



## Geraldton Residential College

# Term 3 2024 Newsletter

### A note from the College Manager

My time at Geraldton has come to an end. Congratulations to our Year 12 students who graduated this year and to all our college award winners. The time has gone very quickly, I can honestly say “it’s been a refreshing change for me and hopefully I’ve learnt as much from the crew in Geraldton as they have learnt from me”.

And there are so many good things about this community to share.

90 plus students chose Geraldton Residential College to continue their education and to take advantage of the opportunities this awesome City provides. Geraldton still has the laid-back feel of a county town with all the modern services of a city on the move.

This College is one of those services on the move and prides itself on supporting families and students from a huge area of Western Australia. Our role is to ensure that we provide a quality service to you and to support your child while they receive their education in Geraldton.

What has been accomplished this year includes the following-

- Increase in enrolments - started the year with 87 and have currently a touch over 90 and the numbers are looking better for 2025. That makes it the largest College in the Dept of Education and services 6 excellent schooling options.

- A stable staff group who have a positive work culture. Staff meet regularly each week for training and to discuss College business, which more recently has been deciding our student of the week, staff appreciations or student challenges. It’s something the staff have fully supported and engaged in.
- While there have been very few supervisor changes throughout the year there is one change as Natalie Broad takes her Long Service Leave and will be returning in Term 3, 2025. Priscilla Hotereni is replacing Ms Broad. Priscilla has worked with indigenous students in Broome through the PCYC and Broome council.
- Christine Archer joins us as the new kitchen hand. We look forward to her being part of the GRC Team.
- The incorporation of the active after-hours staff has also been a real gamechanger. Louise and Nizyl are there for students throughout the evening ensuring everyone gets a good night sleep but more importantly being there when a student needs someone to unlock their door, have a chat or to put their favourite shirt in the wash as they forgot the night before. The College system has secured funding for this into the future and will continue to offer security and welfare checks to students well into the future.

- Work on our PBS - obviously the cabinet with all of Ms Alessandra's goodies encouraged students to do the responsible and co-operative things around the College so much so that we ran out of tokens and created a 5 token silver award to go with the gold tokens. I never knew until now, what extent some students will go to get two-minute noodles and a tin of Milo.
- Ms Thompson's and Ms Maslen's work on the student well-being room is a quiet space for students to just spend some time away from the communal areas of the College. This is being matched by Mr Driscoll's gaming room which is slowly taking shape. Secretly, I think it's Mr Driscoll's wanting to relive his youth of playing Pac-man and space invaders - but again it's a place the students will make their own.
- The inclusion of the Aboriginal spirit award and our Naidoc celebrations. Thank you to Graham Taylor who shared his stories of growing up in the area and heading off to Vietnam at the same age that our students graduate from high school.
- The incorporation of tutors 4 times a week with the inclusion of the medical students. This will hopefully continue into next year and beyond.
- And finally, the support we get from Matt our college-based Psych who joins us at staff meetings and helps support students and staff. Matt has been a good sounding board for staff as well as for the students.

I agree there is still a great deal of work to be done - work on updating the furnishings in the students' rooms, a roof over the basketball courts and upgrades to the kitchen are all things I hope to share with the new College Manager in Term 4, Mrs Anne-Marie Wilson. Mrs Wilson is well known to the Geraldton community and has been Managing Moora College for the last two years. She is very excited to be back at the College and to continue working with a great team of staff and students. Have a great holiday.

**Peter Jarzabek College Manager**

## Student Wellbeing Activities In Term 3

### Wellness Room

We are thrilled to announce the opening of our new Wellness Room here at the college!



This peaceful space is dedicated to helping students relax, unwind, and recharge.

Whether you need a quiet place to study, meditate, or simply take a break from your busy day, the Wellness Room is here for you.

Stop by and discover a little slice of tranquillity at the college.



### Agricultural Shows

We had a fantastic time taking our students to three agricultural shows this term, we managed to get to the shows in Chapman Valley, Northampton, and Perenjori.



It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to support our local community. The students had lots of fun exploring the different exhibits and the various rides.

It was a great way to connect with our community and learn more about the importance of agriculture in our region.

We look forward to participating in more local events and supporting our community in the future.



### Year 12 Farewell & Presentation Day

We held our 2024 Year 12 Farewell and Presentation Day in early September, and our award winners are as follows:

**Most Improved Student Award** (Formerly the College Manager Award) – Tanna Parker



**Frewer House Award** – James McColl



**Junior Studious Award** – Jax Kustermann

**Junior Boy Sports Award** – Jimmy Simkin



**Dellahale House Award** – Isabelle Sellenger

**Supervisor's Award** – Tiah Dobney



**Senior Boys Sports Award** – Lachlan Rowe  
and Roberto-Carlos McDonald



**Senior Studious Award** – Queen de Vera



**Junior Girls Sports Award** – Alexis Holberton



### Senior Girl's Sport Award

– Tanna Parker and Erica Brown



### Aboriginal Girl Spirit Award

– Kaylarnie Councillor



### Aboriginal Boy Spirit Award

– Roberto-Carlos McDonald



### Ancillary Award – Lachlan Rowe



### 2024/2025 Head Students

– Cameron Tomlinson and Tanna Parker

Lachlan Rowe and Hayley Criddle



**2024 Year 12's** – Kade Francis, Declan Ugle, Alice Timms, Darci Stringer, James McColl, Keeley Scott-Callow, Kelsi Bean, Lalani MacLeod, Tiah Dobney and Zak Darby





### College Photo 2024

Well, our college year photo was definitely one for the books! As soon as we all piled onto the table for the picture, it decided it had had enough of our shenanigans and collapsed beneath us.

It was a chaotic scene of limbs flaying and hair flying everywhere, but miraculously, no one was injured. I guess you could say we really nailed that candid, spontaneous shot!

### 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.

**Required Paperwork:** College forms can be found @

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

# Wishing everyone a great holiday and safe travels – We will see you all in Term 4



## Important Dates for Term 4

Event	Details
<b>GRC Opens for Term 4</b>	Sunday 6 October 2024 @ 3:00 pm
<b>GRC Orientation Day</b>	Friday 1 November 2024 @ 3:30pm to Saturday 2 November 2024 @ 1:30pm
<b>Geraldton Senior High School</b>	School starts Tuesday 8 October 2024 School ends Thursday 12 December 2024
<b>Nagle Catholic College</b>	School starts Tuesday 8 October 2024 Nagle Orientation Day: Friday 1 November 2024 Year 11s General School ends Thursday 7 November 2024 Year 11s ATAR School ends Thursday 21 November 2024 School ends Friday 6 December 2024
<b>Geraldton Christian College</b>	School starts Monday 7 October 2024 School ends Wednesday 4 December 2024
<b>Geraldton Grammar School</b>	School starts Tuesday 8 October 2024 School ends Thursday 5 December 2024
<b>Champion Bay Senior High School</b>	School starts Tuesday 8 October 2024 School ends Thursday 12 December 2024
<b>Leaning Tree Steiner School</b>	School starts Tuesday 8 October 2024 School ends Thursday 12 December 2024
<b>GRC Closes for Term 4</b>	<b>Thursday 12 December 2024 @ 5:00 pm</b>