



Geraldton Residential College

Term 4 2024 Newsletter

A note from the College Manager

The end of 2024 is here, and everyone is saying “where did the year go?”. The weather is ever changing, one day it is hot and then it is cold. Once we get some serious warm weather the pool will be opened every day for students to enjoy and the beach runs will become busy once again.

This year has seen many changes at GRC, we look forward to 2025 being a little more settled for everyone.

It is my pleasure to announce to all our families that I have accepted the permanent position as the College Manager at Geraldton Residential College. I am excited to be able to share this news with you all. I would also like to thank you all for making me feel so welcomed back home in Geraldton and at the college. I am looking forward to many exciting new things happening around the college.

I would like to thank Barbara Edwards, our wonderful Manager Corporate Services for all the hard work that she does behind the scenes. The wonderful Ancillary team, our cleaners: Jo Kemp, Ann Tarr, Jacquelin Beljon. The kitchen team: Joyleen Letch, Ms Donna Gallichan, Maria Jeffery and Christine Archer and our gardener Michael Prosser. You ensure that the college hums along beautifully, it is clean and there are always great smells rolling through the college from the kitchen.

To the supervisory team; Lynda Thompson, Jason Driscoll, Kate Maslen, Gary Pattenden, Tia Juantika, Jeremy Accorato, Natalie Broad, Nizyl Driscoll, Louise Manning, Lassmyn Shiosaki, Priscilla Hotereni, and Alessandra Muniz Forli, thank you for all that you do for the students and their families, your ongoing support is amazing and

you certainly deserve the break away from the college. So enjoy, relax, take self-care and enjoy your own family.

Mr Jason Driscoll is moving down South with his family, we thank Jason for his time at the college and wish him the absolute best for his next adventure.

Mrs Kate Maslen is going on Long Service Leave and then she will retire to enjoy the next adventure life has for her and her husband. Mrs Maslen will continue to be one of our casual staff in 2025.

We welcome Ms Jodie Brooker to the team. Jodie joins us from Merredin Residential College, where she has been a supervisor since 2020. Jodie will start at the College at the beginning of Term 1 2025.

Geraldton Residential College will reopen on Monday the 3rd of February 2025 at 3:00pm.

We look forward to welcoming all our current families and our new families home again for the start of the school year on Wednesday 5th of February 2025!

We take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year, stay safe and enjoy your family time together.

I will leave you with this quote, it sums this year up very well...

“Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood.” – Helen Keller

Anne-Marie Wilson, College Manager

College Staff 2024



Mrs Barbara Edwards, Manager Corporate Services and Mrs Anne-Marie Wilson, College Manager



Left to right: Mr G Pattenden, Ms P Hotereni, Mr A Driscoll, Mrs N Broad, Ms T Juantika, Mr J Driscoll, Mrs B Edwards, Mrs K Maslen, Ms L Thompson, Mr L Shiosaki, Mrs A Wilson and Mr J Accorato.



Left to right: Ms J Beljon, Mrs A Tarr, Mrs J Kemp, Mrs J Letch, Ms C Smith and Ms D Gallichan

Student Wellbeing Activities In Term 4

Halloween 2024

Our amazing Head Students, Tanna, Cameron, Hayley and Lachlan who not only led but organised the entire Halloween party this year!

It was a huge success, and so much fun was had by everyone!



Pumpkin Carving Competition

The students participated in a pumpkin carving contest to gear up for the Halloween party.



Quiz & Game Nights

Every second week the College held a games evening led by Mr Andrew Driscoll and a quiz night organised by Mr P.

Thanks to everyone who joined in the fun.



Christmas Dinner

A huge shoutout to Joyleen and her incredible team for the wonderful Xmas feast.

It was a perfect way to celebrate Christmas with our students before the Year 11s head off for the holidays!



Orientation Weekend

We had the pleasure of welcoming 9 new students who will be joining us at the College next year for their orientation night this weekend, and what a fantastic evening it was!

From a fun quiz night to basketball game, and a cosy movie night, we made some amazing memories together.



