

ESPERANCE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE

TERM 2 NEWSLETTER 2026

Important dates for Term 3 2026

Monday 20 July	College opens for Term 3 at 3.00pm
Tuesday 21 July	First day of Term 3 at ESHS
Saturday 5 Sep	EDFA Football Grand Final
Sunday 6 Sep	Father's Day
Friday 18 Sep	College awards and farewell
Thursday 24 Sep	Last day year 12 students
Friday 25 Sep	College closes for Term 3 at 5.00pm
Sunday 11 Oct	College opens for Term 4 at 3.00pm



Enjoy your holiday!!!

Dear parents, carers, staff and students,

The weather has just started to change in the last month and getting up earlier is harder, while it's definitely getting darker earlier in the evenings. It's really important that when students return please make sure they have enough jumpers or warm clothing and an extra blanket or doona. We do put on our heaters but because the College is so well insulated, sometimes it's healthier and better for the environment if students dress for the conditions and wear warm clothing or have that extra blanket handy.

A big focus for both staff and students in Term 3 is our Action Respect program. Overwhelmingly, I think we have a great cross section of staff that students can identify and build meaningful relationships with. Supporting our students is a priority and recently staff have been surveying students and the results indicated that what we thought were the issues, weren't necessarily what students perceived.

We were tasked with creating a new "how might we....so that...." and based on the most commonly occurring themes landed on the following focus area-

"How might we collectively learn to regulate our emotions, so that we can communicate better and reduce reactivity?"

This encompasses both the staff and students, meaning that staff should be role modelling, acting appropriately and calmly even under stress - essentially what we were trying to get across, is for both students and staff to be responsive and not reactive.

In the last two terms we don't have long weekends, and consequently this makes for a long term for students, but with sport finals, our Awards evening and year 12s leaving, the term is jam packed with activities.

Finally, Tracey our Manager of Corporate services is taking Long Service Leave and her replacement is the very capable Robin Davis. I will also be taking my Long Service Leave and Andrea Hearn will be taking on this role (Andrea has done this role at 3 Colleges now) and Niamh Barnes will be stepping up as the Senior Supervisor.

These school holidays are much deserved and I hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable break with your children.

Kind regards,
Peter Jarzabek, College Manager

REACH Boarding App

As our primary mode of accounting for students, maintaining and recording student wellbeing, organising and recording leave for students and communication of information and pastoral notes for students, the REACH Boarding App has become an integral part of our day-to-day running of the College.

Can all parents/carers please download the REACH APP and put all leave on REACH.

If you are unsure of how to use REACH or need login details please contact one of our Supervisors and they will help you.



ANZAC Day

This year's ANZAC day ceremony had quite a few participants, both from the college and from the community in general. 8 college students made the effort to get up and witness the Dawn Service, braving the cold to remember those who fought and died in previous wars. 4 of our students are members of local cadet groups, but unfortunately William W. was sick with the flu and couldn't participate for the Army Cadets. Chilee and Tekim M. and Amelia R. represented the Navy Cadets and polished up pretty well in their white ceremonial uniforms. It was a solemn ceremony and everyone conducted themselves well and were great representatives of the college.

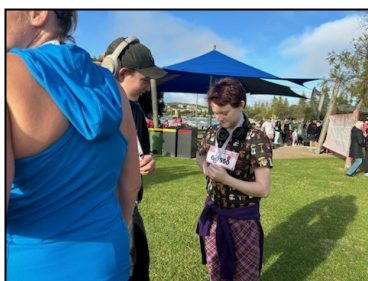


Mothers Day Classic

As an Annual Fundraiser, the local Mother's Day Classic is a great way for our students to raise awareness and funds for Breast Cancer and Ovarian Cancer awareness and treatment.

We have a dedicated group of fitness fanatics, both in our student and staff groups, who braved the early morning for either an 8km run or a 4 km walk.

Everyone dressed up in pink to support the Pink Ribbon and participated in the run/walk along the foreshore, with even a unicorn and axolotl in attendance!



Grandparents and Family Dinner

Every year we have a special night for our grandparents here at the Residential College, this year will be no different and we would like to get our invitations out as soon as possible so that those who would like to join us can start looking at organising themselves to come down. This will be held on Friday 14 August, Grandparents and family can arrive after 3pm and dinner will be served in our dining room around 5:30pm. We look forward to seeing all of your lovely faces for a night of good food and great company.



