



# Friday Night Lights

**Shenton College lit up on Friday night, July 22, when the community came together for the Tri-Schools Cup.**

Friday Night Lights is a cross-curricular Shenton community event that uses Basketball as a context to bring everyone together to showcase the senior boys and girls interschool teams. This event, an initiative established by Tom Bailey, includes a series of games between Shenton, Newman College and Churchlands SHS.

The three schools played a round robin tournament, with Shenton taking home the Cup for the second year in a row. The Shenton Storm girls won both their games & the boys beat Newman & lost to Churchlands. MVP for the girls' competition was Shenton's Malia Tharpe (Year 12) and for the boys it was Newman's Dean Morse (Year 11).

This carnival has developed and evolved as a real-world curriculum linked event, where the Shenton Rock band provides the entertainment, the Arts students take photos and provide technical support, all as part of their respective course assessments. With a sports festival as the backdrop, the live music and food trucks helped to create a real buzz at the home of the Storm.

Whole community events like this take a tremendous amount of energy, resources and collaboration to be successful. Well done to all those involved. ■



Photos by Declan Marriott & Sam Sparkes, Year 11

# Dwellingup Excursion

In early August a group of Year 12 Shenton students braved inclement weather to go on a Biology excursion to Dwellingup. Going out & back in a day was somewhat exhausting but very worthwhile.

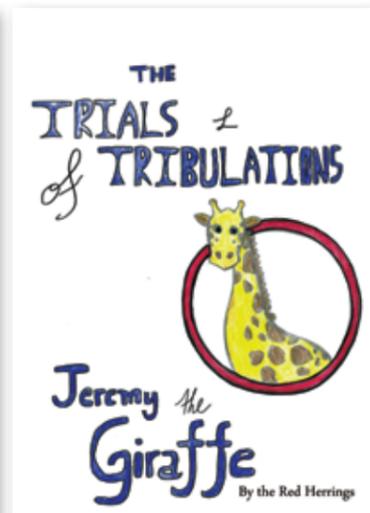
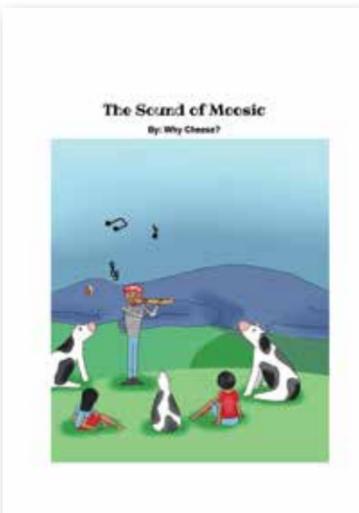
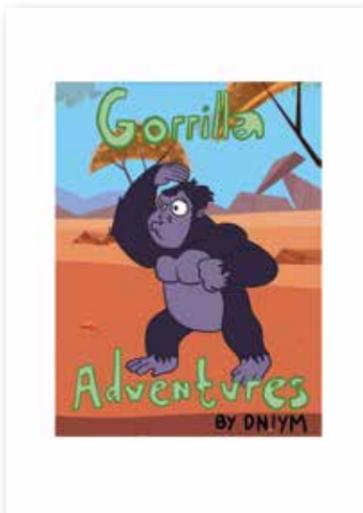
The students were tasked with three main activities – visiting the King Jarrah tree (estimated to be 400 years old and 46.4m high); water testing in the Murray River for biotic and abiotic factors and a plant homeostasis activity, involving looking at native adaptations for water loss, fire damage and herbivore resistance. They were also treated to many pearls of wisdom from the experienced teaching duo of Murray Thomas and David Stanley. ■

**Mr Luke Diepeveen**  
Science teacher



# WABIAD Senior School

On August 11 over 100 students from the Senior School took part in the Write A Book In A Day competition. Fuelled by lots of food, students began writing and designing artwork for their books at 8am in the morning and finished well after 5pm. There were some amazingly creative & clever books produced in this time. When completed the students' books are given to the Perth Children's Hospital. ■



From the  
Principal



# Celebrating Success

As students of Shenton College I am impressed by the way most of you care for others, participate in external activities and live lives beyond school. Shenton College is not the sole educator in your lives. Your family, friends and broader community all play a role in educating you and developing your character. This stated, Shenton strives to fulfil its vision of being a College that is much more than academics and grades. In this Highlights I thought I'd unpack our College Motto "*Much more than marks – learning for life*".

