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YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 10, September, 2020

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CALENDAR

TERM 4

October 12th
Classes resume for Term 4

October 20th
HSC Exams begin

November 12th

DESI Travel Day

November 16th

DESI Return Travel Day Staff Development Day

November 16th - 20th Yr 10 Work Experience

November 17th - 20th

Transition Program TBC

December 16th

Presentation Day Students travel home

END OF SCHOOL YEAR!

TERM 3/TERM 4 COUNTRYLINK BUSES

FRIDAY 25 September - SUNDAY 11 October 2020

Please be advised that Countrylink will NOT be accepting any bookings for students travelling anywhere but their own home.

No location changes will be accepted.

Victorian students will be the exception if a bus is required to travel to a location in NSW.

Please continue to advise of any bus cancellations to Gai in the Travel Office or by email to yancoag-h.transport@det.nsw.edu.au

LEADERSHIP 2020

SCHOOL CAPTAINS:

Lachlan West, Sarah Elward

VICE CAPTAINS:

Harry Morris, Hannah Dunn

PREFECTS:

Max Findlay, Jock Yelland

Dimity Evans, Jessica Bunt

SPORTING HOUSE CAPTAINS

GARDINER

Captains: Tilly Collins

Stanley Herrmann

Vice Captains: Nicholas Gibson

Eliza Kurrle

BREAKWELL

Captains: Reba Curran

Jack Marcus

Vice Captains: Zac Manwaring

Georgia Stimson

McCAUGHEY

Captains: Ella Bent

Duncan Muir

Vice Captains: Toby Bowron

Kara Yelland

MUTCH

Captains: Molly McBride

Ned Routley

Vice Captains: Grace McBride

Rory Walsh

YEAR ADVISORS 2020

Year 7 Jason Sachs

Tara Arnall

Year 8 Catherine Gray

Year 8 Leah Troldahl

Year 10 Kelly Stockdale

Year 11 Grant Coelli

Year 12 Mark Dixon

HEAD TEACHERS

MATHS Sally Cassilles

ENGLISH Rebecca Ormond

HSIE Derusha Naidoo

SCIENCE Sue Langley

TAS Luke Collins

CAREERS Nathan Cassilles

BELL TIMES 2020

Assembly 8:25 – 8:35

Period 1 8:35 – 9:33

Period 2 9:33 – 10:31

Recess 10:31 – 10:51

Period 3 10:51 – 11:49

Period 4 11:49 – 12:47

Lunch 12:47 – 1:27

Period 5 1:27 – 2:25

Period 6 2:25 – 3:23 (Fri 3:15)

Visitors and Parents are NOT permitted past the main car park area and must call the front office on 6951 1500 before entering the school grounds.

TRANSPORT / LEAVE

TERM 4 2020 DATES

Return to School: Sunday 11th October Classes Resume: Monday 12th October

DESI Weekend:

Students travel home: Thursday 12th November Student return travel day: Monday 16th November

Last Day Term 4:

Students travel home: Wednesday 16th December



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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THANK YOU



COUNTRYLINK - DESI / HOLIDAY BUSES

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(yancoag-h.transport@det.nsw.edu.au)

Change of location, also by email, to be received 10 - 14 days prior to travel.

Countrylink offer a free service but a charge may apply due to failure of notification of cancellation, as Bus Drivers are arriving at stops and waiting when there are no students to collect.

TERM 4 LEAVE CONDITIONS

OVERNIGHT LEAVE









- Contact the school to confirm time of arrival at the car park for easy readmission to school.
- Have a temperature check on arrival (at the Gym).
- Hand in a completed and signed COVID19 Site Access Screening Questions sheet (updated version August 17th).

GOING ON LEAVE/ RETURNING

Please contact the school to confirm time of arrival where you will be met in the carpark for easier signing in and out of school. This must occur at all times even if just leaving for a few hours for an appointment.

CURRENT CONDITIONS

School gates will be locked Friday afternoons and reopened Monday mornings.

NB. Visitors and Parents are NOT permitted past the main car park area and must call the front office on 6951 1500 before entering the school grounds.

