

Dear parents and carers,

Today we wrap up another eventful term filled with memorable experiences for our students.

While it is always a bittersweet moment to say goodbye, yesterday marked a significant milestone as we bid farewell to our Class of 2023. This remarkable group of young adults hold a special place in our hearts, being the very first cohort to embark on their journey with Fremantle College in Year 7. The progress they've made over the years is a testament to their hard work, determination, and the unwavering support of our dedicated staff. As they set forth on their new adventures, we have no doubt that the future holds great promise for each and every one of them.

With Mock Exams fast approaching during the term break and ATAR Exams on the horizon, we want to extend our best wishes to our Year 12 students. We know you've put in your utmost effort during your time here, and we believe you will shine in these final stages of your academic journey. You are well prepared and we know you will all be successful in achieving your goals.

Our Specialist Contemporary Music Students brought the house down with their Term 3 Music Showcases this week. To add a refreshing twist, the performances were held outdoors on our Fremantle College Solar Stage. The result was nothing short of amazing, and it was heartwarming to witness the strong sense of community that filled the air during these two evenings.

As you'll discover in this newsletter, our students have been exceptionally busy this term. From captivating incursions to exciting excursions, from spirited debating competitions to the camaraderie of athletics

carnivals, and not to forget, our very first Languages Week. It has been a term filled with diverse experiences that have enriched our student's learning opportunities.

Working for the benefit of our students is at the centre of what we do, and creating the best secondary school experience for each and every student has been our focus from the beginning. Whilst not everything goes according to plan all of the time, as a college we are always focused on improvement. Parents are encouraged to log on and complete this survey at [National School Opinion Survey](#) and let us know the areas that are going well and areas that you would like to see improved.

We will continue to work with the Board, staff and community to ensure that a positive trend continues.

Reminder: Our next College Development Day is scheduled for Friday 17 November 2023.

Term 4 commences for all Year 7 to 11 students on Monday 9 October 2023.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

Myles Draper
Principal



Important Dates

Year 12 Mock Exams	2 - 6 October
Day 1 of Term 4	Mon 9 October
Interschool Sports Carnival	Mon 16 October
P&C Meeting	Mon 23 October
Presentation Evening	Wed 25 October
WACE Exams	30 Oct - 17 Nov
College Development Day	Fri 17 November
Yr 11 Exams	13 - 14 November
Yr 10 Exams	15 - 16 November
Yr 11 Final Day	Thurs 16 November



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Year 12s Farewell

Emma Dickinson, Upper School Student Services Manager

We ended the term by farewelling our Year 12 students with their Gratitude Breakfast and Farewell Assembly. It was a beautiful way to send the Year 12s off and they should be commended on the positive way in which they exited Fremantle College. Students dressed up and enjoyed a breakfast prepared by the Year 11 Certificate II Hospitality students, took funny photos in the photobooth, participated in a quiz where they learnt some interesting bits of information about college staff and then paraded into the Hall in front of the Year 7 and 11 students. The fashion parade was once again a hit, well done to Kumaru Costa for taking the award for best dressed! One of the highlights of the mornings event was undoubtedly the performances by the Year 12 Specialist Contemporary Music students. Year 12s were honoured with a guard of honour formed by the Year 8, 9 and 10 students as they left the school for the final time.

[Click to enjoy our Staff Farewell to the Class of 2023](#)

[Click to enjoy the Class of 2023 - Last Day video](#)







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Music Showcase

Mike Gowland, HoLA Music

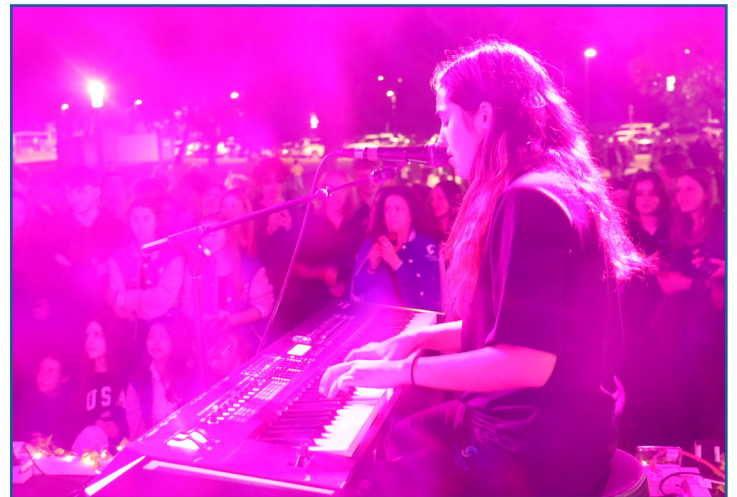
This week, we witnessed our Specialist Contemporary Music Students shine brighter than ever as they graced the Solar Stage on our front lawn for their Term 3 Showcases. It was a refreshing change of scenery, and our students certainly made the most of it! Their performances were nothing short of spectacular, each one weaving a unique musical story that left us all in awe.

