:	Nicholas Godsell Samuel Hovard	Kaitlyn Burns Nicola Stevenson

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INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all students and staff on the successful completion of the 2.5 or 3.5 km course on a warm afternoon.

OVERALL HOUSE POINTS WERE:

Xavier	1141 points
Valentine	1092 points
McAuley	1060 points
Marcellin	1050 points

This is the third time in a row that Xavier has won and congratulations must go to them as they had the most participants, the most helpers on the finish line and they took out the Panda Award.

INDIVIDUAL AWARD WINNERS:

FASTEST 2.5km time was Toni Lander with 9.47 which is the fastest yet on the trophy!

And the fastest 3.5km time was Peter Daly with 13.06.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS :

GIRLS – 2.5 km

Champion	U/14	Jessica Tan	11.02	Valentine
Runner Up	U/14	Monique Cairns	11.20	McAuley
Champion	U/15	Toni Lander	9.47	Xavier (Previous 11.17)
Runner Up	U/15	Kelsey Valli	9.54	Xavier
Champion	U/16	Mariah Maughan	11.40	Xavier
Runner Up	U/16	Leticia Donovan	11.48	Xavier
Champion	U/17	Lauren Lander	10.20	Xavier (Previous 10.46)
Runner Up	U/17	Eloise Yates	11.14	Marcellin
Champion	Open	Tamsyn Roberts	11.14	Marcellin
Runner Up	Open	Georgina Sobejko	11.17	McAuley

BOYS – 3.5 km

Champion	U/14	Blake Smaniotto	14.58	Marcellin
Runner Up	U/14	Cameron Marra	15.23	McAuley
Champion	U/15	Connor Cairns	13.57	McAuley
Runner Up	U/15	Brendon Waters	14.16	McAuley
Champion	U/16	James Griffith	13.11	Valentine
Runner Up	U/16	Rhys Griffith	13.34	Valentine
Champion	U/17	Peter Daly	13.06	Valentine
Runner Up	U/17	Carlo Chiellini	13.14	Valentine
Champion	Open	Nicholas Godsell	13.30	Marcellin
Runner Up	Open	Matthew McManus	13.31	Marcellin



Marist Netball

The BCC Marist Netball Touring Team 2009 has had a very successful season.

The girls started pre season training in early January, represented the school in the Australia Day fun run and had their first matches at the WA Marist Netball Carnival in March followed by a 6 month season of games capping off a Grand Final in late September. At the end of the season the 2009 team had an outstanding year achieving the following:

- Premiers WA Marist Netball Carnival
- Premiers SOUTH WEST High Schools Cup Open Division
- 6th Australian Marist Netball Carnival (Adelaide - out of 17 teams)
- Semi-finalist STATE High Schools Cup Open Division
- Winners of Staff vs Student Match
- Premiers (as Carey Park) A Reserve Division Netball / Football League.



Adelaide

On the last day of Term Two, the team travelled to Adelaide to compete in the 15th Australian Marist Netball Carnival. Having missed this competition last year due to Outward Adventure and Retreat clashes, BCC were placed in a very competitive pool (with 1st, 5th, 9th and 13th from last year). Our first game was against the reigning premiers. After 2 x 14 minute halves, we won 23 - 22. This was unheard of!! We were now a force to be reckoned with and the rest of the teams had their guns blazing for us. We won 3 of the 4 pool games which put us straight into the Championship Division. For those of you who don't understand this MAJOR achievement - this has only happened 4 times in 15 years.

Day 1 - Resulted in 3 wins in 7 games - you can only imagine how sore and tired the girls were. They had never had such tough competition both PHYSICALLY and MENTALLY. Massages and a big sleep were the order of the night as the girls had to front again the very next day for another 5 division games and then

semi finals.

Day 2 - Started brilliantly with wins to several higher ranked sides, however, some small lapses in concentration resulted in a 5th place prior to finals. The Final for 4th and 5th was a hard fought game with 4 x 10 minute quarters, after having played 5 games on Day 2 and 7 games on Day 1. We only just lost by 4 goals. The night was full of "We have one more (play off) game for 5th and 6th - we can still equal the best BCC team".

Day 3 - Play-off final... 4 x 10 minute quarters.... The last 2 days had taken their toll. We had already defeated this team twice in 2 days. Could we do it on the 3rd day? Unfortunately, it was not to be (maybe if Kath Waycott had not broken her leg and wasn't in hospital in Perth, if Hannah Wheeler hadn't had her appendix out 3 weeks prior... if Bianca Fish didn't strain her muscle in the first game - she had a blinder!... if....). Seriously, no ifs and buts; it was a really hard task to back up game after game and the girls should be extremely proud of their excellent result. A fantastic effort! Overall BCC came 6th.

A special congratulations to Emma Dale who was picked in the Highly Recommended Team (out of over 170 girls). Congratulations also to Day 1 Team Player - Emma Dale and Day 2 Team Player - Stephanie Waycott. Thanks to our other team captains Bianca Fish and Claire Tempra.

