



## Years 7 and 8

### The Year 7 and 8 boarders have had another successful term in Knutsford House.

They have completed the formal transition phase into the Walters Residential Community and continued to impress staff with the way they have carried themselves across the semester.

The theme of the year for the entire community has been 'making good decisions', while in Knutsford there has been a specific focus on the 3 Rs of the House – Respect, Resilience and Relationships. Boys have been reminded about these themes at times and are congratulated for working towards achieving their personal goals with these themes in mind.

Boys completed their Outdoor Education activities this semester. The Year 7 boys experienced expedition walking and adventure activities including abseiling and whitewater rafting at Koorngal Outdoor Education Centre near Dwellingup. The Year 8 boys got to sail along the World Heritage Listed Shark Bay coast on the STS Leeuwin. Both these experiences are something that the boys will be able to reminisce about for many years to come.

The recreation program has once again included popular events including movie nights, ice skating and a trip to Inflatable World. It was a pleasure to drive the bus to Williams with the boarders for the annual Year 7/8 Farmstay. Most boys got into the spirit of the overnight stay and we thank the Duff family for hosting the event and Mr Warwick Yeates for his involvement in the camp.

The Winter Sports season has seen boys representing Christ Church in football, rugby, hockey, badminton and soccer. It has also been pleasing to witness a large number of boys participating in community sport with Years 7 and 8 boarders representing teams including Subiaco Lacrosse Club, Subiaco Football Club (soccer) as well as Claremont, Cottesloe and Coolbinia Football teams. The most pleasing part of this has been receiving a range of positive comments on the boys' behaviour, organisation and manners from the many people who help to get them to and from their sports trainings and matches.

The Sports staff have also been glowing in their reports of the assistance the Knutsford boys have provided at 10A and First XVIII Football every Saturday morning. The boys have willingly acted as runners, water boys, scoreboard operators and boundary umpires, and their willingness to help has been appreciated.

In Term 1, the boys set goals for the year and the end of the semester provides a good time to assess the achievement of these goals. As always, what we expect from the boys is that they give of their best and ask for help when it is needed.

We wish you and your family a relaxing and enjoyable break.

**Andy Grieg**

Residential Year Group Co-ordinator, Years 7 and 8

### REMINDERS

- The Community Celebration Evening is on Friday 9 August. We look forward to seeing many of you there.
- The boarding house will re-open from 4.00pm on Monday 22 July; close for mid-term break from 22 to 26 August and Term 3 concludes at 12.45pm on Friday 27 September.
- Anyone who is looking to improve their academic results is reminded that Study Lab is a free and valuable resource available to all boarders every Monday to Thursday afternoon.



## Years 9 and 10

**Getting woken by the buzzer or laughing noises from the local kookaburras, Term 2 is always filled with activities, fun and challenges.**

I am proud and pleased with the efforts of our Year 9s and 10s, especially the way they have performed their duty roster, followed routines and enjoyed each other's company in the boarding house during the wet and cold season. Some of our Year 9s have had the opportunity to participate in Koorinal camp and the OQD program this term. Most reported that they had a great experience and learnt not to forget thermals, especially when it gets cold.

It was fantastic to see some of our Year 10 boarders at the Hawaiian themed social on Saturday 15 June. From all accounts, the boys had a great time, dancing and mingling with girls from other schools. We encourage the boys to participate in the recreation program on the weekends and go out and socialise when the opportunity arises.

The Year 10 subjects selection process has been thorough and productive. While this is

an exciting time and the boys have greater freedom in the subjects they select, it is also a timely reminder that a diligent approach to academic studies is required for the boys to achieve their potential. It is essential that the boys seek assistance via the tutors in the boarding house when they require help.

The Winter Sports season has seen boys representing Christ Church in badminton, soccer, football, rugby, hockey and cross country. Unfortunately, there were a few injuries after round one against Hale School. The injured boys however remained in high spirits and supported their teammates. It has also been pleasing to witness a few boys participating in community sport, especially the Year 9s, representing their team in hockey, AFL football and lacrosse.

Our housemothers floated the cleanest room competition. This has been a challenge for some boys, but to their credit, their living

space is becoming less clustered!

It has been therapeutic to hear sounds of the didgeridoo around Walters House as our Indigenous boys have been practicing expelling air into this ancient instrument. The boys look forward to showcasing their talent and heritage next term.

A reminder to all the boarders, they are expected to achieve 10 hours of community service by the end of the year. For the Year 9 boys who have not yet attended Koorinal camp, they need to ensure they have all of the equipment from the camp list when they return in Term 3.

### **Khiem Ly**

Residential Year Group Co-ordinator,  
Years 9 and 10



## Years 11 and 12

**Term 2 is traditionally full of celebration and study. Celebration in the form of the Year 12 Ball and Year 11 Dance respectively, with the mid-year exams sandwiched in the middle.**

Right at the start of term in Week 1, the Year 12 boys had both the Principal's Dinner and their final school photos, as well as the Ball. Boys were busily finalising suits, dates and the many appointments associated with such a glamorous event. It was a terrific night at the Hyatt for all with boys attending pre-ball events before being escorted by limousines, coaches and cars. The spotlight was firmly on the Year 12 boys and they did not disappoint.

Week 3 was National Boarding Week where our Residential Prefects spoke at chapel in front of the School about boarding life. They each spoke eloquently about the challenges of living at school and being away from home, as well as the many benefits that boarding life offers to them. Many staff commented to me afterwards about the amazing places that the boys come from after seeing all of the beautiful photographs that you kindly provided.

