2016 COLLEGE INFORMATION HANDBOOK FOR YEARS K-6
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Dear Parents

Welcome to 2016 at Rehoboth Christian College. We would particularly like to welcome those who are new to the College. We pray that you will soon feel part of our wonderful Rehoboth community and that your children will settle in quickly and well.

We know that all families will be blessed by being a part of our school community as we seek to provide a Christ-centred education which develops the spiritual, cognitive, emotional, social and physical well-being of our students.

We want to continue to build strong relationships between home, school and church, with parents, staff and volunteers working together. Rehoboth is partnering with families by providing Christian Education where the Bible is the foundational document in every learning area of the curriculum. It is our desire to equip our students by teaching them to think with ‘the mind of Christ’; to look at the world through the lens of God’s Word; to develop a Christian worldview in the way they examine and interpret the world around them. Therefore, our focus is on preparation and equipping rather than protection.

Communication is important in building and maintaining a vibrant culture at the college and we ask you to be proactive in speaking to staff regularly, encouraging each other and discussing concerns that you may have. This is vital in establishing and building the strong partnership we desire to have with you - it is a two-way relationship where good communication is not only encouraged but valued by both parties.

This handbook contains information that details many procedures that ensure the smooth running of the College. Please read it carefully before school begins, even though your family may have been attending Rehoboth for some time, as some procedures are modified from year to year. It would also be useful if parents new to the school could read through this handbook with their children early in the school year. This will assist them in becoming familiar with their new school environment.

We are looking forward to a wonderful 50th Anniversary year as we give thanks to God for His provision throughout the years. It will be great to look at our history, enjoying the memories and being amazed by the changes that the College has seen over this time. It will also be an opportunity to contemplate the future and how we will move forward with our sovereign God as Lord over all.

We are excited about the Inquiry Learning and Professional Learning Communities that we will be investigating this year as we begin to implement the Strategic Plan. It is our aim to continue to improve in every area of the College and that we might glorify God in everything that we think, say and do.

Let us work together to provide this Christ-centred education that we value so much, so that each child grows in faith and in their knowledge and love of the Lord as they follow the path that He has prepared for them.

I am looking forward to continuing the excellent work that has been done by Mrs Lynne Nixon and her team in this new season at the Wilson Campus and getting to know each one of you personally.

Yours in Christ,

WRC Pike

Mrs Willy Pike
SECTION A – WHO WE ARE

Shared Values

Association for Christian Education Inc.
The superordinate goals and embedded attitudes and beliefs of the College need to be understood well as it is out of these that our Vision and Mission will emerge.

a) **God first:** We aim to put Christ at the centre of all planning, decision making, and student learning. Our motto, “Soli Deo Gloria” (For the glory of God alone) is often explicit, but always implicit, in everything we do.

b) **Five Solas:** These principles, originally developed during the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century, summarise our view of God and the Christian faith, and connect us to our Reformed heritage.

c) **Purpose, Preparation, Partnership:** This is not simply an advertising slogan, but a summary of our beliefs and approach to Christian Education. No educational model is value-neutral, and so we choose to make ours thoroughly Christ-centred rather than man-centred.

d) **Ephesians 2:8-10:** Because we regard all members of the College community – students, parents, staff, and visitors – as made in the image of God and empowered by Him for good works, it is one of the chief aims of Christian Education to nurture a student’s God-given gifts and abilities and provide adequate opportunities for the exercising of those gifts.

e) **Matthew 28:19-20:** Our aim as Christian educators, in partnership with the home and church, is to bring students to a more complete understanding of the sovereignty of Christ over all things, including their own lives, and to encourage them to accept God’s covenant promises for themselves.

Vision and mission statement

**Vision**

By 2019, Rehoboth Christian College will be recognised for excellence in the provision of a distinctly Christian education program that honours Jesus Christ as Lord of all, utilising the best innovations and resources of a 21st century learning environment.

**Mission**

Our mission is to partner with parents as a covenant community in order to support them in their task of nurturing and educating their children. We achieve this by developing structures that support and promote dynamic 21st century learning, immersion in a Christian worldview, and stimulating the God-given creativity and curiosity of lifelong learners.
Our Name, Crest and Motto

Our Name
Our name is taken from Genesis 26:22, which says, "He (Isaac) moved on from there and dug another well, and no one quarrelled over it. He named it Rehoboth, saying, "Now the LORD has given us room and we will flourish in the land." (NIV)

The College Crest
The Crest features the College colours (red, white and blue) and its design has several important aspects which remind us of the nature of our schools.

The Cross
This symbol of our faith and salvation draws our attention to the redeeming work of Christ. The world we now study in our schools is one spoiled by sin, but through Christ’s salvation and promise, we look forward to the full restoration of His creation and kingdom.

The Bible
The open word of God reminds us that it is our aim to present all of education and life in the light of His Word.

The College Motto
SOLI DEO GLORIA
To God Alone Be the Glory

This Latin phrase was a catchcry of the Reformation. It points to both the reformed nature of our schools, and the fact that Christian education should lead students to acknowledge God’s sovereignty in all things.

“For from Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things ...”
(Romans 11:36)

Secular education with its humanistic ideals, praises man, and what man has made and discovered and understood. Christian education strives to glorify God at all times, and to lead students to think and live for that goal in every aspect of their own lives.

... to “demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God” and to “take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”
(2 Corinthians 10:4, 5)
House System

All students are placed in one of the College’s three ‘Houses’: Newton, Tyndale, or Wycliffe.

Rehoboth Houses

- WYCLIFFE HOUSE

This house is named after John Wycliffe (c1330-1384). He was called the ‘Morning Star of the Reformation’ as he challenged a number of the accepted practices of the Church. He based his views on the absolute authority of the Bible, God’s law, which he distinguished from the teachings of the Church. He argued that every man had the right to examine the Bible for himself.

**Motto:** Sola scriptura (by scripture alone)

**Colours:** Blue and Red

- TYNDALE HOUSE

This house is named after William Tyndale (1494-1536), a teacher, translator and preacher. He believed in justification by faith alone. After moving to Germany, he completed his translation of the New Testament into English and had it published. This was significant in that it gave people access to the Bible in a language they could understand.

**Motto:** Sola fide (by faith alone)

**Colours:** Black and White

- NEWTON HOUSE

This house is named after John Newton (1725-1807), hymn writer and pastor. Originally a ship’s captain, Newton was involved in the slave trade. His conversion followed his miraculous survival during a gale at sea. Newton later became a pastor and wrote many hymns including ‘Amazing Grace’. He also played a prominent role in the anti-slavery movement.

**Motto:** Sola gratia (by grace alone)

**Colours:** Green and Gold

House groups are for the purpose of developing the Christian character of our students and to nurture our covenant community. Students will meet in their House groups on an average of three times a term to discuss and participate in activities related to the year’s theme. In 2015, our theme will be “Every Nation.” Students also compete in Sports carnivals and Bible tournaments for their Houses. Points can be earned toward their House totals through gaining tokens for positive behaviour and Christian character, good work or good effort.
Friends of Rehoboth Christian College

For many years, parents and other volunteers have given additional support to the College by supporting the activities of the Rehoboth Community Support Team (RCST). A number of successful fundraising ventures run by the Team have allowed us to provide additional facilities for our students and build relationships with the Rehoboth community. The RCST will change its name to Friends of Rehoboth Christian College (FRCC) in 2015. The FRCC will continue to operate the Canteen and it is expected that various fundraising ventures will be explored next year. Further information about the Canteen will be included in the February newsletters.

