

News from the Principal



Dear parents and carers

Welcome to the final edition of College Connect for 2018. It is hard to believe that our first year has now come to an end and students will be receiving their end of year report this week. There has been much progress for our college this year and we have made improvements in nearly all areas of the college experience for students since the beginning of the year. Whilst improvement is a continuous journey, we have certainly started off well in our foundation year and have taken on the feedback from parents, students and teachers to make the college even better for 2019.

If you follow our Facebook page you will see the many wonderful achievements of our students and teachers highlighted throughout the year. It is by far the best way to keep up with what goes on at the college. Recently we have featured our SUBS in School team that travelled to NSW for the finals, the Marine Camps and Art Exhibition as just a few of the activities this term. These experiences make wonderful memories for students that they will take with them when they leave the college. I would like to thank our staff for their work this year and the amazing opportunities that they have provided for students.

This term we held many events to welcome our newest students into the college. It was a pleasure to meet the new Year 7 students at Orientation Day and their parents at the Parent Information Evening. We have over 270 Year 7 students starting with us next year. The total population of the college will reach around 1189 students. We also had a number of parents stay behind to express an interest in being part of our first college P&C. A reminder that we will hold the Inaugural P&C AGM on Monday 18 February 2019, Week 3, Term 1 at 6:00pm. WACSSO will come along and facilitate the meeting to set up our first P&C Association. All positions will be available.

As a reminder of our foundation year, each student has been provided with a copy of our first Yearbook. This will be a permanent reminder of the year's events. Our Year 7 to 10 students received their Yearbook today. Year 11 students will be issued with their Yearbook when they return in 2019. Year 12 students are welcome to visit the college administration and pick up a copy.

This term we invited our Board members to the college to see what a day in the life of a student was like. It was great to see some of our Board members take up the opportunity to interact with our staff and students. This provides our members with a first-hand account of college life, which they can share with the community.

Please be reminded that students start back on **Monday 4 February 2019**. The college administration office will be open from 29 January 2019. Please ensure your child is prepared with full college uniform and all of their personal items for next year to give them the best chance of success right from the start.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students and parents a safe and happy holiday over the Christmas and New Year period.

Myles Draper, Principal

Congratulations Mandie Gibson,
winner of \$50 Coles Myer
voucher for completing the
National School Opinion Survey

Important Dates:

Students' Last Day	13 Dec 2018
College Office Open	29 Jan 2019
Students' 1st Day	4 Feb 2019

School Hall Renovation

Our College Hall has had a facelift!

The hall has been fully repainted, with new stage curtains, lighting and audio visual equipment to follow.

We would like to thank Simone McGurk MLA, State Member for Fremantle, for her assistance in securing \$23,000 funding from the Department of Education towards renovating our college hall. The college is also committing significant funding to this project. Her assistance is appreciated by our students and teachers.

We look forward to fully utilising this newly renovated facility.



Simone McGurk
State Member for Fremantle

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Primo Lux Success

By Joan Armstrong, English Teacher

Congratulations, Shalorna Dykman-Mippy!

Primo Lux is an annual anthology of the best poetry written by students in Years 10 – 12 from across Western Australia. This year, Shalorna Dykman-Mippy in Year 10, has not only had her poem, “The Lost Girl”, published in Primo Lux, but she also won 3rd prize. This prize placement was decided upon by a judging panel, which included representatives from the English Teachers’ Association and WA Poetry Society.

Shalorna gave a sensitive reading of her poem in front of an audience of contributors, families and teachers at Clancy’s Fish Pub recently, before being awarded her prize by Perth-based poet, Chris Arnold.

We are all very excited to follow Shalorna’s future poetry and creative writing.



SUBS in Schools

By Nicholas Glorie, Science Teacher

The SUBS in Schools competition was a great learning experience for our students. Their success in gaining a place to compete in the National Championships in Sydney is something we are all very proud of. Our team, Team Nautilus, thoroughly enjoyed the challenge, coming 7th place overall. Our team received the Encouragement Award for their efforts at the event; a wonderful achievement.

Please click the link below to view the SUBS in Schools National Championships video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lubD5fYXf18>



Winners are Grinners

By Kartini Signa

Congratulations to our Year 7 Debating Team!

