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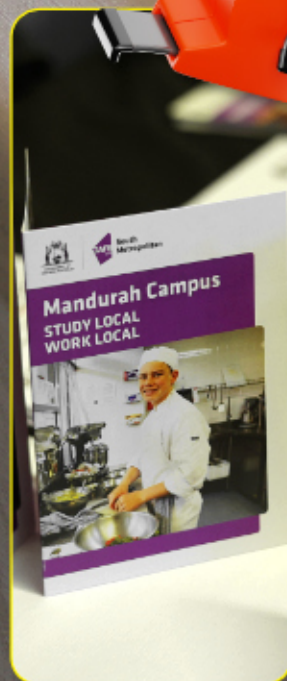
ALL EARS FOR CAREERS

Students in Year 10, 11 & 12 who attended our Career Expo this term at Halls Head College, were given the opportunity to talk with leading Apprenticeship employment groups, such as Programmed, Collar Group & Apprenticeship Support Australia- CCIWA, on how to start their apprenticeship journey.

South Metropolitan TAFE & Peel Jobs & Skills Centre were also in attendance to discuss future training opportunities and the new Defence Industry Training Program that SMTAFE now delivers. We were also fortunate to have in attendance mining company Albermanle, who operate the new Lithium plant located in Kemerton, a short drive south from Mandurah.

The Construction Training Fund spoke to students about opportunities for Traineeships & Scholarships within the Building & Construction industry and Australian Professional Skills Institute with opportunities for specialist training in Commercial Cookery, Hospitality, Aged Care, Community Services and Business Management.

Ms Roser



BIG PICTURE



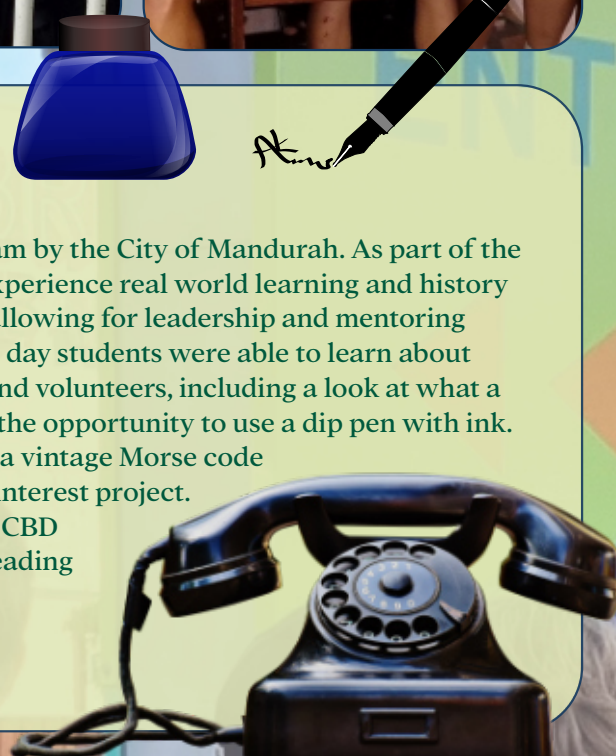
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NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

The Year 9 and 10 Advisories attended a facilitated program by the City of Mandurah. As part of the Big Picture Design, the excursion permitted students to experience real world learning and history linked to their locality as well as inter-advisory bonding allowing for leadership and mentoring opportunities within the wider academy. Throughout the day students were able to learn about Mandurah's history and its artefacts from museum staff and volunteers, including a look at what a classroom looked like in the 1920s in the Peel Region and the opportunity to use a dip pen with ink. One of our Year 9 students, Joshua Cooke, was able to see a vintage Morse code transmitter adding a hands-on component to his current interest project. This was followed by a heritage walk around Mandurah's CBD ending in a guided tour of the Anglican Church. Before heading back to school, students enjoyed lunch on the foreshore.

