

MINDARIE SENIOR COLLEGE

WHERE YOUR FUTURE BEGINS

> PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been a very busy but exciting start to the year: Year 11 & 12 ATAR Preparation Days, Understanding WACE Parent Night, Year 11 Student Council elections, Year 11 Meet the Mentor Parent Nights, Year 12 Colours Evening and Course specific excursions – all in five weeks! Still to come this term is the Interim Report Night and Careers Expo on Wednesday, 18 March.

Absence notifications

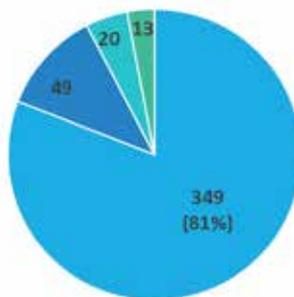
I would like to encourage all parents and guardians to notify the College when their child has been/or will be absent from the College. Our Attendance Officer, Ms Andrea Talbot, can be contacted on 6207 5521 for any absentee notifications, or you can SMS 0409 084 812.

These two charts below show you how the attendance rate can drop significantly over the first semester at the College. The first chart shows the attendance for the Year 11s for this term at 81% regular attendance. Regular attendance is defined as 90 – 100% attendance (10 or less absences in a term). The second chart is last year's statistics from Year 11 at the end of Semester 1. As you can see, the drop in attendance is very significant (over 25% increase) and very concerning. We need your help to stop it becoming a trend!

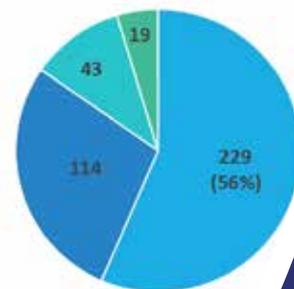
I ask you to take attendance seriously and do everything you can to ensure your child attends regularly.

Students who attend less than 90% this are at risk of not succeeding and once they get behind in their work it can be really difficult to catch up. These two years go by very quickly so missing class time really does impact on their ability to achieve to their potential and to become the best person they can be.

Yr 11 Semester 1, 2020



Yr 11 Semester 1, 2019



Student Interim Report Parent Evening

Wednesday, 18 March - 2.00pm to 7.00pm

Parents will be emailed a link to access their child's Interim Report on Thursday, 12 March. This link will only be active for four weeks. After this time, the report will not be accessible. Please download or print a copy for future reference. If you do not receive an email from the College with the link, please contact Mrs Janet Vincent on 6207 5507. Our Finance Officer will also be available on the night to receive College charges and to process SAS.

Information regarding the interview booking process to meet with teachers will be emailed home on Wednesday, 11 March. This is the perfect opportunity for parents to meet with their child's classroom teacher to discuss their progress to date. If you require further information regarding the online booking process, please call 6207 5500.

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> IMPORTANT INFORMATION

2021 Year 11 Enrolment Applications - OPENING 11 MARCH

Enrolments for Year 11 students in 2021 at Mindarie Senior College will open on Wednesday, 11 March. All enrolment information can be accessed from our webpage under 'Future Students'. Hard copies are also available from the College Reception. Please share this information with your family and friends who may be considering enrolling their child at the College for Year 11 in 2021.

'Out of Area' enrolment applications **must** be lodged by **Friday, 24 July 2020**.

The first round of 'In Area' enrolment applications close on Wednesday, 17 June 2020.

Please visit the website to download an application form:

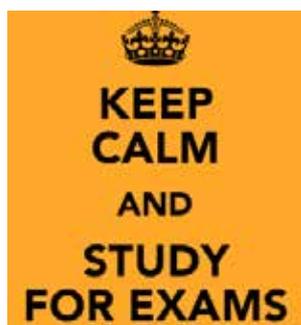
<https://www.mindarie.wa.edu.au/enrolment>

College Closed to Students

The College will be CLOSED to all students on the following dates this term:

- Wednesday, 18 March - College closed until 2.00pm for Interim Report Night & Careers Expo
- Wednesday, 1 April - Workplace Learning visits – staff offsite all day
- Thursday, 9 April - College Professional Learning Day

