

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Week 5 of Term 1 2023! Time is flying by, with a buzz of activity in the air here at Fremantle College. We have welcomed our new Year 7 cohort to the college and we are happy to report our Year 7s have settled in beautifully and joined our college community with ease. It was wonderful to see and meet so many new faces at our Year 7 Welcome Afternoon earlier this term.

At the other end of their secondary schooling journey, our Year 12s enjoyed their College Ball on Friday evening at Optus Stadium. Our students dressed in their finest and danced the night away with staff and their peers. This cohort of Year 12s are the first year group who have been with Fremantle College since Year 7 and it has been a pleasure to see them develop and grow into fine young people.

Last week we welcomed families for our Award Assemblies, where we celebrated the Academic Achievements of our students from their Semester 2 2022 results. It was fantastic to speak to so many parents, with the number of award recipients continuously growing year by year.

An important reminder for all parents, our Disabled Parking Bays at the front of the college are not to be used for drop off/pick up of students or for parking unless you have an ACROD parking permit. These bays provide vital access for a number of our families and have unfortunately not been accessible on a number of occasions when needed. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Our student photo day is scheduled for Wednesday 22 March, with catch ups available on Monday 27 March. Students are reminded to wear full school uniform and bring their photo envelope with them when they attend for their scheduled photo time. Photo envelopes will be distributed to students soon.

Your prompt payment of the Contributions and Charges invoice is very much appreciated, as it is these contributions that allow us to provide such a varied and exciting range of course options and activities for your child. Our preferred method of payment is directly through the secure payment portal on our website. For other methods, please visit

the website. For any families who would like to arrange a payment plan for school fees in 2023, I'd like to urge you to make contact with our friendly Finance team on 9338 8900 to get this in place. These staff are willing and able to help with setting up CentrePay, Secondary Assistance funding and Abstudy funding.

A reminder, our scheduled College Development Days for 2023 are:

Tuesday 28 March 2023 - Term 1

Monday 24 April 2023 - Term 2

Monday 17 July 2023 - Term 3

Friday 17 November 2023 - Term 4

Friday 15 December 2023 - Term 4

Students do not attend college on these days listed above.

Our Parent Teacher Interview Day will be held on Tuesday 28 March 2023. The College will be closed all day with teachers holding interviews from 9:00am to 6:00pm. If you require that your child attend the college on this day, please contact our college reception on 93388900 or email us at fremantle.college@education.wa.edu.au.

At 6pm there will be a parent information session for Year 10 parents to discuss the course counselling process for Year 11, 2024. Information on bookings and arrangements for interviews will be sent out shortly.

Attendance: Every day matters. We know that attending school every day progresses a child's learning, which leads to better engagement and academic achievement. It also supports their wellbeing and improves their future life outcomes. We thank our parents for their support with ensuring students attend all day every day.

Please enjoy our first edition of College Connect for 2023!

Regards

Myles Draper
Principal

Important Dates

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| Labour Day Public Holiday | 6 March |
| Zone Swimming Carnival | 9 March |
| P&C Meeting | 13 March |
| Photo Day | 22 March |
| Photo Day Catchup | 27 March |
| Parent Teacher Interviews | 28 March |
| Last Day of Term | 6 April |





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Introduction of Compass

by Erin Baker, Associate Principal

Fremantle College is utilising the software system 'Compass' to track attendance, college activities and to help us have the most up-to-date contact and medical information about your child. The accuracy and management of student records is a critical process for Fremantle College and Compass will ensure communication between home and the college is efficient and easy.

Compass is the channel that will inform you of college incursions, excursions, events and camps, obtain consent and will be the collection point for student absentees, medical information and payments.

All parents/carers received an email link for system access at the commencement of Term 1, 2023.

All parents/carers were issued with a Student Update Form via email last year. If you did not receive this documentation, please contact the college on 9338 8900 to check we have the most up-to-date email address on our system for you. If you have the form and haven't provided us with changes to your details, please return any changes to us as a matter of priority.

Compass offer a helpful [Parent/Carer Guide](#) and [FAQ](#) should you require any further information.

Compass also have a mobile app, enabling parents to access information and update the college via mobile devices. Downloads are available via the App Store and Google Play.



WELCOME TO COMPASS

A guide for parents & families



Keep up to date!