The Big Picture Team



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UP THERE AND AT 'EM

Congratulations to Mia Pedrana and Cylah Henderson-Pegg for making the State 15 AFL Girls Team! Both Mia and Cylah have been involved in the Halls Head College AFL interschool competitions and are current players at Peel Thunder Football Club. They will both travel to Victoria in July to compete against other states which is a prestigious competition. We wish them the best of luck and hope they can bring home the wins.

Also congratulations to Ellyse Harvey for making the State 12 AFL Girls Team. Ellyse is in Year 7 and has started in our AFL Academy extremely well including strong performances at Interschool carnivals. She was a train-on last year as an underage player and now gets the chance to strut her stuff in the state jumper. We wish Ellyse all the best and hope she enjoys the opportunity to represent Western Australia.

Ms Shrubsall &
Mr Wrigley



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YOUNG JEDI'S

This term, Year 11 & 12 Students were able to gain insight into the application process to become an apprentice with Alcoa.

Craig Watts, Alcoa Apprenticeship Coordinator and some current apprentices, shared the application process along with some hints and tips to help make students' applications stand out. Craig explained the benefits of working at Alcoa and the apprentices shared their journey through the process of applying and their experiences working at Alcoa.

In continuation of Alcoa's proud history of training generations of skilled tradespeople, their 2024 apprentice recruitment campaign will open on June 20th, 2023 and close on July 21st, 2023.



HOME ECONOMICS



RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

As part of celebrating WA Day this term, the cooking classes were in full swing with students honing their skills by creating a variety of dishes, then presenting their wares as a morning tea for the College staff. Year 11 and 12 students had the envious job of mixing, baking and frying various foods including spring rolls, chocolate cheesecakes and arancini balls. The cooking facilities are something any restaurant would be proud to own.



SCIENCE



BRIGHT SPARKS AT PLAY

The Yr 9's got to play with some hair-raising fun equipment this term, a Van de Graaf generator, much like you see in Sci Tech or a science fiction movie. Named after American physicist Van de Graaf, the one seen here is capable of up to 100kV which provides enough energy to jump the gap, much like a spark plug does. The wheel-like device is also a spark generator on a much smaller scale. As well as an impressive electrical discharge, the positive and negative effects are demonstrated here by the way the tin foil dishes blew into the air when the charge was built up. The hair-raising effect can be seen by the strips of paper lifting up and down similarly.

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MAGIC MOMENTS

This term our College was fortunate to have a visit from Kat Tudor and C.J Bobbitt from Mandurah Magic Basketball Association. They were able to give our students some valuable pointers and training advice to better their game play. The students did some warm up routines first then proceeded to do some of the plays that our guests showed them. It's fantastic that we have the talented members of MBA willing to come here and offer their time and professional advice to our students.



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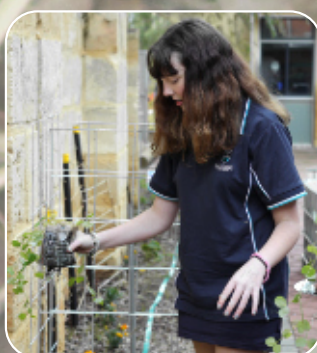
SOCCER

A tireless term of interschool soccer has totalled in 400km of travel, 12 points gathered, and an overall great experience for the Halls Head College Soccer Academy. Our very young and talented Juniors team has dealt with all types of adversity adeptly – an experience that only the world game can bring. Enough football to wet the beaks of our students, and enough rain to back our WA farmers in; has resulted in a great learning curve for our Academy. Dealing with forfeited games that they have no control over, and utilising their resilience skills has made for a holistic interschool campaign. Our latest fixture saw our Year 7/8 contingent go up against the ladder leaders, Christian Brothers College. Heavily dominated by Year 7's our young squad showed a lot of heart, and a great deal of tenacity. Unfortunately CBC were too good, and we couldn't breach their defence throughout the game. A valiant display as our team went down to the deserving winners of the group. Overall a great step in the right direction for our young team, underpinning what a bright future the Soccer Academy has here at Halls Head College.

