

Agricultural Education Directorate

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It is a pleasure to be providing an update on some of the work that has been occurring in Agricultural Education over the last few months, following the residential review parent meeting at WACoA Cunderdin on Friday 21 May.

In order to build the understanding of and advocacy for our Western Australian Colleges of Agriculture, our Corporate Executive and senior leaders have been engaging in a range of events including Open Days and Royal Show competitions.



An Agricultural Education Immersion Day for the Directors of Education was recently held at WACoA Harvey. The Directors were taken on a tour of the College, listened to a historical overview of Agricultural Education from one of our Combined Agricultural Advisory Committee members, Murray Williams, and worked alongside students in trades and farm. Our thanks go to Steve Watt, principal, and the staff and students of WACoA Harvey for hosting the day and showcasing the fantastic opportunities available at our WA Colleges of Agriculture.

Our WACoA Principals and Heads of Residence have been working with the Agricultural Education team on both student selection processes and residential status review processes. The aim is to make these consistent across our Colleges, compliant with Department policy and procedures, and fair and transparent for our staff, parents and students.

At the Agricultural Education Immersion Day the Directors of Education had an opportunity to provide feedback on the draft student selection processes and the current residential review processes, which is invaluable as we move forwards with finalising the documentation.

Our thanks go to Melesha Sands, Deputy Director General, Schools, for her leadership and support in progressing this important work. Melesha and I have offered to return to WACoA Cunderdin at the invitation of the College. Please advise Matt Dowell, principal, if you would like this to occur.

I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my congratulations to our graduating students of 2021. I have no doubt your education at an agricultural college has provided you the skills to be successful as you enter the workforce or further training. The quality of education in our agricultural colleges is high due to the passion and expertise of our staff. Thank you for your dedication in ensuring our agricultural colleges are some of the top performing public schools in WA.

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