



ESPERANCE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE

TERM 4 NEWSLETTER 2023



Important Dates for Term 1 2024

Tuesday 30 January	College opens at 12pm
Wednesday 31 January	School starts
Friday 9/11 February	Orientation weekend all students are encouraged to stay in the College for the weekend of social games.
Monday 4 March	Labour Day public holiday - no school/College open.
Thursday 28 March	School athletics carnival
Thursday 28 March	Last day of school Term—Start of Easter holidays

Dear parents, carers, staff and students

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**. 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 2024.

Please note we have also included a new document for student activities- please complete and bring on the first day. By completing this new form, we hope that there will be less paperwork throughout the year. Our College handbook has also recently been updated and is available on our College website.

There are a number of things to look forward to in 2024.

- In terms of staffing, the College will be providing additional staff in 2024, so that the College will have a supervisor (active night shift) available 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. This will mean students will be monitored throughout the night and have access to staff who remain awake and available. This provides great peace of mind and more support for students if required. Start date for this additional service is dependant on recruitment time frames.
- Major refurbishments to our two main ablution blocks– total cost is in excess of \$500,000 and is likely to be completed in October 2024. Students will still have access to a sufficient number of showers/toilets and we are planning on having very few disruptions.
- A defibrillator which is accessible to the public during normal College operating hours on the outside wall of the College supervisors office.
- Chill-out rooms for students for quiet time or to have confidential discussions.
- New dining room and board room table tops.
- There are very few staff changes and the great news is, Naomi our weekend cook has just been successful in becoming our permanent weekend cook and will continue to provide a range of healthy meal options to students.

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

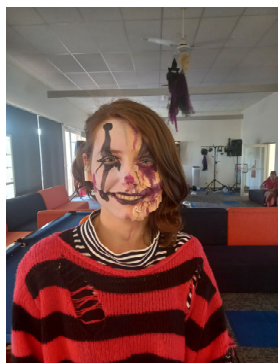
Peter Jarzabek, College Manager

Term 4 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.

From artwork with Pauline and Carol through “Act Belong Commit”, to the Halloween disco/karaoke, the Kepa Kurl Youth Ball and the Cultural Camp out to Cape Le Grande and many more varied activities, everyone has been keeping busy.

With the weather improving every day, the beach has become a favourite on the weekends, especially the James Street Jetty with its calm waters and shark net.



Farewell Jason Searle

It was with heavy hearts that we had to farewell our friend and colleague Jason Searle.

Due to a medical episode, we lost Jason on the 11th November 2023. Jason was an integral part of the supervisor team and had been the Male Senior Supervisor for the last 4 years of his time at the College.

Jason will be fondly remembered by staff and students alike for his wicked sense of humour, his joy in his work and especially his rendition of La Bamba at our karaoke nights.

Jason has been a part of the College team since 2015 and has had a positive impact on so many young lives in his time here. His contagious enthusiasm for beach runs, footy and especially a few pranks here and there made him a favourite with lots of the students here. He was never one to back down from a challenge and was often the instigator for 'chilli challenges' which led to an increase in the kitchen budget for bread and milk when he was on shift.

We have so many positive memories of him, as well as TRUCKLOADS of selfies as he was never shy around a camera. Jason left behind his family of 7 kids, Naomi and his mum, dad and siblings. He also left behind his College family— maintenance, cleaners, kitchen and laundry, office and most of all his teammates in the supervisory staff. He will be forever missed but never forgotten.

As a tribute, the College will have an award in his name added to the line-up at the Annual Presentation Evening, which will hopefully capture the essence of who he was and what he brought to the College.



Recognition of College Students for Academic Achievements

Jessica Suttar—VET Certificate III in Music, Nulsen Medal

Jade Campbell—Shelley Payne MLC High Standards Award, Animal Production Systems Prize, Yr 12 WPL Award, VET Certificate II in Agriculture Prize

Milania Paniora—VET Certificate II in Kitchen Operations Merit Award, Certificate of Merit General Physical Education Studies, General Outdoor Education Prize,

Connor Morcombe—Certificate of Merit General Engineering Studies, General Applied Information Technology Prize,

Amy McCrea—VET Certificate II in Kitchen Operations Merit Award

Dominic Mantilla—Certificate of Merit General Outdoor Education, General Physical Education Studies Prize, Shire of Esperance Positive Role Model Award

