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Message from Head of College

If you are driven to be the best and you strive for excellence, then St Catherine's is the College for you! We provide the opportunities and all we want you to do is to seize them.

The College really understands being the best as we recently became the only College in Australia to have a College on two campuses at two different universities – The University of Western Australia and Curtin University. Curtin chose St Catherine's from a range of Colleges, both in Perth and interstate, to operate as part of a \$300 million development to create an innovative Exchange precinct at Curtin (pictured below). A project like this requires hard work, foresight, leadership and will create untold opportunities for our residents. So, when we encourage you to be bold, we know exactly what that means!

We hope you will join St Catherine's and experience the best of the best!

Fiona Crowe



Fiona Crowe with current St Cat's residents



Architect's impressions of the proposed St Catherine's College at Curtin University

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Employability at St Catherine's – securing a job after graduation

In today's demanding corporate world, a university degree is only just the beginning of an exciting journey. Future success depends on the decisions you make now and that's why we go out of our way to make sure that our residents are job-ready by the time they graduate. Our goal is for our residents to be successful, both as a resident at College, and beyond.



Student Academic Coordinator, Holly Nilan

"My name is Holly Nilan and I am the Academic Coordinator.

This semester we have run three different workshops designed to help residents develop the skills and knowledge they need for a flying start in their careers after they graduate. Our workshops have tackled how to write an amazing CV, how to create a LinkedIn profile and awesome interview tips.

The opportunities the College provides are unparalleled with events and programs which are personal and tailored to your needs.

We want to find out what you're interested in and connect you with amazing mentors or opportunities and internships."

Holly's top tips:

- 1. It's not what you know it's who you know.** A strong network is invaluable because it will make your pathway into an amazing job that much easier. Volunteering for an organisation you are passionate about looks great on a resume and is an excellent way to expand your network. St Catherine's also holds Faculty Dinners that are excellent opportunities to connect with professionals in your area of interest.
- 2. Expand your skill set beyond what you think you need for your career.** If an opportunity arises for something you may not think you are qualified for, have a go anyway because it can give you a whole bunch of skills you never knew you needed. There are so many different ways to broaden your horizons at College, so take a chance on something new.
- 3. Know how to sell yourself in person and via written communication.** Identify your strengths and play to them. Approach every position you apply for with the attitude that you're really going to fit into the company because that's what recruiters are looking for.

LINKEDIN WORKSHOPS



This semester, we trialed LinkedIn workshops for St Catherine's residents, where guest speakers who have extensive knowledge in professional digital platforms shared their best tips and tricks for standing out to potential employers.

The LinkedIn workshops are incredibly popular, with many of the residents indicating that shortly after the workshops there were evident boosts in their connections and new employability opportunities coming their way!

CV WORKSHOPS



CV workshops are another aspect of employability skill development provided to our residents. Guest speakers provide step-by-step guidance on how to make a CV stand out and what it takes to get an interview. These workshops are highly effective for residents in their endeavours to structure and amplify their CVs.

To reconsolidate the CV development process, the Academic Coordinator facilitates a free drop-in session so that our residents can have their resumes proofread, thereby allowing them to keep evolving and improving their resume.

PROFESSIONAL MENTORING



Residents who are in their third year of study, or above, are matched with a professional mentor from their desired career industry. Mentors guide our residents along the way and answer any questions about the industry they're planning to enter. This puts our residents at a great advantage and gives them the upper hand when applying for jobs.

INTERNSHIPS

Every year, St Catherine's provides internship opportunities for its own residents studying Marketing to hone their skills and gain real-life experience to add to their resumes. Residents are able to choose from graphic design, content writing, social media, and videography/photography, and are guided and supported by experienced staff.

GUEST SPEAKERS

St Catherine's hosts many guest speakers during the year who share their valuable wisdom in tackling real-world problems in corporate environments. Residents can ask questions and, in the process, receive valuable advice and enjoy interesting conversation. This forum allows for ideal networking prospects, where fellow residents not only establish connections amongst themselves, but also with the guests which open up opportunities for internships and holiday placements.