Our Years 7 to 10 debaters did us proud this term at the final round of the Fremantle Debating Competition at Rossmoyne Senior High School.

Our Year 8s finished 5th, and our Year 10s finished 2nd.

Our Year 7s were undefeated in all rounds and brought home the championship trophy for 2018!

A wonderful effort by all teams, displaying our college values: Enthusiasm for Learning and Perseverance.



“Tape This” - Girls Empowerment Program

By Harriet Pugh, English Teacher

At the beginning of the term, twenty students from Year 7 to 9 were selected to participate in a girls only self-development and leadership group. These girls were chosen for their outstanding, adventurous attitudes, and they have sure shown that! Every Tuesday, these girls meet after-school to complete challenges and expand their skills.

Over the last nine weeks they have participated in yoga, painting, cooking, set goals, belly dancing, ran an afternoon tea for their female role model, thrived in trust games and threw themselves into discussion tasks. The girls immediately bonded and formed a supportive, hilarious and outgoing group of individuals. It has been a pleasure to see these girls push boundaries and be able to fully express who they are, and for them to see how incredible they are.

Thank you to the volunteers and staff who have wholeheartedly supported this program. See you all next year!



Performing Arts Academy

By Kim Delury, Performing Arts Academy Coordinator

Semester 2 has certainly been an exciting one for the students of the Performing Arts Academy. They have been treated to an entertaining Shakespeare-themed performance by Australia Playhouse, followed by a question and answer session with the cast. Much of the semester was spent honing their performance skills and preparing their pieces for the Semester 2 Performing Arts Night, which was held on 20 November in the Fremantle College Performing Arts Centre. Once again, the event was a huge success and the large audience of parents, staff and friends were entertained by a range of scenes and songs from popular dramas and musical theatre, such as 'The Lion King', 'The Little Mermaid', 'Matilda' and 'The Aristocats'. These items showcased the work of the talented students as well as the technical capabilities of our wonderful theatre complex.

We wish to thank all of the students from Drama and Music who, once again, generously assisted us in the backstage and front-of-house operations at the Performing Arts Night. These students included Jack Farmer, Sharna Green, Emily Henney, Sarah Crabb, Ashleigh Hogan, Tiffany Jones, Lewis McKernan, Alexandra Law and Ava Toigo. A special thank you must be made to Connor Ratcliffe, who ably assisted us in the audio operations for the show.

We were also joined on stage for the first time by students from the Year 9 Specialist Music Program who provided entertaining live music for the show's final musical theatre number.

In Semester 2, the Performing Arts Academy students continued their lessons in singing, music, acting and stagecraft. They also had the privilege of taking part in specialist choreography sessions delivered by a visiting tutor. The amazing 'Extravaganza,' organised by Director of Music, Mike Gowland, took place in the Fremantle College Hall and was an opportunity for these students to sing theme songs from popular movies, either solo or in the school choir, whilst being back-up with a student orchestra to an audience of seven hundred people. An amazing experience for all who attended.

In 2019 a wonderful new group of talented Year 7 students will be joining the Performing Arts Academy after successfully auditioning earlier in the year. We wish them all success as they embark on their first year at Fremantle College and we look forward to their performances in the coming year.

Congratulations to the inaugural group of Year 7 students from the Performing Arts Academy who helped make 2018 a wonderfully successful year at Fremantle College.



Henry the Therapy Dog

By Harriet Pugh, English Teacher

“A dog will teach you unconditional love. If you can have that in your life, things won’t be too bad.” – Robert Wagner.

Over the last two terms, Henry, our therapy dog, has put smiles on over 600 students’ faces. Henry has seen the inner workings of English, Science and Math classes, and sat with many staff at our morning tea meetings. The students have been highly receptive to Henry’s presence and some have even taken him on walks around the school.

If your child has had the pleasure of Henry being in their class, they will know he has easily adapted and will happily sleep wherever he falls. Despite the obvious happiness Henry brings, there are a range of other benefits of having this furry friend at school, such as increased engagement, improved attendance, reduced anxiety and increased positive relationships. The plan is for Henry to be incorporated into a whole-school literacy program and further assist in developing a positive, inclusive environment here at Fremantle College.

