

CANNING VALE COLLEGE

TERM 3 NEWSLETTER

2021



Well done to all on another great Term at CVC. We begun in Week 1 with our successful school review, the report can be reviewed on our website [here](#). The last 10 weeks have been busy, with our Secondary School of the Year Finalist news, Mrs Earle being nominated for School Services Staff Members of the Year, OLN, Year 12 Exams, our Athletics Carnival, lots of after school performances in the Arts Department, Wear it Purple Day, RUOKDay, Languages Week, Science Week, incursions and excursions as well as the regular day to day schooling that goes on!

Year 9 Drama Perform Taming of LaRue

Congratulations to our Year 9 Drama students who performed an adaptation of 'Taming of the Shrew' to an audience of family, friends and staff on Tuesday night. The show, written by L.R Karcz is a simple yet hysterical show, complete with cowboys, a sheriff, outlaws and of course a touch of love. Set in the old American West, the stubborn and bossy Kate LaRue is driving everyone in town as crazy as a coyote with laryngitis.

Students have been preparing all term for this show, and also learning what is involved with publicity and marketing by designing a poster for the show. Thank you to all who came along to support our students.

Sep 22, 2021





Specialist Vocal Music Students Perform at Kidogo Arthouse

Congratulations to our Specialist Vocal Music students in Years 7 - 12 who put on an outstanding sold out show last Thursday night at Kidogo Arthouse in Fremantle.

For our Year 12 vocal students this was their last performance here at CVC.

Sept 22, 2021



Hospitality Students Cater LEAP Dinner

On Friday 10th September the CVC Hospitality Students were given the honour of catering and hosting the Year 12 LEAP Graduation event.

The hosts for the evening were Bryan L and Zerlina W, who welcomed guests, gathered guests at various times of the evening following a program, and informed guests of the proceedings of the evening.

The 16 Hospitality students were split into front of house (waiters) and back of house (the chefs), with two special roles as service managers, Liam F and Ben A ensuring the back and front of house worked together to deliver an impressive three course dinner to our guests in a seamless dining event.

This was a long day for our students starting in the kitchen at 9am and finishing at 7:30pm. Well-done to the hospitality team, you have done yourselves proud!

Mrs Stephenson – Hospitality Trainer/Student Engagement and Support

Sep 22, 2021



Year 10 STEM Students Innovate with Murdoch University Researchers

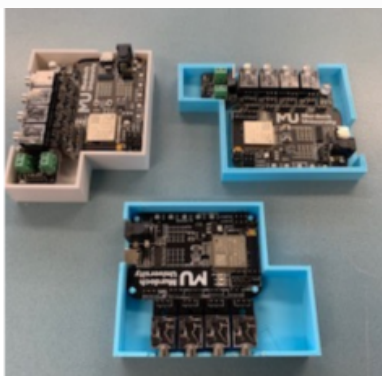
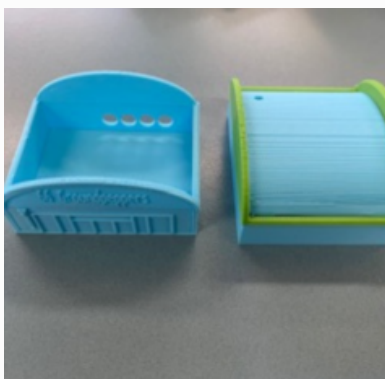
Our Year 10 STEM students have been given the unique opportunity to be involved with Murdoch University and their development of the Microgrids Communication Project. Late in Term 3 students attended an excursion to the Murdoch campus to understand the function and purpose of electrical microgrid systems in real-world situations run by leading researchers in the future of energy distribution.

Microgrids can function alone or as a network of interconnected modules to distribute electricity on its own terms, away from the main electrical grid, allowing smaller, independent communities to maintain a steady flow of electricity. This is being rolled out across numerous West Australian country towns as the mix of renewables dramatically changes the face of energy distribution.

Students were tasked with researching, designing and 3D printing three-dimensional buildings to be used in conjunction with a signature Murdoch micro controller that would be used to model the energy requirements of an example building of a community in a microgrid. The next stage is the development of software to further the modelling of the microgrid. The students involved in the STEM collaborative assignment are proud of their contribution to furthering the understanding of microgrids, their potential in a renewable energy future and how research between schools and universities can bring cutting edge, real world knowledge to the class room.

