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PRINCIPAL’S INTRODUCTION

Welcome to all of our families for 2016. I hope that you have had a good holiday break and are refreshed and ready for the new school year. I would especially like to warmly welcome any new families and students to Rehoboth, and pray that the College will be a blessing to you. As a College, we value your children as individuals. Their progress, both academically and spiritually, is on the forefront of our hearts and minds as Staff at Rehoboth. We have a lot to look forward to this year as we continue to focus on our delivery of learning; student assessment and reporting; developing our curriculum; and the further expansion of a technologically rich program.

What is our main aim as a Christian School? If we had to summarise it, the answer would probably be discernment. It is our desire to train our students to think wisely; to examine things through the lens of God’s word; and to develop a Christian world view in the way they interpret and understand the world around them.

Proverbs 22:6 gives us a guiding principle when it says: “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” (ESV)

Therefore, our focus is on preparation, rather than protection. Our job description as a Christian School is to train the future army of God to make an impact in this world, rather than to build an artificial greenhouse to keep the bad elements out. We are not just talking about an intellectual activity, but encouraging a thoughtful, life-filled relationship with the Creator.


"The Christian school is still very much in the world. Its task is exactly that which is demonstrated in the Bible: to show us the world in all its fallen-ness, and to give us the God-focused handles to live as stewards in that fallen world to the glory of God. The choice for Christians is this: send their children to training institutions where humankind is the object of worship in all activities or send their children to training institutions where God, and his plan for life, is the object of worship in all activities. For a Christian, such a choice should really be no choice at all.”

The year ahead provides us with the opportunity of working together to continue to build the College and to provide an excellent Christian education for our students. Our God is a good God who loves and cares for his children. As a College, we give our commitment to strive to encourage each student to achieve their personal best; to find their purpose and destiny in God; and to make a difference in the world in which they live. May God richly bless each of you as we work in partnership to help our children grow to their full potential in Christ, seeking to bring honour and glory to Him in all things.

This information booklet has been provided to ensure the smooth running of the College and to avoid later misunderstandings. Our procedures are modified from year to year and so all families are encouraged to make sure they are aware of any changes that may have occurred since last year. Please use this booklet for future reference during the year. If you have any questions about anything in this handbook, you can contact us by phoning the College Administration on 9452 1245.

Mr R. Stirling
Principal

Mrs N. Pleysier
Acting Head of Primary
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 he 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.
HOUSE SYSTEM

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

Rehoboth Houses

 ром 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 groupings may be used for Sports Carnivals as well as other whole school activities. Each student should have a House shirt that may be worn on days when they have Physical Education.
OUR HISTORY

Our History began over 50 years ago when Dutch migrants who came to Australia saw something was missing. Many of these migrants had been to Christian schools – 'Schools with the Bible' – where Christian parents were helped to raise their children to love and serve God in all areas of life. In Perth, just as they did around Australia, these migrants spread the vision of starting schools where God was proclaimed as the King of all life. They dreamed of schools with Christian teachers who were just as excited about these ideas and prayed that their children would have schools where they could be taught to ‘think Christianly’.

In 1959, the Association for Christian Education (ACE) was started and planning began for a Christian school in Perth. The Association commenced a 'Saturday school’ for the children of members in 1961. Then in 1966, Rehoboth Christian Primary School (Years 4-7) was started in Wilson with 2 teachers and 23 students.

In 1977, Rehoboth Christian High School began in South Perth, and then in 1979 moved to the current site in Kenwick. The Association expanded in 1992 when a second primary campus opened in Yangebup, but this eventually closed at the end of 2001. In 2005, a primary campus was added on at the Kenwick site. Currently, over 500 students attend Rehoboth Christian College on its two campuses.