Bianca Fish (Co Captain - Defence)

Stephanie Waycott (Co Captain - Centre Court)

Claire Tempra (Co Captain - Wing Attack Specialist)

Emma Dale (Co Captain - Shooter)

Kathleen Waycott (Centre Court / Defence)

Phoebe Berndt (Centre Court)

Hannah Wheeler (Centre Court)

Alix Hickey (Defence)

Alysia Fogliani (Defence)

Kira Hough (Defence)

Lara Kelly (Shooter)

Hollie Webster (Shooter)



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South West High Schools Cup

Six Bunbury Catholic College netball teams participated in the South West High Schools Cup during June. Although the weather was less than ideal, all teams stepped up to the challenge and put in a solid day of netball.

Touring Team-best team in the South West

The touring team had an awesome day of netball at Hay Park, going through the competition undefeated, making them the best Open High School Netball Team in the South West. They started the day by winning all of the games in their pool beating high calibre teams such as Busselton Senior High, Bunbury Cathedral Grammar and Bunbury Senior High. They moved into the cross-over semi finals playing Margaret River Senior High school. With some timely intercepts and accurate shooting they had a convincing win against Margaret River and progressed into the Grand Final playing Busselton Senior High School (whom they had beaten earlier in the day). The Grand Final, like many of the other games, was played in a downpour of rain; however the team was able to adjust well and come out overall winners. Best players for the day were Bianca Fish and Emma Dale.

YEAR 10 REPRESENTATIVE TEAM

The Year 10 representative team had a difficult line up in their pool at the beginning of the day. They faced off extremely efficient teams such as MacKillop Catholic College and Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School. At the end of their pool the girls had put in a solid performance and had won one of their four games. Players of the day were Kirsty Fraser, Aimee Befumo and Tahlia Strother.

YEAR 9-BEST LOWER HIGH SCHOOL TEAM

The Year 9 representative 1 team put in a very solid and consistent performance over the day, going through both their pool and the finals undefeated making them the best Lower School High School Netball team in the South West. The grand final was played off between the Year 9 representative 1 side and the Year 8 representative 2 side. After a rainy half of netball the Year 9's were able to play some smart, solid netball and win the game. Players of the day were Eliza Vlasich, Tahnee Carbone and Sara Catalano.

YEAR 9 REPRESENTATIVE TEAM 2

The Year 9 representative 2 team had some very tough first games in their pool. The girls linked well together and went through their pool games undefeated. They progressed into the cross-over semi finals where they were unfortunately knocked out. Players of the day were Jayde Leisfield, Megan Heslop and Simone Dressell.

YEAR 8 REPRESENTATIVE TEAM 1

The girls put on an impressive display of netball beating Busselton and Eaton and having a draw against Margret River and a loss to Bunbury by only one goal. Unfortunately this meant that the girls weren't able to progress onto the semi finals. They came fifth out of 22 teams. Well done girls! The overall best players for the day were Taylor Bennett, Kahlia Byass and Amber Tognella.

YEAR 8 REPRESENTATIVE TEAM 2

The Year 8 representative 2 side put on a very impressive display of netball winning all of their games in their pool and therefore progressing into the semi finals and the Grand Final. In the Grand Final the girls put in an excellent performance however were beaten by the Year 9 representative 1 side. Best players were Ashton Hardstaff and Amy Morton.

Aranmore Netball Carnival Perth

There were three teams representing the College; the Year 10 Representative Team, the Year 9 Representative Team 1 and the Year 9 Representative Team 2. All of the girls played outstanding netball.

In the Year 9 division there were 21 teams competing (including our two Year 9 teams.) Rep 1 finished top of their pool and came third overall, after a convincing win against Aranmore. Year 9 Rep 2 team came in seventh.

In the Year 10 division there were 13 teams that competed over the course of the day. Overall the year 10 team came in 6th after beating Warwick in the final. It also needs to be noted that our year 10 team beat the champions of the year 10 division by 10 goals in the fixture rounds and came third in their pool ONLY by percentage.

Special congratulations to the following girls who were chosen as the Players of the Day for their teams:

Year 9 Rep 1
Toni Lander
Emily Merchant

Year 9 Rep 2
Megan Heslop
Simone Dressell

Year 10 Rep 1
Kirsty Fraser
Georgia Leyendekkers



Football 2009

2009 was a big year for football at the college. The 2 lower school teams had great success with the Year 8 and 9 boys taking out the Swan Districts regional zone which was played against other high schools in the Bunbury area. They then went on to play Guildford Grammar in Mandurah and found them to be too strong. A big congratulations to all boys involved and to the leaders of the team; Tom Wheeler, Jaxon Hickey and Liam Davis.

The Year 10 team competed in the Sportsready Cup and also took out the regional finals beating teams from Mandurah and Busselton. They then went to Perth to compete in the State Finals and performed very well, just missing out on the Semi Finals by percentage. The senior boys who competed in the Belt Up Cup performed to their best but were undermanned in many games due to a lack of commitment and numbers from some of their fellow footballers who failed to attend games. The College has the potential to do very well in this competition, and we urge the year 12 and 11 boys in 2010 to support this competition.

The girls also did very well this year competing in the Sirens Cup, and the enthusiasm shown from the girls was great. The team had some success winning some games along the way and also having a great time getting out there and getting dirty.

A big thank you must go out to all students who participated in all competitions this year; also a big thank you must go to the staff who give up a great deal of their time and put in enormous effort to put these teams on the park.