Written by Emir Djemal and Leo Jackson, edited by Mr Smith.

Sep 21, 2021



CVC's Got Talent

Congratulations to all students who took part in the CVC Talent Quest yesterday. It was a great success and all of the performances were great!

A big round of applause to our winners Charlise A and Matilda C in Year 12, and to runner up Zaqy Abdul R in Year 11.

Thank you to Mrs Earle for organising, the Arts Department for hiring out their venue and to students Jessica B and Jasmine G who helped with lighting and music.

Sep 17, 2021



Aboriginal School Based Traineeship Students Create Edible Garden

Over the course of the year three students from Canning Vale College have been taking part in an Aboriginal School Based Traineeship, in conjunction with students from Atwell College.

As part of their qualification students had to complete a project and they chose to create a garden comprising of Aboriginal Edible plants. Students had to prepare the garden beds including putting in the borders and then transplant the plants to their garden. They also painted signs for the plants. The garden beds can be found in the area between Plato and the basketball courts.

On Wednesday this week we held a congratulatory morning tea for these students who have now gained a Certificate I in Leadership.

Sep 17, 2021



Year 11 Drama Perform Othello

Our Year 11 Drama students had the audience in fits of laughter on Tuesday night with their performance of 'Othello – A Tragic Comedy in way too many Acts.' The script, written by Christine Harvey and Anna Kidd is an adaptation but definitely not Shakespeare's version. The audience laughed their way through this tragedy-turned-comedy, even with the egotistical and manipulating Lago directing the blindly-trusting Othello and his friends into destruction. Unlike the original play, nobody dies; they just kick the bucket...literally!

Thank you to all our parents, staff and students who came along to support our students.

Sep 17, 2021



Final Year 12 Dance Concert

Congratulations to our Year 12 Dance students who performed on stage at CVC for the last time. The show, on Wednesday 8th September was presented by our Year 12 General dance class. Some of these students have been dancing on the CVC stage for the last six years!

This concert was their way to celebrate all the hard work they have put in over the years and to say goodbye to CVC before they graduate.

Sep 15, 2021



Year 11 Earth & Environmental Students Field Trip to John Forest National Park

Last Friday 10th September our Year 11 Earth and Environmental Science students went on a field trip out to John Forest National Park and Boya Quarry to view igneous rocks.

The field trip complimented their studies from back in the classroom, where they have been learning about igneous rock formation, identification, processes and mapping.

Marion Cahill, an Education Officer from AusEarth conducted the excursion.

Sep 17, 2021



Welcome to Our New Chaplain

A warm welcome to our new Chaplain, Mr Boyd Hall.

Mr Hall will be working at CVC every Wednesday to Friday.

Here is a little bit Mr Hall has to say about himself – “I am new to chaplaincy as a general, but have had 15 years’ experience working with youth in both a professional and church base. I’m originally from Country WA, but have lived in the metro area for last 12 and a bit years. I’m a father of 5, in a blended family, with children dealing with ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia and Dysgraphia.”

Sep 13, 2021



RUOK? Day 2021

This week we recognised R U OK? Day with activities around mental health.

The message for R U OK? Day 2021 is: “ARE THEY REALLY OK? Ask them today” This awareness is all about inspiring everyone to ask that simple but important question “Are you OK?” and start a conversation that could change a life. Sometimes it won’t be obvious that someone is struggling, but having the support of family, friends and close colleagues can help us better navigate the challenges that come our way. Don’t wait until someone is visibly distressed or in crisis to ask them how they’re really going. Make a moment meaningful and ask “are you OK?” Your conversation could change a life.

Our staff were treated to a R U OK? morning tea on Thursday, where they were able to check in on their colleagues. During session 3 students attended a Zero 2 Hero “Love Yourself- a guide to well-being” workshop in the PAC. In this workshop, students explored how nutrition, sleep, exercise, friendships and self-talk among others, play a vital role in supporting their own mental health. Today our Year 7 and 8 students attended our RUOK exhibitions and activities on the Socrates lawn during Session 1 and 2.

Exhibitions involved Headspace, Youth Focus, Helping Minds, Act Belong Commit, Carers WA, City of Gosnells and Rebound WA. Activities for students included wheelchair basketball, volleyball, face painting, giant jenga and connect four, ping pong and colouring in. Thank you to our exhibitors for coming along and engaging with our students.