Students and visitors are NOT permitted to meet at the school gates or boundaries unless specific permission is given by the School Executive.



WEEKEND LEAVE

The front gates will be locked at all times over the weekend to ensure visitors cannot randomly enter the school grounds. This is AHPPC and Departmental Policy with current COVID-19 guidelines to reduce interactions between people from varying locations.

There has been a great deal of disruption caused by students returning at various times during the afternoon on Saturday and Sunday, therefore we have now set times for the return of students on **Saturday and Sunday** afternoon.

There will be a duty staff member at the front gates on the hour from 1pm, - 6pm These will be the only times students will be able to re-enter the school on Saturdays and Sundays. Duty staff will remain at the gate for approximately 10 minutes each hour.

Please do not call the school for the gates to be opened at other times. The staff are supervising students and other arrangements are made during these times.

Please remember to have all COVID forms completed so that only the temperature needs to be written on the form. This relates to all returning students.

Monday morning there will be staff ready from 8am to receive students back from weekend leave.

Thank you for your understanding and assistance.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations to everyone as we complete our first entire Term with the whole school for 2020.

I would like to thank our entire multifaceted staff for their efforts this term to ensure that all our students have good quality board and lodgings as well as plenty of opportunities and support; all whilst coping with Covid-19 angst and fatigue themselves.

A big thank you to our students for their assistance, patience and cooperation as we have continued to change our operations and procedures at the school as we learn to live in this new world and determine the new norm.

Thank you to our parents for their continued support and encouragement this term we appreciate the support you give both your children and our school.

It has been terrific to be notified by the Department of Education that the majority of our Victorian **students** will be able to go home these holidays and return seamlessly to us in Term 4. We hope this freedom is extended to all our Victorian students in the near future. Congratulations to a dedicated group of parents who have worked tirelessly with numerous government departments to achieve a workable solution for these students and their families. We hope they all enjoy their long- awaited time with each other these holidays.

To improve communication between parents and the school please refer to the attached PDF titled **Communication Procedure** which aims to ensure that the appropriate staff member deals with a parent's question or concern and that queries are resolved in a timely, fair and helpful manner.

Year 11 have completed their Preliminary courses this term and will commence their Higher School Certificate courses next Term. A few students will be leaving us at the end of their Preliminary course and we wish them well in their chosen career paths. For those who continue on with their secondary studies we hope their HSC year is uneventful.

Year 12 will definitely be able to remember where they were in 2020 when asked in the future about the impact of a little pandemic. Although this year has been somewhat disjointed we thank Year 12 for the positive impact they have had on the school and for their contributions to the school over the years – from showstock and sporting teams to dormitory and school prefects; from academic success and completion of traineeships to mateship and leadership and even a new dormitory. Each year group that goes through the school is unique and memorable because of the different personalities and dynamics within the year group. Although we are presently unable to have a Graduation Ceremony we will recognise Year 12's completion of their secondary studies with a final dinner at the school. We would like to thank the P&C for their assistance in livestreaming this event for parents. I would also thank the endless work that the YAHS staff have put in to make this dinner and the last

week of Term 3 memorable for Year 12, 2020.

The majority of our Year 10 students have taken up the opportunity to complete a week of Work Experience. Hopefully this week will assist them in finalising their future aspirations. Although the Year 10 Animal Management class are not here for the Annual Ram Sale on the 23rd September, their hard work under the expert direction of Mrs Quinn has ensured that the online sale was a success. Total sale was over \$65, 000 with complete clearance. The average price was \$1,450 with a top price of \$4,350. We are hopeful that we will be

able to return to hosting the Ram Sale on site in 2021, conducted by the Yr 10 Animal Management

students as part of their authentic learning program, simulcasting with Auctions Plus.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT....continued

The combined Wellbeing Team (YAHS and P&C) will continue to focus on maintaining and improving the wellbeing programs and supports within the school. With Year Advisors, Head Teachers Welfare, Psychologists, Student Support Officer and the entire YAHS staff there are many supports available to our students. Unfortunately, Rebecca Arnold our Student support officer will leave us at the end of this term to take up a position in Wagga outside the Department of Education. We wish her all the best for the future and thank her for her contributions to YAHS and our students. We hope to fill her position as soon as possible.