Mr Travis McGuire



Girls Sirens Cup Football

The month of August marked a memorable competition for over 20 of the College's finest Senior Girls Football players. The girls participated in a four week competition which took place against Bunbury SHS, Newton Moore SHS, BCGS and Australind SHS. With no pre-season training prior to 'Game Day', we not only surprised ourselves, but also our loyal supporters, runners and the BCC Phys Ed staff with a nice seven point victory against Bunbury High in our very first game. Lynne Rouda surprised us all by kicking the first goal of the game after asking, "Why are there four poles, what do they mean?"!

The following week the girls became a little more comfortable with the physical contact aspect of the game. We played Newton Moore; the ones we all feared who were half our size. After a hard fought game we walked away from our first loss.

We came back the next week to face the glamour girls of Bunbury Cathedral Grammar. It was a tough and close game, not to mention our first wet weather experience. Beck Doble from Year 12 took a nice kick to the face from Grammar's star player and Steph Italiano from Year 11 proved best on ground.

With one win and two losses the girls were pumped for their final game against Australind Senior High. Leschenault obviously proved too far for most of our runner and 'dedicated supporters' to drive to, but unluckily for them, they missed our best win yet! With special mention to our star players Steph Waycott, Alysia Fogliani, Bridie Fisher, Steph Plint, Dena English and Steph Italiano.

Special thanks to Miss Woods, Miss Crosby, our official runner Rhys McCarthy and our so-called 'coach' Mr Fam, who's only good advice was "get the ball and get it to Bianca Fish." Bianca was our overall player of the competition due to her quick techniques, strong marks and goal assists. Without her foody skills, we most likely would have come away with a few more losses.

Sophie Newman and Beck Doble (Year 12)



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MURRAY GOODWIN SHIELD SQUAD 2009

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| Rohan Martin | Anton Fimmano |
| Ashley Chapman | Morgan Cumming |
| Kurt D'Agostino | Chris Buchanan |
| Richard Fimmano | Shaun Riley |
| Dane Crognale | Peter Selby |
| Joshua Parker | Steven Galati |
| Kyle Davis | Callum MacPherson |





The rowing program which has been running for many years has gone to new heights, as it sees new and already confident rowers continuing rowing throughout their schooling at BCC. Every year the numbers grow and we get an amazing response when asked to row in the South West Schools Head of the River which runs every year and allows school rowers to have the opportunity to go up against many other schools in the South West. Every year BCC does very well, and this year was no let down. The participation of our school was amazing and something to be very proud of, and strive for in future years. This competition lets rowers from Years 8 to 12 go up against their own years in an exciting race that wins the hearts of so many rowers and often pushes them to continue with out of school rowing.

After the Schools Head of the River, we saw a few rowers go on to compete in events such as the School Girls Competition which runs every year and puts BCC up against some of the best private girls schools in Perth. This year we did very well and made our mark on the competition, keeping our reputation for further years.

None of this could have been possible without the extreme effort put in by the rowers and parents at the Bunbury Rowing Club; they have been a great support that this sport needs to continue this great reputation of skilled rowers. Rowing is an amazing sport which allows all types of people to have the opportunity to, get fit, have fun and even continue into state and national level rowing. It is a hard yet rewarding sport which can suck you in and change your frame of mind. I encourage everyone, sporty or not, to give rowing a go.

Tamsyn Roberts
Captain of the Boats



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Senior Boys Soccer

Anthony Cortellazi	Eliot Frost
Marc Simms	Shaun Wong
Mark Spagnolo	Daniel Kearney
Joe Mustica	Callum Penman-Smith
Carlo Cheillini	Jarred Thomas
Chris Forknall	Aarron Offer
Jake Elson	Jack Glover
Michael Maratea	Chris Laurino

Coach: Mike Hearne

Joe Mustica, Chris Forknall, Michael Maratea, Jake Elson and Aarron Offer demonstrated the commitment to training and games typical of BCC Senior Boys Soccer teams of previous years. These five boys made themselves available for every training session and game and will hopefully be a big part of BCC Soccer in 2010. The highlight for the year was leading at half time, away, against McKillop Catholic College, however we went home disappointed. Most valuable players for the year where Joe Mustica, Chris Forknall, Michael Maratea, Jake Elson and Aarron Offer.

Coach - Mr Mike Hearne

Junior Girls Soccer

Ashlee Lewis	Kimberly Elson (yr9)
Hannah Gwilt	Shayley Pullan
Riley George	Rawni Mayhew (yr9)
Maree Todesco	Monique Carins (Yr8)
Aisha Murray	Montana Chapman
Aimee Harrison	Caddi Macfarlane (Yr9)
Grace Plajzer	Aimee Thomason
Jennifer Dinh	Brianna Fogliani
Emma Glover	Alannah Williams (yr9)

Coach: Iain McKenzie

Term 2 - The junior girls' soccer team came together after just one training session! They played Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School twice and beat them on both occasions. On the strength of this the girls went through to round two in Term Three.

Term 3 - On the 1st of July the Junior girls hopped onto the bus and headed to Rockingham to play Safety Bay Senior High School. It was the first knock out round of the tournament and we had secured our place by back to back wins against Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School. The game started and Safety Bay was the first team to score. Our defensive end had a hard job containing the Safety Bay girls but they kept up the hard work and Safety Bay were unable to score. Our first score of the match came from a great pass to our striker Emma Glover. Unfortunately we were unable to score again and we went down 2-1. It was a great game by both teams and the BCC girls should be proud of how they played. A big thank you to Mr McKenzie who coached us.

