

# NORTHAM RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE

TERM 4 2006

SEPTEMBER 2006

## BIRTHDAYS

Sarra Box  
12<sup>th</sup> July

Rebecca Mowat  
13<sup>th</sup> July

Aaron Davidson  
18<sup>th</sup> July

David James  
14<sup>th</sup> September

Roslyn Burges  
Stephanie Hubble  
17<sup>th</sup> September

Joshua Box  
5<sup>th</sup> October

Renee Henning  
10<sup>th</sup> October

## NEW STUDENTS

Rhyannon Wallace Yr9

Toni Pieri Yr9

Alex McCarron Yr8

## WE SAID GOODBYE TO

Damien Pure Yr9

Alex McCarron Yr8

Paddy McCarron Yr9

## FROM THE TOP

Parents and Carers, College Camp is over for another year and the challenge is for all students to now re-focus their studies, particularly those students who require additional effort to meet required outcomes.

At the College level, the College has been considering for some time changes to various activities and procedures and I offer for your information summarized details of these changes.

### STUDY

Following the successful implementation at another country residential college, we decided to trial a new study timetable. The students have been working to this timetable since returning from Camp and so far there have been very few issues.

Revised study times are currently:

Mon,Tues,Thurs

6-30pm -7-30 pm

Group or additional study, tutoring (Non Compulsory)

8pm-9pm Compulsory study all years.

Wed

4pm—5pm Compulsory Study all years

Fri/Sat

No compulsory Study

Sun

8pm-9pm Compulsory study.

Any student absent from the College on Sunday evenings will be required to undertake additional compulsory study under supervision.

### PROPOSED BEHAVIOURAL POLICY

The aim of this policy is to create respectful, caring, competent, disciplined and accountable people who are valued members of the community. Students who enrol at the college are expected to have or develop these attributes. All students are expected to maintain satisfactory standards of achievement, presenta-

tion punctuality and behaviour.

There is the need for the college to have in place procedures for addressing those situations where a student fails to maintain or develop satisfactory standards.

A copy of the proposed behavioural policy is available by request. We would welcome any feedback, both of a positive or negative nature, and encourage you to contact us at the earliest opportunity.

### LEAVE ARRANGEMENTS

Leave arrangements continue to be a source of angst for students and staff alike. Despite leave provisions being more user friendly, categorised under "local, day and overnight leave" both students and parents appear to be in some confusions as to the College leave policies.

Accordingly, I offer the following clarification:

### LOCAL LEAVE

Local leave will normally be granted for activities such as visits to the Town Centre, Bike Riding and Skate Park

Local Leave is for duration of one hour for all students with the exception of Town leave days Thursday and Saturday morning. Local Leave is not permitted on sports training days

Students are due back from local leave by 5pm.

### DAY LEAVE

Day Leave may be taken for trips to town, movies, football, netball, cricket, hockey matches, swimming pool, visit or go out with friends and relations. Students may request permission to be absent from the college on Saturday or Sunday, but not both days. For those eligible, day leave commences no earlier than 8-30am on Saturday or Sunday, and leave on both days concludes at 5-30pm. Year 8 students may only leave the college

in the company of parents or approved host. Midweek trips to town may only be taken for a specific purpose eg medical or matters of an unanticipated nature.

### OVERNIGHT LEAVE

Leave other than for a closed weekend is a privilege. Students need to get permission from their parent/s AND the supervisor/Manager for such leave. Students are not to assume they automatically have leave. Parents/guardians or approved hosts must sign each student in and out. Unless specifically organised, and agreed to by College Staff, return time is no later than 5-30pm on Sunday. Weekend leave arrangement MUST be in place by 5pm Thursdays.

### STUDENTS TRAVELLING WITH 'P' PLATE DRIVERS

With the exception of family members, no student of the Residential College can be signed in or out by a "P" plate driver. Students who ignore this directive will have all leave privileges immediately withdrawn.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any clarification on any of these matters.