Mrs Spencer our Business Services Manager has provided an update on the current building works occurring at YAHS in this newsletter.

Enjoy the two weeks you have your children at home and we look forward to them re-joining us for Term 4.

Lisa O'Brien / Principal (relieving)

BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT

CONSTRUCTION WORKS UPDATE

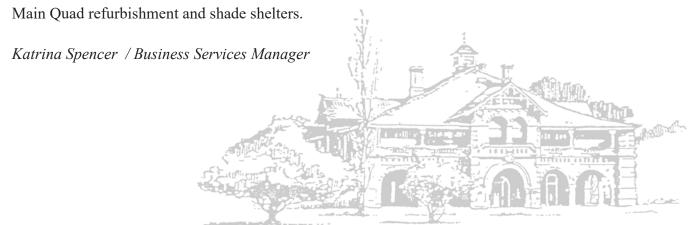
Two major projects are well underway around school:

- The cooler classrooms project will deliver reverse cycle air conditioning to classrooms across four buildings (Old Class Block, New Class Block, TAS and the Library), just in time for summer.
- The upgrade of the Service Road will see significant improvement to the condition of the road, making it safer for both pedestrians and cars.

Both projects are due for completion early in Term 4.

Planned works for the rest of the year include:

- New competition-size Cricket wicket.
- New Rebound Ace Basketball and Netball courts to replace existing courts.
- New Ag shed, greenhouse and hothouse.
- New Cattle shed.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL REPORT

On Friday September 11th we were able to hold our annual Athletics Carnival at the school. Although there were no Zone, Riverina or State carnivals for students to progress on to, participation rates were excellent as students were still able to earn points towards their sporting houses.

There were three records broken on the day. **Amber Langlands** had an awesome day breaking two of these school records. She broke the 16 years Girls Javelin record with a throw of 19.59m (previous record was 19.04m in 2012) and the 16 years Girls 1500m event with a time of 5:49.34 (previous record was 5:55.40 in 2016). **Charli Cullen** broke the 15 years Girls High Jump record with a height of 1.44m (previous record was 1.43m in 2015). A big congratulations to these two athletes.

A big thank you to the Farm staff for marking out the athletics field, the Maintenance staff for setting up the equipment and the YAHS Teaching staff for running the events.

OVERALL CARNIVAL RESULTS:

Breakwell - 914 Gardiner - 1088 Mutch - 1185 McCaughey 1234

MARCHING:

1st - McCaughey 2nd - Mutch 3rd - Gardiner 4th - Breakwell



AGE CHAMPION - GIRLS

12 Female - Maddison Eade

13 Female - Charlotte Millington

14 Female - Connie Weekes

15 Female - Charli Cullen

16 Female - Amber Langlands

17+ Female - Zoe Wilson

AGE CHAMPION - BOYS

12 Male - None

13 Male - Mitchell Turner

14 Male - Matthew Chant

15 Male - Jake Turner

16 Male - Tom Bartter & Kai Hammond (Tie)

17+ Male - Stanley Herrmann



AGRICULTURE REPORT

This year has been very busy for students and staff in the Agriculture Faculty. Despite COVID19 circumstances, the Agriculture staff have worked hard for various things to go ahead to make everything run smoothly as usual.

Term 1 the show stock team's sheep and cattle went to Henty Show. Our school came home with Champion White Suffolk, Champion Steer and Reserve Champion. Several students secured a place for themselves for the Sydney Show (which was later cancelled). Some of these students included Maddy Telford in Cattle Judging, Sarah Elward for Fleece and Grain, and Fergus Munns for Fleece and Grain Judging.

The AI programme was a great success in sheep, along with the embryo transfer programme which took place for the first time in four years. The result of this brought out an excellent take rate of 81% in the ewes, with nine out of the eleven ewes falling pregnant.

Although the cancellation of Sydney Royal was a big disappointment for the Cattle Show Stock team, it allowed for the opportunity to send steers to Glen Innes Hook only show, resulting with all steers doing well. The team come out with a 3rd place with a south Devin steer, donated by Toby Bowron and 5th place, with a Short Horn steer donated by Black Jack shorthorns.