If you are interested in joining this dynamic and committed team of volunteers, please register your interest either through your Principal or at the Business Office.

Values

Our College Values
We expect all of our students to reflect and uphold our College values:

■ Responsibility for our words and actions
"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”
(James 1:22)

■ Excellence in the achievement of individual and team goals
"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” (Philippians 4:8)

■ Godliness in putting God first in everything
"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”
(1 Corinthians 10:31)

■ Integrity of individuals in their words, actions and relationships
"May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope is in you.” (Psalm 25:21)

■ Service for others
"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.”
(1 John 3:18)

■ Tolerance and acceptance of diversity and individual differences
"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.”
(Ephesians 4:2)

■ Encouragement (of one another; our aim is improvement)
"Encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace.” (2 Corinthians 13:11)

■ Respect for self, others and property
"Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honour the king.” (1 Peter 2:17)
The Kindergarten and Pre-Primary program will seek to:
- Build up each child in the knowledge, faith and love of God.
- Foster all areas of your child’s development.
- Develop in your child a sense of wonder and discovery in learning.

Education at the early childhood level is a process of steady and continual growth. It is a time of exciting discovery and importantly a time to have fun. Planned and guided play is a major part of early childhood education. All avenues of play are important in the development of preparatory skills for reading, writing and maths.

In 2015 there will be two Kindergarten classes, a Pre-Primary class and a Pre-Primary/One class.

**Kindergarten Red Staff:**
Miss Germaine Gregory
Mrs Sandra Eikelboom (Educational Assistant)

Tuesday, Wednesday & alternate Fridays

**Kindergarten/Pre Primary Blue Staff:**
Mrs Carissa Yurisich
Mrs Elena Soloveva (Educational Assistant)
Mrs Carissa Yurisich
Mrs Elena Soloveva (Educational Assistant)

Tuesday, Wednesday & alternate Fridays – Kindergarten only

**Pre-Primary Red Staff:**
Mrs Danielle Trubert
Mrs Paula Garcia (Educational Assistant)

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**Kindergarten and Pre-Primary times:** 8.45am – 3.05pm

**Term 1**

**Kindergarten staggered start dates:**
- Week 1 – Tues 2nd Feb or Wed 3rd Feb – please see below*
- Week 2 – Tues 9th Feb & Wed 10th Feb
- Week 3 – Tues 16th Feb & Wed 17th Feb
- Week 4 – Tues 23rd Feb, Wed 24th Feb & Fri 26th Feb

*Note: Alternate Fridays occur on the even week; i.e. Week 4, 6, 8 & 10 of Term 1.

**Pre-Primary staggered start dates:**
- Week 1 – Mon 1st Feb, Wed 3rd Feb & Fri 6th Feb
- Week 2 – Mon 8th, Tues 9th, Wed 10th Feb & Fri 12th Feb
- Week 3 – Mon 15th, Tues 16th, Wed 17th Feb & Fri 19th Feb
- Week 4 – Full Time (Monday to Friday)

*At the beginning of 2016, all Kindy students will have a staggered start. Half of the Kindy Red and Blue classes will commence on Tuesday 2nd February, with the other half of the class commencing on Wednesday 3rd February. Please refer to your letter posted to you in January, 2016

**Session Times:** It is very important that parents arrive on time and pick up their children on time. Students not collected by 3:25 pm will be sent to the Front Office Administration Centre.
Uniform:  Refer to the Uniform Brochure supplied separately and in the Kindy Handbook. Please name all articles brought to Kindy/Pre-Primary.

What to bring to school:
- Two boxes of tissues (one at the start of the year, one in Term 3).
- A piece of fruit each school day for fruit time for Kindy students.
- Pre Primary students are to bring their own fruit already prepared for fruit time.
- Lunch and drink bottle each school day.
- A change of clothes.
- A reasonably sized school bag. (this can be purchased from Uniform Shop)
- A library bag (PP only).

What not to bring to school:
- Toys or jewellery from home as they can get lost or broken.

Parent Roster:
- We have a parent helper roster. You are strongly encouraged to participate. The children love a parent or family member to be in Kindergarten or Pre-Primary to be on duty. An hour or two is all that is expected.

Levy:
- Kindergarten and Pre-primary will have a levy rather than a booklist. For Kindergarten, the levy will be $70.00 and for Pre-Primary, the levy will be $85.00. These amounts will be added to your account.

We welcome communication with parents. Please feel free to be in contact with us in relation to your child or the Kindy/Pre-Primary programme. We look forward to our involvement with you during this coming year.
## Staff Information 2015

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<td>Ms Helen Van der Reest / Mrs Allison Norman</td>
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<td>LOTE (Indonesian)</td>
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SECTION B – DAY TO DAY ISSUES

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop, located at the Kenwick Campus (entrance off Brixton Street) behind the gymnasium, will be open on:

Thursday 28th January, 2016 from 9.00am – 3.00pm for new families to the College and on Friday 29th January, 2016 from 9.00am – 3.00pm for all families.

It will be open on the first day of school on
Monday 1st February 2016, from 8.00am to 10.00am.

Then for the remainder of 2016 – Normal trading hours will be:
Tuesday – 8.30am to 10.00am
– 2.30pm to 4.00pm
Thursday – 8.30am to 10.00am

Contact: UNIFORM SHOP – Phone: 9452 3431 or Mrs Leah Phillips (after hours) –Mobile: 0431 087 224

Second Hand Uniforms

A second hand uniform service is available at Wilson with a selection of items available. We will inform parents where these will be available once school has resumed.
For enquiries or to make an appointment please phone Mrs Sue Thygesen on 0409 294 335.

School Times

School Commences 8:45 a.m. Students will be allowed to enter classrooms by 8:35 to prepare for an 8:45 start.
Morning Recess 10:05 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.
Lunch 12:25 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. Children must sit down and eat their lunch for the first fifteen minutes. The children will be
Home Time 3:05 p.m.

Please note that students are not supervised before 8:15 a.m. or after 3:30 p.m. Please be sure to drop off/pick up students during those times.

Contact Details

Parents are reminded that they are always welcome to phone or email the school to make a time to speak with any particular teacher regarding their child’s progress. Our staff are often available to speak to parents, but we ask for your assistance in making an appointment through the School Office first. Parents are requested not to phone teachers at home to discuss College related matters. Teachers may be contacted on their school email which would be their first initial followed by their surname (all lower case) @rehoboth.wa.edu.au

College Address: 22 Dalton Place, Wilson 6107, W.A.
Front Office: Phone – 9458-3637 Fax – 9356-1379
Office Email: wilson@rehoboth.wa.edu.au

The Administration Office will officially re-open on Wednesday, 20th January, 2016.
First Day of Classes

The first day of classes for PP-Year 6 students in 2016 commences on Monday, 1st February, 2016. A brief assembly will be held on the first day at 9.00 to welcome the students for the new school year. Students should come prepared on the first day with items from their book lists.

Kindergarten students begin on Tuesday 2nd OR Wednesday 3rd February 2016. Please refer to your letter for details.

Bring to school:
All items on your child’s Personal Items list must be brought to college clearly labelled.