This year, the founders of DrawHistory came over to give a talk to a handful of lucky residents. They talked about how they started off (which was in St Catherine's very own Bloom Lab!) and how they managed their venture – being the only one of its kind in Western Australia.



Draw History co-founders Jeffrey Effendi and Angel Chen

RESIDENT TESTIMONIAL: ELLA FORKIN

Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences, Kalgoorlie, Australia
2019 Co-President



Resident Co-President, Ella Forkin

"St Catherine's is an incredible community filled with like-minded people who I have had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know. I've made lifelong friends at St Cat's, and my time here has been rich in experience and opportunity, where I have been able to network with academics and professionals, enrich my leadership skills, participate in extracurricular activities and gain confidence in myself, all while enjoying the perks and benefits of living on campus."

What has Bloom been up to?

We recognise young people as the creators of a brighter future. *Bloom*, St Catherine's flagship innovation program, is WA's leading youth entrepreneurial community. At *Bloom*, young people collaborate with fellow innovators who are passionate and driven to work on their own start-ups.

BLOOM LEADER WINS THE BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2019

Elizabeth Knight is the recipient of the Boston Consulting Group Scholarship for 2019. This scholarship is open to students in their penultimate year of study across Australia and New Zealand and awarded to two students who display academic excellence, communication, critical thinking and leadership skills.

Elizabeth is completing a Bachelor of Philosophy with a double-major in Management and Political Science & International Relations. She is also an active member of Bloom at St Catherine's and currently is the Head of Engagement for the organisation. "Bloom's vision is to be the catalyst for young founders to realise their purpose and create impact through entrepreneurial pursuits."

Receiving the BCG Scholarship has empowered Elizabeth to pursue her goals. For her, the scholarship not only represents an investment in future potential but is also recognition of the value of young people.

"It is about true empowerment, which is achieved by instilling confidence and trust in a young person's abilities, passion and purpose. I've never felt more empowered to be my authentic self and to chase after the vision I have for my future."

Elizabeth attended Perth Modern School and in her spare time works on her own start-up and gets involved in a wide variety of College activities.



Elizabeth Knight, recipient Boston Consulting Group Scholarship, 2019

START-UP WEEKEND IN PERTH

Bloom members, Abdul and Thomas participated in a 54-hour Silicon Valley style 'hackathon' located at Spacecubed in Perth. During the hackathon, members were given a problem to solve and pitch their solutions, with the *Bloom* participants securing the first-place prize.



Bloom members, Abdul and Thomas

LAUNCHPAD, SEMESTER 1, 2019

Do a credit point unit to support your own start-up! *Bloom*'s "Launchpad" is a 12-week program where students can turn their own ideas into viable business models. While being mentored by some of Perth's leading start-up figures, students are able to enhance their knowledge on relevant aspects of a business, such as customer segments, unique value proposition, cost structures, metrics and pitching.

They conclude the semester with a showcase of all the members who have gone through the program and their projects or start-up solutions. Guest speakers for the unit included Ammo Marketing who taught students how to implement the design and marketing processes into their start-ups.



Bloom's Semester 1, 2019 Launchpad cohort

START-UP SPRINT BOOT CAMP

Bloom members Charlene Lamb and Ryan Mackintosh had the opportunity of attending the 'Start-up Sprint Boot Camp' in Melbourne. The problem that students had to solve this year was how to eliminate unused items in the pantry. The *Bloom* team created a mechanism that categorises what items you have left and is then able to generate new recipes from these left-over ingredients. Through this unique opportunity, they were able to develop tools that could be used to better manage teams, work alongside an array of accomplished individuals and establish valuable social networks.

