

Albany Residential College Newsletter

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Term 3 - 2026

Farewell to Year 12's

It is always a pleasure to see students progress in their journey through boarding, from young students just starting high school developing into wonderful young adults graduating from their school life. This group of young people have shown great maturity and dedication to work and study and have left a positive impression at Albany Residential College. We have no doubt they will do well and look forward to hearing of their future success.



Presentation Night 2026

On 17th September, we acknowledged the success of our boarders and the hard work they have demonstrated throughout the year.

The main ceremony was held in our courtyard, followed by a 3 course meal prepared by our incredible kitchen staff.

Our student council were a big part in the running of the night, helping in planning, fulfilling MC responsibilities, and serving and assisting in the packup of the event.

Thank you to all families who were able to attend and make it a memorable night for our students. The night was a big success, enjoyed by staff, students and families. We have already started planning for next year to ensure it is another successful event.



Presentation Night Award Winners

All-Rounder – This award acknowledges boarders who are social, relate well with others, and contribute positively to college life through leading by example. The 2026 recipients are:

Mia P and Charmonique JvV



Sports Award - This award recognises the boarders that have shown commitment, dedication, self-motivation and most of all, great sportsmanship throughout their chosen sport. The 2026 recipients are:

**Georgie H – Meg C – Willisha M
Noah L – William H**

Study Award - This award is presented to boarders who have made an effort to use their time productively and take advantage of opportunities that present themselves. The 2026 recipients are:

**Kurt C – Kai E – Meg C – Nirvanah T –
Chesca A – Indianna W – Delilah G – Lily C
Jarrod C – Zoe H – Georgie H – Tiana H
Talen N – Ruby A – Yazmine E – Jonte L
Kiara B – Kate M – Quinn M – Gabriella M
Max S – Flynn T – Isobel C – Lere S
Lucy G – Madison N – Torah T – Desiree D
Ava F – Ane dP – Charmonique JvV
Macy G**



Citizenship Award - This award recognises the boarders who have shown leadership, reliability, encouragement of others, and a positive attitude throughout the year.

The 2026 boarder of the year leads by example and is a role model within the boarding community. The 2026 recipients are:

**Flynn T – Mia P – William H – Isobel C
Talen N – Zoe H – Nirvanah T
Ricardo D – Sophie K – Kurt C – Lily C
Tiana H – Jarrod C – Max S**



Rising Star - This award recognises boarders who have shown noteworthy growth and potential throughout the year. They have demonstrated key values of our college such as helpfulness, respect, dedication and honesty.

Eli D and Torah T

ARC Staffing

This term we have welcomed a number of new staff members to the team.

Jasmine C – Jasmine has recently moved to Albany and brings with her a lot of experience from teaching and working in a coaching role within the Claremont Football Club.

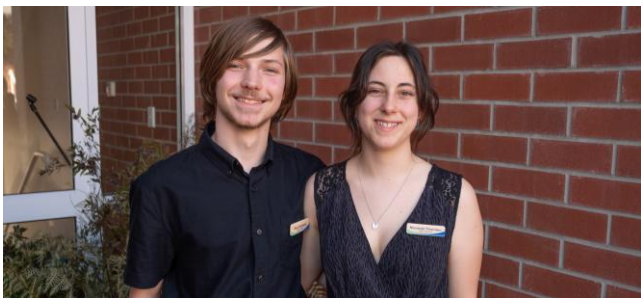
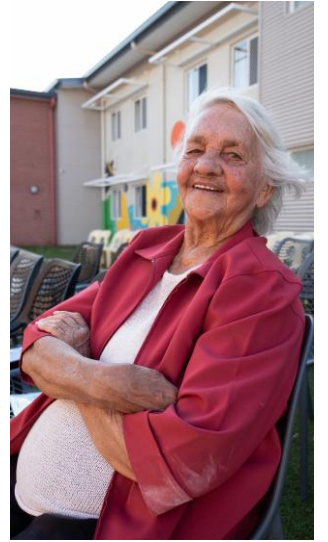
Sebastian F - Sebastian is a returning staff member. He is currently studying Youth Work and has been a very positive addition to the team.

Brenton R – Brenton started as a Male Senior Supervisor and brings with him years of experience working in various boarding environments.

