

# MINDARIE SENIOR COLLEGE

WHERE YOUR FUTURE BEGINS

## > PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The return to classes this term has been very positive with many students expressing their delight at being back at the College. As restrictions ease in the wider community, schools have become one of the first places to open and return to normality. Our Semester 1 exams commence next week and, unless the current requirement changes, students will be sitting their exams in rooms of no more than 32 students. I'd like to wish all Year 11 and 12 students the very best in their exams and hope they have taken advantage of the support and study tips provided by their teachers. Students who are not sitting exams but have missed work and are behind in their courses are expected to come in over the exam period to catch up and meet with their teacher. Students who need to do this will have been contacted by their teachers and a time would have been made for them to come in and complete the work.

Semester 2 commences on Monday 15 June and all students should be back ready to start the semester and focusing on their course work. Given the variable nature of COVID-19 over the past few months, it is understandable that students may have been feeling unsettled and more anxious than usual and our Student Services team have been kept busy supporting students this term. I'd like you to encourage your children to focus on completing this year to the best of their ability knowing that we are all working together and that the current situation in WA is moving towards getting everyone back on track.

Parent Night for Semester 1 is scheduled for Wednesday, 1 July and we have decided to use a phone interview, as we did with the Interim Reports last term.

I'll continue to keep you informed of any changes that may affect your child at the College.

## > SEMESTER 1 EXAMS

The Year 11 and 12 Semester 1 Exams commence on **Tuesday, 2 June** and students have been given a copy of the Exam Timetable. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the exam rooms have been amended and an updated copy of the Timetable can be found on the College webpage under 'Current Students'. The times for the exams have not changed, only the room the exams will be held in. Please note: the cafe and uniform shop will be closed during the exam break.

**Students sitting exams are to ensure they have their College ID with them for their exam.**

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, in negotiation with their teacher, to ensure their competencies are up to date.

All students who have been asked to come in during the break to complete outstanding work **must** ensure they sign in at the Front Office using Passtab.

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## Semester 1 Reports

Parents will be emailed a link to access their child's Semester 1 report the week beginning 22 June. This link will be active for four weeks. The Semester 1 Report will also be accessible from 'Connect'. Parents should ensure that the College has the most up to date email address to ensure the report is received. Parents with no email address can collect their child's report from the College from Thursday, 25 June.

## Parent Report Night - Wednesday, 1 July

The Semester 1 Parent Report Night will be held on Wednesday, 1 July between 3.00 and 6.00pm. Interviews will be held via phone calls, same as in Term 1 for the Interim Report Night. Details on how to book your interview with teachers will be emailed home the week commencing 22 June.

## Professional Learning Day - Monday, 20 July

The College will be holding a Professional Learning Day for all staff on Monday, 20 July. The College will be **closed to all students** although the Front Office will be open for enrolments or payments.

**Term 3 commences on Tuesday, 21 July.**

## > YEAR 11 INFORMATION

### Re-enrolling for Year 12 in 2021

Year 11 students enrolled at MSC in 2020 will receive their 'Notification to Re-enrol for 2021' form in the first week of Term 3. Completed forms must be returned to the College with a requested \$200 deposit. This deposit will be credited towards the 2021 College charges.

The 'Notification to Re-enrol' form also provides the opportunity for students to request course changes for 2021, although the majority of students will continue in the same courses they studied in 2020. Requested course changes will not be processed until the appropriate paperwork is signed and returned.

## > YEAR 12 INFORMATION

### WACE Student Declaration - deadline 3 July 2020

**All Year 12 students** need to declare that they are aware of the requirements to achieve the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) and for sitting the ATAR course examinations. These requirements are listed in the Year 12 Information Handbook which is available on the SCSA website at:

<https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/publications/year-12-information>

Students must (if under 18 years of age) have discussed their responses with their parents/guardians before submitting them online. Students cannot complete the student permission unless they click on 'Yes' to 'I have discussed my responses with my parents/guardians'.

*Students can access the online student declaration on the College website:*

<https://www.mindarie.wa.edu.au/2020-year-12-student-declaration-and-permission-wace>

*All Year 12 students have been taken through the declaration process in Mentor. The declaration is required to be completed for students to be able to access any SCSA or WACE information online.*

***It is the student's responsibility to ensure the declaration is completed by the due date - Friday, 3 July***

### Year 12 References

Students who would like a Year 12 reference from their Mentor must request one which will be included in their Presentation Night folder. Requests for references can be made by students or parents directly to the student's Mentor teacher. The closing date for reference requests will be **Friday, 3 July**.

### College Ball

The Year 12 College Ball has a new proposed date - Saturday, 12 September!

As there are still limits on the number of people allowed in a room, parents and students are asked not to make any bookings or buy dresses/tuxedos etc until more information has been released by the Government. The College will keep all parents and students informed on the status of the Ball as it becomes available.

## > UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Term 2	Year	Event
Monday, 1 June		Public Holiday - WA Day
Tues, 2 - 12 June	11 & 12	Semester 1 Exams
Monday, 15 June	11 & 12	Semester 2 commences
Wednesday, 1 July	11 & 12	Semester 1 Report Night @ 3 to 6pm - College CLOSED to students
Friday, 3 July	11 & 12	Last day of Term 2
Term 3	Year	Event
Monday, 20 July		Professional Learning Day - College CLOSED to students
Tuesday, 21 July	11 & 12	First day of Term 3
Friday, 31 July		Information Update #5 emailed to parents

## > STUDY PROGRAMS

**mastermind**

### Year 11 & 12 ATAR Revision Seminars

The College, in partnership with Mastermind Australia, is offering revision/tuition seminars for both Year 11 and 12 ATAR students during the upcoming July school holidays. The program will set students up to maximise their study and revision techniques in preparation for Semester Two and WACE exams.