Coming events include 2006 Presentation Evening, Year 12 graduation and dinner, orientation weekend, Yr 11 and 12 exams and pre Christmas functions. Throw in some planned weekend excursions, mystery trips and the zany occurrences that are a part of Term 4 and we are set for a very busy 8 weeks!

Regards to you and your families,

**LEANNE LEE**  
College Manager

# SCRAPBOOKING

# SUPA GOLF

In term 3 the students have been learning how to do Scrap Booking with some great results. The students that went to Canberra had a competition to produce a two page spread of their thoughts and ideas of the College trip. The winning team will be announced at the Presentation Evening.

## The Real Golf Game Everyone Can Play

Enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Swan Valley whilst playing this unique, fun game at Swan Valley Oasis Resort. Invented and manufactured here in WA, the Oasis has constructed the world's first 18 hole course.

It was Sunday morning, the 13th August and whilst the other students were on College camp in Canberra, Mr

Turnock decided to take the remaining students to Supa Golf at the Swan Valley Oasis Resort. We had such a good time!



# FLOORBALL

**Term 2 & 3 the students have been playing Floor Ball at the Rec Centre. They play on Monday afternoons for juniors and Monday nights for senior students, we have had some wins but they are enjoying playing and getting better each week. The College has purchased their own Floor Ball equipment and the Students can play it when ever they want, on weekends over at the school gym or just on the grass outside the girls dorm.**

# MYSTERY TRIP THE ZOO

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September the supervisors organised us to go on a mystery trip in Perth. At the start of the day we had no idea where we were going until we arrived at the Perth Zoo.

When we got there we all split up in to small groups and went off to see all the different animals. There were a lot of exotic animals like meerkats, lions and a whole heap of reptiles. The day was a great success with heaps of memorable moments.

We would all like to thank the Mr Turnock and Mrs McClain for organising this trip for us.



# AROUND THE COLLEGE

This term has been a busy one. with the trip to Canberra, which was a great success. The students enjoyed Skiing at Thredbo and Perisher Blue just outside of Jindabyne. We had no time to rest in Canberra with all the Museums, Parliament House, shopping, AIS and War Memorial. The days were long and not much sleep was had by the Supervisors.

The students have also been busy at the College doing Mrs McClain's brick paving , gardening around the College, painting Mr. Turnock's apartment. We think more paint and sand ended on and over the students than on the job!

We have been on many excursions to the Zoo, Kings Park, Perth, Toodyay, Northam Show, Dowerin Field Day and Super Golf.

Dowerin field day this year was very hot and windy. Mrs Lee, Mrs McClain, Miss Dunn and Mr Rose gave up their spare time to volunteer at the field day for the College. They all worked in coke vans or ice cream vans. On the

last day of the Field days a group of students accompanied the supervisors because of good behavior.

The College planned for a band from Denmark to come and play for the youth of Northam. The concert was due to be held on September 16th in the College Common Room, however due to slow ticket sales was cancelled.



## ~ From the Floor of the CC's Room

Well with another term gone comes another great review from the Northam Residential College Student Council, and haven't we been busy with college fundraising and events. Not to mention the great College Camp to Canberra and Perisher Blue, that most of us happily endured. Fundraising this term has always lead to bigger and better things – starting with a raffle and ending with a terrific band nite just a couple of weeks ago. From here, things can only get better and we hope to have your full support next term when we wind down to the end of the year. This also brings up a point that - if you have any fun ideas please tell your fellow student councillor (you know who they are!!) as we are always looking for new ways to make the college a better home.

As the year is coming to an end, the student council is looking forward to a well-deserved rest (HA-HA). But do not worry we look forward to seeing everyone back for next term and presentation night to say our final farewell to 2006 and relive what has truly been an unforgettable year for all. With only one more term to go (or two weeks for some) and majority of the student council leaving early I would like to take this opportunity to thank the student council of 2006, all students and parents for the great support you have all offered – with out you all my reign would not have been so successful.

