

ESPERANCE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE

Weekly News: Week 7 Mid Term newsletter

Upcoming events

- **Long weekend**– No school
Monday 3 June
- **College Closes Term 2**
Friday 28 June @5.00pm
- **College re-opens for Term 3**
Sunday 14 July @3.00pm



**Western
Australia Day**

Monday 3 June 2024

Dear parents, carers, staff and students

It's been a while since our last newsletter, however we need to update everyone on staffing movements, student activities and building updates:

Western Australia Day; The College is open all weekend, however it's a good time for students to see family and have a break away. There will be a pretty relaxed Monday as we let students have a sleep in and open the main doors at 8.30am.

Staffing update; Sadly we say goodbye to Tony Clements our main cook who moves into semi-retirement. Despite advertising the position last month we've been unable to find a full-time cook, but have arranged for Amanda Govans, who supplies the school canteen lunches to provide evening meals to our students while we readvertise. Sarah and Leia will supply breakfast and lunches as normal and Naomi will continue the weekend cooking. The active after hours staff (Mr Magennis and Mr Bridges) will be setting up cooked breakfasts 3 days a week. Having these guys up and about all night provides 24 hour face to face support to students, while providing a secure presence. The good news is this service will be provided beyond this year and will be a regular feature of College support for students.

Ablution update; The main ablutions will be having a major overhaul. This is a \$500K project and provides our younger students with extra modern facilities. Planning takes into account students needs and it's expected to have minimal impact and be ready in the new year.

Student activities; The College provides 2 tutors every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night. We've also provided access to students to teen workshops at the Leisure centre 3 days a week for strength and fitness work. Most days there has also been trips to the pool after dinner. The College has funded all these activities. Please encourage your child to make the most of these opportunities.

Finally, Ms Hearn will be the College Manager for the next four months while Mr Jarzabek takes on the role as College Manager in Geraldton. Ms Hearn has many years experience as the Manager at Albany and Narrogin College and it also provides opportunities for other staff to take on leadership roles. Ms Swayne remains as Senior Supervisor, along with Ms Johnstone (JJ) and Ms Barnes sharing leadership roles, while the male Senior Supervisor recruitment process is completed. Ms Lewis and Ms Walmsley are also coming in to help as relief supervisors.

Mr Jarzabek will be returning in Term 4. Have a great weekend.