Jill B – Jill has been a very positive addition to our kitchen staff. She is happy, thorough and engages well with our students.

As well as a few casual staff members who have been a great addition, learning the routines, getting to know our students and filling-in when we need the extra hands.

Natalie A – Jake S – Kristen G



Term 3 Activities

This term has seen a range of activities planned and engaged in. From trips to the cinema to watch Spiderman Brand New Day, to Ten Pin Bowling, trips to the beach, going to Denmark to enjoy the river walk, bakery and watch the local Footy Grand Final.

We also enjoyed two themed dinners this term. Earlier in the term was a Christmas in July dinner. And then we enjoyed an Italian-themed dinner later in the term. The dining room was transformed and the kitchen staff showed passion in their work as they worked hard to prepare a special dinner for the students.



Student Reminders

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.

A reminder that students need to wash their bedding every fortnight, it is highly recommended that they do this through the college laundry to ensure it is being done properly.

Leave and Bus Runs

It is important that all leave is submitted at least 24 hours in advance to allow the college to plan accordingly. If it is not entered, a bus run will not be made unless there are extenuating circumstances.

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

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

When students are on town leave during the week, they must return to the college by 5:00pm.

On weekends, students can go on town leave for a **maximum of 2 hours** within the following time frames.

- 10:00am – 12:00pm Sat-Sun morning
- 1:30pm – 5:00pm Sat

Parent Reminders

Medications and Illness

A reminder that all prescription medications need to be provided in webster packs. The chemist will put these together upon request.

As boarding is close proximity living, it is important that if your child is unwell, we are able to get them picked up and taken home or to a family members house as quickly as practicable in order to prevent further spread of illness.

Sign Out Procedures

Parents and hosts need to physically present themselves when signing out students, picking students up from sporting commitments or school without presenting to the college should be avoided. This is to ensure our duty of care requirements are being met.

Leave should be entered in advance of signing students out, at least the day before is best practice.

When new hosts are entered into our system, we require 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.

Farewell to Courtney Taylor

At Presentation Night, we farewelled one of our Supervisors, Courtney Taylor. Courtney has had a big impact during her time at the college showing dedication and passion for young people. She has formed strong bonds with students and put a lot of time and effort into planning afterschool and weekend activities for students to enjoy. She will be greatly missed but we wish her all the best as she moves into her next role.



Mobile Phones and Devices

The changes to our mobile phone and device policy come into effect in Term 4. The new device policy has been sent to all parents to look over, sign and return to us.

As students will not need to hand their devices in anymore, we highly recommend having conversations with your child over the holidays about the responsible use of IT.

Devices will still be confiscated if students are using them after lights out and it is disrupting their sleep or that of others.

We also highly recommend exploring the use of parental controls on your child's phone, limiting screen time and phone capabilities during specified times.

Other Reminders

Activities – The College endeavours to keep students busy and active. Weekly activities are planned and students are encouraged to take part in them. Communication will improve so parents are aware of activities to help encourage attendance through:

- Weekly Facebook posts
- A noticeboard in reception for students

As the weather improves going into term 4, we will assess students' swimming abilities and organise more beach and outdoor activities. Students should have appropriate bathers to attend.

Attendance and Lateness to School -

Students board at the College to attend school. It is important that they are organised for the day and ready to get to school on time. Consequences will be implemented if there is persistent lateness to school due to disorganisation.

Additionally, students should only stay at the college if they are unable to attend school due to illness. If they are unable to attend for long periods of time, parents will be asked to organise travel for students to return home. They can return when they are able to attend school again.

Annual Informed Consent for Activities and

Excursions – Early next year, we will be asking you to sign an annual consent form that covers a variety of activities based in Albany. This will enable us to enter automatic leave into Reach that will not require your approval. This will streamline the process and create less admin for parents and supervisors.

Looking Forward

Term 3 is always a busy one. Overall student behaviour has been exceptional this past term. They have been working hard and should be proud of the efforts they have made. The year 12s have now finished for the year and we wish them all the best in their journey over the next few years. Year 11s will be finishing halfway through term 4 and then we will be going to Perth for the ARC annual camp. Mrs Evans has put a lot of effort into planning for the camp, including excursions to Adventure World, Laser Tag and Bounce.

If you have any questions, please email us at: Albany.ResCol@education.wa.edu.au