

Dear parents and carers,

What an incredible year it has been! In this bumper edition of our Term 4 Week 10 College Connect, we are excited to showcase the array of opportunities for growth and learning that our students have embraced. Our inaugural GAT/ICT Tour stands out as a monumental success, with students delving into the enriching realms of the National War Memorial, Parliament House in Canberra, Sydney Opera House, NASA, and various other captivating destinations that provided real-world learning experiences.

Our Specialist Marine studies students have been engaging in programs centered around Seeds for Snapper and participating in marine camps, where they have had the opportunity to research our local marine environment while honing their marine skills and qualifications. Meanwhile, our AFL Academy students have celebrated some remarkable achievements, placing a strong emphasis on leadership as a key component of their success.

Our Galactic Music Extravaganza was a huge success. This year the event was held over two evenings, with the Hall transformed for two sold out shows! It was wonderful to welcome Hon. Simone McGurk MLA, and a number of local VIPs, including representatives from the College Board and our P&C Committee. The Music Extravaganza is a fully student led production, with involvement from our Specialist Contemporary Music students, Drama, Specialist ICT, Home Economics and Year 5 and 6 Primary Schools students, who are part of our training orchestra. All our students are congratulated for their hard work and dedication, providing a professional and entertaining performance.

As we approach the close of the year, our students have enjoyed a whirlwind of reward activities. From elegant dinner dances to scenic river cruises and thrilling Adventure World visits, the end of the year has been a vibrant tapestry of celebration.

We have received a great deal of interest for our College Board positions for 2024, and voting is now open. All parents are encouraged to review the applicants and submit a vote for

the board members who will be best placed to take our college into the future. We currently have three vacancies.

[Click here to vote today](#)

Our Semester Two Reports for our Year 7 to 10 students will be emailed home to parents today, please check your email and Connect notifications.

Over the holidays, you will be able to arrange the purchase of any uniform items from Uniform Concepts, located at 30 Kembla Way Willetton. We have a number of new items now available, a dress, new design of shorts and new upper school polo shirts. Uniform Concepts also has a layby facility to make purchasing the uniform easier.

Personal Items Lists (booklists) can be found on our college website for each year level, and the Contributions and Charges fee sheet that was emailed to you a few weeks ago will give you details of the subjects that your child will be undertaking in 2024. Your prompt payment of the Contributions and Charges invoice is very much appreciated, as it is these fees that allow us to provide such a varied and exciting range of subject 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 2024. I urge you to make contact with our friendly Finance team on 9338 8900 to get this in place early in 2024. These staff are willing and able to help with setting up CentrePay, Secondary Assistance funding and Abstudy funding.

I'd like to wish you all a very happy festive season and a restful and relaxing school break for all our students. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you back at Fremantle College in 2024.

Kind regards

Myles Draper  
Principal

## Important Dates

Last Day Year 7 - 10	14 December 2023
Office Re-Opens	24 January 2024
College Development Days	29 - 30 January 2024
Students First Day 2024	31 January 2024
Year 7 Big Days In	31 Jan & 1 Feb 2024
Year 12 Collge Ball	22 March 2024





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## Gifted and Talented Sydney and Canberra Trip

by Susan Fahey, Gifted and Talented Coordinator

On Friday 24 November a team of 33 Year 9 and 10 Gifted and Talented and Specialist ICT students finished their school day, made final adjustments to their packing and headed to the airport to depart for the Inaugural Fremantle College GAT & ICT Academic Tour to Sydney and Canberra.

This trip was the culmination of 18 months of planning and collaboration between students and staff at Fremantle College, to provide students with an unparalleled opportunity for real world experiential learning.

Students had the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs, with a focus on Australian history, culture, heritage, democracy and technological achievements. Activities organised supported their learning in English, HASS, Science, Maths and Technologies. Our students participated in facilitated programs at Parliament House, Questacon, CSIRO, NASA's Deep Space Centre, National Film and Sound Archives, Australian War Memorial, The Museum of Australian Democracy and the Royal Australian Mint, just to name a few.

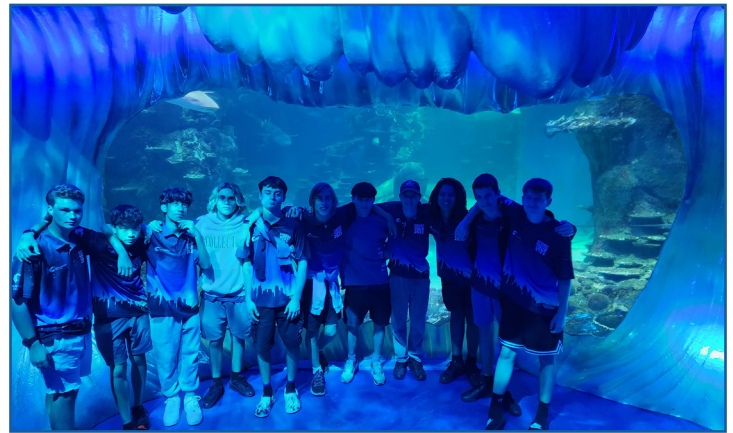
Student highlights included watching question time in both the Senate and the House of Representatives, meeting Federal member for Fremantle Josh Wilson, having a guided tour behind the scenes at the Sydney Opera House and testing their skills at the Australian Institute of Sport.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$765 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program, towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to Fremantle College upon completion of the excursion.