Rehoboth means, “For now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.” (from Genesis 26:22 ESV). We are thankful today that God has allowed our schools to be fruitful. We are thankful for the vision of our founders, and the sacrifices they made. We are also thankful that many other Christians have ‘caught the vision’ and that Rehoboth’s existence has encouraged many other groups of Christians to start other Christian schools. We are thankful for the way that Rehoboth has touched the lives of thousands over the past 50 years, and the way that their lives have also been fruitful because of the Christian education they received. To God be the glory!
STAFF INFORMATION 2016

Principal  Mr Rob Stirling

Head of Primary (acting)  Mrs Nicole Pleysier
Curriculum Co-ordinator  Mrs Debra Naylor

Kindergarten  Miss Samantha Ku
Education Assistants  Mrs Kerrie Fleming
                     Mrs Roslyn Howard

Pre-Primary  Miss Rebecca Pike
Education Assistant  Mrs Aileen Brookes

Pre-Primary/Year 1  Mrs Michelle Mubanga
Education Assistants  Mrs Emily Pike
                     Mrs Rachael Hall

Year 1/2  Mrs Narelle Henderson
           Mrs Debra Naylor

Learning Support Education Assistant Yr 1-2  Mrs Rachael Hall

Year 2  Mrs Alyce Verdouw

Year 3  Mrs Patricia Ayre

Year 4  Mr Dion Farr

Year 5  Mr Warren Preece

Year 6  Miss Kathryn Gibbon

Learning Support Education Assistant YR 3-6  Mrs Wendy Pol

Administrators  Mrs Denise Stepanoski
                Mrs Jennifer Faulkner

Maintenance  Mr Victor Eikelboom
             Mr Troy Eikelboom

Library and Literature Appreciation  Mrs Helen Crosby
LOTE (Indonesian) - Year 1-6  Miss Samantha Wong
Performing Arts (Music) Year 1-6  Miss Kimberley Goh
Physical Education - Year 1-6  Mr Nicholas Butson
Church History (Year 5/6)  Mrs Shelly Vivian
LEX@R  Mrs Shelly Vivian
          Mr Dion Farr

Chaplain  Mr Wayne Blennerhassett
EARLY CHILDHOOD INFORMATION

The Early Childhood programmes 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.

Uniform:
Refer to the Uniform Brochure available on-line or at the Primary Administration Centre.
**Please name all articles brought to Kindergarten**

What to bring to school:
- One box of tissues at the start of the year
- Morning tea - Please place your child’s morning tea in a small container or zip-lock bag that is **clearly labelled** with their name. For morning tea children are only allowed to bring either a piece of fruit or vegetables, already prepared for your child to eat. This is a change from our practice in the past and assists us in meeting the requirements for the National Quality Standards in Early Childhood settings. We also want to encourage children to eat fruit and vegetables at this time and would appreciate your assistance with this as part of our whole school focus on Crunch and Sip which the older students have as their afternoon break. In this way you are helping to develop good habits in your children.
- Lunch and small water bottle each school day
- A change of clothes in case of accidents
- A reasonably sized school bag – Rehoboth bags are available at the Uniform Shop

What not to bring to school:
**Toys or jewellery from home as these can be lost or broken. There are many things for students to play with and discover in both the indoor and outdoor environment which they can share with the classmates.**

Parent Helper Rosters:
You are strongly encouraged to put your name on the various rosters that we have for parent helpers. The children love to have a parent or family member to be in Kindergarten to be on duty. An hour or two is all that is expected.

Levy:
Kindergarten will have a levy rather than a booklist. For Kindergarten the levy will be $70 to $75. This amount will be added to your February account.

We welcome communication with parents. Please feel free to be in contact with us in relation to your child or the Kindergarten programme. We look forward to our partnership with you during this coming year.

Contacting the College:
If you have any questions, please contact the Primary Administration Office on 9452 1245. During the January holidays the Kindergarten Information Parent Handbook will be put onto our website www.rehoboth.wa.edu.au. Please read it carefully for further information.
KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

Kindergarten Red Staff:  Miss Samantha Ku  
                      Mrs Kerrie Fleming (Education Assistant)
Kindergarten Blue Staff:  Miss Samantha Ku  
                         Mrs Roslyn Howard (Education Assistant)

Kindergarten Red - Monday and Thursday every week and alternate Wednesdays  
Kindergarten Blue - Tuesdays and Fridays every week and alternate Wednesdays

School Times - 8.45 am – 3.00 pm - Classrooms open at 8:30 am

Session Times: It is very important that parents arrive and pick up their children on time. Students not collected by 3.05pm – 3:10pm will be sent to the Primary Administration Centre.

