# College Connect

Term 1 - Week 8 Thursday 21 March 2024

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Dear parents and carers,

What an amazing start to 2024. With only a nine-week term it feels like only yesterday that we welcomed our students to the start of the new school year. This term has flown by and you will note that our staff and students have been busy with assessments, assemblies, swimming carnivals, excursions and the many other activities that make up college life. We are very fortunate to have such an array of vibrant extra curricula programs at the college Meanwhile, parents and guardians have attended seminars, welcome afternoons and early orientation sessions.

The aim of all Fremantle College staff is to create the best secondary school experience for each and every student. Part of that process is to ensure we regularly gather feedback from students, parents and staff. Fremantle College community members were recently given the opportunity to provide feedback through the School Culture Survey. I would like to thank all members of our community, who took the time to complete the survey and provide feedback. Our College Board and Senior Leadership Team are currently analysing the responses and looking at the areas that are our relative strengths and areas that require further attention. Overall, the responses were very positive and show that we are heading in the right direction.

Last week, we welcomed our 2025 Year 7 first round offer recipients for Specialist Programs to an early orientation workshop. The one-hour session enabled students to immerse themselves in the specialist program they will be experiencing in 2025. On completion of the session, students met in the Café Quad, where they had the opportunity meet with our staff and like-minded peers and make new friends.

Term Two will be a week longer and as such we have many activities planned. We start off with the College Open Day Afternoon which will be hosted on Monday 22 April 2024. This wonderful opportunity allows families to immerse themselves in a College Tour and learn about the array of educational opportunities available for prospective students. Put it in your diary and come and enjoy live music from our Specialist Contemporary Music students and the ever-popular sausage sizzle. Following this we have our Parent Teacher Interview Day on April 24. The college will be closed to facilitate the availability of the parent/teacher meetings, so look out for information in your inbox on Monday 15 April, with all the details on how to book an interview to meet with your student's

teacher. We will again be offering a choice of online or face to face meetings with teachers. In Term Two we will also be hosting our annual Anzac Assembly where we reflect on the sacrifices made by our services personnel. The assembly will be held on Friday 26 April, the day following the ANZAC Day Public Holiday.

Those parents who would like to access the Secondary Assistance Scheme are reminded that the closing date is Thursday 28 March. You can apply online via our College Website, or come into the college's reception with your Centrelink Health Care, Pensioner or Veterans Affairs Concession cards before Thursday. Our office is open from 8.00am until 4.00pm each day. Also, a reminder that all contributions and charges are required to be fully paid by the end of Term 1, unless a payment plan has been arranged. Parents who would like to take advantage of a payment plan to help manage the payment of the school fees can call or come in and talk to a member of our Finance Team, who can set up a regular automated payment that works for you. Remember that one of the best ways you can help support the college's educational activities for your child, is to make a contribution through timely payment of your contributions and charges.

With our transition to Compass, we have introduced Task Mark Reports. These reports will provide your child's latest results in the assessment tasks. For further information, please refer to Page 2 of this Newsletter.

A reminder, our remaining scheduled College Development Days for 2024 are:

- Monday 15 July 2024
- Friday 16 August 2024
- Friday 15 November 2024
- Friday 13 December 2024

Students do not attend college on the days listed above.

Last day of school for Term One is Thursday 28 March 2024. I hope you all have a safe and restful term break and we look forward to welcoming staff and students back for Term Two on Monday 15 April 2024.

Regards

Myles Draper Principal

### **Important Dates**

Year 12 Ball 22 March
Last Day of Term 1 28 March
First Day of Term 2 15 April
Open Day 22 April
Parent Teacher Meetings 24 April
ANZAC Day Public Holiday 25 April
Specialist Applications Close 10 May

