



*As you sow, so
shall you reap*

YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

Term 3, August/September, 2019

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 27th

Students Travel home
for School Holidays

October 13th

Students return from
School Holidays

October 14th

Classes commence

October 14th - 25th

Year 11 Work Placement

October 17th

HSC Examinations begin

November 1st

Albury Show

November 4th

Year 8 and 10 Exams begin

November 5th

Albury Show Carcass
Viewing

November 11th

Year 7 and 9 Exams begin

November 14th

DESI weekend Travel Day

November 18th

DESI Return Travel Day



BOOK WEEK PARADE 2019



ABSENTEE NOTIFICATION

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason please call and/or email the front office with this information.

yancoag-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au

All absentee information is to be communicated through the front office administration on (02) 6951 1500 or yancoag-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au in order for your child's absence to be recorded correctly.

Weekend leave is to be in and signed by Wednesday each week. Duty staff are better able to check student numbers when these simple rules are followed.

Office hours are from 8am – 4pm Monday to Friday. After 4pm the phone will be answered by Duty Staff.

When returning your child to school PLEASE remember to sign them back in at the front office during school hours (8am-3pm) and at the Duty Room outside of school hours (before 8am - after 3pm) or they will be marked absent without explanation.

Where a student is absent from school, a note explaining the absence must be received by the school within **seven** school days. Where a note is not received in this time frame the absence will be recorded as **Unjustified Leave**. This cannot be changed should a note be received after **seven** days. Absences both justified and unjustified are recorded on school reports.

NOTICE TO PARENTS UPDATING DETAILS

Sadly sometimes relationships break down and the court makes orders that change the contact parents can have with their children or the role they play in making decisions about their children's education. These can be Family Court Orders or Apprehended Violence Orders. Parents can also reach agreement about issues such as contact in a parenting plan.

If this happens it is important that you provide the school with a copy of any court orders or plan that could impact on your child's education.

In the absence of any notification to the contrary, the school will assume that both parents continue to retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children and should be involved in making any decisions regarding their children's education.

This means the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving the school.

If any changes occur in your family relationships which have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and your family, please advise the school immediately in writing and provide a copy of any court orders that may be obtained. These orders will be stored securely and only accessed by staff who need to see them in order to plan for your children's learning and support and related issues.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The school's annual Ram Sale went off extremely well last week with all 48 lots being sold once again. The average price attained was \$1133 which was an outstanding result improving on last year's average of \$870. The number of buyers has also increased each year with twenty nine registered buyers on the day. Congratulations to Mrs Quinn and her Year 9 and 10 students for an outstanding day. See full report further on.

The final stage of the fire upgrades to dormitories is nearly complete now and we hope to move all students back into permanent dormitories early next term. The school has taken this opportunity to upgrade both Mutch and Breakwell with new carpets and painting. Mutch has new furniture and Breakwell will get a further upgrade in Term 4. The current demountable buildings will stay at the school for the foreseeable future in the hope that a new girls dormitory could be built where the Village complex currently sits.