As you can see from the photos, we have some wonderful additions to our Solar Stage! We thank our dedicated P&C for their support and contribution to the cost of the branded custom-made marquees, which provide additional storage space and warm up area for our students.

As we farewelled our Class of 2023 Specialist Contemporary Music students, emotions ran high. Their final bow was met with thunderous applause, celebrating the immense dedication and creativity they've poured into their craft during their time with us. We can't help but feel a sense of pride in watching them embark on their next musical adventures.

But hold onto your hats because the excitement doesn't end here! Extravaganza is just around the corner, and if the Term 3 Showcases were any indication, we're in for an electrifying treat. Stay tuned for more updates as we prepare to witness the magic of our students once again in this upcoming musical extravaganza, this year to be held over two nights!







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News from Gifted and Talented

by Susan Fahey, Gifted and Talented Coordinator

Sophie Thomas and Isabella Pymm gained selection to the 'Curious Minds' initiative in 2022, a program specifically crafted to empower and nurture the talents of young female STEM enthusiasts. As part of their journey, they were each paired with mentors who guided them through the year-long experience. Their year of learning culminated in an unforgettable camp held in Adelaide recently. Below, Isabella shares her personal reflections on her time at the camp and involvement in the 'Curious Minds' program.

"I enjoyed many aspects of the camp, and I loved the exposure to the different types of STEM (we did 3 hour sessions on 7 different areas of STEM). I loved being surrounded by others who enjoyed STEM like I do. We were put into 'home pods', and we got to spend heaps of time with them, so we had many opportunities to make friends.

There were a lot of hands-on experiments and building in different groups, and all of the staff were enthusiastic about their fields, which made learning about them super fun.

Before the camp, we were asked to make a presentation, with the help of our mentors. about anything to do with STEM, and I chose to do mine on stromatolites, an organism that I learned about while doing lab work with my mentor at a drill core library."

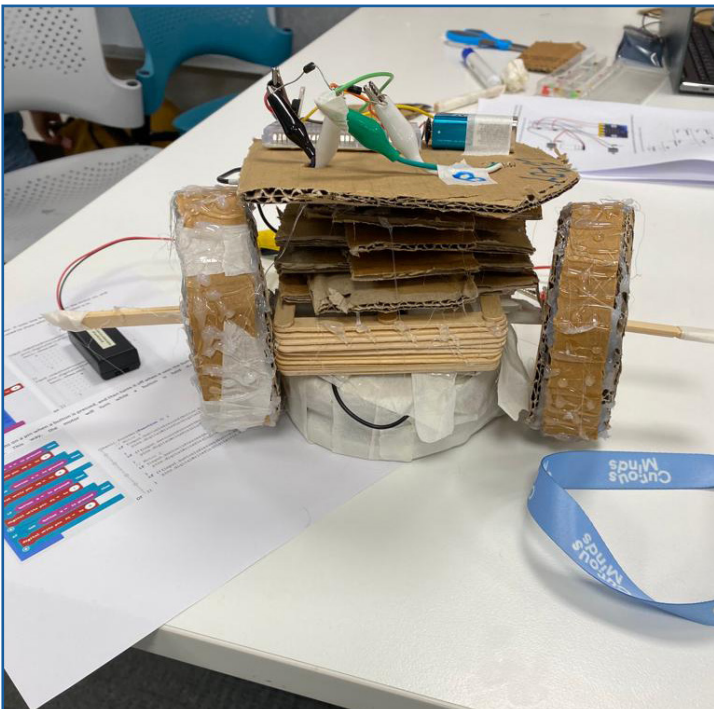
Term 3 is always a busy time with students participating in the Science Talent Search, Maths Talent Quest and Write a Book in a Day activity. Our students have also been busy mentoring the next generation of Gifted and Talented Fremantle College students. Over a period of three Wednesday afternoons during Term 3, we ran our after school extension program - Emerging Scholar. In collaboration with Gifted and Talented students from Year 7 to Year 11, we designed and ran the Emerging Scholars program for Year 5 students who applied to this after-school extension program aimed at potential Gifted and Talented students.