The program is subsidised for Mindarie SC students and offered at the substantially reduced cost of \$100 per course (normally \$250). Students should enrol online at [www.mastermindaustralia.com.au](http://www.mastermindaustralia.com.au), and payment **must be made by phone (08 9486 1377) to get the subsidised rate.**

Pamphlets about the program are available from the MSC webpage under 'Current Students'.  
More information is available from Mrs Karen Hart – Manager of Student Studies.

[Karen.Hart2@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Karen.Hart2@education.wa.edu.au)

**Studiosity**

### Free online study help for students

*MSC Year 11 & 12 students are fortunate to receive free access to Studiosity 24/7, for one-to-one help with homework and study questions courtesy of ECU.*

Students can connect to an expert in minutes and ask a question one-to-one when they get stuck, or upload a draft essay or assignment for review anytime and get fast, helpful feedback on how to improve it.

#### How to get started?

If they haven't already, students can activate their account via the link on the MSC website under 'Current Students', and if needed, a new code can be picked up from Mrs Karen Hart, Manager Student Studies.

Students can also download the Studiosity mobile app, available in the app store and Google Play store, and link it to their account for extra features like saving a question for later, snapping a quick photo of a problem or using voice-to-text technology.



To find out more, check out the Studiosity webpage:  
<https://www.mindarie.wa.edu.au/studiosity>

## > STRESS IN TEENAGERS

With all the uncertainty around at the moment, your child could be experiencing some form of stress or anxiety. The website 'Raising Children' has some valuable information for parents of teenagers to help recognise the signs of stress in your child's behaviour, emotion, body and thinking and where you can access help if needed. For more information please visit:

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/pre-teens/mental-health-physical-health/stress-anxiety-depression/stress-in-teens>

A College booklet 'Supporting Your Child in Senior School' has been created to support you and your child and will be emailed to you separately.

## > SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

### **The Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS) has been extended!**

The new date for applications to be lodged is **Friday, 3 July 2020** (last day of term 2)

If you have not applied this year, or are **now** eligible, please contact [Clare.Furmark@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Clare.Furmark@education.wa.edu.au) for instructions on how to apply. SAS assists low income families with secondary schooling costs for students in Years 7 – 12. The scheme is made up of two allowances:

- The Education Program Allowance (EPA) which is paid directly to the school - \$235.00
- The Clothing Allowance (CLA) which can be paid to the applicant or the school - \$115.00

To be eligible, parents or guardians must hold one of the following cards: Centrelink Health Care Card, Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card.

**Concession cards can be valid during Terms 1 or 2.**

More information can be found on the College webpage - <https://www.mindarie.wa.edu.au/payments>

## > UNIFORM INFORMATION

### **Winter Uniform**

Students can purchase their winter uniform needs from Student Services every Thursday from 12.30 to 2.30pm only (except during the exam period). Alternatively, parents and students can purchase their uniform needs directly from Tudor Uniforms online at: <https://www.mindarie.wa.edu.au/uniforms> or by calling 9408 2666 or visiting the shop at: Unit 1, 75 Excellence Drive, Wangara from 8.30am - 4.00pm (Mon-Fri)

**STUDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT ONLY THE COLLEGE UNIFORM IS TO BE WORN WHILE AT THE COLLEGE**



**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**

### UNIVERSITY PATHWAY INFORMATION

Universities are accepting early applications for many of their courses and the links below will assist you with exploring this opportunity.

#### ECU

For more information about the 'Early Offers' program visit [www.worldready.com.au/earlyoffers](http://www.worldready.com.au/earlyoffers)

#### CURTIN (Admission pathways)

Flexible admissions options for 2021: See Library for further information.

Learn more about 'Predicted ATAR entry' or to apply directly to Curtin:

<https://study.curtin.edu.au/applying/pathways/atar-entry/>

#### MURDOCH

Year 12 University entrance 'Safety Net' for current students. To apply for the 'Safety Net' entry visit:

<https://www.murdoch.edu.au/study/2021-admission-pathways>

#### UWA

Students can explore UWA's new 'Future Students Virtual Hub' where you will find videos containing essential information about all things UWA. [Future Students Virtual Hub](#)

For information regarding UWA's entry:

<https://www.uwa.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/new-admissions-pathway-for-year-12>

#### NOTRE DAME

##### Info Nights | 9 & 10 June, 5.15-7pm

9 June – Education, Health Sciences, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Admissions & Pathways

10 June – Arts & Sciences, Business, Law, Philosophy & Theology, Admissions & Pathways

What makes Notre Dame WA's top university for overall experience? Find out at the online Info Nights! Join them for an overview webinar at 5.15pm and drop in from 6-7pm for live Q&As with academic staff, current students and friendly advisors about degrees, study options and student life at Notre Dame. Register now at: [notredame.edu.au/events](http://notredame.edu.au/events)



#### 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**  
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