



Important dates:

Thursday 17 December
Students Last Day of Term 4

Monday 01 February 2021
First Day of Term 1

Monday 08 February 2021
P&C Meeting 7.00PM

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Digby Mercer

2020 has presented a number of challenges so it is good to get to the end of the year in good shape for 2021. Once again the school will be at capacity for next year with the assistance of a new demountable classroom. Over the holidays there will be a considerable amount of maintenance and refurbishment work which will result in an improved working and learning environment.

Staffing

There are a number of staff changes for 2021. Mrs Susan Reid is going on long service leave for the first half of next year and Mr Josh Londt is looking to get back into engineering. Mr Nick Latella will be moving on to make way for the return of Ms Daine Lander who is returning from maternity leave. Ms May Hishmeh is leaving to do a PhD at Notre Dame University. Ms Sam Cadee will be taking maternity leave from the beginning of next year for the birth of her daughter in February. Mr Julian Wilmot is transferring to Melville SHS. Ms Emily Davis is moving down to Busselton and will take up the position of dance teacher at Naturaliste College. Mrs Leonie Kellie will be returning to Gilmore College and Mrs Kate Reid has received a promotion to Bob Hawke College. We welcome Miss Jacqueline Kolman who joined us a couple of weeks ago to replace Ms Reid. Education assistant Ms Liz McFerran will be leaving to take up a position at Hammond Park Secondary College.

Also leaving us is Annalysse Davies who took on the challenge of a six-month appointment as Student Services Manager. Annalysse has done an

excellent job and has met every challenge with calmness and maturity that belies her age. I wish her every success for her future career and thank her for the great job she has done.

Three long-serving teachers will also be leaving to take up other opportunities. Ms Janette Lindsay is off to Narrogin for twelve months and is looking forward to the space and community of a country town and a new teaching challenge. Mr Grant Powell will be returning to the mining industry and furthering his career in occupational safety and health. Finally, Mr Andy Mellor will be leaving us for once and for all to take up a boarding supervisor / teaching position at Scotch College. To all of the teachers leaving us I would like to extend my sincere thanks on behalf of the school community and wish them all the best in their future pursuits. In particular, I would like to thank Ms Lindsay, Mr Powell and Mr Mellor for their valuable work over a long period of time.

Canteen Redevelopment

The canteen will be undergoing a one million dollar redevelopment which will greatly expand our undercover eating spaces and provide a flexible, multi-functional space which can be used for large student and parent meetings, art exhibitions, performances, special lessons and physical activity. There will be improvements made to the kitchen but the main focus will be on extending and enclosing the existing space. The intention is for the kitchen to keep operating with a temporary serving area set up elsewhere in the school. The project will take 20 weeks to complete.

SEQTA

Next year the school will be introducing the SEQTA learning management system. SEQTA has been developed by a West Australian company to reduce teacher administrative workloads while ensuring data flows to every area of the system. There are three components Parents – Engage, Students – Learn and Teacher – Teach.

SEQTA keeps parents involved in all aspects of their child's education through user-friendly apps and web portals. Parents will be able to access their child's student information – including class timetables, attendance records, school notices, homework and assessments – from any device, anytime, anywhere. This effortless transparency, combined with SEQTA's powerful continuous reporting functionality, brings parents into the learning journey, enabling parents to view their child's results immediately and respond to their progress sooner. The main focus for 2021 will be the "Teach" module which will involve the recording of attendance and staff training. Once teachers are trained and we have the hardware infrastructure in place, parents will be able to load the SEQTA "Engage" app onto their phone or device towards the end of next year or 2022. The introduction of SEQTA will also provide a more solid and user-friendly platform to develop online learning.

SunSmart 2021

Next year every student will be provided with a Como cap. The caps have been generously funded by the P&C. Once the caps have been distributed, students will need to be wearing a cap if they are engaged in an outdoor physical activity. This is the same as the "no hat, no play" policy in primary schools. A bucket hat and wide-brimmed hat will also become a part of the school uniform and will be available for purchase from the school's uniform supplier, Uniform Concepts. A school beanie will also be available for winter.

