

THE COURT CHIMES

2020, THE YEAR WE PRACTISE HUMILITY - "OTHERS BEFORE SELF"



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

PATRICIA RODRIGUES, PRINCIPAL

2020: The year we shall not forget!

Let me begin by saying what a privilege it has been to be able to lead this wonderful school community through the trials and tribulations of the year. We needed the enormous trust you placed in us to care for your precious children when we didn't know how, or when, we would come out the other end. But, together we did just that! We have learnt we can, and will continue to, do somethings differently.

Like so many, I have learnt that ZOOM meetings enabled us to conduct enrolment interviews and attend meetings. ELC pick up and drop off will continue with the new efficiency we have developed. We are aware that while we have much to celebrate and be grateful for, there are families still uncertain about what 2021 holds for them.

We concluded our year with our Annual Presentation Night with our Year 3-12's being recognised for their academic achievements. I was able to announce our secondary School Captains as Rebecca Curran and Nicholaas Lotter and our Primary School Captains as Ruby Goode and Zakk White. Well done to them, the complete list of leaders will be published next year.

I also announced that "Aladdin" would be our musical for 2021 and it will be a fabulous show that I am sure we will all enjoy.

Our Early Learning Centre students entertained us with their Nativity Celebrations on Wednesday, 2 December and as usual, we were completely in awe of their talent and the patience of their teachers!

Parent Survey: I ask you to please take a few minutes of your time to complete the annual survey of our school, at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F2M5J26>, you may need to copy and paste this link.

Fees and Charges: Included in the end of year envelope is the Fees and Charges Schedule for 2021. I am pleased to advise that our Board is aware of the economic pressures our families are experiencing and have only increased our fees by just over 1%.

I wish you all a restful, prayerful and safe Christmas and a wonderful start to the New Year.



Court Grammar
School

Upcoming Events

Monday 11 January
School Office opens

Monday 25 January
School closed

Thursday 28 January
Year 12 ATAR students
commence

Friday 29 January
Year 11 Peer Support
Training

Saturday 30 January
Year 12 Ball

Monday 1 February
Year 7's commence

Tuesday 2 February
All students commence

Thursday 4 February
Kindy staggered start

Friday 5 February
Sir Charles Court Futures
Assembly

**Monday-Wednesday 15-17
February**
Year 6 camp

Friday 19 February
Marron Cup



Always Was, Always Will Be

Each year across Australia, NAIDOC Week celebrations are held in order to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week has a rich history in Australia. Beginning in the 1920s, the Australian Aborigines Progressive Association protested to raise awareness of the unfair treatment of Indigenous Australians. In 1938 the Day of Mourning began, being held the Sunday before Australia Day each year from 1940 – 1955. In 1955 the date was changed to July and the day morphed into a celebration day known as Aborigines Day. As time went on, the date was changed again and we began to extend the celebrations of Indigenous cultures, forming the NAIDOC Week we celebrate today.

As part of our continuous efforts to encourage respect for our Indigenous cultures, Court Grammar students were provided various opportunities to participate in NAIDOC Week activities during Week 5. This year's theme of 'Always Was, Always Will Be', became the stimulus for a poster competition throughout the school. This was a great success and enabled many stimulating conversations to occur. Congratulations to the awesome winners; Blayze McAuslan and Indiana Laughlin, who created artistic and thought-provoking pieces, which were proudly displayed throughout the school.

In order to foster the positive relationships between students in both the primary and secondary schools, a number of activities were presented, which enabled students to model the traditional learning environment of our Indigenous Australians, where more experienced generations guide the younger ones. It was a pleasure to watch the kind and respectful interactions between our secondary and primary students.

We hope that each year the NAIDOC celebrations get even bigger and better. Aligning with Court Grammar's strong values based on respect, we are looking towards creating a greater understanding of our Indigenous Australian cultures, which in turn helps to generate an environment that is truly inclusive and embraces diversity.

Ms Ashton

Year 9 Perth City Navigation Challenge

On Friday 13 November, the Year 9 cohort took part in the Perth City Navigation challenge.

This is a challenge that tests students' abilities to cooperate, improvise, interpret maps, and manage their time, as groups aim to reach the most locations around Perth city within a four-hour time limit.

We arrived at the Bell Tower, where the students split into their five groups, each with a staff member. After a quick briefing including the day's format, outlining expectations, and establishing a finishing spot, the students took off with their information packs and the race was underway!