Thank you students and staff for the warm welcome, and a special thank you to Emma Walker for her diligent and determined approach to supporting this program.



AFL Academy

By Michelle Traynor and Tim Basile, AFL Academy Coordinators

Our Year 7 AFL Academy students had the opportunity to attend the Year 7 AFL Camp, hosted by South Fremantle Football Club and the Stephen Michael Foundation recently. Our students were guests of the Fremantle Dockers, enabling them to tour the new Cockburn facilities. Our students also participated in skills clinics at Fremantle Oval and completed high performance fitness testing, conducted by the University of Notre Dame, Fremantle. The camp was a fantastic way to finish off what has been an amazing year in the Year 7 AFL Academy.



Follow the Dream

By Nathan Dines, Follow the Dream Coordinator

This term five of our Year 8 Follow The Dream students were lucky enough to be invited to the University of Western Australia's Year 8 Discovery Day ran by The School of Indigenous Studies.

The Year 8 Discovery Days are aimed at Indigenous Year 8 students from across the Perth metropolitan area. As a part of the day our students, along with 30 others, toured various parts of the UWA campus and participated in a range of hands-on activities that showcased a variety of study areas across the University. Students enjoyed working in teams to learn how to write code that they used to program robotic vehicles to battle other teams' robots, discovering microscopic creatures in soil under high powered microscopes and testing their fitness and skills with the school of Sports Science, Exercise and Health.

Students also met current Indigenous university students and staff from The School of Indigenous Studies, who shared their experiences and stories of university life. Students had a great lunch and left the day with a UWA t-shirt, some giveaways and a better idea of the opportunities that they have on offer when they study at University.



Specialist Baseball

By Joe Fitzgerald, Baseball Coordinator

Term 4 has been a busy, but productive term for the Baseball program. The boys were able to celebrate their achievements with a pizza lunch hosted by Mr Draper and the opportunity to go to a Perth Heat game on Friday 7 December. Tickets to the game were provided by Josh Kennelly and clothing provider, BLK. Staff, parents and students would like to thank Josh and BLK for the fantastic experience and a fitting way to finish of the year!

Perth Heat Game

The boys have continued to work hard in the gym with their strength and conditioning program; they have worked really hard during 2018 and I must thank them all for their efforts. The person we must acknowledge most is Josh Kennelly. Josh is a past South Fremantle Senior High School student who has played the game at a professional level. Josh's commitment to the boys is of an extremely high level, with clear results being gained at an individual and a team level. We again say thank you to Josh for all of his efforts in 2018, and we look forward to both his and Diamond Fitness's involvement in the program in 2019.

Evan Forrest completing 350 burpees in 1 hour!

Finally, we must say thank you and good bye to four of our boys in Year 10. Jack Payne will leave the college to pursue work in the trade industry. Harry Hainsworth, Khale Richards and Darell Reyes will move into their senior school studies. All of the boys have been great contributors to the program, with each bringing different skills and other personal attributes to the team. We wish the boys good luck and know that they will be able to still be involved in games in 2019.

A final thank you must go to all of our fantastic parents. Their support of the boys is unquestioned and we are very lucky to have their full backing of their boys. Thank you for 2018, and we look forward to an exciting 2019!



Synthesis 2018 - Art Exhibition

By Michelle Robertson, Art Teacher

Fremantle College held its first Art Exhibition, Synthesis 2018 this term. Students, parents and staff were invited to come and have a look at what our students have been working on in Visual Arts and Media this year. There were a range of different styles and media of art on display, showing what a talented group of students we have here at Fremantle College. Myles Draper, Emma Walker, Janelle Mittonette and Mark Jeffery received their honorary kimonos, which were created as part of a special project involving students from Years 7 and 12, with the tutelage of Visual Arts teacher Michelle Robertson and assistance by Aries Mosen and Marjana Todosijevic. Guests were treated to a special acoustic set performed by Sophia Corinaldesi, as well as rolling footage of the exceptional film work of Miss Weston's Media classes.

Thank you to all staff and students for your hard work, Miss Weston and Ms Robertson are very proud of the magnificent work produced and all are applauded for their efforts!



