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Term Dates 2019

Term 1 4th Feb - 11th Apr Term 2 30th Apr - 4th Jul Term 3 22nd Jul - 26th Sep Term 4 15th Oct - 12th Dec

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear College families, students and friends

We have launched our third year with a myriad of brand new and exciting activities. The College has seen many improvements over the holidays with a new design and extension in the Primary play area, a bore hole sunk, the oval area cleared and all the classrooms in the College have been rearranged and re-furnished.

Our teachers have returned well prepared, bright and refreshed for the new year. We would like to welcome all the new students and families to our College. We pray your journey with us will be blessed and prosperous.

The College extends a big and warm welcome to the new members of staff that have joined the us this year. Parents and students will agree that our new members of staff have already made a huge impact in the College in their first week. We have been blessed with staff that have extensive experience and proven competence in their various fields of expertise.

We welcome Mrs Tanya Godwich, who teaches HaSS, Arts and ICT. Mrs Godwich is an expert in Autism and ADHD, her skills and expert methodologies will benefit and support our students with Inclusive Education needs across all year groups. Mrs Charmaine van den Heever is employed as Upper Primary and Secondary Education Assistant. We have already witnessed within the first few days of her employment that her kind manner and the attention she gives to each student in her care will enhance their educational journey and encourage them in times of need. It is with great excitement that Mr Quin Wallace is welcomed back to our community as a HaSS and Health Secondary teacher. Mr Wallace is a qualified Kick Boxing instructor and has inspired many students to work toward achieving personal excellence.

As a Christian College we value our ability and commitment to providing sound pastoral care to all our students. Danelle Maree has joined our team on a Tuesday as College Counsellor. Her role in the College will be to support, mentor and guide all our students with their social and emotional needs.

The College thanks our P&F committee for their continued support and we thank all the volunteers who selflessly give their time to enhance and support activities for the students.

We pray for success and safety in the planning of our Secondary Camp to Pemberton and we ask God to bless all the activities on our term planner.

The staff and Management Team of the College are looking forward to a productive first term filled with much fun, laughter and sound achievement...or in the words of Maria Montessori "One test of the correctness of the educational procedure is the happiness of the child"

Lisa Potgieter

Dean of Education

"Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way." Deuteronomy 8:2

TERM 1 CALENDAR

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	February 4 Term 1 Begins Students' First Day Assembly	February 5	February 6	February 7	February 8
2	February 11	February 12	February 13 P & F Meeting 5.30pm	February 14 After School Clubs Valentines Cupcake Sale Music Tuition Demonstration	February 15 Lunch orders
3	February 18	February 19	February 20 Secondary Tutoring	February 21 After School Clubs Music Tuition	February 22 Assembly Lunch orders
4	February 25	February 26	February 27 Secondary Tutoring	February 28 After School Clubs Music Tuition	March 1 Lunch orders
5	March 4 Labour Day Holiday	March 5 Scitech Incursion	March 6 Secondary Tutoring	March 7 After School Clubs Music Tuition	March 8 Assembly Lunch orders
6	March 11 OLNA testing Year 10	March 12	March 13 Secondary Tutoring	March 14 International Pi Day After School Clubs Music Tuition	March 15 Lunch orders
7	March 18 Primary Swimming Lessons Meet the Teachers 3-5pm	March 19 Primary Swimming Lessons	March 20 Primary Swimming Lessons Year 7, 8, 10 Immunisations Secondary Tutoring	March 21 Primary Swimming Les- sons After School Clubs Music Tuition	March 22 Primary Swimming Les- sons Lunch orders
8	March 25	March 26	March 27 Secondary Tutoring	March 28 After School Clubs Music Tuition West Coast Eagles visit	March 29 Assembly Lunch orders
9	April 1	April 2	April 3 Secondary Tutoring	April 4 After School Clubs Music Tuition	April 5 Lunch orders
10	April 8	April 9 Secondary Camp	April 10 Secondary Camp	April 11 Secondary Camp Students' Last Day	April 12





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Reminders & Notices

PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING wednesday 13th february 5.30PM everyone welcome

The Student and Parent leadership groups are an important part of school life. The Parents and Friends main role is to support the school community in fundraising activities and to be a contact whereby parents can get involved and serve the college in various ways to enhance college life.

Small Group & Private Lessons

- Please ENROL TODAY via PMI's website OR enrolment forms available at your school front office
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus with lessons outside of school hours.
- Only \$15.95 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons also available (\$32.95 per child for 30 minutes)
- Learning plan for all students via "PMI Stars" program structured objectives with progress visibility
- PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for keyboard lessons (students bring their own guitars)
- Ten minutes per day of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement!
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results including for reading, maths, coordination
- Limited spaces available so please enrol ASAP

Reminders & Notices





Sausage Sizzle & Juice Box

\$3

Fríday Lunch

Place order with

payment on

Thursdays

Dear families,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our classes are participating in Scholastic Book Club this year. Up to twice a term, during the school year, teachers will send home the Book Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages. Catalogues can also be found at: <u>http://</u> www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/catalogue.asp

You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. We recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2). It is easy to order. The Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at scholastic.com.au/loop or by using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Owning your own books is something special! We hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our classrooms, however there is never any obligation to order. We know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read



Bus Service Information

School Bus Services from the Gingin District to Atlantis Beach Baptist College in Two Rocks

Orange school bus services are not available to the general public, they are operated by private operators under a contractual agreement with the Public Transport Authority.

SBS is responsible for providing eligible rural students and students with special needs, free transport assistance to and from school on contracted 'Orange' school buses. These services are critical to enable students to attend school regularly.

When a contract school bus service is not available for an eligible student, School Bus Services may assist the student's family by providing a conveyance allowance as a contribution towards the costs of transporting their children to and from school.

Service details

- Routes are approved by SBS, and designed to pick-up and drop-off students in the safest and most practical way, ensuring that no journey is longer than 90 minutes.
- **Travel is usually free**; however, there are situations where services pick-up students inside a designated Public Transport Area, in which case students may be required to pay a concessional fare.
- Approval of a students' entitlement to travel on a school bus means the student is entitled to be picked up and dropped off at designated locations along routes approved by SBS, and transported to and from their nearest appropriate school.
- Passenger loadings on contract school bus services are managed to ensure each student is provided with an allocated seat as standing passengers are not permitted.
- To be considered for Transport/Transport Assistance, a parent/carer of the student **must complete an online application** on <u>www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au</u>

The assessment process may take up to **10 working days** to complete.

Parents/Carers should be aware that delays in processing will occur:

During peak periods such as the commencement of the school year.

If the student uses a wheelchair or requires special equipment to travel on a bus service, as an Occupational Therapist is required to prescribe an appropriate restraining device.

In rural areas, if a shire is required to approve a road for use or create a bus stop/turnaround point.

Please note that for the protection of confidential and personal information contained in the on-line application process, it will not be possible for a parent/carer to partially save an application form, the on-line application form must be completed in one session.

Here are the steps to register interest and be assessed for a bus service closest to you:

- Go to: <u>www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au</u>
- Click on: "Apply Now" Button
- Read the terms and conditions and tick the box at the bottom of the page to agree
- Click on: "Next"
- Click on: "Mainstream"
- Answer the questions by ticking the boxes that applies to you/your child the most
- Click on: "Next"
- Keep on completing the application and submit by step 8

Contact School Bus Services in Perth on 08-9326 2493 for further enquiries.