This trip is planned to take place every second year for Year 9 and 10 students in the Gifted and Talented and Specialist ICT programs. Planning for 2025 has already begun! Congratulations to the students who participated on this tour. Your enthusiasm, interest and curiosity was noted by the many presenters and your conduct was a credit to Fremantle College.











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## AFL Academy Awards Evening

by Angelo Fuda, AFL Academy Coordinator

Last week, we gathered to reflect on our AFL Academy students' journey and honour each year group's achievements for 2023. A big round of applause for all our deserving award winners!

Special shout-outs to:

Billy Lester, the creative genius who clinched the Stephen Michael Foundation design-a-jersey competition!

The prestigious SMF - Stephen Michael Trophy - found its home with Caed Luff, who has embodied the core values of leadership, resilience, coaching prowess, social media awareness, and cultural knowledge. Well done, Caed!

Congratulations to Marceau Richards, the AFL Academy Outstanding Service Award recipient! Marceau's unwavering commitment to self-development and program enhancement truly sets the standard. From orientations to after-school clinics and lightning carnivals, Marceau, has been a star this year!

Our Year 10s also proudly received Certificates of Completion, marking their dedication and accomplishments within the AFL Academy.

Congratulations to all of our Award Winners. Well done everyone and we look forward to 2024.





YEAR GROUP	AWARD	AWARD WINNERS
7 Boys	MVP PLAYERS PLAYER COLLEGE VALUES MOST IMPROVED	Albert Penter Albert Penter Nattawut Wungmontree Noah Hulme
7 Girls	MVP PLAYERS PLAYER COLLEGE VALUES MOST IMPROVED	Kimberley Blanket Sharissa Stratton Mia Lukich Chanel Kyawsoe
8 Boys	MVP PLAYERS PLAYER COLLEGE VALUES MOST IMPROVED	Blake Hicks Blake Hicks Chase Slater Brock Evans/ Lazar Kuzmanovic/ Aaron Tucker
8/9 girls	MVP COLLEGE VALUES MOST IMPROVED	Livia Minervini Crystal Joshua Zakia Garlett
9 Boys	MVP PLAYERS PLAYER COLLEGE VALUES MOST IMPROVED	Corban Anderson Kade Davey Loic Ritter Drew Giles-Rustand
10 Girls	MVP PLAYERS PLAYER COLLEGE VALUES MOST IMPROVED	Charity Trainor Charity Trainor BethanyLester Soha Abdelrahim
10 Boys	MVP PLAYERS PLAYER OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD MOST IMPROVED STEPHEN MICHAEL AWARD	Caed Luff Tyler Johns  Marceau Richards Carter Ellis Caed Luff







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## Galactic Music Extravaganza

by Mike Gowland, Music HOLA

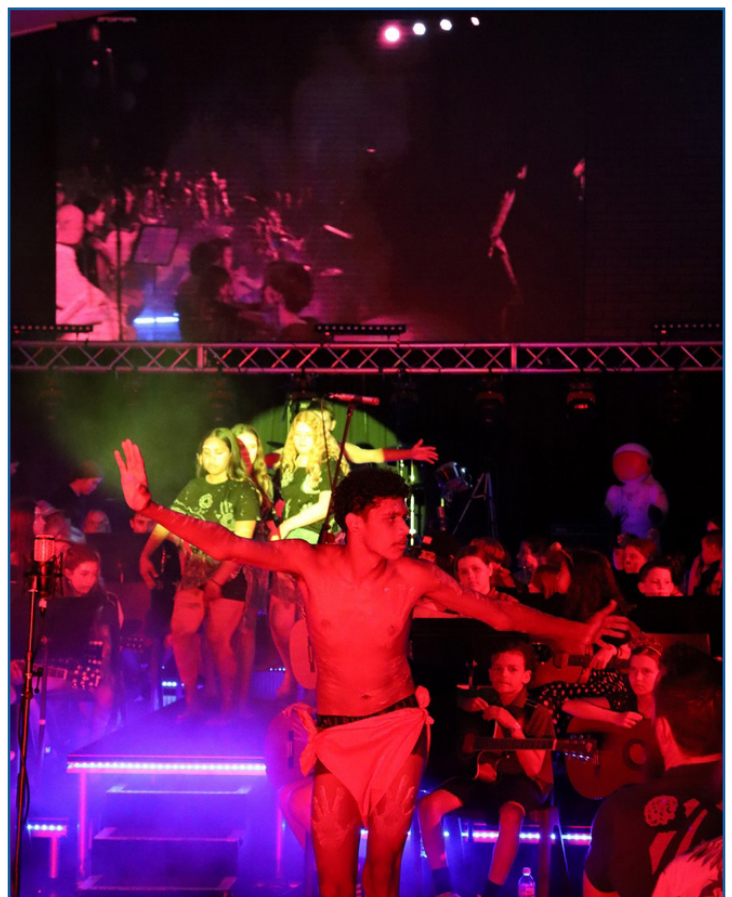
This term we held our 2-night Galactic Music Extravaganza! It was an out-of-this-world experience for all.... radiating with stellar performances from our music students. This celestial event, orchestrated entirely by our students, featured stars from our Specialist Contemporary Music Program and the Fremantle College Training Orchestra—consisting of Year 5 and 6 IMSS students from surrounding primary schools.