The Paraders competition at Gala Day saw some great showmanship skills shown by all forty participants. The competition was closely judged by Ex Yanconian, Hayley Fairfull, placing Lachlan West in Grand Champion and Hamish Maclure Reserve Champion.

Term 2, the National Bull sale took place online. With the school selling three bulls and one heifer to new and repeat buyers, topping at \$7,000. From the sale we also brought home a new bull from Calrossy at \$12,000. This bull is now used in the stud programme, and is currently out with the cows as a backup bull to the AI program.

Later in the term, with the assurance that the Melbourne Hoof and Hook competition would go ahead, two Limousin Steers where donated by Margret Pearce, these steers are to be sent to Yea sale yards along with two school bred steers this Friday, where they will be processed for the judging component of the show.

Term 3 brought lambs and calves. We had a good run of five sets of twins in cattle, bringing great calving percentages to the programme. Sheep had a good strike rate also with a lambing percentage of 155%. All calves and lambs have been marked and vaccinated, showing great growth and potential in both calves and lambs. At the start of the term, we received a shower of rain, helping calving and lambing majorly, bringing up green feed over all pastures allowing for much easier and productive lambing and calving throughout.

The cattle AI programme took place with the assistance of Years 11 and 12. This programme used international genetics of a new Canadian bull from JSF times Square, which makes Yanco the first stud to use this bull in Australia. These cows are now out with the back-up bulls and will be preg scanned mid-way through Term 4.

The school has also purchased new cows and heifers to join our program from Futurity Shorthorn Stud three weeks ago.

Year 7 Ag have been working with their dairy calves. They undertook a scientific report on the impact of probiotics and have filmed videos which have been sent to dairy Australia where they are now waiting on results.

Year 8 Ag have been busy working with and tackling the growth and development of the new free-range pigs, which will be grown out and sent market later on.

Year 9 Ag have also been busy working on their handling and husbandry skills with the newly purchased fifteen Angus cross heifers, these will be grown out for ninety days until they are sent to Wagga.

Year 9 Animal Management took part in the Merino Wether Challenge using supplied wethers from Egelabra Stud. As the students couldn't be present at the competition, they put together a short clip with themselves presenting the wethers. Yanco received 4th and 14th place, in the Riverina Region, for their Wool and Carcase values. In the open competition, Yanco placed 16th and 65th out of the 100 teams. Well done Year 9.

The top block of the farm has been sown with Barley, Oats and Lucerne. It is all looking really promising as hay cutting season approaches in a couple of weeks.

Primary Industry classes have been busy putting up fences. With Year 12 working over the road on top block, around horse stables, and Yr 11 along the front drive. Overall both classes have fenced off quite a few kilometres, improving the infrastructure on the farm.

Three students had the opportunity to take part in an online virtual junior judging competition held by St Pauls, Walla Walla. These students sent in a video explaining their reasons on the provided cattle. We are proud to congratulate Hamish Maclure placing 1st and Jake Turner placing 10th in their respective age groups. Hamish now has the opportunity to judge at a country show next year.

