

ESPERANCE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE

TERM 3 NEWSLETTER 2025

Important dates for Term 4 2025

Sun 12th Oct	College opens for Term 4 at 3.00pm
Mon 13th Oct	First day of Term 4 at ESHS
Fri 17th – Sat 18th Oct	Esperance Show - No school on Friday and the College will run a stall at the Show. Students will be transported to and from the showgrounds at specified times
Mon 20th Oct	STARS end of year celebration
Thur 23rd Oct	ESHS Year 12 Graduation
Thur 6th Nov	Clontarf Awards Night
Fri 7th Nov	Last day for Yr 11 General Students
Thur 20th Nov	Follow the Dream End of Year Celebration
Thur 27th Nov	Yr 6 Transition Day at the College
Fri 28th Nov	Yr 6 Transition Day at ESHS
Thur 4th Dec	College Christmas Dinner
Thur 18th Dec	Last day of school for 2025; College closes at 5.00pm
Sun 1st Feb 2026	College reopens for 2026 at 12.00pm

Dear parents, carers, staff and students

Another busy term has just flown by. Big thanks to all our staff - the fact that we have 5 staff eligible for long service or been seconded to other Colleges (Andrea managed Albany in Term 1 this year) is testament to the great team, high regard and positive relationships/connections all our staff exhibit. In fact, Tracey our MCS is in Spain at the moment and we were blessed to have Robyn and Emma Davis to fill in during that time.

Also a big thankyou to Amanda Govans who has helped us with weeknight meals while we recruit another cook. I'm pleased to say we have a chef joining us in Term 4. Chris has lots of experience, is French and comes highly recommended. Big thanks to Sarah and Leia for holding the fort with Amanda in the meantime.

I also want to thank Luke Brown our College psych who brings a real level-headedness to supporting students throughout the year and maybe a few staff as well - he attends our staff meetings and provides valuable advice. To our College tutors: Hannah, Ashley, Kate and Mitchell, who are student doctors and are here Monday to Thursday and always willing to assist students. It's really unique in the boarding world to have two tutors here at the College 4 days a week. Students, make the most of it!

Finally, thanks to Ms Lisa for getting \$5000 of Heathway's funding. Brian and Wes our gardeners put these funds to great use creating our new seated area and fireplace as well as the 5 star chook/duck pen - Amazing!

Of course what is a College newsletter if I didn't mention the ablution upgrade to our 60 year old ablutions - YES it started after having some initial hurdles, but will provide another 12 showers and two baths in a modern and fresh setting. This should be ready to go at the start of next year.

Finally a thankyou and recognition to our students and staff for our marketing campaign. Absolute legends!

Have a great break. Peter Jarzabek, College Manager

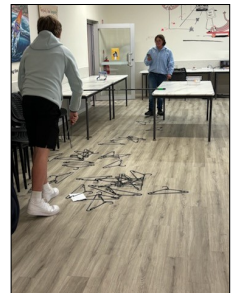
'Danjoo' Artwork



Thankyou to our former student Jy Bennell who created a painting for the Residential College, which was recently presented at our Awards Night. Jy describes his work- **'Danjoo'** meaning 'coming to-gether' in Noongar language. *It represents the experience going to the residential college as a past student there. To me, this painting shows students coming together from all over WA for the same pur-pose, coming together to have a home away from home to continue schooling. The painting represents Esperance with all its different environments from the trees to the beautiful ocean. It shows the journey we all make from our homes to the resi college, with the staff there to support us during this transition of our lives. I have included many different colours to this painting representing all the different people and personalities attending the Esperance Residential College.* Jy Bennell Aboriginal Art can be found on Facebook.

Family night

This term we had a family fun night. We started the evening with a lovely meal prepared and cooked by our past cook Naomi and assisted by Mrs Barnes. Dinner was followed by a lively game of bingo, but the real fun kicked off with some **Minute to Win It** challenges! There were coat hangers thrown from one side of the dining room to the other, balls being rolled and ping pong balls everywhere. It was great to see all of the families take part but the true competitive spirit of the families emerged, with the Morcombes and Taylors going head-to-head in a fierce showdown—ultimately ending in a well-fought draw.



