



ESPERANCE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE TERM 4 NEWSLETTER 2024



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| Tuesday 4th Feb | College opens at 12.00pm |
| Wednesday 5th Feb | School starts |
| Friday 13th - Sunday 15th Feb | Orientation weekend all students are encouraged to stay in the College for the weekend of social games |
| Monday 3rd March | Labor Day public holiday - No school/College open |
| Thurs 13th March | College strategic planning day– 10.00am-12.00pm |
| Friday 11th April | Last day of school term/College closes 5:00pm |
| Monday 28th April | College opens for Term 2 after 3.00pm |

Dear parents, carers, staff and students

As another year passes, please accept my thanks for your support throughout 2024. There are many people to thank, but I want to particularly mention our fantastic staff. We live in a great community and whether its our admin staff, supervisors or the ancillary staff, they all go that little extra to ensure that students have a positive & safe environment to live and learn in. Like the students, staff all deserve a well earned break.

We look forward to seeing students back again next year on **Tuesday 4 February 2025 after 12:00pm**. The College will provide lunch that day to both students and parents. If you are an AIC (Assistance with Isolated Children) recipient, can you please bring in your AIC statement from Centrelink to Tracey, who will provide an update to the fees for 2025. While all the College Supervisors are in Perth for training, Tracey will be available from Wednesday 29 January between 8.00am and 4.00pm if needing more information.

There are a number of things to look forward to in 2025.

- An opportunity for the College community to come together at our College Strategic Planning day. This is to set the tone for 2025 and beyond. Please add to your calendar, Thursday 13 March at 10.00am to 12.00pm at the College followed by lunch.
- Major refurbishments to our two main ablution blocks have commenced – total cost is in excess of \$500,000 and should be completed by the end of Term 1, 2025. Students will still have access to a sufficient number of showers/toilets and we are planning on having very few disruptions.
- The College is again hosting fire fighters over the Christmas break. This will only be used in the case of a major need in the Esperance district. Once again this proves what a great is a community asset the College is.
- There are a few staff changes, as Ms Hearn has been seconded to Albany College as the College Manager while they go through a recruitment process. Ms Hearn will be back at the end of Term 2, 2025. We also wish Simon and Deb McLernon all the best with their new roles at Wongutha College.

Once again thankyou for your support throughout the year and have a merry Christmas.

Peter Jarzabek, College Manager

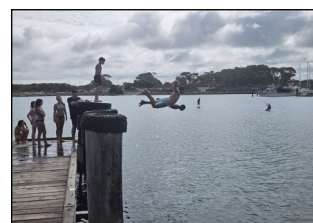
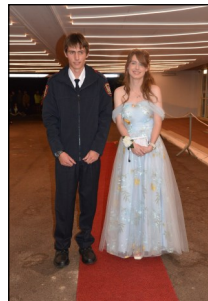
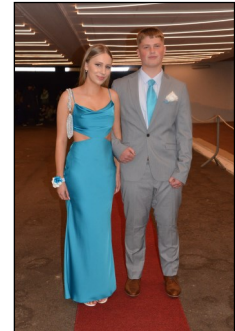
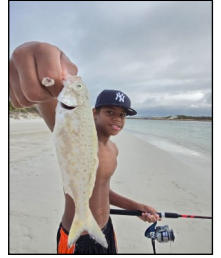


College Activities

This has been a busy term, with plenty of activities run inside and outside of the College to keep the students engaged and hopefully tired at the end of the day.

We have continued to keep the beach life and culture alive here in Esperance, taking the kids every opportunity we could down to the water. This includes jetty jumps, stand-up paddleboarding, surfing and fishing.

We've also encouraged the students to try new things that are out of their comfort zone. This may be something as little as going to the Animal Park, playing a new sport or getting up at one of our karaoke nights and having a sing!



Recognition of College Students for Academic Achievements

Well done to all of our students on your achievements at the
Esperance Senior High School for 2024.

