SMYL Curriculum begins with the creation of a Personal Learning Plan based on each individual student’s needs and dreams. It includes interest based units, Australian curriculum subjects, a variety of endorsed programs – as well as SMYL College’s program of Electives and Excursions.

**Year 10**
Year 10 subjects and lessons build the capacity of students through a focus on literacy, numeracy and work readiness. We follow the Australian Curriculum and students have structured lessons in major subject areas. Students also engage with elements of environmental science, history, art, health, positive decision-making and physical education studies as well as the Certificate I Leadership course as preparation for future work experience and training.

**Year 11 and 12**
Students in Year 11 are enrolled in the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Career & Enterprise and Applied Information Technology in Year 12 cover English, Mathematics, Modern History and Integrated Science. These subjects – combined with SMYL’s training and work experience programs – allow our students to graduate with a Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). The College also works to have students complete a School-based Traineeship (SBT) – an important step towards an apprenticeship, higher level training and future employment.

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Hello and welcome to the SMYL Community College 2014 Yearbook!

SMYL Community College is developing a reputation... a reputation for being a place where students and staff enjoy working together in a community, a place that is safe, challenging and fun, and a place where there is a sense of achievement every day.

This reputation comes from what is happening inside our College - students working with a brilliant group of staff members, learning and growing, dealing with mistakes and celebrating success, becoming more aware of their place in the world and respecting other people's journeys.

All of these things together make our culture - and this creates the results we get at SMYL College every day! For mine, the highlights of 2015 included:

- a record 16 students graduated with a WA Certificate of Education!
- a record number of students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are doing workplace learning and traineeships;
- a third of students attended school more than 90%!
- SMYL College students and staff marched in Fremantle to support 'Recognise' - the movement to have Aboriginal Australians recognised in Australia's constitution;
- we opened our new library and drama rooms - brilliant effort!

None of this could happen without the super effort and commitment of students, staff and families. Congratulations and thank you to each of you.

This year we said farewell to a number of staff. Special mention to Ruth Degrassi and Melissa Priemus - we are enormously grateful for their fantastic contribution to College life over the past 3 years and wish them well in their travels. Big thanks too, to Rose Irwin who went back to NZ to have her baby (a bouncing boy and future 'All Black), Chantelle Hicks who started her teaching career with us and Penny Loots who helped 'hatch' our Year 12 chickens and then connected so well with her Year 10 class!

Big thanks to the College Board and our support staff at SMYL Community Services - we get better each year because of your commitment and efforts.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and see you in 2015!!
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING (VET)

The VET program at SMYL allows students to progress through industry recognised certificate courses. This year several students completed certificates in:

- (Year 10) Leadership Development
- (Year 12) Certificate II Traineeships (On-the-job)

As part of our overall education program these certificates give students the edge in today’s labour market and help them develop the employability skills required for the workforce of the 21st Century.

We are very proud to have eleven of our Year 12 students leave with Certificate II qualifications in their chosen fields.

Our Year 10 & 11 students have achieved excellent results in their certificate courses and are now ready to take on the next challenge.

I am very proud to be a part of this wonderful school and have thoroughly enjoyed watching students achieve milestones, gain self esteem and confidence and build resilience whilst progressing through their certificate courses.

Thanks for the memories and bring on 2015

Anne Thomson
VET Co-ordinator
The 2014 team here at SMYL were recently asked the following questions....

1) What I do at SMYL?
2) Favourite Moment of 2013.
3) I bet you didn't know that......
4) The best advice or quote I've ever been given is...........

My name is Penny Loois
- This year I was the Year 12 Maths and Modern History teacher. I also had a fabulous time being involved in the Sports Science, drama and Cooking electives, to name a few.
- Favourite Moment of 2014: So many, but the standout would have to be seeing the year 12’s graduate.
- I bet you didn't know that exercising your brain is just like exercising your muscles at the gym... the more you use it the more neural pathways open up and fire, literally growing your brain power! Get to the ‘brain gym’ people!
- The best advice that I have ever been given- ‘Those who Reach Touch the Stars’. And... When something is tough, complaining only makes it harder...Snap Out Of it, Get Over it and Get On with It!

My name is Ian Mitchell
- In 2014 I was the year 11 teacher.
- My favourite moment of 2014– playing pranks at camp
- I bet you didn't know that Bram Stokes was Irish and the word Dracula comes from the Irish Gaelic word for vampire, Droch Ola.