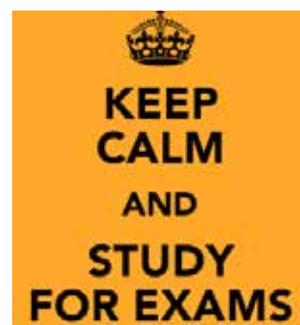
Semester 1 Exam Period Information



ATAR STUDENTS

**Semester 1 exams commence on
Tuesday, 2 June through to Friday, 12 June**

***Parents are reminded not to book holidays
during the exam period!!!***



General students during the exam period

General students are not required to sit exams, although they should still be working on any outstanding assessments during this time. Individual teachers may contact you to inform you of the need for your child to attend the College during the exam period to complete outstanding work.

Students who are enrolled in Certificate Courses and have not completed all necessary competencies may be asked to attend the College during the first week of the exams to ensure their competencies are up to date.

Semester 1 ATAR Preparation Program for Year 11 & 12 students

The College, in partnership with Mastermind Australia, are offering exam preparation sessions in the upcoming school holidays in a range of courses for both Year 11 and 12 ATAR students at a reduced cost of \$80 per course. The preparation sessions will be held at the College from Monday, 20 April to Friday, 24 April 2020.

This exam preparation program is an extremely valuable and worthwhile opportunity for students to achieve at a higher level with confidence and pursue personal excellence in their studies.

All ATAR students have received the Mastermind April Revision Program Flyer and parents of ATAR students will receive a detailed email this week regarding the workshops on offer.

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Term 2 - Students first day

The College will commence Term 2 on **Tuesday, 28 April**.

All students are expected to attend College on this day.

College Charges and Contributions

The college would like to thank the parents who have paid their College charges in full.

An updated invoice will be posted home this week. Eligible concession and Health Care card holders may be entitled up to \$350 towards school expenses under the Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS). Applications for SAS and all college charges are to be made by **Thursday, 9 April 2020**.

Parents should contact Clare Furmark on 6207 5508 or Clare.Furmark@education.wa.edu.au for further information. Online payments can be made by visiting the College webpage:

<http://www.mindarie.wa.edu.au/payments>

Other payment options can be found on the student's charges sheet.

Students and medication

The Department of Education policy guidelines state that the College is not to provide any medications (e.g. Panadol, Nurofen) to students. Students are asked to carry their own medication with them.

If you would like further clarification on this, please contact Student Services on 6207 5519.



Students leaving the College early

Parents should be aware of the procedure for students who need to leave College early.

- ➔ **APPOINTMENT** - In the event of known appointments, parents should contact Student Services on 6207 5519 regarding the collection of the child during the day for the appointment.
- ➔ **SICKNESS** - In the event that your child presents to Student Services feeling unwell, a member of the Student Services team will contact parents before the student will be able to leave the College grounds.

If a child contacts a parent to say they are unwell and they wish to go home, the parent needs to call Student Services to confirm the approval to leave the College. In both situations, students must still sign out in Student Services prior to leaving the College.

Student Vehicle Permits

The College recognises that Senior College students with licences will want to drive or ride, to and from school. The College has designated student parking places for motorbikes, scooters and cars.

Students who would like to drive their vehicle to the College need to complete a Vehicle Application form (link below) and return a signed copy to Student Services with a copy of a valid Australian Driver's Licence. Students must not park in the staff parking bays.

<http://www.mindarie.wa.edu.au/vehicle-permit-application-form>

Student Vehicle Policy

Parents and guardians are reminded of the College's Student Vehicle Policy which is available to view on the College website under 'Our College' - 'College Policies'.

Below are key points that the College would like your support in enforcing:

- Students drive carefully around the College at the beginning and end of the College day. The roads are all extremely busy with other vehicles, students and pedestrians, not only from our College but the neighbouring schools, all of which have very young students.
- Students should not take other students in their vehicle without the expressed knowledge of their parents. Accident statistics for young drivers suggest that having friends in the vehicle can act as a distraction which can cause accidents.
- Recess and lunch-time are both short. We strongly advise students not to use their vehicles at these times.

Studiosity - Free 1:1 online tutoring for MSC students

MSC students have access to fantastic support through the tutors at Studiosity who are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to assist students with homework, study or assignments. Students can also access the free 'Writing Feedback' service where they can upload written work and receive constructive feedback in less than 24 hours. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to access one-to-one help.