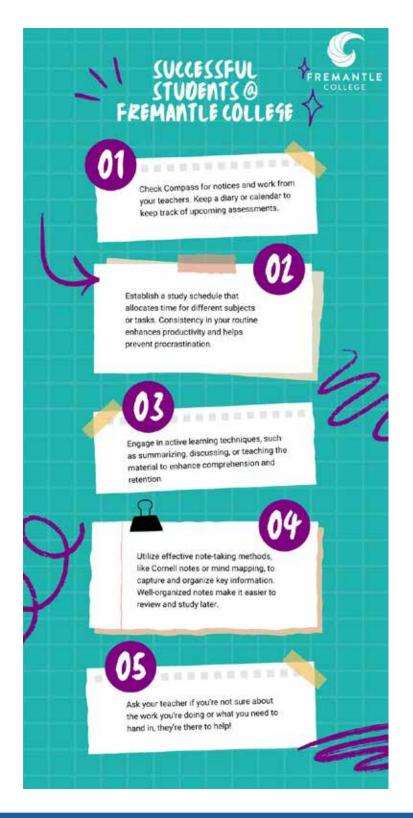


### Supporting Student Success Erin Baker, Associate Principal

There are many ways teachers and parents can work together to support students to achieve their best academically here are Fremantle College. With our transition to Compass as our platform for accessing teaching and learning materials, we have also updated our method of communicating student results. You will be directly emailed Task Mark Reports which will outline

your child's results in their latest assessment tasks. This will allow parents and students to track academic progress on a regular basis.

If you require any support accessing these reports, please contact the College.









### **FOCUSED NOTE TAKING**

For the teacher, Focused Note-Taking (FNT) starts with thoughtful preparation of the lesson structure to ensure student success. For the student, FNT begins with a clear purpose and objective for taking notes which scaffolds their thinking, improves their organisational skills and encourages reflection.



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### **WRITING PROCESS**

Writing is a complex task that depends on knowledge of a large body of skills, abilities, and collaboration within each phase of the process. Students who become proficient with all stages of the writing process become flexible, proficient writers. Effective writers spend most of their time in the pre-writing and revising stages, while gathering feedback from peers and instructors throughout the process.



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### STUDY SKILLS

Students need to be explicitly taught to select from a range of learning tools to study efficiently and effectively. Introducing graphic organisers, note taking systems, collaborative study groups and reading strategies helps students to learn new content and skills.



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### **PERSONAL ORGANISATION**

Students who are organised develop and use processes, procedures and tools to study effectively. They are able to manage their time and belongings through prioritising and understanding expectations. Organised students are better able to self-direct, self evaluate, self-monitor and self-advocate.



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### **GROWTH MINDSET**

Growth Mindset is the belief that, with effort, perseverance and drive, you can develop your natural qualities.

Goal setting is a learned activity that benefits students as they plan for success in school and beyond; it helps students visualize where they want to go and prioritize what actions will lead them there.





### Traffic Management

### Angelo Kovidis, Manager Corporate Services

We need your help to ensure that our college is safe for all students, parents/carers and staff. Currently we have a large number of parents/carers using the Staff Car Park at the front of the college off Lefroy Road as a pick up and drop off zone. This has created issues with banking of traffic along Lefroy Road, inturn blocking the buses and staff from accessing the car park. Parents are also stopping at the very front of the car park completely blocking the entrance of the college.

The college, in consultation with the College Board, has decided that the front of the college is no longer to be used as a designated student drop off zone and should only be used during off peak times between 8:50am to 2:30pm. We ask that parents and students utilise one of the four student pick up and drop off zones listed below:

- Bruce Lee Oval Caesar Street Car Park and Verge parking along Caesar Street where permitted.
- Pass Crescent Entrance and Exit to the college
- Dixon/Edmondson Street adjacent to the Tennis Courts. A walkway for students is accessible on the corner
- Annie Street Car Park (Rec Centre)

