

Albany Residential College Newsletter

Respect • Belonging • Independence

Term 2 - 2025

From the Manager - Reflections on My First Term

As we reach the end of what has been an incredibly busy and rewarding term, I wanted to take a moment to share some reflections on my early experiences as College Manager.

When I stepped into this role just a few months ago, I was immediately struck by the energy and warmth that define this community. The college is more than just a boarding house - it is a home. A hub of friendships, learning, and growth for the students who live here. Each day brings its own rhythm, from early morning wake-ups to evening prep, from the laughter over shared meals to the quieter moments of pastoral care.

This term, my focus has been on building relationships - getting to know the students, our fantastic supervisor and ancillary staff, and of course, many of you through conversations, emails, and visits. I've been deeply impressed by the resilience, humour, and compassion our students show, as well as their willingness to support one another through the ups and downs of boarding life.

We've also begun exploring some exciting updates to our menu and weekend activities programme, taking onboard student feedback to ensure that

everyone feels included and engaged. I'm particularly proud of how the student council has stepped up this term, showing initiative and care.

Sadly, we have to farewell a key member of staff. Anne Robertson has decided a change in lifestyle is in order and will not be returning next term. We wish Anne all the best and thank her for the years of care she has given to the college.

On a positive note, we welcome new staff to the team. Amanda Dimer, our new Aboriginal Boarding Supervisor, will be starting Term 3. We also welcome Carolynne Thornton as a permanent part-time supervisor. Finally, Sue Kindred has increased her role to full-time.

As we head into the school holidays, I want to express my gratitude for the trust you place in us, for the support of our team, and most of all, for the privilege of walking alongside your children during such an important stage of their lives.

Next term, we will continue to focus on our three PBS values: Respect, Independence and Belonging.

Please be sure to prepare your child for another busy term by giving them the necessary supplies and encouraging them to bring warm clothes.

Douglass Yorgason
College Manager
Albany Residential College

Term 3 Sandwich Bar

Starting next term, students will be able to prepare their own sandwiches and wraps before school. There will be a variety of fillings and condiments available.

Leave and Bus Runs

Starting Term 3, bus runs will need to be entered at least 24 hours in advance. If it is not entered, a bus run will not be made unless there are extenuating circumstances.

It is also important for students and parents to enter leave in advance to enable the college to plan accordingly.

If any assistance is needed with Reach, please feel free to contact the college.

Term 3 Activities

Students are currently being surveyed to find out what activities they would like organised for next term. A planner should be available early next term to enable them to plan their participation in advance.

Term 3 Menu

Earlier this term, students were surveyed to find out what they would like served for breakfast, lunch and dinners next term. These results were collated, and a menu has been created based on these suggestions.

Laundry

Our laundry hand is available for students to get their washing done on a weekly basis. Dorms are also equipped with domestic machines to enable them to wash their own clothes and bedding. Students are required to bring their own washing detergents.

Town Leave

We want students at the college to have a sense of independence. We have made some changes to town leave days as follows:

- Year 7-10 Students – W,S,S
- Year 11 Students – M,W,F,S,S
- Year 12 Students – Every day



Important Dates

Date	Details
20th July 2025	College re-opens 3pm
21st July	ASHS/NASHS first day back
22nd July	St Joseph's College first day back
28th July	Australian Christian College first day back
1st-3rd August	ARC Marketing Campaign – Filming and Photography
15th August	Pupil Free Day for: Albany Senior High School North Albany Senior High School
22nd August	Pupil Free Day for: St Joseph's College
26th September	End of Term for all schools College closes 5pm

Parent Reminders

Medications and Illness

Please provide your student with a stock of paracetamol, ibuprofen and flu medication for Term 3. The college will not be able to pay for these medications.

If your student experiences extended periods of illness, they may be asked to return home to prevent the spread.

Sign-Out Procedures

Parents and hosts need to physically present themselves when signing out students. This is to ensure they are departing with the correct people while in our duty of care.

Leave should be entered in advance before signing students out.

When new hosts are entered into our system, please provide a photocopy of their driver's license and their phone number for our records.

Contact Details

We endeavour to keep our system up to date with accurate information. This includes contact details. If your phone number, email or home address changes, please let us know. We will update our system with this information.



Residential College Marketing Campaign

A film crew will be at Albany Residential College from 1 - 3 August. The purpose of this is to update our promotional materials and lift the profile of the college. Permission forms will go out to parents prior to the event if your child is involved.

College Tutoring

Our tutor, Mujtaba, will be continuing to work with students next term. He meets students in the dining room Monday to Thursday from 7:30-9:00pm.

Art with Mandi

Mandi will be continuing to support the college with art projects. She is here Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:30 - 7:30pm.