Dear Parents, Guardians, Friends and Students

We have had an amazing start to the year and all the students have arrived looking refreshed and wearing their uniforms with pride. The staff have all commented on the application and endeavour which is evident in all the students right from day one. There is a lovely feel around the campus which is a great celebration of the students and staff and how they are interacting throughout the day.

There was a huge amount of work done over the holidays preparing the campus for the return of the students and it would be remiss of me not to thank all those staff responsible for this work. While many of us were enjoying the holiday break and time with family, our Farm, Maintenance and Grounds and Residential staff worked to ensure everything was ready for the start of this academic year. The College is looking fantastic because of their time and effort and I thank them on everyone’s behalf for what they have done.

We welcomed to our community 40 new students on the first day. They spent the day with our Year 12’s and student leaders, under the guidance of Ms Ball, on a new initiative which saw them mentoring all our new students and guiding them through the process of getting to know the College. We all hope to get to know these students and their families well in the ensuing time they are at Catholic Agricultural College.

A number of new staff, who will take on the responsibility of caring for your sons and daughters in all areas of the College, joined us at the start of the term. I know you will welcome them in the same way that you always do.

- **Mr Jason Sutton** is our new **Deputy Principal** and has certainly been kept busy getting to know how everything works as well as learning the names of all the students.
- **Mr Paul King** who came second semester last year, has joined our permanent staff as **Religious Education Coordinator**.
- **Mr Tony Chinnock**, will be teaching upper school **Mathematics**.
- **Mrs Courtney Clark** has joined the team as a teacher of **Religion, English and Humanities**.
- We also welcome **Mrs Liz Drummond and John McCarthy** to our Residential Staff as **House Parents**. **Mrs Shelley Yacopetti** has joined the Ancillary Staff and will be responsible for Residential Students Laundry.
- **Ms Luciana Cavallaro** will be starting next week as our **Teacher-Librarian**. She will be here two days a week.

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From the Principal

Two staff who were with us last year have taken on new roles for 2015.

- **Ms Rachael Stampfli** has joined the English and Humanities team as a teacher. Rachael will also be our Learning Support Coordinator.
- **Mr Tyler Resuggan** will be taking on the role of Indigenous Support Officer for three days each week, as well as continuing as Aboriginal Teaching Assistant for the remaining time.

We will continue to work with the students to embed the core values of excellence, respect, tolerance and honesty. As a Catholic School in the tradition of Edmund Rice we will always strive to develop young men and women who have been enriched by a liberating education, in an inclusive community, based on Gospel spirituality, within an environment where justice and solidarity are at the core of all that we do.

I look forward to getting to know all our new students and their families during the year. Don’t forget if you are in the school please ask if I am free, as I appreciate every opportunity to catch up with you and hear how things are going and possibly things we can do to improve.

God Bless,

Marie Barton
Principal

A Prayer for Teachers

**God of Love**
Thank you for every teacher who notices a child’s special gift.
Thank you for teachers who are listeners and gentle guides.
Thank you for teachers who expect much and love enough to demand more.
Thank you for the special teachers each one of us remembers.

**God of Mercy**
Sustain teachers who give everything they have and feel abandoned when society expects too much.
Strengthen teachers who assume the blame for so many problems beyond their control.
Help exhausted teachers rest.

**God of Strength**
Encourage teachers to care and inspire them to nourish.
Motivate teachers to keep on learning for the fun of it and to make learning fun for children.
We wonder at teachers who know how to quiet a class of five-year-olds or help year four girls be empathetic.
We admire teachers who enjoy middle school writers, or teach physics or math or history.
We cannot even imagine how to help every single student achieve adequate yearly progress.
Bless the people who are expected to accomplish these miracles and who know how to comfort children when miracles don’t happen.

**God of Justice**
Help our nation find a way to steward our vast wealth to support teachers in their special calling, wherever they teach and whatever the race or religion or gender or wealth of the children.
We pray these things in the name of our great teacher, Jesus Christ.
Amen.
# Teaching & Training Staff

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THE BUDDY SYSTEM

This year at Catholic Agricultural College a “Buddy System has been introduced. The aim of the program is to provide a welcoming start to new students and to allow them to make friends with older students. Relationships between the new students and the year 12 students was established during a special program run on the first day of the new school year. Year 12 students and all new students spent the day together getting to know each, staff members and getting a feel for what school life at the College was like. I would like to thank all the staff who participated in the day and the year 12 students who were so welcoming to our new students.

Mrs Ball
Student Council—Year 12 Coordinator

On Tuesday the 2nd the year 12s and all new students from all different years spent the day doing “Get to know everyone” activities before the first day back for the previous year students. I believe all the new students and Year 12s enjoyed the day meeting new people for the year ahead and especially hanging by the pool in the afternoon was a highlight for all. The purpose of the day was for the new students and the year 12s to get to know one another, also for the first couple of weeks we will be spending a lot of time together as buddies and a friend. The outcome of the day I believe was a success as the new students had a day to themselves to get to know the school and some students instead of just coming to school on their first day not knowing anyone, where to go or whom to go to if they need help.