Please note there is a staggered start for Kindy Students

You should have received information about which group your child has been placed. Please contact administration for further information.

Kindy Roster – Term 1- 2016

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SECTION B – DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop, located at the Kenwick Campus (behind the gymnasium), will be open on:

**New Families** - Thursday 28th January, 2016 from 9.00am – 3.00pm
**Existing families** - Friday 29th January, 2016 from 9.00am – 3.00pm.

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

Normal trading hours will be:
Tuesday 8.30am to 10.00am
Tuesday – 2.30pm to 4.00pm
Thursday – 8.30am to 10.00am

Contact: UNIFORM SHOP – Phone: 9492 1245
or Mrs Leah Phillips (after hours) – Mobile: 0431 087 224

Second-Hand Uniforms
We hope to continue to be able to provide second-hand uniforms in 2016. Nicky de Jongh, who runs this for us, may be contacted on 0413 984 393.

The Second-hand Uniform Shop will be open:

Thursday 28th January and Friday 29th January 2016, 10.00 – 4.00pm.

These will be available in the room next to the stage at the back of the Gymnasium.

BELL TIMES
8:30 am  Students may enter classrooms
8:45 am  Start of School day
10:15-10:35 am  Recess
12:35-1.10 pm  Lunch
3:05 pm  End of School day

CONTACT DETAILS
Parents are reminded that they are always welcome to phone or email the College to make an appointment to come and speak with any particular teacher regarding their child’s progress. Our staff members are often available to speak to parents, but we ask for your assistance in making an appointment through the Office first. Parents are requested not to phone teachers at home to discuss College related matters.

College Address:  94 Kenwick Road, Kenwick 6107, W.A.
Primary Office:  Phone – 9452 1245  Fax – 9452 7811
Office Email:  kenwickprimary@rehoboth.wa.edu.au
Principal’s Email:  rstirling@rehoboth.wa.edu.au
Head of Primary Email:  npleysier@rehoboth.wa.edu.au

The Administration Office will officially re-open on Wednesday 20th January, 2016.
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
First day of school is Monday 1st February, 2016 for Years Pre-Primary to Year 6.

Meeting place:
All students need to be at the College by 8.30am and meet outside their classroom. At 8.30am teachers will take students inside the classroom to begin the year.

Parents of Kindergarten students should refer back to Page 9 for information regarding start dates.

Bring to school:
All items on your child’s Personal Items list must be brought to the 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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<td>Wednesday, 27th April to Friday, 1st July</td>
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<td>The mid-semester break for students is from 24th Sept – 9th October</td>
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<td>Term 4:</td>
<td>Monday, 10th October to Friday, 9th December 2016</td>
<td>The Summer break is from the 10th of December to the 1st of Feb 2017</td>
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Please take note that in 2017, school will commence on the 1st February.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
In 2016, the Public Holidays are on the following dates:

- Labour Day – Monday, 7th March (Term 1, Week 6);
- Good Friday – Friday, 25th March (Term 1, Week 8);
- Easter Monday – Monday, 28th March (Term 1, Week 9);
- ANZAC Day – Monday, 25th April (Term 2, Week 1);
- Western Australia Day – Monday, 6th June (Term 2, Week 7);
SECTION C – General Information

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE
Students should arrive at the College between 8.15am and 8.40am. No students should arrive before 8.00am. Unless waiting to be picked up, or waiting for the bus, students should leave by 3.15pm. No students should still be at the College after 3:30pm.
As punctuality is very important, please make every effort to have your children in class and ready to begin by 8:45 am. The educational programme starts at this time and arriving late distracts the rest of the class and disrupts the routine that teachers have in place for the beginning of the day.
If a student needs to leave during the day for any reason, a parent must sign the student out at the Primary Office for Year 1-2 and the Secondary Office for Year 3-6. If a student returns after having been out of the College briefly (eg after a dental visit), the students should be signed in upon their return to school.

ADDRESS, CHANGE OF
If you move to a new address or change phone numbers, or email address, please inform the administration office as soon as possible. Current information is vital for emergency contact.

