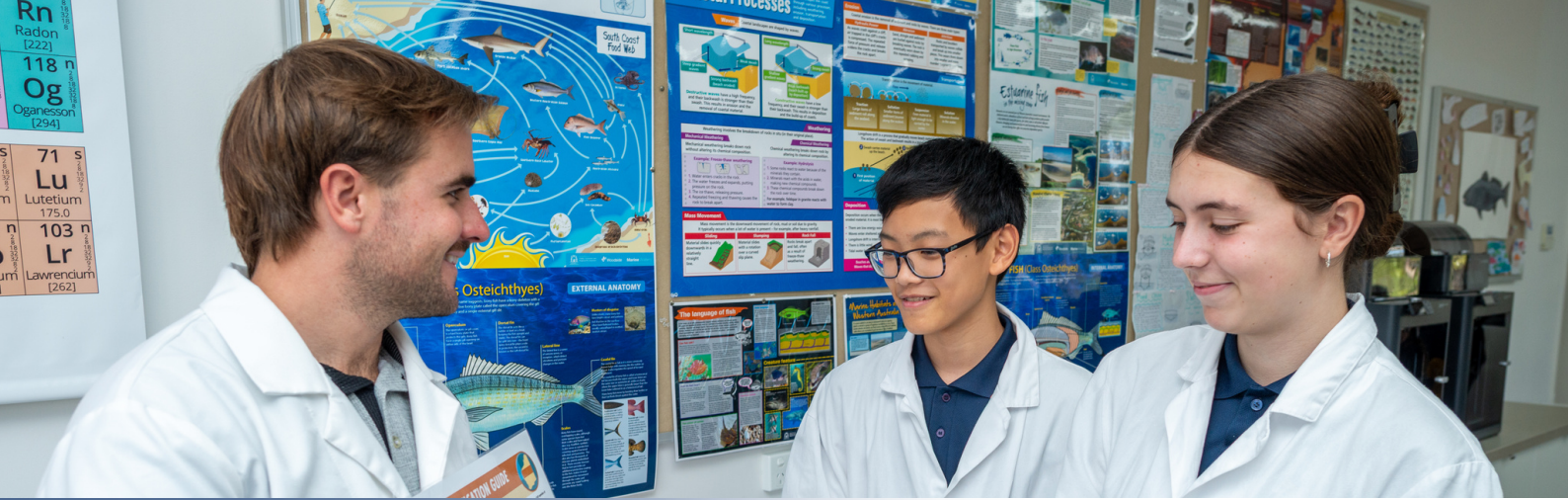




Term 3 Newsletter

Dear College Families,

It has been a vibrant and rewarding Term 3 across Fremantle Christian College. Our students have embraced a wide range of learning opportunities, celebrated outstanding achievements and continued to grow in faith, character and courage. It has also been wonderful to see our College community come together through service, connection and celebration.

Whole School Shelters Festival

Our Festival of Shelters was a wonderful celebration across the College, with special Primary and Secondary chapels reminding us of God's presence with His people and the hope we have in Jesus. The celebrations continued with our annual Colour Runs on Thursday and Friday of Week 9, bringing students and staff together for plenty of colour, laughter and community spirit. These events also gave students an opportunity to put compassion into action, raising just over \$6,658 to support each year level's sponsor child through Compassion Australia. Thank you to our students, families and staff for your generosity and enthusiasm in making this such a meaningful and enjoyable College tradition.

Governor's Prayer Breakfast

On Friday, 4 September, our Primary Student Council and Year 12 Executive Student Council attended the Governor's Prayer Breakfast, joining members of the wider community for a morning of prayer, fellowship and reflection. It was a privilege to hear from guest speaker Ps Ed Surrey and to share in an occasion that places faith and prayer at the heart of community life. For our student leaders, the breakfast offered a valuable opportunity to look beyond the College and reflect on how they can serve others with faith, humility and courage. It was particularly special to have our Primary and Secondary leaders attending together, strengthening connections across the College and reminding us of our shared calling to honour God through the way we lead and care for others.

National Science Week

Science Week brought curiosity and discovery to life across the College through a range of hands-on activities inspired by the theme "Seeds of Science". Our Primary students explored living things, materials, forces and sound, while Secondary students examined seeds under microscopes in the Library and enjoyed a memorable sodium and water demonstration. Every student received everlasting seeds to plant at home, and staff joined the fun with a colour-changing tea experiment. Thank you to our staff for creating opportunities that encouraged students to ask questions, investigate new ideas and grow in their appreciation of God's creation.