Thank you to Aadhavan, Nathan, Sebastian Rios, Clem Hosking, Zo, Palmer and Sophie for all your help and support running Emerging Scholars.

The 2024 cohort of Year 7 Gifted and Talented Fremantle College students were welcomed to the college over a series of transition events. On September 26 our Year 7 2024 students were welcomed for a Day Camp, where a variety of welcoming and challenging activities were conducted to introduce the students to the college and our program. On Friday 8 September our 2024 cohort were invited to test their wits against the three most challenging rooms at Escape Hunt Fremantle. All teams successfully escaped within the hour and enjoyed the opportunity to work as a team and meet new friends.

Well done to all Gifted and Talented students on an excellent Term 3. We wish you all a happy and relaxing break.







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Deadly Dreaming - Follow the Dream

by Nathan Dines, FTD Coordinator

During the final week of Term 3, Murdoch University, in collaboration with the Kulbardi Aboriginal Centre, warmly welcomed nearly 500 aspiring Aboriginal students to embark on a unique journey. They had the opportunity to explore the campus, immersing themselves in the experience of being university students for a day. Among the attendees were 22 of Fremantle College's remarkable Polly Farmer Foundation Follow the Dream students.

This event was a special occasion where our students had the privilege of listening to Kulbardi staff, alumni, and student ambassadors who generously shared their personal journeys through university life. Their stories served as invaluable role models, offering guidance and inspiration to all participants.

It is worth noting that many of our outstanding FTD Alumni have pursued their higher education at Murdoch University, where they found not only academic support but also a sense of belonging within the nurturing community of the Kulbardi Aboriginal Centre. For our current students, this event marked their initial introduction to a place they may eventually come to call their academic home after graduating from Fremantle College







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News from Follow the Dream

by Nathan Dines, FTD Coordinator

Worley Innovation Summit - Broome

This term, our Follow the Dream students seized a remarkable opportunity as they journeyed to Broome, joining forces with FTD students from programs in Perth and the Kimberley. They eagerly engaged in the Worley Innovation Challenge, an interactive event where each FTD program vied in a series of STEM-based challenges to collaboratively craft innovative solutions. It brings us great pride to announce that our Fremantle College FTD students emerged triumphant, clinching the coveted first place. While our sojourn in Broome unfolded, we also had the privilege to bask in the splendour of Kimberley sunsets, encounter awe-inspiring wildlife, and immerse ourselves in the rich tapestry of Yawuru Culture.



News from Mathematics

by Gail Dirk, Mathematics HoLA

In the Maths Learning Area in order to keep promoting progress we are constantly encouraging our students to develop and build on a positive growth mind set to build their confidence. Students need to develop the belief that they can learn more if they work hard and keep trying. They also need to view challenges and failures as opportunities to improve their learning and skills.

Instead of saying...

I can't do this
This is too hard
I don't know how
I give up
I am afraid of making a mistake
I am not good at this

Say this instead...


I am still learning. I will keep trying
With more practice, it will get easier
I can learn how!
I will try a different way
Mistakes are how I learn and grow
What can I learn to get better at this?

This term our high achieving students from Year 7 to 10 were selected to participate in the national Australian Maths Trust competition. Our students performed very well across the board and many students achieved distinctions and credits. The schools best performer this year is Elsa Jennings-Hill in the year 8 AE class. Awesome achievement!

Our Academic Extension Academy and GAT students in Years 7, 8 and 9 annually participate in the MAWA Maths Talent Quest (MTQ) investigation. It is a useful opportunity for students to use the mathematical thinking process to formulate their own research based on a situation which interested them and then design, explore, create, think, solve problems, collaborate and communicate their findings.

The submissions were of a very high standard, and six entries were selected to participate in the WA MTQ State competition. One of our Year 9 students, Lucy, achieved a distinction for her individual submission and a group entry from Dylan, Akira, Martin and Oliver amazingly achieved a high distinction.

Well done to everyone who participated!

<div> <div>If at first I don't succeed, I keep trying!</div> <div>  Maths Zone </div> <div>I make progress with lots of practice!</div> </div>					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 7.45 - 8.25		Mr Lee Mr Dong	Dr Bailey Ms Dirk	Mr Tomelty Ms Spinozzi	
After School 2.55 - 3.45	Mr Power Mr Cranley		Mr Beaver Mr Nowers		Mr Andrews Ms English



Australian Maths Competition 2023 Best in school



Maths Talent Quest - Distinction





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News from HASS

by Payman Hasani, HASS HoLA

Debating

Our students have been competing in the Fremantle District Debating League, last week attending debates at Hammond Park College. Our students enjoy these debating competitions and always work to come away with the win. Our latest outing we were not as successful as usual, however our teams are already working on their arguments for the next round!

