Principal’s Foreword

On Wednesday, January 30, 2013, the Mandurah Coastal Times produced an article titled, “College top of the class in first year”. This article outlined the performance of our 2012 graduates.

The 2012 graduation rate of 99.3 sets a high benchmark for the College. The median Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) of 76.4 placed the college in a very positive light within the community, something that the college aspires to build on.

In addition to this, our College experienced success in a range of areas:

- Rebecca Pearson was awarded the WA Positive Image Award.
- The Countryweek netball team was undefeated and crowned champions.
- JTC awarded the City of Mandurah, Christmas Pageant, Best Entry
- State winners of the Cisco IT Essential Competition and runner up of National finals.

Throughout 2013, the College will continue to work towards the targets as stated in the Business Plan. The targets will enable the college to achieve the key objectives of:

“A school culture built on the foundation of care and respect in all college practices”

“Innovative and unique programs in partnership with the community”

“College community members will value and promote a commitment to excellence”

I look forward to working in partnership with you to enable John Tonkin College to continue to build on the successes of 2012 and achieve our vision of “being a unique centre of excellence for life long learning.”

Catherine Shepherd
PRINCIPAL

Keeping our Kids SAFE!

bstreetsmart 2013

The RAC, together with the WA Police, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, St John Ambulance and Royal Perth Hospital, is proud to deliver bstreetsmart – a WA road safety event for year 10 to 12 students.

This free road safety event brings school students together to make them aware of the realities of risky behaviour on the roads through the re-enactment of a crash scene, listening to people whose lives have been affected by road trauma, and participation in interactive displays.

RAC Head of Member Advocacy Matt Brown said the RAC initiated the bstreetsmart event to add to its existing community education program and help keep young drivers safe on the roads.

“What we’re trying to do is give these young drivers a sense of how serious road safety is and what the consequences can be,” Mr Brown said.

The event, which was held for the first time ever in Western Australia in May 2012, reached about 2200 students from 28 schools throughout Perth and the surrounding areas.

The 2013 event will be held on Wednesday 10 April at the Perth Arena.

For more information, contact RAC Community Education on (08) 9436 4471 or visit rac.com.au/bstreetsmart

College Uniform

Thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring students have started the year in correct College uniform. The dress standards have been very high and this has set a great tone at the John Tonkin College.

Students will shortly need to consider their winter uniform needs, which will include JTC jackets. Please order these in advance to ensure that they are available prior to the onset of colder weather.

No clothing other than approved College uniform items will be permitted. All JTC uniform items are available at Hot Klobba, 3/104 Park Road, Mandurah.
Welcome back Tindale Campus

On behalf of the leadership team of John Tonkin College we extend all beginning and returning students and staff a warm welcome to our College community.

2013 promises to be an outstanding year for our school and we are proud of the many opportunities that will be available to our Year 8 and 9 students at the JTC Tindale Campus throughout the year.

At this early point in term one, it is clear that academic programs for Years 8 and 9 have started very smoothly with students settling into classes and course work quickly.

Information about student progress is available to parents through the normal reporting processes which will occur later in the semester, but also through less formal communication with teachers. Should you have any questions or concerns about your child’s progress in a subject, please contact the class teacher. Similarly, teachers will contact parents by phone or letter to provide feedback about student progress.

Some important information and reminders about our College operations for students and parents are outlined below. Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact John Tonkin College – Tindale Campus on 9535 3800.

Ms Jan Stone, Associate Principal

Homework CLUB

The John Tonkin College Homework Club was launched this week at the Tindale Campus. This is an after school tutoring service offered by the staff of the College, in the learning areas of English, Maths, Science, Society & Environment and other subjects at point of need.

While teachers may encourage students to attend, this is a voluntary program.

A roster of tutoring sessions is available to all students. Students may attend any session/s during the week and are not obliged to stay for any length of time. They may need five minutes of help or a full hour. This is up to individuals and their needs.