ADMINISTRATION
The reception area in the Primary Administration Centre is open Monday to Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. The phone number is 9452 1245 or you may email: kenwickprimary@rehoboth.wa.edu.au

AFTER SCHOOL STUDENT SUPERVISION
All students in Kindergarten and Pre-Primary should be signed out from the classrooms. All students in Years 1-2 should be collected as soon as possible from the Junior Area of the school.

We request that you do not park in the business office car park.
Students who are still waiting at 3.05pm will be taken to the area in front of the Rehoboth Centre. 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, and 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. When the final bus leaves at 3.20, any remaining students are taken to the administration and parents will be contacted. If you know you are running late due to unforeseen circumstances, please let the administration know as soon as possible.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE – CAMP AUSTRALIA
The College provides After School Care at the Kenwick Campus from 3 - 6 pm daily starting on Monday 1st February, 2016. A qualified team from Camp Australia will deliver a tailored programme, 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 must visit the website at http://rehoboth.wa.edu.au/parents/after-school-care/

Or

Visit the Camp Australia website at www.campaustralia.com.au
### ASSEMBLIES – WHOLE SCHOOL

**Whole School**

There will be four major assemblies throughout the course of the year. These are:

- **Easter Service (Yr 1-12),**
  - Tues 29th March 2016
  - run by Year K-6 students

- **ANZAC Service (Yr 4-12),**
  - Fri 29th April 2016
  - run by Year 7-8 students

- **International Assembly (Yr 1-12)**
  - Tues 6th September 2016
  - run by Year 9-10 students

- **Thanksgiving Assembly (Yr 1-12)**
  - Wed 19th October 2016
  - run by Year 11-12 students

These assemblies start at 9.00 am.

### ASSOCIATION FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Association meetings are held twice per year. The AGM takes place in March, where the election of Board members takes place, and the General Meeting takes place in October, as per the constitution. Any interest from Association members in the position of Board member is always welcome. Please contact the Business Office for any further information. The support of parents through attendance at Association Meetings is essential for the welfare of our College, the Board and the Association for Christian Education as a whole.

The Association for Christian Education (ACE) is a member of Christian Education National (CEN), located in Blacktown, N.S.W. There are 82 schools that are part of this movement, which works closely with Christian Schools Australia (CSA). CEN promotes parent-controlled Christian schools around Australia and provides financial assistance to associations for the establishment of Christian schools.

The National Institute for Christian Education (NICE) is the vehicle by which CEN supports Christian teacher education and development designed for teachers in its schools. It provides in-service and award courses for teachers in CEN and other schools.

All new Rehoboth teachers are required to undertake courses in Christian education in the first four years of their appointment.

The Association’s Chief Executive Officer is Mr Mark Steyn. He is located in the Business Office at 92 Kenwick Road, Kenwick. He can be contacted by phone on 9452 1833 or by email at msteyn@rehoboth.wa.edu.au
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. Please try to keep all student appointments out of school hours. Parents must contact the College early on the day of their child’s absence. A note may be sent with a sibling or if you are aware of a forthcoming absence you may inform the teacher or office on 9452 1245. If the College has not received any information by 9.15 am, the college will contact the parents to ensure the child is safe.

Parents may be asked to put the reason for their child’s absence in writing if required by the Head of Primary.

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.

Behaviour Expectations

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

Each class will talk about their behaviour plans at the beginning of the year.

For Parent information:

- Walk in all Year K – 12 areas.
- Students are not to be in the classroom without the teacher’s permission or presence.
- Students playing with natural objects such as stones, sticks and tree parts must do so responsibly at all times. These may be used for building and imaginative play only.
- All rubbish is to be deposited in bins provided.
- Students are not allowed to leave the college premises.
- “NO HAT, NO PLAY” policy will apply February to the end of Term 1 and from 1st September to the end of the year.
- Students are not to be dropped off before 8.15. From 8.15 to 8.30 when the teacher opens the door, students are asked to be seated outside their classroom.
- When the bell goes at the end of the day, students who have not been picked up by parents at the classroom door will be escorted to the oval where supervision is available. Primary students are asked to wait quietly until parents arrive. Should they need to use the toilets, they are asked to use the high school facilities, for duty of care reasons.
- Before and afterschool, students are not permitted to play in or around the undercover area. Students must be in full view of teachers at all times.