Visit from White Gum Valley Primary School

By Matthew Radburn, Science Teacher

Fremantle College was lucky to have some bright eyed Year 4 visitors from White Gum Valley Primary School visit. For most students, it was their first time in a purpose built Science Lab. We gave a brief induction, teaching the students about lab safety, special equipment and lab procedures. Then they learnt some fun facts about echinoderms, followed by a live animal observation practical with some starfish. To top the lesson off, some of our Year 7 Marine Science Specialist students guided the Year 4s through the process to light a bunsen burner.

Feedback from White Gum Valley Primary School was very positive, with students “glowing with excitement, engagement and a sparked interest in marine studies”.

We look forward to further visits with our neighbouring primary schools.



Marine Students -Year 9 Rottneest Camp

By Rachel Wicks, Specialist Marine Coordinator

Our Year 9 Specialist Marine Studies students had the opportunity to go to Rottneest Island last week. The camp was jam-packed with varied marine activities, enabling our students to explore through experimentation and observation.

Our students demonstrated our college value of Enthusiasm for Learning and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities provided to them.



Clontarf Awards Evening

By Clem Michael, Fremantle Clontarf Academy

We held our inaugural Clontarf Academy Awards night this Term to celebrate and acknowledge the newly established partnership between Fremantle College and the Clontarf Foundation. The Academy was established and commenced operation at Fremantle College at the start of Term 2 this year. Clontarf has been working in partnership with the college to improve the education, discipline, life skills and employment prospects of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men attending Fremantle College.

During the evening, a variety of awards were given to our Junior and Senior students to celebrate and acknowledge:

- 90% and above Attendance for the School Year
- Academic Excellence Award
- Attendance Award
- Sportsman's of the Year Award
- Fremantle Academy Culture Award
- Employee/Trainee of the Year Awards

This was a wonderful way to finish the year with Clontarf, College and Academy staff gathering together with Local Community Group representatives and parents/guardians to celebrate our students' achievements. This year, our Academy members have had the opportunity to participate in a number of football, basketball and cricket carnivals, and have attended various life skills programs and seminars such as Keys for Life, Employment Forums and Resume Building. The Academy has also conducted numerous camps and excursion activities over the course of the year to Bunbury, Katanning, Busselton, Dwellingup and Northam, concluding with our major trip to Broome for our senior and graduating students.



Specialist and Academy Expo

By Janelle Mittonette, Associate Principal

Fremantle College held a Specialist and Academy Expo on Wednesday 21 November. Current Year 4 and 5 students and their families were invited to visit and learn more about the programs we offer at Fremantle College.

It was wonderful to see so many prospective students and their families visit us.



Orientation Day and Parent Information Session

By Janelle Mittonette, Associate Principal

Our Year 7 2019 students spent the day with us on 22 November 2018. Students spent the day familiarising themselves with the college. Our senior students provided assistance and guided the incoming Year 7s, supporting them with their transition. Our college value of Kindness was on display, which was wonderful to see.

We also held a Parent Information Session on Wednesday 28 November. The parents were introduced to key members of staff and had the opportunity to find out more about the day to day aspects of Year 7 at Fremantle College. It was great to have such a large turnout on the night and to meet so many different families.

We look forward to our Year 7 2019 students joining our college family.



Additional Important Information Continued

Getting Ready for 2019

As we prepare for the 2019 school year at Fremantle College, we would like to advise you of the general information below. Students in Years 7 to 10 were given their 2019 Course Information Summary last week. If your child was absent, you will receive this information via mail over the next couple of days.

Personal Items Lists

Personal Items Lists are now available to download from our website - <https://fremantlecollege.wa.edu.au/enrolments/personal-items-lists/>. Please be aware that if you are ordering direct through Champion, a late fee may apply if the order is placed after Friday 14 December 2018.

Contributions and Charges

Invoices for 2019 have been mailed and sent home with the 2019 Course Information Summaries. Please note that for all Specialist Programs and Academies the college requests a 50% payment by the end of January 2019 (this is an extension of the original deadline), with the full balance payable by the end of Term 1. All invoices for Year 11 and 12 subjects are to be paid in full by the end of Term 1, 2019.