This motto can be misunderstood. In essence it means that schooling should be more than a rank score or a classification based on a mark. The *Much more than marks*

component, however, still means marks are important and the basis for all education programs. Results at Shenton, at work and in life, are always important with regard to learning, improving and achieving. Excellence, and for that matter success, is not measured in results. No, excellence is more about the response to the result, the individual's commitment to attain the results and their own grit and dedication.

The *Much more than marks* component is also about the breadth of our college's recognition, the depth of our acknowledgment and the focus of our celebration. Excellence is not only about subject awards and academic success, it's about being dedicated and doing our best. For example, excellence in our sporting

teams, in any artistic pursuit and in all those who commit and strive to improve.

At Shenton, as in any functional society, we must continually acknowledge the hard working, the focused and the dedicated. Personally, I acknowledge more the struggle in the individual than the success. We acknowledge talent but we are an institution of education, we are not an academy. We are a school, so we must recognize those who struggle to improve, sacrifice to be better, and dare to reflect. These characteristics are not always apparent in outcomes like high grades and outstanding performances but are quantified in progress.

This year many of us watched the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, UK. The stellar sporting event showcased the best the Commonwealth had to offer. Two weeks prior to this event, the World Athletics Championships were held in Oregon, USA. Sadly, this event went unnoticed by many Australian media outlets. But not by me; I watched replays of every heat, every final, every sprint, every throw, every jump, every anguish, every celebration and every fall. I was moved not only by the medal winners and the world record breakers but by the personal best times achieved. I was motivated by the athletes who celebrated not winning but competing and doing well.

Let me elaborate – in the Women's Javelin final, Australian Mackenzie Little opened with a personal best (PB) of 63.22m, which kept her in second place for the first two rounds. After her final throw she finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place and celebrated; she genuinely celebrated. I watched her pump her fist and smile. But what

was she celebrating? Why was she so happy, she didn't win!

She was clearly celebrating her performance, but why? Simple – Mackenzie Little is an athlete of character, she had thrown well over her season's best and achieved a PB. The celebration was acknowledging her own personal achievement. No medal, but a clear victory. Mackenzie celebrated progress. Victory is about doing your best. If you've done your best, you've achieved success.

Winners are not only those who stand on podiums and sing their national anthems. Winners are those who do their best and work at getting better. Furthermore, if you can celebrate your own improvements whilst acknowledging the brilliance of others you will breed in yourself the *lifelong learning* component of the motto.

Shenton College rightfully acknowledges subject award winners and high academic performers. We need to have the humility to share in the acknowledgment of their achievements but also the wisdom to see their levels of commitment, improvement, dedication and sacrifice. Finally, have the peace of mind to understand that success is not final and failure is not fatal, it is your courage to continue that counts. ■

**Mr Michael Morgan**  
BSc, Dip Ed, MBA  
Principal Shenton College

## Young Originals Exhibition

In mid-August, Year 12 students Sienna Lindsay & Sophie Pavicic and Year 11 Amira Seeber were accepted as finalists in Young Originals. This art exhibition, in its thirteenth year, proudly celebrates originality and excellence in design and visual art from WA public schools. The works can be seen in the online gallery and resource repository. ■

[youngoriginals.com.au/2022/](http://youngoriginals.com.au/2022/)



ABOVE: Amira Seeber

TOP RIGHT: Sophie Pavicic  
BOTTOM RIGHT: Sienna Lindsay



# Jesse wins bravery award

Year 10 Shenton student Jesse Carter is one of 26 people recognised for an Australian Bravery Award by the Governor General David Hurley AC. His quick thinking, courage and sacrifice saved his mum's life and those of two Shenton College students. The life-or-death episode was suddenly thrust on Jesse when his mum Kristen had an unexpected epileptic fit while driving him to the Daglish train station to get to school.