Blake Hemmings
Head Boy

On Tuesday morning the year 12 leaders and all the new students met in the Grand Hall and were introduced to a few teachers. We completed a few ‘get to know you’ games and activities. The new students were shown around the school, meeting the rest of the staff. All students were sorted into factions and got to know the leaders in their House. Piece and lunch was spent as a whole school, with the teachers interacting with the students. After lunch lockers and classes were allocated, we finished off the day in the pool. The day was very successful and all the students have had a great start to the school year.

Jamie Dobson
Social Justice Captain
After what was a great 2014 programme, the Bindoon Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) Cadets are ready for another exciting year. For new students to our community, the Cadet programme offers both rich and diverse experiences that complement the Ricean focus on community. Past and present students who have progressed within the programme speak of the camaraderie within the cadet group, being accepted for who they are, the fun camping experiences, and the opportunities that being a cadet provides.

Being a cadet means that you have opportunities to demonstrate leadership and teamwork within a safe and inclusive environment. Being a cadet means that you are learning the skills necessary to contribute to your local community, whether it be in the emergency services or not. Being a cadet means that you stand alongside thousands of other West Australian students just like you, doing some pretty cool things, and most importantly, learning more about yourself and what you can do to not only make your life better, but those lives around you too!

If being a DFES cadet sounds interesting, please find me and grab an application form. If you want more information, follow this link: [http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/volunteers/pages/emergencyservicescadetcorps.aspx](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/volunteers/pages/emergencyservicescadetcorps.aspx) or just come and find me and we can talk cadets!

Mr Nguyen
DFES Cadets Coordinator

DFES Cadets Meetings will be held between 3.30—5.00 pm Tuesdays
Student Success

Year 8 student, James Way and his father, Scott, are active members of the Australian Bowhunters Association (A.B.A) and they competed in the Australian State Titles at the end of last year. James came first in his division (Cubs) and his father came third (B Grade). Due to their successful placements they have qualified to compete in the National Competition held at Norfolk Island in week 10 of Term 2 (26th June - 3rd July).

Congratulations to both James and Scott and we wish them well at the National Competition.
Cattle Club

Cattle club has started up again and we welcome all the new students that have started this year. Cattle club is a unique programme where students get to learn how to halter break, junior judge, parade and work with cattle in different ways. We are getting ready for the Narrogin Bull sale and the Wagin Woolorama. We have started with the young bulls and heifers breaking them in and getting them ready to show. There are many high expectations of all students that join cattle club around behaviour and conduct whilst attending the club. If you would like to be part of cattle club please fill out the permission form which can be found at the front office.

Abi Lindsey
Cattle Club Trainer

Cattle Club is held at 3.30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Swim Club

In a new initiative students have the opportunity to participate in a weekly Swim Club which will be supervised by Mr Paul King and Mrs Tracey Crisp.

Swim Club will run every Monday and Thursday afternoon from week three until the end of term one. Students will have the opportunity to improve their swim technique and stamina and participate in a Virtual Swim to Rottnest.

For students who would like to participate they will need to register their interest with either Mr King or Mrs Crisp as numbers are limited to 16 students per session. Please note that Monday’s session will be for students in years 7 - 9 and Thursday’s session has been reserved for senior school students.

Students are to be changed and ready to go by 3.25pm and should meet staff on the grassed area immediately near the pool gate. Remember to have towel, goggles and a rashie with you as well as plenty of energy!
Welcome back to boarding life at Catholic Agricultural College Bindoon we welcome three new staff members Mrs Liz, Mr John and Mrs Ursula; we also welcome all our new boarding families to our community. This year in Mary Rice we have introduced a birthday wall with all of the girls and two house parent birthday dates, when it is someone’s birthday we will celebrate it with all of the girls just like they would celebrate it with their families if they were at home. Liz and I sat down with the girls in Mary Rice House on Monday night. For most it was their first night at the College and together as a team we came up with the house rules that we will all follow to the best of our abilities, the house rules are displayed in our lounge room.

On Tuesday the 3rd February Mrs Sam, Mr John and I took all of our boarders from last year to Outback Splash in Bullsbrook where the children participated in a number of different activities ranging from going down waters slides, to getting lost in the maze, to learning about koalas. Seeing the smiles on their faces when we left to head back to school proved that they all had an enjoyed day.

On Sunday the 8th March Mrs Sam, Mr John and I took the boarders to Kings Park for a picnic and then to Joondalup for shopping, even though the temperature hit high 40s it did not stop the children going on walks around Kings Park to see the wildlife and the amazing views of the Perth City.

Parents please remember to communicate with the residential care staff. You can email, text or ring at any time. if you do not get a hold of the carer when you need make sure you leave a message and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

Miss Annalise Brown
House Parent
Weekly Mass at CACB

In keeping with Catholic tradition, each Saturday at 6.30 pm our boarding community gathers to celebrate Mass. Our students take a very active part in our celebration which is led by a visiting priest. You are very welcome to join us.

On Feb 14 we will be joined by Fr Laurence Murphy sds, who has spent a lifetime as a parish priest. Currently he is in retirement but keeps busy filling in at various parishes when their priest goes for his holidays, however, he always puts aside one Saturday each term so that he can be with us. Fr Laurence is an Irishman and loves singing. He gets us especially involved in singing the Our Father.

Bro Tony Hackett
cfc - Chaplain