PAUSE FEST, FED SQUARE MELBOURNE

Some *Bloom* members attended the Pause Fest in Melbourne. Pause Fest is the world's leading creativity-infused business event. Notable speakers included representatives from Google, NASA, Microsoft and Airbnb. The festival's theme this year was *Intimate Future* and included topics that analysed human interaction with technology and how it's challenging our social fabric. *Intimate Future* focused on how we can integrate entrepreneurship frameworks into a corporate context, as well as how tech solutions can assist in addressing pressing societal and environmental concerns.



This team (L-R): Kelsey Way, Filipp D'Aprile, Anna Lee and Dylan Lamb



Ryan Carson, founder of Cordially

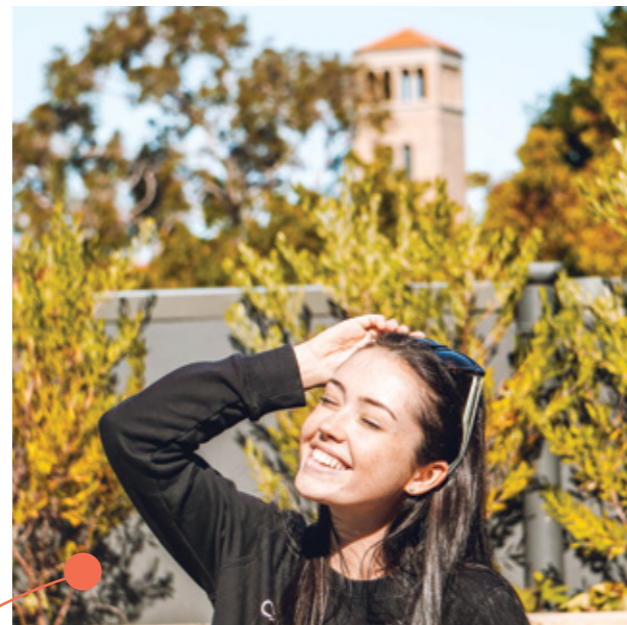
RYAN CARSON - SUCCESS STORY

Bloom member, Ryan Carson has been accepted into the most prestigious start-up program in Perth, *Plus Eight*. *Plus Eight* is a start-up accelerator and a partnership between Spacecubed (WA's leading start-up hub), and Telstra's Muru-D, bringing a global network of mentors, investors and partners to support high growth start-ups.

It was his involvement at Bloom that led to him to this prestigious organisation after the success of his own startup company, Cordially, a self rental inspection tool that allows renters to perform the photo collection of the inspection and property managers are able to review remotely. The company began as Petz Allowed (a rental listings site) which then progressed on to Cordially.

The most **Instagrammable** places around College

Our current residents voted for the most Instagram-worthy places around the College to ensure your feed is nothing short of excellent! Here are the most Instagrammable spots that you should check out.



Instagram

We have a big red slide like the Google offices in Berlin. This feature of our College always elicits laughter and energy. When you need a bit of fun, the slide is the solution!

The College is lucky enough to have multiple rooftop gardens used throughout the year for small group gatherings, larger social events and a spot to enjoy some sunshine (or an Instagram pic!).

Wander toward Winthrop Avenue and you will find our swing!



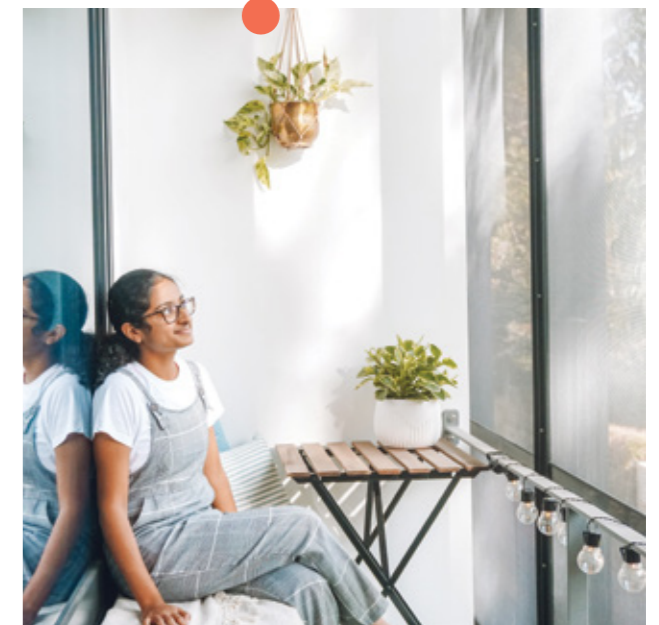
St Catherine's is designed around a series of interconnected courtyards, each with its own theme. You will find spaces to sit and think or places to kick a footy. Fountains splash in some courtyards; a BBQ sizzles in another.