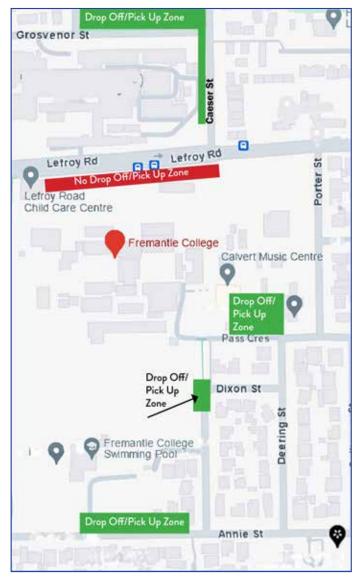


### FREMANTLE COLLEGE DROP OFF AND PICK UP ZONES

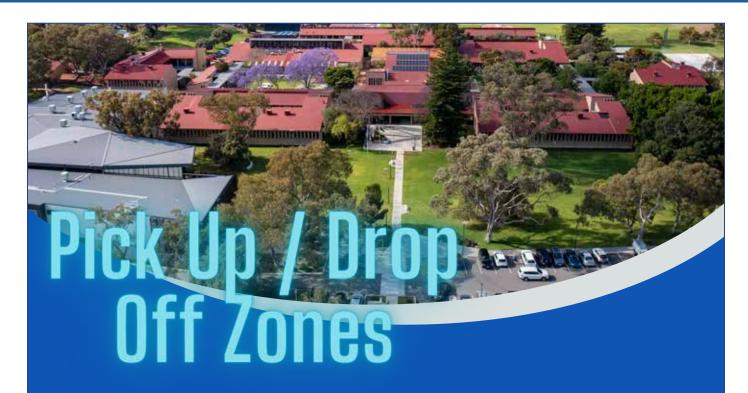
Picking up and dropping off students along Lefroy Road and accessing the Staff Car Park during peak times should be avoided unless a student has mobility issues and requires support.

We will be placing some signage in the car park and providing motorists with flyers over the coming weeks to help educate our community about the changes.

Please be kind and respectful to our staff who will be providing you with alternate pick up and drop off options during this time. We are hopeful that we can work together to make our college safer!



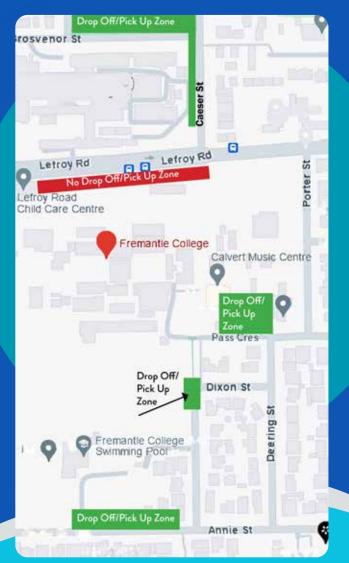




### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

To ensure the safety of all students, staff and their families - Pick Up and Drop Off of students along Lefroy Road and accessing the Staff Carpark during peak times should be avoided, unless a student has mobility issues and requires support.







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# News from the College Board Dominique Hansen and David Raftery

Dear College Community

As part of the feedback from our School Culture Survey we received feedback from our community that you would like to know more about how the College Board works to support our college. We have decided to include a brief update on what the board has been working on in the College Connect newsletters.

Please see below current activities of our college board:

Building and Infrastructure: The Board have applied for four million dollars in capital works through the Commonwealth Government's Schools Upgrade Fund. The proposal includes major upgrades to classrooms and toilets. The Board are currently undertaking a Master Planning process with the WA Department of Education to focus on upgrading and rebuilding our other ageing facilities across the campus for the benefit of all students.

Annual Report: The Fremantle College Annual Report will be available here: Annual Report The report provides all of the information on our academic, social and emotional progress of students, College Business Plan progress in addition to the financial reports for the College.

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Annual Report 2023

STRENGTH RESPECT SUCCESS NEWSTRANDISCORDING OF SHADAU

School Culture Survey: The Board and SLT are currently reviewing the responses received through the survey and will look at our areas of strength and areas that need further attention.

Indigenous Artwork: The College, with the support of our P&C, has commissioned Indigenous Artwork that can be used on signage, promotional material, reports and uniforms.

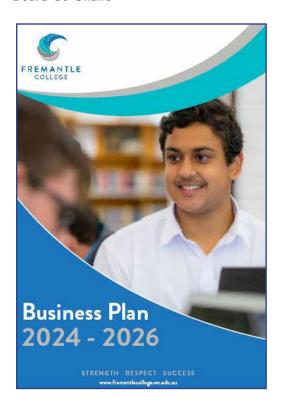
<u>College Business Plan:</u> After 12 months of work and consultation the Board have endorsed the latest College Business Plan for 2024 to 2026 that guides our priorities, practice and resource allocations across the college. You can access the Business Plan here: <u>Business Plan</u>

Statement of Expectations: The Board regularly review the College's performance against the statement of expectations from the Department of Education.