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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 / 2021 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

Student Requirement List & SAS

2021 Student Requirement Lists can be found here, together with information regarding the Secondary Assistance Scheme. You may be eligible for up to \$350 towards school expenses if you hold a Centrelink Health Care Card, Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or Veteran's Affairs Pensioner Concession Card holders. Please ensure you complete all information required and submit with your Centrelink card to the accounts Department.

PLEASE NOTE MORE THAN ONE STUDENT CAN BE PLACED ON THE FORM.

Attendance

- contact the Hub's 24 hour Attendance Hotline 9365 2011 or go to the Connect homepage to advise the 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.AdminSupport@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.



ADMIN & FINANCE NEWS

Can You Help?

The College is in need of a large BBQ. Over the summer months if you upgrade your own BBQ and your old one is in good working order please consider donating it to the College. Enquiries to Jo.May@education.wa.edu.au

From the Cleaning Team

We have all had a challenging year with work and family access. There were a few occasions where I wondered if we could keep the students and staff safe, but we did and our worries were to no avail. Covid 19 has brought us all together as a more flexible, stronger team and we look forward to 2021 and any new challenges the future sends our way. Thank you to everyone for their contribution to make new staff welcome & to ensure the transition to the Covid cleaning requirements went smoothly. Julia & the cleaning team.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WA ONLINE SERVICES

Leslie Carruthers - Deputy Principal

Our school provides access to Department of Education WA online services. These enhance the contemporary learning opportunities available to students and the range of teaching tools available to staff to deliver the Western Australian Curriculum.

Effective from January 2021 all government schools are required to:

1. confirm that every student has signed parental permission to have an Online Services account and Acceptable Use Agreement to access Department provided services.
2. identify third party services which hold personal information for students;
3. gain appropriate notification or consent option from parents for their child

A third party service is any website which is managed or owned by a private company or organization outside of the Department of Education WA provided online services. Some of these sites often require separate account creation and login credentials, and provide content, activities or transactions via the internet. These services often require Schools to provide personal information of student and/or parents. We need your permission for your child to access online services and the use of third party services. This will be done through an email that will be sent to you titled Como Secondary College Online permission form. We request that you complete this form as soon as possible.

You are encouraged to understand the reasons that these websites collect information, what will be done with it, who may have access to it and where the data is stored. This information will be provided in the emailed form and is listed with links to each website's terms and conditions and/or privacy policy. It is not compulsory for you to provide this consent. If you decide not to provide consent, this will not adversely affect academic achievement, or any relationships with teachers or the school. Please note that, given the significance that these services provide, the school may contact you to discuss your reasons should you not consent.

Please note that the email contains a list of sites used school-wide, updated periodically. Your child's teacher will make decisions regarding which of these sites are appropriate for their learning.

If you have any queries regarding the consent form, please do not hesitate to contact the College.

AWARDS

EMITS

Ellen Sabatino - EMITS Coordinator

On Thursday the 10th December Como Secondary College held it's annual EMITS Awards Evening. The event was a great success with over 200 staff, students, family and friends attending. We had a special guest speaker, Quincy Kusnady who graduated Como Secondary College last year and has been studying Medicine at Curtin University since graduating. He spoke about his time in the EMITS program and how it put him in good stead to succeed beyond school. We wish him the best in his future studies.

We wish to thank everyone who helped create such an enjoyable night and congratulations to Falih Al-Dulimi, who was awarded EMITS Dux for 2020. All of his teachers wish him the best in his upper school studies.

Well done to all of our subject award recipients:

Year 7:
Mathematics – Harrison Lau
Science – Amanda Hackett
Digital Technologies – Amanda Hackett

Year 8:
Mathematics – Emily Murray
Science – Jared Moro
Digital Technologies – Emily Murray

Year 9:
Mathematics – Lily Parker
Science – Althea Perez and Lily Parker
Digital Technologies – Althea Perez

Year 10:
Mathematics – Amberly Lynch and Isabella Daniels
Science – Alexandru-Stefan Dinu
Digital Technologies- Falih Al-Dulimi



AWARDS

GOLF ACADEMY

Adam Smith - Teacher in Charge

Congratulations to all of our 2020 award night winners, graduates and 2021 Captains and Vice – Captains. Please see below for the full list:

‘Yearly Awards’

	Player of the Year	Most Improved	Players Player of the Year	Coaches Player of the Year
Year 7/8	Spencer and Jasper Inglis	Michael Ting	Kloden Brown	Bailey Pilapil
Year 9	Harrison Andreou	Sufiyah Muhammed Ashaari	Brodie Ridley	Oliver Kerr
Year 10	Tommy McSkimming	Kynan Smythe	Connor Vladich-McKenzie	Jared Delamere
Year 11/12	Jordan Jung	Mai Julius	Jai Hutchison	Corley McLernon

Luan Wright Character and Perseverance Award

Winner: Tewi Webb

Roger Blechynden Memorial Award

Winner: Jared Delamere

Collier Park Scholarships

Winners: Kai Flood – Otway and Randall Heng

Most Improved Academy Player’ Awarded by the Collier Park Seniors

Winner: Cody Waine

2020 Graduates

- Sean Ball
- Hayden Faulkner
- Charli Gwinnutt
- Jordan Jung
- Jai Hutchison
- Minke Terblanche
- Tewi Webb

2021 Senior Positions

- Vice Captain – Connor Vladich – McKenzie
- Vice Captain – Tommy McSkimming
- Captain – Corley McLernon
- Captain – Mai Julius



Ronny Naidoo - Futurelinks Teacher

The Futurelinks group has completed a rather challenging year. Covid 19 has left its mark and many of our “usual” activities had to be cancelled; these included our rewards camp, incursions, SBT’s, ASBT’s, ADWPL, excursions and our Futurelinks Year 12 Farewell.

Despite these challenging times, students immersed themselves in multiple programmes and must be congratulated for their varied successes.

First Aid

Congratulations to the following students who successfully completed their HLTAID003 Provide First Aid:

Rahma Ghani
Kiana Herold
Khaled Mohamed
Iris Narkle
Zane Shields
Matilda Taoy
Noah Thom
Ava Thompson
Olivia-May Watson-Coles
Gerald Woods.

A big Thank you to Mrs Kerry Martin for assisting our students with this achievement.

Food Science

Food Science captured the attention of all students. Some interesting tasks were completed and some tasty dishes were created. Outstanding effort to Tarli Baker for always assisting. Thank you to Elizabeth McFerran for your assistance with the program.

Gardening and Woodwork

Futurelinks students took on the challenge of growing our own herbs and vegetables, and then using this to prepare some nutritious meals. We also started work on constructing our own planters. Once completed, students

transferred the herbs that they had grown into these planters and will then hopefully gift these to their loved ones for Christmas.

Parent Meeting for 2021 students

Thanks to our parents and staff for attending our “Meet and Greet” on 18 November 2020 in D9 from 5pm to 6pm. Your assistance and support in helping our students to achieve their future aspirations is highly appreciated.

Swimming Competency & Water Safety; Stand –Up Paddle Boarding

As part of their Sports Program, students were involved in Swimming Competency & Water Safety at Kent Street Senior High School swimming pool. They then enjoyed some Stand –Up Paddle Boarding at Point Walter. Many thanks to Mr Andrew Mellor for making this possible.

Special mention for the following students

Mason Moore must be congratulated for advancing his career aspirations. He started his ADWPL with Australia Post last year. His supervisor’s feedback was, “Mason has been a pleasure to have in the workplace. He is polite and always willing to take on any task we give him.” This positive attitude has led to him being offered ongoing employment this year. As a result of this, Mason has moved on to full time employment with Australia Post. Thanks to Kim Dubbeld from Australia Post for making this possible.

Connor Johnson completed his BSB20115 Certificate II in Business at the end of semester one. He thereafter applied for and was accepted to study at TAFE. To top it all, he was interviewed and has been accepted to commence work related to his field of study. Ms Bradley’s words aptly sum up Connor’s achievements, “Let me congratulate Connor on his hard work and forward thinking. It’s always great to see one of our students make the best of school and

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then to move into the world of further training and work!" His dad's message is, "I'm very proud of him. He has managed to get into TAFE and now land a job that fits perfect with his TAFE course. He is very happy." Connor started TAFE and commenced work already at the beginning of semester two. Fantastic effort Connor.