On the front of the information pack, there was an address to a gift shop, where each student was required to chip in, to purchase a mascot for the day. Once they had fulfilled this task, they were good to go answering questions in their booklets by reaching locations like; Elizabeth Quay, the WACA, His Majesty's Theatre, London Court in the Hay Street Mall, and many more.

To accomplish the tasks, all the students had maps, addresses, a booklet full of questions and historical information about our City. The goal was to answer as many questions as possible to earn the highly coveted Year of Challenge points.

Overall, the day was a raging success with all groups having enjoyed their day out and learning a thing or two about our wonderful city along the way – some groups even managing to visit all of the available locations! Moreover, the students are to be commended on their spirit in the competition, resilience, and teamwork displayed, as decisions were discussed and disagreements managed well.

All Year 9 students are to be praised for their efforts in not only completing the challenge but also representing the school in an exemplary fashion.

Congratulations to the winning team;

Chloe Young,
Maya Wicksteed,
Maddison Humphreys,
Tyson Pascoe,
Finnian Redman,
Cade Bosveld,
Samuel Piotrowski,
Gurbaaz Gill,
Chad Tilburn,
Callum Matthewman,
Olivia Cooper,
Jessica Avila,
and George Cooke.

Thanks also to Mr Anthony, Mr Couzens, Mrs Pugliese and Mrs Sah for accompanying the students on a great day out.

Mr Freel
Year 9 & 10 Coordinator



Outside The Locker Room

This term, Court Grammar School has partnered with Outside The Locker Room (OTLR) to improve the wellbeing of our students.

OTLR is a registered charity established in 2015. They deliver mental health education and welfare support to sporting clubs, schools, and workplaces across Australia. In Western Australia, their program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health under the Community Health and Hospitals Program.

It was a pleasure having OTLR presenters at Court Grammar School recently. Two sessions were held with our Year 9 & 10 cohorts, focusing on;

Mental Health

- Identifying support networks
- Signs of someone going through a tough time
- Seeking help / helping others
- Mindfulness (e.g. journaling or reading a book)
- Grounding (e.g. walking barefoot on grass)
- Emotional release (e.g. letting yourself cry)
- Self-care (e.g. having your favourite meal or a bath)
- Challenging thoughts (e.g. responding with positive self-talk)
- Being of benefit (e.g. helping others or volunteering)
- Problem-solving (e.g. seeking information or support on the problem)

Cyber Safety

- What power you have as a bystander
- How to respond to cyberbullying
- Why people bully online

Each of the 6 Pastoral Care Groups, students and Pastoral Care Advisors made a pledge that “Stigma Stops Here” by signing the banner provided by OTLR as a gift to the school.

Now, for the next 12 months, students aged 13 and over, parents and teachers can receive ongoing individual support via the OTLR welfare app.

Parents, teachers and students (of any age) can also reach out for support via wawelfare@otlr.org.au.

I am confident that the education and support offered by OTLR will strengthen our School and community, and reduce the stigma surrounding mental health challenges.

Stigma Stops Here.

Mr Freel

Year 9 & 10 Coordinator



Murdoch University Girls Sum it up Excursion.

This term, 10 female students were given the opportunity to attend the Girls Sum it up excursion at Murdoch University. These 10 girls got to experience a day dedicated to Mathematics. They heard talks from women working in a variety of different fields on how maths has been essential to their careers.

This included Engineers from BHP, a Data scientist and Marine Biologist. The students also participated in 2 workshops where they had to use their maths skills in an escape room challenge where they had to solve various puzzles in order to escape the room and a workshop on ciphers which are a secret way of disguising codes. All the students and teachers had a wonderful time participating in these activities.

They had a Question and Answer session at the end of the day where they could ask the various women from different industries questions about university, careers, and how they use mathematics in their professions.

Mrs Tupicoff

Yr 11/12 Coordinator/Learning Area Coordinator - Mathematics



Outstanding Interschool Equestrian Results

We previously recognised as a group, the students who competed at the Interschool Equestrian Festival during the October school holidays.

Following the recent Equestrian WA Awards Night, we would like to congratulate our students individually on their amazing performances.