International Day of Friendship

HAPPY FRIENDSHIP DAY



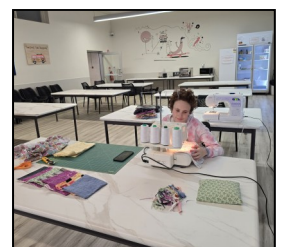
Also this year we would like to celebrate one of the most important things in this life, friendship!! We would like to invite each student to bring one friend to dinner on Thursday 30 July. We will have an evening of food and fun planned for everyone who comes along. We are hoping this will encourage good friends and make the college feel more like home for our students.



Winter Weather Warmers



With the colder weather, we have been encouraging the students to be a bit more practical with keeping warm when in the college. Miss Catherine ran a workshop over a weekend, and helped students make microwaveable heat packs with fabric and wheat kernels. This went over really well with the girls especially and they have a good stock of them in their rooms, ready to heat up on those cold nights. Please remember that electric blankets and sheets are not allowed to be used at the college due to safety concerns, but students are encouraged to bring as many blankets as they will need to be comfortable for Term 3.



School Ball

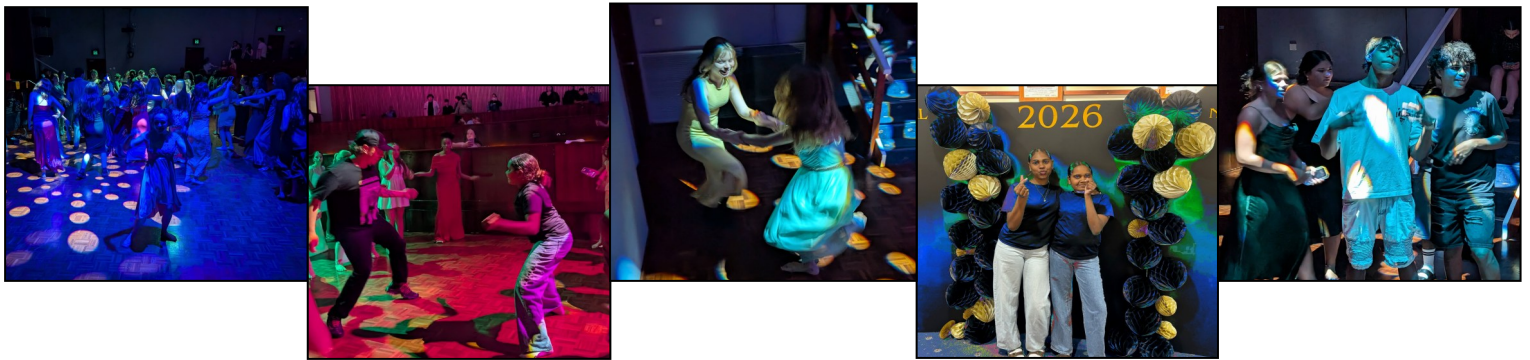
This year the school Ball was held at the Esperance Yacht club and as usual a huge crowd gathered to watch the year 11 and year 12 students walk in all dressed up to the nines.

Kieran, our resident farmer, also knows how to move on the dance floor and took the best dancer award. Well done Kieran!!!!



NAIDOC Ball

This year the local NAIDOC ball was a great hit. The NAIDOC ball seems to get bigger and bigger every year. The Resi College took 14 students and all represented the College with their best behaviour. There was some amazing dancing, Glenys had a dance off with a young emerging indigenous story teller/dancer from the Wiradjuri and Ngunnawal countries, "Cheeky Chandler Connell". Cheeky had been working with our students and the school teaching them traditional dance. It was amazing to see Glenys dance with Cheeky, the whole audience cheering her on and getting involved.



New Student Phone



We have a new student phone! Parents have always been able to contact their students via the phones in the supervisors office, as well as the payphone in the central corridor. Alas, as with most technologies, the payphone has seen better days and has been retired from duty. We have a brand new phone and line installed for student use, it can receive incoming calls but cannot make outgoing calls.

The new number is **90719677** and can be reached at any time during operating hours

Term 2 Activities

With the weather closing in, the college made the most of the sunny days when we had them and got the students out and about as much as we could.

From bike rides along the foreshore, walks up on Dempster Head and fishing at the jetties, the students have a lot of different things to occupy themselves with in their downtime.

Even when the weather is gloomy and the skies are dark and stormy, we still make sure they have things to do inside. The addition of the Nintendo Switch to the main TV area has accounted for many, many hours of fun, dancing and lots of laughter.