After turning the family car onto Railway Road, Subiaco, Kristen passed out and jammed her foot on the accelerator, rocketing the car to about 100km/h. Unable to rouse his mum, Jesse grabbed the steering wheel and kept the vehicle on the road. At the same time he was able to call for an ambulance for his mum

who was still unconscious. His hope was that Kristen would come to and take her foot off the pedal, but she didn't.

The situation became even more dire as the four-wheel-drive approached the pedestrian crossing in front of the Shenton Park train station. Jesse saw two Shenton students walking across the road and made a lightning decision to turn the car into the wall. The high-speed impact felled the limestone wall and telescoped the front of the Land Rover, trapping mother and son inside. It took the fire brigade about half an hour to cut them out.

Both his legs and right arm were broken in the smash, while his mum broke a wrist, thumb, sternum and three ribs and suffered a cardiac

contusion. Jesse lost a lot of Term 4 while he recovered in hospital and at home. Both he and his mum made full recoveries and are grateful for the outcome.

Mr Morgan said Jesse deserved a Principal's Commendation for his actions and presented him with a gold Shenton College pin. "You can wear this pin anytime you like and remember you did the right thing; it is a measure of a person's character," he said.

"I don't think that what I did was so amazing to deserve all this praise and attention," a humble Jesse said after hearing of the bravery award. "But I was very grateful that someone cared enough to nominate me." ■



## VET @ Shenton

In 2022 Shenton students were given a number of new qualification opportunities and over 340 enrolled in courses ranging from Certificate II through to Diplomas.

The new Futures Program, launched this year, was established to support students undertaking qualifications that require either two days with a training provider or one day with a training provider and a one day work placement. Many students in the program complete Certificate III or higher qualifications providing them with a variety of post school pathway options; plus students undertake pre-apprenticeships and school-based traineeships.

The Innovation Design Entrepreneurship Academy (IDEA) offers alternative options to mainstream education for young innovators and entrepreneurs. Additional to this is their Future Ready Program which includes the delivery of the Certificate IV in Business through links with start-up communities. Several Year 11 and 12 students are participating in this program two days a week which introduces them to concepts and experiences in areas such as critical thinking, creative problem solving, collaboration and communication.

Some students participate in the Barista HQ coffee workshops, plus others in our Tourism and Creative Industries courses have the opportunity to practise coffee making in the Chapters@Lemnos Training Café. This cafe operates on a Thursday morning with students completing service periods with real customers. ■

## Year 8 GATE adventure

The Year 8 GATE students spent a day in June participating in team building and adventure activities at the Point Walter Department of Sport and Recreation Reserve. ■



# Visitors to Shenton

## Growing Good Blokes

We had the pleasure of welcoming Mike Dyson, founder of Good Blokes Co, to Shenton on August 15 to give our parents the opportunity to discuss healthy cultures around masculinity. Having engaged in conversations across Australia, Mike used his experiences to deliver a presentation to help parents understand the cultural drivers behind boys' behaviour and wellbeing; the key guideposts for building a healthy culture of masculinity and how to easily engage boys in open, honest conversations about manhood, mateship and resilience.

Since 2015, Mike has led discussions with boys and men around manhood, mental health, risk, violence and respect for women. This has given him a rare insight into what's truly going on behind the mask of masculinity and a unique perspective on how our culture of masculinity shapes our men and boy's wellbeing and behaviour.