Our Social Media Channels are growing, with the introduction of Instagram and LinkedIn. We will continue with our college Facebook page also. Click on any of the preferred links below to like and follow Fremantle College and in turn, keep up to date with news of student achievements and activities at the college.



News from Mathematics

by Gail Dirk, HOLA Mathematics

This year has started off well and we are looking forward to engaging students in some exciting aspects of Mathematics. Our focus is to encourage those who enjoy Mathematics to stay interested as they explore various concepts and understand how it relates to real life situations. We also want to assist students who have gaps in their content knowledge and skill by helping to build their confidence in order to improve their understanding. Our focus on growth mindset, informs students that making mistakes will actually improve their progress and is an essential part of learning. This helps develop more confidence and students are more likely to take risks and attempt challenging tasks. We want students not just to say "I don't understand" but to rather say "I don't understand yet but I will keep trying!"

Maths Zone

As usual we run Maths Zone sessions regularly to support students who would like assistance with their homework, to review and consolidate concepts learned in class and obtain help with general maths skills to improve knowledge gaps. This is a free tutoring opportunity for students, and we already have many regulars who attend multiple sessions per week.

Session Times in Room C10

- Before school – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7.45 – 8.25am
- After school – Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2.55 to 3.45pm



Students can access devices to complete their online assigned tasks or access class resources on Connect made available by their teachers. Education Perfect or Mathletics are used with various groups of students to either improve their content skills and update their knowledge base, provide students with opportunities to review and practice skills learnt and to extend students who are highly engaged and enthusiastic about Maths.

Maths Week

[Monday 13 March to Friday 17 March](#)

We will be celebrating Maths Week with some interesting activities especially on Pi Day. The number Pi (π) starts with 3.14 which is why it is celebrated internationally on 14 March (14/03 or 03/14 in American format). We will be engaging students and staff in interesting Maths challenges all week.





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The SCIENCE of Learning

by Tim Smith, HOLA Science

We are often asked:

“what can parents do to help our children achieve better learning outcomes in Science at high school?”

Unlike other mainstream subjects often Year 7 students have not had specialist Science teachers consistently in their primary school years. Due to this, there may be a disconnect in what we do in Science at the secondary school level.

In Science at Fremantle College we have a very successful approach to assist students to understand key scientific concepts and develop practical science laboratory skills. This approach is a weekly 4-step system based on:

Lesson 1 (of each week) – students gaining a written and verbal understanding of the weeks Key Concept(s). Often students are listening and writing information in a mixture of their own and expert words. The is lead by the specialist Science teacher – we call this “inking their thinking”.

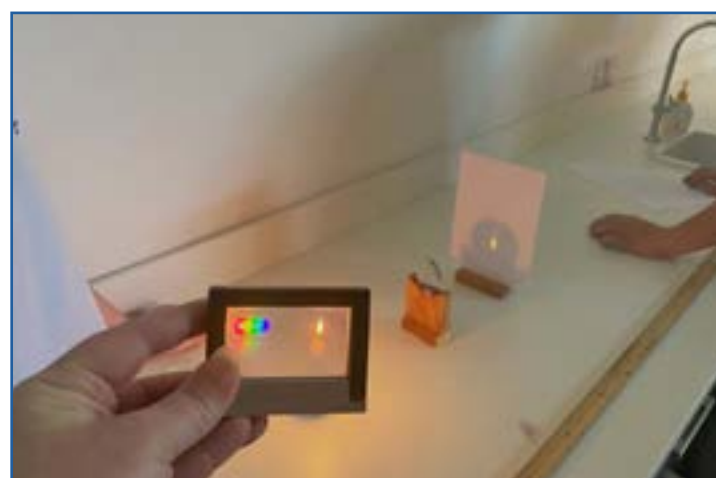
Lesson 2 – a Science skill lesson (in a specialised laboratory) that seeks to develop a students’ understandings via experiments and or a practical. Students will over the early years develop their Science inquiry skills always culminating in later years with very high level experiments (often with a STEM focus).

Lesson 3 – a time when specific questions are set by the teacher either to develop students depth of knowledge and or reinforce conceptual abstract topics that require some more work.

Lesson 4 – the building of a best work booklet that clearly outlines the key concepts of the week. A body of work that is clear, correct, authentic and one in which the student can take pride in producing and formatting into an end of semester booklet to take home to illustrate their learning successes over a semester.

