

**Important dates:**

**Monday 21 September**  
**School Board Meeting**

**Friday 25 September**  
**Students Last Day Term 3**

**Monday 28 September**  
**Public Holiday**

**Monday 12 October**  
**School Development Day**  
**P & C Meeting**

**Tuesday 13 October**  
**Students First Day Term 4**

**Monday 19 October**  
**School Board Meeting**

**Thursday 17 December**  
**Students Last Day of Term 4**



## ***PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE***

**Digby Mercer**

The eagerly awaited end of term is rapidly approaching and for some of our younger students it cannot come soon enough. For students and some staff, the latter part of Term 3 can be a bit more challenging as energy levels flag and the weather begins to change. Term 4 seems to go much more quickly and has the bonus of the Christmas holidays at the end.

Planning for next year is well underway. Most of the school's funding goes to salaries so our budget is largely determined by the timetable. Mrs Bradley is constantly working on the timetable which is largely in place but in need of tweaking here and there. The more efficiently we can deploy staff within the timetable, the more money we have to spend on other needs within the school such as upgrading technology. This is a complicated process which is made more difficult by the number of specialist programs. By mid-way through Term 4 it is intended that all students will be notified of their course for 2021.

## **Athletics Carnival**

Congratulations to Mr Emslie, Phys Ed staff and volunteers for a very successful athletics carnival. It was a great day helped along by perfect weather.

## **Hockey**

The Hockey Academy's senior teams have once again excelled, winning the Buchanan Cup for girls and the Bell Cup for boys. Congratulations to all involved.

## **Year 12 Students**

As they move into the final weeks of secondary education we will be celebrating this milestone for our Year 12 students in a number of ways. Firstly, there was the traditional Year 12 dinner where we acknowledged the contribution of parents and carers. This was held on Tuesday September 15 at a new venue, the Pagoda in South Perth. It was a great night with the attendees enjoying good food and conversation.

On Friday week we will then hold our final assembly which will be modified in the light of COVID restrictions but will still involve the entire school farewelling our departing Year 12s.

The last event will be our valedictory which will be at the University of WA. Usually this is held in the Octogon Theatre but this year it will be in the magnificent Winthrop Hall. Even if COVID restrictions don't change in the meantime, there is a possibility that in the new venue the ceremony can be run as one whole event. Should the situation change for the worse and restrictions tighten, the time and venue will still be the same but the event will be split into two halves.

As in previous years the expectation is that all Year12 students will maintain the highest standard of behaviour during their remaining time at school. Students who misbehave will forfeit their attendance at these events.

## **Mobile Phones, Air Pods and Wireless Headphones**

All students have been reminded about appropriate use of mobile phones at school and the consequences for breaking the school's usage policy. The same rules apply to air pods and headphones. They are not to be used in classrooms or be on the student's person.

## **SEQTA**

Implementation of the school's new learning management system is proceeding smoothly through the excellent work of the project director, Ms Nicole Richardson. SEQTA will replace Connect and provide a much friendlier user platform. It will come online from the beginning of Term 1 next year.

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# **ADMIN & FINANCE NEWS**

## **Jo May - Corporate Services Manager**

### **Contributions and Charges**

It is government policy that parents should contribute towards the cost of educating their children. Given that all students benefit from the pool of collected fees, it is fair to expect that all parents should pay the balance of contributions and charges. Contributions and charges form a large part of the school's income for learning and teaching programs in the school and supports the school in its focus to provide a quality education for all. The College is currently accepting payments for the 2020 school year.

Turn one big payment into easy instalments, you may like to consider starting a payment plan NOW to assist with completing all payments.