Coach - Iain McKenzie

Junior Boys Soccer

Michael Italiano	Blake Smaniotto
Louis Asser	Mitch Rowe
Michael Mathieson	Issac Chegwidden
Tom Harling	Jayden Callegari
Connor Cairns	Michael Smith
Luke Brown	Jack Manoni
Josh Yates	Alex Zolnier
Bryn Wells	Matthew McEwan
Blaze Rosinski	William Garvey
Cam Marra	Sean Smith

Coach: Ollie Maratea

The games that we played for the BCC Junior Soccer team were both a challenge and a fun experience. We had a strong, hard working team with an even mix of both Year 8 and Year 9 students. Our first game was against Ocean Forest Lutheran School and we displayed some good team work and scoring opportunities. We came out of the match victorious 9-0 with goals from both Conner Cairns and Louis Asser.

Our second match was against Australind Senior High School. With some excellent play by the ASHS boys and some mix ups in defence by our team we went into half time 1-0 down. After a talk by Mr. Maratea we lifted in the second half and were able to equal the scores after a terrific goal by Blake Smaniotto. In the final 5 minutes of the game we were awarded a free kick in front of the goals. Cameron Marra stepped up to take the free kick and he delivered our second goal of the game keeping us undefeated.

Our third match was against MacKillop College, however the outcome of this game was irrelevant as we had already qualified for the next round of play offs. Our first knock out match was against Fredrick Irwin Anglican School and with the scores level at full time 1-1 we went into a penalty shoot out with BCC eventually taking the game out 5-3. For our next game we travelled to Perth to take on specialist Soccer school, John Curtin SHS. By the final 10 minutes of the game we were only one goal down. However Mitchell Rowe produced some outstanding play and was able to convert a goal for BCC.

The game ended as a tie 1-1 so once again we went into a penalty shootout. Unfortunately it was here that our awesome winning streak ended going down 3-5. However over the course of the match and the entire series we showed enormous fight and spirit. Players of the match were Connor Cairns, Louis Asser, Cameron Marra, Mitchell Rowe and Blake Smaniotto. A big thank you to Mr. Maratea and to Aaron Offer- we couldn't have done any of this without you!

By Michael Italiano



South West Interschool Triathlon –Champions again!

Having won the shield last year, we had a lot to live up to. Thankfully we were up for the challenge and for the second consecutive year, we were the Champions of the South West Interschool Triathlon.

172 Bunbury Catholic College Students participated in the Triathlon. All the students who participated on the day should be commended for their efforts not only in competing but also their efforts in representing the College. Overall the College had 52 teams and 12 individuals competing.

Special congratulations to the following competitors who achieved a 1st, 2nd or 3rd. This is a fantastic achievement and you should all be very proud of your efforts.

FIRST PLACE

U/15 Female - Toni Lander

Team U/15 Males - Lyndon Goldsmith, Jordan Freeman & Nicholas Trinder

Team U/15 Mixed - Jessica Ruland, Louis Asser & Connor Cairns

Team U/17 Females - Shannon Verhagan, Holly Wilson & Julia Phillips

SECOND PLACE

U/17 Female - Lauren Lander

THIRD PLACE

Third Place U/14 Male - Blake Smaniotto



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This year the ACC decided to combine the Country and City Carnival, so on two days the Boys and Girls First XI travelled to the Perth Hockey Stadium to compete with schools from the Metro region for the first time.

For the last five years, four of the girls have played for the school since Year 8. These include Shenelle Schraam, Demi Williams, Caitlin Burns and Maddy Tyrell. This is a great achievement and a credit to the girls.

Finally the Girls First XI has delivered the results that they have been promising for years. This was the most experienced school hockey team, with 10 Girls currently playing First Grade senior hockey so they were able to play some really outstanding hockey. In the ACC Carnival the girls came a very credible second, their depth across all the positions allowing them to run over the top of less experienced teams. The only loss was to Bunbury Cathedral Grammar who was the eventual winner of the day. Evidence of the effort was the number of girls who refused to stop running until cramping forced them off the field.

The second place qualified the Girls First XI to the State Semi Finals of the Buchanan Cup. This carnival had the best teams in the state and the girls worked hard to finish fifth from the eight teams participating. The obvious talent of some of the opposition players who had State and at times National players forced the girls to work very hard.

In both Carnivals the girls Captain, Shenelle Schraam, was simply outstanding, supported by Marissa Littlewood, Demi Williams and the Ernst girls. First time players, Hannah Keefe and Logan Triplett really demonstrated the use of explosive speed and this combined with Georgia Vlasich who proved to be completely indefatigable, was a great bonus.

The boys were very successful, with the obvious experience of senior boys currently playing in the Local Mens Competition providing valuable strength. Whilst overall a weaker team than in past years, the boys stood up and played some solid hockey. The 3-0 drubbing of our arch nemesis Bunbury Cathedral Grammar was particularly satisfying. This victory along with other wins earned the team second place in the Carnival. The eventual winners were Mazenod College, who in the game against the boys demonstrated fitness and the ability to dominate across the field. The College boys however, for the first time in years, actually were able to play to their full potential and achieve the result they deserved.