Sep 10, 2021



2021 CVC Athletics Carnival

Last Friday CVC hosted its annual athletics carnival for Year 7 and 8 students, with a select number of students in Year 9-12 also being invited to participate.

Coming down to the difference between 1 relay event, the final results of the day were:

1st Place

Terra 1201 points

2nd Place

Aeris 1169 points

3rd Place

Flamma 822 points

4th Place

Aqua 805 points



Individual Champions as follows:

1st Place

Year 7 Girls Krina Vaidhya (47 points)
Year 7 Boys Mohammad Bazzi (60 points)
Year 8 Girls Aria Brennan (73 points)
Year 8 Boys Jordan Hamilton (91 points)
Year 9 Girls Tahlia Ralli (98 points)
Year 9 Boys Sean Pritchard (71 points)
Year 10 Girls Valerie Engelbrecht (69 points)
Year 10 Boys Divilious Elisara (86 points)
Year 11 Girls Lani Ralli (130 points)
Year 11 Boys Luke Dagostino (52 points)
Year 12 Girls Katie Mobilia (117 points)
Year 12 Boys Blaize Holbrey (99 points)

2nd Place

Sarah Kubale & Charli Caldieraro (41 points)
Kade Carthew & Rafferty Verrall (43 points)
Giordana Macri (66 points)
Yunus Rashad (52 points)
Gadain Belal Loria & Mia Harvey-Renet (53 points)
Declan Somers (58 points)
Ashley Mobilia (42 points)
Shati Ngemba Mukiapini (68 points)
Aimee Maguire & Erin Paulse (24 points)
Ashton Bank (36 points)
Nytalia McCracken (75 points)
Kiese Gratias Mukiapini (36 points)

3rd Place

Mia March (39 points)
Riley Adaszko (34 points)
Keri Harokorimana (34 points)
Matthew Vasquez (42 points)
Chloe Chan (29 points)
Beau Troy (57 points)
Choo Poh (33 points)
Caleb Jia En Lee (26 points)
Katie Benstead & Emily Doran (13 points)
Isaac Johnson (34 points)
Jade Huynh (27 points)
Karl Escalona (31 points)

Sep 10, 2021

Thank you to our Education Assistants

WE APPR-EA-CIATE YOU! Thank you to all our Education Assistants at CVC for your hard work and dedication to our students. Your work makes a difference. Take the opportunity to acknowledge and thank our EAs this week for Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week 2021.

Sep 3, 2021

CVC Named Finalist in 2021 WA Education Awards

We are so excited to announce that Canning Vale College has been announced as one of four finalists for Secondary School of the Year in the 2021 WA Education Awards!

But that's not all...Year 7 Coordinator Mrs Varina Earle has also been announced as a finalist for WA School Services Staff Member of the Year. We couldn't be more proud!

Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony on Monday 29 November 2021

Sep 3, 2021



WA SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR FINALIST

SCHOOL SERVICES STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR FINALIST

Congratulations Mrs Varina Earle - Year 7 Coordinator

WA Education Awards 2021



Mario Kart Lower School Tournament Update



Congratulations to all students who took part in our lower school Mario Kart 8 Tournament in Week 5, 6 and 7.

Over the three weeks, teams of two went head to head in three rounds. Congratulations to our winners, Year 7 students Keaton Kearney and Adam Marlow, defeating Brendan Hylands and Tyson Vanstien by only 1 point!

After a lot of demand, our Upper School (Year 10, 11, 12) tournament is now running, with the final taking place in Week 10.

Sep 8, 2021

Student Council Inspired by Zero2Hero Mental Health Forum

Last Wednesday September 1st, four of our Year 10 and 11 Student Councillors (Tia Martin-Peterson, Jessica Birrell, Audrey Keenan, and Paul Price), along with Student Council Coordinator Mr Richards, attended the Zero2Hero annual 'In Your Head' forum. The 'In Your Head' forum is WA's only Mental Health Forum for Young People featuring keynote presentations and breakout sessions from industry leaders. In Your Head is designed to provide young people with a greater understanding of adolescent mental health and practical skills to support their own well being. Here is what Paul (Year 11) had to say about the event:

"The focus of the discussion was mental health, both the difficulties it causes and the problems that attribute to it. During the event, there were three keynote speakers and three smaller lectures. We were all led into the main theatre, where we were met by Giles Roberts, the event's main host. During this time, we encountered Ashlee Harrison, the CEO of Zero2Hero, who revealed why she founded the organisation which was after she lost her stepfather to suicide. She expressed how she felt driven to act immediately in response to that issue of which it's impacts devastate so many people. Ashlee channeled her determination and concentrated on bringing people together to host events that promote the message of suicide prevention, and thus Zero2Hero was created in 2009.