Payments are accepted by cash, Visa, Mastercard, Qkr and direct deposit:  
BSB: 066 102 | A/C: 00903523 |Ref: student name

### **Attendance**

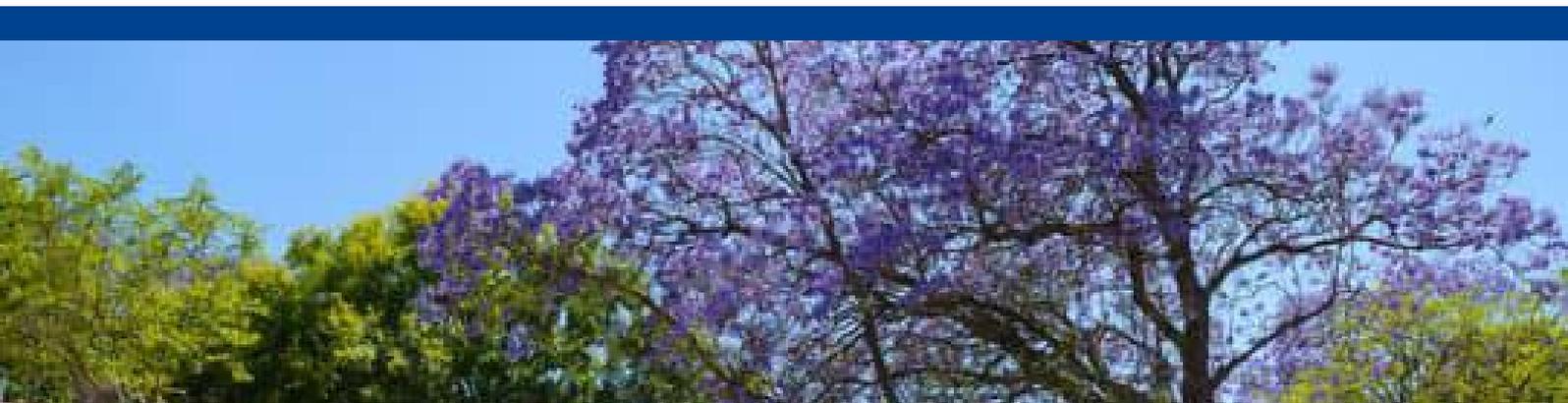
- contact the Hub's 24 hour Attendance Hotline 9365 2011 or go to the Connect homepage to advise reason for student absence before 9.00am.
- for early departure provide student with a written note to request permission to leave class.
- write an explanation for absence and send it via your child as soon as they return to the College.
- please respond promptly to Absentee Letters

### **Contact Details**

Please advise changes via email to [como.sc.admin@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:como.sc.admin@education.wa.edu.au), or Change of Details form available at Administration. Many future communications may be sent by email – please ensure the College has your current email address.

### **Student pick up & drop off**

Parents are reminded to please use the designated areas for pick up and drop off and not the Staff Car Park near Administration. We realise the temptation particularly when the weather is unfavourable, however it can cause more congestion in an already busy area of the school. Your cooperation is much appreciated.



## **BIKE HELMETS**

### **Grace Bradley - Deputy Principal**

This is a reminder to all families that it is a legal requirement for all cyclists in WA to wear a helmet when cycling. This applies to our students cycling to and from school. A disturbing number of students seem to think that, because they've not had an accident leading to head injuries yet, this means they never will.

Think safety – ensure your child has a well-fitted helmet and wears it when cycling.



## **The Arts**

### **Monique Laves - The Arts HoLA**



#### **ABC Commercial Script**

**THE CHALLENGE:  
CREATE A 30 SECOND TV COMMERCIAL  
INSPIRED BY THE SCRIPT**

For the script and further details see [here](#)  
Submissions Due 01 October 2020

Cash prizes will be awarded for the most creative and effective deliveries of the script.

[\*\*actbelongcommint.org.au\*\*](http://actbelongcommint.org.au)

#### **FINE ART LIVE!**

You are invited to attend an online session about the Fine Art major in the School of Media, Creative Arts and Social Inquiry at **Curtin University**.