Homework Club runs from 3:00pm to 4:00pm from Monday to Thursday. Students who attend Homework Club should notify their parents and make arrangements to be picked up by 4:00pm.

Equipment

Year 8 and 9 students have been provided with a booklist outlining the educational materials that will be required for 2013.

Despite this, some students are still attending classes without pens, paper, files etc. This makes the teaching and learning process difficult, and hinders their progress.

If all parents and carers could please ensure that students bring the basic equipment to classes, it would be sincerely appreciated.

A school bag is also required so that students don’t lose their equipment and school work. Handbags are not suitable for this purpose.

Traffic at Tindale

The Tindale Campus entry and car park becomes very busy during the mornings and afternoons as students are making their way to and from school. Many ride bikes and scooters, others walk to the bus bays, while others are picked up and dropped off by parents and carers.

In the interest of student safety, it would be appreciated if parents driving into the College could slow down and be mindful of children using and crossing the access road and generally moving around the entrance to the car park.

There is a staff member on duty daily, but it would not be difficult for an accident to occur with so many people and vehicles in such a small space. It would also aid the congestion if parents dropping off and picking up students could drive forward to the bus shelter parking bays rather than stopping at the end of the main corridor into the College.

This practice prevents traffic from moving through and amplifies the danger to our students. Your cooperation in helping to keep our kids safe is greatly appreciated.
Thank you to all staff and students for a smooth start to the year. Year 10s have transitioned well to the campus and we are looking forward to seeing their focus continue as we head into Year 11 Course Selection in Term 2.

Year 11s should now be focusing on work completion and meeting deadlines for assessment. Year 12s need to make a strong commitment to achieving the highest grades possible to ensure that they have many opportunities on completion of Year 12.

**Year 11 and 12 Parent Information Night**

We will be holding an information evening on Wednesday 20\(^{th}\) March from 5:45pm-7pm at the Murdoch Lecture Theatre located on the PET Campus.

The purpose of this evening is to strengthen parent understanding of the requirements for achieving the West Australian Certificate of Education and to present important information regarding the pathway your child is in.

**Students Leaving the Campus During the School Day**

Year 10s and 11s do not leave the campus during the day without parent permission for reasons such as doctors appointments.

Students who have a late start or early finish do not need permission to leave. Year 12s who have gaps in their timetable which should be used for study and work completion must have parent permission and have a Leaver’s Pass through the front office to leave the site during the day.

*Ms Kim Savins, Associate Principal*

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**Important Information**

**School Charges & Voluntary Contributions (Y8-10)**

Just a gentle reminder to all parents that school charges are now due and payable. Statements were sent out just before the end of February. Hopefully it has captured all or most of the course changes.

If there are any changes that have not flowed through to your statement, then please give Lorri a call on 9583 7341, where you can also pay by credit card, or discuss our Time Payment Agreements. Charges & Voluntary Contributions are levied by the College to cover items that are utilised in each class room such as consumables / equipment which could include:

- Class sets of text books or learning resources (i.e. DVD’s / CD’s), safety equipment,
- Equipment (i.e. musical / cooking / science, dance or drama sets / staging / costumes),
- Photocopying, transport costs, affiliation / accreditation fees, first aid supplies, laundry,
- External venue hire (i.e. recreation facilities / drama or dance venues),
- Other consumables (i.e. food, art supplies, stationery, materials, specimens, chemicals).

Each course has a different cost, dependent upon the consumables and equipment used for your son or daughter throughout the year. Payment of these charges and contributions is vital for the College to be able to provide consumables and equipment in the classroom.

The Department of Education provides funding for buildings, utilities, and staff, but does not provide essential funding required for course delivery costs, which is the parent’s responsibility.

Please help us provide your son/daughter with the necessary consumables and equipment we need to deliver a quality education by paying voluntary contributions & charges on your statement?

*Greg Williams, Business Manager*

**Mobile Phone and Electronic Devices Policy**

It is the policy of the Department of Education that schools restrict the use of electronic devices during the school day.