The presentation, held in the Hub Auditorium, was well attended and parents went away with a greater understanding of the 'man-box' that our boys can find themselves limited by, as well as a range of conversation starters that could be used at home. ■



## Promoting recycling

An initiative presented to the Year 9 Student Councillors by a peer, was implemented in Term 2. Each Year 9 Mentor class was encouraged to collect Containers for Change and the prize for the most containers collected was a sausage sizzle. As a cohort almost \$200 was raised, which means almost 2000 containers were kept out of landfill. Dr Diepeveen's Mentor group won the prize with 633 containers. The competition was such a success it is being repeated in Term 3 with a pizza party the prize for the Mentor class which collects the most Containers for Change. ■



## Paul Dillon presentation

In June Shenton welcomed Paul Dillon back to talk to our senior students (Years 10-12) and staff about a range of issues including risk-taking behaviour, youth mental health issues and the dangers associated with substance misuse. This was a P&C funded event. Paul's presentations are always highly informative and powerful in their delivery. He is the Director and Founder of Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia (DARTA) and has been working in the area of drug education for more than 25 years.

One of the issues Paul talked about was the rise of vaping in young people in Australia. DARTA has a number of really useful resources to help inform parents, when in conversation with their children, about the dangers and health impacts of vaping and other substance misuse. ■



## NAIDOC Week – Dr Glen Stasiuk

As part of Shenton's NAIDOC Week celebrations, Dr Glen Stasiuk spoke to over 400 students from across the school. He is an award-winning filmmaker and academic at Murdoch University, a proud Noongar man with maternal family ties to Minang-Widjari peoples, and a Shenton dad. Dr Stasiuk delivered a powerful talk about the importance of self-produced media as a continuation of the tradition of story-telling and truth telling and showed us his short film, Survivors of Wadjemup.

Dr Stasiuk's yarn about film as a modern-day message stick capped off a series of meaningful activities over NAIDOC Week, including a feed of yonga (roo) stew and damper cooked by Aboriginal Student Support Officer, Phil Farmer, and his family. ■



# Shenton students shine



## Isabella Baldwin

Isabella Baldwin (Year 9) represented WA at the National Schools Debating Competition in Canberra. She dedicated a lot of time to the selection process, spending several months refining her skills and developing her ability to debate any topic. Isabella's achievement is particularly remarkable as she competed in the nation's highest debating tournament, where Year 11 and 12 students normally perform. We are very proud of Isabella's success, plus her support of the Shenton teams in the College's debating program has been significant. ■

**Ms Amy Collins**  
Debating Co-ordinator



## Tim Dixon

Year 8 Shenton student, Tim Dixon competed with his peers in the Australian History Competition, a challenging source-based History exam targeting the skills and content in the Year 7 & 8 History curriculum.

The questions asked students to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the events in focus, and to apply their critical thinking skills to evaluate different source material. Tim scored 100%, making him the National Champion in his age group. ■



## Hannah Cohen

Hannah Cohen (Year 9) won a silver medal for her floor routine at the 2022 Australian Gymnastics Championships held on the Gold Coast. ■



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## Keishin Ochi

At the Australian Nationals on the Gold Coast, Keishin Ochi (Year 11) competed in his age weight, winning 2 Gold: Cadets (15 to 17) and Junior Men (18 to 20) and a Bronze in the Senior Men (over 21). Keishin displayed great newaza; all his wins were with ippons, that is technically a beautiful judoka. He was selected to represent Australia at the World Cadet Championships in Sarajevo. ■



## Eva Czulowski

After months of training, Eva (Year 11) has been rewarded with some terrific results. In the Nannup Seven gravel race – 1<sup>st</sup> place in the '5' which was 89km and over 2,000m of climbing. In the Baldvis road race she came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Women's A grade. In the Peel Women's and Junior Tour she came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Women's A grade; 1<sup>st</sup> in the 3km time trial and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 46km road race. ■

## Boys Interschool Squash

At the end of Term 1 Shenton boys played in the Interschool Squash Competition at Mirrabooka. All the teams played really well; the two Senior Boys teams were undefeated in the qualifying rounds in their pool; Team 1 finishing first & Team 2 second. The Junior Boys team missed the final by only 2 points and won the playoff between third and fourth. ■