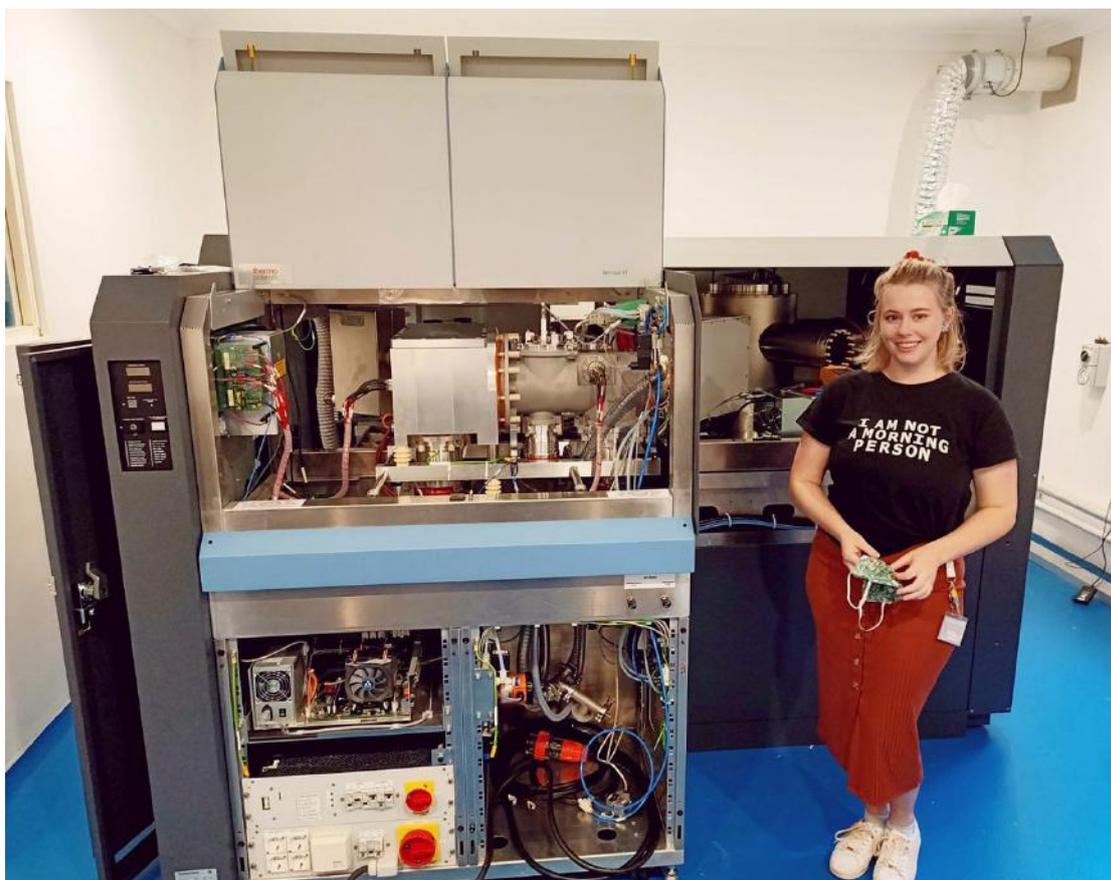
To register and for more information see [here](#)

## SCIENCE

### Greg Stokes - HoLA

I was contacted recently by one of our former students Marian Bailey. Marian was hard working student who always struggled with Chemistry. She persisted because she liked the subject, after leaving school life decided to attract her to a profession where

she uses very sophisticated chemistry to do her analysis. The moral of the story is even if you struggle with something keep trying because you never know what curve balls life is going to send your way.



I'm now 6 months into my PhD with the Geoarchaeology and Archaeometry research group, based at Southern Cross uni (in geoscience). I'm currently reconstructing the trophic levels, diet and paleoecological setting of early hominins, hominids and associated fauna in South East Asia (right now I'm mostly working on Gigantopithecus teeth). Lots of isotope analysis happening! We just got a new mass spectrometer, and it's awesome. I've been learning how to set it up with the Thermofisher systems engineer, which has been pretty amazing.