Mr David Norrish





Interschool Equestrian Championships

After many weeks of preparation, training and with much anticipation, the Bunbury Catholic College team of 9 riders, horses, helpers and parents, made their long three hour trip to Perth. Over the next three days the girls competed in Dressage, Showmanship and Show jumping.

There were 37 schools with 443 riders competing and they proudly represented their respective schools in their school uniform with matching accessories for the horses. Each participant gained individual points in each event placing and also gained team and school points. Ms O'Meara visited on Saturday to see Bunbury Catholic College teams competing and to take in the spectacle of the event. The girls competed well and achieved many successes for the weekend, from individual and team riding merits to one of the BCC teams taking out honors in the Quiz Night.

BCC was also highly commended for their efforts with designing and making the artistic and colorful school banner for the 'Banner Competition' - a huge effort was put in beforehand by the BCC team of students and parents.

The BCC Equestrian Team consisted of riders Deepa Tomlinson, Connor Morgan, Rachel Dowell, Siobhan Darlow, Nikki Panorios, Katherine Dilley, Nikki Anderson, Evie Lovett, Holly Wilson and Caitlin Quill as helper; ably led by parent Di Panorios and equally supported by all parents whose commitment to the event was unwavering.

The girls are to be commended for their wonderful display of team camaraderie and support for each other and for the impeccable way they represented Bunbury Catholic College - what great ambassadors they were! A wonderful weekend of fun and camping was had by all with many happy memories to take home after such a big 4 days.

Well done to the BCC Equestrian Team of 2009 and their parents for their huge commitment.

Mrs Dianne Tomlinson & Deepa Tomlinson (Year 8)

2009 Indoor Volleyball

The Indoor Volleyball season for 2009 saw an influx of players especially from the Year 11 Physical Education Studies classes from Bunbury Grammar, Newton Moore and BCC.

With this influx brought some competitive spirit and a huge improvement in the skills that were displayed. Each session is broken up into some skill work to start with and then a round robin is played between the teams.

It is great to see high levels of enthusiasm and sportsmanship being displayed throughout the competition and I commend all students on this. Standout performances came from Dara Carlin and Callum Bullen with huge improvements in the short season.

Special commendation goes to Daniel Godson for his continual assistance to set up and also his huge improvement throughout the season.

Hope to see you all back next year.

Mr Cleo Avard

2010 Beach Volleyball

With summer bringing warm weather and blue skies it is great to spend Tuesday afternoons playing Beach Volleyball at Koombana Bay.

The season lasted for 6 weeks and saw a small group of students show commitment and skill throughout the competition. Beach Volleyball requires fitness and control of the ball for good quality games that are enjoyable and all participants displayed these skills.

Special commendations go to Ashley Morton who showed great potential in the sport; however the girls who blew the crowds away with their display of "A" grade Beach Volleyball were Alana Hammond, Marris Littlewood, Hannah Smith and Casey Harris.

I encourage all these players to continue playing Beach Volleyball and look forward to seeing them next year.

Mr Cleo Avard

SWISSA Results

House Athletics

House Swimming

House Cross Country

Netball

Football

Cricket

Rowing

Soccer

Triathlon / Equestrian

Volleyball / Hockey



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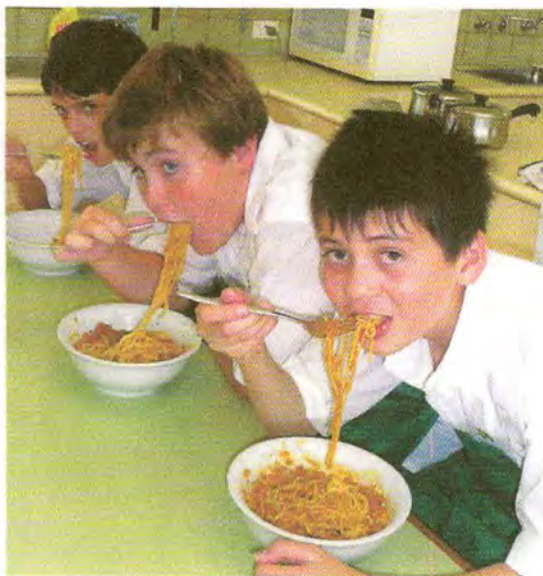


In 2009 213 bright smiling (and maybe a little nervous) Year 8 faces were welcomed to the College. It was the beginning of an exciting and busy year for everyone in Year 8. In the second week of the year, the Year 8 students spent three days at Busseton Youth Camp on Year 8 camp. New friendships were made and the students were encouraged to participate in many fun activities. And who could forget the Year 8 social in Term Two! No-one knew that Mrs Doyle and Mr DeLima were such cool dancers!

The Year 8 students were lucky to finish the year with a positive, learning experience. The Year 8 Retreat, including a Mass, allowed them to reflect on friendships formed this year. The students were fortunate to have some wonderful, caring guidance offered by Yr 8 Homeroom teachers in 2009. Miss Sawyer and Miss Kukulka, Mrs Parmar, Mr Webb, Mr McKenzie, Mr McGuire and Miss Crosby, Mrs Doyle and Mrs McKenzie put in many long hours of marking and preparation and gave great support to all students in their care.