## Dylan Classen

Dylan Classen (Year 12) was selected in the Squash Australia team to compete at the World Junior Squash Championships in France. ■



# Shenton Storm

## Cross Country Championships

Fifty five Shenton students participated in the **SSWA Cross Country Championships** in May. Every student participated in a positive manner, showing resilience and perseverance to finish their race. Congratulations to all competitors, in particular Tandia Knottenbelt who finished second in the Girls 13 division. ■



## Boys Interschool Soccer



Senior Boys Soccer Team



Intermediate Boys Soccer Team

## Senior Girls win All Schools Championship



## Junior Girls Netball

In June students across Years 7 and 8 represented Shenton College at the Junior Girls Netball Carnival at Matthews Netball Centre. The Year 7 girls finished the day undefeated and top in their zone and the Year 8 girls who finished third in their zone. All the girls showed excellent sportsmanship and had a terrific day including our two Year 9 umpires, Zoe and Sophie. ■



## Shenton wins Surfing

Shenton won the Sunsmart WA Schools Surfing Zone Competition in August. Congratulations to Leo Fallourd and Oliver Desforges who took out the Senior Surfing title; Stirling Stilwell and Jonah Reid who won the Junior Body Boarding title; Oliver Nageon de Lestang and Toby Pyvis who came second in the Senior Body Boarding and Matthew McEwan and Benji Lechte-Hynam for coming second in the Junior Surfing. ■



# Middle School Disco Nights

Year  
**7**



Year  
**8**



# Year 12 Hospitality Dinner

On a wet evening in August the Year 12 Cert II Hospitality students hosted a dinner for parents and friends in the Hub. This showcase of student skill in the catering kitchen provided an absolutely first class restaurant style experience, from the excellent front of house service to the delicious four course meal.

These events are the culmination of hard work by the students and the dedicated Technologies staff who have continued to provide these experiences for over 20 years. This provision of an authentic application to learning and the industry standard to which the students deliver is to be both admired and commended. ■

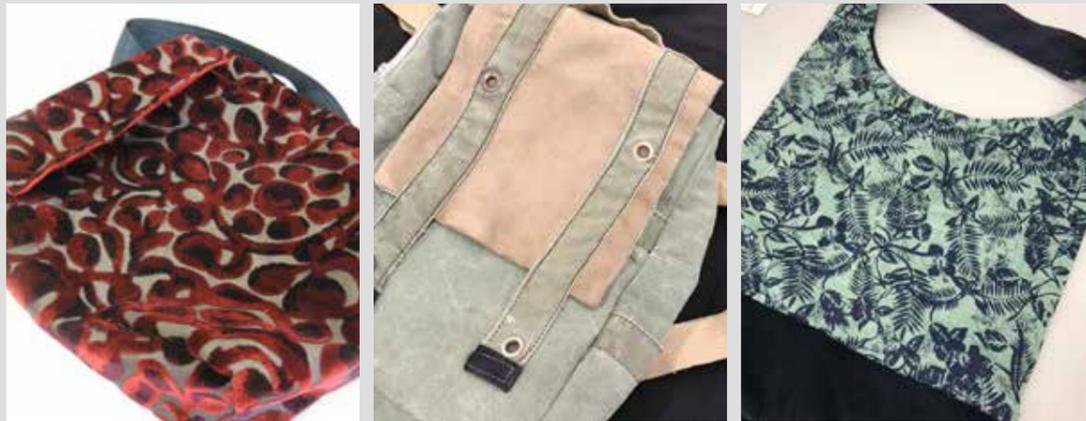
**Ms Heidi Ramshaw**  
Food Science & Technologies teacher/  
Hospitality trainer