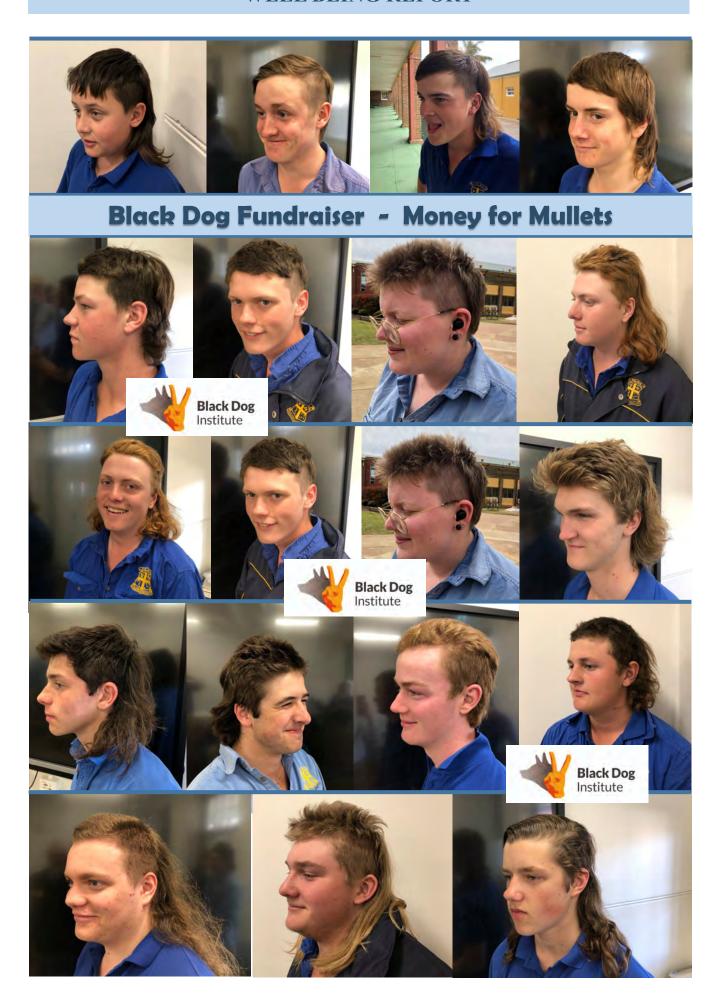
Year 10 Animal Management have been busy helping Mrs Quinn with the online ram sale over the last few weeks. They have welcomed a number of prospective buyers to the school, last week for viewing prior to the sale. The online sale was a success once again with total sales over \$65,000 with complete clearance. The average price was \$1,450 with a top price of \$4,350. Well done Year 10 Animal Management and Mrs Quinn.

Yanco has had two students make it to the final in the VET awards. We congratulate Elizabeth Tracey for Traineeship of the Year, and Jack Hughes for School Vet Student of the Year. Jack won his section and will represent the Riverina at State level later in the year.

Despite COVID -19, the Agriculture Faculty have shown to pull through with everything running smoothly over the Terms 1, 2 and 3 this year. We now wait and look forward to a productive Term 4 after the holidays.

George Hatty / Year 11 Student.

WELL BEING REPORT



CELEBRATING R U OK? DAY 2020

R U OK? Day is a national day to raise awareness of always looking out for our friends, peers, and loved ones, and asking the question "R U OK?".

Of course, there's more to say after "R U OK?". If you would like to know more information on how to have this conversation you can visit this website: https://www.ruok.org.au/how-to-ask 2020 has been a very tough year for most of us, which makes this day all the more important. Students celebrated R U OK? Day by bringing their mates to the basketball courts at lunch to engage in team/group games, and of course ask the question "R U OK?"

A massive thank you to all the students who came and celebrated this great day.

Rebecca Arnold | Student Support Officer









PBL UPDATE

The second half of this term has been extremely busy for PBL with the continuation of our lessons twice per week, fast and frequents thriving with students displaying positive behaviour in a range of settings across the school and students moving rapidly through our merit level system, with a large number of students achieving Bronze Level and our first recipients for Silver Level (200 merits) for 2020. Congratulations.



Our PBL lessons have focussed on Responsibility with emphasis on safety - keeping our walkways clear and safe. Throughout the sessions linked to this we looked at reasons why we should keep our walkways and staircase areas clear and safe and how we could achieve this. Students have responded extremely well to this focus and applied the key points to ensure the walkways and stair areas are clear and bags are placed in a safe area.

Continuing on with the Responsibility focus we looked at lining up safely. Students were lucky enough to reflect on some footage of how they previously moved from class to class and the crazy rush associated with getting to the dining room for lunch. We identified some safety concerns and students applied some positive behaviours and practised lining up responsibly in a range of settings across the school.

Throughout our PBL lessons house points are awarded for a range of different things linked to specific criteria. PBL groups displayed some great lining up with a large number of merits being allocated to students and house points for achieving the set criteria.

Our most recent focus is linked to our value of Respect and how we treat others, with specific emphasis on respecting others and respecting staff. Students have the opportunity to see what respect looks like and strategies to achieve this. Students have worked in PBL groups looking at a range of scenarios that are relevant to them and identifying the appropriate ways to respond in a respectful manner.