Parliament House and Perth Law Courts Excursion

Our Year 11 Aboriginal Intercultural Studies students had the opportunity to visit Parliament House and the Perth Law Courts this term. Our students were lucky to be joined by Minister Tony Buti and Minister Simone McGurk and had the opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue about recognition and protecting culture.

The Aboriginal People's Room at Parliament House was a favourite; our students especially enjoyed viewing the artwork, including one piece by Leilani's father, which is proudly displayed.

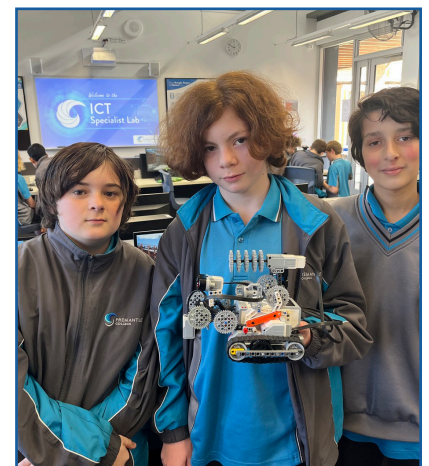
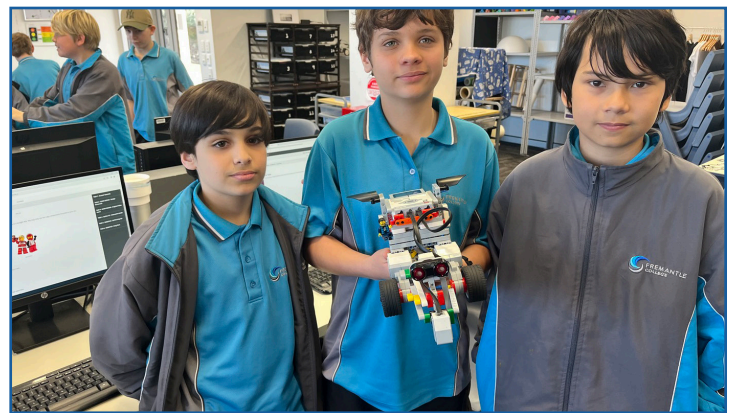
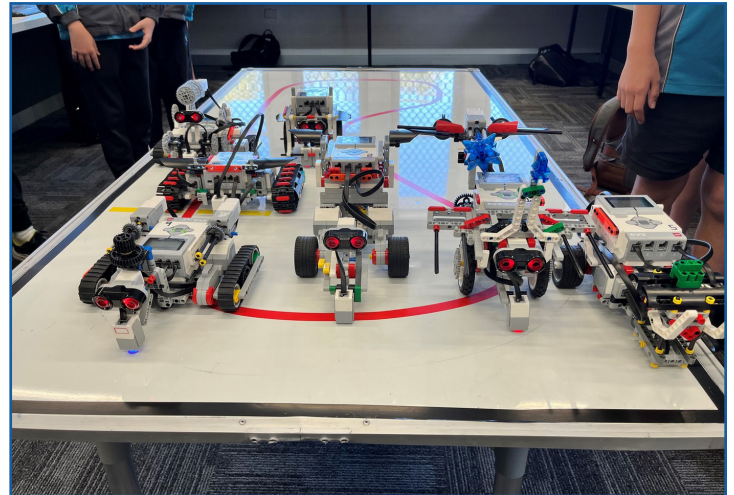


News from Specialist ICT

by Alex Paolino, Specialist ICT Coordinator

Our Year 7 Specialist ICT class have been working through several robotics challenges using our Lego Mindstorms kits. Students have been tasked to design, build and program their robots to complete the set tasks efficiently and autonomously.

The first challenge required students to build a robot to navigate a test track without crashing into obstacles or accidentally leaving the track area. The 'Platinum' award winner for the fastest self-driving robot around the test track was 'Tiger 131', designed and built by Charley and Alex.