Joel Bambi attempted and completed his ADWPL. In addition to completing 60 hours with Coles, Waterford Plaza, he was also able to obtain ongoing employment with Nandos. After completing his Certificate II in Tourism and obtaining his OLN, he was able to enrol at TAFE for studies in 2021. We wish Joel the best for his future studies.

Oumar Diagne was successful in completing his Certificate II in Tourism and we wish him well with his TAFE study for next year.

Tarli Baker successfully completed a week's workplace learning in our school canteen. She then spent a week at Coles, Waterford Plaza for a further week's workplace learning.

Zane Shields applied for and was accepted at Thornlie TAFE. He started his Pre apprenticeship course – Certificate 11 in Building and Construction at the beginning of term 3 and we wish him every success with his studies.

Samuel Kipuw has completed his BSB20115 Certificate II in Business and is awaiting confirmation of further studies in 2021. We wish Sam every success with his career aspirations.

Annalee Yozzi must be congratulated for winning the school VET award. In addition to completing her BSB20115 Certificate II in Business, she has already applied for and has been accepted to study at TAFE next year. We wish her well in her future aspirations.

Noah Thom has successfully applied for and has been accepted to study one day per week in 2021 for his Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation - Light, Heavy & Electrical Rotation at TAFE

Kwinana Campus.

Ziyad Mohamed has completed his Certificate II in Engineering and has applied to TAFE for further studies in 2021. We wish him well with his studies.

Well done to **Noah Thom, Khaled Mohamed** and **Ava Thompson** for completing seven units of competency for their BSB20115 Certificate II in Business. They are well on their way to successfully completing the remaining five units of competency next year.

Congratulations to **Olivia-May Watson-Coles, Khaled Mohamed** and **Joel Bambi** for successfully achieving their Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment.

At our Year 11 final awards assembly on Friday 6 November 2020, students were acknowledged for four categories as follows:

Care means that we are mindful of the impact of our behaviour. We look after ourselves, each other and the environment. **Khaled Mohamed** was the winner in this category.

Integrity is doing the right thing and rejecting behaviour that hurts, isolates or divides. In the face of peer pressure, maintaining integrity and being true to yourself can be difficult for teenagers. **Iris Narkle** was the clear winner in this section.

Effort is about striving to make progress in everything we do and being individually and collectively accountable for our learning. Effort means that we overcome setbacks and are determined to succeed. We recognize and accept that mistakes and wrong turns are a part of life, but we learn from our mistakes and become better and stronger as a result. **Ava Thompson** walked away with this award.

Ambition refers to setting challenging goals for ourselves and effectively using our time, energy and resources to meet those goals. **Noah Thom** convincingly won this award.



CREATE

Emma Cattapan - Create at Como Coordinator & Director

On Friday 11th December, Create at Como presented their first ever production of William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Shakespeare's name has become synonymous with creativity - his plays dazzled royalty and paupers alike, they have entertained for centuries, and they have remained resolutely relevant.

And so, in this inaugural year of the Create at Como program, I felt it was a choice that embodied the mixture of English and the Arts: creative, timeless literature with those dramatic themes of love, loss, mistakes, revenge and regret! For any actor, let alone year seven students, Shakespeare is a challenge! I am beyond proud of the efforts of our cast. Not only the cast, but also the crew, who have been involved with stage management, costuming, makeup and prop coordination.

The students rehearsed for close to two months to perfect the Shakespearean language, learn their lines, their movements, each entrance and exit, and know their character inside and out. We met each Sunday of Term 4, choosing to use a non school day so we could spend more time on the narrative behind the play, and truly immerse into the emotions of the play – for many of the students, this was their first taste of Shakespeare and they did not know the tragic tale at all! They have done an outstanding job – the sheer talent in this group is breathtaking.

I have been astonished at the feedback I have received from the parents and community, and can't wait to do it all again in 2021! Thank you kindly for supporting our new initiative.

A huge thank you to the entire English team, Head of Arts Ms Laves, School Officer Ms Mobley, my year 9 helpers Jade Press, Abby Campbell, Lily Proctor and Ciara Woodward, and our Year 8 stage manager, Olivia Mansfield.