Another rooftop area in our newest building (the *Dandjoo Darbalung* building). This newly opened facility not only benefits all residents but celebrates Indigenous culture. The outdoor space is particularly special as it also includes a fireplace!



This photo was taken inside one of the rooms in the *Dandjoo Darbalung* building. The College is surrounded by greenery so if you have a balcony, you will get a perfect 'Gram-worthy shot!

As a later year university student, you'll get the opportunity to live in a Studio Room in our new buildings. Our architecturally-designed Studio Rooms offer you a personal study and rest space with an ensuite bathroom and kitchenette.



Perth Metro Students

Living at St Catherine's isn't just for regional or international students. We have more than 40 residents from the Perth Metro area who say the College experience is unbeatable!

“ The support in transitioning to university is one of the best aspects of living at St Catherine's College. University can be very unfamiliar. I attended the same school from kindergarten to Year 12, so I did not have much experience navigating new environments. Fortunately, at St Cat's, you develop supportive relationships very quickly, with students from all different year groups. This allows you to receive academic support, such as in the informal way of advice and 'wisdom', or the more formal avenue of tutoring by students who have completed the unit.

Emotional support is fulfilled by friends, Residential Advisors, and the College staff with their 'Open Door Policy'.

I also love the variety of dogs that frequent the college! They are all such good dogs, and make the College feel like home. ”

Charlotte

Robbie Glyde
(Leeming) graduated from Perth Modern School.

Charlotte Owens
(Cottesloe) graduated from MLC.

Simon McDowall
(Applecross) graduated from Guildford Grammar School.

Matt Randall
(Innaloo) graduated from Hale School.

Jason Rustandi
(Mt Richon) graduated from Kelmscott Senior High School.

“ I would have to say O-Week is my favourite event so far. I think we all showed up a little nervous that first Sunday but it quickly became apparent that St Cat's is a very easy, welcoming place. I remember one of Fiona's dogs snuck into my room and was running around the whole building. It was chaotic and felt like a big celebration and that feeling hasn't really faded since. ”

Robbie

Social Events

While there is no single College routine or lifestyle, our events and activities bring residents together. At St Catherine's we encourage you to take charge and make the best of your College experience.



COMMENCEMENT DINNER

The Commencement Dinner is where all residents step out in their finest evening attire and their academic robes to celebrate the start of a new year together.



VALEDICTORY DINNER

This end-of-semester Valedictory Dinner theme was *Christmas in July!* We celebrated those finishing their degree, said farewell to those leaving the College, and reflected on the great semester we've shared!



ANNUAL BALL

One of our favourite events of the year is the St Catherine's Ball! This year's theme was *Atlantis* and it certainly did not disappoint! The residents danced the night away at Fraser's Restaurant in Kings Park.



ORIENTATION WEEK

One of our favourite Orientation Week (O-Week) events is the St Catherine's *Secret Garden Party*. Residents enjoyed drinks and canapes in UWA's Sunken Garden and drummed and danced with our friends from Akwaaba.



Sporting Events

Sport is an important part of life at St Catherine's and with high participation rates, residents have the choice to participate in 20 different sports, accompanied by strong levels of support and encouragement from the rest of the College. We like to win and support one another and are proud to announce that we have secured the winner's pennants in the Inter-College Swimming, Fresher Dance, the X-Campus Race, Cricket (Men's) and Frisbee (Women's).