Dining Room Makeover

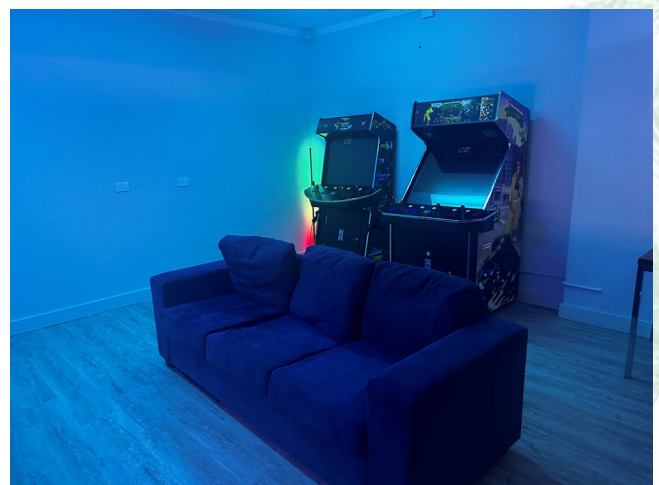
Our dining room has had a stunning makeover and we're thrilled to announce that our new tables and chairs have finally arrived!

A huge shoutout to the Senior boys from Frewer for their help in moving all the furniture around.



Gaming Room

Our new gaming room is taking shape! Many thanks to Mr Andrew Driscoll for leading this project.



Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following students for winning awards at their respective school presentation ceremony:

Darci Stringer:

Edith Dircksey Cowan Achievement Award

[Champion Bay Senior High School](#)

Kelsi Bean:

Geography (Excellence) Subject Award

P&C General School Dux Award

[Geraldton Senior High School](#)

James McColl:

Applied Information & Technology Subject Award

Building & Construction Subject Award

ADF Long Tan Teamwork & Leadership Award

Richard Pym Award

UniReady Award

[Geraldton Senior High School](#)

Izabella Reece:

Stars Rising Junior Award

[Geraldton Senior High School](#)

Alexis Holberton:

Stars Values Junior Award - Commitment

[Geraldton Senior High School](#)

Jack Ward:

ATAR Physics Award

ATAR Mathematics Specialist Award

ATAR Mathematics Methods Award

Academic Excellence Award

[Geraldton Grammar School](#)

Jessie Mahony:

Design Ceramics Award

Academic Endeavour Award

[Geraldton Grammar School](#)

Seth Mills:

Visual Art Award

[Geraldton Grammar School](#)

Tanna Parker:

Certificate II in Automotive Servicing Technology (TAFE)

[Geraldton Grammar School](#)

Bella Low:

Certificate II in Hospitality (TAFE)

[Geraldton Grammar School](#)

Jake Sayers:

Certificate II in Building & Construction (TAFE)

[Geraldton Grammar School](#)

Summer Parker:

Edith Dircksey Cowan Achievement Award

[Geraldton Grammar School](#)

Well Done to everyone !



Things to Note

College Bus Runs: Our courtesy bus service operates from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm daily, unless prior arrangements have been approved by the College Manager.

Hair Cuts: We have experienced a common theme of students giving other students hair cuts within the college which have not met their respective school requirements. Moving forward, students are not to engage in this activity.

Dining Room: In accordance with the new Department of Education policy, enclosed footwear must be worn by all students and staff when in the dining room and kitchen areas.

Casual Employment: After consultation between parents, the student and the college manager, your child may be given leave to undertake casual employment. They are allowed to work a maximum of two nights per week from Sunday Night to Thursday and must finish no later than 9:00pm.

Students are free to work as many times as they wish Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon, but must finish no later than 9:30 pm. Both parents and students must complete an agreement form at the start of any new employment.

Parent Consent Form: Please note that all parents/carers have been emailed the 2025 Annual Parent Consent Form, this must be returned to the College signed by both the parent/guardian and the student by the start of Term 1 2025. Until this form has been completed and signed, your child will not be able to participate in any college excursion or allowed on any college bus.

Required Paperwork: College Forms can be found @

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/web/geraldtonresidentialcollege/resources>

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**Wishing everyone a wonderful
Christmas and all the best
for the New Year!**

We will see you all in 2025

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1 2025

Event	Details
GRC Opens for Term 1	Monday 3rd February 2025 @ 3:00 pm
GRC Orientation Day	Sunday 16 February – Fun at the College and an outing to the Aquarena
Geraldton Senior High School	School starts Wednesday 5 February 2025 School ends Friday 11 April 2025
Nagle Catholic College	School starts Wednesday 5 February 2025 for Years 7,11 & 12 School starts Thursday 6 February 2025 for Years 8 to 10 School ends Friday 11 April 2025
Geraldton Christian College	School starts Monday 3 February 2025 School ends Friday 11 April 2025
Geraldton Grammar School	School starts Wednesday 5 February 2025 School ends Friday 11 April 2025
Champion Bay Senior High School	School starts Wednesday 5 February 2025 School ends Friday 11 April 2025
Leaning Tree Steiner School	School starts Wednesday 5 February 2025 School ends Friday 11 April 2025
GRC Closes for Term 1	Friday 11 April 2025 @ 5:00 pm