MUSIC

Helen Turner - Teacher in Charge

Twilight Concert



Helen Turner - Teacher in Charge

The 9th annual Twilight concert, held on Thursday 3rd December, was a wonderful celebration of music & was by far the largest attended yet. The weather was perfect, the quadrangle sparkled and the atmosphere spectacular.

Staff from all areas of the school helped to run the sausage sizzle with Peter Schmidt returning for the event. Parent generosity was overwhelming with so many donations for the magnificent hampers & silent auction items. The "Pimm's and Beer Lounge" was colourful and enticing with the red-carpet entrance & red lanterns swinging in the breeze. The Swamp Rabbit Stomp project playing on the digital screen was an added attraction for those who did not manage to see it on the digital tower in Yagan Square during Naidoc week.

As always it was enjoyable to see past music students & their families attend the evening & to hear their wonderful memories of being in the music program.

All ensembles rose to the occasion performing some amazing music which the audience greatly appreciated. At the end of the concert a member of the public congratulated me saying "the evening was so professional & slick, with incredible talent from the musicians".

The Music Department would like to take this opportunity to thank all students and families for being great ambassadors to Como & for their commitment to the music program.

WAAPA Jazz Young Artist Ensemble

Each year WAAPA's jazz department runs the young artist's jazz ensemble, an elite small group of year 11 and 12 students who receive specialist tutelage from a WAAPA jazz staff member, learn ensemble techniques, jazz styles, and repertoire. The 6 week training concludes with a public performance at WAAPA. The performance for 2021 is scheduled for Thursday 13th May at WAAPA in the Edith, our very own Spiegel tent which is a fantastic venue.

Students were nominated who showed exceptional jazz musicians, promising improvisers who may possibly be interested in pursuing a career in music, and show an aptitude to explore jazz. Each student had to send a demo recording to be judged.

After many hours of sifting through so many fantastic applications, and making some very tough decisions, please find attached the list of students we have selected for the 2021 WAAPA Jazz young artist ensemble.

Drums- Abim Onamade (Carey Baptist)
Bass- Macenzie Henrisson (Perth College)
Piano- Flavio Colonetti (Churchlands)
Guitar- Chris Jones (Churchlands)
Alto Sax- Lindsay Pegrum (Churchlands)
Alto Sax- Aaron Caldwell (John Septimus Roe)
Trumpet- Kiran Byles (Hale)
Vocals- Raiyah Bagley (Como Secondary College)

Congratulations Raiyah

Arts and Technologies Showcase

Kirsten Romany - HoLA Technologies

Como Secondary College hosted their annual Arts and Technologies Showcase on Thursday 29th October throughout the Performing Arts, Gymnasium and the open space in between. On display were an amazing range of works from Art, Photography, Media, Digital Technologies, Applied Information Technology, Woodwork, Metalwork, Engineering and Dance.

Como Secondary College has a strong focus on creative and industry based technology pursuits and its students are successful in

pursuing further careers in a range of these fields using the creative thinking, problem solving and skills developed in their time with their dedicated Arts and Technologies teachers.

The event was catered by the Year 11 Food Science and Technology students

Como Secondary College's Head of Arts Monique Laves and Head of Technologies Kirsten Romany welcome thank the Como community for coming to support the event.



HEALTH PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Andrew Mellor - Health & Physical Education HoLA

Upcoming Sporting Events

- Tuesday 8th December - Golf Awards Night
- Wednesday 9th December - Hockey Awards Night

State Representatives

Como has a tradition of students excelling in different sports but in particular Golf and Hockey but also many other sports. The following students have recently been selected in State teams, although due to COVID-19 will not be participating at a National Championship.

Hockey

- Taneisha Atkins, Caelee Power (all Yr 7) and Georgia Hiskins (Yr 8) were selected in the Hockey WA under 13 girls Lightning team, and Maddie Hill (Yr 7) has been selected in the Hockey WA under 13 girls Storm team. In light of the cancelled National Championships due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these teams competed in the Future Thundersticks Classic held at the Perth Hockey Stadium from Sunday 22nd – Sunday 29th November. A five team competition incorporating the two State Under 13 teams and three teams made up of players from the Perth Thundersticks 14s Academy. The Storm finished as runners-up in the Future Thundersticks Classic for the girls.