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Exciting Day of Marine Science!

by Prue Jewell, Specialist Marine Studies Coordinator

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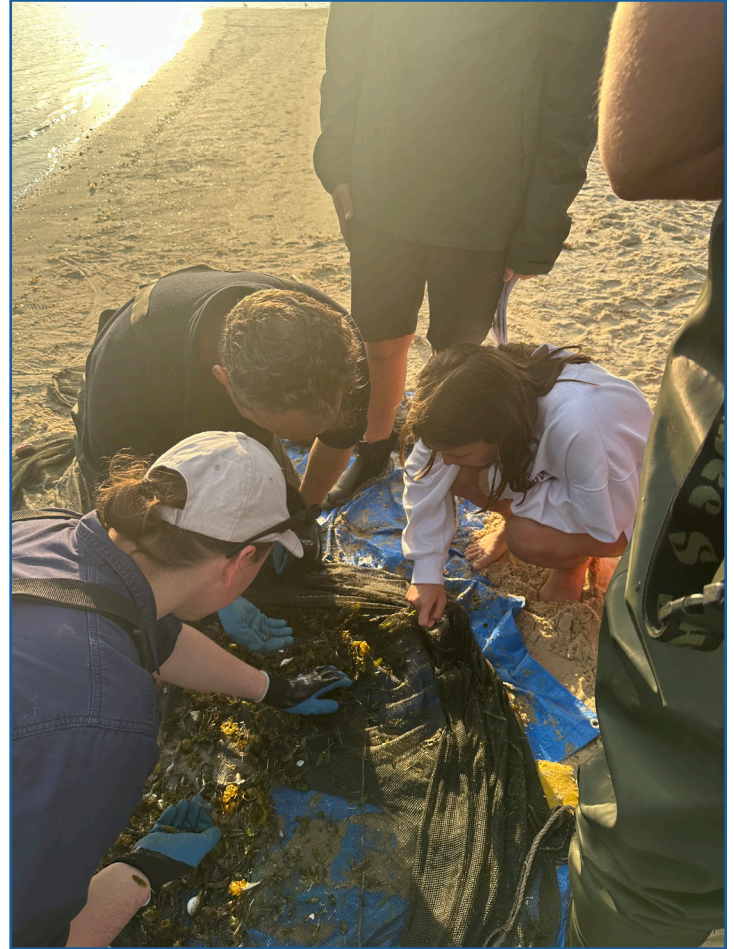
Our Specialist Marine Studies students had an incredible day at Point Walter recently, joining forces with Scientists from the DBCA's Rivers and Estuaries Science program and Murdoch University for a Marine Workshop.

Some of the highlights from the day's adventure were:

- **Seagrass Monitoring:** We dived into the fascinating world of seagrasses and their vital role in marine ecosystems.
- **Fish Diversity & River Health:** Hands-on activities revealed the connection between bottom-dwelling fish populations and water health.
- **Extreme Events:** We learned how extreme events impact marine life and why continuous water quality monitoring is crucial.
- **Microscopic Dinoflagellates:** Discovering how dinoflagellates can affect water safety was an eye-opener!
- **Inspiring Scientists:** Twelve passionate marine scientists shared their journeys and showed us why this field is so rewarding.

This workshop provided students with practical insights into marine science and this opportunity was rewarding for all of our students who made it down to Point Walter today. Stay tuned as there will be more opportunities like this in the future.







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News from Languages

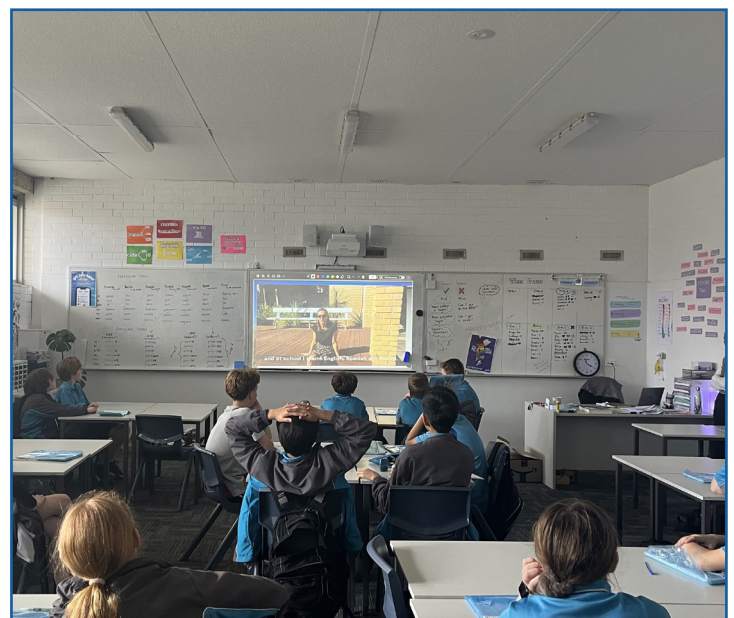
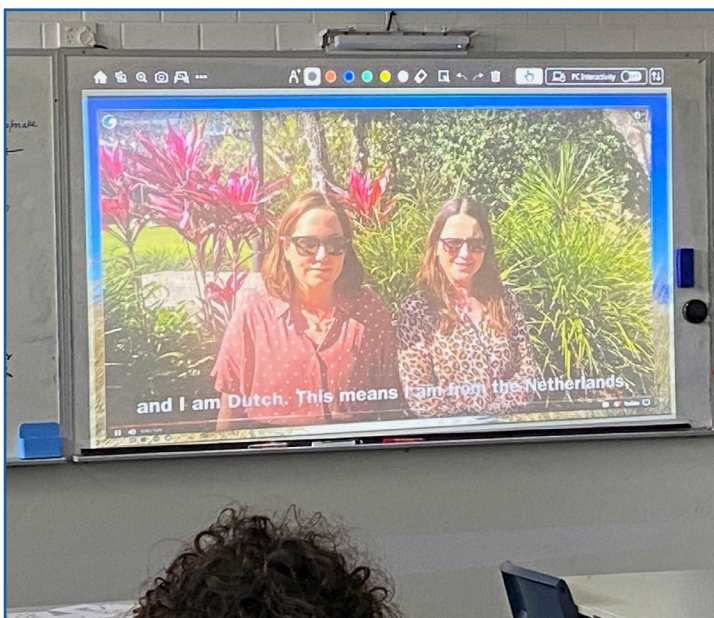
by Michelle McCleary, LOTE Teacher