At each lesson aspect along the week we hope that parents and guardians can begin to have a conversation with the student and ask “what was the key concept that you learnt in Science today, what does it look like in the world in which we live, could you explain it to me and how might it assist you in understanding”

For the true purpose of Science is not simply learning facts and laws, but to develop holistic habits that assist lifelong learning, to be agile in understanding an ever increasing complex world and to make real sense of the mass of information that we are interacting with in the modern world.



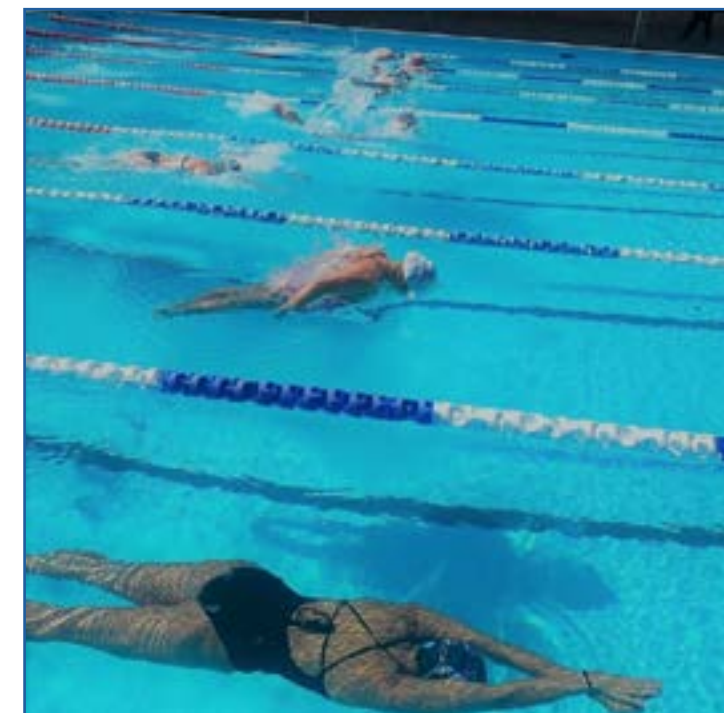
News from Health and Physical Education

by Craig Smith, HOLA HPE

Health and Physical Education have had a big start to the year, hosting our Year 8 to 12 Swim Trials and the Year 7 House Swimming Carnival. Students competed with great enthusiasm and showed real spirit cheering each other on.

Our school is hosting the Zone Swimming Carnival next week and competing at the B Division Interschool Carnival in Week 9.

Across weeks 6 and 7, students in our Physical Education Classes from Year 7 to 10 will transition from swimming into different sports. This will be communicated to your child via their Phys Ed Teacher.





News from Design and Technology

by David Bennett

Our brand-new group of Year 7s have joined us at Fremantle College and we have introduced them to a range of learning environments unlike any they have experienced before. In their Materials classes they have begun to use industrial tools and machinery to make projects in wood and metal. As this is all fresh and new, the level of enthusiasm is high in our Year 7 classes, which is wonderful to see.

Of course, our new students are not the only ones labouring hard in the workshops and engineering spaces. Classes in woodwork, metalwork, engineering, mechatronics, and future technologies are all underway for students beyond Year 7 and we are seeing just as much enthusiasm and excitement. At this time of year students are focusing on honing their basic materials skills, ready to bring them to bear on extended projects and teaching staff are already on the lookout for that exceptional piece of work that will be included in the annual Art/Design Exhibition held towards the end of the year.

Congratulations to all our future, engineers, tradesmen/ tradeswomen and designers on one of the best starts to a school year we've seen at Fremantle College. We look forward to watching what you can do!





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News from Lower School Student Services

by Anthony Cochrane, Student Services Manager Yr 7/8

Big days In

Our Year 7s had a wonderful start to 2023, coming together to make new friends and experience secondary school for the first time. Our Big Days In commenced with a Welcome to Country by local Elder, Greg Nannup. Our students then embarked on rock climbing, Taiko drumming and enjoyed theatre performances. The Big Days In provide a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet their teachers in a relaxed environment and learn some important skills to help with their transition to Fremantle College. Congratulations to all of our tremendous Year 7s and good luck in 2023!