Our Board are also available for you to contact by email on fremantle.col@education.wa.edu.au

In addition, an Open Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday 10 June in the College Library, at which all interested members of the College community are invited to attend.

Sincerely Dominique and David Board Co Chairs





# Gifted and Talented Excursion Susan Fahey, Gifted and Talented Coordinator

Term one has raced by with students immersing themselves in numerous activities. A Year 7 team, comprised of Attish Biswas, Kit George, Jeron Jins, Gaby Malet, Onaiza Nedeem, Felix Shaw, and Bradley Tian, along with a Year 8 team comprising Aloise Barker, Daniel Hewetson, Denise Hilario, Clem Hosking, Parham Kashani, Aadhavan Kumaaran, Sebastian Rodriguez Rios, and Nathan Yau, proudly represented Fremantle College at the 2024 Da Vinci Decathlon on Thursday 7March. This esteemed competition pitted the teams against 30 other schools across 10 different academic disciplines, including challenges in engineering, mathematics, code breaking, art and poetry, science, English, ideation, creative production, cartography, and legacy. The event, held at Winthrop Hall, UWA, demanded incredible focus, communication, and teamwork from both teams throughout the long and intense day. They now eagerly anticipate their overall results.

On March 6th, Year 9 and 10 students once again showcased their talents by participating in the OzClo computational linguistics competition. Teams of four navigated through a series of challenging language-based code-breaking problems, demonstrating excellent collaboration and critical thinking skills as they persevered through difficult tasks.











### Specialist Contemporary Music - Nannup **Festival**

Mike Gowland, HoLA of Music

Our Year 11 and 12 Specialist Contemporary Music students thrilled the crowds at the Nannup Music Festival recently.

This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to gain further on-stage experience and build their confidence performing in front of large crowds.



























# News from HPE - Swimming Carnivals Joe Fitzgerald, HPE HOLA

Our Fremantle College Swimming Carnival was a resounding success, with our over results:

1st Leighton - 499 2nd Port - 466 3rd Sandtracks - 421 Coogee - 286

7 Girls

Runner Up: Noa Dewar Champion: Sophia Goodwin

7 Boys

Runner Up: Sol Scott-Dorazio Champion: Cooper Walpole

8 Girls

Runner Up: Aloise Barker

Champion: Denise Hilario and Zoe Guettinger

8 Boys

Runner Up: Noah Hulme

Champion: Sebastian Rodriguez-Rios

9 Girls

Runner Up: Shaya Ioannou Champion: Jemima Wharton

9 Boys

Runner Up: Finn McDonald Champion: Leo Henderson

10 Girls

Runner Up: Emily Cribb Champion: Mia Wuthenow

10 Boys

Runner Up: Corban Anderson

Champion: Max Walpole

11 Girls

Runner Up: Lily Plaistowe Champion: Serena Burletson

11 Boys

Runner Up: Sebastian Ke Champion: Nicholas Price

12 Girls

Runner Up: Jenelle Van Duijnhoven

Champion: Siena Baken

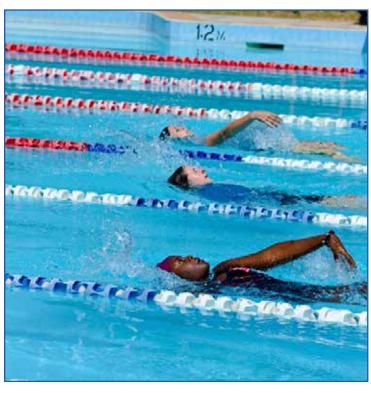
12 Boys

Runner Up: Ka-lel Wilson-Allen Champion: Tetane McWilliam-Taiatini The Swimming Carnival was closely followed by our Zone Carnival, where we hosted Melville SHS, Willetton SHS an Rossmoyne SHS for a friendly warm up competition. We then headed off to HBF Stadium for the Interschool Carnival, where we came a respective 4th in Division B.