“Consistency is the last refuge of the unimaginative” - Oscar Wilde

My name is Anne Thomson
- I am the VET Co-ordinator and I arrange for students to complete traineeships and certificate courses whilst here at SMYL CC.
- Watching our Year 12 students graduate with outstanding success in all areas of their schooling and vocational studies. I miss them so much.
- I bet you didn't know that, I have a new yacht...lol YOLO
My name is Leena Mishra
- I keep the technology running.
- My favourite moment of 2014—becoming a part of SMYL Community College.
- I bet you didn't know that... Bluetooth was named for a Danish King who united disparate territories.
- Wi-Fi doesn't stand for anything. It is not an acronym. There is no meaning.
- Life is a series of natural and spontaneous changes. Don't resist them—that only creates sorrow. Let reality be reality. Let things flow naturally forward in whatever they like”.—Lao Tzu

My name is Pat Fenton
- School registrar, admin, reception, telephonist, OHS, Fire Warden
- Fav moment of 2014—Too many to pick just one
- I bet you didn’t know that I hide my age well.
- The best advice—Not to regret a decision, good or bad, if it was made with the best intentions at the time.

My name is Nathalie Ward
- Youth Worker
- Graduation Day for Year 12 Students! What an achievement! So many emotions for the students themselves, their parents and friends and us the staff! “Your turn is coming soon!”
- “Bonnes Vacances” means... Enjoy your Holidays
- “Your future is created by what you do today, not tomorrow”

My name is Louise Attley
- Year 11 teacher, moving to Yr 12 next year
- My favourite moment of 2014—Tubing at Bonney’s Ski Park with the year 11’s
- I bet you didn’t know that... The longest recorded flight of a chicken is 13 seconds
- Best quote—“Pilates will fix that”.—Tony McRae
My name is Tony McRae

- I'm the Principal of this brilliant idea called SMYL Community College
- I get massive enjoyment seeing students and staff working together on our program of education, training and personal development.
- I bet you didn’t know that the Wallabies will win next year’s World Cup!
- ...before coming to SMYL College last year, I was working in Timor-Leste, Australia’s northern neighbour.
- I had no idea what to do after finishing school at Tumut High School in NSW and doing a trade gave me opportunities for work, travel, more study and more travel!

My name is Em Brook

- I teach, I listen, I laugh, I sing, I tell bad jokes & I love it all!
- Meeting my fabby cute puppy, Otis at K9, with Kendra, Jasmin & Keira, on our volunteering arvo.
- I can cross all 4 sets of my fingers at once! I was born EXACTLY one day and one minute after Chrissie.

“Be the change you want to see in the world” - Ghandi

My name is Kirsty Low

- I am an Education Assistant/Artist/Counsellor
- Fav moment of 2014 - Yr 11 Camp/staffroom antics
- I bet you didn’t know that Lake Richmond is the only lake of its kind in the world. It is unique because it is a deep freshwater lake that is home to ancient thrombolites
- “The main thing is to be moved, to love, to hope, to tremble, to live.” ~Auguste Rodin

Gone but not forgotten.........
It is with great pride that I get the opportunity to write the Year 12 graduating class of 2014, final farewell. I feel extremely humbled and fortunate to have worked with this amazing group of men and women. I was lucky enough to start the final leg of their journey with them and WOW what an honour and what a great achievement they have made.

No worthwhile journey is without bumps along the way, and I am not going to pretend that both myself and Mel and the students didn’t want to throw in the towel at times, but as the saying goes ‘when the going gets tough, the tough get tougher’, and we sure are made of tough stuff around here. This year in amongst completing Cert II’s, 50 odd academic tasks for English, Science, History and Maths, Phys-Ed and Bush Rangers tasks, we had many laughs, a few tears, new adventure’s, triumphs, disappointments, love and loss and everyone of the graduating class found the tools to navigate their way through the maze to arrive at the finish line.