The ensemble responsible for this event included students from the Specialist ICT, Drama, and Media Arts programs. Even our culinary constellations from Home Economics joined the cosmic celebration, crafting 'universe'-themed dishes that were truly out of this world. The Baby Yoda drinks, in particular, provided a refreshing escape to another galaxy.

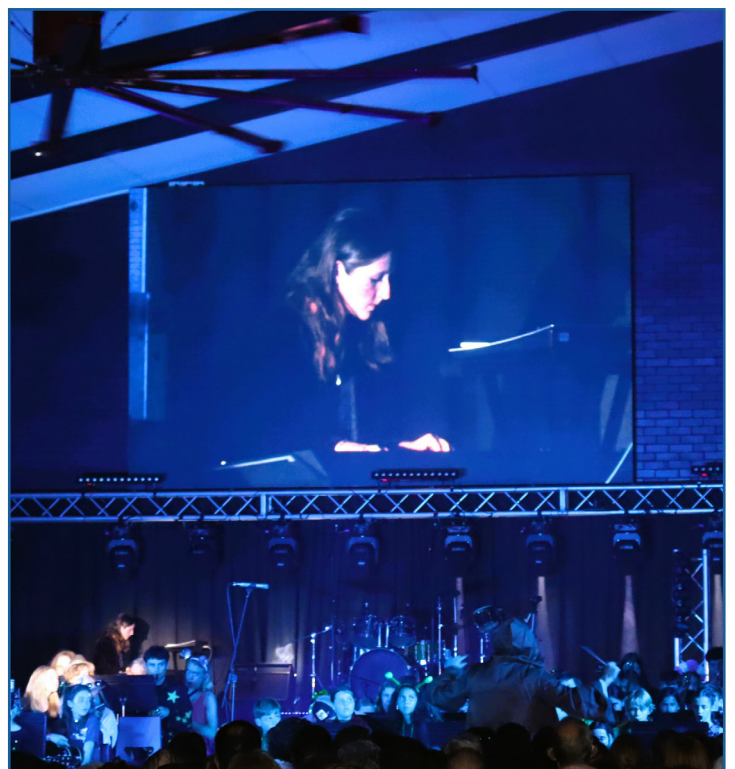
In a plot twist that would make even Darth Vader proud, the evening saw a surprise visit from the dark side, with Darth Vader himself nearly whisking away local State Member Hon Simone McGurk!

We hope you all had a blast travelling through our musical universe.

Photo Credit: Blake Stuart, Year 11











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## News from Gifted and Talented

by Susan Fahey, Gifted and Talented Coordinator

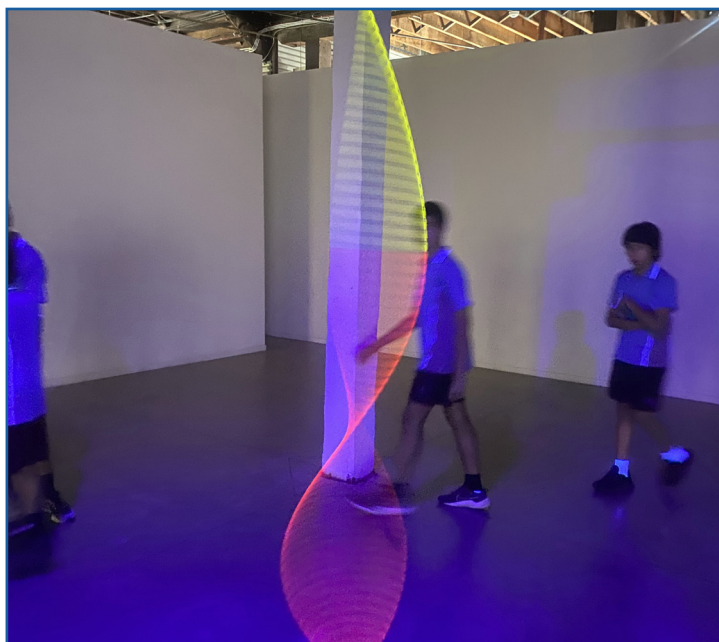
Term 4 has been very busy for all of our Gifted and Talented students. In addition to students busily working on final assessment tasks, students have had the opportunity to participate in a range of exciting excursions, competitions and broadening activities as the year winds down.

On Wednesday 8 November, our Year 9 students spent the day at the University of Western Australia, mirroring a day in the life of a university student. Our students participated in a range of activities across the university's facilities and were inspired by the many options for tertiary study.

