

ESPERANCE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE

TERM 1 NEWSLETTER 2023

Important Dates for Term 2, 2023

Tuesday 25th April	Anzac Day public holiday.
Tuesday 25th April	College opens for Term 2 at 3.00pm.
Wednesday 26th April	School resumes for Term 2
Saturday 6th May	School Ball
Monday 29th May	Year 11 and 12 VET students work placement block week.
Thursday 25th May	Year 11 and 12 exams commence.
Monday 5th June	Public holiday for WA day. The College is open.
Monday 26th June	Country week starts.
Friday 30th June	Last day of school. College closes for Term 2 at 5.00pm.
Sunday 16th July	College opens at 3.00pm for Term 3.

Dear parents, carers and staff

I can't believe it's Easter time already. I want to thank all the staff and students for being so patient while we have rolled over from natural gas to LPG. The contractors were working to a very tight time frame and are almost finished. We are still waiting for a large bulk storage tank, which will provide gas to all the College showers. In the meantime, students will still have access to hot showers but only in the main ablution blocks. Once we have the bulk tank, gas will allow heating to all the other shower's by early May.

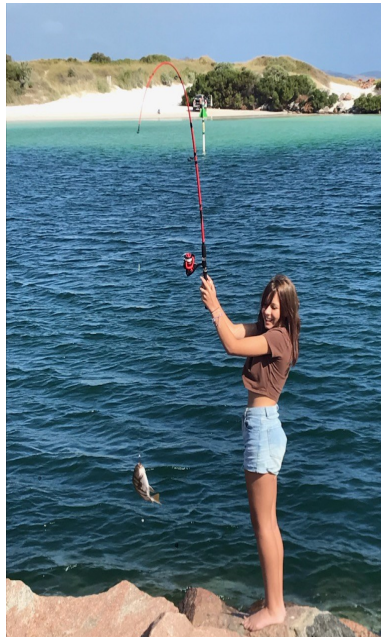
Please note there has been a spike in Covid cases throughout town and at the College. If you are positive and have symptoms, you are encouraged to go home to recover and to wear a mask. The College has a surplus of Covid tests and masks and if any families would like any of these, please see staff when your next in the College.

During the school holidays, supervisory staff will be attending a conference with all the other College staff from around the State. This is a really valuable training and learning opportunity and I'm sure staff, and in turn the students, will benefit from the interaction with other staff and their shared experiences.

As you may be aware, Ms Hearn will be in Narrogin as the Acting College Manager for term 2 and 3. Ms Swayn will be replacing Andrea as the Acting Senior Supervisor and Ms Lewis will be joining us full time as well. We have been very fortunate to have a stable staff group, with very few changes over a long period. Have a lovely Easter. Peter Jarzabek College Manager



Term 1 College Activities



Djeran : A new season.

As we are approaching the end of term please note it's the start of a new season in Noongar culture.

Djeran (April – May) is also known as the **season of Adulthood** which sees a break in hot weather. The cooler nights and discovering dew in the early mornings are key indicators of the change in season. This is also the fire season - time to burn for several reasons including fuel reduction, increasing the grazing pastures for animals and to support seed germination for some plants. The winds have also changed to light breezes and generally from the southerly directions. Banksias start to flower ensuring the many small mammals and birds that rely on nectar, are fed. Other plants that contribute to this seasons beauty are the formation of cones from the Sheoaks/*Allocasuarina fraseriana* (Kwerl) and the buds of *Eucalyptus pleurocarpa* (Tjaltjraak). You will also start to see the flower stalks of the Grass Trees (Balga/Balak). Flying ants can be seen cruising in the light southerly winds and historical accounts suggest that Noongar people employed the services of dolphins to help catch the increasing supply of sea food. Other food sources that traditionally form part of Noongar people's diet are seeds and bulbs.

Djeran is represented by the colour green.

Enjoy the lovely season and your Easter holiday!



Bus trips - Just a quick reminder that the bus trips are a courtesy service and as such, students need to remember that with so many people wanting to be somewhere or picked up at the same time to allow 15 minutes in getting to and from your destination. We can't drop everything to do a drive and it requires students to plan ahead.

Students need to put appointments into the bus book (before school that day at the latest) so that trips can be planned in advance and routed to the best time advantage. Entering the drop off time 10 minutes BEFORE the actual appointment/training is best to make sure you are on time.

Respect for your room and getting to school on time.

Respect for your Room

It is very important that students do not use pins/sticky tape/blutac or similar to stick anything to the painted surfaces in their rooms. They can remove the paint or damage the plaster on the walls, which then require fixing and can result in the loss of the bond paid for the room. Students can stick lights, pictures etc up around their desks, wardrobes and mirrors as long as they use the wooden surfaces & not the painted wall.

OUR FOCUS FOR 2023

In 2023 we have been focusing on students being more responsible for the cleanliness of their rooms. With no Covid cleaning in 2023 it is even more important for us all to make sure our own personal areas are clean.

We have also been focusing on students getting to school on time. School starts at 8.40am and students are required to leave the college by 8.30am. We really appreciate parent support if your child is struggling to get to school on time. You will get a call from staff to discuss this further.

Outstanding fees for 2023

Parents please ensure your students boarding fees are up to date at the start of Term 2.

For online bank transfers our **Bank details are Bankwest BSB: 306037 ACC: 4730452**

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

Banksia House	90711511
Genpar Surgery	90711956
Recherche Practise	90717799
Esperance Family Practice	90713100

**College reopens for
Term 2
Tuesday 25th April @**



**Students enjoying the
Easter egg hunt**