

COLLEGE NEWS

AUSTIN COVE BAPTIST COLLEGE

Wednesday 17 February 2021

Looking toward what tomorrow holds

Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome to a new year filled with hope and possibility! Even with current COVID restrictions, we are so blessed to call Western Australia home.

We also want to extend a warm welcome to new families joining the College. It is a privilege to have you as part of our College community. I am looking forward to many years of building meaningful relationships, excellence in academics and genuine care.

The following new staff members have also started with us, bringing an assortment of experience and talent:

Mr Phillips – Materials D & T – Woodwork
Mrs Calicdan – Education Assistant
Mrs Middleton – Head of Year 11 and 12
Mr A Price – Head of Physical Education
Mr Bond – Deputy Principal for Student Services

The start of the school year is always a time to have everyone settle in as best they can. I have to congratulate our students and families on how well you adapted to wearing masks etc.

We have had to move the date for the Year 12 Ball as we want our Year 12 students to fully enjoy the evening without COVID restrictions in place at the time. We are working hard to ensure new students settle in well and become accustomed to our culture and care for others.

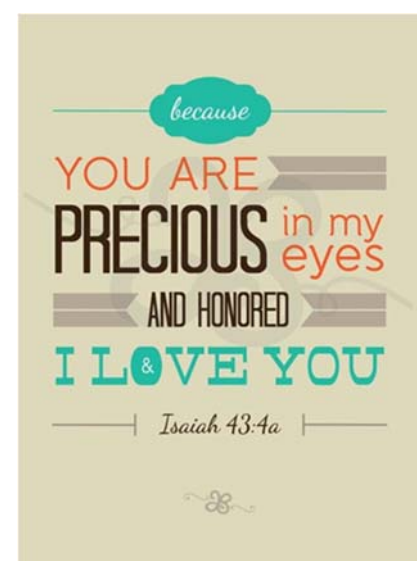
Please also see Mr Levison's comments on our 2020 Year 12 results. They have done really well. Feel free to contact our Heads of Year in regards to any concerns or good feedback you may have.

A focus this year is being "game changers". I want students to realise that they already have what is needed for a positive contribution to their peer group, school, home environment and the wider community. This year will have its challenges, but more importantly also its victories. They do not need to be big to be great. We just have to start on that journey.

My prayer for you is that your children will settle in well, that they will make good friends, enjoy school and realise their own potential without comparing themselves to others.



Mr Paul Venter
Secondary Principal



Curriculum

Welcome back to all students and to our new families. While it was a bumpy start to the year, we've been able to settle in and pray for a steady year this year.

Firstly, a big congratulations to our Year 12 cohort of 2020! They have achieved some strong results that we as a College are very proud to share:

Our graduation rate was 92.5% which is above the state average of 91.3%. OLNA was the reason 3 students did not achieve their WACE, so we encourage all students in Years 10-12 who have not yet passed the OLNA to work hard in the lead up to the Week 5 assessments.

Our median ATAR was 80.53, being just lower than the state average of 81.65

Out of 10 schools in the Peel region, this ranks us in third place from all published results.

Pleasingly one third of our ATAR students achieved an ATAR above 90 and two thirds of our ATAR students achieved an ATAR of at least 80, when including the regional schools bonuses.

Our English ATAR class ranked in the top 15 schools in Western Australia

One of our English students achieved in the top 0.5% of all students in the state

These results have been posted to our Facebook page, so please 'like' our page to receive more immediate updates.

I would like to thank our staff for their hard work last year. We are happy to hear back from students who have been accepted into their courses and others who are moving into work placements. We are proud of our graduating class and their amazing effort last year.

The first few weeks are always busy with students familiarising themselves with their new timetables and managing their homework and assessment expectations.

The College diary is a valuable tool in high school for students to manage all these expectations, so we encourage students to use the diary on a daily basis to manage both their school and extra-curricular activities. The diary is also a vital form of communication that is used between teachers and parents and therefore we ask parents to sign off on the diary once a week to ensure students are communicating any information from teachers.

Having a balanced workload that is spread throughout the school week is an important way that we can assist students to manage the rigors of school tests and assessments. Our teachers have balanced the workload over the course of the school week and students should have been notified of which day of the week homework is due and what day assessments will be scheduled for each subject.

Homework is a regular part of the high school teaching program and is an important element of the after-school routine for students. The following times are a guide to how much time should be spent each evening on homework, 4-5 times per week:

Year 7: 45 minutes
Year 8: 1 hour
Year 9: 1.5 hours
Year 10: 2 hours
Year 11 ATAR: 3 hours, General: 1-2 hours
Year 12 ATAR: 4 hours, General: 1-2 hours

If the volume of homework is becoming an issue, we encourage parents to stop their child working after the given time and sign their diary and advise the teacher with a short note as to how much time they have spent on the homework. Teachers will not penalise students for incomplete homework if there is a note in the diary.

We also understand that at times the academic content that the students are studying can be challenging to grasp and extra assistance may be needed.

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The College offers tutoring for the MESH (Maths, English, Science, Humanities) subjects once a week each, free of charge. Any students who would like some extra help are very welcome to attend and no bookings are required. Each day there are multiple teachers in the room(s) to assist students. The tutoring days are:

Monday

Mathematics & Science in room 6.4

Wednesday

English & Humanities in rooms 3.1 and 3.4

Our College aims to challenge students to achieve to their fullest academic potential while giving them support and encouragement along the way.

As always, we appreciate your support and look forward to an amazing year ahead.



Mr Kea Levison
Deputy Principal of Curriculum

Student Services

A warm welcome back to students and families for the start of the year. It has been a positive transition and I would like to commend all students on the way they have adapted to the unexpected start to the term and adjustment with events. I have been particularly impressed with how well students have responded to wearing face masks throughout this week.