We were then greeted by our first keynote speaker, Karen Young. She was an expert on adolescent anxiety, and she not only explained the science behind it, but also why we feel the way we do. She was informing us, for example, that when we reach adolescence, the first area of the brain to develop is the rear of the brain, which also houses the amygdala, the part of the brain that regulates our fight or flight responses. This means that during adolescence, teenagers are compelled to think with the amygdala rather than the front of the brain, which is where all adult-level thinking occurs. This means we, as teenagers, are always stressed out about exams, friendships, and the need to be popular due to the fact we are in a constant fight or flight response. It was a relief for myself and the other Student Councillors to learn about this and that we were not alone in our feelings.

Brian Councillor, our second keynote speaker, spoke on the significance of family and connection in Aboriginal communities, as well as his own personal struggles with being separated from his family. Hearing about his childhood tragedies was heartbreaking, but it was inspiring to hear about how he now supports Aboriginal adolescents avoid the same traumas he did.

After a short break, we attended our breakout sessions. We chose Kristi McVee's presentation on 'Surviving Your Teen Years Online,' Breanna Melville's presentation on 'LGBTQI+ Allies and Advocates,' and Olivia Vivian's presentation on her 'Olympic & Ninja Journey.' Kristi McVee's presentation on 'Surviving Your Teen Years Online' was an informative lecture on the significance of cyber safety, how to deal with cyberbullying and how to adapt and stay safe from a constantly evolving online world. Being a former Detective Senior Constable, she devoted her life dealing with instances of cybercrime to teenagers. The second presentation we attended was Breanna Melville's talk on "LGBTQI+ "Allies and Advocates," which was dedicated to making our society and schools more inclusive of LGBTQI+ individuals. An important lesson from this discussion was how we can use more gender neutral terms to be inclusive of everyone in our community and at our school.

Finally, Olivia Vivian, the last keynote speaker and, incidentally, the last breakout session lecturer, shared with us about her "Olympic and Ninja Journey." She commented on her early love of gymnastics, and her desire of competing in the Olympics. She went on to say that when she was chosen for a specialised gymnastics facility, she was repeatedly talked down instead of being given constructive feedback, and that at first the organisers told her parents that she could continue, but that she wasn't the "model" gymnast. She overcame these obstacles for the most of her youth and even went on to win world championships, compete in the Olympics and securing a scholarship to an American college. After seeing how Americans teach their athletes with compliments and constructive criticism in the shape of a "compliment sandwich," which consisted of two compliments on either side and a small amount of feedback in the middle, her perspective on gymnastics shifted. After her father passed away with terminal cancer Olivia didn't compete in any sports until she received a call from the show "Australian Ninja Warrior." She attempted to compete in the first season but was unable to overcome the warped wall. She put in months of training to finish it, reverting to the Australian mentality of focusing on the wall rather than the entire game. She has since conquered not only the wall, but the entire show as well. This taught her an invaluable lesson: to not allow others to drag you down, to look past the obstacles and over to the finish line.

Overall, for me, the Zero2Hero In Your Head forum was an amazing experience, and I would definitely go again another time or recommend people to go since it was a learning experience for not only myself, but the other Student Councillors as well. I learned so much from this experience, and I will attempt to use some of the lessons I have learned in the future."

CVC Hosts Contemporary Music Ensemble Festival

Over the weekend the WA Public Schools' Contemporary Music Ensemble Festival was hosted by Canning Vale College.

The WA Public Schools' Contemporary Music Ensemble Festival is open to public school ensembles. The aim of the festival is to give bands an opportunity to perform to an audience using professional sound production, to give band members an opportunity to hear others perform and to provide each band with constructive comments from informed adjudicators.