I'm really enjoying it over here! I'm hoping to have my first 'first-author' publication accepted in the next few months so I'll send that over when it's finally out. - Marian



# CREATE

## Emma Cattapan - Create at Como Coordinator

Recently, The Literature Centre treated the Create students to an exceptional creative writing workshop. Based in Fremantle, The Literature Centre was established in 1993, and is committed to nurturing young people's interest and love of creativity, as well as supporting and championing local writers and illustrators. Not only did the staff share their expertise and tips with students about what makes great writing, they also promoted West Australian literature, picture books and art – further igniting the students' interest and self belief that creativity can be a pathway to success in WA.

We are also lucky enough at Como to have one of our English teachers, our very own, Tyshana McEwen on the Children's Book Council of Australia Committee for WA, and she incorporated the 2020 CBCA Book Week into our workshop to garner interest in the shortlisted

novels, and promote Australian fiction. This year's Book Week has been postponed nationally until Term 4 however, students are already hiring out the nominated finalists from our school library. One of those books includes, Perth's Meg McKinlay and her novel *Catch a Falling Star* that the Create students read (and met!) at the start of the year! It is wonderful to celebrate local talent and continue to demonstrate via our teachers and local writers that WA is a treasure trove of creativity!

After school on Mondays, the Create students have also been involved in Drama Club and are working on honing their acting abilities and performance skills – we have been working on holding character, delivering realistic emotion, and acting under stage lights. We are hoping to put these skills to good use later on this year – so stay tuned!



# DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Francine Preston - Design & Technology Teacher

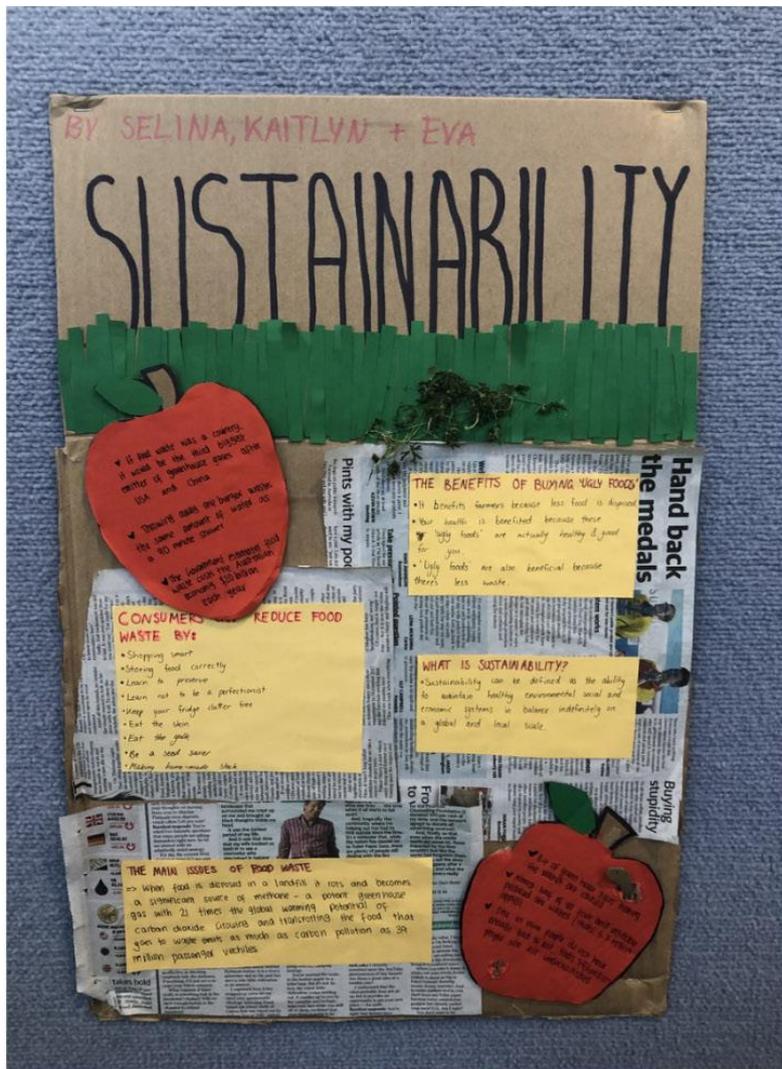
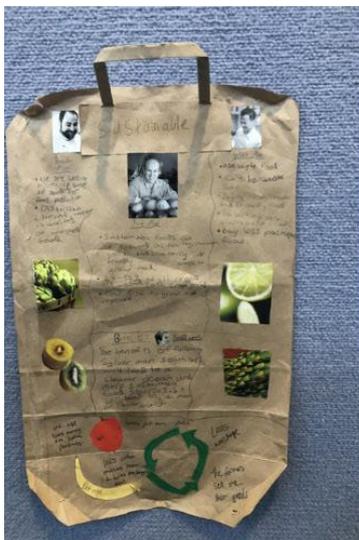
## Year 9 Sustainability Poster Project