BICYCLE SAFETY
Students riding bikes to school are required to obey traffic laws. Helmets must be worn. Students are strongly urged to lock their bicycles, for protection and safety. The bike racks are located in the Year 8-12 area of the Campus.

Bicycles are not to be ridden on the College grounds. Children must dismount and walk alongside their bicycles.
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:

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

BOOKLIST

Booklists are issued towards the end of Term 4 (Years 1-6) through Campion Books. Levies in Kindergarten ($70.00) and Pre-Primary ($85.00) are applicable in lieu of booklists. Booklists generally accommodate the stationery and textbook needs of our students. On occasion a student may need more stationery than originally listed and parents will need to provide these.

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.
BUS SERVICE
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 week 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 Campus and then on to Wilson Campus.
- Canning Vale Service from Westfield St in Maddington via Forest lakes Shopping Centre in Thornlie, passing the Kenwick Railway Stn 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 Kenwick Campus.

Current fees for families who wish to use the bus services to and from school for 2016 are as follows:

- **Full time users** (usage = 60% or more)
  - $200.00 per term – first student; $305 per family per term – two or more students.
- **Part time users** (usage is less than 60%)
  - $115.00 per term – first 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)
  - $5.00 per journey.

The cost of the bus service is subsidised by the College. The above prices are correct at the time of printing. Despite our efforts to keep prices low it is highly likely that the cost of using the service will increase during Semester 2, 2016.

Travel vouchers may be purchased in advance at the Administration 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.

Transperth (route from Kenwick Railway Station)
A Transperth bus (route 813) departs from Wanaping Road, opposite Kenwick railway station, at 8.03am, and travels via Wanaping Road and Brixton Street, and stops at the bus stop outside the College in Brixton Street (1 zone fare only applies). In the afternoon the bus (route 523) departs from outside the front of the College at 3.10pm via Brixton Street and Kenwick Road to the Kenwick railway station. For additional information about school bus services please contact the Transperth Info Line on 13 6213.
**CAMPUS TRANSFERS**

Parents who are considering transferring their children to another Campus should follow the procedure outlined below:

a) Parents are asked to put their request **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 Schools who will consider the reasons for the transfer. Please understand that there are various aspects to be considered in the decision making process.

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

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.

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**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
- Opportunity for parents to serve the College accumulating service time
- Basic training for all volunteer assistants
- Support to the Home Economics Department
- Catering for College functions and Secondary Camps

The Kenwick Canteen will be open from **8.15am to 3.30pm, in Tuesdays, Thursday and Fridays**, offering a 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 Rehoboth Canteen does offer a variety of home-baked treats that are generously donated each week by parent volunteers.

*For a copy of the most up to date menu and how to order on line, please refer to [www.rehoboth.wa.edu.au](http://www.rehoboth.wa.edu.au) then click on the parent’s tab.*

The Canteen is run by a manager that works closely with a team of committed and dedicated assistants and parent volunteers, who regularly serve the College Community with their time and energy.

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 on set days. For more information on the canteen, contact Charmaine Nagel (Canteen Manager) on 0487 372 790.
CELEBRATIONS – KENWICK PRIMARY

Celebrations (Assemblies) will be held on a regular basis. Further details will be in the College Newsletter. Celebration and Encouragement Certificates will be presented at this time. Parents will be notified beforehand if their child is to receive a certificate. Parents, friends and relatives are always welcome to attend, and this is a wonderful opportunity for you to share in your child’s life at school.

C.E.O

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

CHOIR

Students in Year 4, 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to join the Primary Choir through an audition process. Choir rehearsals are held once a week during school time. Students are expected to remain in the choir for the entire year and attend all rehearsals and performances. Students will also be required to purchase a short-sleeved white collared shirt as part of their choir uniform. Auditions will be held in Term 1, 2016. For more information, please contact Miss Kimberley Goh, the music teacher.