Year 7 Welcome Afternoon

Thank you to all our wonderful new families who came along and supported our Year 7 Welcome Afternoon. The afternoon was a huge success, with plenty of activities for students to participate in, organised by our Chaplain. Our Specialist Contemporary Music students entertained the crowds and our student leaders coordinated the sausage sizzle. Parents also had the opportunity to meet staff and tour our classrooms. What a great way to start the year!





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News from Upper School Student Services

by Chris Walke - Year 11 Coordinator

Emma Dickinson - Year 12 Coordinator and

Trisha Panikoula - Student Services Manager Year 11/12

What a start to the year it has been for our Upper School students!

The Upper School Pathways Program runs every Wednesday, Period 2, for all Year 11 and 12 students. Pathways is an inclusive learning program that aims to develop and support the social, emotional, and mental wellbeing of our students, while improving academic standards. Our mentor teachers provide a nurturing environment, while offering pastoral care and guidance for our students.

Term 1 Pathways has focused on study skills and exploring future pathways. Students have engaged with presentations from various Universities and have had a visit from South Metropolitan TAFE. Our Careers Practitioner visited classes sharing resources to help our students to be 'work ready' and set future goals. As always there has been time for peer study, OLNA practice and teambuilding.

Elevate have been working with our ATAR and UniReady students to support in developing study skills. They received their first presentation on the first day of school! This was followed by a Parent Information Session that enabled parents to better understand how they can support their child at home. It has been great to see so many of the strategies explored, being utilised by our students. We will be holding another Parent Information Session on Wednesday 8 March, 5:30-6:30. This will be an opportunity to better understand WACE and meet the Upper School team.

Early this term, Year 12 students excitedly received their leavers jackets. The jackets were designed by the students and were personalised with a nickname. The community has been impressed with the design and the jackets are worn with pride.

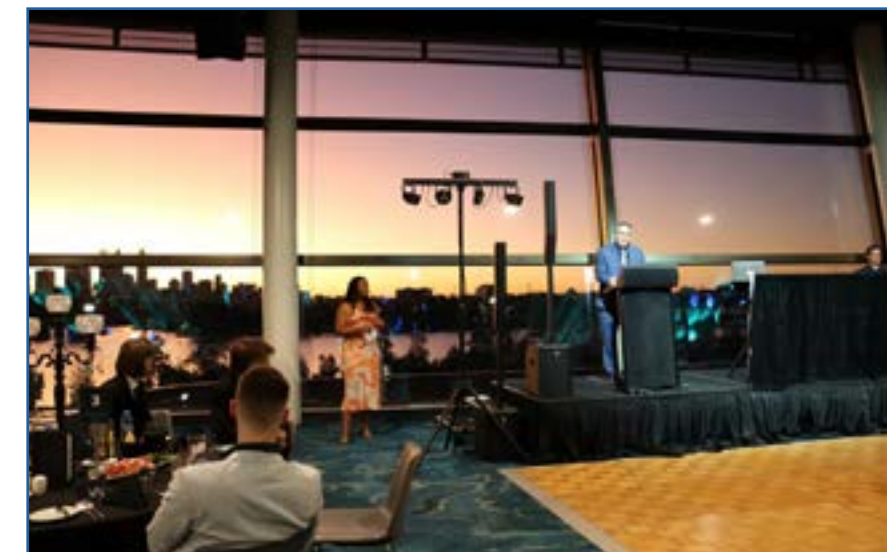
Congratulations to all award winners at the Week 4 Awards Assembly. Awards of Achievement and Merit were presented to those students who achieved outstanding results during Semester 2 of 2022. It was amazing to see so many upper school students being acknowledged for their handwork. A special mention goes to Ami Pitman-Wright who was awarded a scholarship

from Soroptimist International. Ami was nominated by her teachers for her hard work and initiative. Congratulations Ami!

Last Friday we celebrated the final year of our Year 12s educational journey with our College Ball. It was an amazing evening filled with joy and some great dance moves! We wish all our Year 12 students a successful final year at Fremantle College.

Year 11 and 12 is a busy time with many key dates and timelines. Students and parents are reminded to regularly engage with CONNECT to keep up to date with notices and their learning. It is also important to inform student services of any absence and obtain medical certificates where necessary.