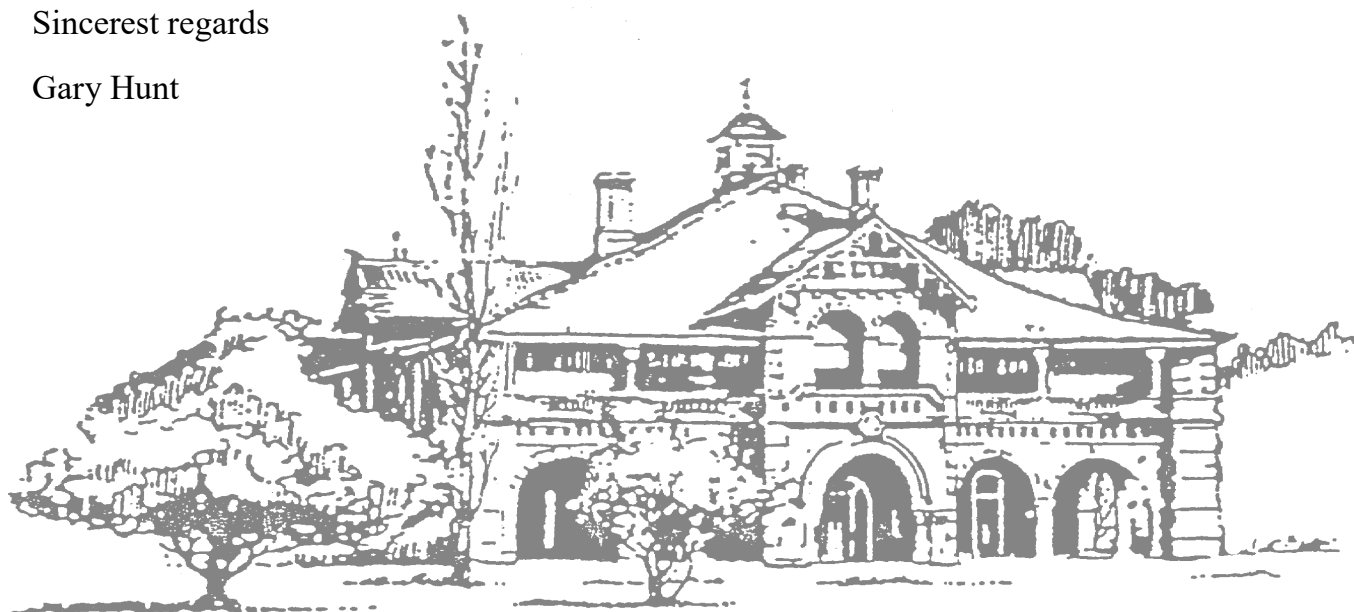
The new roadworks are continuing with kerb and guttering being added finally. The road around the back of the pool and Gardiner should be completed over the holidays with the back road starting next term. The contractors are aware that the Year 12 Higher School Certificate will be in progress and will work around those dates. As such the back road, which will be concrete, will not be complete until the end of the year.

Year 12 have now completed all formal lessons and finished their final year of their 13 years of education. Throughout this term the homework centre has been operating from 3.30 till 5.00pm each day and I hope most Year 12 students have taken advantage of this opportunity to hone their skills. This will continue to run throughout the HSC examinations and all Year 12 are advised to make use of this extra tuition. Finally I would like to wish all Year 12 the very best for their examinations next term and hope they have devised a solid study program over the holidays. The examinations start with English on Thursday 17th of October.

To all students please take care over the holiday break and we look forward to seeing you all back on Sunday 13th of October.

Sincerest regards

Gary Hunt



TERM 4, 2019

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR TERM 4

Travel Day: Sunday October 13th

Day 1 classes: Monday October 14th



DESIGNATED LEAVE WEEKEND

Students Travel Home: Thursday November 14th

Student travel back to School: Monday, November 18th

END OF TERM 4

Speech Day 2019 Wednesday December 18th

Students Travel Home: Wednesday, December 18th

No travel arrangements will be made.



CHANGE OF DETAILS

If your **contact details have changed** please contact the Front Office, by email, with your new details.



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Beach Carnival & Gala Day

Fri March 6th and Sat March 7th

HSC Exams begin October 17th Last Exam November 12th 2019

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YEAR 12 FUN NIGHT

Having recently finished their Trial HSC Exams, Year 12 enjoyed a night off from study to dress up, eat a fancy dinner and play some games. The theme for the night was 'Where I'll be in 5 years' and the costumes and explanations to go with them were inspired and hilarious. It was great to see the group together enjoying each other's company and having some light-hearted fun. A big thanks goes to the Welfare Head Teachers Tara Arnall and Jason Sachs for organising.

Robbie Gifford - Year 12 Adviser



YEAR 12 YEAR MAJOR WORKS

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY - TIMBER PRODUCTS AND FURNITURE TECHNOLOGIES

At the beginning of Term 3 2018, eight Year 12 students studying Industrial Technology Timber began working on their Major Projects. Each student was responsible for the design, management and construction of a timber based project. This required the students to undertake research in designs, materials, construction techniques, finishes and a whole lot more. Using this information, students were required to utilise their skills in drafting and prototyping to establish a final design before constructing it. This design and construction process were extensively documented through the means of a design portfolio developed by the student. These two elements, the Major work and Design folio, make up 60% of the students' final mark for their High School Certificate Course with the remaining 40% being assessed in their High School Certificate Examination.