PRIMARY RESULTS

Cleo Miller	Primary 60cm Show Jumping 2nd
Lincoln Workman	Primary 60cm Show Jumping 3rd
	Primary 70cm Show Jumping 2nd
Zac Workman	Primary Working Hunter class 3rd
Madeleine Cooke	Primary Show Hunter class 4th

SECONDARY RESULTS

Shania Benbow	Secondary Senior Preliminary Dressage 1st
	Secondary Senior Novice Dressage 1st
Mia Farrell	Show Horse competition 4th
Lily Hennessy	Show Horse competition 2nd
Emily Anderson	Secondary 60cm Show Jumping 1st
	Secondary 70cm Show Jumping 2nd
Senae Marriott	Secondary 80cm Show Jumping 1st
	Secondary 90cm Show Jumping 2nd
Rebecca Curran	80cm Secondary Combined Training 4th
	Secondary 80cm Show Jumping 5th

The combined results of all individual events entered, then tallies together to determine the overall Champion Individual riders and Champion School teams. We are pleased to announce the following students and teams as State Champions;

Individual Awards

Reserve Overall Secondary Rider - Shania Benbow

Champion Overall Secondary Participant Rider - Senae Marriott

Overall High Point Off the Track Horse - Shania Benbow

Team Awards

Jumping Champion School

Champion Primary School - CGS - Cleo Miller, Lincoln Workman, and Zac Workman

Show Horse Champion School

Champion School - CGS - Madeleine Cooke, Cleo Miller, Lincoln Workman, and Zac Workman

Champion Secondary Team - CGS - Mia Farrell, Lily Hennessy, and Shania Benbow

Overall Championship School

Champion Overall Secondary School - CGS - Emily Anderson, Shania Benbow, Rebecca Curran and Senae Marriott

Well done to all members of this year's EWA Interschool team. Please contact Mr Bristow or Mrs Krokosz for information regarding next year's event.

Mr Bristow and Mrs Krokosz

Workplace Learning

On Friday, 4 December Year 10 students were given the opportunity to undertake a Work Shadow Day. The Work Shadow Day was a new concept to Court Grammar this year and aimed to get our students thinking about skills, training, and future education required for specific careers.

Many students spent the day shadowing their parents in their workplace whilst others spent the day in workplaces specific to careers that interest them for the future. All students who indicated a desire to participate were placed into a workplace and they should be congratulated for their initiative and willingness to participate in the day.

Workplace Learning in 2020 was greatly affected by Covid19 however we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the many businesses that have hosted our students, not only for the Work Shadow Day but over the course of the year for various placements. Thank you to the following businesses that have provided guidance and invaluable experience to our students in 2020.

1st Class Panel and Paint
Accord Plumbing
Adventure World
Archies Plastering
Bibra Lake Fabricators
Coates Hire
Cockburn Cement
Court Grammar School
Elliott & Webb Accounting
GF Engineering
Hardless Legal
Health Focus Clinical Psychology
Heisenberg Technologies
Kompair Mechanical Services
Locked in Garage
London Park Stud
Lupica Plumbing
Mammoet Australia Pty Ltd
MDG Contracting
Need a Hand Home Maintenance
Penrose Automotive
Ranger Red's Zoo
Salvo's Store Byford
Serpentine Childcare Centre
Serpentine Jarrahdale Resource Centre
Serpentine Primary School
Stephen Michael Foundation
St John Bosco College
Vector Lifting
York Recreation and Convention Centre

Mrs Krokosz

Workplace Learning Coordinator

Year 11 - Week of Challenge



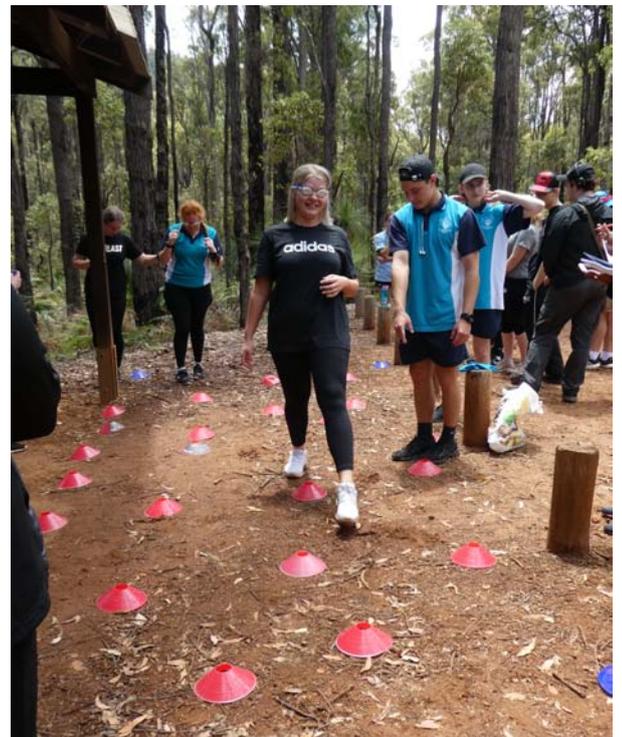
In Week 8 of Term 4, the Year 11 students spent 4 days challenging themselves physically, mentally, and emotionally at the Year 11 Week of Challenge.