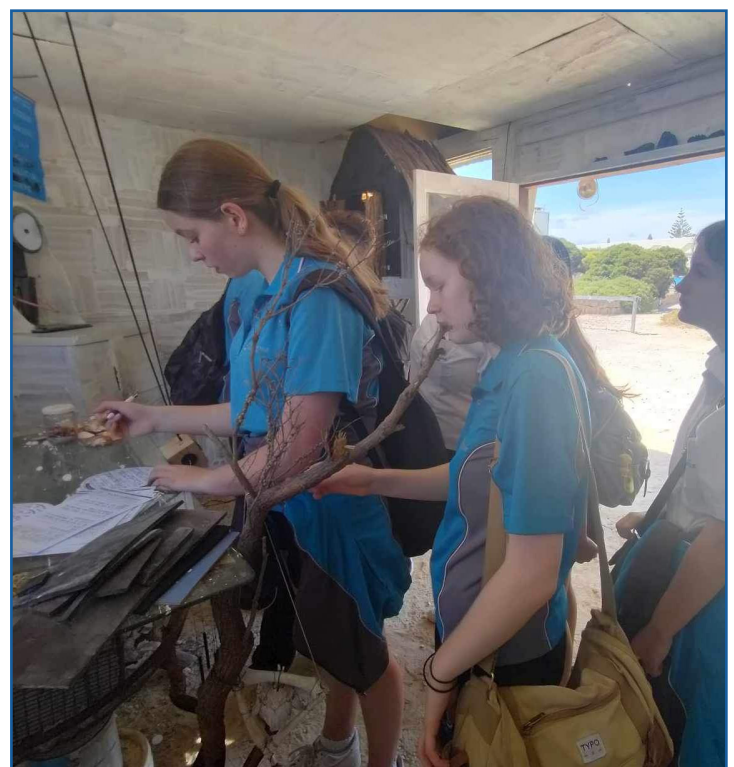
All Gifted and Talented students spent Thursday 9 November visiting the exhibits and installations at the 2023 Biennale Festival. They took part in guided tours of the exhibits as well as meeting a number of the artists to ask questions about their works.

The Year 10 Gifted and Talented students took part in a Mock UN on Wednesday 22 November. Each student was a representative from a different country, and they debated issues of foreign policy, economics and trade to meet many competing interests. Students engaged outstandingly and developed a real appreciation for the work of the United Nations.

Well done to all of the students on an incredible 2023. We wish all of our students and their families a happy and restful summer break.











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## News for Specialist Marine Studies

by Prue Jewell, Marine Studies Coordinator

### Year 9s Rottnest Camp

The Year 9 Specialist Marine Studies students' journey on the Rottnest Marine Science Camp was an unforgettable experience! Our students found themselves immersed in a sea of delights, with over 63 picturesque beaches awaiting exploration. Led by dedicated guides, Ms. Jewell and Miss Wicks, the students uncovered the hidden wonders of this marine paradise.

Snorkelling through crystal-clear waters, the first stop was anchoring off Rottnest to discover the secrets of City of York Bay, where a haunting shipwreck from 1899 told a tragic yet captivating tale. 11 men including the captain perished after hitting the reef of the bay in stormy conditions. Exploring the vibrant reef, our students were mesmerised at the diversity of fish species, putting their marine science knowledge from the term to the test, as they attempted to identify some of the species they observed.

Our students cycled around the island and journeyed through two of the five marine sanctuaries, including the Parker Point maritime trail. They experienced the warmth of the Leeuwin Current as it unveiled a world of coral species that settle on the rocks of the far southern waters off Rottnest, making their journey from the far North of Ningaloo.

The camp wasn't just an excursion; it was an immersion into practical learning where marine science came alive! Our students witnessed firsthand how the knowledge gained over the term transformed into an awe-inspiring experience, creating cherished memories for our cohort of marine enthusiasts. Rottnest, a true gem in our State, is so close to our beloved Fremantle, but really is an A Class Reserve that should stay this way so our students can marvel at its marine biology mecca for many years to come.











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## News for Specialist Marine Studies

by Prue Jewell, Marine Studies Coordinator

### Seeds for Snapper Excursion

Our Year 9 and 10 marine students recently embarked on a remarkable journey—the Seeds for Snapper excursion in Cockburn Sound. Partnering with the UWA Ocean Institute, this event wasn't merely a day out; it was an active engagement in restoring our precious seagrasses, aligning with our curriculum to explore processes like photosynthesis and the carbon cycle.

Amidst this hands-on experience, students delved into harvesting seeds and estimated an incredible 3500 seeds using scientific techniques. This collaborative effort showcased dedication and teamwork, with each member playing a crucial role, from collecting seeds underwater to separating them from their shells.

These seeds, carefully placed in holding tanks, will soon find their home in specific oceanic areas to establish new seagrass beds. Seagrass, often overlooked, is vital for our coastal ecosystems, providing sanctuary and nurturing grounds for marine life, while also acting as a natural buffer against erosion.