Regarding transport to school, students travelling on Transperth bus services are encouraged to be mindful of their bags, younger students in Primary School and any elderly members of the public.

Student Services

A reminder also of the following guidelines for our car park:

- The bus bays along the footpath must remain vacant at the beginning and end of the day to allow priority access to bus services (blue area on map)
- The area on the bend closest to the College buildings is a no parking zone (red area on map)
- If you find you are unable to park, please move slowly through the carpark circuit in a clockwise direction. This helps vehicles to keep moving in the carpark and reduces congestion as parked vehicles attempt to leave.
- The limestone access road is not to be used for drop off/pick up or parking. This is reserved for staff and deliveries to allow as much parking as possible in the main carpark for families.



Thank you for patience and cooperation.



Mr Josh Bond
Deputy Principal

Summer Maths Camp

Jaidan B from Year 12 was one of the few students in WA who were invited to attend WA Maths Summer School during the last summer holidays.

This event attracts some of the brightest mathematics students across the state to advance their mathematics skills and have a taste of university life. Jaidan has written his testimony about the event below:

“During the school holidays I was privileged enough to attend the Western Australian Mathematics Summer School at the University of Western Australia.

Over the course of 5 days, myself and a few like-minded students, delved into mathematics topics unfamiliar to most, including number theory, graph theory and group theory. At the same time, we got to experience living on campus; staying in dorms, enjoying cafeteria meals and commuting to lectures every day.

We were exposed to new mathematical ideas and worked through many problem sets over the duration of the camp, not unlike maths at school. However, the underlying motive behind the camp was to show us what mathematics outside of the class looked like. It involves finding, creating or recognising real life problems, and exploring and investigating it for ourselves.

This was particularly apparent when we learnt about the more obscure mathematics behind soap bubble and films, as well as modular origami structures.

Finally, I'd like to thank the camp organisers at the Mathematical Association of Western Australia, the lecturers, the tutors and Austin Cove Baptist College, in particular Dr. Phangestu PhD, for providing me with this unique opportunity. As a result of their encouragement and commitment, I've been able to broaden my perspective on a range of mathematical concepts that I believe will serve me well in my future studies.”



Pictured above: Jaidan and the Summer Maths Camp team



Mr Jimmi Phangestu
Head of Mathematics and Science

Stay connected

Want to stay up to date with all the latest College happenings, notifications and fun photos of what we have been up to?

Like, follow and share our Facebook business page. You can find us under 'Austin Cove Baptist College'

We hope to connect with you there!



Old Shirts Wanted!

If anyone has any spare long-sleeved button up shirts they are getting rid of, please consider donating them to the College Arts department.

We use them as smocks for the students in the Visual Arts and Backstage & Production classes. The ones from last year are looking rather "loved".

Uniform Shop

Opening hours (located at the Primary School)

Mon 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Wed 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Fri 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Closed Thursday

For alternate ordering: <http://acbc.wa.edu.au>
download the uniform and payment forms and
email : uniforms@acbc.wa.edu.au or phone
Margaret on 9537 7177

Residency Status

Have you or your child:

- ✓ **Been granted a bridging VISA?**
- ✓ **Gained citizenship?**
- ✓ **Changed Visa status or class?**
- ✓ **Been granted permanent residency?**

If so, it is of utmost importance that you notify the College immediately in order for our records to comply with Department of Education legalities.

Absentees

If your child is **absent**, needs to be picked up **early** or is running **late**, please email secondaryabsentee@acbc.wa.edu.au

This email account is accessible to all administrative staff and is regularly monitored.

We encourage you not to email administrative staff on their direct email addresses for the above reasons.

Direct Debits

A reminder that if there are any changes to the frequency, bank account or credit card details that you have previously provided the school with from which your annual, semester, term or month payments are made, please notify the College as soon as possible.

If you have provided Credit Card details, there is a surcharge fee applicable.

Payment cycles

Direct debits will be drawn as per below:

1 payment on 20 th February
2 equal payments on 20 th of February and July
4 equal payments on 20 th of February, April, July and October
10 equal payments on the 20 th of each month February – November

Meet the Team!

Secondary Principal

Mr Paul Venter

Deputy Principal of Student Services

Mr Josh Bond

Deputy Principal of Curriculum

Mr Kea Levison

Head of Year 7 and 8

Mrs Rebecca Servina

Head of Year 9 and 10

Mr Tim Price

Head of Year 11 and 12

Mrs Kelsey Middleton

Head of the Arts

Mrs Lisa McCormack

Head of English

Mrs Kellie King

Head of Humanities

Mr Jason Devereux

Head of Mathematics and Science

Mr Jimmi Phangestu

Head of Physical Education and Health

Mr Aled Price

Student Services

Mrs Barb Baggaley

Administration and Enrolments

Miss Bec Galway

Office Manager

Mrs Lara Ellis

Community Page

Austin Cove Baptist College provides advertisements as a community service. The inclusion of any advertisement is not necessarily an endorsement by the College.

Austin Cove Community Church

Journeying with people towards Jesus

SUNDAY SERVICE @10AM

Austin Cove Baptist College
Secondary Campus

1100 California
Crescent,
South
Yunderup



www.austincovechurch.com.au

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Austin Cove KIDZ

Contact: ackidz@austincovechurch.com.au

SUNDAYS

An engaging program for primary aged children is run during the second half of the service.

FRIDAYS

A Kidz Club for children in Yr 3-6 is run at the Primary Campus from 3:15-4:30pm during school term.

Austin Cove Youth

Contact: ianc@austincovechurch.com.au

***Every Friday night during school term from
6:30 to 9pm at the Austin Cove Baptist College
Secondary Campus for Years 6-12***