Well done to the below students, for their individual efforts:

Champion Girl, Year 8 - Zoe Guettinger Champion Boy, Year 9 - Leo Henderson Champion Boy, Year 12 - Farley Webster















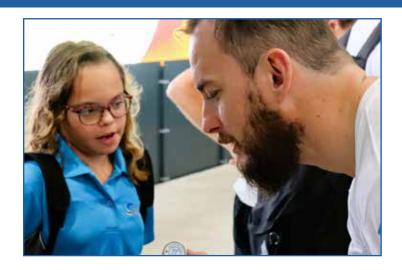




# News from Mathematics - Maths Week Gail Dirk, Mathematics HOLA

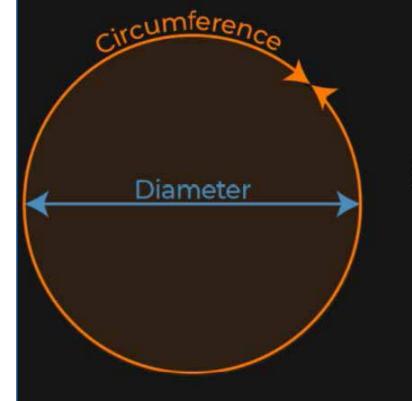
Our students embraced their inner mathematician last week for Maths Week. They dove into mathematical puzzles and enjoyed some seriously fun activities in the classroom.

The International celebration of PI Day was also a hit! Our students earned themselves some delicious PI Day biscuits by reciting the first 10 numbers of PI.

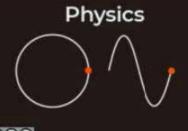


# What is pi and why is it important? Pi is a mathematical constant which is defined as the ratio of circumference

Pi is a mathematical constant which is **defined as the ratio of circumference**of a circle to its diameter. It is one of the most famous symbols in mathematics
and has many important applications in physics, engineering and statistics.



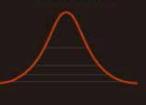
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Engineering



**Statistics** 



















### News from our Specialist Marine Studies Rachel Wicks and Prue Jewell - Specialist Marine Coordinators

Last week marked the exciting commencement of our Year 7 Specialist Marine Studies students' inaugural Marine Camp adventure. Amidst a backdrop of stunning marine landscapes, our students delved into a diverse array of activities, immersing themselves in the wonders of our coastal environment.

From navigating High Ropes amidst the beauty of the Yanchep National Park, to an exploration of marine life at AQWA, our students were engaged in hands-on learning experiences. Surfing lessons provided an exhilarating opportunity to ride the waves, while a tranquil snorkeling session in the crystal-clear waters of Yanchep Lagoon revealed the vibrant underwater world teeming with life.

Beyond the thrill of adventure, this camp served as an invaluable platform for our students to forge connections with one another and to gain insight into the expectations of being a Specialist Marine student at Fremantle College. As they navigate through this immersive journey, we are confident that these experiences will not only deepen their understanding of marine ecosystems but also foster a sense of camaraderie and belonging within our learning community.









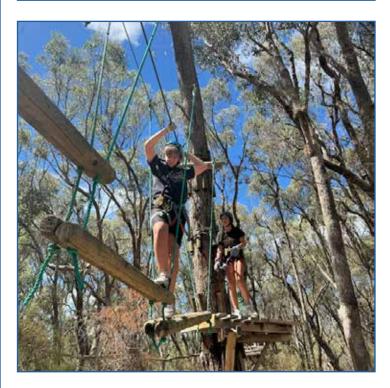
















# News from Upper School Student Services Emma Dickinson, Upper School Student Services Manager

It has been a wonderfully positive and busy end to Term 1 in Senior School.

Our upper school students have made a great start to the year and are now settled into the senior school routine and achieved some great results on the first round of assessments.

Our Year 10 Steps Seminars run twice a term and are an opportunity for our Year 10 students to engage in mental health and wellbeing education, careers and future pathways education and an opportunity to engage in workshops to improve their study skills. The term has ended with a session from our Career Practitioner, Mrs McClelland, who has started the initial step in exposing students to their pathway options for next year. It was great to see all students really engaged with this. Each session concludes with an inter-faction challenge and so far Port are top of the leader board with Leighton and Sandtracks being equal second place!