The beauty of this excursion lies in bridging practical marine skills with classroom knowledge, offering a deeper understanding of our marine environment. Our partnership with the UWA Ocean Institute has not only enriched this experience but also inspired future pathways in marine science for our students.

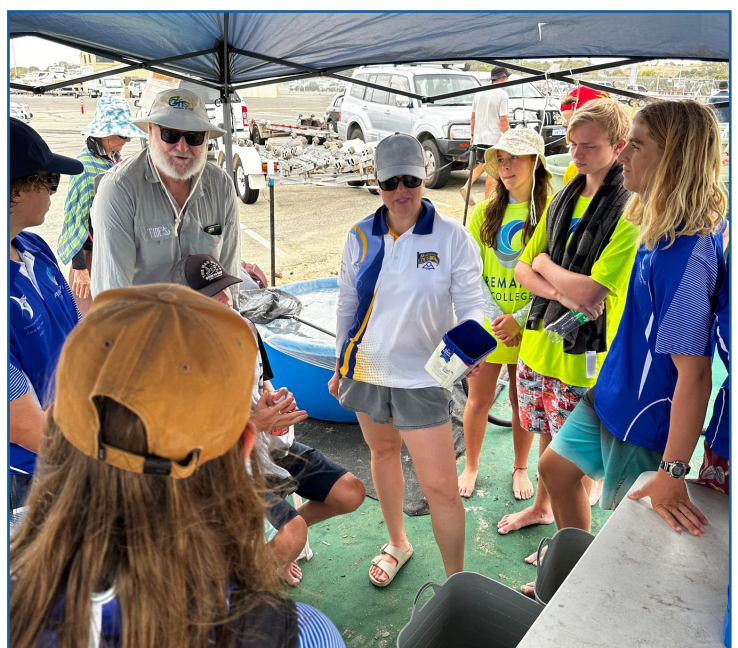


As we reflect on this journey, the seeds we've sown aren't just in the seabed—they symbolise the growth of knowledge, passion, and a commitment to preserving our marine ecosystems.

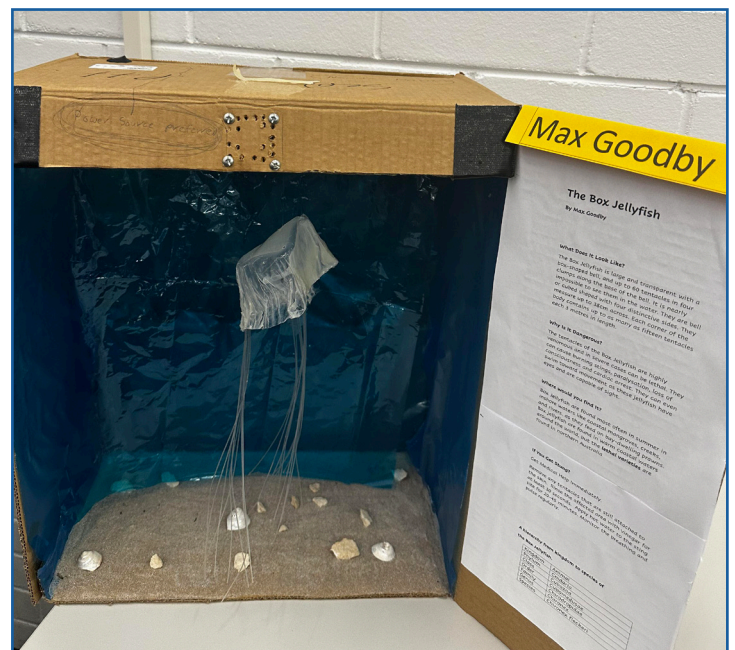
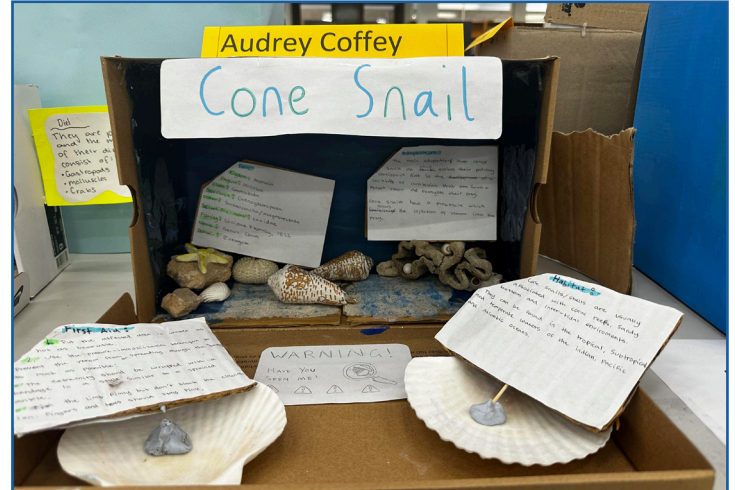
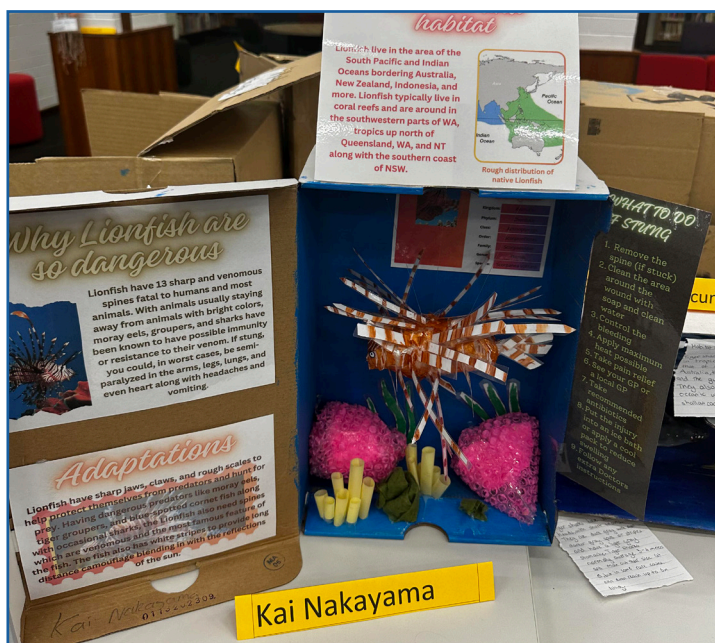
### Year 7s Dioramas