This year's students worked tirelessly to complete their projects utilising time after school to make their designs reality. There were many challenges and tears along the way, but all eight students managed to produce high quality completed projects. Every student in this class should be commended on their efforts this year and I wish them the very best of luck in their upcoming HSC examinations.

Well Done Year 12.

April Worland / Industrial Arts



Jacob Oxley —
Dining table featuring
display case centre &



Lachlan Hughes —
Outdoor Entertainment
Table featuring Removable
Centre Piece



Makaylah Longford —
Spotted Gum Saddle
Stand



Darcy Barr —
Electric Guitar & Stand



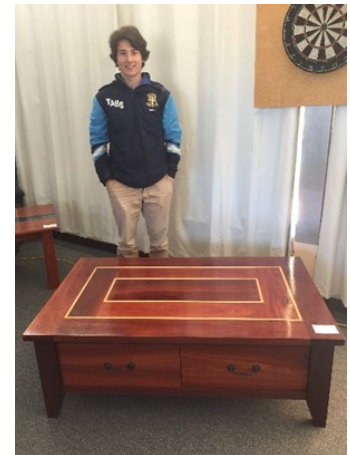
Charlie Woods —
Butchers Block Kitchen
Island Bench



Samuel Thomas —
Redwood Bar



Ryan Greig —
Redwood & Resin
Coffee Table



Josh Forbes —
Jarrah Coffee Table

2019 RAM SALE



Yanco White Suffolks Ram Sale

The ram sale was highly successful with 100% clearance of 47 lots. The average price was \$1133. The top priced ram was Lot 2 – 180140, an Appendix Ram that has been used in the stud, who is in the top 1% of Terminal sheep in Australia for the LEQ Index (Lamb2020 Eating Quality Index) with outstanding growth (top 1%), muscling (top 10%) and shear force (top 10%). He was purchased jointly by Induro White Suffolk Stud, Wakool, NSW and Boolooloa White Suffolk Stud, Baringhup, VIC. Lot 1 was purchased for \$1750 by Kantara White Suffolks, Dumbleyung, WA. The remaining rams were purchased by high performance commercial breeders for use over Merinos and First Cross ewes.

Owen Hawthorn, a commercial producer from Coolamon picked up another two rams in the 2019 sale and has been purchasing his rams from Yanco for the past four years. Progeny of these rams were sold as Merino x White Suffolk sucker lambs at the Wagga Saleyards on the 12th of September, averaging 48kg liveweight, 23kg carcass weight, fetching \$206/head at 5-6 months old. The charity ram was auctioned by young auctioneer participant George Hatty (see George live on facebook) after close of the sale on behalf of the school, raising \$720 for CanTeen in memory of Kiera Whitehead and in support of Lily Laws, two ex-Yanconians unexpectedly affected by cancer in their late teens in 2018. The proceeds of the sale will go towards infrastructure improvements on the farm, to allow the students to use our sheep yards to its full capacity.

Thank you to the purchasers and under-bidders at the sale, the students from Year 10 Animal Management for their preparation of the rams and the sale, the students of Year 9 Animal Management and the staff of Yanco Agricultural High School.

Ellie Quinn | Ram Sale Coordinator

Letter from a parent.....

Dear Staff and Students at Yanco Agricultural High School,

Yesterday we attended your Annual Ram Sale held at YAHS. We would like to acknowledge all the hard work and effort put in by staff and students. A special mention to Ellie Quinn. The students conducted themselves in such a professional manner. It was lovely to be met at the gate and then walked to the Show Stock Centre. The students conversed about the day. The students also looked fantastic in their stock uniforms and represented the school with pride. The bidders appreciated the knowledge the students had of the rams to assist in their purchase decision and the general conversations they engaged in.

Thank you to Mrs Wrightson and the hospitality students. The morning tea was delicious and the home grown lamb gravy rolls were fantastic. Enjoyed by all. Congratulations Yanco Agricultural High School on a very successful Ram Sale.

WELFARE REPORT

RUOK? DAY / 12th SEPTEMBER 2019

For two weeks leading up to RUOK day we had students and staff speaking at assembly about the key message of RUOK? Day. Asking and following up on the question and that it is OK to be NOT OK, but you need to ask and accept help.

The morning assembly began with the message of the “RUOK?” Day and some merchandise give-aways. These were made possible through a generous donation from the Murrumbidgee Primary Health Group.