Semester and Term Dates

The school operates on a semester basis. There are two semesters to the school year. Between the two semesters there is a mid-year break. There are also mid-semester breaks.

2016 Calendar Dates for Rehoboth Christian College Students

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College Dates are subject to change, please refer to the school newsletters.

In 2016, the public holidays are on the following dates:

- Labour Day – Monday, 7th March (Week 6, Term 1)
- Good Friday – Friday, 25th March
- Easter Monday – Monday, 28th March
- ANZAC Day – Monday, 25th April, (Week 1, Term 2)
- Western Australia Day – Monday, 6th June (Week 7 Term 2)
- Queen’s Birthday – Monday, 26th September (during the Third Term holidays).
SECTION C – GENERAL INFORMATION

Arrival and Departure (Punctuality)

Students should arrive at the College between 8.15am and 8.40am. **No students should arrive before 8.00am.** Students will not be supervised before 8:15 a.m. or after 3:30 p.m. Unless waiting to be picked up, or waiting for the bus, students should leave by 3.20pm. **No students should still be at the College after 3.45pm.**

Students who arrive late for school should proceed to the Administration Office to obtain a *late note*. A record of the number of times a student arrives late will be maintained and noted on their semester report. The Principal may request an interview for consistent lateness.

As **punctuality and teaching students to be punctual is extremely important,** please make every effort to have your children in class and ready to begin by 8:45 a.m. Devotions for the day begin at that time and arriving late distracts the rest of the class. If a student needs to leave during the day for any reason, a parent must sign the student out in the School Office indicating the reason and time he or she is leaving.

If a student returns after having been out of the College briefly (e.g. after a dental appointment), the student should be signed in upon their return to school.

Address, Change of

If you move to a new address, change phone number, work phone etc, please inform the administration office as soon as possible. Current information is vital for emergency contact. You will be receiving a form requesting an update on your information for 2016.

Administration

The Front Administration Office is open Monday to Friday from 8.15am – 4.00pm. The phone number is 9458 3637 and email wilson@rehoboth.wa.edu.au

After School Student Supervision

All students in Kindergarten and Pre-Primary should be signed out from the classrooms. We would appreciate your cooperation in collecting your children promptly after school. It is our aim to keep your children as safe as possible at all times, so please leave your car to pick up your child as we will not allow students to enter car parks without supervision. Please talk about car park safety with your children at home, as we do at school.

The after school duty teacher is there to supervise student safety while they wait for their parent to arrive. After school time is **not** student play time.

Students who have not been picked up by 3:30 p.m. will need to wait on the bench outside the front office to be collected. Students who are waiting for parents or for the bus before that time, must wait in the undercover area or on the grass area immediately next to that area. **No student is permitted on the play equipment or to play with school sports equipment (even if their parents have arrived) after school.** However, handball is permitted in the undercover area.
After School Care

This year the College will provide after school care at the Kenwick Wilson from 3.05 – 6pm daily. Starting on Monday 1st February 2016, the students will meet in the Art and Craft room, where a qualified team from Camp Australia will deliver a tailored program, combining active games, structured and unstructured play, quiet time and a healthy snack. Homework will be encouraged and supported to ensure children are ready to return home at the end of a busy day.

Parents wishing to utilise this service can apply via the Primary or Business Offices or by visiting https://www.campaustralia.com.au/ and typing “Rehoboth” into the school search. The College is planning to commence a service at the Wilson Campus from Term 2, 2016. Should you be interested in this, please use the above link to register your interest for the Wilson Campus.

Assemblies

Our assemblies are on Thursdays, held fortnightly with classes leading the assemblies at different times. All parents are sincerely welcome to attend the assemblies. Please refer to the fortnightly Newsletters on line for dates.

Association for Christian Education

- **Meetings** are held twice a year, in March and October (usually the last Monday in the month).

- Your support, through attendance, is vitally important to the welfare of your school, the Board and the Association for Christian Education.

- **Affiliation with other Christian Schools.** The Association for Christian Education (A.C.E.) is a member of the Christian Education National (C.E.N) located in Blacktown N.S.W. C.E.N. promotes parent-controlled Christian schools throughout Australia and provides financial assistance to associations in building programs. The National Institute of Christian Education (N.I.C.E) is the vehicle by which C.E.N. supports and controls efforts in teacher education designed for teachers in its schools. It provides in-service and award courses for teachers in C.E.N. and other schools.

Attendance

The College has obligations under the Education Act as well as accountability to you as parents to ensure that your child attends school. Attendance at school is compulsory.

In the event of a student absence, parents should phone the Administration Office by 9.00am on 9458 3637 or by email: wilson@rehoboth.wa.edu.au to advise that your child will be absent on each day of absence. If a child is absent for 3 or more consecutive days, a written note must be sent to the school stating dates and reasons for absence. In case of longer absences i.e. more than 1 week, a doctor’s certificate may be required.

If you do not contact the College when your child is absent, the Administration Office will need to contact a parent that morning to verify the absence and make sure your child is safe. Your assistance in this matter will be much appreciated.

Please do not keep your child home for trivial reasons. It upsets the child’s routine and puts them behind in their work. If possible, schedule appointments (i.e. dental, medical) out of school hours.
Parents sometimes approach the school regarding students leaving a week early, or coming back a week late from school holidays. Such practices inconvenience the child, the class and the teachers and are disruptive in the school program. Students who miss lessons often take a long time to catch up, and extended absences could result in the student getting lower grades for the semester.

If your child is absent for a large number of days without explanation or documentation, the College may lose your child’s funding. If this is the case, the fees charged will be at an International student’s fee rate.

**Behaviour Management**

Our K – 6 Behaviour Management Policy will reflect the principles of the Association’s Policy and Procedures. This states that the school will apply loving discipline to students as part of a nurturing process to enable them to become obedient disciples of God. Our Relationships and Responsibilities Procedure is available upon request, and is also on the school website [www.rehoboth.wa.edu.au](http://www.rehoboth.wa.edu.au)

**Behaviour Expectations**

1. We RESPECT God, others and ourselves.
2. Every student has the right to feel safe and be SAFE.
3. We treat all things with care.
4. We respect the callings and role of students to LEARN and of teachers to TEACH.
5. We LISTEN and use positive words to solve problems.

In 2016, the staff will be reviewing and then implementing a whole Wilson campus behavioural policy and classrooms expectations. This will then be communicated to the students at the beginning of the year.

**Outdoor Rules**

1. Walk on all verandahs and pathways.
2. Play away from fences.
3. Trees must be left alone and not climbed.
4. Students are not to be in the classroom without the teacher’s permission or presence.
5. No throwing of stones, sticks, or tree parts.
6. All rubbish is to be deposited in bins provided.
7. All play ceases when the bell is rung.
8. Students are not allowed to leave the college premises without permission.
9. “NO HAT, NO SUN PLAY”.
10. Before school, students are to sit and wait quietly. After school, students are to play & wait in the undercover area or on the grass next to this area.

**Bicycle and Car Safety**

**Students riding bikes** to school are required to obey traffic laws. Helmets must be worn. Those who do not, or act irresponsibly may be denied the privilege of taking their bike to school.