Buona Settimana delle Lingue – Happy Languages Week
We celebrated our first ever Languages Week at Fremantle College this term.

Our Library was transformed with impressive Venetian Mask displays, lovingly crafted by our Year 7 students. Plus, all students had the opportunity to 'Learn a Language in 5 Minutes' and hear from our staff and students about their language journey.

Check out this special video for a glimpse into our language community!

Languages Week Video



AFL Academy News

By Angelo Fuda and Lilli Clark, AFL Academy Teachers

Yr 7 and 8 Visit to Fremantle Dockers Facilities

Our Year 7 and 8 AFL Academy students enjoyed touring the Fremantle Dockers training facilities in Cockburn this term. Students enjoyed a tour of the player locker rooms, break-out areas and the training track. This was a wonderful experience for our students, hopefully providing them some inspiration for when they hit the track!



Year 10 Visit to Murdoch University

Our Year 10 AFL Academy students had an exciting day at Murdoch University this week.

They took part in rigorous fitness assessments and underwent FMS screening, gaining valuable insights into their athletic abilities. Plus, they enjoyed exploring Murdoch Campus via a university tour!



Winterfold Primary School Athletics Carnival

Our Year 10 AFL Academy students had the opportunity to volunteer at the Winterfold Primary School Athletics Carnival last week. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to practise important skills learnt throughout the year and provide a mentoring role to primary school students who may attend Fremantle College in the future.





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News from Health and Physical Education

by Craig Smith, HOLA - HPE

Athletics Carnival

The House athletics carnival held on 8th of September was a great success with all students demonstrating fantastic attitude and endeavour. We had some incredible standout performers and these students will be invited to represent the school at the SSWA Interschool athletics carnival on Monday week 2 term 4.

House results and champion boys and girls for each year group are listed below.

- 1st Leighton (1958)
- 2nd Sandtracks (1891)
- 3rd Coogee (1676)
- 4th Port (1468)

Swimming Caps

Thanks to our wonderful P&C we now have Fremantle College Swimming Caps! We can't wait to put these caps to good use at our Interschool Swimming Carnival next year.