The afternoon activities started with a Year 10 students versus teachers game. A hotly contested game of lacrosse was undertaken with the students beating the teachers by a couple of goals. The teachers came back well, late in the second half, but it wasn't quite enough. Some excellent individual performances from the students ensured the win, with quality teamwork assisting.

The Year 9 students then formed a team to take on the teachers. This time the result was reversed with the mostly staff team taking an early lead which was too much for the year 9s to pull back. At the end of this game signalled time for all students to be active and join in a variety of games such as table tennis, chess, tennis, twister, giant jenga, basketball, lacrosse and spikaball. Movement was key to this section with our Year 11 RUOK? Day ambassadors moving through the crowd chatting to people about the message. Thank you to the Year 11 crew who assisted in organising this day and getting the message out to everyone – Hannah, Rhiannon, Erin and Tully. Thank you to all staff who assisted with supervision and to all students who had a go, listened to the message and had a bit fun with the games. Remember it is ok to not be ok. AND ask the questions often and follow up if you think the person is not OK.



THE TELL THEM FROM ME PARENT SURVEY (TERM 3, 2019)

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 26 August and 25 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>.

To access the survey for our school go to: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/2020yahs>

The specific Parent fact sheet is available from here. https://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/FAQs/TTFM_Parent_Survey_FAQs_Parent_and_Carers_T3_2019.pdf

WISA - WELLBEING IN SCHOOLS LEADERSHIPS CONFERENCE

On Thursday 29th August a group of twenty three Year 10 students, Mrs Arnall and Mr Sachs headed to Sydney to attend the WISA Leadership Conference. After an early morning rise we headed in to the conference to prepare for an intense day of learning and inspiration. The WISA 2019 conference had a focus on wellbeing and leadership directly linked to the key words of Connect, Protect, Respect.

Throughout the day we heard from a range of key note speakers and students participated in group collaboration workshops. We were also lucky enough to hear from students who have lead a range of initiatives within their school and the positive results from these initiatives. The main take home messages were the importance of stepping up to create change, with emphasis on student voice and leadership. We also learnt that when we perceive a problem we should problem solve, plan, discuss, lead, implement and evaluate.

The WISA Conference was very informative and provided great information for school wellbeing leaders and also inspired and empowered a number of students to further develop their leadership skills and make a positive different. Since our return we have had a great meeting to reflect on the content and discuss plans to implement within our school.



Year 10 students preparing to be inspired at the WISA leadership conference.

UNIFORM POLICY UPDATE.

There is a new Uniform Policy that has been passed through the YAHS P&C. It is attached with this newsletter and has been placed onto the school's webpage. Some reminders leading into the holidays:
Please check the following:

Length of all uniforms – there are many pants/skirts/shorts/dresses that are getting very short.

The state of the uniforms – if they are ripped, stained or faded then they need to be replaced.

Shoes – shoes are to be BLACK solid school shoes (no rabens, converse, ballet flats, ariat slip-ons or similar).

Boots – boots are to be plain brown or black (no coloured ariat or similar boots, the yellow zippered side work boots are not uniform – all brands offer black or brown in these style of work-boot).



ART REPORT

It has been a busy term for the Year 7 and 8 students in the Art rooms. They have all been working on ceramics and pottery.



Year 7 making pottery masks themed around Pirates of the Caribbean and Year 8 have been making Canopic Jars. Canopic Jars were used by the ancient Egyptians during the rituals of the mummification processes and were used as containers in which to hold the internal organs of the deceased person being mummified. The students have been making their jars with lids in the forms of animal or human forms of their own choice. Most are ready

to be glazed which we will finish at the beginning of Term 4, I look forward to seeing their final finished pieces.



QBE FREE FLIGHT BIRD SHOW SCHOOL BANNER COMPETITION 2019



All the Year 7 and 8 Visual Art students at YAHS were invited to enter the 2019 Taronga Zoo School Banner Competition. They were asked to decorate a banner using the theme “Birds as Pollinators”. The banner will be used to decorate the Zoo for the entire month of October 2019.

Quite a few of my students got involved in the Stage 4 section of the competition and I am excited to advise that Year 8 student Alexis Hayes won the “Statewide” Stage 4 Category of the competition. Alexis’ artwork will be published on banners which will be live in the grounds at Taronga Zoo Sydney in October, and Congratulations to Alexis and all other participants on their beautiful artworks and her fantastic award.