Our Year 7 Specialist Marine Studies students rocked the ocean waves this year! They dove into Aussie marine life, crafting models with first aid tips for potential encounters. From beach practical lessons in Marine PE to Biology in Science, our students are making waves in their learning! And they will know what to do if they encounter one of these creatures with friends and family over the summer months (hopefully not!).

Winners will be announced tomorrow, with thanks to Hon. Simone McGurk Scholarship Funding from the City of Fremantle. We rely on these partnerships with our wonderful community to make these opportunities happen for our students.











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## News from Mathematics

by Gail Dirk, Mathematics HOLA

Selected students have participated in a Maths excursion and an incursion during the last half of Term 4.

### Maths Empowering Girls

The annual Maths Empowering Girls day presented by MAWA (Maths Association of Western Australia), enables Year 9 girls to recognise the amazing opportunities available from studying higher level maths. Ten students from each school are selected for the excursion which was held at Curtin University at the end of November.

Our students were provided with the opportunity to explore the boundless potential of mathematics which we hope inspire them to reach new heights. They had lots of fun!

### ECSTRA Foundation Visit

Talk Money with Ecstra Foundation has visited our school again! They provide a free financial education program that teaches young people money lessons for life, helps students be confident when talking about money and to make informed financial decisions. Delivered by trained facilitators, the workshops are aligned to the Australian curriculum and the National Consumer and Financial Literacy Framework.

Many students provided positive feedback about the sessions and, if you would like to know more, check out their website at [www.talkmoney.org.au](http://www.talkmoney.org.au).







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### 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.







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### News from Follow the Dream

by Nathan Dines, Follow the Dream Coordinator

#### Polly Farmer Foundation Innovation Challenge: Bridgestone Mining Solutions

When the Polly Farmer Foundation invited our students to take part in Math and Physics challenges at the Bridgestone Mining Solutions workshop, students were not quite sure what to expect. What they discovered was that Maths can be lots of fun and plays a huge role in the way big mining equipment moves around worksites safely and efficiently. Maths guru and TV and Youtube personality, Simon Pampena, facilitated an exciting day of activities and students got a wonderful insight into a new industry.

#### CASA Accredited Remote Pilot License

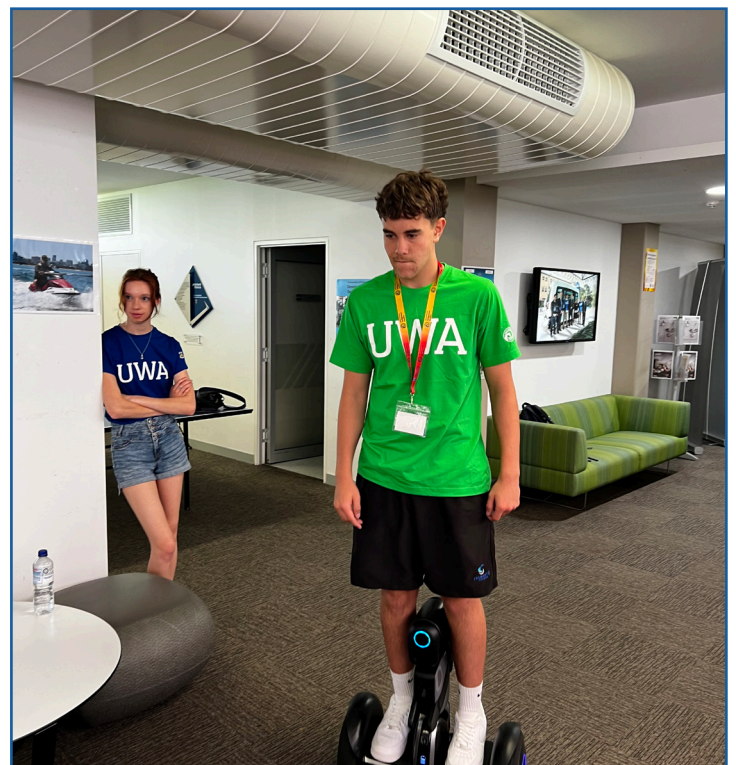
Five lucky Follow the Dream students were selected by the Fremantle Biennale Festival to participate in a training opportunity facilitated by the drone light show experts at Stellar Lights. The bespoke weeklong CASA Accredited Remote Pilot License Course will open a wide range of career pathways in drones and new technologies across multiple industries for our students.