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2023

HousePlay

Champion Boy Tally

Champion Girl Tally

Athletics Carnival

YEAR 7 BOYS		HOUSE	POINTS
WINNER	ALBERT PENTER	SANDTRACKS	69
RUNNER- UP	SEBASTIAN RODRIGUEZ RIOS	SANDTRACKS	46
YEAR 7 GIRLS		HOUSE	POINTS
WINNER	DENISE HILARIO	COOGEE	56
RUNNER- UP	YAZMIN ANDREWS	SANDTRACKS	53
YEAR 8 BOYS		HOUSE	POINTS
WINNER	SOLOMON IZONRITEI	LEIGHTON	55
RUNNER- UP	MARTIN SANTANA	LEIGHTON	52
YEAR 8 GIRLS		HOUSE	POINTS
WINNER	SAYNA GERAMINEZHAD	LEIGHTON	66
RUNNER- UP	LUCY KING	PORT	54
YEAR 9 BOYS		HOUSE	POINTS
WINNER	CORBAN ANDERSON	PORT	53
RUNNER- UP	JOSEPH WOODLEY	SANDTRACKS	49
YEAR 9 GIRLS		HOUSE	POINTS
WINNER	MIRA JONES	LEIGHTON	71
RUNNER- UP	MIA WUTHENOW	COOGEE	60
YEAR 10 BOYS		HOUSE	POINTS
WINNER	TIRECE SMITH	SANDTRACKS	66
RUNNER- UP	REX SAPPHO	LEIGHTON	53
YEAR 10 GIRLS		HOUSE	POINTS
WINNER	LILY BLAIR	COOGEE	65
	TIANA-LILY STEVENSON	COOGEE	
RUNNER- UP	SHONTAY MALWA	PORT	50
YEAR 11 BOYS		HOUSE	POINTS
WINNER	KA-LEL WILSON-ALLEN	LEIGHTON	71
RUNNER- UP	JASIAH LYNDON	PORT	66
YEAR 11 GIRLS		HOUSE	POINTS
WINNER	NINA CASHMAN	SANDTRACKS	60
RUNNER- UP	CHELSEA MARTINEZ	PORT	55
YEAR 12 BOYS		HOUSE	POINTS
WINNER	CLARKE GRAHAM	SANDTRACKS	50
RUNNER- UP	HARVEY TEMPLETON	COOGEE	47
	ETHAN BRUNKER	PORT	
YEAR 12 GIRLS		HOUSE	POINTS
WINNER	ELE PINNA	SANDTRACKS	53
RUNNER- UP	NARDIA NIESSINK	SANDTRACKS	44

HOUSE POINTS

LEIGHTON
(1958)

SANDTRACKS
(1891)

COOGEE
(1676)

PORT
(1468)

Year 10 Students Shine as Mentors at Fremantle District Primary Interschool Carnival

In a display of community engagement, our Year 10 students recently volunteered their time at Winterfold Primary School to serve as attendants during the Fremantle Districts Primary Interschool Carnival. This event allowed them to proudly represent our college within the local community.

By actively participating in the Interschool Carnival, they exemplified the values of leadership and community service that we hold dear at our college.

We are very proud of our Year 10 students for their active involvement in the carnival. Their commitment to community service not only reflects positively on our college but also sets a great example for their peers and the wider community. We look forward to more initiatives that bring our college closer to the local community and inspire the spirit of leadership and service among our students.





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News from our Student Leaders

Our student leaders have had a busy end to Term 3 with a number of events:

RUOK? Day

Thursday 14 September was RUOK? Day!

Our Student Leaders took charge by organising and running all activities, spreading the message of kindness and compassion throughout the college.

They encouraged students and staff to take a moment and ask their friends, "RUOK?"

Meditation classes were a big hit, providing a peaceful space for relaxation and self-care. And, of course, we had some fantastic downtime with fun Kahoot games in the Hall, bringing smiles and laughter to all.

It was heartwarming to see our students and staff embracing the significance of this day, showing that we are always here for each other.

Zero to Hero Conference

A group of our Student Councillors had the opportunity to attend the Zero2Hero In Your Head Conference this week. Zero2Hero is dedicated to educating, engaging, and empowering young heroes to become mental health leaders and help prevent suicide in Australia. At the conference, our Student Councillors heard from Professor Patrick McGorry (the founder of Headspace). They had the opportunity to participate in breakout sessions on mindfulness, dealing with stress and nutrition for optimal brain health. Our Councillors interacted with students from over 100 other WA schools and were fantastic ambassadors for Fremantle College.

We look forward to them sharing their knowledge with their peers and the Fremantle College community.







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News from Drama

By Mitch Whelan, Drama Teacher

Our Year 8 Drama and Music students were treated to a performance by The Big Hoo Haa. The comedy troupe have been performing across Western Australia for over a decade and feature some of the State's finest and funniest improv comedians. The show operates on the basis of audience suggestions and so relied on the imaginations of our students. It was a great afternoon and an opportunity for our students to see some of the skills they have worked on in class performed at a professional level.

The final year of Fremantle College's Performing Arts Academy presented a production of 'Antigone' by Merlyn Tong last night. Adapted after Sophocles, the story follows a young woman who buries one of her brothers that died in battle. By doing so, she goes against the wishes of her king and is exiled to a cave. The students dedicated hours of work both in and out of school hours to deliver some fantastic performances atop a literal tonne of sand.







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News from Upper School Student Services

by Emma Dickinson, Upper School Student Services Manager

It has been a very busy end to Term 3 for Upper School Student Services with many events on the calendar as we prepare for the end of the school year for our upper school students.