Terry Babic / Visual Arts Teacher

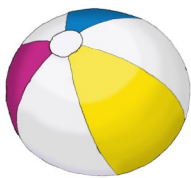
ENGLISH REPORT

WORLD WAR 1 LIVING HISTORY

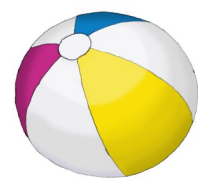
On Thursday September 12th, Years 7-10 were lucky enough to participate in workshops run by Shane Blackman from World War 1 Living History.

Shane presented workshops to students which focused on Australia's involvement on the Western Front in WW1. His display included a mock trench and many artefacts from World War 1 and some reproductions, where it's not safe to use the originals. Shane allowed students to select items and then demonstrated their use and explained their importance to Australia's soldiers in World War 1. These items included training grenades, uniforms, trenching tools, flares and artillery shells and were passed around so that students and staff could form a stronger connection to the history of WW1. Shane's workshops had all students and staff completely engrossed for the whole time and we are so grateful that he could take the time to visit Yanco.

Rebecca Ormond / Head Teacher English



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GRANDPARENTS DAY 2019

Year 7 were visited by their grandparents and other special guests on Monday September 3rd.

Our students proudly shared what they have been learning, where they live and what they love most about being at Yanco.

Guests were also treated to a tour of the School Farm, a performance by our YAHS Drum Corps and a mini-concert featuring our very talented Year 7 students. Students and their visitors all had a great day.

Katrina Spencer | Business Services Manager



AGRICULTURE RERPORT

GANMAIN SHOW

Three Yanco Ag students proudly represented the school in the Young Auctioneers competition. This was the final following the heats at TRAC earlier. Rory Walsh travelled from Dalton and Hamish Maclure from Tarcutta. Ryan Thomas could not make it on the day but George Hatty bravely stepped up to complete the team at the last minute. Hamish finished 1st in the heat and George 4th. This got them through to the final on the main stage at 3.30pm. Acting Prime Minister Michael McCormack was on hand to congratulate the boys. The finals were held in front of a massive crowd as it was Ganmain's biggest gate in 10 years. Hamish finished 3rd and George 2nd out of 5 competitors. TRAC and the Christian College were also represented.

Trevor Dawson facilitated the competition and was fantastic with the students.

P & C Representative



FINLEY SHOW 2019

Recently the Cattle Team headed to Finley show to take their Melbourne steer team for an outing before the big event later this term. 11 steers were joined by a cow and calf, straight from the paddock, a bull and 9 students. Saturday afternoon saw the students compete in the junior judging event with Cody Grady and Toby Bowron giving an oral justification in their age group. Cody finished up 3rd and Toby 6th respectively.

On Sunday the cattle hit the ring with the Cow, Yanco Brittany placing 2nd in her class. In the steer section a Steer donated by the Elworthy family placed 3rd in the under 385kg class and an Angus steer donated by The Glen placing 2nd in the 450-500kg class.

After the steers section, students entered the ring for the paraders section competing in their age classes. Annabelle Smith placed 3rd, Cody Grady 1st, Harry Morris, 3rd and Emily Pike 4th.

Kim Weller



AFTER HOURS ACTIVITY REPORT

TERM 3

We are coming to the end of the winter sports and once again YAHS students have played a major part as participants in the local sporting competitions. Congratulations goes out to all those students who have played in finals and Grand Finals over the past few weeks in sports such as Netball, Soccer, AFL, Rugby Union, Squash, League Tag and Rugby League to mention a few. Some of our students were lucky enough to win premierships in the AFL, League Tag and Netball this season.

The students have also been busy this term with a range of activities on offer every weekend. Our students went Lamb Marking, Koala counting, Walked the Rock, BBQ Ski Beach, Murrumbidgee Fishing trip, Griffith Trips, Bowling, Movies, Shopping, Dinners, Arcading, Cooking Classes, Visited Metal Sculptures, Yabbie catching & races, as well as participating in and viewing local sports.