If you are experiencing difficulty in paying the Contributions and Charges by the end of Term 1, please contact the college on (08) 9338 8900 to set up a payment plan.

If you are applying for the Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS) you will need to come to the school during Term 1 with your current Healthcare Card. For more information regarding the Secondary Assistance Scheme, please click here: <https://fremantlecollege.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/SAS-info-2019.pdf>

Please be aware that paying your contributions and charges on time is one of the best ways you can support the college and your child.

All payments can be made by

- using the QKR app (see website for details <https://fremantlecollege.wa.edu.au/enrolments/how-to-pay/> or instruction sheet attached)
- calling (08) 9338 8900 and using EFT, or via
- direct deposit:

Account Name:	Fremantle College
BSB:	066 040
Account No.:	1990 3653 (put your child's name and year group)

Fremantle College Administration

The Fremantle College Administration will be open for finance and payment enquiries from Wednesday 30 January 2019 from 8.00am to 3.00pm for parents to:

- Apply for the Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS) or ABSTUDY – Healthcare Card is required
- Pay your child's contributions and charges
- Set up a payment plan for contributions and charges

Fremantle College Uniform

It is compulsory for all students to wear our college uniform. Uniforms for Fremantle College are managed by Uniform Concepts, which is located at 30 Kembla Way, Willetton. For enquiries please phone (08) 9270 4669 or email Willetton@uc.nellgray.com.au. The uniform order form is available to download from our website:

<https://fremantlecollege.wa.edu.au/enrolments/uniforms/>

Please visit our website for further information regarding:

- Attendance and absentee procedures
- Enrolments
- Canteen menu
- General information

www.fremantlecollege.wa.edu.au

Additional Important Information Continued

Uniform Supplier

Our Uniform Supplier, Nell Gray, has moved to new premises.

30 Kembla Way, Willetton

Their contact phone number remains unchanged. In addition, please be advised that the Uniform Shop will be **closed**:

16 December to 2 January 2019

Parents are advised to book an appointment to avoid long queues at the end of January.

School Watch

Every year, criminal damage to schools not only costs Western Australian taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars, but also inconveniences students, their families, teachers and local residents.

While the Police and Department work closely together to minimise crime at school premises, you too can help. With more than 650 public schools involved in the School Watch program the community's role is vital, particularly after school hours and during school holidays.

Most importantly, if you live near a public school and see or hear suspicious behaviour immediately contact School Watch Security or the Police.

Who to contact

School Watch Security T: 1800 177 777

or

Police T: 131 444

When you contact School Watch Security, Department security officers can quickly attend schools in the metropolitan area. The Police will attend if called.

How your call helps

Your call could prevent break-ins, vandalism, graffiti or even arson. Ensuring your school is well cared for reflects on your community and contributes to the value of surrounding residential properties, so it's worth it!

At the local level school principals are encouraged to promote School Watch and, where possible, provide feedback through newsletters and the local media in instances where residents' calls have been valuable.

Each month, School Watch receives an average of 200 calls from the public. During holiday periods the number increases significantly. So your involvement really makes a difference.

What to look for

- The most important times for you to be vigilant are during school holidays as schools are unattended and therefore more vulnerable than usual to crime.
- Keep in mind that schools are generally large physical areas with multiple "blind spots". If you hear unusual noises from within a school, such as glass breaking or banging noises, this might mean people are up to no good.
- Look for unusual vehicles parked at a school on weekends or during holidays.
- Watch for groups "hanging around" on school grounds. This should not occur and can be one of the starting points for crime to occur.

Additional Important Information Continued

Master Mind Australia - January 2019 Jump-start Programs

OLNA – NAPLAN - Study Skills – Essay Writing – Subject Revision & Preparation

For all students entering Year 7 – 12 in 2019

The January Preparation Program aims to prepare students for Term 1 (2019) before the academic year begins. The classes will revise those important components from the 2018 syllabus that are vital for success in the new-year. The program will also preview what students can expect in their courses in 2019.

For further information, please call Master Mind Australia on 9486 1377

or click below:

www.mastermindaustralia.com.au



Merry Christmas

We wish our students,
staff and their families
a safe and happy
holiday period

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