# Year 10 Textiles: Bag Design

Deciding to use an existing pattern, adapting a pattern or developing their own design is one of the many choices students face in Year 10 Textiles. For this task, students have the opportunity to recycle or repurpose a variety of materials, plus choose from a range of new fabrics. Donations have been made by an interior designer, a fabric wholesaler and many community members since the Year 10 Textiles course was introduced. A variety of bag hardware also provides options for design development including seatbelts, minus the buckles, which can be used for handles and straps. Every semester it's a delight to see what the students create, bags that are truly unique in terms of style, material choice and construction. ■

**Ms Noelene Matthews**  
Textiles teacher



# PECAN+ CTF winners

Shenton's Year 10 team of four hackers took out 1st place in the intermediate division of the National PECAN+ coding competition. They were also ranked 4th nationally (80 teams registered) across all four divisions. PECAN+ CTF (Capture the Flag) is a jeopardy style competition, covering topics such as webex, cryptography & digital forensics. ■



# Shenton Hockey with the Kookaburras Team



# Middle School House Games





## Simon Griffiths – HSHS Class of 1999



Simon Griffiths and his co-founders Danny Alexander and Jehan Ratnatunga launched **Who Gives a Crap** in 2013 with the intention of donating half its profits to help build toilets and improve sanitation in the developing world.

After graduating from Hollywood Senior High School, Simon travelled to London for a gap year. He then went on to study engineering and commerce at the University of Melbourne.

Anyone who has spent time in the developing world has a personal experience of how important sanitation is. When Simon learnt that almost 40 per cent of the world's population did not have access to a toilet, he set himself a goal to fix that by 2050.

**Who Gives a Crap** is a profit-for-purpose privately-held toilet paper company that employs about 200 staff globally and has warehouses in Australia, the United States, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands, and ships to 36 countries including Canada and across Europe. The social enterprise, which doesn't disclose its revenue, donates 50 per cent of its profits to charity partners and the rest is reinvested in the company. Since 2013, it has donated more than \$11 million.

Simon admits they weren't prepared for those early days as hysteria about the coronavirus pandemic gripped Australia. He began to notice photos filtering through on social media of empty supermarket shelves stripped bare of toilet paper. Around that time, social media mentions about the company swelled from a trickle into a flood. At the peak of the pandemic, **Who Gives a Crap** was selling 28 rolls of toilet paper every second.

Spurred on by what was happening in Australia, the panic-buying contagion spread to the UK and the US, and **Who Gives a Crap** sold out globally. Within days, the toilet paper supplier's waitlist had ballooned to more than half a million people.

Between financial years 2019 and 2020, **Who Gives a Crap's** business doubled; May's sales were triple those of the previous year. In June 2020, they were able to make the largest

charitable donation to date: \$5.9 million from global profits to six charities around the world. That was five times larger than the previous year and more than double the company's total donations to date.

In the early days, Simon did all the production himself, but handed it over about five years ago when his son was born. Realising it would be too difficult to manufacture toilet paper in Australia because the market was very small, production moved to China.

"We have three kinds of due diligence that we do: one is quality, one is social compliance and one is environmental," he says, and mentions how the company recently instituted a price increase to ensure production workers were being paid the right amount of superannuation.

Even as a schoolboy growing up in Perth, Simon had an entrepreneurial streak – whether it was offering to look after neighbours' pets or selling sandboards. He admits this is not necessarily the path he saw himself taking when he was growing up.

"We never wanted to be toilet paper moguls when we were kids. It was the sanitation problem that brought us to this," he says.

So where to from here? Simon says there's definitely a version of the world where that means stepping outside of just being toilet paper moguls.

"I think we'd all love to play a role in helping to see the new generation of entrepreneurs that come after us, and hopefully play to this new way of doing capitalism with a twist that's even better than what we've done." ■



## Jackson Hamilton – Class of 2020

In June Jackson Hamilton represented Australia in the Oceania Para Athletics Championships in Queensland. He won a Gold Medal in the Mens Javelin event, breaking both the Australian and Oceania records. When not at athletics training Jackson is studying Sports Science at Notre Dame University in Fremantle. ■

## Ultimate Frisbee Shenton Alumni vs Senior Students





# Year 11 Dinner Dance