Students riding bicycles are required to buy and use a **suitable bike lock** as we have had bikes stolen from the school area. Once a student arrives at the College, his/her bike should be parked in the bike rack outside Room A and then left there until dismissal time. Please ensure that helmets are properly labelled with your child’s name and phone number.
Bicycles are not to be ridden on the college grounds. Children must dismount and walk alongside their bicycles. Students must not ride their bikes between parked cars. This causes damage to paintwork and mirrors. The College’s car park is **out of bounds** to all students during school hours. Parents dropping their children off at the College are asked to drive through into the parent car park. **Parents may not park in the staff car park** for visibility and safety reasons. Please do not park in Molo Court.

### Board

The Board consists of members elected by the membership. Elections are held at the March meeting of the A.C.E. Board members serve for a period of three years before retiring or seeking re-election. The Board, through its school appointed member, will work together with the Head of Primary to discuss school matters.

Board outcomes:

1. Children view the world as God’s world.
3. Children accept God’s promises for themselves and respond in gratitude with a committed Christian life.
4. Children seek to serve Christ in their chosen life roles and careers.
5. Parents are supported in the spiritual nurturing of their children through the provision of quality Christian schooling from a Reformed perspective.
6. Quality Christ centred schooling has been consistently provided.

### Booklists

Booklists are issued toward the end of Term 4 (Years 1-6) through Campion Books. Levies in Kindergarten ($70.00) and Pre-Primary ($85.00) are issued in lieu of booklists.

Book lists generally accommodate the stationery and textbook needs of our students. On occasion a student will need more stationery than originally listed. Parents will need to provide these. Please note that this also assists us in raising funds as we receive a commission from the sales.

### Bullying

- Bullying is a problem that exists in our society. Though we would wish it to be different, our students are capable of this behaviour and it may at times be present in our school.
- We do not accept this type of behaviour.
- We will deal with the bully and the bullied, including those passively watching and not reporting the offence.
- Prevention is better than punishment. Both the home and the college need to continually talk about this issue and discuss acceptable behaviour and strategies for dealing with offences.
- For bullying to be dealt with effectively all staff, students and parents need to be vigilant.
- Bullying can take many forms including verbal, physical, social, cyber and/or psychological.
- We need to be diligent in listening to all instances and as much information as possible about the offence and immediately report any incidents to the College. Please do not wait for events to reoccur several times before it is reported. Students need to know that
bullying is unacceptable in this college and will be dealt with in a serious but appropriate manner.

- For further information please refer to our Relationships and Responsibilities Policy, available at the office.

**Rehoboth Bus Services**

All families wishing to use the bus should apply for **bus passes** which can be obtained from the Business Office. Bus passes will be issued during the first three weeks of school. Please complete the Bus Application form and return to the Business Office. Families who wish to terminate their bus application must return the current bus pass to the Business Office before a credit can be given.

There are three services in operation.
- **Success/Leeming Service**, running from Gateway Shopping Centre, via Karel Avenue, Southlands Shopping Centre and Riverton to Kenwick and then on to Wilson.
- **Canning Vale Service** from Westfield St in Maddington via Forest lakes Shopping Centre in Thornlie, passing the Kenwick Railway Station to Kenwick Campus then to the Wilson Campus.
- **Southern River Service** from Yale Rd in Thornlie via Langford, Spencer and Nicholson Rd, via Livingstone Shopping Centre on Randford Rd, Boardwalk Blvd to Brixton Street.

Current fees for families who wish to use the bus services **to and from school at the start of 2016 are as follows** (this is a 3% increase for 2015; prices are GST inclusive):

- **Full time users** (usage = 60% or more)
  - $200 per term – one student;
  - $305 per family per term – two or more students.

- **Part time users** (usage is less than 60%)
  - $115 per term – one student;
  - $185.00 per family per term – two or more students.

- **Casual users** (these may NOT be available if the buses are filled to capacity)
  - $6 per journey.

The cost of the bus service is subsidized by the College. The above prices are correct at the time of printing.

Travel vouchers may be purchased in advance at the School Office. Please give the travel voucher to the bus driver on entry. These may not be available if buses are full. It is the ongoing responsibility of parents to ensure that their children have a valid bus pass/travel voucher. Please contact the Business Office for further details.

**Campus Transfers**

Parents who are considering transferring their child to another campus should follow the procedures outlined below;

a) Parents are asked to put their request for transfer **in writing** to the Head of their current campus so that this can be put on file.

b) A meeting will be arranged for you with the Principal/Head of Primary at your current campus to discuss your request.

c) Your request will be discussed by the Heads of the Primary School who will consider the reasons for transfer. Please understand that there are various aspects to be considered in the decision making process.

d) Transfers will only by considered for the new academic year, however, extenuating circumstances will be taken into consideration.

e) Parents will be informed of the final decision by the end of Term 3 so that students may be prepared for the transfer in the following year.
Canteen

The Rehoboth Canteen serves both College Campuses with the provision of quality food choices and various food related services to the College Community. The funds raised though the profits generated by the Canteen, are used to provide resources and equipment that benefit the College Community.

The Canteen provides:
- Lunches and food sales;
- Café meeting place for parents at Kenwick;
- Opportunity for parents to serve the College accumulating service time;
- Basic training for all volunteer assistants;
- Extra catering for College functions and Secondary Camps.

At Wilson, the Canteen will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays at recess (selling snacks and drinks) & lunch, offering a limited range of various hot and cold foods, drinks and snacks. Most of the products sold at the canteen comply with the State School Canteens Traffic Light System Guidelines.

The canteen also offers a variety of home-baked treats that are generously donated each week by parent volunteers.

The Canteen is run by, Sue Thygesen, who works closely with a team of committed and dedicated assistants and parent volunteers, who regularly serve the College Community with their time and energy. New volunteers are most welcome!

All fresh foods menu choices are prepared and made on site to the highest standards of health and food safety requirements.

Mrs Macs Good Eating range, especially designed for school canteens, is also available. **The Rehoboth Wilson canteen will recommence for 2016 in Term 1 on Thursday 4/2/2016.**

Relevant menu forms must be used to order lunches –and are available from the front office. Alternatively orders can be made online at www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au . When ordering on line, please update student details of class and teacher from 2015. For more information regarding online ordering, please see the front office.

If you would like to volunteer for the canteen or have any concerns, please contact Sue Thygesen on 0409294335 or by email sthygesen@rehoboth.wa.edu.au

C.E.O

The Association’s Chief Executive Officer is Mr Mark Steyn. He is located at the Business Office, 92 Kenwick Road, Kenwick. Phone 9452 1833.

Child Abuse

If it is suspected that a student is the victim of abuse, it is the legal responsibility of teachers to report such cases.
If a student confides in a teacher that abuse has occurred, the teacher is legally obliged to report the matter to the Principal. The Principal is then obliged to report the incident to Community Services. **By law, no staff member can question the child about the abuse.**
**Choir**

In addition to classroom music for Kindergarten – Yr 6, there is school choir that students can join. The choir generally meets once a week during lunch time. Students are expected to remain in the choir for the entire year and attend all rehearsals and concerts, unless there is prior arrangement due to exceptional circumstances. Students will have the opportunity to sign up in Term 1, 2016. For more information, please contact Miss Kimberley Goh, the music teacher.