Jordan Bingham—Certificate of Merit VET Certificate II in Visual Arts

Ellie Thompson—Certificate of Merit General Outdoor Education

Paige Fillmore—General Mathematics Essentials Prize

Nitika Penny-McDonald—Certificate of Merit Aboriginal Education,

Molly Clark—Certificate of Merit Aboriginal Education, Certificate of Merit General Food Science and Technology, Certificate II in Community Services Prize

Savannah Koushappis—Certificate of Merit Aboriginal Education

Emily Lawrance—Certificate of Merit ATAR English, ATAR Economics Prize, Certificate of Merit ATAR Mathematics Applications, Certificate of Merit ATAR Human Biology, Yr 11 Certificate of Achievement

Henry Lacy—General Building and Construction Prize, Certificate II in Building and Construction Certificate of Merit

Jaxon Stokes—Certificate of Merit General Building and Construction

Joss Bell—Certificate of Merit General English, General Career and Enterprise Prize, General Mathematics Essentials Prize, General Integrated Science Prize, Certificate II Salon Assistant Prize, Yr 11 Certificate of Excellence, Runner up VET Dux

Jy Bennell—Certificate of Merit Aboriginal Education, Certificate of Merit General Physical Education Studies, Certificate of Merit General Mathematics Essentials

Lara Grant—Certificate of Merit General Physical Education, General Visual Art Prize, Yr 11 Certificate of Achievement

Ella Magagnotti—Certificate of Merit Yr 10 English Pathway 2

Evelyn Morcombe—Yr 10 Visual Art Prize, Certificate of Merit Yr 10 Design and Technology,

Liam Norwood—Yr 10 ADF Leadership Award, Yr 10 Certificate of Distinction, Certificate of Merit Yr 10 Design and Technology, Certificate of Merit Yr 10 Physical Education,

Tafara Nyamhunga—ESHS Yr 10 Endeavour Award, Certificate of Merit Yr 10 Physical Education,

Maddy Taylor—Certificate of Merit Yr 10 Design and Technology, Certificate of Merit Yr 10 English Pathway 1, Certificate of Merit Yr 10 Mathematics, Certificate of Merit Yr 10 Visual Art, Certificate of Merit Yr 10 Science

Ciara Koushappis—Yr 9 Prize – Indigenous Student of the Year, Certificate of Merit Yr 9 Home Economics

Kieran Morcombe—Yr 9 Positive Role Model

Phoenix Jones—Certificate of Merit Yr 7 Design and Technology, Yr 7 Prize Performing Arts

Sophie Suttar—Certificate of Merit Yr 7 English

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

REACH and Consent2Go

Over the past couple of years, as everything is becoming more digitised and available online, the College has been implementing a couple of different programs to keep up with it all; the main 2 being REACH and Consent2Go.

REACH Boarding App is a tool for parents to access their students' information through a portal which gives them the ability to set up leave requests, add or remove people from the sign-out list, and see in real time the whereabouts of their student. As with any program, it is essential for parents to sign in and interact with it. Setting up sign-outs and leave requests beforehand, saves a lot of time and effort later on.

On the first day back, there will be staff available to help parents and students set up learn how to use the app. During the term, Miss Catherine and Mrs Barnes are always available to help with any other enquiries you may have about the program.

The Consent2Go program has been designed to eventually do away with paper forms and having to send home permission forms for parents to sign and return. The idea behind it is to plan activities and have all of the permission forms, risk assessments and other paperwork in one place that parents can then sign on, read the document and then digitally sign the forms. The College is then notified when the forms are signed and ready to go.

Parents will receive prompts via email to update their students' details or review changes that have been made from the College's side, but these won't be a frequent thing. They will also be notified when there are forms to be signed.

Once again, there will be staff available on the first day back to assist parents with how to access the app and make necessary changes.

These 2 programs are going to be mainstreamed into everyday use at the College and it is important for all parents to be able to navigate through them to benefit the most from them. Please contact the College if you have any questions about the programs, we are always happy to help.

Chill out spaces



The girls end has recently converted a former double bedroom into a chill out space, which can be used for quiet relaxation time as well as a more casual meeting space for supervisors and students.

Thankyou to Brian who has done a fantastic job on this. With lower numbers on the boys end, an unused T-section in the junior end is serving as their chill out area for the time being.