Over the weekend we had 3 bands representing CVC who all performed exceptionally! Well done to:

- Water Pistols n Violets (Year 8 band) – Jacob L is an outstanding front man to this awesome rocking band of talented musicians including Kai L, Jamie A, Daniel G, Callum G, Cohen H, and Tristan K (guests Josh L and Hailey H).
- The Cover Boys (Year 9 band) – A ROCK-SOLID ENSEMBLE with Dylan K's amazing vocals, the pounding rhythms of Corey S on the skins and Hamzi A on bass. (with guest Mr Culverwell).
- Blooper (Year 11 band) – Seasoned players Rylee P, Tia M, Varic G, Catherine L and John M.

Sep 3, 2021



Year 7 English Celebrate Book Week



Whilst we didn't host any whole school celebrations for Book Week last week, our Year 7 English classes (during their weekly visits to the library) were tasked with choosing a Book Week World from this year's theme (Old Worlds, New Worlds and Other Worlds) and writing and illustrating their own story book.

Sep 2, 2021

Junior Volleyball Schools Cup Tournament

Congratulations to our Year 8, 9 and 10 students who participated in the Junior Volleyball Schools Cup Tournament last Friday 27th August.

Our girls Year 9 B grade team finished second in their pool but lost in the semi final, finishing fourth overall.

We had two teams representing CVC in the boys Year 10 A grade (also made up of students in Year 9). Both teams finished top in their pool and won the semi-final. They went on to play each other in the Grand Final! Great effort by all students.



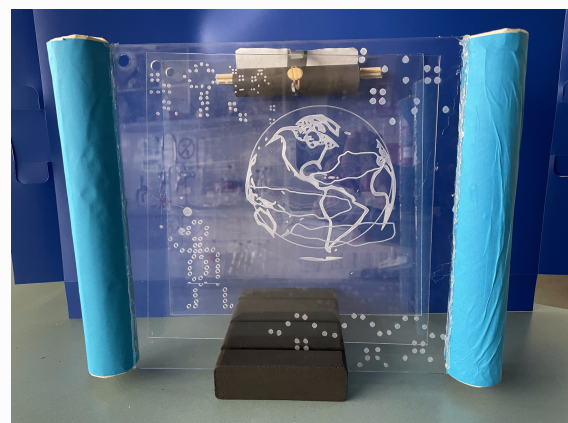
Aug 31, 2021

STEM Students Compete in Tournament of Minds Comp

On Saturday morning the CVC Ravens took flight into the first foray of the Tournament of Minds competition at ECU Joondalup. 7 brave students across our Year 7, 9 and 10 STEM and Engineering classes volunteered to take part in a super secretive spontaneous challenge as well as the main challenge to create and present a communication artifact that was to be launched to the ISS as part of a deep space SETI contact scenario.

Their skills in presenting, collaborating and time management were put to the test, with many lunch times and before school sessions volunteered to produce their presentation. The challenge was certainly outside the skill sets of our STEM/engineering students, (it really put the Arts in STEM), but that did not stop them rising to the challenge, even when faced with presenting in a 300 seat lecture theatre rather than a classroom they had practiced in.

Final results are yet to be released but congratulations to Georgia B, Emir D, Olivia P, Ariana C, Tyson V, Jorja S and Keona L for your hard work and dedication!



Aug 31, 2021

3 CVC Students Selected to Exhibit at Young Originals

Congratulations to three of our Year 9 Visual Art students who have been accepted to exhibit at this year's Young Originals Exhibition, a showcase of artworks produced by WA students.

Year 9 students Olivia Plant, Si Lin Chen and Claire Haye were all accepted with their ceramic sculptures inspired by the Steampunk genre. They each used a variety of hand building techniques to create their designs into a decorative teapot, complete with removable lid, handle and spout.

Each year Young Originals promotes excellence among the public education system, accepting 2D, 3D works and multimedia works. All submissions are judged by a panel of representatives from the arts community and the rounds are known to be highly competitive.

A huge achievement for our students to gain recognition for their creativity and hard work. The opening of the exhibition will be on Tuesday 7th of September where all works can be viewed in an online gallery (<https://www.youngoriginals.com.au/>).

Aug 31, 2021



CVC Celebrates Wear It Purple Day



Today is Wear It Purple Day, a day where the simple act of wearing purple signifies support and recognition for young LGBTIQ+/rainbow people. CVC students were today encouraged to accessorise with purple (scarfs, tutus, ribbons, hair accessories, socks, hats etc).

Our Student Councillors did a fantastic job cooking purple pancakes for staff and students this morning. During recess we had a purple nail polish station in operation, as well as activities such as tug-o-war and volleyball.