![Choir Image](image)

**Class Allocations/Composite Classes**

As you can understand, there is much to consider as we arrange classes each year. Throughout the years at Rehoboth, depending on enrolment numbers, both straight and composite classes have been in operation. This provides a wonderful opportunity for differentiated teaching and learning to assist every student to reach their full potential in many areas including academic. It also assists in enhancing areas such as social skills, communication, cooperative learning, and independency. This supports the college's vision and values of developing the whole child, which includes their spiritual, moral, and academic growth, and their personal and social development.

Additionally, there will be many opportunities during the year where students will come together with other classes for instruction and group learning. Regardless of whether a student is in a straight or split class, they will be completing the curriculum required for their year level. They will also have opportunities to come together to do whole grade work such as Literacy and Numeracy groups and Science activities. In any class, there are varying abilities within a group regardless of whether it is a straight or composite class. Please be assured that whatever class your child is in, we endeavour to provide a quality Christ-centred education for your children. Any questions and further information will be discussed at the Parent Information evening on Monday, 15th February at your class meeting. For 2016, class lists will be released from Monday, 25th January and will be posted at the office for that week. This allows for the accommodation of any changes such as enrolments, student movement and confirmation of class teachers.
College Service Hours

The College offers a discount to families who have completed 5 hours of college support in each semester, in the semester prior to the discount being applied. Only families, who have completed and submitted the college support form, will be entitled to the discounted rate. All new families will be entitled to the discounted rate immediately following commencement for one semester only.

Concerns, Grievances and Complaints

Our Grievances/Complaints policy is available upon request and is on our website. We outline four stages, Informal Resolution, Formal Resolution, CEO involvement and a Panel Hearing. Rehoboth Christian College is committed to developing an educational and organizational culture based on mutual trust and respect. We are committed to following procedures to resolving issues in a manner that is honouring to our Lord Jesus Christ and His word.

We appreciate that whenever people work together in a community concerns may develop. In order for this school to work effectively, together with its parents, we need to be able to openly, honestly and in a Christ-like manner share our concerns with each other.

Although this may not always be easy, it is important to deal with concerns sooner than later. It will prevent any issue from getting much bigger than it should do.

- Carefully and prayerfully consider the matter and then think about how you will share this concern in a manner that will be conducive to a healthy and productive conversation.
- Go to the source of the concern first.
- Make an appointment with the person and explain the reason for the appointment.

Please do not approach teachers just before school is to begin or straight after school is finished. Teachers are busy preparing for or finishing off their activities and they may not be able to give adequate attention to your issue. Please make an appointment.

- Be prepared to listen to each others views and discuss them respectfully, honestly and openly.
- Set strategies and plans in place to deal with the issue if appropriate; plans that you are both agreeable to and prepared to work with.
- A follow-up meeting may be necessary to discuss progress.
- If this does not resolve your concern please meet again.
- If the concern remains, please do not hesitate to involve the Principal.
- If the issue still is not resolved after that process, please seek advice from the CEO.
- We would hope that through open and honest communication and prayerful consideration we will be able to resolve your concerns.
Curriculum

Curriculum addresses not only the skills and knowledge that students are expected to learn, but also the manner in which it is presented. At RCC, we are committed to a Christ-centred and Biblically based curriculum. In other words, we seek to provide a Biblical and God-honouring perspective in every learning area and activity. We desire to prepare students for lives of service to God wherever He may call them and to help them think and discern with the mind of Christ.

Our school curriculum includes English, Mathematics, the Arts, Biblical Studies and Church History, Indonesian, Science, Humanities, Information Technology and Health and Physical Education. In addition, we also offer EduDance, Choir, Band, and Individual Music Tuition.

The areas which have been finalized in the National Australian Curriculum and West Australian Curriculum are English, Maths, Science and Humanities and teachers will use these in their programming in 2016. We will continue to have a strong emphasis on Bible, Literacy and Numeracy.

Dental Care

Rehoboth is serviced by the WA Health Department through the Mount Henry School of Dental Therapy, 43 Mount Henry Road, Mount Henry. Phone 9313 0552.

All Children are able to be included in this free scheme.

To be included, parents must fill out a form that will be sent home from the clinic. If you choose not to participate in this service, please notify the clinic or indicate on the form that is sent home.

Detention

Students who misbehave in class, or in the playground, fail to complete assignments on time, or fails to hand in homework etc, may be required to have 'bench time'. Teachers may informally detain students during break times, or ask them to sit on the bench located close to the staffroom.

If a student displays more severe behaviour, a teacher may issue them with detention. Detention will be held one day a week during lunch time and supervised by the Assistant Principal, Mr Craig Hunter. The teacher issuing detention will specify work or an activity addressing the issue for which they were detained. Students will be required to complete this assignment during the detention time. Parents will be informed by a note home that their child was issued with detention.

If a child has three detentions a term, the parents may be asked to meet with the teacher to resolve the issues involved.

Frequent detentions should be interpreted as a serious warning that a student's behaviour is unsatisfactory. Although any disciplinary measures a school takes may cause inconvenience at times, it is our expectation that parents will support the College in such matters.
Diaries

Diaries are included on the booklist for each student in Years 1 to 6 for 2016. The diaries are an important tool for your child’s learning program to be successful.

Diaries must be taken to all classes to record details of:

- Homework set – assignments, projects, etc;
- Reading – texts and fiction reading;
- Study – revision, summaries, notes, etc.

Much of the time teachers will outline homework, study or reading that needs to be done. At other times, students will need to work out for themselves what they need to finish, read, review or prepare for future lessons and tests etc. Learning how to use a homework diary and knowing what needs to be written in it is the first stage of learning successful study techniques and effective organization.

Keeping a homework diary is a key part of developing good learning and study habits (see Homework on page 25), and parents are asked to co-operate with us in ensuring that students use them by reading and signing them EACH NIGHT. This WILL be regularly checked by the classroom teacher. Parents will get a good guide as to how organised their children are as students by the way they keep their homework diary. If a student loses their diary, a replacement copy must be purchased. This will also be required if a student is found to have a defaced or graffiti-marked their diary.

Discipline Policy

Discipline in its proper sense is the process of ‘discipling’ or leading someone to become an obedient disciple of Christ. As such it should include many aspects, including praise, encouragement, teaching, nurturing, example and correction. The aim of the teaching staff is to create a school and classroom environment which is conducive to the social, emotional, spiritual and academic growth of each child. The school also has a pastoral approach which fosters self-discipline. Teachers view their role as one of discipling which is inherent in the discipline process. Children are not only told when their behaviour is inappropriate, but instructed from a Christian perspective in how and why to behave differently.

The ‘other side of the coin’ includes chastisement, retribution, punishment and restitution, as well as aspects of justice, graciousness, repentance, forgiveness and reconciliation.

The basic principle underpinning the discipline policy is that the student receives a warning prior to a consequence and there is an escalating series of consequences if the student’s behaviour does not improve.

Coloured Tokens – Students can receive coloured tokens as rewards for a variety of achievements. These tokens are placed in their house container in the office. These tokens are then counted each week and added to the ongoing tally. If a student receives a white token for unacceptable behaviour, etc., this is also placed in the appropriate house container but represents the subtraction of two house points. At the end of each semester, the house with the most points participates in a special activity. Responsibility for classroom discipline falls upon the teacher who may implement a variety of strategies at increasing levels. Also see Detention.
Excursions

As a general rule, each class may plan one excursion per semester.

