



## Albany Residential College Newsletter

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### From the Manager

Due to popular demand we have reinvigorated the newsletter! Newsletters will be distributed at the end of each term with updates from the term that was and also what is ahead!

With that, 2025 will see some changes in the college with new staff, fulltime active nightshift staff and lots of activities!

We will welcome Monika Munpreet from Narrogin Residential College and Sue Kindred (who has been with our team this term) to cover the newly created Active Night Shift positions.

Our long serving Laundry Hand Sue Hicks is taking a new challenge at Narrogin Residential College for term one and Mel Bell will step into this role for the term.

A very big thank you to our part time Cook Pat Byatt. Pat has been producing the most amazing meals, cakes, muffins and biscuits (the best jam drops you will ever eat) for many years and her lovely meals will be truly missed by all! Pat will still be part of the team Monday-Wednesday in her other role of kitchen hand so we will still see her around the kitchen.

I have enjoyed three wonderful years in Albany, the time has come for my family and I to move back to the country and warmer weather! I am relocating to take up the Manager role at Moora Residential College.

Andrea Hearn will be Acting Manager for term one while the recruitment process is carried out. Andrea is no stranger to Albany Residential College and has filled in both here and at other Colleges over the years.

I sincerely thank all of the amazing staff here and the parents for your support over the years. I have enjoyed having the privilege to oversee this amazing college and the wonderful standard of care we provide for our students.

Thank you to all of the students! It has been a pleasure to see you all growing into wonderful young people who will make great contributions to the big wide world when you get there.....just don't rush!

I wish all members of our college community a safe and happy Christmas and wish you all the best for a successful 2025!

Kind regards

Lauren Franklin



## REACH

We encourage all weekend leave to be submitted by Thursday morning 10am, and bus runs to be submitted the evening before.

Students need to see staff if they are unable to submit their respective leaves before departing for school.

Staff are also able to assist anyone with resetting login details if required.



## Activities

We are always looking for new ideas for activities at the college, especially as the weather changes and we can't use the outdoors as much. If you have an idea for an activity you would like to see at the college, make sure you submit it to staff!

## Take Away Containers

From term one 2025 we will be doing away with take away containers! What does this mean for you? Students will be required to bring their own lunch boxes and containers if they wish to take leftovers to school for lunch. Containers will be washed after school and can be collected again at dinner time or breakfast the next morning ready to make the days lunch!



## Laundry

To promote good hygiene and healthy living, we require ALL students to put sheets and towels out to be washed weekly. Anyone with sensitivity requirements can put their own laundry liquid out with their sheets and towels to be used.

## Devices

In 2025, devices to be handed in will include ALL electronic devices INCLUDING smart watches. Please assist us by preparing your child in year 7, 8 & 9 to hand in all electronic devices.



## Important Dates

Date	Details
04/02/2025	College opens to students. New students from 2:00pm for a meet and greet and returning students from 3:00pm.
05/02/2025	School returns for the 2025 year.
8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Orientation weekend, packing with activities for all students. Students are encouraged to stay in for the weekend.
24/03/2025	Make sure your holiday leave is in Reach!
28/03/2025	College Closes for term one 5:00pm



## Parent Reminders

### Medications

All medications (prescription and over the counter) must be kept at reception and administered by staff. All prescription medication must be provided in Webster Packs. We encourage parents to supply paracetamol/ ibuprofen/ antihistamine if their child requires these on a regular basis.

### Personal Belongings

We ask parents to monitor the number of personal items brought to the college, as this assists everyone in meeting college room expectations.

Please note that the college does not allow electric blankets, personal heaters, fridges, TVs or gaming equipment in student rooms. The college does not allow aerosol cans of any kind. *Aerosol cans have triggered several fire evacuations, and responsible parties will be held accountable.*

### Labelling Belongings

We ask parents to ensure that everything coming into the college is clearly named. With around 90 students, many of whom have similar items, things can get mixed up easily. This especially applies to expensive items (phones, speakers, headphones, etc), school uniforms and sporting equipment.

## College Tutoring

Students are encouraged to take advantage of the college-provided tutoring. Tutoring is held twice a week in the dining room.

We are currently on the search for an additional tutor to cover another night or two to suit students around sporting commitments.

## Art with Mand!

Mand Markey has been coming up to the College and running art classes with the students. These classes are very well supported and you will see some of the art projects on show around the College. Some of the students have made blankets and keep them here for some extra warmth!

## Some helpful hints:

- **Bring an alarm clock – all electronic devices will be handed in by year 7, 8 & 9.**
- **Get into routine at least a week before school term starts.**
- **Parents, teach your children how to:**
  - **Do washing**
  - **Strip and make beds**
  - **Make lunches and wrap them**
- **Bring a mattress topper – please note that electric blankets are not permitted.**
- **Bring a cup and microwave safe bowl for your snacks!**
- **Bring a small tub with your favourite snacks (noodles, mac & cheese) – NO NUTS**
- **Leave the gaming consoles at home**
- **Bring an extra towel for the pool or beach (don't forget your rashie or sunsmart swimmers)**
- **Bring your favourite photos in frames**

## Change of Details

Please ensure the college has the most up to date information on hand. This includes parent/guardian contact (phone, email, addresses, etc), host details, and medical information.

A common area of incomplete/out of date information is your child's Medicare information. Please ensure you update the college with the new card number, reference number and expiry date when you receive a new card.

Any updates can be made on Consent to Go.

