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Great is the Lord!

New Principal

Christian Education Ministries (CEM) is pleased to announce that the new principal for Southlands Christian College in 2009 will be Mr. Stuart Chapman.

Mr. Chapman will continue to fulfill his former role as Head of Distance Education but will now also be involved in the planning and direction of the day school.

The Board of CEM wishes to acknowledge Mrs. Ruth Vertigan who has been the principal of Southlands Christian College for the past 18 months. During this time the distance education program was introduced to the college and the number of students in the day school has nearly doubled. Mrs. Vertigan has been a vital part of this transition and growth. Mrs. Vertigan will begin full time training in theology at Murdoch University in 2009. We wish her every blessing for the future.

Albany Activity Day 24 October

About forty DE students who came to Albany from Perth and the South West, as well as 19 students from the day school took part in the day. Some families came down, not only for the activity day, but also for a couple of days to visit beautiful Albany. (None braved the cold showers at the school and all found accommodation elsewhere in town.) We are informed however, that as everyone enjoyed it so much we simply *must* have another one next year.



Lots of fresh fruit for morning tea.



Mrs. Hawley took a pottery class and students made baby Jesus in his manger.



The Juniors loved making their Candles in craft class.



Students enjoyed a nature walk/ treasure hunt with a list of plants and animals to spot.



Volley ball with Mr. O'Neill was very popular



Mrs. Phipson, a teacher with the Day School, took students for a power point lesson.

Year 10 & 12 Graduation

All students who are working at PACE 85 and higher should be working towards a Year 10 or Year 12 Graduation Certificate. The elective subjects that students choose will depend on a number of factors, and these should be discussed with staff from the college. Please call the college to discuss your child's options after viewing the Graduation Requirement Form on our website.

Pathways to University

Most prospective families ask about entrance into university for our graduates. We are pleased to advise that students, who were previously using the ACE curriculum, as well as some of our own graduates this year, have been accepted into universities in Western Australia.

Each university in WA is autonomous and has slightly different application processes. Therefore it is important for students to know which university they seek to enter, their preferred courses and the pre-requisite subjects for those courses. (Please note that if you read this newsletter on our website all the links provided will take you directly to

the web addresses.) Have you bookmarked our site?

The following is a list of possible pathways into universities in Western Australia. However, it is important to realise that each student and each situation is different. We strongly recommend that you work closely with us to ensure that your child has the best chance of success.

SAT Reasoning Test

The SAT is an internationally recognised test which takes about four hours and may be done at various times of the year at a school in City Beach, which is in the western suburbs of Perth. If you live more than 120km from Perth alternative local testing centres can be arranged provided that enough notice is given. The test comprises of a Critical Reading Section, a Mathematics Section and a Writing Section. Our college has preparation booklets which can be posted to any students that are interested. Alternatively the website address is www.collegeboard.com/satprep Baron's Guide to the SAT Tests Resource Book is also available from the "warehouse" in Queensland for \$42.90 + Tax

STAT

The STAT (Special Tertiary Admissions Test) is conducted at various times during the year and is useful for those who wish gain access to TAFE. (It may be used to gain access to university if the student is 20 years of age on the 1 March of the year of the test.) The age restriction does not apply for TAFE applicants. Only one attempt may be made each year. For more information please visit www.tisc.edu.au

Tertiary Enabling Program

Some universities offer one semester courses which not only prepare students for university life, but if completed to a high standard will enable entrance to undergraduate courses. This option may appeal to students who find the SAT Reasoning Test too stressful.

Notre Dame University is now offering this one semester course for free.

www.nd.edu.au/fremantle/courses/preUniversity.shtml

Edith Cowan University (ECU)

www.ecu.edu.au/student/admissions/alt_path/upc.php

Obtain credits with Open Universities

There seven Australian universities that offer distant learning degree programs that often have no entry requirements. Curtin University is at least one local university which permits admission through this pathway, In this case a student who completes two degree level units may qualify for university entrance. Alternatively you may wish to do your entire course via distance education online.

<http://futurestudents.curtin.edu.au/leavers/alternative.cfm>
www.open.edu.au/wps/portal

Entry by Portfolio

This is where students demonstrate their skills and talents by a portfolio. This often also requires an interview and or an audition and letters of reference. An example of this method of entry is found on the ECU website:

www.ecu.edu.au/student/admissions/alt_path/port.php

Entry via TAFE or Approved RTO

Many students choose to do studies at TAFE or an approved RTO (Registered Training Organisation) and then find that they would like to do further study at University. Certificate IV courses are recognised by some universities as evidence of suitability for undergraduate courses.

www.tafe.wa.edu.au/FutureStudents/Pages/TAFEWAAdmissionCentre.aspx
www.ecu.edu.au/student/admissions/alt_path/fast_track/tafe_rto/

UWA requires a diploma level or higher from TAFE.

www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/undergrad/australian/admission/academic/tertiary_qualifications

Sitting TEE Subjects as Private Candidates

Students from Southlands may sit the final TEE exams as private candidates. This means that even though they have not done the assignments or official TEE course they may still sit the final exam and gain a mark based 100% on the final exam. This could be useful for students that need to confirm that their ACE studies fulfill a pre-requisite requirement of a university course.