To coincide with our PBL journey, we have recently added Phase One of our signage to the staircases throughout the day school area. At this point, these signs display our three core values and provided a nice colourful visual reminder to us all of these values.

A big congratulations to all students who have received *Fast and Frequent* tickets, canteen vouchers and the students who are progressing through the merit level system. Keep applying yourself to all aspects of your schooling and continue to exhibit our values of Pride, Respect and Responsibility.

A busy Term, but a lot of positives linked to PBL.

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 childrens' learning and support and related issues.

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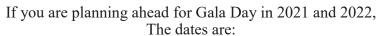
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YAHS GALA DAY 2021, 2022





Saturday 13 March 2021, Saturday 12 March 2022

Please note that the Centenary of Yanco Agricultural High School is Wednesday 9th March 2022, and will be celebrated during that week so please book ahead for your accommodation as it will be a very special event and accommodation will definitely need to be booked in advance.



ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

Did you know that you can make payments to your child's school online?

We have an online payment portal linked to our school's website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted

What expenses can be paid online?

- School Levies (ie Transport, Technology)
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions
- Other any other school related payment

How to pay online?

Log onto our School site at:

www.yancoag-h.schools.nsw.gov.au

Click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

We also recommend you provide your child with a key card which will enable them to access money through the school ATM. This will help them when attending any excursions and having access to a small amount of cash.

The Registrar's office no longer provides cash for students.

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 School 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 of 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 call the front office on 6951 1500 from the car park on week days and the front gate on weekends during allocated times. A staff member will meet you there to sign them back in. This will be until further notice.

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

COMMENDATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

YEAR 7: Brooke Buckley, Nate Corbett, Leah Diamond, Maddison Eade, Archie Gay, Chelsea Golder, Jessie Harris, Charlotte Millington, Acacia Read, Dylan Walsh, Madalyn Worsnop.



YEAR 8 : Samuel Booth, Harry Edwards, Alister Fairfull, Ciaran Kinsela, Briar Lawson, Baxter Longmire, Josie Luckel, Michael Maher, Darby McClaren, Amelia Price, Penny Ray, Nicholas Reschke, Annabelle Smith, Liam Toole, Connie Weekes, Angus Woodhead.



YEAR 9: Lachlan Broad, Alice Caldow, Indigo Clancy, Charli Cullen, Jock Hulland, Luca James, Fynn Kenny, Jessicah Keough, Henry Lacey, Joshua Madden, Alice McBride, Fergus Munns, Jasmin Payne, Thomas Scott, Sienna Smith, Sara Stevenson, Kelly Taylor, Jake Turner, Emily Worsnop.



YEAR 10: Paige Brown, Victoria Carbone, Michael Colley, Abileigh Corby, Maddison Dowling, Claire Elward, Cameron Ferguson, Isabella Foster, Claire Gribble, Sarah Gribble, Jackson Guilford, Kai Hammond, Frederick Herrmann, Laura Hope, Caitlin Kinsela, Amber Langlands, Jessica Macbeth, Hamish Maclure, Thomas North, Alex Reschke, Madelaine Woods.



YEAR 11: Dana Alexander, Aiden Bensch, Isabella Bergmann, Lauren Brewer, Nicholas Gibson, George Hatty, Stevie Hurst, Rohan Lacey, Kodi Longford, Sarah Manwaring, Zachary Manwaring, Grace McBride, Macey McMullen, Clare Ratcliffe, Darcy Saunders, Madeline Telford, Ryan Thomas, Jesse Weekes, Zoe Wilson.



YEAR 12: Rhiannon Bolam, Erin Brown, Willow Clancy, Reba Curran, Ella Davis, Hannah Dunn, Sarah Elward Dimity Evans, Max Findlay, Georgia Greig, Stanley Herrmann, Tully James, Jessica Kibble, Sophie Lorkin, Christine McCarthy, Leah Meaney, Harry Morris, Ned Routley, Georgia Stimson, Elizabeth Tracy, Lachlan West.

