The Class of 2013, as Year 8 students, gave me a wonderful experience in my first year as Year 8 Coordinator. I wish them all the best in coming years and look forward to watching them move through the College.

Mrs Maree Maughan
Year 8 Coordinator



Year 8M memories of B.C.C. in 2009:

I loved Feast Day because it was fun and exciting
– Deepa

The day at camp we were eating lollies when Mrs McKenzie came in and we had to sprint back to bed – Chloe

Travelling to Mandurah for footy and rucking against... – Cody

When Mr. McK found out I hadn't had my diary signed..... – Carl

The really stormy day when we were in the bus shelter – Amber

Playing netball against Aranmore and seeing the size of the girls! – Amber

When we crammed seven girls into a four bed room on camp – Georgia

The day I missed the bus to school – Harrison

When a magpie tried to get my ring off me – Zosia

Learning to play guitar in music was cool – Hayden

When the bus door closed on me at the Year 8 camp – Stephen

When my i-Pod was taken away for listening to it at school – Jarred

When Ashlee went to the wrong English lesson and stayed there for the whole period – Aimee T.

When Ben Frazer stole the soccer ball from the boys on the oval and then ran into the goal post and knocked himself out! – Kevin

My sunburnt back on Year 8 camp! – Pennie



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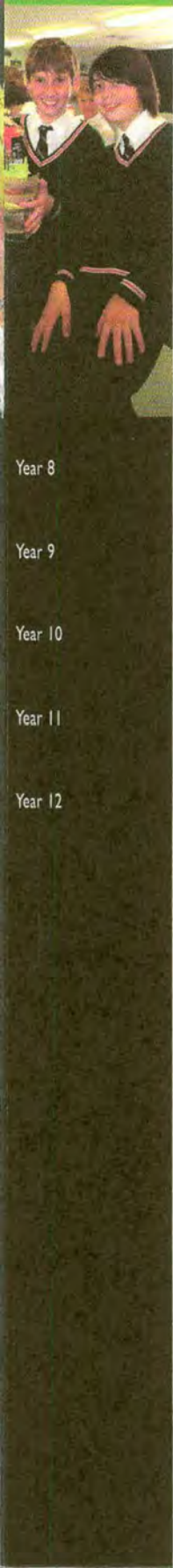
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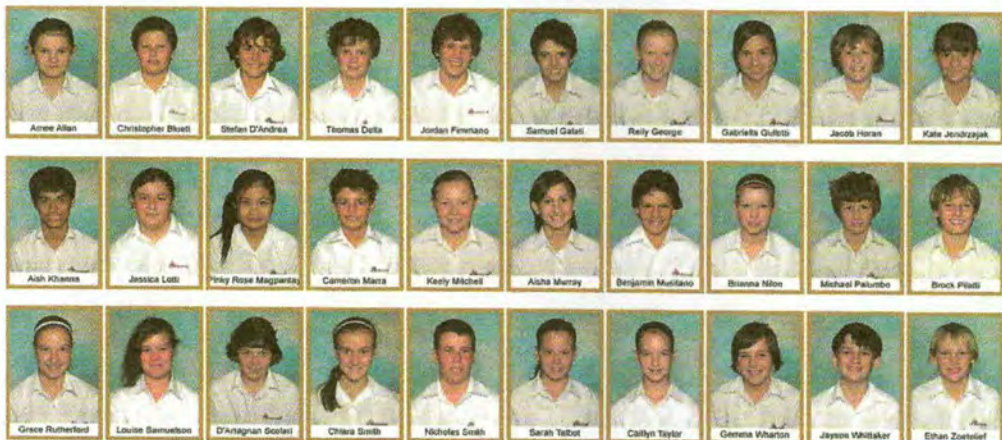
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Year 9 has been a very successful year in 2009. The students have undertaken a large number of activities both in and outside the classroom. These have included guest speakers at assemblies, the study skills programme, a two day retreat and a student run quiz night.

Well done to all Year 9 students and homeroom teachers and good luck for year 10.

Mr Braden Famlonga
Year 9 Coordinator

2009 was another great year with many memorable moments. We were introduced to many new teachers and peers. There were some good events organized by our Student Leadership team such as the Quiz Night and Retreat. If next year is as good as this we think we should all be looking forward to it.

Nick Trinder and Luke Parker

2009 was a great year with some great highlights. In Term One we all arrived very nervous, but no where near as nervous as when we first entered high school. We were introduced to our new Year Coordinator, Mr Famlonga, who made learning great fun but still kept serious things in sight.

This year we were dragged away from the comfort of our Year 8 lives and straight into the busy year of Year 9. There were many memorable events such as the Quiz Night, the Sex Education Retreat and the Social that never happened. Our Homeroom teachers were great and we will never forget our Year Coordinator Mr Fam who always had a supply of minties for us when times were tough. Year 9 was definitely a year to remember.

