



Albany Residential College Newsletter

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Term 1 - 2026

Term 1 Activities Overview

Students and staff were very busy this term from settling into routines to participating in various activities offered by the college. These ranged from pastoral activities like bowling and attending cultural events to daily activities like trips to the beach and skate park.



Pastoral Groups

This year, the pastoral group leaders are as follows:

Boys

- Year 7/8s TBA
- Year 9s Mr West
- Year 10s TBA
- Year 11s Mr Crabbe
- Year 12s Miss Hughes

Girls

- Year 7/8s Miss Amanda
- Year 9s Miss Sabine
- Year 10s Miss Courtney
- Year 11/12s Miss Evans

The pastoral group activities will happen twice per term, engaging students in small groups to connect with each other and build rapport with supervisors.

The pastoral group leaders will check in frequently with parents and caregivers in regard to the students' wellbeing.

Pastoral group activities are decided on as a group by the students and their leaders. This term, activities have included bowling, pizza night, picnics, golf and movie nights.

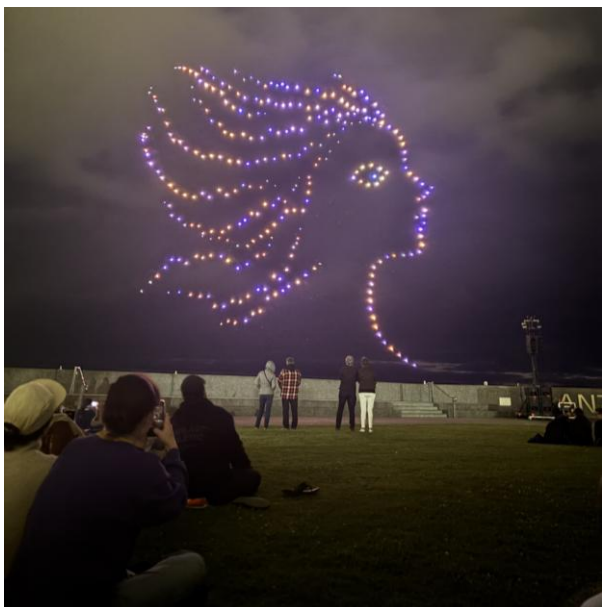
Weekend Activities

This term the students have been enjoying a range of in-house activities including: terracotta pot painting and planting plants, scrapbooking, friendship bracelet making and Master Chef competitions. External activities have included volleyball at ALAC, Mystery Bus Runs, fishing trips, beach trips, and trips to the ALAC pool.



Cultural Connection with Kinjarling First Light Drone Shows

A majority of our students enjoyed the Kinjarling First Lights Drone Shows telling Menang Noongar stories in a beautiful display of a drone show in the sky. We heard from Elders before the shows and learnt about the stories of Koi Kyenunu-Ruff (Stirling Ranges), Borongur (Porongurups) and Mamang Koort (Frenchman's Bay).



Easter Celebrations

Miss Evans, in collaboration with the Supervisory Team, organised an EggTastic Easter Egg Hunt for students at the college. All the students had fun re-living childhood traditions hunting for eggs around the entire college, hunting high and low for the delicious eggs! Miss Demi then played some heart racing games for the lower school girls to try their luck at winning the leftover eggs.



Student Activities in Term 2

In Term 2 we are aiming to continue regular pastoral and weekend activities as well as engaging students in evening common room activities to build connection and rapport with students and supervisors. We are looking forward to hearing from students about what they envision these activities to look like. Upcoming events of focus in Term 2 include NAIDOC Week and ANZAC Day.

Farewell and Thanks to Sally Bell

Sally Bell spent Term 1 in Albany to help us out and fill in as Senior Supervisor. She came to us with experience working at residential colleges in City Beach, Merredin and Geraldton. She has worked hard this term to help us look at our policies and procedures to ensure they align with the Department of Education.