This year's theme 'Start the conversation... Keep it going' focuses on the important and necessary conversations we have in our daily life. Today is all about celebrating and empowering diversity, together. Visibility and support matters, and for some, it's life changing.

Aug 27, 2021

Languages Week 2021 Celebrations

During Languages Week, students and staff celebrated the many languages we speak and learn through a variety of activities.

We started the week with a quiz for students about World Languages. Our Pasta versus Noodle Eating Competition was a hit with Year 11 student, Rojin Didari, coming in first with her speed eating technique. Our World Travellers made it to Italy, Antarctica and Indonesia via green screen technology. The Sistine Chapel painting competition produced some colourful artworks and the Karaoke and K-Pop involved both dancing and singing. Origami was a hit and there were paper balloons and stars galore!

The winners of our Education Perfect competition are:

- Pushp Gupta – winner of the Year 7 and 8 competition
- Roman Kurniadi and Rhiane Shaira Abay – winners of the Year 9 competition
- Claudia Vale – winner of the Year 10-12 competition

Finally, a huge congratulations to the very well-organised Indonesian volleyball team who were successful in taking the win over Italy this year! Thanks to our two referees and helpers, Rojin Didari and Oliver Birrell.

Finally, congratulations to our staff quiz winners, our library officers Ms Nybo Mrs Farrar, who both achieved 100%.

Thanks to all of our participants and those who made Languages Week a success.

Mrs Pavy – Head of Languages

Aug 31, 2021



Year 12 Drama Draw The Curtain on Their Final Show

On Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th August our Year 12 Drama students performed "The Murder at the Murder Mystery" by Brian D Taylor, to a crowd of friends, family and staff.

The script follows the players at The Murder Mystery Playhouse who are rehearsing a new show, Putting a Little English On It. It's a not-so-good attempt at a British murder mystery, complete with cheesy dramatic music and British accents. As expected at the final dress rehearsal, the lights go out and a character dies onstage – only this murder wasn't in the script!

The Cast of Year 12 students have been working hard to transform into their role this Term, learning lines while getting their hands dirty in set construction (with the help of D&T teacher Mr Gobby). They have had a lot of fun preparing for their final production here at CVC.

The two performances went off with a bang, there is nothing like performing to a live audience.

Aug 27, 2021



Student Council Pow Wow



Last Friday evening our Student Councillors came together for their annual 'Student Council Pow Wow.'

Our Councillors took part in team building activities, they discussed what worked for Student Council and what didn't, had dinner and played games. It was a great night and it was wonderful to see students across all year groups engaging with each other and having fun.

The event was also a great introduction to Student Council for our four new Year 7 councillors: Krina V, John R, Cooper R and Rahull I. Welcome to Student Council!

Aug 25, 2021

Senior Volleyball Schools Cup Tournament

Congratulations to our Year 11 and 12 students who participated in the Senior Volleyball Schools Cup Tournament at Warwick Stadium last Friday 20th August.

Our boys Year 12 A Grade team consisted of 7 Year 11 students and 1 Year 12 student. The team was undefeated in their pool winning all 3 games and finishing on top. In the semi-final the game was tied at one set all. In the third set the score was 7-6 in favour of Trinity when time ran out. The team then had to play on thus losing 8-6.



Our boys Year 12 B Grade team won 2 games and lost 1 game finishing second but unfortunately did not qualify for the finals.

Our girls Year 12 B Grade team won all games in their pool finishing on top. They progressed to the semi-final, winning by 2 sets. In the grand final they won the first set but lost the second set 27-25 and the third set 15-12.

A great effort by all teams!

Aug 25, 2021

Perth Water Supply Year 7 HASS Incursion



On Tuesday 10th August the Water Corporation attended CVC to deliver an incursion presentation to all Year 7 students. As a part of 'water in the world' students learnt about Perth's water supply, where it is stored and how it is used. The presentation included demonstrations of the filtration system and how water is stored below Perth in limestone rock.

The 55 minute presentation ended with all students receiving a 4 minute shower timer to contribute to Perth's water management strategy.

The event was enjoyable and engaged our students in the importance of water for the future of Perth and the world.

Aug 20, 2021

2021 Science Week at CVC

This week we celebrated National Science Week. The school theme for National Science Week 2021 is Food: Different by Design. It honors the United Nations International Year of Fruits and Vegetables and the International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development.