After the excitement of the first few weeks, things got a bit more serious. Week 4 was a non-assessment week allowing boys the time to get themselves organised for the upcoming mid-year exams that took place in Week 5 and 6, either side of the mid-term break. The boys' conduct over this time was excellent. For those studying a general pathway, work experience took place during the exam period. It was really pleasing to hear many positive remarks about the experience from the boys, as well as Ms Clarke, the School's Careers Counsellor, who visited the boys at work.

The boys received their examination marks in Week 7. They have been encouraged to review their papers and seek assistance from their subject teachers for further improvement. Not all boys would have achieved the results that they hoped for, and it is imperative that these boys identify strategies to make improvements over the coming weeks. The boarders are lucky to have access to their cohort, residential tutors, residential assistants and the senior staff to assist in their studies, as well as the opportunity to attend Study Lab after school from Monday to Thursday.

In Week 7 it was the Year 11's turn to dress up in their suits to celebrate the Year 11 Dance. The boys and their dates all had a fantastic time at the 'Suave and Sophisticated' themed event, as well as at the many pre-dance events that they attended.

The final celebration of the term was the Year 12 Father and Son Breakfast held at Frasers Restaurant in Kings Park, where Year 12 boys and their fathers got to listen to excellent and truly inspirational advice from Mr Jonathon Doyle on the importance of male role models in a teenager's life.

Rachael, Grace, Evelyn and I wish you all an enjoyable break with your boys and look forward to catching up on 22 July from 4.00pm.

**Brendon Noble**

Residential Year Group Co-ordinator, Years 11 and 12

**"143 days before the first ATAR exam. Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today!"**

## Walters Housemothers

**Walters has been buzzing with activity in Term 2. This term saw the Year 11s and 12s putting their heads down and conducting themselves with dedication and maturity throughout the examination period.**

The General Pathway boarders were very diligent in leaving Walters for their work placements, setting off early for a taste of the working world. A special thank you to Brett Buurman and his staff for the wonderful morning and afternoon teas made especially for the boys during their exam period. The boys were very lucky!

Sport in Term 2 was ever-present with footy, rugby, basketball, soccer, community sport and badminton taking place. There were numerous camps, OQD and Service in Action trips, and we also said goodbye to Lachlan Sellars as he left to go on exchange in Japan. Hugh Kilpatrick, along with other Christ Church students, went to Tasmania for the Sailing Nationals.

A friendly reminder for Term 3 to please ensure all clothing is labelled. This makes it much easier for the boys to find their items during laundry time. Please check that uniforms and shoes still fit, as the boys do grow very fast. Now that the days are getting chilly, the boys will need warmer clothing, especially at dinner time.

Please ensure doonas are washed and ready for next term and any plastic storage containers for the cellar are clearly labelled. Checking if your boy needs a haircut before the commencement of the new term will also assist!

The Walters Housemothers would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday with your families and look forward to welcoming everyone back from 4.00pm on 22 July for the commencement of Term 3.

**Geraldine Bailey and Kim George**  
Walters Housemothers



## Knutsford Housemothers

**Knutsford House has been a hub of activity and fun this term. Many boys have overcome the teething problems associated with boarding. Some good friendships are being formed and the dynamics in the house are mostly positive.**

All the boys look smart and very professional in their winter uniforms. Some of them may even be returning home and giving dad lessons on 'The Windsor Knot.' It's a pleasure each morning to wish these young men a good day as they leave the boarding house with happy and positive spirits.

The beginning of Term 2 was busy with Year 8 boys attending their respective Leeuwin expeditions. All came back exhausted, safe and sound, with entertaining stories and anecdotes to share.

Another highlight for Knutsford House this term was the overnight Farmstay from 21 to 22 June. The boys were bussed out to Williams by Andy Grieg after Friday sport for an overnight stay at the Duff homestead. A big thank you to Ryan and Sarah for giving the boys such a positive experience. Your generosity and hospitality is greatly appreciated by all.

Boys are making the most of the winter sports on offer. They have all chosen a variety of teams to participate in and have settled well into the Wednesday/Friday sport routine. On these afternoons, the boys often return home tired, muddy and happy, ready for some yummy afternoon tea before hitting the hot showers.

Mid-term break was a good opportunity for some downtime and to recharge batteries. A number of boys had been afflicted with

grumbly tummies, runny noses, sore throats and coughs. This break saw these boys return fresh and healthy. A good opportunity for parents when the boys return home is to instil in them healthy hygiene practices, especially when living in a close community environment. The Housemother's mantra is, "wash hands, wash hands, wash hands." We also ensure that boys change sheets and towels weekly, however if your son is a little under the weather encourage him to change his towel more frequently. We always have plenty of clean dry towels on hand. On this housekeeping note, could we please remind families to ensure clothing items including socks and jocks, are clearly labelled.

Weekends in the house are a mix of sport, recreational activity and relaxation. Ollie our Recreational Officer always has something up his sleeve for the weekend, whether it be an outing to the big screen, a stroll through Fremantle Markets or a session at Bounce. The boys always seem happy to see him enter the house.

The Housemothers at Knutsford wish you all a lovely holiday with your children. Keep safe, have fun and we look forward to seeing your boys next term.

**Lidia Ellis and Carol Campagnoli**  
Knutsford Housemothers