Dani-Elle Lindau  
2006 College Captain



**BIG, BETTER, BEST  
NEVER LET IT REST  
TILL YOUR BIG IS BETTER  
AND YOUR BETTER...  
IS BEST!**



Orientation Weekend	3 <sup>rd</sup> November
Open Day	29 <sup>th</sup> September
Last day yr 12's	27 <sup>th</sup> October 2
Last day Yr 11's	17 <sup>th</sup> November
Presentation Night	30 <sup>th</sup> October
Last Day Yr's 8,9,10	8 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 12 Tee Exam	6 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov
Proposed Closed Weekend	10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Nov



## Where are they now?

### Jo Davey

(Casual Female Supervisor)

Following an approach by College Manager, Mrs Jo Davey, (then an employee of Northam's Commonwealth Bank )was employed during first term 2005.

Mrs Davey thoroughly enjoyed her time at the College and has fond memories of Mrs Lee's opera singing, extremely busy and hectic work schedule and states her time caring for teenagers was a real eye opener.

When asked what things she would like to see changed or improved, Mrs Davey advised she would like to see more supervisors employed to help with the workload, continuance of the yearly college camps and the completion of all maintenance and building plans.

Mrs Davey left the College and later the Commonwealth Bank as she was expecting her first baby. Since then she has had a baby girl called Georgia and is currently a fulltime mother to Georgia and wife to husband Mick in Toodyay.

### Ryan Cooper

Boarder 2003/2004

Ryan arrived at the College in 2003 as a year 11 student. Ryan was the second Cooper boy to attend the college, and accordingly had been well informed on what to expect.

We will always remember Ryan as being the hutt clown. One memorable moment would have to include his outstanding "Full Monty" production during 2004 presentation evening!

His mate, Rhett Martin was recruited to Ryan's wicked sense of humour in 2004 and their efforts combined have left long-standing memories-the most notorious being an occasion on College camp in Tasmania. During an excursion to a cave in North-West Tasmania, the guide turned out the lights to enable all students to experience the darkness. Imagine the

surprise when, with the lights turned back on , Ryan and Rhett were locked in an embrace. It will take many years for that image to fade!

Ryan's dedication to the College was acknowledged in 2004 when he was recognised as Head Boy. Following his year 12 graduation , Ryan left school with a goal to join the RAAF as an air defence personnel. This goal was achieved just over 2 months ago. On the several occasions that he has since been back to the college -to collect his younger brother- he advised us he is having a blast and loves his chosen career.

### Nathalie Sluik

2002-2005

In November 2002 Mrs Nathalie Sluik was employed by the Northam Residential College as a casual female supervisor. During February 2003 Nathalie was successful in obtaining a fulltime female supervisory position at the college.

Nathalie Sluik (nee Guyot) was a former boarder at Northam Residential College, graduating in 1987 with honours in photography. Nathalie shared many memories of her time as a boarder with the students in her care. Nathalie, fluent in both French and English, was employed in various fields prior to her commencement at Northam Residential College, including the operation of computerised photographic development and working as a professional photographer, cartography, mining lease ventures, salt land revegetation programs and home tutoring. She developed a passion for Martial Arts, which resulted in her teaching at the Northam Wado-Ryu Karate Club and doing the administration. Nathalie's style of super-

vision endeared her to many of our boarders and parents. Fond memories include night-time discussions, constant variety of planned activities including candle-making, highly competitive card games, origami, and the favourite of all, homemade lollies and chocolates. Lollies and chocolates that survived for more than 10 minutes were subsequently sold through the college canteen, enabling all students to enjoy them at a cost of course! Nathalie's skills in the kitchen were a delight to many of her boarders, and even today some of those students are instrumental in ensuring that quick, nutritious meals are enjoyed by the weekend residents.

Nathalie's office and administrative skills were valued by College management and her attention to detail was substantial. She was instrumental in developing and maintaining the lunch menu computer program. Nathalie was also responsible for the mountainous paperwork required for our first college camp to Tasmania. A great deal of groundwork documentation developed by Nathalie for this camp has subsequently been reused for ongoing "red tape" requirements

Nathalie resigned from the Northam Residential College in April 2005 and is currently furthering her education. She is also working with computers and has returned back to her love of Martial Arts.