Primary

Year 5 and 6 Enrichment

Our Year 5 and 6 Enrichment students have been busy with English and STEM challenges this term! For the first time, students entered Tournament of Minds (TOM). In this competition, teams work together over several weeks to solve an open-ended challenge and present their solution creatively to an audience and judges. On competition day, they also tackle an unseen challenge that puts their quick thinking and teamwork to the test. Both of our teams did an outstanding job at the regional competition. One received a merit award, and the other won the regional final! This team will compete at the State Finals on Saturday of Week 9. We wish them all the best!

In STEM Enrichment, students have been designing simple products to make their own lives or the lives of others easier. They worked with John from Fremantle Library to turn their designs into 3D models, which are now being printed. Students enjoyed the experience so much that we have applied for a grant to purchase a 3D printer of our own. We look forward to seeing their finished creations!

ELC Father's Day Breakfast

Our Early Learning Centre enjoyed a special morning on Thursday 10 September, welcoming dads for the ELC Father's Day breakfast. It was a joy to see fathers spending time with their children, sharing in their learning environment and connecting with other families. Thank you to our ELC team for organising such a warm and welcoming morning and for continuing to nurture strong connections between home and the College.

WACSSA Basketball and Cross Country

Our Primary students have celebrated outstanding results at two WACSSA carnivals. After winning Division 2 last year, our Cross Country team rose to the challenge of Division 1, finishing second overall against much larger schools. A special shout-out to our podium finishers: Emmy Weideman, who took first place; Iggy Hindle and Imogen Melville, who placed second; and Lara Bell, Levi Macdonald, Kornel Cloete and Suzie Weideman, who placed third. Congratulations to each of these students on their fantastic achievements!

At the Inter-School Basketball Carnival, three of our four teams won championship pennants, with the fourth narrowly missing out by just two points in the Grand Final. These achievements reflect our students' determination, teamwork and enthusiasm, along with the dedication of their teachers and coaches. A special thank you to Mr Ben Lee and Mr Jack Isenbarger for their leadership of our growing Basketball Program and to Mr Ty Campbell, our amazing Primary Sports Teacher. Congratulations to all involved!



Secondary

Inter-House Athletics Carnival

Our Secondary Inter-House Athletics Carnival was a fantastic day of competition, participation and House spirit at WAAS. Students competed strongly across a range of track and field events, with plenty of close finishes, personal bests and impressive performances throughout the day.

After last year's carnival was affected by torrential rain, it was fantastic to be treated to wonderful weather, allowing everyone to enjoy a full day of athletics in much better conditions. Most importantly, there were some great levels of participation, with students getting involved, supporting their House and encouraging their teammates.

The carnival showcased not only our students' athletic abilities, but also the character, courage, compassion and community that make our College special. A big thank you to all students and staff who helped make the day such a success!

Secondary Gifted and Enrichment

Our Gifted and Enrichment students embraced some exciting challenges on Thursday 10 September, guided by Mrs Amy Austen. Students from across different year levels spent the day collaborating in the Novel in a Day competition, demonstrating creativity, perseverance and teamwork, while two students extended their problem-solving skills in an Australian Maths Trust competition.

I enjoyed checking in on our young writers and was impressed by their enthusiasm and commitment. Thank you to Mrs Austen and the staff who supported these opportunities, helping our students develop their God-given talents, grow in confidence and pursue excellence.

Earlier in the term, several Secondary Gifted and Enrichment students also participated in Future Problem Solving, a program that equips students to tackle complex real-world challenges through research, collaboration and structured thinking.



Young Geographer of the Year

As previously shared, we are delighted to celebrate Year 10 student Abigail Agrez, who was awarded First Place in the Year 10 category of the 2026 Young Geographer of the Year competition. Her outstanding submission, Sustainability of Groynes to Address Coastal Erosion, explored an important issue for coastal communities.

This wonderful achievement reflects Abigail's hard work, curiosity and commitment to her learning. It also highlights the support and encouragement of our HASS staff, in particular Mr Ian Tan, who inspire students to investigate real-world challenges and consider sustainable solutions.