Ms Preston's year 9 class has been having some fun with the topic sustainability and ugly foods! We were able to create sustainability posters including some interesting insight on ugly foods and why it's okay to buy fruits and vegetables that look a bit odd. During the starting weeks of term 3, our class learned some details on sustainable eating and ugly foods. Did you know, that Roughly one third of the food produced in the world for human consumption every year which is approximately 1,3 billion tonnes, gets lost or wasted? We began this project by splitting into small groups, and planning how we were going to develop our posters, and what information we were going to put on them. The whole class came up with the excellent idea, to make these posters, not on paper, but on sustainable shopping carriers, like brown paper

bags, and cardboard. A bunch of great information like the fact I just gave you was assured to be added onto every group of students' posters which have been conveniently located in the schools' library. The main goal of the posters we created was to give people an understanding on easy ways to eat sustainably, and some tips and advice on how to shop with a positive impact on our environment in our everyday lives. Some ways to do this are, to use reusable grocery bags or boxes, and to shop local as much as possible! Our students have put a large amount of effort to design these visually appealing and informative posters, for students and teachers to look at during lunch or recess!

Karissa Sanchez Year 9





# EMITS

## *Helen Hudson - EMITS Coordinator*

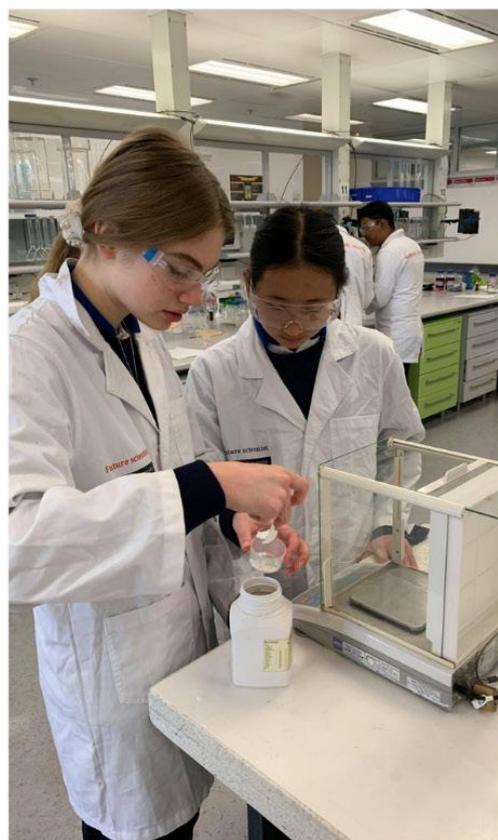
EMITS students have been busy of late with Excursions and Competitions allowing them to show their talents. We have had the results for the Big Science Competition. Congratulations to all the EMITS students who achieved High Distinctions and Distinctions. We will be awarding certificates at an assembly next week. We also completed in the Australian Maths Competition and are looking forward to seeing these results arrive shortly. Year 7 & 8 students have also been competing in the Maths Olympiad with the 5th set of problems due to be completed this week and Mr Laycock's Yr 7 Maths class have been busy innovating with their Algebra Toolboxes which will give them a great foundation for the future.