- For class excursions, usually a bus is hired.
- Teachers will ensure that diligent supervision is maintained throughout the excursion and that behaviour of the children is of a high standard.
- The ratio of adults to students will be no less than 1:10; however, we prefer a lower ratio of 1:6 for increased levels of student safety and supervision.
- If we do not have enough parents as helpers, an excursion may be cancelled.
- It is the parent’s responsibility to complete forms on time.
- If students do not return their consent forms they will be unable to attend the excursions.
- The school office is unable to contact parents with phone calls for consent.
- Details of excursions and consent forms will be sent home to each child for class excursions.
- **Full uniform is compulsory – unless otherwise specified on the excursion note.**

Teachers will ensure that the College’s First Aid Kit and a mobile phone are taken on all excursions.

Gifted and Talented Students (LEX@R)

Learning extension at Rehoboth will incorporate students from Years 5 – 8 with the program being further developed in 2016. The aim of the programme is to extend the learning of students beyond the normal classroom curriculum with students who show academic and creative talents. Students will be taken out of class once a week to work with Mrs Vivian on various programmes and activities.

Students who are chosen will have to meet a certain criteria based upon testing and NAPLAN results, teacher recommendations and portfolios of work where appropriate. If selected, parents of students will also need to fill in a questionnaire regarding their children. The (LEX@R) programme will have a limited number of students for optimum learning and may incur additional fees depending on the activity/ programme that the students are involved in.

Hair and Head Lice

Head lice are a continuing concern in all schools. We need the cooperation of all parents with this. If your child has head lice, we ask that you keep them at home.

- If head lice are noticed at the College you will be called and asked to pick up your child and commence treatment immediately.
- A letter will be sent home notifying parents in the class that head lice have been found and for parents to check their children and take appropriate action.
- All eggs need to be removed before your child can return to college. This applies even though treatment may have begun.
- Upon returning to college your child will have their hair checked.
- If eggs are found you will be notified and asked to take your child home to remove the eggs.
**Hats**

The only hat that may be worn at school is the broad-rimmed hat with the college crest. We have a ‘No Hat, No Sun Play’ policy all year.

**Homework**

Homework is considered to be an integral part of the child’s education, and is conducive to their present and future education, the development of their personality and becomes a good opportunity for communication. It aims to establish good, regular study habits.

In the lower school, homework will be of short duration and consist mainly of oral reading to parents and revising spelling words.

In the middle grades, other activities may be added and about 20-25 minutes per night may be expected.

In the upper grades, about 30-40 minutes homework per night may be expected (and more if long-term projects have been assigned).

In the middle and upper grades, teachers will give their students guidance as to possible methods and organisation of the homework time. It is requested that parents provide the necessary amount of supervision, that their children have a suitable place to do their homework, and that it is completed to school standards. Reading should be part of every child’s homework. If parents note that their child is regularly exceeding the class time guideline, they should communicate with their class teacher.

**Instrumental Music Program**

An Instrumental Music Program (IMP) operates for students in Years 1–12. Rehoboth currently offers tuition in piano, clarinet, saxophone, flute, guitar and drums. There is a strong possibility of violin tuition being added to the IMP in 2016, if there are enough interested students. Please contact Miss Khoo to express your interest.

Specialist instrumental tutors provide lessons on-campus each week, during the school day. Students undertaking lessons with the IMP are expected to take responsibility for catching up on any missed work. Before and after school lessons can be arranged, but priority will be given to Senior Secondary students. Students receive a 30 minute lesson weekly, and are strongly encouraged to purchase or hire an instrument to practice on at home. Students will also need to purchase books each year at the discretion of the tutor.

Fees for IMP lessons are charged to the student’s College account at the start of each term. The rates for lessons are as follows:

- $33 per lesson for an individual lesson
- $16.50 per lesson for a group-of-2 lesson (except drums)

IMP lessons begin Term 1 week 2.

More detailed information can be found in the IMP Booklet 2016 (available on-line) and at the Primary or Secondary Offices. Please direct any queries regarding the IMP, College Ensembles or the Music program to Miss Khoo, Secondary Music Teacher and IMP Co-ordinator (Kenwick).

Email: jkhoo@rehoboth.wa.edu.au
Library

Students will regularly visit the Library for borrowing books and literature promotion. All students must have a library bag for borrowing. Our Librarian, Mrs Annehichenia Murray, will also have a half hour per week of literacy instruction for Years 1-3. This is a time where students will be engaged in literature and activities. This programme seeks to foster a love of reading while giving exposure to the various forms of literature. Students will have access to the Library during lunch on the days that the Librarian is present on a class roster basis.

Every effort is made to choose appropriate books for our library. If you consider the content of a book be unsuitable, parents are encouraged to inform the staff of this.

If a child damages or loses a book he/she will be expected to pay for the cost of a replacement item.

You will be advised of your child’s library day via the classroom teacher. This is an opportunity to visit the library, exchange books and seek information from the Librarian.

Lost Property

All books, clothing, and other property need to be clearly marked with the student's first & last name. A wide range of custom-printed labels are available from Officeworks. Laundry markers are also available from department stores. All books (exercise books, own texts, and school issued texts) must contain the student's name and year.

The College will not make announcements regarding, or attempt to find, items of students' lost property that were not labelled in accordance with these requirements. Exceptions will only be made in the case of money, or other very small items, such as jewellery, which is impossible to label. Students should not leave their books or property lying loose on benches or on the verandas.

All property should be in students’ school bags, in their chair bags or on their person. Students should not leave any clothing, books, bags etc in the toilet or benches overnight. We recommend that students do not bring large sums of money to school.

Lost property is kept in a box between the girls and boys toilets. Students and parents are free to check this before and after school and during lunchtimes. Items not claimed from lost property will be passed on for sale at the Second-hand Uniform shop at the end of each term.

Lunches

School lunches will be available from the canteen on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please refer to the Canteen section on page 17.

Students should bring food for recess and lunch from home every other day. Parents are encouraged to provide a healthy, nutritious lunch for their children. Providing them with junk food is inappropriate and against the Health Programme being taught at the College. Please do not make a regular practice of bringing in “fast food” lunches for your children except on special occasions (i.e. birthdays). It is also important to ensure that students have adequate drinks for the day. In hot weather, a frozen bottle of water is suitable, and we also have drinking fountains at school.

Rehoboth Christian College is a “Nut Aware” school as some students have nut allergies, so please be considerate when making lunches not to include nut products.

PLEASE NOTE: The staff room microwave is not available to students to heat up their food. Parents should supply students an appropriate thermos style container and utensils if they wish their students to have hot food for lunch.
Missions

- A voluntary mission offering is collected on Thursday mornings in each classroom. Children are encouraged to give from their own money.
- The College community is kept informed of the offerings in the newsletters and at assemblies.
- Each year the monies are distributed among missionaries and Christian organisations known to the school.
- Since our House groups have the purpose to promote Christian service, they also determine fundraising projects for various missions. The Year 6 Mission Team, House members and their leaders are responsible for promoting and organising these throughout the year.

Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

For students from K – 6, it is our preference that students do not bring mobile phones to the College. However, we are aware that some students who use public transport or who may find themselves in a vulnerable place may need to contact their parents. There are some strict guidelines that have been set for those students who do bring a mobile phone to school:
- Students who choose to have mobile phones must check them into the school office each morning;
- Students are NOT permitted to use a mobile phone or any other electronic device, other than that supplied by the school, at all during the school day and must only be used to contact parents;
- Students not following these rules will face normal disciplinary procedures. Confiscation of a phone or other electronic device may occur during a school day. Confiscated devices will be returned to the student at the end of the same school day;
- Use of these technologies inappropriately which harms another student or staff member will be treated under the bullying policy;
- If a phone call to parents needs to be made by students, these should be arranged through the Administration Office. Students should not contact their parents during the day, using their mobiles.

Sometimes your child may not have given you a completely accurate version of events, or may have other reasons for wanting to be picked up. A phone call before coming to the school could save unnecessary frustration, concern, and a trip to the College.

NAPLAN Testing

Students in Years 3 and 5 sit for the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test during May. The assessments are an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned in class. Teachers use these results to meet the individual literacy and numeracy needs of all students.

There are four tests covering Numeracy, Reading, Writing and Language Conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar). The NAPLAN test dates for 2016 are Tuesday, 10th May to Thursday, 12th May. Results are normally sent to schools in the last week of Term 3, when individual student data is sent home.

School results appear on the Myschool website during Term 4.
**New Families**

All new students are required to submit a **School Admission Form** so that we have information on hand, such as health concerns and have correct details available should we need to contact parents for reasons such as illness or injury at school. If you have not filled in an Admission Form already, we will give you one when you arrive.

For all new Kindy, Pre-Primary, Year One students, a **proof of age** and notation of **immunisation (or exemption) records** is required by law.

A New Parent Induction is held twice a year to better acquaint you with the philosophy and structure of our association. As all our families enter as either members or affiliates of the Association for Christian Education, this induction will contain important information for all entering families. Member/Affiliate status is conditional upon attending one of the induction evenings. The Business Office will send all new families notice of upcoming dates.

**Newsletter and Notices**

We endeavour to keep parents fully informed about all College activities. Newsletters, which are the main regular contact between the College and home, are **issued each fortnight** throughout the term, commencing in Week 1 on Friday, 6th February, 2016. As many of our notes are emailed to parents, we encourage parents to ensure we have your correct email address and that you check this regularly. We will also be increasing our use of on-line notes in the newsletter in 2016 and encourage parents to familiarize themselves with this system. There are still notes that go home as hard copies, especially those that require parents to send a return slip. Please help your children to be responsible in taking notes home and returning them to school. Diaries are also an important means of communication and parents are required to sign these regularly. Teachers will inform you of the process that is to be used in your child’s class as this differs between the different year levels.

Notification of the newsletter will be emailed to your email address, with a web link to the college newsletters from all campuses. [http://rehobothcc.schoolzinenewsletters.com](http://rehobothcc.schoolzinenewsletters.com) Please notify the office if your email address changes throughout the year.

Newsletters are also posted on the **College’s website** ([www.rehoboth.wa.edu.au](http://www.rehoboth.wa.edu.au)).

If you have other friends or family who may possibly be interested in sending their children to Rehoboth and would like to receive a copy each fortnight, please contact the Administration Office and we would be delighted to add them to our email list.

**Open Day**

Each year there is a ‘Family Fun Open Day’ held at the Wilson Campus with the 2016 Open Day being held on Saturday 22nd October. The purpose of this event is to

- showcase the school to families who may be contemplating Rehoboth as an option for their child’s education
- build a sense of community within the school
- convey our purpose to the broader Wilson community
- to raise money for the school.

The Open Day can only be a success with the help of many volunteers and your willingness to invite family and friends along. With stalls, games, artwork on display - it is a fun event and enjoyed by people of all ages. **NB:** The homemade jams and spreads and freshly made doughnuts are not to be missed!
Parents on Holidays – Duty of Care

If parents plan to go away for a holiday, work or other reason and leave children in the care of other relatives, friends or older (adult) siblings, it is important for you to contact the College to let us know who will be responsible for your child while you are away, and how we can contact them. If a child is sick or injured, or if there is a problem with their schoolwork or other school matters, we need to be able to contact a responsible adult. **Before you go away, please send the College a note containing the name and contact details for the person who will be responsible for your child, and also whether your child will be living at their usual home or with someone else.**

Parent Information Evening

Parent-Teacher Information Night is held for all classes early in Term One. The Parent Information night for 2016 will be held on Monday 15th February.

- The meeting is to act as a “getting to know you” opportunity and for the teacher to explain class procedures and expectations for the coming year. These times are also a good opportunity for parent and teacher fellowship. Please come along even it is a teacher that you have met before to be informed of changes that will affect your child.
- Further meetings can be arranged by the teacher or parent as the need arises, or if you have specific concerns regarding your child.

Parent Representatives

Parent Representatives for each class group add a wonderful dimension to the Rehoboth Community. In the past, these Parent Representatives have coordinated morning teas, dinners, meal rosters for families facing difficulties and contact lists which makes getting in touch, so much easier. The role of the Parent Representative is a valuable one and not overly burdensome, so if you are thinking of taking up this role for your class group, please see Amanda Blennerhassett or text her on 0409 220 297 or make enquiries at the School Office.

Play Group

This year we will be running a Playgroup on Thursday mornings in the Kindy Blue room. The coordinators for playgroup will be Anushka van der Veen and Angeline Chia. For more information regarding starting times and dates, please contact the front office.

Prayer Meetings

- The staff pray every morning to begin the day. Prayer & devotion is every Monday morning at 8.15-8.30am and Bible Study is each Wednesday morning from 8.15-8.30am.
- We would also desire for a group of parents to meet to support the school in prayer. Please notify the School Office or our Chaplain, Mr Wayne Blennerhassett if you are interested in being a part of this group.

Principal

The Principal’s desire is to be available as much as possible for a chat; meetings etc. Appointments can be made most days, but must be made through the School Office on 9458 3637 or via email on wilson@rehoboth.wa.edu.au. It would be advantageous to briefly state the reason for your meeting so that preparation can be made.
Pupil Free Days

Throughout the year we have a number of Pupil Free Days. The purpose of these days are to provide time for staff to be engaged in:

- Whole College professional development days
- Strategic Planning
- Curriculum Planning/Development

CONFERENCE AND OTHER DATES WILL BE CONFIRMED IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS.

Reports

All school reports will be issued on a Semester system (i.e. twice per year). Reports on all learning areas will be addressed in these reports. Parent/Teacher interviews will be scheduled during Term 3 Week 2 during which both parties have an opportunity to discuss the child’s progress.

Interim reports (Term Reflections) are issued at the end of Term 1 & 3 in each student’s work sample books.

Scholarships

In 2016, Rehoboth ‘Heritage’ scholarships will once again be made available to new enrolments to the College (Years 6-12), and will hopefully fill up some of the available vacancies which exist. A few extra students will add a great deal of government funding to the College, which will allow us to expand the resources that we have available to our students.

If you know someone in your local Church who may be interested, these scholarships are based on merit and are to the value of $2,250 (which is deducted from College fees) per annum. Details of the Selection Criteria, Conditions and the Application Procedure can be found on the Scholarship Application Form. These can be obtained from the Principal or the Business Office.

Round 1 of the 2016 Scholarship applications closes on Friday, 23rd September, 2016. This is also the date for any Scholarship renewal applications.

Eligibility

New students who are seeking enrolment at the College and whose parents qualify for Membership in the Association of Christian Education.