During Year 11 Pathways classes, students were made familiar with how to read and interpret their WACE trackers, this will support students in engaging with their learning and understanding how to improve and be successful.

In Week 6 our ATAR and UniReady students attended a Combined University event. Representatives from Curtin University, Murdoch University, Notre Dame University, University of Western Australia and Edith Cowan University informed students what their respective institutes have got on offer and what life as a university student is like. At the same time students on a General and VET pathway received a presentation by South Metro TAFE and the Jobs Skills Centre. Here students gained an understanding about different course, entry requirements and support services.

These past few weeks the Year 12 group have been abuzz with excitement! During Pathways, they have received their second session from Anglicare on Healthy Relationships. We also gathered on the front lawn for a group photo for the Class of 2024 and students are busy completing assessments and exploring opportunities that will assist them in life after school. Preparation for the College Ball this Friday 22 March is the hot topic at the moment, and everyone is looking forward to seeing

this enthusiastic cohort enjoy their big night at Fraser's, overlooking the city and river.

Congratulations to all award winners at the Week 9 Values Assembly. Values Awards are presented to students who consistently uphold and demonstrate our school values. It is also an opportunity to acknowledge 100% attendance and it is amazing to see so many Upper School students being put into the attendance draw. At the end of Term (Week 9), our Year 11s are invited to attend the annual RAC bstreetsmart excursion. At the event young people will experience the consequences of distracted driving, speeding as well as drink and drug driving. Emergency services will re-enact crash scenes and hereby inform students how to reduce risk-taking behaviour. Further, there will be guest speakers who have been directly impacted by road trauma.

Lastly, we have begun the process of ordering the 2025 leavers jackets. After trying on sample jackets students selected their preferred size and nicknames. We are hoping jackets will arrive in mid Term 2, ready for students to wear them in the cooler months.

The term will end with a reward BBQ lunch for all Year 10 and 11 students who have good attendance and Good Standing. We look forward to celebrating with these students.

Year 10, 11 and 12 is a busy time with many key dates and timelines. Students are reminded, to regularly engage with Compass to keep up to date with notices and their learning.

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.























## News from Careers Rebecca McClelland, Careers Practitioner

#### Spotlight on Notre Dame University, Fremantle Campus

This week Mrs Martelli and I visited Notre Dame, Fremantle and participated in a tour of the campus, including the faculty of Law, Education, Health Sciences and Nursing. The facilities are modern and meet the needs of the many different courses offered. We were so impressed that we wanted to share our experience with you.

The campus, while small exudes a vibrancy that is almost indescribable. Young people everywhere chatting and having fun, beautiful courtyards to study and relax, study groups meeting and many classes and lectures in full swing.

Here are a few interesting facts you may not know:

At Notre Dame - A Nursing qualification costs approximately \$10 000 less than at other universities.

At Notre Dame -only 28% of students enrol using an ATAR score.

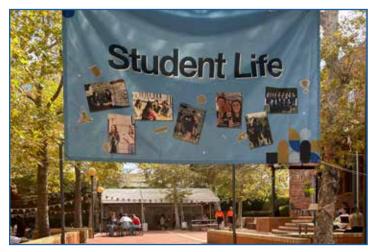
At Notre Dame -their philosophy encourages on campus attendance rather than online learning to build community and a sense of belonging.

At Notre Dame -there is a First Nations hub called Manjaree.

For more fun facts and answers to your questions attend the NDU open day on Saturday 4th May 20024.

WATCH THIS SPACE – Term 4 Year 10 Day excursion to Notre Dame university – Become a 'uni student' for a day -details to follow.













# News from Vocational Education and Training Kelly Martelli, Coordinator Vocational Pathways/Careers

This is Zac Ditching who goes to South Metropolitan TAFE on Thursdays and Fridays to gain a Certificate II in Commercial Cookery. He is a member of our Year 11 VOC Links class and studies 4 General subjects Monday to Wednesday. Once Zac reaches a certain level of competency in his Cookery skills he will go to a workplace one day a week to further his skills and knowledge in Cookery.