Our Science Department conducted a number of challenges and activities for students in class, and our library ran a number of activities at lunchtime for students. The week kicked off with Scitech visiting CVC to give a presentation to our Year 7 students. Some of the lunchtime activities included:

- Making Flower Bombs with Year 7 students – The flower seed bombs were made by using a coloured sheet of card, cut into little pieces then soaked in water for 20 minutes. The card was squeezed of excess water then blitzed in a blender and tipped back in the bowl, seeds sprinkled in, mixed and then shaped in a ball to dry overnight. These seeds bombs can then be planted in the garden or a pot.
- Spheros with the Year 8 students – Students used their iPads to control and navigate electronic spheros (robotic balls) through an obstacle course
- Eggshell Decorating and Planting with the Year 9 students – Students decorated their eggs either by using stickers, jewels, paint, texta etc. The eggshell was then filled with soil and wheatgrass seeds. They will be on display in the library for about a week.
- Making Whirlygigs with Year 10 students – Students made their own super spinning whirlygigs, and released them in the library, watching as they spun like a helicopter floating gradually through the air.

Also on display in the library this week was a range on objects made using the laser cutting machine or 3D printer here at CVC. Some of the creations are just amazing!

Aug 20, 2021



Year 12 Student Councillors Visit Parliament House



On Tuesday the 10th of August the Year 12 Student Councillors were invited to a tour and lunch at Parliament House.

It was a great experience that we would recommend to anyone especially those interested in politics and law. We got a quick tour of the main halls of Parliament House. It was greatly inspirational to see a hall which contained framed portraits of all the females in power from the beginning of time. Whilst sitting at lunch with MLA Southern River Terry Healy we got firsthand answers about events in parliament. We also got to see a series of small protests outside the Parliament lunchroom which was insightful and led to interesting perspectives on protesting and getting your message across. After lunch we got to watch the Parliament question time, and were present for Mark McGowan's health industry funding announcement. Overall, the visit was a great experience and is highly recommended.

Written by Year 12 Student Councillors Courtney and Farah.

Aug 17, 2021

Year 9 Declan Somers Wins Gold at School Sport WA Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to Year 9 student Declan Somers who has finished his cross country season with a gold first place representing Canning Vale College at the School Sport WA Cross Country Championships.

Declan also received a silver medal in the Little Athletics State cross Country Championships and a bronze in the Athletics West State Cross Country.

He was selected for the State Cross Country team to represent WA at the national competition however this has unfortunately been postponed due to COVID.

Aug 11, 2021



Yr 9 English Students Put Their Thinking Hats

Our Year 9 English students have been using Edward De Bono's 6 thinking hats theory to motivate, inspire and challenge them to think outside the square. Students have been studying the Documentary Blackfish, which addressed the global issue of 'animals in captivity.'

The lesson was in 2 parts, one part was the investigation/research, the other was collating/analysing information. The documentary Blackfish seemed like an appropriate choice where the 6 thinking hats theory could be used effectively, as it invited controversial discussion, debate, rationale, personal opinions, problem solving, judgments and facts and figures.

The class was divided into 6 groups and each group was given a hat. When students saw the 6 hats, they were both intrigued and curious. There were diagnostic research/investigation activities around who was De Bono and what was he famous for? What do the six hats represent? Students feedback from their research revealed a clear understanding of De Bono's life, his book on the 6 thinking hats and a concise explanation of what each hat represented.

The rationale of each hat was used to create a task for each group, based on the documentary. For example, the White Hat group which focused on facts and data, were asked, 'What facts and data can you find in the documentary that persuaded you to believe that Tilikum was not a killer, but a victim of captivity?'

Students worked on their specific questions related to the colour of their hats in their groups and later shared their responses with the class. Feedback was positive and students showed a great understanding of the 6 thinking hats.

I was inspired and motivated by my students enthusiasm and response to this activity. In providing this task it encouraged and challenged them to use their knowledge and skills and most importantly to think laterally. "Creativity involves breaking out of established patterns in order to look at things in a different way." Edward De Bono.

Mrs Ralph – English Teacher

Aug 11, 2021



Yr 8 English Investigate and Deliver Persuasive Speech

During English this term, the Year 8's have been exploring persuasive speeches and particularly the techniques employed to deliver them. Over the course of this week, the extension class were presented with the famous speeches of: Winston Churchill "We Shall Fight on the Beaches"; Barack Obama's acceptance speech for presidential nomination on 28th August 2008; Mala Yousafzai "The right to be learning should be given to any child" (2015); Luther King Jr's "I Have a Dream"; Emma Watson's "He for She" (2014); and John F Kennedy's inaugural address in 1961.