X-CAMPUS RACE

The Inter-College Cross Campus Run/Walk kicked off the Inter-College competition for 2019. Athletes and walkers traversed a 5km course across the UWA campus as the battle for the Sports Cups got underway.



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Inter-College Swimming Carnival takes place each year at the UWA Aquatic Centre. Indomitable determination, support and encouragement from the massive crowd of loyal College supporters coupled with passionate staff support, makes this a highlight on the College calendar.



FRESHER DANCE COMPETITION

A College tradition, residents spent O-Week learning dance steps before competing in a dance-off against other colleges at the Fresher Festival at Matilda Bay, on the banks of the Swan River. St Catherine's won this year!



Dandjoo Darbalung is going from strength to strength

Dandjoo Darbalung is the Indigenous Access Program at St Catherine's College. Established in 2012, the program has since grown considerably and supports young Indigenous people studying at all five universities and living away from home. Part of the program is also focused on residents learning about Indigenous culture through a range of activities including art and dance.

Residents from the *Dandjoo Darbalung* program showcased their extraordinary talent at the St Catherine's Multicultural Night in March. They performed a spirit dance to cleanse the area, as well as the kangaroo and emu dances to acknowledge the animals that they recognise as being their traditional sources of food and the spiritual animals of the land. They also demonstrated the honey bee dance, which told the story of the native Australian bee that is known for not having a sting. The group concluded with the Nyumbi Dance, which was taught to them by the senior *Dandjoo* residents.



INDIGENOUS IMMERSION NIGHT

During O-Week, residents at St Catherine's were able to get fully immersed in Indigenous culture through participating in a traditional smoking ceremony, watching traditional dances and indulging in freshly cooked damper and kangaroo. Residents from the *Dandjoo Darbalung* program also had the opportunity to lead discussion with individual groups of non-Indigenous students, providing an informal educational platform for students to ask questions and learn about the richness of Indigenous culture and its values and traditions. Residents also had the opportunity to contribute to a large-scale Indigenous dot painting, representing the family members of each resident. This will be featured in our new building!

MARR DANJU WEEK

Our *Dandjoo Darbalung* Dance Group performed at the launch of Marr Danju Week at UWA. This was a week where WASAC (a UWA student organisation run by Indigenous students) showcased Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture on campus. It represented the *Dandjoo Darbalung's* initiative to integrate a greater sense of community engagement to the program.



DONOR SUPPORT

The success and growth that the *Dandjoo Darbalung* program is achieving is underpinned by ongoing donor support by a range of partners. Impact 100 WA recently provided \$100 000 for a University Starter Pack for new residents and they continue to engage with the program in a support capacity as they get to know the students and see first-hand the work that the program is doing. They visited for dinner recently and participated in an artwork which is being completed by residents.



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SCHOOLS MENTORING

The *Dandjoo Darbalung* residents regularly participate in mentoring trips to schools in regional and remote areas. The purpose is for the residents to spend time with secondary students to talk about the value of completing high school and aspiring to a university education. They also perform dances and create sand murals, as well as providing positive role modelling to younger students. AngloGold Ashanti recently sponsored a Mentoring trip to Kalgoorlie Boulder Community High School and the Graham Polly Farmer *Follow the Dream Centre* in Kalgoorlie.



Dandjoo Darbalung residents visiting remote areas in WA



Teaching the didgeridoo to young boys created great bonds of friendship



Dandjoo Darbalung students enjoyed the opportunity to meet and inspire the next generation of students



Playing footy remains a firm favourite with younger students



Dandjoo Darbalung residents mentoring at East Kalgoorlie Primary School

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CURRENT RESIDENT - CHEYENNE CONWAY

Cheyenne is a proud, young, Ballardong Banjima woman from Perth who studies a Bachelor of Psychology at Curtin University. She has been awarded the inaugural *Dr Tracy Westerman Aboriginal Psychology Scholarship*, which aims to foster and develop the next generation of clinicians.