Abigail's achievement was recognised at the 2026 Annual Geography Teachers' Conference in Week 5. Congratulations, Abigail, on this well-deserved recognition. Our College community is proud to celebrate your success!

Inter-School Athletics Carnival – I Division

Our Secondary Athletics team recently competed at the I Division Inter-School Athletics Carnival, taking on eight schools from across the region. Despite a challenging day of unpredictable weather, including rain in the morning, scattered showers throughout the day and periods of both heat and cooler conditions, our students continued to compete with great determination and sportsmanship.

Fremantle Christian College finished 7th out of 9 schools overall, with several outstanding individual performances. Four of our students finished in the top five in their respective age groups, demonstrating the talent and effort of our athletes.

The highlight of the day came from our Senior Girls team, who were crowned winners of the Senior Girls Shield, a fantastic achievement and a great reward for their consistent performances throughout the carnival.

Adding to the challenges of the day, the carnival was temporarily interrupted by a fire evacuation, requiring everyone to leave the competition area before the event could safely resume. Despite the disruption and difficult conditions, our students remained positive, represented FCC proudly and continued to give their best throughout the day.

A special mention to the following students who finished in the top five in their respective age groups: Jayosha Stack, who placed 1st in the Under 15s; Isobel Stack, who placed 2nd in the Under 19s; Kate Winstanley, who placed 3rd in the Under 14s; and Moses Johnson, who placed 5th in the Under 13s. Congratulations on these fantastic achievements!

Congratulations to all our athletes on a strong day of competition, with special congratulations to our Senior Girls on taking home the shield!



Year 11 and 12 Outdoor Education Camps

Our Year 11 and 12 Outdoor Education classes recently participated in their final expeditions for 2026, exploring some of Western Australia's most spectacular natural environments. These experiences provided valuable opportunities for students to put their learning into practice, challenge themselves and strengthen their teamwork and leadership skills.

The Year 11 class travelled to the beautiful Boranup Forest area, where they spent time camping and hiking amongst the towering trees. They also enjoyed a day at the Wilyabrup Sea Cliffs, abseiling and developing their climbing skills on the rock walls. Each activity presented new challenges, encouraging students to step beyond their comfort zones, persevere and work towards personal goals.

Throughout the expedition, students grew in confidence as they took responsibility for looking after themselves and supporting their classmates. From managing the daily routines of camping to encouraging one another during challenging climbs, there were many opportunities to develop independence, resilience and trust. The stunning South West provided a memorable setting for this learning beyond the classroom.

The Year 12 Outdoor Education class travelled to the incredible World Heritage-listed Ningaloo area for their final camp. As part of their final assessment, each student was tasked with planning and leading an outdoor activity for their peers. This gave students an opportunity to bring together the skills they had developed throughout the course, taking responsibility for preparation, communication and leadership in a practical setting.

Activities included snorkelling in the crystal-clear waters of Ningaloo Reef, hiking through the Cape Range gorges, sandboarding and fishing. A particular highlight was swimming alongside resident turtles and observing the remarkable variety of marine life, including reef sharks, stingrays, eels and fish of countless shapes, sizes and colours. These encounters offered students a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the beauty and diversity of God's creation.

For our Year 12 students, the expedition was also a special opportunity to spend time together as they approach the end of their schooling. Sharing challenges, discoveries and moments of wonder made for a meaningful conclusion to their Outdoor Education journey, with experiences and memories to carry well beyond the College.



Courage Library Update

Book Week 2026

Book Week 2026 was a wonderful celebration of reading, imagination and student achievement in the Courage Library. Students from Years 5 to 12 were encouraged to participate in reading activities and share their enthusiasm for books throughout the week. Congratulations to the Courage Library Book Week winners: Charlee Galipo (Year 7B), Hannah Sheehy (Year 8B), Eden Grassham (Year 9B), Immanuel Jacobi (Year 11A) and Josiah Goodall (Year 12A). Each winner received a movie ticket in recognition of their reading effort, participation and positive contribution to the Library community.



Science Week in the Library

Science Week, held from 17 – 21 August 2026, brought curiosity and discovery into the Library through an engaging science display prepared by our Science Technician, Mrs Margaret Angus. Students had the opportunity to explore equipment and examine interesting objects, encouraging hands-on learning and conversations about science. To support further learning, a Science Week collection of online resources has also been uploaded to the Oliver catalogue and shared with the Science team. These resources will help students and staff continue exploring science topics beyond the display.

