

2017 ESHS AWARD WINNERS– Upper school only.

Prefect for 2018 –Jorja Edens

BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Year 11 Certificates of Merit -Christian Bell, Kayla Turnbull, Holly Silver

Applied Information Technology - Marnie Taylor, Mark, Sidamon, Levi Sayas

ENGLISH

Year 11 Certificates of Merit -Holly Silver, Cooper Bertola

Year 11 Prizes - ATAR English - Jorja Edens

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Year 11 Certificates of Merit - Stella Best, Jorja Edens

Year 11 General Outdoor Education -Holly Silver

HOME ECONOMICS

General Food Science and Technology -Patrick Marks

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Year 11 Certificates of Merit - Hannah Turner,

Year 12 Prizes - Certificate II: Skills for Work -Kris Silver

MATHEMATICS

Year 11 Certificates of Merit -Lochlan Hallam, Cooper Bertola, Holly Silver

Year 12 Certificates of Merit -Mathematics Essential -Kris Silver

Year 12 Prizes -Mathematics Essential -Shane Manser

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Year 11 Certificates of Merit -Jake Dann, Cooper Bertola

Year 12 Prizes -VET Automotive -Kirk Whiting

ALL OTHER VET AREAS

Year 11 Prizes -VET Certificate II in Kitchen Operations -Patrick Marks

Year 12 Certificates of Merit -VET Business -Marnie Taylor

VET Information Technology -Shane Manser

WORKPLACE LEARNING YEAR 11

Certificates of Excellence for Workplace Learning: Stella Best, Lochlan Hallam, Holly Silver

WORKPLACE LEARNING YEAR 12

Business -Marnie Taylor

Children's Services -Candice Brteunik

Hospitality -Tamyka Gourlay

NEVILLE MUNNS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP-Lilly Brooks

JAYCEES AND RATTEN AND SLATER SCHOLARSHIP - Jake Dann

CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT YEAR 11 -Lochlan Hallam, Holly Silver, Kayla Turnbull

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE YEAR 11 -Cooper Bertola

Student Health

The Residential College has updated its recording process of students who are too sick to go to school. There is a health record form for all students in which the staff will record each time the student is sick home from school and with what ailment. We will then be able to determine if there is a pattern and will take necessary medical action if required. The old system of printing out an illness report each day and having it on the whiteboard in clear view, with check times and medication administered recorded by staff, will continue to be used as a visual reminder to staff as to who is sick back at the College during the day. Staff also contact parents each morning if someone is unwell and does not make it to school. This process will help the staff to determine if the student has a medical condition that needs to be raised with the family doctor, especially if they are presenting with the same problems each time. All students who are sick must report to the sick bay.

At the beginning of the 2018 school year, new parents are requested to bring the completed medical forms to the College when they are dropping their kids off for their first day. It is strongly recommended that parents organise their own family doctors. Please note the new forms. There is now no need for the doctor to complete a physical check.

In order to assist staff in helping the students, please organise a local doctor for your child.

Dr Byrnes' Surgery – 9071 2426

Banksia House– 9071 1511

Genpar Surgery – 9071 1956

Recherche Practise – 9071 7799

Esperance Family Practise– 90713100

Esperance has a great range of both male and female doctors.



End of Term 4 Newsletter 2017

Important Dates for Term 1, 2018

30 January	College reopens TUESDAY at 12.00pm.
31 January	School starts WEDNESDAY.
2 February	Orientation weekend.
2 March	College Closes for Labour day Holiday –5.00pm Buses running to Ravensthorpe and Norseman.
5 March	College reopens at 3.00pm.
9 March	Annual Duke camp– College closed to those not attending. Reopens Sunday 11th March at 3.00pm.
29 March	College closes for Easter Holidays– 5.00pm Buses running to Ravensthorpe and Norseman.
2 April	College reopens at 3.00pm.
13 April	College closes for school holidays.
30 April	TERM 2 Starts. College reopens MONDAY at 3.00pm.

A Word from the Manager

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Community

As the year draws to a close I would like to thank parents, students and staff for another excellent year at Esperance Residential College and best wishes for the coming festive season and holidays. We look forward to seeing students back again next year on **Tuesday 30th January after 12.00pm.**

Please find with this newsletter a:

- Copy of your child's College Semester report.
- Copy of the Term 1, 2018 College planner.
- New health forms– please complete these and bring on the first day.
- Contact people and phone numbers for various sporting/leisure groups in Esperance.

Tracey will be sending separately in another mail out:

- An invoice/statement— Student fees for 2018. On your first day, if you have a statement from Centrelink, for AIC (Assistance with Isolated Children) please give this to Tracey.

Please note in our planner there is two **Leavers Weekends** planned in Term 1, 2018. This is due to the public holidays for Labour day and Easter falling in this time. Parents will need to arrange for students to go home or make other arrangements. The weather is amazing in Esperance that time of the year so planning an Esperance Holiday at that time is highly recommended.

The College is always looking at better ways to communicate with parents, so please make sure you stay up to date by checking out the new launch of our webpage in 2018, start up of our Facebook page or continuing to have details emailed to you. Please make sure Tracey has your correct email addresses.

Once again over the Christmas break we complete a host of minor repairs and improvements. Like last year we are also hiring the College to a Church Youth Group. Any funds we raise from the camp will be used towards student amenities. Last year it provided the student water dispensers from filtered rain water tanks. This year we are looking at making some changes to our dining area to give it a more Café feel, while also looking to provide more opportunities for students to engage in physical activities.

Once again thank you for your support throughout the year and I hope you have a Merry Christmas and enjoy a safe, fun filled time with your children.

Peter Jarzabek, College Manager

College reopens for 2018

Tuesday 30th January 2018 @ 12.00pm

All parents and students will need to catch up with a College staff member on the first day.