The class had thirty minutes to examine the mannerisms of each speaker and in a two part series delivered a jaw dropping performance of these speeches. Public speaking, teamwork, initiative and leadership skills were exercised to it's finest with students also using their ICT skills to create an iMovie of the entire experience, demonstrating a multiple of directing and staging skills. The video is embedded below, thank you to Josh L for directing and editing.

Maya Angelou cited that "life is not measured by the breaths we take, but the moments that take our breath away". Well this week has been one of these moments with the entire class and was an incredibly proud and memorable moment. Well done to my English class!

Mrs Qasem, English Teacher

Aug 3, 2021



Gaming Club Update – Minecraft NAIDOC Themed Build

Students in the CVC Gaming Club had the opportunity to use the Minecraft Platform to reflect on the NAIDOC Week theme for 2021, 'Heal Country!'

Varic (Year 11) used Minecraft and other software to create an Art Gallery in Minecraft inspired by Aboriginal artists. The immense detail is incredible to see. Josh L (Year 8) impressed us with his wonderful build, concept and presentation, with his Minecraft build focusing on the story of the Waakal or Rainbow Serpent and its role in creating freshwater sources such as the Swan River. Well done Varic and Josh!



Jul 28, 2021

Two Students Selected to Exhibit at St George's Exhibition



Congratulations to two of our senior school students, Emma D'Sylva (Year 11) and Jackson McMillan (Year 12) who represented CVC exceptionally well at the St. George's Art Exhibition. St. George's Art has become a premier annual event in art education in WA. The exhibition which ran from the 17-25th July provides an outstanding opportunity for public and private school students in Year 10-12 to present their work in the unique "gallery" of St George's Cathedral, Perth.

Emma's art work 'People Watching' is "based on my exploration of Perth city, I decided to study the people I saw around me. I wanted to focus on what makes one particular person in a crowd of people stand out and what makes them unique. I used oil pastels on watercolour paper and a bright split complementary colour palette. I was interested in the people I briefly interacted with and the diversity of our city."

Jackson's art work "Oasis Calm Safe" was "inspired by the works of William Morris. I explored how we are too often scared of the unknown, stuck in mediocrity and the mundaneness of our lives. However outside this there is an exciting and colourful world. Centrally each piece has a geometric box with constricted text relating to a contradictory feeling of comfort or safety; surrounding this are bright and decorative elements daring us to break out of the box and our comfort zones."

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Year 10 Students Get Into Resources



Late in Term 2, 16 of our Year 10 Earth and Environmental Science students attended 'Get Into Resources' at North Metro TAFE.

Get Into Resources is a unique careers event designed to showcase the resources industry to secondary school students. Industry professionals volunteer their time to present hands-on, interactive activities which highlight just some of the over 150 different career opportunities available in the resources sector.

Our students took part in a variety of activities including:

- extracting copper from malachite by crushing the rock then using electrolysis to collect the copper
- learning how to map an area to create the best place to drill for an ore body
- devising a structure to 'catch' an egg from a height using only 5 sheets of paper, 30 cm of sticky tape and 5 rubber bands
- a mine simulation where students experienced what a detonation of a rock face would sound look and feel like

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Yr 12 Jaidyn Selected to Represent WA in Swimming State Team

Congratulations to Year 12 student Jaidyn Hamilton who has been selected to represent WA in the Swimming 13-19 Yrs State Team.

With School Sport Australia Championships cancelled in 2021 School Sport WA is selecting State Teams and endeavouring to provide a team experience that remains with the state borders.

State representation is an honour and represents a significant stepping stone in the ultimate achievement of senior and national selection. Well done Jaidyn!

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Yr 10 Leila Selected to Represent WA in Calisthenics

Congratulations to Year 10 student Leila Thomas who has been selected to represent WA in the Calisthenics Frangipani Challenge to be held in Darwin, NT in September 2021. This is a wonderful achievement as being a State representative is something many strive for but only a select few are chosen.

Leila is one of 12 girls in the Intermediate team representing WA. These girls are at the elite level of this artistic sport and have committed themselves to many hours of training. Leila currently trains 4-6 hours per week!

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