CHURCH HISTORY

In 2016 we are continuing our Church History program, which will reflect the distinctive of the College. Mrs Vivian will be teaching Church History in Year 5 and 6.

COLLEGE SERVICE HOURS

To qualify for the discount, families must 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 Head of Primary.
- 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.
- Be aware that sometimes, actions taken to address your concern, may not always be fully disclosed to you to protect the privacy of other parties.
**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 Rehoboth Christian College, 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 to think and discern with the mind of Christ.

Our curriculum includes English, Mathematics, the Arts, Biblical Studies and Church History, Indonesian, Science, Society and Environment, Information Technology and Health and Physical Education. In addition

**DENTAL CARE**

All children are able to be included in this scheme. The School Dental service that we are enrolled with is the Thornlie Dental Centre located in Thornlie Avenue, Thornlie. Their contact number is 9459 7540.

**DIARIES**

A diary is provided for our Year 1-6 students and is an important tool for your child’s learning programme to be successful.

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. This will be achieved in an age-appropriate manner through the use of these diaries.

Parents are asked to support us in the use of the diaries ensuring that they are signed as directed by teachers. More information will be given to you at our Parent Information Evening in the second week of school.

If a student loses a diary or if it is defaced with graffiti, a replacement copy can be purchased from Campion. Please encourage your child to treat this diary with respect.

**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.

**FOCUS LEARNING AREAS**

We have specialist teachers for the following learning areas in Year 1-6: LOTE (Indonesian), Literature Appreciation, Music and Physical Education. We also have Church History for Years 5 and 6.
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 2016.

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.

GYMNASIUM

The gymnasium is a shared facility. Year 4-6 students may use the main court each Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtime. Training does take priority if the facility has been booked. Only students wearing sports shoes with non-marking soles will be permitted to use the basketball court either for PE lessons or at break times. This is necessary to protect the floor surface.

The outdoor court continues to be available.

Contact the Secondary Administration Office for bookings during school hours. Contact the Business Office for after-hours bookings.

Students may NOT use the Gymnasium or the foyer as a thoroughfare and must walk around the facility to the entry/exit exterior doors.

Students may NOT use the Sound desk without the express permission and supervision of a teacher.

HAIR AND HEADLICE

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 with your child advising you of the situation.
- 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 asked to take your child home to remove the eggs.
- Lice checks are conducted discreetly by parent volunteers for students in Kindy to Year 3.

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 Play’ policy. Students have lessons in the Health programme that address wise choices in being Sun-Smart and are also encouraged to learn to use common sense when playing outside. All students are required to wear hats during PE lessons.
HEAD OF PRIMARY, ACTING
Appointments can be made by contacting the Primary Administration Centre on 9452 1245.

HEALTH AND PE PROGRAMME
Sport shoes and the sports uniform is a requirement to participate in Physical Education. Students in Years 1-6 will have PE for an hour each week with our Sports Specialist teacher as well as engage in Fitness activities. Teachers will discuss this further in the Parent/Teacher Meeting at the beginning of 2016. Please note that the sports shoes must be predominantly white. It is not acceptable to wear brightly coloured sports shoes. Sport shoes are only to be worn with the Sports Uniform unless otherwise instructed eg. when students are participating in Fitness Training.

HOMEWORK
- Homework is considered to be an integral part of the child’s education, and is conducive to their present and future education. It aims to establish good, regular study habits.
- In the lower years, homework will be of a short duration and consist mainly of oral reading to parents and reviewing spelling words.
- In the middle years, other activities may be added and approx. 20-25 minutes is expected.
- In Year 5 and 6 other activities will be added and approx. 30-40 minutes will be expected.
- It is requested that parents provide supervision of their child’s homework; that their children have a suitable place to do their homework; and that it is adequately completed.
- Reading should be part of every child’s homework. If parents know that their child is regularly exceeding the time limit, they should communicate with the class teacher.
- Please contact your child’s teacher if you have any concerns regarding homework.

INDONESIAN
Indonesian is our ‘Language Other Than English’ (L.O.T.E.) at Rehoboth. All students from Years 1 to 3 will participate in a half-hour Indonesian lesson per week. Students in Years 4-6 receive one hour a week.