Please make note of the upcoming dates and do not hesitate to contact student services if you have any questions, as we are here to help.

Important reminders and upcoming events:

- Monday 2 October- Year 12 ATAR MOCK exams begin
- Monday 9 October- Year 7- 11 return for term 4. Year 12 UniReady students ONLY return
- Wednesday 11 - Friday 13 October- Year 12 ATAR students ONLY return for mock exam review
- Monday 16 October- Friday 20 October- Year 12 ATAR ONLY for exam preparation
- Wednesday 25 October – Year 12 Presentation Night (Please contact the college urgently if you haven't purchased your tickets)
- Thursday 26, Friday 27 October - Year 12 ATAR Study Lounge
- Monday 30 October - SCSA ATAR Exams commence - students have been provided individual timetables and can be download from the SCSA website: <https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/examinations/examination-information>
- Wednesday 8 November- Year 10 Dinner Dance
- Tuesday 16 November - Year 11 River Cruise and year 11 Final Day - More information regarding this event will be announced next term.

Our senior students have been working with their Pathways mentor teachers each week focusing on student wellbeing, future planning, and academic success. Recent presentations included 'Healthy Relationships' by Anglicare and Red Frogs - Party Safe and Leavers, focusing on decision making.

It is around this time of year that we begin the selection process for the 2024 College Captains. This is a rigorous process and a huge well done to all that applied. Our new College Captains for 2024, will be announced in Term 4. As we move into the final weeks of Year 11 and 12 it is important not to "drop the ball" and to keep up with the rigour of assessments and study. Well done to all those students who have sat their OLNA assessments over the

last three weeks. Many of our ATAR cohort have been attending revision sessions on a Saturday mornings and our Study Lounge will commence at the start of term 4 to help prepare for their final exams. More information regarding this will be announced on CONNECT.

Attendance

We acknowledged good standing and excellent attendance this term by taking Year 11 students to Strike in Fremantle in week 8, and held a celebratory BBQ for Year 10, in week 10. Attendance is important for student success at school, and it is great to have so many students able to attend these events.

If your child is going to be absent, please ensure that you inform the school and obtain a medical certificate where relevant. Please inform the school via the Compass App if your child is going to be absent or email : Fremantle.college.absentees@education.wa.edu.au

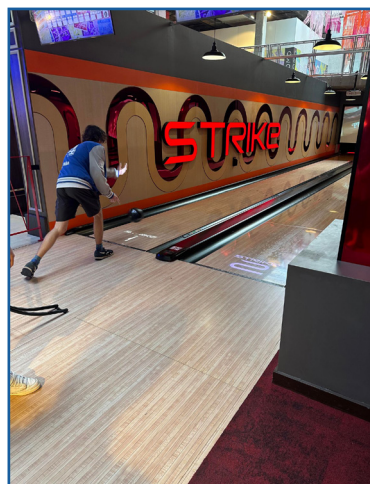
Year 11 and 12 is a busy time with many key dates and timelines. Students and parents are reminded, to regularly engage with Connect to keep up to date with notices and their learning. It is also important to inform student services of any absence and obtain medical certificates where necessary.

Please enjoy some photos of our Year 10 and 11 Reward activities that took place in Week 9 and 10.

As the term comes to an end and we prepare for the holidays, it is important for students to continue checking in with their personal wellbeing, keep active over the break and stay connected and involved with their studies. Have a great break everyone!

Petra Stolze- Year 10 Coordinator
Anna Separovich- Year 11 Coordinator
Dylan McCoy- Year 12 Coordinator
Emma Dickinson - Upper School Student Services Manager







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News from Fremantle College Administration

National Opinion Survey

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National School Opinion Survey

We will continue to work with the Board, staff and community to ensure that this positive trend continues.

Compass - Parent's Guide

What is Compass?

Compass is a school management solution that allows parents and carers to access up-to-date and meaningful information about your school and your child's progress. Compass includes many different features, including the ability to:

- Monitor your child's attendance, and enter an explanation for absence or lateness
- Communicate with your child's teachers, and update your family contact details
- View your child's timetable and the school calendar
- Book parent-teacher conferences
- Pay and provide consent for events

It is important that all parents have access to Compass as it is regularly used to relay vital information about your child. We recommend using the Compass App for easy access to notifications, attendance notes and upcoming events.

A guide to using Compass for parents can be found here: <https://www.compass.education/guide#section-01>

If you are unable to access Compass, please contact the College.

[Fremantle College Compass Portal](#)

Keep up to date!

Our Social Media Channels are growing, with the introduction of Instagram and LinkedIn. We will