#### University of Western Australia Excursions

Across two days our Year 8 and 9 students had the chance to explore UWA and the many areas of study that are on offer. With the help of current Indigenous university students, we participated in engineering, sport science, robotics and biomedical science taster courses. Our students got to experience the day in the life of a Uni student and realised that it is quite relaxed, and the with the support of the School of Indigenous Studies at UWA, they could achieve just about anything they put their minds to.











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## News from Home Economics

by Karen Abercromby, Home Economics Teacher

Home Economics was kept busy until the end of the year, with a hive of activities including our end of year assessments. In November, several Home Economics lower school and Year 11 Food Science and Technology classes were enlisted to assist with the Galactic Music Extravaganza VIP Function. Students were engaged with finding suitable recipes to serve and mocktails that reflected the galactic theme.

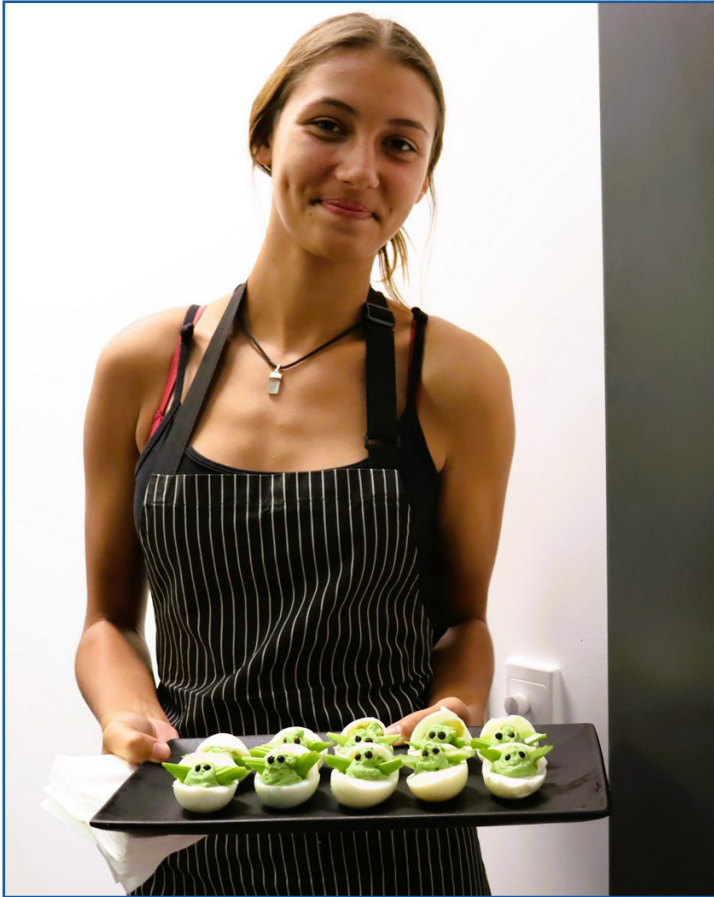
Our students enthusiastically approached the challenge, resulting in Baby Yoda green eggs, Alien arancini, Saturn truffles and Chewbacca gingerbread. Beverages were workshopped with a staff class and the Year 11 classes, producing quenching mocktails including the Han Solo (lemon myrtle squash) and the green Baby Yoda mocktail. A group of Year 10 students (and a very brave Year 8) volunteered to serve the VIPs. Despite the hot weather, they provided fantastic service. We look forward to seeing them in Hospitality in 2024.

Last week all Year 9 students participated in the Careers Taster workshop, where Home Economics ran a very successful Mocktail MasterChef Class. The students were challenged to create a mocktail using limited ingredients and suitable glassware. The Home Economics Department were impressed with the variety of drinks produced each day. There were some very appealing refreshments created and a few recipe ideas stolen for future use.

The Home Economics Department would like to acknowledge the departure of two of our team members. Mrs Charlotte Brown began her maternity leave at the end of Term 3 and Mrs Kavyu, who has worked at Fremantle College since 2019, is moving to another school. They have been valuable members of our team and we wish them the very best in 2024 and beyond.











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## News from our Student Council

by Katherine Shea, Student Council Coordinator

### International Day of People with a Disability

We recently celebrated International Day of People with a Disability at Fremantle College. The Student Council organised a Wheelchair Basketball Workshop with Rebound WA, where students gained insight into the strength and skills required for this exciting sport.