* Billie-Jean Hodge (Yr 7) & Aoife Mahon (Yr 8) were selected in the Girls Highlanders team that competed at the Future Thundersticks Classic.

- Jonah Pilatti (Yr 7) and Lachie Gawel (Yr 8) were selected in the Hockey WA under 13 boys Lightning team, and Oscar Banyard, Harper Kearnan, Harley Muir, William Penman (all Yr 7) & Alexander Passalacqua (Yr 8) were selected in the WA under 13 boys Storm team. In light of the cancelled National Championships due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these teams competed in the Future Thundersticks Classic held at the Perth Hockey Stadium from Sunday 22nd – Sunday 29th November. A five team competition incorporating the two State Under 13 teams and three teams made up of players from the Perth Thundersticks 14s Academy. The Storm were successful in winning the Future Thundersticks Classic for the boys defeating the Suns.

* Austin Colthart, Ben Harrison & Zed Kearnan (all Yr 8) were selected in the Boys Suns team, Brandon Mudd (Year 8) in the Boys Breakers team, that competed at the Future Thundersticks Classic as part of the Perth Thundersticks 14s Academy.

Stand Up Paddleboarding

The Year 11 Futurelinks students enjoyed a stunning day on the Swan River, as a culmination for their efforts in Physical Education.

Students spent one lesson at Kent St Swimming Pool, practicing their swimming and water safety abilities, before enjoying picturesque conditions on the Swan River at Point Walter.

Many Thanks to Mr Bruce Emslie and Miss Shanara Patman for their assistance in allowing these students to enjoy this opportunity.



GOLF ACADEMY

Adam Smith - Teacher In Charge

Golf Academy Champions

What an awesome Golf Academy Championships we had during week 6 of term 4. The students performed with professionalism and looked very smart in their new shirts. Congratulations to our Champion Girl, Mai Julius, and our Champion Boy, Corley McLernon, on two wonderful performances. Harrison Andreou

and Sufiyah Ashaari (both year 9) claimed second spots with some great golf. Well done to all our prize winners and to all of our students for showcasing our Golf Academy. Thank you to Collier Park Golf Course for their continued support and awesome hospitality.



GOLF ACADEMY

Fantastic Family Day for All

Well done to everybody who played in our annual Family Golf Day at Collier Park Golf during week 5 of term 4. It's always a highlight on our calendar and this year's event was no exception. Thanks to the Collier team for their awesome hospitality and to Grand Cinemas for their generous prize donations. Congratulations to all of our winners:

Family Day Champions: Haami Pukiheka (Year 7) and Uncle Dave Barclay

Family Day Runners Up: Hayden Faulkner (Year 12) and Brett Stanford

Best Gross winners: Tommy McSkimming (Year 10) and Tony McSkimming



Kai clinches Como 'Otway' Series

Congratulations to year 7 student Kai Flood – Otway for claiming the 2020 Como Away Series. Kai was the most consistent player throughout the whole series and his performances were good enough to hold off a very strong challenge from his year 7 counterpart, Bailey Pilapil. Well done to both!

Thank you to our hosts, Western Australia Golf Club, Royal Perth Golf Club, Sea View Golf Club, Melville Glades Golf Club and Gosnells Golf Club for their warm welcomes and fantastic hospitality.



HOCKEY ACADEMY

Tate Napier - Teacher In Charge

Champions Again!

Como Secondary College have regained the title of Champion School, defeating Shenton College 2 - 1 in the Ross Meadows Shield Final. In what was a tightly fought match throughout, goals through our younger representatives, Year 7 Harley Muir and Year 8 Ben Harrison, saw that we were able to take title back from Shenton College, who have held the title for two consecutive years.

Congratulations to Jaeda Ritchie, Year 9, who captained the team in the final and was honoured for her outstanding performance on the day with the Trent Mitton Medal.

Images David Banyard



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:

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

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

PARENTS & CITIZENS

Meetings

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

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, 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.