INJURY AND SICKNESS
- If a child is sick at the College he/she will be sent to the sick room for a rest.
- Parents are expected to keep sick children at home as a courtesy to the rest of the students at our school and for the well-being of the child.
- If the sickness is sufficiently serious, the parent will be contacted immediately and required to pick up the child.
- 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 will be filled out by the staff members who were connected with the event.
- There is a legal requirement, particularly in the Early Years of schooling that requires teachers to isolate sick children to prevent infection. We ask for your understanding and prompt response if you are asked to pick your children up from the College in the event that your child is unwell. We will call your emergency contact if you are unable to do so within a reasonable time.
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 voice and 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:
- $30 per lesson for an individual lesson
- $16.50 per lesson for a group-of-2 lesson (except drums)
- $11 per lesson for a group-of-3 lesson (for guitar at Wilson only)

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

LEARNING EXTENSION PROGRAM - LEX@R

Learning EXtension at Rehoboth will incorporate students from Years 5 - 8. The aim of the programme is to extend the learning of students beyond the normal class curriculum with students who show an aptitude for academics as well as artistic talents. Students will be taken out of class once a week to work with a specialist teacher on various programmes and activities.

Students who are chosen will have to meet 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 in which the students are involved.
LIBRARY

Our Library is located in between the classrooms in the Upper Primary Block.
Every effort is made to choose appropriate books for our library. Should you consider the content of a book be unsuitable, parents are encouraged to inform the staff. If a child damages 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. Each student requires a library bag in order to borrow books. The Library is also open at lunch time on the days that Mrs Crosby works to allow for students to enjoy this space for quite reading, playing games and quiet time with friends.

LITERATURE APPRECIATION - LAP

This area of learning is continuing in 2016 and is the responsibility of Mrs Helen Crosby. 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 to students in Pre-Primary to Year 6.

LOST PROPERTY

All clothing and personal items brought to college must be clearly marked with the student’s first and last name.

Lost property is kept in a box in the Primary Administration Centre as well as in the Upper Primary Block foyer. Students and parents may check before and after school. Items that are not clearly labelled with the student’s name will be forwarded to the Second-hand Uniform Shop at the end of each term to be sold. Please note that it is the responsibility of students and parents to claim items from Lost Property.

LUNCHES

School lunches will be available from the canteen on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please refer to the Canteen section on page 18.

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. 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. We encourage all students to drink water and have a piece of fruit or vegetable during the afternoon for Crunch and Sip.

MISSIONS

- A voluntary mission offering is held on once a week in each classroom. Children are encouraged to give from their own money.
- The College community is kept informed of the offerings in the newsletters.
- We have a sponsor child in Indonesia named Lisa Resti Septina Sitanggang through Compassion Australia.
- We also distribute money among missionaries and Christian organizations known to the school.
- The school community is kept informed of the offerings at Celebrations and in our Newsletter.
MOBILE PHONES
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:
- The use of a mobile phone must be discussed with the Head of Primary and Class Teacher.
- A student name must be clearly visible on the phone.
- Mobile phones are to be used only for parent contact.
- The college takes no responsibility for loss, theft, damage or any other misadventure.
- If a student uses a mobile phone in an inappropriate way that harms another student or staff member, the incident will be treated under the bullying policy.

NAPLAN TESTING
Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 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.

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 also have correct details available should we need to contact parents 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 and Year One students, proof of age and notation of immunisation (or exemption) records are required by law.

A New Parents Welcome Dinner 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, the induction will contain important information. Member/Affiliate status is conditional upon attending one of the induction evenings. The Business Office will send all new families notice of upcoming dates.

NEWSLETTERS AND NOTICES
We endeavour to keep parents fully informed about all College activities. Fortnightly newsletters and many of our notes are emailed to parents and 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 familiarise 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.

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

We will be holding a Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 9th of February 2016. More detailed information will be sent home during the first week of 2016. We urge you to attend so that you are informed of classroom procedures and practices.

- This 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.

PARENTS ON HOLIDAY – DUTY OF CARE

If parents plan to go away for a holiday, work or other reasons and leave the children in the care of 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 school work or any other issue, 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 at their usual home or with someone else.