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Year 11 & 12 WACE Parent Information Evening and Workshop



You are invited to our Year 11 & 12 Parent Information Evening and Workshop:

Wednesday 8 March 2023
5:30 - 6:30pm
Performing Arts Centre

- Improve your understanding of WACE
- Meet Upper School Support Staff
- Learn about the support programs available at Fremantle College
- Learn about Career Pathway support available
- Participate in an Elevate Education workshop

Students are welcome to attend



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Career Spotlight - Academic Pathways

by Rebecca McClelland, Careers Practitioner

This month we are going to shine the light on Fremantle College's Academic Pathways. We are committed to providing this pathway to students wanting to complete ATAR and attend university.

We offer a diverse range of ATAR subjects including, Specialist Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Modern History, Politics and Law and Economics, which all complement the lower school Academic Excellence, Gifted and Talented, and ATAR preparation classes.

Parents and students - please keep a note of upcoming University events that may interest you. It is always wonderful for students from Year 10 to 12 to visit each campus and see what each institution has on offer. Follow the links to gain more information.

University Open Days 2023

The open days are an opportunity to explore different study pathways and careers. There will be guided tours and information sessions throughout the day. Experts and current students will be available to give advice and answers to questions, including info on courses, careers, scholarships, admission pathways, early offers and how to apply for 2024.

[UWA Open Day - 12 March 2023](#)

[Curtin University Open Day - 26 March 2023](#)

[The University of Notre Dame Open Day - 2 April 2023](#)

[Murdoch University - 29 April](#)

[ECU Joondalup Campus - 2 April](#)

[ECU Mt Lawley Camps - 30 April](#)

Open Day Cheat Sheets

You can go to open days and end up feeling lost and confused. These posts will help you to have fun and increase your chance to find a path that feeds your soul.

Year 12 - Choosing your university: Tips and Advice for Open Days

It is getting to crunch time. Early applications for university in 2024 open on 1 May. You need to get into some serious research to make sure you are making the right decision.

To read quick tips and advice on how to make the most of your [click here](#).

Year 11 - A Step by Step Guide to Open Days | 2023

Year 11 results are taken into account if you apply for an early offer. By knowing what university you want to go to and what course you want to take, you can focus on achieving the required ATAR and prerequisites.

Big Tip: Plan to go with a friend. If they know the sorts of things you are looking for, they will ask questions that you may not think of, and give you good feedback.

To read the Step by Step Guide [click here](#).

Year 10 - Ready, Steady, Go to University Open Days

Before you make your Year 10 subject selection, go to university open days to find out what courses you are interested, what ATAR score you need and what prerequisite and recommended courses you should take. To get information and advice on how to make the most of Open Days [click here](#).

Fremantle College Career Workshops 2022

Our college was highlighted in the Department of Training and Workplace Development Career Taster Newsletter earlier this year. Our college was the only school recognised, demonstrating that at Fremantle College, career education is everyone's business.

In the spotlight!

Fremantle College Career Workshops

To and the 2022 school year, Fremantle College held Career Workshops over several days for all their Year 9 students. The hall, library and kitchens were abuzz with students in small groups, rolling through eight career-related activities. Students were able to reflect on their career taster excursion experiences, begin to build their career pathway and subject selections for the future, create their digital portfolio and were introduced to virtual reality (VR) workplace visits across several different industries.

Students were also lucky enough to experience a welding lesson, a 'Master Chef' invention test and an industry presentation. They also built their ideal work environment with Lego and joined a new online career platform. Over 15 'Career Champion' teachers, who facilitated career taster activities for their curriculum area throughout the year, attend over the three days. Students and teachers alike were enthusiastic, engaged and had a great day being involved in career conversations, learning and development.



Career Noticeboard - updated regularly, make sure you visit!



Vocational Education and Training - VET 2023

by Kelly Martelli, Coordinator Vocational Pathways

The VET program for 2023, for students attending an external training organisation, has expanded to include:

- Year 11 VOC Links class,
- Year 12 VOC Links class,
- 20 students in a General Pathway, studying a School Based Traineeship or a TAFE course
- 11 Aboriginal School Based Traineeships in various stages of sign up
- Several students engaged in workplace learning

TAFE is well underway in a variety of qualifications including:

- Certificate II in Autonomous Workplace Operations, Building & Construction, Automotive Vocational Preparation, Integrated Technologies (robotic control system), Kitchen Operations (commercial cookery/patisserie), Civil Construction,
- Certificate III in Animal Care Services, Events, Health Services Assistant, Animal Studies, Engineering Technical, Screen & Media (animation), School Based Education Support, Tourism, Design Fundamentals, Information Technology (film & television) & (cyber security)
- Certificate IV in Preparation for health & Nursing Studies, Business, Psychology & Mental Health, Animal & Marine Science,