The camp began with a 10km hike to the campground which physically challenged the students. They spent the next three days canoeing, building rafts, flat water rafting, rock climbing, completing high and low ropes courses. When they were not out physically testing their limits, they were working together in teams to complete team challenges such as putting together puzzles with their hands tied together.

All students who attended had a wonderful time and will remember this camp for years to come. A big thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to come and spend time with our Year 11 students.

Mrs Tupicoff

Yr 11/12 Coordinator/Learning Area Coordinator - Mathematics



Workplace learning is a valuable experience for secondary school students. During the Year 10 Workplace Learning Day, the English Department was fortunate enough to score two aspiring teachers as helpers. Cain Wormald and Jade Whiting assisted with many aspects of teaching – some exciting, others providing insight into the not-so-glamorous aspects of the job. After assisting student learning in younger year groups, they filed, tidied, and answered phone calls. As pictured, they also enjoyed taking part in the recess ritual of many teachers! Their assistance was much appreciated by those in the school who had the pleasure of working with them.

Additional students who worked in other areas of the school on the same Friday reported that they enjoyed several dimensions of the job, but slept very well on Friday night after gaining a greater understanding of the diverse and busy roles their teachers play.

Well done from the English Department to all students and staff who were involved in the success of the day.
Ms West - English Teacher

Workplace Learning - Experience



Seasons for Growth® Program –
Coming to Court Grammar School – Primary School in 2021.

Learning to live with change and loss

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Court Grammar School we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce, and related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called Seasons for Growth which will commence in Term 1 2021. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research that highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication, and support networks.

Interested families are encouraged to contact Stuart Learmonth Head of Primary, Robert Taylor Primary Pastoral Care Co-Ordinator, Elizabeth Vos Early Learning Co-Ordinator, or Alisha Sah the School Social Worker, who will be facilitating this program. We would be happy to forward more details to you about the Seasons for Growth program. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth, we would also encourage you to talk to them about participating in the program.

We are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved.

Mrs Sah - Social Worker



Year 9 Starlight Soiree & Year of Challenge Update



The Starlight Soiree was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of the Year of Challenge award winners and to celebrate the year as a cohort. It was great to see all the Year 9's dressed up in their smart-casual red/white/black-best and having fun amidst the "Rave in the Cave", "Minute To Win It" Christmas games, photobooth antics, enjoying delightful fruit punch, soft drinks, plentiful pizzas, and a delicious candy bar.

Congratulations to the following award recipients from the night;

- Mrs Pugliese's Posse for taking out Term 4 and Overall Pastoral Care Group Champions
- Natalie Jarrold for Term 4 third place
- Jack McCoy for Overall third place
- Isabelle McKeig for Term 4 and Overall Runner Up
- Madison Grover for Term 4 and Overall Champion

Thanks again to Mrs Riseley, Mr Couzens, Mrs Pugliese, Mrs Bamkin and the Student Committee (Jessica Avila, Holly Grainger, Alexis Antoniadis, Natalie Jarrold, Shay-Li Reid, Isabelle McKeig, Maddison Humphreys, Madison Grover, Lilli Manners and Chloe Young) for helping out in the lead up to and on the night - You did an amazing job.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr Freel
Yr 9/10 Coordinator



Year 10 Peer Leadership Training Day

On the last day of school the Year 10's were treated to a day at Serpentine Falls for the annual Peer Support Leadership Training Day.

The objective of the day for the students was to participate in team building games which shall be replicated with the new Year 7 cohort in 2021.

The objective for the Teachers was to scout the leadership talent in order to select Court Grammar School's best mentors for a limited group of Peer Support Leaders!

The day began with multiple teambuilding games amongst an audience of kangaroos, facilitated by the 2021 Year 12 Prefect group. This was followed by a swim in the falls for the highly anticipated "Greasy Watermelon" game, then back to the picnic area for more group problem solving activities.

As a reward for their efforts during the day, the Year 10 group were then treated to a sausage sizzle cooked by the Year 11's in their first service role as 2021 Prefects (who did a mighty fine job).

Thank you again to the 2021 Prefect group, Mr Greeff, Ms O'Sullivan, Ms West, Mr Anthony & Mr Jenzen for their assistance. Thanks also to the Year 10's for their positive attitude and participation throughout the day.