"The program has been really beneficial to me because of the help that Ben and Belinda (staff of *Dandjoo Darbalung*) have given us. They have supported me in managing my time, which means I have been able to successfully complete assignments."

She also commented on the program's pastoral and social aspects, "It's like a family environment too and a really rewarding program I'm glad to be a part of. I only knew one person when I came here, but now I'm very well acquainted with everyone from the program."

She went on to explain how the program helps maintain cultural identity, sharing that "we are all from different language groups and tribes so when someone comes in and wants to share their knowledge, we listen and share."

"It's like a family environment too and a really rewarding program I'm glad to be a part of."

Keeping St Cat's Sustainable

At St Catherine's we care deeply about the environment and the entire College community strives to be resource-efficient, operationally cost-effective and environmentally sustainable. A passionate group of residents forms part of the Environmental Committee and work with staff to achieve our ambitious targets.

THE HONEY BEE PROJECT

This year, St Catherine's residents set up the first Honey Bee Project. The project was established on the College rooftop gardens in order to create a bee nesting ground and corridor. Bees play a crucial role in the ecosystem, seeing as they are primary pollinators and are key to ensuring the continuous reproduction and longevity of various species of plants.

Future plans include establishing wooden "insect hotels" which allow insects and bees alike to reside in artificial shelters, further encouraging them to thrive and contribute to the biodiversity in the St Catherine's rooftop gardens.



Gardens Curator, Joseph Mann grew our vegetable patch in natural compost

SOLAR PANELS

We have 479 solar panels on our rooftops, worth over \$470,00. The energy generated from these panels offsets about 30% of our energy use which equates to a saving of approximately 257 tonnes of CO₂ emissions and \$84,000 in the annual electricity spend.



Residents participating in the Honey Bee Project Workshop



Honey Bee Project - planting in progress

CHEMICAL-FREE SOIL

As part of our efforts towards sustainability, the College has been producing its own compost. Led by our Gardens Curator, Joseph Mann, we create the compost from green waste collected around the College. We have already produced approximately ten cubic metres of compost and used it in our courtyards, gardens and nursery. Our next batch of compost is already underway and will be ready for use as soil improver soon.

Art and Music

The College provides an environment where all artistic tastes, interests and abilities are embraced and are showcased.

VISUAL ART SESSIONS

Residents are encouraged to work on their own visual art ideas with the guidance of an experienced artist who is on hand to guide you through techniques, colour theory, composition and more. We even provide all the mediums and materials! This semester residents explored the medium of lino block printing and designed prints to create a t-shirt or silk/muslin print scarf.



Residents participating in a lino block workshop in our common room

ARTS' CUP

This semester we once again proved that St Catherine's is the College to beat when it comes to culture and spirit. We started off strong in O-Week, winning the Inter-college Fresher Dance competition. Our residents also lip-synced to Madonna for the Lip Dub competition, earning us an impressive third place.

With Battle of the Bands and Debating competitions yet to come, St Catherine's is striving to win the Arts' Cup for the second year running.



Residents celebrating their Fresher Dance win!

PARTICIPATE AND PERFORM

Whether it's jamming with some buddies or rocking out at the Inter-college Battle of the Bands competition, there's something for everyone! You are encouraged to perform wherever possible – our own residents are regular entertainers at College dinners and social events.



Residents can use one of the three pianos at the College



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What to do

St Catherine's is the leading College for innovative programs, and we have set the bar high. We are focused on helping you achieve your best.

1. Research

Visit our website to find out more about life at St Catherine's, our programs, services and range of scholarships. You can also visit us for a tour (anytime!) to see life at St Catherine's. Join us for Open Day on 4 August 2019!

2. Apply Now

Submit your application at livingoncampus.uwa.edu.au and select St Catherine's as your first preference.

3. Offer

We will contact you for an interview and let you know within two weeks if you have secured your place at St Catherine's.

We look forward to you joining our community!