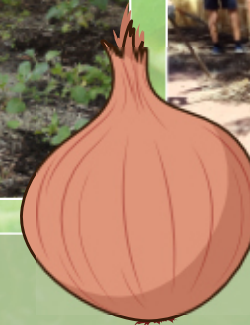
Mr Marshall & Mr Eldridge



HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCE



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GREEN FINGERS

This Semester we have been hard at work designing and creating our own HaSS sustainability focused fresh produce garden. This has been a student-led project with the Year 9 Sustainability: Fool Proofing the Future elective class leading the project.

In the short amount of time, they have had to work on this, the students have done an amazing job of setting up an aquaponics system which currently has oregano, mint and chilli planted in it and 5 big koi fish!

Last term, the students were mostly focused on up-cycling any resources they could find to create a lively growing space to grow some vegetables such as snow peas, which the students have enjoyed picking and eating straight from the vine.

The students have also worked collaboratively with our Technologies department to reuse some old IBC containers generously donated by the Rockingham naval base to create new garden beds where we have been growing lovely big cabbages for our 'feed the school' goal halfway through the year.

We are happy to say that the sustainability hub is looking forward with many bright initiatives such as a six-seasons garden in the school, growing more indigenous edibles, helping and supplying local food businesses, working collaboratively with schools and universities from all across WA to gather more accurate weather data, and even more!

The students have designed their own projects and we will be desiring some extra resources. We are so excited every time we receive the generosity of the community, and we couldn't have done any of this without the help of others.

Thank you to all those who have helped make this a really positive semester for sustainability and growth!

We wish to acknowledge the generosity and discounts given to us by Bunnings, Mandurah Rock & Loam, Marine Industries and Halls Head ESC, for equipment, soil and a loan of some chickens! Thank you everyone.

Mr Sherwood-Kok



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HONING THE SKILLS

A select few of our Year 9's had an excursion to South Metropolitan TAFE this term to speak to career advisers and sample some of what the TAFE has on offer. The students made mock cocktails in the hospitality centre and tried their hand at massage in the beauty centre. Other exhibits on display were robotics, a career in Information Technology, plumbing and DNA testing. The facilities available are fantastic, the kitchens that students can learn hospitality alone were inspiring to say the least. Students took advantage of free hats, pencils and pamphlets.





TECHNOLOGIES



ALL WOOD THINGS...

This term our Year 11 students were captured busy in the midst of their table projects. The students have a good grasp of what it is to draw, layout and construct their pieces. All of the tables they are creating are their own design so there will be plenty of scope for creativity amongst them. Coming to a good home soon!



SCIENCE



WORDS OF WISDOM

Last week the Year 10 Academic Science students were invited to attend the WISE women showcase at Murdoch University. The WISE women excursion celebrated women in STEM and included speakers from a variety of STEM backgrounds. The students were able to complete workshops which included robotics and coding, as well as volcanology and Earth Space experiments. The students enjoyed a rainy day indoors attending lectures in the Kim Beazley Pavillion getting to experience a full day as a Uni student at Murdoch University. Year 10 student, Kitiara Taylor had this to say, "It was great to have a look at what it would be like to be at Uni, and to listen to these women's experiences in Science, AND THERE WAS GREAT HEATING!" Ms Caves



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BEAUTY WITHOUT THE BEAST

A fun and enjoyable day was had by a group of Year 9 students who took part in the Year 9 Career Taster Program. This career taster gave the girls the opportunity to experience the beauty industry. The day was conducted within the lovely new Hospitality and Beauty facility at the SMTAFE Mandurah Campus, which has just opened at the start of 2023. The girls spent the morning doing each other's nails, after being instructed on the correct techniques and then the afternoon applying eye makeup and false eyelashes. Much fun was had by the girls.

Ms Baldwin