- Pre-Apprenticeships in Electrotechnology, Engineering (Heavy Fabrication), Plumbing, Automotive, Engineering (mechanical fitter & machinist)
- School Based Traineeships & Aboriginal School Based Traineeships in Retail, Horticulture, Conservation & land management, Workplace Skills, Pharmacy, Building & Construction (carpentry), Salon Assistant, Engineering, Bricklaying, Community Services, and Automotive.

We wish students the best of luck with their Vocational Pathway and hope they have fun along with success.

The Year 11 VOC Links students participated in a Workplace Induction session late 2022 when the Year 10 students were transitioning to Year 11 classes. Students also worked towards completing their Work Safe Smart Move Certificate, prior to commencing their work placement. Many students have already found workplaces and we are excited to follow their progress.



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News from VOC Links

by Steve Banzic, VOC Links Teacher

Our Year 11 VOC Links students had the opportunity to start their program late last year, and get to know each other and their learning and support team on an excursion to Woodman Point Recreation Camp.

The VOC Links program provides opportunities for students to prepare for future career pathways through access to externally provided VET Qualifications and the Workplace Learning Program. Students have 3 days at school (Monday to Wednesday) studying 4 General courses and 2 days attending an external training provider; TAFE course and/or Workplace Learning. Our class of 25 students participated in team building and problem-solving activities. The group was supported in their activities by their VOC Links teachers, Ms. Balfus and Mr. Banzic, the VET team; Mrs Kelly Martelli, Mrs. Kellie Lee, Miss Brittany Sanders, and Access Up teacher Mr Dylan McCoy. It was a really positive day, and was followed by two more transition days. During those days, the VOC Links students had their Work Readiness workshops, run by the VET Team. This preparation has allowed the group to have a smooth transition into the start of their upper schooling, and they are really excited for the year-to-come. A big thanks to all involved, and we're looking forward to hearing all the success stories this group brings as they begin their upper school journey in VOC Links.

Our Year 12 VOC Links students have also settled into their program. It has been exciting to see a mix of familiar and new faces in the class this year. Students are undertaking a wide-range of Certificates and Traineeships this year, including 7 students studying Certificate IV in Preparation for Health and Nursing Studies, 3 students studying Certificate II in Autonomous Workplace Operations, 2 students studying Certificate II in Engineering (Heavy Fabrication Pre-Apprenticeship), and many others. Well done to all those continuing in the program for this year and taking the opportunity of completing another certification, and to those taking on their first certificate. These students are getting a head start on their futures and ensuring they are competitive in the labour market before they finish Year 12.

Our VOC Links students embody our College values of enthusiasm for learning, curiosity, leadership, kindness, perseverance. We're excited to see them complete their secondary schooling journey and achieve their Certificates and WACE. Well-done!



Specialist Programs APPLICATIONS OPEN



Fremantle College offer the below Approved Specialist Programs:

Specialist ICT Specialist Contemporary Music Specialist Marine Studies

Learn about the opportunities available to your child at Fremantle College. We will be conducting Webex Information Sessions and Specialist Program Tours for students Year 3 and above in the coming months – please register your interest here:

<https://fremantlecollege.wa.edu.au/specialist-program-events/>

Applications for current Year 6 students are open and can be made at:

<https://fremantlecollege.wa.edu.au/applications-for-approved-specialist-programs/>

Applications close Friday 26 May 2023

[Specialist Programs - Applications are open!](#)

Applications for our:
Specialist ICT
Specialist Contemporary Music
Specialist Marine Studies
programs are open.

[Apply here](#)

Registrations for our Webex Information Sessions are also now open, [click here to register](#)

To register your interest in our Tour Afternoon on Monday 1 May, please [click here](#)

FINANCIAL SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME



Have you claimed a Secondary Assistance Scheme Payment?

Do you hold a:

- Centrelink Health Care Card?
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card?
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card?

Parents/carers can find more information on how to apply for the Secondary Assistance Scheme at:

fremantlecollege.wa.edu.au/student-information/financial-secondary-assistance-scheme/

Applications close 6 April 2023.