Naomi Dixon and Tayla Doyle

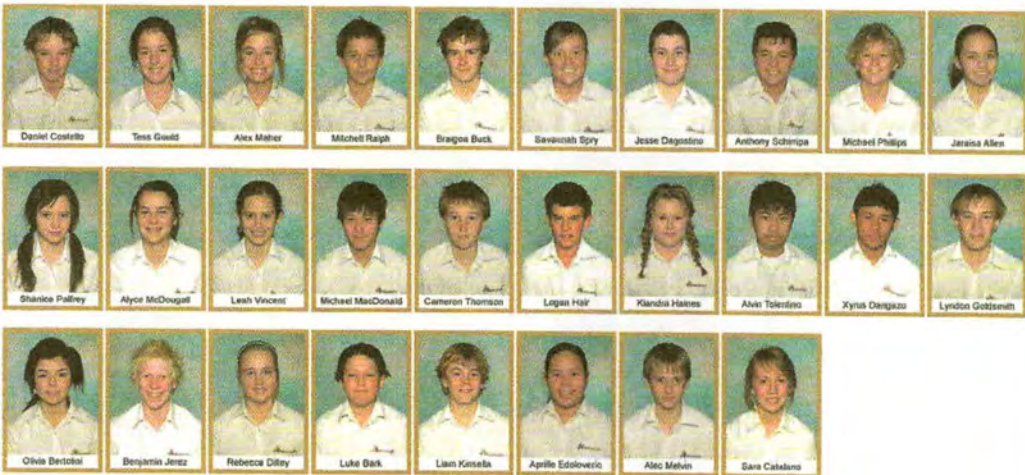




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Aristotle, the Greek philosopher, said, "Excellence is a habit. It is what we continually do." Every small behaviour, when repeated often enough becomes a habit. Whether this is a good or bad habit depends on the individual. A focus on developing good study habits will bring boundless rewards.

Year 10 is a challenging time for students on many fronts. I would like to congratulate students for their efforts in 2009 but urge them to continue striving for personal excellence in all facets of their lives.

God Bless

Mr Mark Cummins
Year 10 Coordinator

Here are some of the students thoughts on Year 10 in 2009:

My biggest highlight in Year 10 was the New Zealand ski trip. It was the best thing I did thing I did this year! Katrina Ryan

My ultimate highlight of the year was coming 18th in the House Cross Country, compared to 64th last year. Jayson Schreurs

I have enjoyed being in Year 10 because I was able to do Work Experience and I really enjoyed that. Rebecca Hinton

The highlight of my year was the Outdoor Adventure Camp. Although it was tiring we learnt some valuable lessons and forged some good friendships. Katelyn Thomson

The part I most enjoyed about Year 10 was the Work Experience. We learnt a lot about our future plans and had time to think about where we wanted to head. Olivia Plaskett

The highlight of my year was getting the chance to play in the College hockey team and coming Runner Up in the Athletics Carnival. Logan Triplett

The highlight of this year was my Representative I netball team travelling to Perth for the second year. This proved to be an exciting opportunity to represent the College. Kirsty Fraser

I enjoyed Work Experience this year, also building friendships, Mr Cummins as Year Coordinator, the Athletics Carnival and Feast Day. Rhiannon Shine



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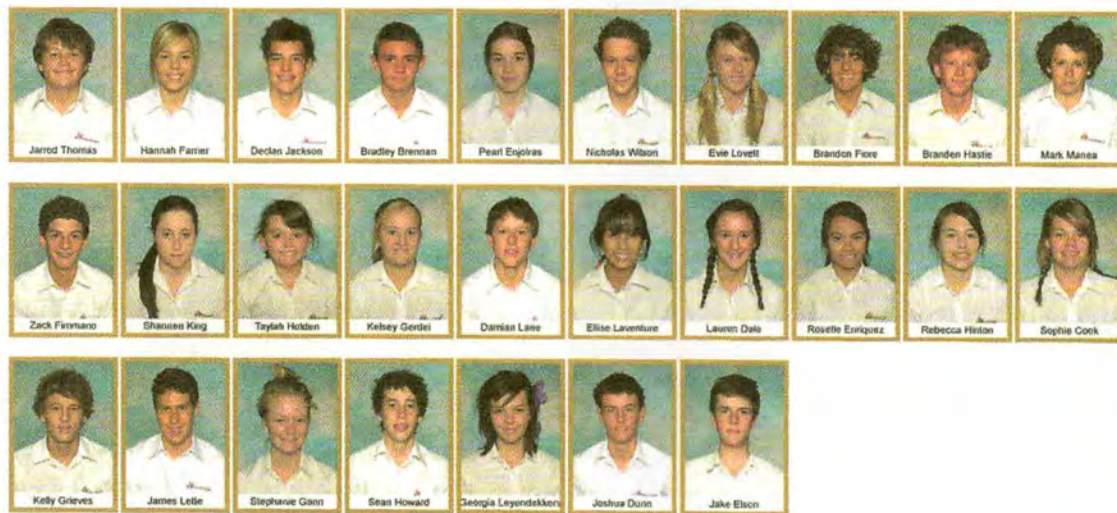
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2009 has seen the Year 11 students take their first steps on the road to finding a future outside the College.

The main focus has of course been their studies, regardless of whether they have been taking Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) subjects or the School Apprenticeship Link (SAL) Programs. One of the main challenges has been the new WACE subjects which have seen the students working with the staff as new education subjects have been introduced. The cohort as a whole has made a real effort to organize their work for study and exams throughout the year.