In the first week of September we were able to attend excursions to Curtin University, hosted by STEM Outreach, which was a fun and interesting day where we were challenged with different activities and got to see and hear how life at university can be an exciting pathway.

Eight of our Year 10 students also attended "Science Café" at UWA. One of the participants, Helen Zoljargal has given us her overview below.

On the 27th of August, eight aspiring science students from the Year 10 EMITS class were able to attend the annual Science Café hosted by the University of Western Australia at Winthrop Hall to speak one-on-one with STEM professionals in various backgrounds and gain a deeper knowledge into careers in STEM. The students described the event as a unique opportunity that helped them understand more about pursuing pathways into STEM, make decisions on what kind of field they would like to study and gain a practical insight into university life by engaging with current STEM undergraduate students at UWA. All the eight students participated in the event agreed that they would highly recommend Science Café to future Year 10 students as they begin their exciting journey into STEM.





# HEALTH PHYSICAL EDUCATION

## Bruce Emslie - Health & Physical Education HoLA

### Como House Athletics Carnival

JACARANDA JOEYS bounce back to take the Title as Athletics House Champions for 2020. On Friday 11th September the Como community came together at the Annual House Athletics Carnival. The weather was glorious and the colours of everyone dressing up in support of their House ensured it was a day of high spirits and general excitement. The Athletes themselves shone through and everyone who participated should be really proud of their own efforts! One of the undoubted highlights was that of the special commentary provided by Kal Krzyzanowski. He provided all with spectacular insight into the weather, the athletes and many races over the course of the day and his "Roving Kal" section was one to behold.

Thanks to all staff members, in particular the Gardeners for keeping the oval well marked and the Health & PE staff for all their efforts in organising such a fabulous day!

### Final Results were:

**1st place: Jacaranda with 3603 points**

**2nd place: Flame with 3313 points**

**3rd place: Pine with 3282 points**

Year	Gender	Gold	Silver	Bronze
7	Girls	Maddie Hill	Taniesha Atkins	Tallinn Collard
	Boys	Toby Gunton	Jonah Pilatti	Harley Muir
8	Girls	Andy Petzke	Freya Wilson	Lucy Taylor
	Boys	Matthew Laidler	Tony Thomas	Flynn Fulton
9	Girls	Jaeda Ritchie	Alice Archer	Emily Ross
	Boys	Owen Watkins	Haris Rashid	Billy Fehlberg
10	Girls	Grace Taylor	Sophia Stiles	Jade Wright
	Boys	Amos Ndakirutimana	Shaun Shackley	Corey Sly
11	Girls	Kaela Usher	Matilda Oakes	Mai Julius
	Boys	Matthew Robinson	Oliver Singor	Nehan Cripps
12	Girls	Jazmyn Banyard	Zoe Saull	Grace Hall
	Boys	Denzel Whichello	Chhavon Kong	Dwayne Collard

# **HEALTH PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

## **New School Records**

Congratulations to the following students for breaking the school records this Year.

Year 7 Boys 400m : Toby Gunton – 1:03.65

Year 7 Boys 800m: Toby Gunton – 2:36.25

Year 7 Boys 1500m: Toby Gunton – 5:24.99

Year 7 Girls Discus: Maddie Hill - 17.93 m

Year 7 Girls Shot Put: Maddie Hill - 7.71 m

Year 7 Hurdles: Tallinn Collard – 18.60

Year 9 Hurdles: Nene Uchiyama - 14.18

The Year 7 Boy 4x100m Relay - Flame

Year 10 Boys Triple Jump: Amos Ndakirutimana - 11.95m

Year 10 Boys Discus: Amos Ndakirutimana - 44.94 m

All 1st to 3rd place getters will have the opportunity to represent Como at the SSWA “D” Division Champion Schools Secondary Track & Field Carnival being held at the WA Athletics Stadium in Mt Claremont on Friday the 16th October. We will be holding training in Week 10 (Term 3) on Monday to Wednesday after school and on the Wednesday in week 1 next Term for all those athletes and any other students who would like to challenge for a place in the team.