Students can access Studiosity from the MSC homepage and have already received their activation codes. If you would like more information regarding Studiosity, please contact Mrs Karen Hart, Manager of Student Studies on 6207 5515.

Saver Plus Program for Parents

Saver Plus is a financial education program that assists people to save for education expenses. Saver Plus can assist families to help pay for educational costs including school uniforms, textbooks, camps and excursions, laptop or musical instrument hire amongst other things. If you would like more information regarding the Saver Plus program contact Meagan Parry at meagan.parry@thesmithfamily.com.au or call 0438 518 603.

A flyer can be found at the end of this update.

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT BY TAMRAH BARTLETT

This year we have introduced Chewbacca, Chewy, my Labradoodle to the school to assist with building a positive sense of wellbeing into our community.

Chewy attends school on Mondays and Thursdays and loves to welcome the students as they walk in the door. He has visited classes and even made an appearance at some of the assemblies. He has been very useful in assisting students when they are feeling a bit anxious and sits with kids if he senses they are sad. It is lovely to see the smiles and the squeals of delight as he walks around and interacts with the students and teachers. If you would like to visit Chewy pop down to Student Services and say hi.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

State or National Representation

The College proudly acknowledges students who have been selected to represent our state or nation in a sport/activity by presenting them with a Certificate and a \$100 scholarship which is deducted from the student's College charges.

For students to be eligible to receive the scholarship they must complete a State or National Representation Application form (link below) and return to the Front Office.

Students will be acknowledged for their achievement at an assembly.

<http://www.mindarie.wa.edu.au/state-or-national-representation-application-form>

Maisie Moore, a current Year 12 student was invited to train with an exclusive football club in Spain, La Liga - Levante for 30 days during the January school holidays this year.

At a recent Year 12 assembly, the College recognised Maisie's achievements and acknowledged the time and effort required to perform at this level by awarding her with \$100 to assist with College charges and a certificate of recognition. Well done Maisie!!!



> YEAR 11 INFORMATION

Meet our new Year 11 Student Council

Congratulations to the students below for winning a position on the Mindarie Senior College Student Council in 2020. We look forward to you being the voice of the Year 11 cohort.



Elyssa Crook



Adam Englert



Navneet Jouhal



Olivia McKay



Isabelle Pitulej



Kyle Polancos



Cai Rees



Cecilia Wong

Year 11 AQWA Dinner Dance

Hillarys Boat Harbour
Sunset Suite

Wednesday, 8 April
6.30pm to 10.00pm
Ticket cost - \$60.00pp

Payments to the Front Office or online via College webpage



**LAST DAY TO BUY YOUR TICKETS
WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH!!!**

> YEAR 12 INFORMATION

Colours Night

On Tuesday, 18 February, over 180 parents, staff and students attended the Year 12 Colours Evening where sixty six students were recognised and awarded Colours badges and certificates for their excellent achievement in a range of fields including performance, community work, endeavour and academic results. Entertainment was provided by our Music students, Amber Dvies and Zach Graham and the event was catered for by 'Fresh As' cafe.

The guest speaker was Cassey Smith who graduated in 2008. Casey spoke about her journey since leaving the College and how her career path changed and ended up in a law career after starting out in the Arts. She reminded students how making good choices is important but if a wrong choice is made, it is not necessarily bad – it's how you move on from the decision that counts.

A big thank you to our invited guests for taking the time to attend the event and help present awards to the students. **More photos are available on the College webpage under 'News'.**



> 2020 - TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1 2020	Year	Event
Wednesday, 18 March		Careers Expo - 3pm to 6.00pm
Wednesday, 18 March		Interim Report Night - 2pm to 7pm - College closed to students
Monday, 30 March		College Board Meeting @ 4pm
Wednesday, 1 April		All Staff WPL Visits - College closed to students
Wednesday, 8 April	11	AQUA Dinner Dance Hillarys - 6.30 to 10.00pm
Thursday, 9 April	11 & 12	Last day of Term 1 - PL Day - College closed to students
Friday, 10 April		Public Holiday - Good Friday

> FITNESS CENTRE OPENING HOURS

MONDAY 3.50pm to 4.30pm
 TUESDAY 4.10pm to 4.50pm
 THURSDAY 4.10pm to 4.50pm
 CLOSED FRIDAY

Students will be supervised by a Health & Phys Ed staff member.