With that, I also wish the Year 10 cohort well moving into Year 11 in 2021 as I pass them on to Mrs Tupicoff as Year 11/12 Coordinator.

Mr Freel
Yr 9/10 Coordinator



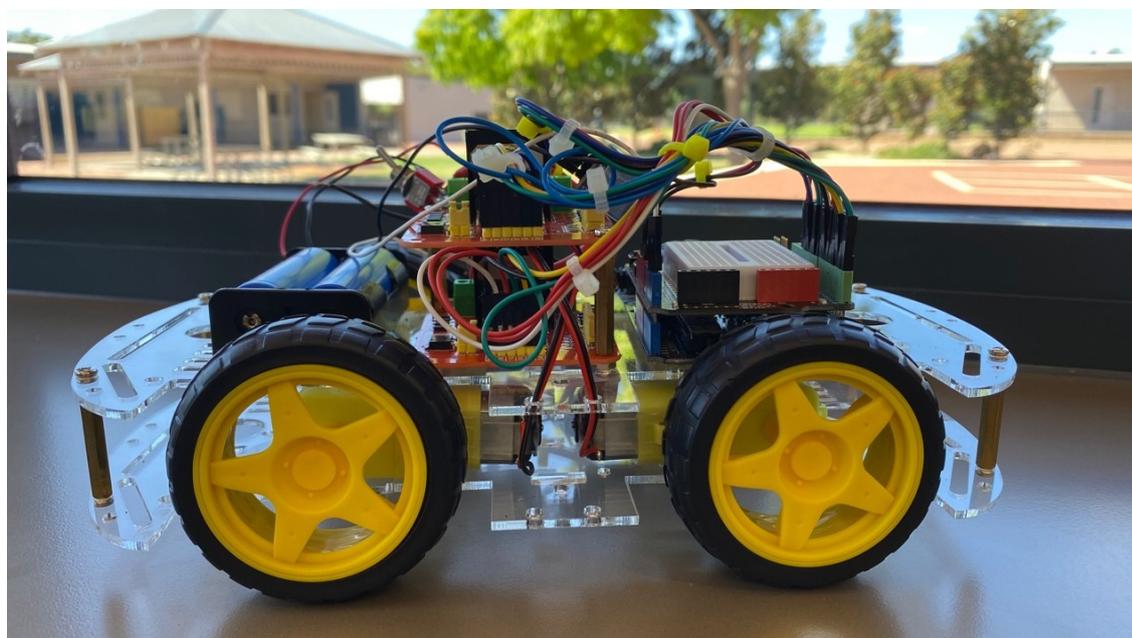
Digital Technologies

Throughout Term 4 students from Year 9 Digital Technologies have been engaged in robotic projects using Arduino microcontrollers. When engaging in Digital Technologies projects students must work autonomously to develop, design, implement and evaluate a digital solution.

These were ambitious projects and students learnt much about teamwork, communication and the need for careful planning in the process. Not all projects were seen through to completion, however, much was learned in the process and students overall found the projects to be highly engrossing and rewarding.



Biped Robot by Cade Bosveld, Quinn Wardrobe and Cooper Chappells



4WD Bluetooth RC Car by Ben Pratt and Coen Baird

Also worthy of note was a highly ambitious **RC Reliant Robin** by Tom Tunstall, Natalie Jarrold and Madison Grover and an amusing **Useless Box** by Samuel Piotrowski and Gurbaaz Gill.

Ms Dreher
Digital Technologies Teacher



We Survived 2020!

On behalf of all of the Primary staff team, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and understanding in what has been a very different and challenging year. I must also thank the Primary staff for their unwavering professionalism, organisation and dedication to the children and families of our School. In everything, we look for and find the positives and this year has had many of these to be thankful for.

Despite a global pandemic, we have gone from strength to strength in the pedagogical direction of our School. We pride ourselves on being a multi-pedagogical School where we adopt many different types of teaching and learning to suit and meet the needs and styles of our many different learners. This year, our main focus for strategic development in the Primary School has been Reading. Behind the scenes, staff have been attending professional learning experiences throughout the whole year in order to best meet the needs of a changing curriculum and a changing world. We look forward eagerly to 2021 when our new developments can be fully implemented.

In addition to this, we have been developing Inclusive Education and how we best support the needs of students requiring both support in their learning and extension. This has been a very worthwhile journey we have travelled, and we are immensely proud of the results we are seeing across the School. Our Inclusive Education journey will continue and be strengthened even more in 2021.