## **COMO HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL IMAGES GALLERY**

[CLICK HERE](#)



# HEALTH PHYSICAL EDUCATION

## Bruce Emslie & Shanara Patman - Outdoor Education



During week 5 of this Term the Year 12 Outdoor Education class went on camp down to Dwellingup to practice their Canoeing and Mountain Biking Skills. The weather was very crisp in the mornings, but beautiful during the days. Some of the culinary feats of the Year 12's would have done MasterChef contestants proud. Some students were slightly less stable than others on the rapids and Ms Patman and Ms Davies demonstrated the correct way to battle the moving waters and stay warm when wet. The navigation skills of the Year 12's were put to the test at the Marrinup Mountain Bike Trail and all students had the opportunity to test themselves on the brilliant single track trail and the many obstacles that it presented. A huge thankyou to Ms Annalise Davies from Edith Cowan University for all of her assistance on camp.



## **Upcoming HPE Events**

- ◇ **Tues 22nd – Fri 25th September**
  - Year 7-9 South West Hockey Tour
- ◇ **Friday 16th October**
  - School Sport WA ‘D’ Division Athletics Carnival
- ◇ **Thursday 22nd October**
  - Golf Family Day
- ◇ **Tuesday 27th October**
  - School Sport WA Junior Hockey 1 day Competition (Ross Meadows Shield)
- ◇ **Wed 28th Oct – Fri 30th Oct**
  - Year 11 Outdoor Education Seatrek expedition
- ◇ **Tuesday 10th November**
  - School Sport WA Junior Hockey 1 day Competition Final Day
- ◇ **Monday 16th November**
  - Golf Corporate Fundraising Day
- ◇ **Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th November**
  - Golf Academy Championships
- ◇ **Wednesday 9th December**
  - Golf Awards Night
- ◇ **Thursday 10th December**
  - Hockey Awards Night

# **GOLF ACADEMY**

***Adam Smith - Teacher In Charge***

## **School Sport WA Golf Team Championships**



Congratulations to the Golf Academy students who put in a great day's work at the School Sport WA Secondary School Golf Championships. The players took on the challenging Cottesloe Golf Club in testing conditions and came away with the following prizes:

Year 7 winner - Kimberley Innes

Year 8 R-up - Lachlan Cunning

Year 9 winner - Zach McLean

Year 9 R-up - Talia Negara

Year 10 R-up - Sean Yang

Year 10 3rd place - Jared Delamere

Year 12 R-up - Charli Gwinnutt

Year 12 3rd place - Jordan Jung

Overall team prize 3rd place - Kimberley Innes, Sean Chew and Jordan Tueno.

Well done to all Como students who participated and showcased the very best of our Golf Academy.

## GOLF ACADEMY

Como Away Series is underway!



Lachlan Venables from year 9 successfully lifted the inaugural Como Away Series trophy in 2019. Although the start of our 2020 series was delayed, many of our students took the opportunity to play the first event at Western Australia Golf Club. This event creates an opportunity for our students to play at various club competitions within the Perth Metro area. Congratulations to year Sufiyah Ashaari

Muhammed, also year 9, who won the first event of the year with an impressive 38 points at the beautiful Yokine venue. Thank you to club officials and members from WA Golf Club for their wonderful hospitality and support.

This year's overall winner will be crowned at the end of year awards evening following the completion of all away series events.



## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

These times can be stressful for many families. If you require help during this period, the following information may be of assistance.

