

College Connect

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a wonderful term it has been. We have had the great pleasure of running the selection processes for our Specialist programs. It has been wonderful to meet many of the parents and students participating in the interviews and auditions for ICT, Contemporary Music and Marine Studies. This week we will be conducting our AFL Academy try-outs with the assistance of the South Fremantle Football Club and early next term students will be auditioning for the Performing Arts Academy. The panels have continually reported back on the exemplary displays of talent and determination that have been displayed throughout these processes. I would like to congratulate all of the students who have tried out for a Specialist program and recognise the hard work and effort that has gone in to their preparation.

As part of our recruitment processes we will be advertising vacancies for staff next term. If you are aware of teaching and non-teaching staff who share our vision and passion for education, you can let them know about upcoming positions advertised on the www.jobs.wa.gov.au website. Fremantle College presents a unique opportunity and we have been overwhelmed with the responses of the amazing teachers and support staff who have wanted to be part of the college so far.

Our Senior Leadership team recently attended Day 3 of *Leading School Improvement: the unrelenting focus on learning*. The professional learning provided by exemplary school leaders is widely recognised as some of the best in the country. It is fantastic preparation for our leadership team in providing a solid grounding for all in the development of the college and an understanding of how our excellence in leadership leads to the creation of a highly effective school. It has been a pleasure to see the leadership team take charge of the learning and apply this to their role in the college. *(continued on next page)*

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Myles Draper, Principal

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Learning is for life, and we demonstrate this through our commitment to continuous learning for the leadership, teachers and students. In the last session we were working with our draft Business Plan, which will guide our practice over the next three years. We will make our plan public at the start of 2018, once it has been endorsed by our official School Board.

The Fremantle College Advisory Group has been joined by two new members representing the City of Cockburn Aboriginal Reference Group. It was with pleasure that we welcomed Sally Gamble to our last meeting. Sally has been a long standing member of the community and is an asset to our Advisory Group. Sam Mourish and Sally Gamble will share the role on the Advisory Group, providing key advice and cultural perspectives.

I wish all in our Fremantle College community a safe and happy school holiday break and look forward to meeting many more of you as we count down the last half of the year to our opening in 2018!

WEBSITE UPDATES

Our Fremantle College website is currently undergoing a major update, which will provide more information for parents on our programs and processes. Hopefully you will find the updated information on the website useful. We will be introducing many innovative features to make life easier for parents and students, including online systems such as the ability to enrol, pay fees and excursions online, and access other useful information about your child's academic and social emotional progress at the college.

2017 WASSEA CONFERENCE

It was my pleasure to co-convene the Western Australian State School Executives Association Conference for 2017. The theme was developed around Innovate, Respond, Flourish which probably goes to show my passion for Positive Education across the state as well as a leader at Fremantle College! We were lucky and grateful to have Professor Sugata Mitra come to the conference from London, as well Richard Gerver, two of the world's greatest educational thinkers of our time. They, along with a range of concurrent speakers,



Emma Walker with Prof Sugata Mitra

worked with the theme to build leadership capacity in Response to Intervention frameworks, Positive Education, and STEM education. Drs Alan Reid and Carmen Lawrence

gave inspiring keynotes revealing the real strength of public education and the most recent evidence that shows greater student achievement in public schools. It is very fulfilling to give back to a profession that has given me so much in the form of professional learning and staff development. It was also great to use the opportunity to highlight the new college and use the conference as a way to network with a range of experts in the field who are now excited about coming to visit in 2018 and wanting to contribute to the Fremantle College community.

Emma Walker
Associate Principal

YEAR 4 VISITS

This term Principal Myles Draper has been visiting Year 4 students at local primary schools to let them know what planning Fremantle College has been undertaking. Not only are we preparing for their arrival at the college in 2020, but we are also setting up learning experiences for them to participate in whilst they are still in primary school.

Students will have the opportunity to learn more about our Specialist Programs, including the Gifted and Talented Selective Academic Program and Specialist Marine Science, which are promoted to students from Year 5. The opening of our new buildings next term will allow for greater opportunities for primary students to participate in activities on our campus.