Various challenges throughout the year have included the Outward Adventure Program. The Year 11 students went down to the Cape Naturaliste area and participated in activities such as sea kayaking, abseiling, hiking and living in the great outdoors. The students approached the 8 days with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. A number of students participated in the Youth Driver Development Program, which saw them take their first steps toward getting their Learners Permit and working towards completing their logbooks. Finally the Year 11 Retreat was held in Term 3 and this day allowed the students to consider God and their Spiritual Development.

The Christian Service Learning Program this year has seen the Yr 11 students involved in many positive activities within the greater Bunbury community. In particular the Homerooms have supported the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers while many of the students donated blood throughout the year. Additionally, the huge effort put in by the various Homerooms on Feast Day raised a spectacular amount of funds.

At this stage the new Student Leaders for 2010 have taken on their roles with energy and promise to provide an effective voice for their peers in the coming year.

On behalf of Ms Mullane and myself for the past Term, I thank the Year 11's for their cheerfulness and willingness to make a real effort when asked to do the right thing.

Mr David Norrish
Acting Yr 11 Coordinator



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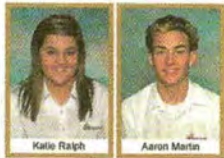
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After 11 years of education, it all came down to those final demanding 9 months. As Year 12s we were challenged both mentally and physically throughout the year. However despite this, Year 12 will be one of the most memorable and enjoyable years of our lives

Two weeks after our return to BCC from the summer holidays, the Italian Club hosted our "Key to the Heart" themed ball. The ties were tied, the dresses zipped, the faces shaved and the hair styled to perfection, the Year 12s transformed into gorgeous young women and handsome young men. The students were certainly a creative bunch when it came to the Ball. I'm sure no Perth school would ever have their students arrive in such an array of transport. From the vintage cars and stretch Hummers, to the skateboards, bikes, fire engines and cement mixers, we proved that there is always a graceful way to get out of any kind of vehicle. The night was a great success and we would like to thank all staff who helped to make this special night.

During Term Two, the much anticipated retreat came along; another highlight of Year 12! Retreat challenged and encouraged us to discover more about ourselves, in preparation for the years to come. The four day retreat was an opportunity to get to know each other better and also experience the friendship of our teachers. This was a rewarding time filled with many memories for both the staff and students, most of which we will never forget.

On behalf of the Year 12s, we would like to thank all of the BCC staff, who have played an important role in our maturation over our 5 years at the College.

As a group, we have been major contributors to Bunbury Catholic College life. We have managed to carry out all the responsibilities associated with being the leaders of the school and role models for fellow students, to an exceptional standard.

Finally, we would like to wish the Class of 2009 all the very best for their future lives. Stay safe and we will be seeing all of you at a future reunion!

Head Girl and Head Boy,
Nicola Stevenson and Tristan Ceccato

With a windy swirl of 150 golden Helium filled balloons rising skywards and rapidly disappearing and with the roar of a Jacob Impson inspired "song" ringing in their ears, to the rest of the College the class of 2009 seemingly left the Sports Centre for the last time. However, they were back within minutes to begin the rehearsal which ultimately led to a very successful graduation and certificate presentation that night. Earlier on their last day, the students were fed at breakfast by their homeroom teachers, entertained by their "awards" committee and humorously and loudly or quietly and tearfully (in some cases) looked at the PowerPoint presentation (beautifully presented in photograph and music by Erienne Lette), of their five years at the College.

Eight homerooms, keeping the same dedicated HR teachers from Year 11, started the year, with Ms McLean taking long service leave in Term Four. Obviously the highlight in Term One was the Ball, with all students beautifully presented. Having the most outrageous method of arrival seemed to be the biggest challenge on the night, with students being dropped off in traditional vehicles like Commodores and Falcons; some arrived in a sports car, a few on bicycles, and many in buses and the unusual cement mixer and cattle truck.

In Term Two the social and spiritual Retreat was a highlight. Students were able in quiet solo time or within an intimate group, to realise and share where they had come from, who had helped them along the way as the major influences in their life and to think about the sort of person they were becoming. With the four different sites following similar programmes, it was not unusual to find that the student-prepared Mass was the high point for each group.

Throughout the year, obviously the main focus was on study and the academic goals of each student, culminating in two sets of exams. Hopefully each and every student has achieved what they wanted and for which they have done the work. Remember, the more or harder you work, the luckier you are at exam time!

It has been a pleasure to take this group through year 11 and 12 and I wish each and every one of the group, much success in your future. Please remember that nothing gives a teacher more pleasure than to have ex-students keep in touch occasionally.

Mr Frank Townsend
Year 12 Coordinator



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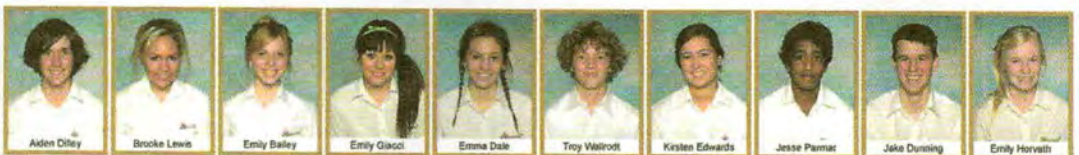
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Emma-Rose Castro Matthew McManus Rowan Brady Jordan Smith Kristin Holsop Andrew Shraga Kayla Lepki Eleanor Ryan Jake Lombardo Shelby Garofano

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