Dear Parents and Community Members

The 2015 academic year has come to a rapid end and Christmas is only a few weeks away, but in many areas of College life, this an extremely busy time as we continue to finalise preparations for 2016. I would like to pause momentarily from our hectic planning to reflect on Term 4 at Manea.

Our Year 12 students deserve recognition for their efforts during 2015 and for meeting the young adult expectations the College sets. The transformation Manea students go through during their time with us was illustrated by the manner in which our Year 12 students farewelled the College. The Farewell Dinner and Assembly were outstanding events enjoyed by all and our students conducted themselves with dignity, style and a great deal of maturity. They were a credit to themselves, their families and the College. We will say more about the 12s at the Awards Evening on December 8th at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre.

As the Class of 2015 departed, they handed the role model and leadership baton to our current Year 11 cohort who will become the Class of 2016. Each year the graduating students at Manea set an even higher standard for the following group, so the challenge is set for our new leaders next year. I extend my gratitude and appreciation to our Year 12 Coordinator, Asharie Bradshaw, and Student Support Coordinator, Lauren Baxter for their leadership and organisation of the various events for our Year 12s, not just during Term Four, but also throughout the course of the year.

I had the pleasure of watching the Manea Showcase recently at BREC and was thoroughly impressed. The audience enjoyed the performance of the cast and crew, along with the dance performances, short films and visual arts and Certificate III Design displays. My thanks are extended to Les Pearce, Di Stewart, Hayley Searle, Natalie Rykers and Janelle Dudney and all students, parents and staff who were involved in a memorable event.
College Board

I would like to thank our College Board for their enormous contribution to the College in 2015. Our Board Members this year have included:

- Matt Granger (Chair) Industry Representative;
- David Kerr, Industry Representative,
- Alison Comparti, Industry Representative,
- Ray Philp, Industry Representative,
- Madelyn Bond, Parent Representative,
- Charles Jenkinson, Parent Representative,
- Mark Rando, Parent Representative,
- Karen Harper, Teacher Manea Senior College
- Amanda Draper, Teacher Manea Senior College
- Yvette Moulsdale, Ex-officio and Manager Corporate Services, Manea Senior College

In 2016 the Board will take an even more active role in College life, so staff, students and parents can expect to see much more of them next year. They have a wealth of experience and knowledge to contribute to Manea Senior College.

National Schools Surveys

To assist with the review of College performance, I would appreciate your feedback via a survey that arrived in your email inbox a few weeks ago. Parental and student information regarding the performance of the College is always greatly appreciated and helps inform the College about our achievements and areas for further focus.

Scholarships

The Department of Education offers a broad range of scholarships to secondary school students. These scholarships are centrally coordinated and all applications are online. Click on the link below to find out more about these opportunities: [Secondary school scholarships for 2016](#)

On behalf of all staff at Manea Senior College, I wish you a very Merry Christmas, a relaxing festive season and a very safe holiday. I look forward to the celebrations and challenges that 2016 will bring.

Regards
Rod Rykers
Principal
Year 11 Biology and Geography Camp at Wellington Mills

Year 11 Geography and Biology students came together to spend a night out in the forest at Wellington Mills. They exhibited the true makings of Biologists and Geographers by braving the rain to start the camp looking at fire ecology in prescribed burnt areas and natural bushfire areas. After getting dry and having tea, the rain stayed off long enough for a night stalk and marshmallows by the campfire. The next day students had to stay close to the Wellington Mills Discovery centre due to high winds but were able to use measurement tools and identify plant species and finally use the resident experts to start the plan for their onsite investigations.

Did you know that MSC offers English as a second language?

Manea Senior College’s unique schooling environment located adjacent to Edith Cowan University and South West Institute of Technology is uniquely placed to provide a ‘home away from home’ for overseas students.

Our location on the doorstep to the South West and the residential College at ECU presents an unrivalled opportunity for students to assimilate into Australian culture prior to entering University.