> UPCOMING COLLEGE EVENTS

World's Greatest Shave

This Thursday, 12 March, our Principal, Janice Sander will be losing her locks to support the Leukaemia Foundation fundraiser the 'World's Greatest Shave'. We also have two brave students who have volunteered to shave their head along with Mrs Sander - Year 12, Rebecca Robson and Year 11, Jayden Dean.

The College has lots of other fun filled events for the students during Mentor including, hair colouring, leg waxing and more. All money raised will help fund vital research to ensure more children can survive blood cancers like lymphoma, leukaemia and myeloma.



If you would like to donate to this worthwhile cause, follow the link below:
<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/regisrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?RegistrationID=774695>
or donations can be made on the day. All donations are greatly appreciated.

If you would like to know more out the foundation, please follow the link below.
<https://worldsgreatestshave.com>

> INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On Friday, March 6, staff wore purple, white and green to show their support of International Women's Day. Purple is the internationally recognised colour to symbolise women, the combination of the colours green, purple and white is meant to represent women's equality.

The theme for 2020 is #eachforequal - An equal world is an enabled world. Individually, we're all responsible for our own thoughts and actions - all day, every day.

A big thank you to the Library staff who also set up a fabulous IWD display.



PLEASE VISIT

<http://www.mindarie.wa.edu.au/calendar>

TO SEE A FULL LIST OF 2020 CALENDAR EVENTS



Please visit our College Webpage and Facebook page to see photos from events.

Be sure to **'Follow'** our Facebook page to be updated when new posts are made.

<https://www.facebook.com/MindarieSeniorCollege?fref=ts>

or alternatively you can visit the website

<http://www.mindarie.wa.edu.au/>

**Janice Sander
Principal**

CAREERS INFORMATION

EXPLORE CAREERS EXPO @ MSC

Wednesday 18 March - 3.00pm – 6.00pm
(in conjunction with the parent reporting night)

This is a fantastic opportunity for parents and students to gain valuable career planning information from a range of exhibitors, including:

Apprentice & Traineeship Company, North Metro TAFE, Construction Training Fund, Curtin University, Defence Force, Edith Cowan University, Hospitality Group Training, MPA Skills, Skill Hire, MTA Automotive Institute of Technology, Training & Consultancy Services in Non Destructive Testing, SAE Institute, University of Western Australia, Notre Dame University and Tactic Learning.

See the flyer at the end of this update.



UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY (Fremantle)

Medicine Info Session on Sunday, 22 March at 1pm

Find out everything you need to know about the Doctor of Medicine and Pre-Medicine Certificate programs, including the unique application process. You'll hear from the Dean of Medicine, Professor Gervase Chaney and current Medical students as well the opportunity to tour the School of Medicine facilities.

Parent Info Evening – Tuesday, 31 March @ 6.00pm -

For parents and Year 10, 11 and 12 students.

Hear first-hand from students, parents, alumni and advisors about navigating through the transition from high school to university. Learn more about keys to success including: careers and the future of work, the Notre Dame difference, pathways, the Early Offer program, recommended subjects for Year 10 students, student support and fees.

Find out more and register at notredame.edu.au/events

Any questions? Contact our friendly team on 9433 0533 or future@nd.edu.au

CAREER DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES TO ASSIST STUDENTS WITH POST SCHOOL OPTIONS

Click on the 'Explore Careers' icon on the MSC website homepage & then connect to a range of career resources, with links to Universities, TAFE's, Apprenticeships & Traineeships.

<http://www.mindarie.wa.edu.au/explore-careers>



Tracey Loughnan
Manager of Career Development, VET and Workplace Learning

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EXPLORING CAREERS EXPO

UNIVERSITIES,
STATE AND PRIVATE
TRAINING PROVIDERS,
APPRENTICESHIP AND
TRAINEESHIP COMPANIES,
DEFENCE FORCE, GROUP
TRAINING COMPANIES
AND MANY MORE
EXHIBITORS

WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH
3 - 6 PM

ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS WELCOME





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