PARKING

The Business Office is for the use of Business Office Staff and their visitors. **College parents are asked NOT to use this facility for dropping off or picking up students.**

The reason we are so vigilant in this matter is because of safety concerns for students and other drivers. We ask for your cooperation in this matter so that all parents are treated fairly and equally. We will be monitoring this situation closely.

Parents are asked to park in the car parks adjacent to Brixton Street. Staff generally park in the bays closest to the road leaving those closest to the buildings free for parents.
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We consider fitness to be an important part of our Physical Education Programme. All classes will be involved in Sport each week and the correct sport uniform with either the House shirt or the red sport shirt needs to be worn for the day. More information about your child’s sports day will be given at the Parent Teacher Information Evening.

Carnivals

Kenwick and Wilson Campuses will continue to meet for the traditional House Carnivals in Swimming and Athletics. At the Inter-School level we will compete against other Christian Schools. We will have our Inter-house Swimming Carnival on the 29th of February. Swimming Training will be offered to all students in Year 4-6 on Wednesday and Friday mornings beginning on the 18th February. The Combined Christian Schools Carnival will be held on the 1st April 2016.

Swimming Lessons

During Term 1 in Weeks 1 and 2 (from Monday 1st February), students in Years 3-6 will receive ten consecutive swimming lessons at Cannington Leisureplex. In Term 4, students from Pre-Primary to Year 2 will receive ten consecutive swimming lessons at State Swim in Canning Vale.

EduDance

Edudance Program will be for students from PP to Year 6 on Fridays during Term 1. Further details will be sent home in the College Newsletter. This will culminate in our concert at the Display and Activities Evening on the 5th April, 2016.

Athletics

All grades are coached in various primary school athletic skills and prepared for our Interhouse Carnival in Term 3. This will be followed by the Combined Christian Schools Athletics Carnival in Term 4.

PRAYER MEETINGS

- The staff will meet on a regular basis to begin the day with a devotion and prayer. This will be on Monday mornings from 8.00 – 8.15am.
- If you would like to be involved in a prayer group at the College you are encouraged to talk to the Head of Primary or the Chaplain, Mr Wayne Blennerhassett.
PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS

- If a teacher *forms the belief* 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 or a teacher forms an opinion that abuse has occurred, the teacher is legally obliged to report the matter to the Dept of Community Services. Failure to do so involves serious penalties.
- *By law*, no staff member can question the child about the abuse.

PUNCTUALITY

- All students are expected to arrive at school on time, i.e. by 8.45am
- Students in Year K-6 arriving after this time must go directly to their classroom.
- Teachers will keep records of student lateness and the Head of Primary may request an interview for consistent lateness. Teaching students to be punctual is important.
- Students should not arrive before 8:15am and should leave by 3.15pm.
- Students who go on the bus are supervised until it arrives at approximately 3.25pm.

PUPIL FREE DAYS

Throughout the year we have a number of Pupil Free Days. The purpose of these days is to provide time for staff to be engaged in:
- Whole College Professional Development Days
- Strategic Planning
- The C.E.N. State Conference with other Christian schools
- Curriculum Planning/Development

CONFERENCES AND OTHER DATES WILL BE CONFIRMED IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

College Reports will be sent home in the following terms:
- Term 1 – Interim Report
- Term 2 – Semester One Report
- Term 4 – Semester Two Report

Parents are encouraged to make an appointment with their child’s teacher to discuss these reports. Teachers may also indicate that they would like an interview with parents.

Other Assessments

Regular fortnightly assessments will be sent home each term. These will focus on Literacy and Numeracy, and the assessments will take various forms. Other learning areas will also be assessed but less frequently. Parents are encouraged to talk to their children about the work they have done at school. These assessments must be signed and returned to school as soon as possible each fortnight.
SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2017, Rehoboth ‘Heritage’ scholarships will once again be made available to new enrolments to the College (Years 6-12).

If you know someone in your local Church who may be interested, these scholarships are based on merit and are to the value of $2,500 (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 Business Office. Round 1 of the 2017 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 $2,500 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.