The vast majority of our VOC Links students are already engaged in a workplace, and we sincerely thank the following companies for providing this valuable experience to our Fremantle College students:

All Four Sides Hairdressing Allblitz Plumbing and Gas Autobahn Covkburn Beaconsfield Primary School Buggles Spearwood Cottage Surveying EGS Survey Australia Five Star Yamaha Fremantle Foundry Engineering Fremantle Primary School Frichot Lawyers Genius Childcare Hamilton Hill Hudson Carpentry Jean Willis Community Centre Jilbup Primary School KFC Garden City Le Art Nails Link Surveying Locked in Garage Lotus Beauty Kardinya Lycopodium Makybe Rise Primary School Methodist Ladies College Mr and Mrs Mechanical Newton Primary School Next Generation Painting Service Pharmacy 777 Hilton Portwest Automotive Scavenger Fire and Safety Southwell Primary School SWS Group Taylored Steel Fabrication Westpac Booragoon Willagee Library Wizard Plumbing Gas and Drainage. Thank You to these employers and if any other company would like to host a Fremantle College student, we would be very happy to chat to you about this.

Kelly Martelli - Coordinator Vocational Pathways/ Careers Kellie Lee - Workplace Learning Coordinator Brittany Sanders - Administration Support Officer



### News from Fremantle College Administration

### Contributions and Charges Payments

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. Updated Contributions and Charges invoices will be emailed to all parent/carers in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on your inbox.

For any families who would like to arrange a payment plan for school fees in 2024, please make contact with our friendly Finance team on 9338 8900 to get this in place. Our staff are willing and able to help with setting up CentrePay, Secondary Assistance funding and Abstudy funding.

### Secondary Assistance Funding

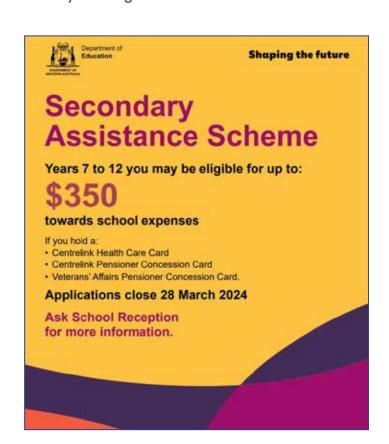
Are you eligible for the Department of Education Secondary Assistance Scheme?

Please be aware, forms need to be submitted on a yearly basis.

Don't miss out, applications close Thursday 28 March 2024.

More information and application forms can be found at:

Secondary Assistance Funding



### 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.









### WA Student Assistance Payment

Get ready to claim the WA Student Assistance Payment.

The ServiceWA app is the fastest and most convenient way to claim the payment.

Download the latest version of the ServiceWA app and log in with your Digital Identity (myGovID) so you're ready to apply for the offer from 15 April 2024.

Apple Store: <a href="https://apps.apple.com/au/app/servicewa/id1599181775">https://apps.apple.com/au/app/servicewa/id1599181775</a>

Google Play: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.gov.wa.digital.service.mobile.servicewa.citizen

For app support, head to WA.gov.au/servicewaapp

For more information on the payment, including eligibility criteria, visit education.wa.edu.au/wasap



# The WA Student Assistance Payment

Helping you get the things you need for your kids.

Get ready to claim by setting up your Digital Identity on ServiceWA. Claims open Monday 15 April.

\$150 For each Kindergarten or primary school student

\$250 For each secondary school student







Unlock your child's potential and discover the opportunities on offer at Fremantle College.

 Immerse yourself in a College Tour and learn about the array of educational opportunities available to your child

• Explore our diverse Specialist Programs, book into an information session

- Engage in conversations with our dedicated teaching staff
- Gain insights into our wellbeing and pastoral care practices
- Be entertained by our Specialist Contemporary Music Students from the FC Solar Stage
- Enjoy a sausage sizzle and engage with community members











School Student Broadband Initiative

An Australian Government initiative powered by nbn

# With the school year under way, check if you qualify for free home internet!





### **Breakfast Club**

7:30 -8:30am

Start your day the right way!

Enjoy some yummy breakfast, a game of table tennis or chess and catch up with friends.