We are the only College in the South West that offers the English as an Additional Language or Dialect ATAR course. This course is designed for students from overseas, or whose main language is an indigenous dialect, who are working towards University entrance. We also welcome students from other South West schools as external part time campus students, without the necessity of them leaving their current school. This course is designed specifically to meet the needs of students who have been schooled in languages other than Standard Australian English for the preceding 7 years and incorporates both listening and speaking examinations as opposed to the traditional essay formats of ATAR English.

For all queries please contact Melissa Tapper at the College on 9721 0600.

2015 Presentation and Awards Ceremony
Tuesday
December 8th 2015 at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre commencing at 6:30pm
Health and Medical Specialist students help out at Leavers 2016.

Once again the Health and Medical Specialist Program (HMSP) students were involved with the St John Ambulance paramedics and trainers to provide a first aid post at Dunsborough during the daytime activities of Leavers 2016.

Students in the HMSP course have been studying first aid with St John Ambulance trainers and after their simulated crash scene in September were keen to help out further with the crew. They volunteered their holiday time to treat injuries such as cuts, bites, blisters, fainting and bleeding and in return St John Ambulance paramedics taught them how to load and unload an ambulance, how to set a neck brace, let them look over the inside of an ambulance and mentored the students when a patient presented themselves for treatment. This was a step further than the simulated injuries the students treated in the crash scene and presented real live drama for students to attend to. The final step however was a trip to the Leavers Zone where students were exposed to the medical tents and described this as a “mash tent.” Manea senior College would like to thank Annette Mateljan and Ian Pittick for their valuable tuition.

Health and Medical students visit Bunbury Hospital

Over the first three weeks in Term 4 the Health and Medical students were fortunate to be able to visit the Bunbury Hospital to get a look at how different departments work in a large hospital. This was a good preparation for 2016 where the Year 11 HMSP students will be completing a unit in Career and Enterprise. The students would like to thank the staff at the Bunbury Hospital and enjoyed their time spent looking through the facilities available to the people of Bunbury.
Showcase
The annual Manea Showcase of the Arts was well received by a small but appreciative audience at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre on October 16th. The evening consisted of a variety of sparkling dance and musical performances, short films, visual displays of art and design work, and a performance of the annual school play.

Once again, the creativity and artistic expression of Manea’s students was apparent in the performances, and once again the audience was thoroughly entertained.

The quality of the acts and the low ticket price really merit a bigger response from the College community. Please keep an eye out in 2016 for the Showcase date, and come along to see the outstanding work that is happening in the various Arts programs at the college!

Les Pearce

Student Services
What a year 2015 has been! We started the year by welcoming a brand new group of Year 11 students from many different schools and a brand new Student Services Team. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Karen Vincent in her role as Youth Support Worker at MSC this year. Karen has been an invaluable member of the team and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours! The Student Services Team will look very different in 2016, so keep an eye out.

Term 4 saw the Year 12’s complete their final MSC and WACE examinations - congratulations to all Year 12’s on a fantastic year! The Year 12 Leavers Dinner, Breakfast and Assembly were all very successful events and we hope you enjoyed your last ‘official’ days at the College. The team would like to thank the Student Executive Team for all their hard work, commitment to the College and their peers and their organisation of events for 2015! You have done an amazing job.

As they have now been selected, we would like to congratulate the incoming College Captains for 2016 - Annabelle Robinson and Tyrone O’Doherty, and the Deputy College Captain - Benjamin Eiszele. We look forward to an even bigger and better year at MSC in 2016!