Choose a Course or University Which Is Easier To Enter

Sometimes the way to gain admittance to a course which is highly competitive is by gaining entrance to another course. Once a student has good results from a full year at university it is easier to demonstrate that he or she is capable of doing a more demanding course. Likewise if a student particularly wants to go to UWA (Which has the highest TER scores) it is sometimes possible to transfer after doing a similar course at another university.

In summary

- In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths. Prov. 3:6
 - Research your career, courses and tertiary institutions.
 - Call us to discuss your options, hopes and dreams.
- Together let us determine a plan of action.

A Successful Life

Let us also remember to avoid the temptation to get entangled in worldly pursuits, and instead pursue righteousness and holiness. We believe at Southlands that maturity in Christ is the key to a successful life. The sixty character traits which form an integral part of the ACE curriculum will help our students to become *transformed into*

the image of the Lord. 2 Cor 3:17.

After activity days, we as staff always comment on the Maturity and positive attitude of your children who attend. We commend you on your dedication, and the discipleship of your children. We count it a privilege to be part of the process of seeing them grow and mature into servants of the King.

Quote of the Month:

If you think education is expensive... try ignorance.
Abe Lincoln

Grammar in the News

You may have noticed that many are welcoming the return of the teaching of grammar in schools, and in particular its inclusion in the much debated proposed National Curriculum. Our students will of course be well prepared to deal with the need to be able to understand parts of speech, punctuation and sentence construction.

As a little exercise, see if you or your children can punctuate the following sentence:

Jack where Jill had had had had had had had had had had had the examiners approval.

Answer at the end of the newsletter.

Videos /DVDs for High School Science PACES

Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Physical Science PACES all have Videos or DVDs which follow closely the content of the PACES, but present it in a different way. If a student struggles to learn concepts from the written page, these can be extremely helpful. The videos and DVDs also contain laboratory experiments, which provide the practical component for these courses. A Lab Report is found in the centre of each Activity Pac, and needs to be completed and scored after watching the experiment.

Videos and DVDs can be purchased from the warehouse in Brendale for between 35 and \$60, depending on the subject. See Order Form Page 11 & 12.

Videos only can be hired for \$10 each for 6 weeks. See Order Form Page 10 and Product Catalogue Page 32 & 33 for more details.

A DVD, which has the Labs only, is also available if the students learn well from the PACES. See Order Form Page 13 in the bottom right hand corner.



Doulos Visit 16 October

About 50 students and 20 parents met together on the *Doulos* for a fun program of drama and interaction. It was particularly encouraging to hear how the ship's crew grew spiritually through their ministry of sharing the love of Christ with others around the world.

Riverton Activity Day Tuesday 11 November

Remember to register early and bring your friends. Flyer enclosed.

Awards night Saturday 31 January Riverton Baptist

This special night is for everyone, and not just our Year 10 and 12 graduates. We would be delighted to see all of our families, where possible, attend this celebration of a year's work well done. Invitations for the night, and applications for awards will be sent out in our December newsletter.

We are investigating a video web link, so those who live thousands of kilometres away can still be part of the night. We expect that all students that attend will receive an award, and that we will have in attendance our special guest, Mr. Terry Harding, who is known to many of you, and is now manager of the schools department of Christian Education Ministries.

Prayer Request for Ian Te Wierik

We are extremely grateful that Ian Te Wierik's trampoline accident was not more serious.

Nevertheless it appears some permanent harm could be involved. We therefore pray for wisdom for the physicians that are supervising Ian's recovery and treatment and for God's healing hand on Ian at this time.



Congratulations

Shaquille Banks was a winner in the Upper Primary Division of the 2008 Australian Mathematics Competition. She received a \$30 prize for achieving the prudence award for the highest number of consecutive correct answers and for being in the top 1% of the state.

Parent Student Interview

As our Term III reports are in this newsletter we thought it timely to include a few tips on completing the parent-student interview in a two page guide which is enclosed. This is an important feedback time, as we all need to be encouraged and challenged. We suggest you keep the guide for future reference. Some parents have told us how they have folders for each child, for PACE Tests, score keys and their own special administration folders. It does help to be organised.

Smartrider Cards Online Ordering

From now on, students can order their concession cards through a new web payment site. The web site is <http://www.monitorwa.com.au/smartrider>. From there, click on the "buy online" menu button. All cards ordered through the web site, will be mailed to Southlands and the college will mail them out to you.

Concession Fees

Those who would like to apply for reduced fees for Term 1 next year, will need to provide a copy of their current Health Care Card and complete a Request for a Concession Fee form.

Grammar Teaser Answer

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For Christ and His Glory

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