Term 4 summer sports/activities that may start week 1 after the School holidays include things like Cricket, Swimming, Little A's, Touch Football and the Tuross Fishing trip. If you would like your child to participate in any of these activities please contact me ASAP or check out the webpage or Facebook for that sport. Also keep an eye on Yanco Agricultural High School Facebook page as these activities have been advertised weekly with pictures sometimes available.

Codes were also emailed out last week for Touch Footy registrations, please register your child ASAP or they won't be able to attend week one.

Warren Weir / Sports Co-Ordinator



2019 -2020 SEASON REGISTRATION

- Morning and afternoon training sessions
- Regular time trials
- Season begins late October with a 2-3 week break over the Christmas period and concludes early March
- New swimmers are welcome to trial for 2 weeks prior to activating full registration

REGISTRATION FEES

- Swimmers 8yrs & Under - \$145
- Swimmers 9yrs+ - \$157
- Jnr Dolphins (under 7- learn to swim) - \$121.50
Swimmers must be able to swim 25 meters
- Non-swimmer - \$22.50

Each family must have a registered non-swimmer

Register at leeton.swimming.org.au via the Access Swim Central tab
(Active Kids vouchers accepted)

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE VISIT US AT:

- Leeton Swim Club Facebook page
- Leeton Swim Club website - leeton.swimming.org.au
- Email enquiries - secretaryleetonswimclub@gmail.com
- Registration Day street stall 19th October

CAREERS REPORT

Exploring Teaching as a Career



Get paid to study

Kick-start your teaching career and be supported throughout your studies with a NSW Department of Education scholarship.

You've explored teaching as a career and decided to become a teacher. Now's the time to work out which scholarship is right for you! We've laid them all out so you can see what's available to you. To find out more about each scholarship and to apply, go to the following website:

<https://teach.nsw.edu.au/getpaidtostudy>

COMMENDATION ASSEMBLY TERM 3

YEAR 7

Darby Amor, Samuel Booth, Harry Edwards, Joshua Hunt, Baxter Longmire, Josie Luckel, Annabelle Smith, Liam Toole, Connie Weekes, Angus Woodhead.

YEAR 8

Shay Bandy, Alice Caldwell, Indigo Clancy, Charli Cullen, Cody Grady, Luca James, Jessicah Keough, Bill Lawson, Joshua Madden, Alice McBride, Jasmin Payne, Charlie Ross, Thomas Scott, Brooke Smith, Sienna Smith, Sara Stevenson, Jake Turner, Joe Walsh, Chelsee Weekes, Emily Worsnop.

YEAR 9

Paige Brown, Maggie Cavanagh, William Ellis, Cameron Ferguson, Claire Gribble, Sarah Gribble, Kai Hammond, Abby Horneman, Thomas Hughes, Nicholas Hutchison-Spence, Dan James, Caitlin Kinsela, Nicklas Manwaring, Alex Reschke, Edward Stevenson, Madeline Woods.

YEAR 10

Aiden Bensch, Isabella Bergmann, William Bolam, Abigail Carey, Sebastian Colley, Vincent Edwards, Erin Ferry, Nick Gibson, Rose Hogan, Stevie Hurst, Zachary Manwaring, Grace McBride, Macey McMullen, Daniel Morris, Thomas Nicholls, William Price, Ryan Thomas, Chelsea Twigg, Jesse Weekes, Harrison Whitehead.

YEAR 11

Kelsey Bandy, Rhiannon Bolam, Erin Brown, Jessica Bunt, Kate Cattle, Reba Curran, Georgia Cutcliffe, Ella Davis, Sarah Elward, Georgia Greig, Jack Hughes, Tully James, Jessica Kibble, Zoe Matthews, Christine McCarthy, Leah Meaney, Jesse Reid, Elizabeth Tracy, Lachlan West.

YEAR 12

Darcy Barr, Natalie Byrnes, Lachlan Daniel, Jack Dickson, Emma Dixon, Betty Dolan, Kaitlin Dykes, Ryan Findlay, Joshua Forbes, Marcie Gray, Ryan Greig, Lachlan Henderson, Lachlan Hughes, Audrey James, Tashi Jansen, Hamish Jenkins, Brook-Lyn Johnston, Georgia McDiarmid-Adams, Emma-Kate Nicholson, Jacob Oxley, Sophie Ryan, Bianca Smith, Brooke Toole, Charlie Woods.

FAREWELL YEAR 12