Across the Court

Our small band of dedicated reporters have worked tirelessly to produce three editions of our School newspaper this year. This has been a really worthwhile co-curricular project for our Year 5 and 6 students. From the outset, the children decided that their profits should be given to Ronald

McDonald House, a very worthwhile charity. To date, we have raised around \$300 which is an amazing achievement for a small group of children. Many thanks to those who have worked on this, donated money, time and positive wishes. Across the Court will continue next year as a Year 5 and 6 extension opportunity within English. We are looking forward to reading more interesting articles and tackling trickier puzzles!

Day 1: 2021

As we look forward to 2021, I would like to advise everyone that a letter will be sent to all families with arrangements for drop off and collection on Day 1 of 2021. This will come in, in the report package that you will receive as the holidays begin. As you know, we operate a Kiss and Drive system, but we understand the need and desire for parents of our very youngest children to be able to drop off on the first day.

Have a very merry Christmas and may we wish you every blessing for the incoming year.

Anglicare WA Christmas Appeal

Anglicare staff tell us that one of the things that families often struggle to afford when going through hard times is school equipment. Items such as backpacks, lunch boxes, water bottles, pencils, pens, textas and exercise books are items required by all students attending school and we all know how quickly the cost of these items can add up, but in some cases they become unaffordable. Not being able to send your child to school with the correct school supplies impacts not only their education but their confidence and dignity. Every year, Anglicare WA works with around 10,000 children across the state, and during this Christmas season, we want to make sure that as many of those children receive the back to school supplies they need, ready for the 2021 school year.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Appeal and made it the success it was. As a school community, we were able to send off over 30 backpacks laden with stationery to help some children have a better start to their schooling.

In addition, a cheque for over \$5,500 has been sent to Anglicare WA representing the money raised throughout the year from our fundraising efforts and events such as the Sleepout.

Merry Christmas and we look forward to more Service opportunities for our students in the coming year.





The Future Proofing Study 2021

We all know 2020 has been a difficult year and the wellbeing of our students has never been so important. We're thrilled to announce that in 2021 our school is taking part in Australia's largest ever wellbeing study for high school students, the 'Future Proofing' study.

Court Grammar School will be working with the Black Dog Institute and UNSW, along with 150 other schools, to build the most comprehensive picture yet of the mental health and wellbeing of Australian teenagers. The Year 8 cohort of 2021 will be invited to try out new mental health apps and complete surveys about their health and wellbeing at school until they are in Year 12. More details will be circulated to Year 8 parents at the start of 2021.

2021 School Term Dates

Wednesday, 6 January	School Office Opens (Limited)
Monday, 11 January	School Office Opens
Monday, 25 January	School Closed
Tuesday, 26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday

TERM ONE

Thursday, 28 January	Yr 12 ATAR Students commence
Friday, 29 January	Yr 11 Peer Support Training
Monday, 1 February	All Yr 7 Students and Yr 11 Peer Support Leaders commence
Tuesday, 2 February	All classes commence
Monday, 1 March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Thursday, 1 April	Teaching Staff and Students conclude Term One

TERM TWO

Monday, 19 April	Students commence
Monday, 26 April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Monday, 7 June	Western Australia Day Public Holiday
Friday, 25 June	Teaching Staff and Students conclude Term Two

TERM THREE

Tuesday, 20 July	Students commence
Friday, 20 August	Staff Professional Development Day - Pupil Free
Friday, 24 September	Teaching Staff and Students conclude Term Three

TERM FOUR

Tuesday, 12 October	Students commence
Thursday, 9 December	Presentation Night
	Students conclude Term Four
Friday, 17 December	School Office closes

Dates as at 14 December 2020. Dates may be subject to change.

Uniform Shop - Holiday Opening Times

The Uniform Shop will be open as follows:

Friday, 29 January: 8.30 am - 12 noon
1.00 pm - 3.30 pm

Monday, 30 January: 9 am - 12 noon

Tuesday, 1 February: 8.30 am - 12 noon
1.00 pm - 3.30 pm

AVOID THE RUSH

Order forms can be sent through to the School, if you know the sizes of the items that you require and we will contact you when your order is ready for collection from Reception.

Credit card details need to be provided on the order form.

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

YEARS 7 TO 12
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO:

\$350

towards school expenses

DO YOU HOLD A: ● CENTRELINK HEALTH CARE CARD
(OR) ● CENTRELINK PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD
(OR) ● VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

Applications Close
Thursday 1 April 2021

Ask School Reception for More Information