A lucky Year 7 Class got to participate in the workshop, where they learnt how to adapt the rules of basketball to being in a wheelchair and worked on their dribbling, passes and goal shots.

At lunch, the Rec Centre was full of students excited to have a go in the chair.

The verdict - it is much harder than you think!





## News from Careers

by Rebecca McClelland, Careers Practitioner

The Year 9 cohort participated in the 2023 Fremantle College Career Workshops during Week 9. Lots of fun and learning occurred around the college, with students rotating through eight activities including: Building their pathway, VR workplace experience, an engineering taster, creating their career vision board and Digital portfolio, and a wonderful introduction to Year 11 certificates offered in Home Economics through the mixing and muddling of mocktails.

We can't wait to see the heights of success these Year 9s reach over the next few years, as they develop and strengthen their career goals and step into their future with confidence.







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## News from Upper School Student Services

by Emma Dickinson, Upper School Student Services Manager

What an end to Term 4 for Upper School! Although our upper school students have officially wrapped up their studies for the year, Term 4 has continued to be a busy time with some exciting events that have occurred. In Week 6, we said farewell to our Year 11 students. To celebrate the end of what was an amazing year, students danced the night away, cruising on the James Stirling Vessel down the sparkling Swan River. It was a memorable evening, filled with some epic dance moves, singing, eating and laughing and was certainly the biggest and best River Cruise yet! We hope our Year 11 students have a well-deserved summer break and we will see them in the new year, refreshed and ready for a big year ahead.

For our Year 12 ATAR students, they returned to school to sit their WACE exams during Weeks 5 to 7. This represented the end of a tough two-year learning journey and there were many relieved faces once they were over. Our Year 12 ATAR students should receive their results before the new year, and we wish them the very best of luck.

During Week 7, we welcomed back our new College Captains for 2024 for their Induction. It was great to see these students energised and enthusiastic about their new roles. Through a range of activities, they were given the opportunity to learn more about their leadership style, establish personal goals and spent time planning for next year. We look forward to working with these students in 2024.

In Week 9, we invited back our Year 11 ATAR Highflyers to join us for morning tea. It was an occasion to acknowledge the exceptional work of this group and celebrate the end of successful year. They were joined by Fremantle College Alumni, Marc Abarquez, who gave an inspirational speech followed by a question and answer session. It was great to see our Highflyers eager to gain some useful advice and information and engage in conversations regarding tertiary study.

Also in Week 9, we held our final Values Assembly for our Year 10 students. It was wonderful to see so many students receive awards and celebrate the end of the year. Special mention goes to Malia Dickson who has received the ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award. The ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award recognises students who demonstrate leadership and teamwork within both the

school and the broader local community. Well done to Malia, and to all our award recipients.

On Friday of Week 9, we held our Orientation Day for our Year 10 students. The day consisted of activities to help prepare our students for study in Year 11 and 12. General students also participated in a session with our Career Practitioner where they explored TAFE and alternative pathways. Our ATAR students were visited by a representative from Curtin University where they gained more information about university entry. Following on from Orientation Day, Year 10 students then had the opportunity to attend their Year 11 classes in Week 10. During this time they got to spend time working with other students completing the same courses and familiarising themselves with the subject content in preparation for next year.

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

### School Watch

School Watch is a partnership between the WA Police and the Department of Education aimed at protecting public schools from vandalism, theft and damage. 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 Education 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



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## Hosting Opportunity - Italian University Student

'Are you interested in hosting an Italian university student?

Fremantle College is looking for families to host Italian Assistants for 6 or 12 weeks during terms 1, 2 or 3 in 2024. Italian Assistants are university students from Italy who volunteer to work in Australian Schools to support learning through conversation practice and resource development. This opportunity is open to all families at the College, though families of current Year 7s and 8s who have studied Italian are particularly encouraged to apply.

Hosting an Italian Assistant not only supports the growth of Languages at Fremantle College, but also provides your child with a unique opportunity to practice their conversation skills with a native speaker at home. Thanks to support of our community, we were able to host Martina in Term 1 and Riccardo in Term 3 this year.

Interested or want to know more? Reach out to our Italian Teacher Michelle McCleary at [michelle.mccleary2@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:michelle.mccleary2@education.wa.edu.au) for full details on what hosting involves, and how you can apply.

This program is coordinated by the Western Australia Association of Teachers of Italian (WAATI).

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## 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:

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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>



### College Uniform

School Holidays are the perfect time to review your current college uniform and, if required, make an appointment with our Uniform Supplier, Nell Gray to organise the purchase of any new uniform items.

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## New Uniform Options!



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We are excited to unveil the latest additions to our uniform options:

- College Dress
- Upper School (Yr 10-12) White Polo Shirt
- New College Shorts

The new shorts feature a lighter fabric a convenient zip pocket.

Please note: Students can continue to wear the existing white upper school shirt and shorts.

Nell Gray are open for orders – ready for Back to School 2024!



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