So let me reflect on the amazing people that made 2014 such a memorable one for me, Mel and SMYL Community College…. I have to start with our ‘power couple’, Sarena and Jason.. They say behind every great man stands an even greater woman, in this case no one stands behind anyone, they stand side by side , supporting each other and pushing each other to be their best! And that they did, resulting in receiving our top WACE student, VET student and Bush Ranger between them! You both put me through my paces with your stubbornness but I learned so much from you in terms of the power of hard work, ‘stickwithitness’ and love.. Bring on the wedding;) This Leads me to someone who knows all about how crazy Jason could make it to get on with a task..! Louise..: our dancer extraordinaire and fashionista.. At times your lipstick was almost as bright and as you were bubbly and you taught me that being yourself and doing things you love always results in a smile.. And someone who could always put a smile ( and sometimes a cringe) on our face was Rad-A-Ky ( AKA Chris).. The great entertainer, your humour and wit often had me in stitches, even when I knew I should be mad with you. You did walk a fine line at times and open yourself up for attack, but you taught me that sometimes having a laugh at ourselves is a strength and not a weakness.. And more often than not, your partner in crime was Conway; the subtle prankster, who had an art for creating havoc, whilst maintaining an angelic appearance! Conway you are a great blend of naughty and nice and I learnt from you than you can be a deep thinker and philosopher whilst maintain a playful side and this is a great balance… On the subject of playful, my mind turns to ‘my girls’, Cassie and Mikayla, both of you had me laughing, singing, dancing, gossiping and consoling all year and you both proved that if we decide to make a change and put our mind to it anything is possible… Three people that proved to themselves and us that persistence pays off are Corey, Mollie and Shania. Whilst for different reasons you weren't always on campus this year, you pushed through and achieved your graduation goals – what a great quality for future success… This leads to our quiet achievers Brody and Tash, who both had passions outside the classroom that helped them get to the end of their high school journeys. Tash, you certainly prove that ‘great things come in small packages’, your funny and sweet, but it is your artistic talent that will forever leave a mark on SMYL and our hearts.. Brody, you love and knowledge of all things mechanical, saw you ‘ride on’ to the finish line and keep you able to achieve throughout life!.. Someone who is not afraid to question the world around him, is Zac; you challenged be every educational concept throughout the year and I loved it!. You have an inquiring mind and a tenacious attitude, at times our debates were never going to be resolved but you taught me and others not to accept things ‘just because’...and from that lesson to the lesson that Sheree taught me, and that is when to own something and when to walk away.. I will take “that is not my problem” with me from here forward;) You are a born leader and whilst you could lead us away from the task at hand, you steered your path to success... and last but certainly not least, Dekoda; I came to SMYL an English language specialist, but between you and the others my vocab increased this year.) But truthfully I have rarely met a more determined person-- you pushed through so many barriers and always strived for your best and all that with a smile on your face. We don't always need A's to know we are winners!!

Well that wraps up the amazing group that represents our most successful group of year 12 students yet!! On behalf of Mel and myself and all the staff at SMYL community college, thank you for the outstanding contribution you have made to our school! For my final ‘pearl’ of wisdom, guys, “the world is your oyster– but they are slippery little suckers, so grasp life with both hand”

Good Luck and Thank You, <3 Penny and Mel, 2014!
Year 12 Graduation
Day 2014
Excursions

Coogee Beach

Penguin and Seal Islands

Go-Karting

BattleZone

Bounce

Bibra Lake
2014 has seen SMYL community College attend a wide range of exciting, engaging and educational excursions.

**Sailing**

**City walks**

**NAIDOC Celebrations**

**Indoor Rock Climbing**

**Sculptures by the sea**

**Perth Wake Park**

**The Great Escape**
SMYL Community College
Nanga Bush camp!

SMYL College had two excellent major Excursions this year at Nanga Bush Camp - with both the Year 11s and 10s participating well in everything that was thrown at them!

Stand out students at the Y11s Camp were Mitchell Connolly, Dylan Graham, Kiera Tartano and the very stealthy Rhyce Fahey! Fantastic attitude, maturity and leadership shown by all of these students—well done!

At the 10s camp Owen Birkett, Jordon Kavanaugh-Cone and Bree McDonald stood out for their willingness to take on all challenges and contribute to everyone’s enjoyment of the trip.

The students completed bush walks, a 3 hour raft trip down the Murray river and eco-system awareness challenges. We all thoroughly enjoyed the Hunger Games and Fright night events :) The events were planned as part of all SMYL students’ membership of Bushranger Cadets and are an important part of the SMYL College program.

The local wildlife was mostly friendly, especially the family of kookaburras who watched over the camps from start to finish, but not so much the giant marron that stole Em B’s ankle bracelet while we were all swimming!

We hope everyone continues to build on their Bushranger skills and experiences over the next year. Good job everyone!
A range of electives for every taste and interest.
SMYL Community College

All students have a right to learn and have fun - without disruption and knowing our College is safe and welcoming.

We understand that new students may take a while to fit-in and to understand our culture.

By following our College Principles:
- Respect;
- Participation;
- Learning; and,
- Safe and Legal,

each student can have a great time and make a positive contribution to SMYL Community College!

‘Happiness and Usefulness’
School Terms:
Term 1: Tuesday 3rd February – Thursday 2nd April
Please note: Year 11 & 12 students commence on Wednesday 4th February 2015 - a day after the new Year 10s start at SMYL College.

Term 2: Tuesday 21st April – Friday 3rd July
Term 3: Tuesday 21st July – Friday 25th September
Term 4: Tuesday 13th October – Thursday 17th December

Public Holidays:
Labour Day: Monday 2nd March
Good Friday: Friday 3rd April
Easter Monday: Monday 6th April
West Australia Day: Monday 1st June
Queens’ Birthday: Wednesday 28th October

The College Office will re-open to students and families on Tuesday 28 January 2015 – until then, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

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