The first day back for Year 11’s and new Year 12’s is Monday 1st February for the Student Induction Day - if any current Year 11 students are interested in participating on the day please email Asharie. bradshaw@education.wa.edu.au. The first day back for returning Year 12’s is Tuesday 2nd February. Have a great summer break! Thanks for a great 2015.
Start 2016 with Confidence
ENROL TODAY IN ACADEMIC TASK FORCE
JANUARY SCHOOL HEAD START PROGRAM
AND ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN 2016
ATAR HEADSTART FOR YRS 11 & 12
HEADSTART FOR YRS 7 - 10

Syllabus overview – confidence building – refresh your understanding – study skills – essay writing
2 day courses / 6 hours per course
Jan 14th – Jan 29th 2016

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Speak to an education consultant: (08) 9314 9500

The College would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The College Administration will close at 12 noon on Friday December 18, 2015 and will re-open at 9am on Monday January 25, 2016
THE STS LEEUWIN II SAILS INTO THE NEW YEAR

With the New Year fast approaching, don’t miss out on your last chance to jump on board the Leeuwin’s annual voyage from Busselton to Fremantle. We are excited to kick off 2016 with one of our favourite voyages along the stunning West Australian coastline, followed by two of our popular Fremantle voyages.

1602 | 12 Jan – 17 Jan | Busselton to Fremantle
1603 | 22 Jan – 28 Jan | Fremantle to Fremantle
1604 | 2 Mar – 8 Mar | Fremantle to Fremantle

We have two school holiday voyages scheduled for anyone who is not able to participate during term time. Endorsed by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority, our program is a great way for students in years 10, 11 and 12 to earn 5 WACE points towards their senior graduation before the school year has even begun. A Leeuwin voyage can also count towards the Duke of Edinburgh or Queen’s Scout Award.

Book before the end of 2015 and you can save $120 by securing a place at this year’s price of $1,980, before the marginal price increase in 2016. For anyone in need of financial assistance, we do still have a few scholarships available. However, these scholarships are limited so we strongly advise anyone interested to apply as soon possible to give them the best chance of receiving some financial support. We are also fortunate to have the support of many local service clubs, businesses and local governments who are willing to sponsor young people who wish to take part in a voyage, making our program accessible to anyone.

The Leeuwin’s Youth Explorer Voyage program is both exciting and rewarding, teaching participants all aspects of living and working aboard a traditional tall ship from steering, navigating and setting the sails to standing watch through the night and climbing to the top of the 33m main mast. The program aims to increase self-confidence and self-awareness as well as developing communication, teamwork and leadership skills, which future employers and tertiary education providers will be looking for in their applicants.

For more information and to see our voyage program for 2016, please visit our website www.sailleeuwin.com. Alternatively you can contact our team on (08) 9430 4105 or by email at office@sailleeuwin.com.

THE LEEUWIN GEARS UP FOR A NEW SAILING SEASON

The Leeuwin is back out on the ocean after her annual refit and maintenance period and all geared up for a new exciting season of voyages. We have had an influx of applications for the remainder of 2015 and now have waiting lists for these voyages, but would like to spread awareness of our 2016 program which includes three Summer school holiday voyages, a journey down South to Busselton and our April trip up to the iconic Monkey Mia.

We would also like to share with you the chance to save $120 on the voyage fare by booking any 2016 voyage for the 2015 price of $1,980 if you book before the end of the year.

A Leeuwin voyage is a life-changing experience, teaching participants key skills such as communication, teamwork and leadership through the unique medium of a traditional tall ship. Students in years 10, 11 and 12 can earn 5 WACE points towards their senior graduation and can use the voyage as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award or Queen’s Scout Award.

Although there have been some changes in our scholarship program we continue to be supported by many local service clubs, businesses and local governments who are willing to support financially disadvantaged youth. Scholarships are not unlimited however and we recommend that anyone looking to apply for a scholarship sends their application in as soon as possible. For those looking to raise the voyage fare themselves, we have also developed a fundraising pack full of ideas and tips to help them achieve their goal.

For more information and to see our voyage program for 2016, please visit our website www.sailleeuwin.com. Alternatively you can contact our team on (08) 9430 4105 or by email at office@sailleeuwin.com.

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