



September 2014

Hello Everyone!

Welcome to the SMYL College, Term 3 newsletter.



SMYL College students and staff on our 8km City Bridges Walk

Feeling Hungry?!

SMYL Community College Healthy Breakfast Program runs from 8.15-8.45 Mon-Thurs!



SMYL Community College has four Principles – they are the **contract** between each student and SMYL College:

- **Respect**
For ourselves, others and the community;
- **Participation**
Getting into all College programs;
- **Learning**
Keep an open mind and enjoy asking questions;
- **Safe & Legal**
Being safe and legal makes SMYL College a place where everyone is welcome.

KEY DATES FOR TERM 4



- ♦ **Term 4 Starts~ Tuesday 14 October**
- ♦ **Year 12 Graduation ~ 24 October**
- ♦ **Term 4 finishes ~ Wednesday 17 Dec.ember**



An update from our VET Co-ordinator

WOW this has been a bumper year for the SMYL College VET program!



YEAR 12s

I will start with our supremely awesome Year 12s. This year has seen up to 11 students complete a Certificate II and gain an industry recognised qualification along with their WACE. The hard work and determination that has been displayed by this group has been nothing short of amazing and all the staff at SMYL CC are very proud and humbled by their wonderful development as young men and women. We are very sad to see them go but we know they have got the best chance of success in the real world with their achievements here at SMYL College. I would like to send a personal message of congratulations to all the Year 12s and wish each of you the very best for the future.

YEAR 11s

Some of the Year 11s have been working towards a Cert II in Engineering to compliment their Cert 1s gained at Weld to Life earlier in the year. Several students completed the Cert 1 in Metals and Engineering as well as a Cert 1 in Wider Opportunities for Work. These certificates will not only help students enter the labour market but they are also worth valuable points towards graduating with a WACE next year! Keep up the good work 11s!

YEAR 10s

Our Year 10s will be able to attend TAFE for a trade 'taster' in Term 4. Several students have already signed up for tasters in areas such as:

- Building & Construction
- Hairdressing
- Beauty
- Sport & Fitness
- Motorsports
- Motorcycles



All tasters have Units of competency that form part of a nationally recognised certificate.

Year 10s will also be undertaking a Certificate 1 in Leadership Development this year which forms part of the VET program at SMYL CC and leads onto Cert IIs in Years 11 & 12.

To all students and parents—please feel welcome to talk with me about your dream job and the training you need to get it.

Anne Thomson

SMYL College VET Coordinator

ELECTIVES AND EXCURSIONS



Top—left/right

- Teachers held hostage at Forrestdale BATTLE-ZONE
- Kiera Tartano and Tesha Neilson competing in our 2014 Book Week hunger Games

Centre—left/right

- Bailey Amos, Shannon Lock, Mikayla Pu and Joe McCullah creating a story board for Book Week
- Sheree Sorrell and 'Polly' at the K9 Rescue Centre

Bottom—left

- Alannah Astone and Rebekah Lannigan with a Tibetan Meditation Bowl at our Yoga elective

An update from the Teachers!

~ YEAR 10 ~

Year 10s have been busy working on their assessments pieces for English, Maths & Science as they prepare for the studies before moving on to the senior years of Year 11 & 12.

The Second Round of the OLNA (Online Literacy & Numeracy) testing was completed in weeks 7 & 8 with all those in attendance giving 100% effort to display their reading, writing & numerical skills. Well done, guys!

This wonderful group of Year 10 students have made great progress in their personal and educational development—and they have made positive contributions to the SMYL College community! There are now a great wee group of individuals with many qualities to bring into the mix. Keep up the good work and here's to an even better term 4! Go 10s!!

Em B. & Chantelle



~ YEAR 11 ~

The year elevens are progressing really well through their WACE subjects and have had a high number of students completing Welding Cert Is, Metals Cert IIs and even some completing Pre Apprenticeships and progressing into the workplace on shorter term and a more permanent basis.

Alongside this Year 11s are also completing a number of Endorsed programs including: Bush Rangers level 2 and Right Track. If time allows in term 4 'Keys for Life' will also be offered to those interested in this preparation for driving and other job skills.

A large part of the SMYL College sports carnival II was organised fully by the year elevens as part of their integrated maths and Physical education studies.—well done 11s!

Louise & Ian



~ YEAR 12s ~

Around this time of the year, back in 2012, the current Year 12 students participated in a tree planting project at Chalk Hill in Kwinana. The saplings were around 10 cm in height, and we were lucky enough to plant around 100 native species, unsure what would happen to them in the future on such a rocky and harsh terrain. On Friday the 5th Sept, we returned to Chalk Hill, wondering if any had survived. Amazingly we were met by tall, strong and healthy trees, a legacy of survival despite adversity. As the Year 12s near their graduation, I have been lucky enough to watch them grow and blossom into incredibly resourceful, mature and resilient young men and women. Students have been finishing their WACE tasks left and right, and are being signed off on their School Based Traineeships daily! Penny and I want to congratulate the graduating class of 2014 for being amazing people. I want to add a personal note of thanks for sharing your journey with me over the past 3 years. BIG wishes for every success in the future!

Mel & Penny

Photos by SMYL CC Media Students



Notes from near the Sports Page...

This is the 4th year of operating for SMYL College and there are some lessons we've learned along the way:

- Our school works best when we have a clear 'contract' between students, parents and staff - this contract is for students to be at school, involved in our program and growing respect for self and others;*
- Change is a constant— and for students to learn to stay on track in the middle of change is a great strength - the Y12s are proof of this!*
- When staff leave for new opportunities —Chantelle leaves this term and Melissa next term—we can celebrate their journey and still miss them—Best wishes and Good luck to both of these great people!*
- SMYL College has a bit of magic every day!*

Keep up the great work everyone!

Tony McKae, Principal

Congratulations!



Our end of Semester One NAIDOC celebrations saw a student from each class winning a “Happiness and Usefulness” award. Congratulations to (L-R) Keira Tartano, Alex Mofflin, Mikayla Pu, Cassie Mills, Alannah Astone and Matt Key.

~Happiness and Usefulness~

Our motto - ‘Happiness and Usefulness’ - is a great description of what goes on at College every day! This motto reminds us that happiness is deeper when we are doing something for or with others. So being useful is a good way of being happy - and being happy is always better when we are useful. They are the balance for each other - the two wings of our school!

*Photo
from our Bibra Lake walk*



SMYL COMMUNITY COLLEGE INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE THE

CLASS OF 2014



YEAR 12 GRADUATION OCTOBER 24TH

4.30 PM FOOD AND BEVERAGES

5.30 PM PRESENTATION CEREMONY

- 32 TESLA ROAD ROCKINGHAM
- FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME

STUDENT DINNER

All graduating students are invited to continue celebrating their achievements with us after the presentations! A bus will leave the college shortly after the ceremony, taking students for a ride on the Fremantle Ferris Wheel, then on to a delicious dinner, before returning students to Rockingham!