Thank you to Sally for her help this term. We will likely see you again in the future on a casual basis.

Key Information for Term 2 Onward

We are constantly looking at our policies and procedures to ensure we are compliant with department policies with an emphasis on duty of care for students. We are making the following changes to our systems starting in Term 2:

Student Lunches - Starting in Term 2, student lunches will no longer be prepared by kitchen staff. Students will be responsible for making their own lunches. This ties into one of our PBS values – independence. We will have an extensive lunch making station set up from 7:00-7:30am. This will have ingredients to make sandwiches and wraps. It will also include a variety of in-season fruit and baked snacks to take to school. Students will need to come to the dining room at this time to prepare their lunch and have breakfast.



Leave – When students return in Term 2, the kiosk screen in Reach will look different. We will be reducing the number of locations for students to sign out to. This will mean that when students enter their leave, it is important that they provide adequate detail to ensure we can approve the leave.

Permission for leave will be required if the excursion was not covered in the Annual Informed Consent form parents signed at the start of the year.

Monday Dinner Announcements – Every Monday, we will be holding a 15-minute briefing with all students to announce important information for the week which will include news and activity information. Attendance at this meeting will be compulsory for all students and rollcall will be taken at the time.

Parent and Student Reminders for Term 2

Devices at Mealtimes – Students will continue to either leave their mobile phone in their room or place the phone on a table outside the dining room at mealtimes. No devices are to be used during mealtime and failure to comply with this rule may result in device confiscation for a period.

Device Hand-In and Storage – Year 7-10 students will be required to hand in their electronic devices seven days a week. These will be stored overnight and given back the following morning.

Serious consequences will be issued to students who bring in second phones or other duplicate devices to get around this requirement.

It is also important to note that students in Year 11 and 12 may be required to follow this rule if the college feels they are not getting adequate sleep or leaving the college at the correct time for school.

Student Laundry – Students who use the communal laundries will need to be organised and expect the laundry rooms to close at 8:30pm every night. Our night supervisor will no longer complete this work for students, and they will be expected to time the washing and drying cycles correctly.

If they cannot meet these expectations, they have the option to use the laundry service that is available every, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Student Medication – A reminder to parents that any medication that students require need to be in Webster packs for easy distribution. This is a Department of Education requirement.

Tutoring – Our new tutor, Jenny J., is making great progress with students who have taken up her services. A friendly reminder that she is available to all students every Monday and Tuesday from 5:00pm to 8:30pm.

College Psychologist Support – Our college psychologist, Laura F., is here to support students at the college. They will need to be referred to her by a supervisor. If you feel your student would benefit from this support, please contact the college and we will assess this on your behalf.

Albany Residential College Staff for 2026

Leadership Team

Douglass Y – College Manager

Robyn E – Senior Supervisor

Sandra S – Manager of Corporate Services

Supervisory Staff

Courtney T – Supervisor

Sabine D – Supervisor

Amanda D – Supervisor

Pauline H – Supervisor

Johan W – Supervisor

Ken C – Supervisor

Megan B – Supervisor

Munpreet R – Active Night Supervisor

Hannah B – Active Night Supervisor

Kitchen Staff

Geraldine M – Chef

Heather P – Weekend Cook/Kitchen hand

Gayle A – Kitchen hand

Cleaning Staff

Carla H – Cleaner

Wendy G – Cleaner

Tania C – Cleaner

Sue H – Laundry hand

Mark B – Gardener

Key Dates for Term 2

College Re-Opens for:

- **ASHS/NASHS/DCoA/ACC: Sunday 19 April at 3:00pm**

- **SJC – Monday 20 April at 3:00pm**

St Joseph's College Pupil Free Day

– Monday 20 April

ANZAC Day Long Weekend

– Friday 24 April to Monday 27 April

ASHS Pupil Free Day – Friday 29 May

WA Day Long Weekend

– Friday 29 May to Monday 1 June