The JTC Enrolment Form clearly outlines the College policy governing the use of electronic equipment. Students and parents have agreed to abide by this policy in signing their Enrolment Forms.

We ask you to support our College policy by not encouraging students to text or call home from mobile phones during the school day. Should they need to contact a parent or carer they must go through the Administration office.

Reciprocally, we request that parents do not contact students directly during the school day. This puts the student in the position of breaching the College policy and is disruptive to classes.

The office Administration staff is happy to assist parents in relaying messages to students if required. Your support in this matter is appreciated.
Students are encouraged to take advantage of the availability of tutoring for English, Mathematics, Science and Society and Environment.

The timetable is displayed in the Library and students can access a tutor to gain assistance with assessments and/or to get help when experiencing difficulties.

All students are welcome to access tutoring and in particular, ATAR pathway students are strongly encouraged to attend.

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority require all schools to develop an Assessment Policy based on specific guidelines.

Teachers encourage students to be organised and manage their time effectively in order to meet assessment deadlines and avoid attracting penalties for late submissions.

The Assessment Policy is printed in the Student Diary and parents and students are urged to

A Study Skills Workshop has been arranged for all Year 11 ATAR students between 1pm and 2.55pm on Friday, 15th March.

The workshop is aimed at assisting students to manage their time effectively and to develop good study habits.

Ms Donna Heath, Associate Principal
HUMANITIES – Level 3 Ms Chantal Gurney-Pringle

Geography Stage 2
Politics & Law Stage 2
Modern History Stage 1
Modern History Stage 2
Ancient History Stage 1
Business Management & Enterprise – Tourism Stage 1
English Stage 1
English Stage 2
Literature Stage 1
Literature Stage 2
Media Production and Analysis Stage 1
Media Production and Analysis Stage 2
Certificate 2 or 3 Applied Languages
Japanese

QANTITATIVE SCIENCES Level 3 – Mr Gary Brooks

Physics Stage 2
Chemistry Stage 2
Human Biological Science Stage 1
Human Biological Science Stage 2
Biological Science Stage 2
Integrated Science Stage 1
Mathematics Stage 1
Mathematics Stage 2
Mathematics Stage 3
Mathematics Specialist Stage 3
Applied Information Technology Stage 1
Certificate III Computer Technician Course
Certificate III CISCO Information System
Media Certificate III Games Development

THE ARTS Level 3 – Ms Marion Palmer

Drama Stage 1
Drama Stage 2
Dance Stage 1
Visual Art Stage 1
Visual Art Stage 2
Photography Stage 1
Music Stage 1
Music Certificate 1 Creative Ind
Photo Imaging Visual Arts Cert 2

HUMAN MOVEMENT Level 3 - Mr Ben Duke

Marine & Maritime Studies Stage 1
Outdoor Education Stage 1
Outdoor Education Stage 2
Physical Education Studies Stage 1
Physical Education Studies Stage 1 AFT
Physical Education Studies Stage 2
Health Studies Stage 1
Health Studies Stage 2

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY Level 3 – Mrs Christine Rennie

Automotive Engineering & Technology Stage 1
Building & Construction Stage 1
Materials Design & Technology – Textiles Stage 1
Materials Design & Technology – Wood Stage 1
Materials Design & Technology – Metals Stage 1
Children Family & Community – Child Care Stage 1
Food Science & Technology – Hospitality Stage 1
Food Science & Technology – Production Stage 1
Hospitality Certificate 1
Community Service Certificate 2
Engineering Certificate III

CAREER & PARTICIPATION – Ms Lisa Edwards

 Workplace Learning Stage 1
Career & Enterprise Stage 1
Work Education Certificate 1

CERTIFICATES

Education Support Certificate 111
Sampling & Measurement Certificate II

HIGHEST OVERALL ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE 2012

Vocational Education & Training - Logan Ross
Western Australian Certificate of Education - Kate Oatley

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