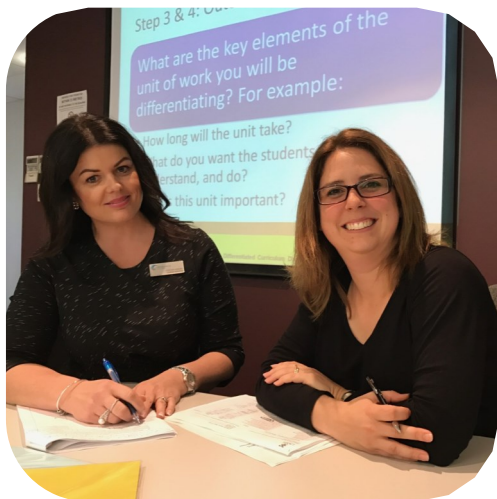
The Year 4 students were keen to hear what Fremantle College is able to offer in terms of programs and resources, and are excited about future opportunities to visit the college and experience secondary schooling.



GIFTED EDUCATION

Last week two of our staff members completed the Mini Certificate of Gifted Education, presented by Dr Peta Hay from the University of NSW. A lecturer in gifted education, Dr Hay works with teachers and schools across Australia, helping them to cater for gifted students.

We have invited Dr Hay back to Perth in Term 3 to work with more of our teaching staff. Our teachers will be supported in the creation of stimulating and engaging programs for our Gifted and Talented Selective Academic Program, as well as for students in our Academic Excellence Academy. This will also impact positively on all students at Fremantle College through a deeper understanding of curriculum differentiation for all learners.



Emma Walker with Dr Peta Hay

ENGLISH CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS

The students of South Fremantle SHS have been able to meet Fremantle College's Executive team as they have been visiting all Year 7 to Year 11 English classes. We have been introducing the students to Fremantle College, letting them know about our programs, new buildings and uniforms, as well as our new college values of Perseverance, Leadership, Enthusiasm for Learning, Curiosity and Kindness.

Students have had the opportunity to ask questions of us, with queries ranging from locker use to the canteen menu to Specialist programs. We do invite questions from our college community and these can be sent to us via email, by telephoning the college office or just call in and have a chat with us.

As a team, we have enjoyed having a chat with the students and hearing their perspectives on the opening of Fremantle College. We would like to thank the



South Fremantle SHS English staff for welcoming us into their lessons and we look forward to meeting students at Hamilton SHS next semester.

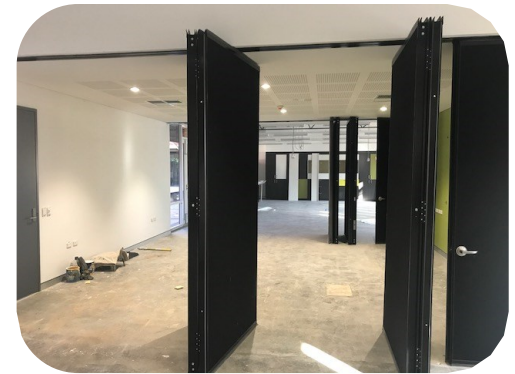
BUILDING UPDATE

Principal Myles Draper and several Fremantle College staff members had the pleasure last week of attending a tour of our new facilities. The main building at the front of the site will house Performing Arts, Mathematics, Science, English, Student Services and the Autism Extension Program. The Visual Arts, which includes our ICT collaborative learning space, Television Studio, Digital Media, Drawing, Painting, Ceramics, Textiles, Marine Science and General Learning Areas, will also be available for use.

The most striking feature of the new buildings is the positive atmosphere and outlook of the classrooms. With a look and feel akin to a modern university, the new learning areas are set up for collaborative learning and can be reconfigured in a matter of minutes from traditional classroom to open learning space. The Science laboratories are truly spectacular with cutting edge equipment and technology to enhance the learning experiences of students.

SCHOOL TOURS

We will be running tours of our new facilities next term on 1 and 23 August, and 4 September from 3.30pm. Tour bookings can be made by contacting the college.



ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for our first cohort of Year 7 students at Fremantle College have been steadily coming through our administration office, with students keen to begin their secondary schooling in 2018. There has been great interest in our Specialist Programs, and interviews for Specialist Marine Studies and Specialist ICT have been conducted. Selection processes have also been undertaken for our Academic Excellence Academy, and auditions completed for Specialist Contemporary Music. Try outs for the AFL Academy will take place this term, and auditions for the Performing Arts Academy will be held early in Term 3.

Whilst many selection processes for Specialist Programs and Academies have been completed, there may still be opportunities for students to be involved so please do not hesitate to enquire at the college. We do request that families who have already received a full enrolment pack, complete it and return to the Fremantle College administration as soon as possible. Should you require any assistance with enrolling please contact us at the college. Student enrolment numbers assist us with our planning for 2018 and beyond, and your support with this is appreciated.

We are looking forward to meeting all our new Year 7 students later this year and welcoming them into Fremantle College.

Enrolment Request Form



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