1. Have your room allocated. If you turn up later in the day that is OK as rooms are allocated before Sunday.
2. If you're not happy with your room, see a staff member to discuss changes which can occur later that week.
3. Check that all paperwork is completed– it helps if you have these completed before hand. Copies are on our web page or available on the day. Please note new Health forms.
4. See Tracey our Finance and Administration Officer regarding your fees. Tracey is at the College Tuesday between 12pm and 5pm.

Quick note to all; Copies of this Newsletter, Term Planners, Annual Reports, Parent Handbooks and the College Magazine can be found on our website www.erc.edu.au

What to Bring for the start of 2018

CASUAL WEAR-

Suitable clothes for recreation and social events should be provided. All slogans on t-shirts are subject to staff evaluation as to their suitability. Appropriate sports wear needs to be provided if your child intends to play sport.

FOOTWEAR-

If students wear runners/sand shoes to school, it is recommended that they bring at least two pairs. Regular changing of shoes will minimize foot problems and the amount of foot odour.

GENERAL

- Full toiletries, no spray deodorants. Roll on is fine.
- Sufficient socks to allow at least daily change. Mark all clothing, bedding and towels with your child's name
- Drinking mug, dishwasher proof.
- Padlock– one set of drawers is lockable and has a hole cut out at the rear to allow for power cords to be connected to devices but still be locked away.
- Laundry Basket. Put your name and year group on the basket.
- Suggest all students to have a debit card or some pocket money which can be stored in the Staff office.

DOMESTIC GEAR

- 2 Sets king single sheets and pillow slips. All rooms are **King Singles** in length only. A good quality doona or equivalent blankets is essential.
- 1 beach towel and 2 bath towels.
- **No electric blankets, heaters or fans are allowed to be brought in from home. All the students' rooms are air-conditioned/heated.**

STUDY REQUIREMENTS

- Please see High School notes for full book lists.

EVERY ARTICLE MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH ITS OWNER'S NAME.

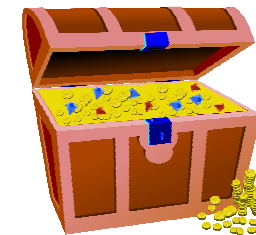
ERC won the \$500 Residential Colleges Christmas photo competition. Well done to Ms Barnes and all the students involved! Money will go to student ideas. Students (pictured right) also walked in the Esperance Christmas Pageant. Huge thanks to Charlotte King and Judy Whiting for donating the decorations.



Useful tips for old and new Parents/Students-see next page for more tips
Listed below are some simple tips to make life for your child and yourselves a little easier.

For Parents

- **LABEL ALL CLOTHING AND BELONGINGS.**
- Ask the school to email their newsletter and day-to-day notices direct to you so you stay in touch with community events.
- Set up a bank key card to access money for out of pocket expenses.
- Try and make it to all our parent functions as a way to meet other parents.
- Staff contact parents once a term to find out if there are any issues or areas we can improve Upon and to provide feedback on your child.
- Update any contact details with Tracey.
- If your child travels on TRANSWA go online and fill in unaccompanied form (under16) email back and TRANSWA will keep on file for a year. Makes it easier when booking your child's tickets.



Golden Parenting tips from College Parents

For Students

- Use only roll on or pump spray deodorants. Spray cans are not allowed and can set off our fire detection system. **It is a \$250 false alarm fee for those who set the alarms off in breach of the College guidelines. The College Manager will have the final say on what constitutes a deliberate act or an accident.**
- Bring in your own mug for hot drinks.
- Leave money in your security file located in the College supervisors office.
- Tell someone if you need help with homework – staff can arrange for you to work with a tutor or with another student who understands the work.
- Book College buses well in advance and allow up to 15 minutes grace time in getting there and being picked up during busy times.
- College life is fun but remember to treat others the way you want to be treated.
- Take a photo of your parents medicare card and leave on your phone.

Always make time to take your child's calls. Let your child know this, speak to them so they know that you will be there for them. Please note after 8.00pm students need to have their phones off.

Make sure that your child talks to you at least once a day, even for 5 minutes...NOT TEXT...Skyping, face time or hearing your child's voice will let you know how they are going and if there is maybe something they want to talk to you about...you can't hear this in a text!

Have your child come home in the first year as much as possible. This allows them to have "Time Out" from constant social interaction of peers/students and staff at the Residential and allows for some home grounding if needed. Children at this age are impressionable, looking after your child's wellbeing is important.

Attend as many Residential functions as possible to meet other parents, put faces to names of staff and students.

Get onto Connect at the High School. This is a great portal of your child's day and achievements. It also allows you to show your child that you are taking an interest in their education. Let the school know if you want the College to see their reports or bring their report in if you have any school concerns. Get the school to email all documents to YOU.

Ask about sporting activities and encourage your child to join sporting groups. It's a great way to meet other kids and learn new skills.

Don't forget that the LINC (Local Input Network Committee) Parent Representatives are there to talk to as well.

Have an action plan in place with your child. Go through scenarios with your child and ask what they would do? Work through it with them. If something is wrong or they need help, have a list of people to contact, put it in their phone to have on hand. Reinforce that these people or organisations are available to them whenever they need.

Be prepared that your child may ring you "with the world on their shoulders" and seem really down/negative at times but actually their OK. This will happen as you're their outlet and really they just want to vent– so don't take it to heart. If you have concerns about your child RING the Residential College! Staff carry the office phone with them and if they are busy they will contact you as soon as possible.

My kids had some photo's of family and pets to put up on pin up boards/desks to help initially, plus some memento's from home (special pillow/blankets/ornaments) etc.

Yes we do Parent from a distance, handing over the care of our children to others but WE are still the parents and should continue parenting!