Year 7 Music

Kiara Calwyn

Year 7 Aboriginal Culture and Language

Tonisha Lockyer

Year 7 Science

Tonisha Lockyer

Year 10 Health Education

Lachlan Catton

Year 10 Agricultural Excellence and Rural Skills Award

Zain Hartley

Year 10 Design and Technologies

Kieran Morcombe

Year 10 Mathematics

Kieran Morcombe

Year 10 Physical Education

Kieran Morcombe

Year 10 Science

Kieran Morcombe



SOME PHOTOS OF OUR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHOOL'S "SPARKTACULAR" REWARD DAY

**CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE ON YOUR AWARDS AND
ACHIEVEMENTS THIS YEAR!**

Albany Camp

This year we had the privilege of taking a group of students to Albany for a Rewards Camp. This was provided for the students that had gone above and beyond with their behaviour and attitude towards the college. The students got to stay at another Residential College in Albany and enjoyed activities such as The National Anzac Centre, Albany Convict Gaol Museum, Whaling Station and Wildlife Park. They also enjoyed dining out and hitting the Albany shops.



Smoothie Bar

This term as the weather has been heating up, we introduced the Smoothie Bar to the college. We asked the students what kinds of fruit they enjoyed and introduced them to new smoothie recipes. We also had the students paint their own artwork onto a surfboard to hang above the Smoothie Station. It has been such a great hit here at the college and being able to have a healthy and delicious cold drink after a hot day at school always lifts the spirits.



Santa's Grotto & Christmas Dinner



As the term wraps up and we come closer to Christmas, we brought some festivities to the college with a Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings and creating Santa's Grotto with all his presents that the students helped create. Bon Bons were popped, Christmas hats were worn and bad jokes told by all! It was a fun night that everyone enjoyed.



Life in the Residential College

Life in the residential college is different to home life but we here at the college try to make it feel as close to home as it can be. This may include things like decorating surfboards to hang in their dorms, painting and creating art to make their spaces more their own. Weekly early morning surf/swim trips out to the wonderful beaches here in Esperance. Regular after-school activities like pool runs, fishing, basketball, volleyball and walks along the foreshore. Weekend activities included going to the Animal Park, community events, town markets, playground trips, bike rides around town and of course trips to the beach. We encourage the kids to partake in going to the gym for fitness - this is held 2 times a week at the Bay of Isles Leisure Centre. We also encourage the kids to see our tutors that we have on weeknights here at the college. We value and care about the academic success of each and every student, and are as proud of the students as their own parents when they do well. We have often helped the students to write resumes to get employment opportunities. Through helping the students to write the resumes and practice their interviewing skills we hope to instill more independence. With everything that goes on in a young person's life, having a safe and exciting boarding opportunity is important to everyone here at the college.

Parent Name
Address
SUBURB WA POSTCODE



10 January 2024 (may be a date in 2023)

Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)

Payment on 24/01/2024

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| Basic Boarding Allowance / Term | \$2,476.39 |
| TOTAL | \$2,476.39 |

Payment on 11/4/2024

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| Basic Boarding Allowance / Term | \$2,476.39 |
| TOTAL | \$2,476.39 |

Payment on 11/7/2024

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| Basic Boarding Allowance / Term | \$2,503.61 |
| TOTAL | \$2,503.61 |

Payment on 03/10/2024

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| Basic Boarding Allowance / Term | \$2,503.61 |
| TOTAL | \$2,503.61 |

Information used for calculating your regular Payment
Entitlement for 2024\$Amount

PAYMENT FOR
STUDENT NAME

Message from Manager Corporate Services

Thank you for a great year! I look forward to speaking with you all at some stage, if I haven't already. I also understand how difficult it can be to complete and lodge forms, but please reach out as I'm always here to help.

My direct line is 9071 9662.

If you are a recipient of AIC (Assistance for Isolated Children) - and have lodged your child's claim for 2025 - **Remember to bring in your letter from Centrelink ie example to the left on day 1, or email: Tracey.Bishop@education.wa.edu.au**

Thanking you for your support in 2024, and wishing you all happiness, peace and prosperity over the term break, enjoyed with your loved ones.
Tracey Bishop

Renovations to Ablution Blocks



The recent upgrades to the Ablution blocks has commenced with demolition starting in November 2024. This is an exciting time here at the college and will be a welcome upgrade to our ablution amenities. These upgrades will continue throughout the school holidays and hopefully be finished early to mid 2025.



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