### Emergency services and help lines:

Call 000 in an emergency if you feel someone is at risk of harm OR for mental health emergency assessment, support and referral contact:

- Urgent Mental Health Telephone Support Line supports children and young people under 18 years (family who have concerns can call 24 hours a day/7 days a week incl. public holidays) - 1800 048 636

- Mental Health Emergency Response Line (MHERL) is 24/7 – 1300 552 002 (metro) Peel callers – 1800 676 822 (free call).

- RuralLink for Rural and remote areas from 4:30 pm to 8:30 am (Mon to Fri) and 24 hrs (Sat, Sun and public holidays) - 1800 552 002

- Find your GP after-hours clinic. Call after hours GP Helpline on 1800 022 222

### If you need someone to talk to:

<b>Womens Domestic Violence Helpline</b>	<b>1800 007 339</b>
<b>Beyondblue</b>	<b>1300 224 636</b>
<b>Crisis Care Helpline Or Country Toll Free</b>	<b>9223 1111 1800 199 008</b>
<b>Headspace</b>	<b>1800 650 890</b>
<b>Kids Helpline</b>	<b>1800 551 800</b>
<b>Lifeline</b>	<b>13 11 14</b>
<b>Men's Line Australia</b>	<b>1300 789 978</b>
<b>Suicide Call Back Service</b>	<b>1300 659 467</b>
<b>The Samaritans</b>	<b>135 247 (7AM to 7PM)</b>

Online support can be accessed through the [WA Mental Health Commission](#)

## **PARENTS & CITIZENS**

### **Meetings - Next Meeting 12 October**

The P&C meet once a month during term time on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7.30pm at the College in the Elicos Room. Attendance at these meetings is a great way to find out more about what is happening in the College, its future plans and how these will affect your child and your family. It is also a venue for parents to voice concerns, raise issues and discuss ideas both with the Principal and with other parents. The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed.

### **Second-hand uniforms**

There is a second hand uniform shop located at the school. It is run by the P&C and all funds raised go towards projects to benefit all students. Non-students need to sign in at the front office and staff can assist as to where to find the shop.

The shop is run on donations only. Please consider donating any school uniforms that you no longer need, including any specialist program uniforms, e.g. black pants, white collared long sleeve shirts for music performances.

Donations: can be placed in the marked boxes in the Canteen or the front office during school hours or given to the shop when open.

**Open every Friday 8.15am – 9am**

**Location: B Block**

**Enquiries: [comoseconds@outlook.com](mailto:comoseconds@outlook.com)**

**Payments: Cash only**



## COMO NOTICES

Please Remember the School Zone Speed Limit of

### College Access

All visitors to the College MUST sign in at Administration.



### Contact Details

Please advise changes via email to [Como.SC.AdminSupport@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Como.SC.AdminSupport@education.wa.edu.au), or Change of Details form available at Administration. Please ensure the College has your current email address.

### Contact During School Hours

Please DO NOT call the College to ask for a message to be given to your child. Please understand that with a College community of over 800 it is not possible to get messages to individual students. To avoid this issue, please ensure that after school arrangements are pre-arranged. This is part of helping students to become independent.

### Drop-off

There is considerable vehicle traffic around our College site before and after school. It is expected that all vehicles use the Bruce Street car park or the marked drop-off bays to drop students off. Staff and Student car parks are NOT to be used for this purpose because it causes a great deal of congestion and potential danger to students.

### Health

The Health Centre is open when the School Nurse is on site. When the Centre is open, students may access it at recess and lunch time without needing permission. If a student wishes to go during class time, permission with a note written in the College diary by their supervising teacher is required. If the Nurse is not available, students should see another member of the Student Services team or a Deputy Principal. Under no circumstances are students to contact parents/guardians directly and leave the College grounds without parents contacting the College and the student being properly signed out. In the case of injury, either a parent will be contacted or the student will be sent by ambulance to hospital, at the parent's expense.

NOTE: Please consider the health and wellbeing of others before allowing unwell students to attend school.