Together, Book Week and Science Week highlighted the Library as a vibrant place for learning, creativity and discovery. Thank you to all students and staff who participated and helped make these celebrations a meaningful part of school life.



Library Volunteering

The Library would like to sincerely thank Mrs Fenby and her Year 12 students for generously volunteering their time in the Library. Their support made a real difference, helping cover books, add author labels, shelve and shift books, and sort bookings.

We are very grateful for their contribution and enthusiasm. Thank you again for helping make the Library a more organised, welcoming, and supportive space for everyone.

Learning and discovery can continue beyond the Library with ePlatform digital resources available 24/7. Students can enjoy audiobooks and eBooks anytime or anywhere.



The Rite Journey Update

Growing into Young Adulthood

The Rite Journey is a year-long Year 9 program that supports students through adolescence as they grow in confidence, resilience and responsibility. Through meaningful conversations, reflection, mentoring, ceremonies and shared challenges, including the Solo Journey Camp, students explore who they are, how they relate to others and the young adults God is calling them to become.

This term, students have explored friendships, dating and healthy relationships. The boys anonymously submitted questions for the female teachers, while the girls submitted questions for the male teachers. This led to some wonderfully honest and thoughtful conversations about communication, boundaries, respect and what healthy relationships look like.

Excitement is also building for our biggest challenge of the year: climbing Bluff Knoll! This experience will take students beyond their comfort zones and challenge them to demonstrate perseverance, resilience and teamwork. Students have been preparing at the Manning Park stairs, climbing repeatedly and recording their progress. With the camp taking place in Week 1 next term, we are excited to see them reach the summit and discover what they are capable of!

The girls have also been completing My Vital Cycles, developed by Dr Felicity Roux through Curtin University. The program gives young women the knowledge and confidence to understand and manage their menstrual cycles and communicate clearly about their health. As part of the program, medical students visited the College and conducted simulated medical appointments based on four characters the girls have studied. This gave students valuable practice in discussing menstrual health, describing symptoms and asking questions in a medical setting.

Continuing the Conversation at Home

Parents and carers play a vital role in helping young people grow into healthy and confident adults. We encourage you to keep the conversations going at home, but they do not need to feel like an interview! Car trips, afternoon snacks, shared meals and walks are often the best times for relaxed conversations. We have included a phone-friendly list of conversation starters below. Take a screenshot and save it to your phone for the next school pick-up or quiet moment at home. Choose just one question, listen without rushing to solve anything, and do not be discouraged if the first answer is only one word; sometimes the best conversations need a little time to warm up!

It has been a full and rewarding term, and we are proud of the openness, courage and enthusiasm our Year 9 students have shown. We cannot wait to see them take on Bluff Knoll.



BETTER THAN 'HOW WAS YOUR DAY?'

8 gentle ways to start a real conversation

- 1 What made you smile today?
- 2 What was the most interesting part of your day?
- 3 Who did you enjoy spending time with?
- 4 Was there a moment that felt hard?
- 5 What are you proud of today?
- 6 What do you think needs to happen next?
- 7 What are you looking forward to?
- 8 Would you like me to listen, help you think it through, or give you some space?

ASK ONE • LISTEN • DON'T RUSH TO FIX



"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up."

1 Thessalonians 5:11



Looking Ahead

We look forward to welcoming students back for Term 4 on Monday, 12 October, with the term concluding for students on Tuesday, 8 December. Secondary students are reminded to return in summer uniform, with no ties, stockings or trousers.

There is plenty to look forward to in Primary, including the 2027 Year 7 Orientation, Year 6 Camp, Primary Step Up Morning, Year 6 Graduation and Primary Inter-House Athletics Carnivals. These occasions provide wonderful opportunities to celebrate achievements, build friendships and prepare for the year ahead.

Secondary students also have an exciting term ahead, with the Year 7 and 8 Wellbeing Day, Year 8/9 Basketball Lightning Carnival, Year 9 Rite Journey Camp and Homecoming Ceremony, Year 10 River Cruise and Year 11 Dinner Dance. Further details about each event will be communicated closer to the date. We look forward to a jam-packed final term of learning, celebration and connection across our College community!



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Mr Aidan Fialho
Principal

Snapshots of Term 3