The Scholarship Award

1. These yearly scholarships are awarded annually on the basis of applications which meet the criteria.
2. Each scholarship is worth the value of $2,250 per year for Year 6–12 students, which is deducted from the annual College fees charged to the student.
3. Should a child who is awarded a Scholarship withdraw or terminate his/her enrolment at the College, the scholarship is not redeemable for cash, and is not transferable to another student or sibling at the College. It is also not transferable to other schools within or outside W.A.
4. As the scholarship is for one year’s duration, students who have been successful in being granted a Scholarship in a particular year and who wish to continue their study at the College, need to reapply in the following year to be considered.

Selection Criteria

Scholarship recipients will be selected from applicants who:
1. Demonstrate how Jesus is real in their life and express what it means to be a Christian.
2. Excel in areas such as academic, sport, cultural/aesthetic OR Christian leadership.
3. Can demonstrate that they will make a significant contribution to the College.
4. Have skills and abilities that will contribute to the College’s existing programs.
Sick / Injured Students

The College has limited facilities to assist students who are unwell. We do have a sick bay which can accommodate one student at a time. We also have staff that are **qualified in first aid procedures** to assist students in an emergency, but we do **NOT** have a school nurse for the care of sick students on an ongoing basis. It is also important to consider that sick students may pass on their illness to other students and staff, especially those students who may be immune deficient and are therefore susceptible to sickness.

**If your child is sick, and may not be able to stay in class, please keep him or her at home or arrange for them to be cared for by friends or relatives.**

If your child is too unwell to remain in class during the day, we will need to contact you to ask for them to be collected by yourself, a friend or relative. Your assistance in giving your child the best opportunity for a quick recovery, and avoiding passing on an illness, will help the school maximize the opportunities for learning, particularly during the winter months when influenza and colds are the most prevalent. If an injury occurs, the parent will be contacted immediately and required to seek doctor’s assistance. If the injury is perceived to be serious, the College will have the child immediately hospitalised by Ambulance. *(Parents will be required to pay for the Ambulance)*

In the case of injuries, an Accident Report Form is filled out by staff that were connected with the event.

Specialist Areas

**Indonesian** – Indonesian is our ‘Language Other Than English’ (LOTE) at Rehoboth. All students from Years 1-6 study Indonesian. Lessons are one hour per week for Years 4-6 and one half-hour for Years 1-3.

**Music** – Music is studied and practiced in order to worship and give glory to God. One hour is reserved for the Music program for Years 1-6. Students in Years 3-6 are encouraged to join the school choir. In addition, the school has made available the Instrumental Music Program (see IMP)

**Bible** – A comprehensive Biblical studies program is taught in Year 1-6. In Years 1-4, one hour a week will be taught by a specialist teacher as well as by classroom teachers. In Year 5 and 6, the classroom teachers will teach the entire Biblical Studies program. These classes are in addition to classroom devotions and are considered academic courses.

**Church History** – In order for our students to develop their Christian world and life view, Church History is taught for one hour per week to Years 5 and 6. (The course is continued into Year 7 and 8 at Kenwick.) Students are instructed in Ancient to Reformation Church History.

**Literature** – Years 1-3 will receive a half-hour instruction per week in literature and literacy-related activities that relate directly to the Australian Curriculum through our Library.
Sports Program

We consider fitness to be an important part of our Physical Education Program. Students in Years 1-6 will have PE for an hour each week, with our Sports Specialist teacher Mr Nicholas Butson. Sport shoes and the sports uniform including the red sports shirt, is a requirement to participate in Physical Education for Years 1-6.

Your class teacher will inform you of your child’s sport day. Red sport shirts will be worn on your class sport day & on Monday (except for Weeks 1 & 5 which will be a Friday) in Term 1 only for EduDance.

Swimming – During Term 1 in Weeks 3 & 4, students from Years 3-6 will receive 10 consecutive swimming lessons at the Cannington Leisureplex. Enrolment forms will be given out at the beginning of Term 1, 2016. We do require these forms back to the class teachers ASAP in order for the students to commence the swimming program.

PP to Year 2 will have swimming lessons during Term 4 in Weeks 1 & 2

We have our own Swimming Carnival from which we choose a school team to compete in the Combined Christian Schools Swimming Carnival. Students will be nominated to compete in our Inter-house Swimming Carnival. Swimming training will be available from Week 2 commencing the 8th February on a Tuesday & Thursday before school at Thornlie (7-8am).

Carnival Dates:
Inter-house Carnival – Monday 29th February @ Riverton Leisureplex.
Combined Christian Schools Carnival – Friday 1st April.

Athletics – All grades are coached in various primary school athletic skills and prepared for our own Athletic Carnival and the Combined Christian Schools athletic carnival during Term Three. During the remaining times, we aim to provide the students with a sound variety of summer and winter sports.

EduDance – The College will be running the Edu-Dance program in 2016 commencing Week 1, Friday 6th February. Edu dance will be every Friday in term 1 except for weeks 3, 8 and 10 when it will be held on a Monday.

The Edu Dance concert will be held on Monday evening, 4th April, 2016. Please check the newsletter closer to the date to confirm.
Uniforms

The brochure, ‘College Uniform Information’, clearly outlines the uniform requirements for 2016. Please keep this brochure to refer to throughout the year. We believe that high dress standards and adherence to the school uniform are important. Correct wearing of the College uniform for the full year is a compulsory requirement for all students. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct footwear at all times. Sport shoes may not be worn with normal uniform for students in Years 1-6.

The full support of parents ensuring that students have all the correct uniform items and wear the uniform correctly each day is very important.

Parents sometimes request in a note sent with the child that permission be given for the child to wear some non-uniform item for a period of time because it may not be convenient for the parent to obtain a replacement item for financial or other reasons. We can only give permission for this for a brief emergency situation, such as for one day.

It is a condition of enrolment at Rehoboth that the students will wear full and correct school uniform at all times. If financial reasons are involved, please contact the Principal (Administration) who will make arrangements to assist you to obtain the item, on a confidential basis.

All uniform items must be obtained from the College Uniform Shop located at the Kenwick campus or the Second Hand Shop at Wilson with the exception of footwear and sports socks. See page 11 for shop hours and details.

Withdrawal of Students

The College Board wishes to remind parents that ONE TERM’S NOTICE will be required for the withdrawal of students. The Board will reserve the right to charge one term’s fees if notice is not given.

Year 6 Leadership

The Year 6 class is divided into 4 leadership teams, with each team being given a responsibility and opportunity to serve the school and the wider community in a fun but giving way. The teams are:

- **Assembly Team** - Responsible for setting up and packing away all assembly related items and organizing and maintaining the veggie patch.
- **Student Duties** - Responsible for helping out around the school, especially in the library with computers and chairs, raising the flags daily and organizing recycling related activities.
- **House Team** - Responsible for collecting and counting weekly house tokens and taking on responsibilities at house meetings, carnivals and events.
- **Mission Team** - Responsible for collecting weekly mission money and organizing fundraisers for our various missionary organizations.

Students self nominate and are also carefully considered for the teams by the Year 6 teacher, in consultation with Mrs Nixon the principal.

During the year the Year 6 class will also be involved with the Year 6 class from Kenwick Campus, in various team building and leadership games and activities, including an overnight camp.