Ablutions Upgrades

After the initial progress was stalled after finding the aging plumbing infrastructure was in desperate need of an upgrade too, work resumed at the beginning of Term 3. When venturing down into the dorms, it is quite obvious that the ablutions upgrades have begun again. Thankfully the students were able to use the indoor corridors throughout the cold and wet winter, but with the weather on the up the students are now able to traverse the outside egress without too much of an issue.

Looking through the windows in the corridors, as well as outside the servery area, it is clear that a mass of groundwork has been done. With the pavers pulled up and cleared away, the old plumbing has been removed and new piping installed. The work will now focus on replacing the interior plumbing, the outside groundworks being completed and returned to it's former condition and then the fiddly, interior beautification can begin.

With 6 showers and toilet stalls in each area, as well as a whole new bathtub nook, the students will have a brand new area to make use of. The central sink islands have been removed, and new bench/clothes hanging area is being designed for student use to keep their personal belongings off the floor when using the facilities.

The works are scheduled to (hopefully) be completed in time for the start of Term 1 2026, but we will keep everyone updated on the progress.

Awards night

2025 Awards and Presentation Evening

On the 19th of September 2025, we held our annual Awards and Presentation Evening. It is always wonderful to see parents come along to support their children and to celebrate the students who bring positivity and respect to our College community.

This evening also marked a significant moment as we said goodbye to our Year 12 students. For some, their journey at the Resi has been just a couple of years, while others have spent their entire high school life here. Regardless of how long they've been with us, we hope they've enjoyed their time and leave with valuable life skills, cherished memories, and strong foundations for the future.

We wish all our graduating students the very best as they take their next steps beyond school.

I would like to congratulate the following students in winning their awards.

Bob Devenish Memorial Award

Ella B.

Nominations: Claude B. and Xayvia L.

Isolated Children's Parents Association "Joy Tidow Award"

Madeline R.

Nominations: PJ D. and James G.

Tidiest Living Area Female and Male

Jordan C. and Dre S.

Nominations: Woewodin M., William W., Jillian C., Ella M., Hailey W. and Sierra H.

Sportspersons of the Year

Ella M. and James G.

Nominations: Bon S., Woewodin M. and Shaadaih M.

Aboriginal Spirit Award

Laura O.

Nominations: Lateefa W., Claude B. and Tonisha L.

Most studious Award

Xayvier L. and Maddy T.

Nominations: Madeline R.

College Encouragement Award

Chille M.

Nominations: Micheal S., Brodie S., Lisa G., Ella B., Maddy T., Kieran M., Madeline R. and Scarlett W.

Acknowledgement to Contributions to College Award

Ella B.

Nominations: Maddy T., Micheal S., Kieran M., Chille M., Madeline R. and Scarlett W.

Eat, Learn and Thrive Cooks Award

Ella B.

Nominations: Madeline R. and Chille M.

Eat, Learn and Thrive Fitness Award

Kieran M. and Shanecia C.

Nominations: Ethan L., Madison K. and Claude B.



ICPA Award
Winner: Madeline R.



Bob Devenish Award
Winner: Ella B.

Awards night photos



Surf program

Kepa Kurl Surf Program – Term 4 Opportunity

Next term, students will have an exciting opportunity to participate in the **Kepa Kurl Surf Program**, led by Aboriginal Boarding Supervisors **Ken Dann** and **Jacinta Johnston**, in partnership with **Surfing Western Australia**.

Mr Dann, a qualified Surf Instructor who represented Australia on the international professional surfing circuit at a young age, launched the program to inspire the next generation of surfers and create another step in the Indigenous surfing pathway.

The program offers a safe and engaging environment where students can:

- Learn and develop surfing skills
- Improve ocean safety awareness
- Gain basic CPR training
- Reconnect with Country and culture

The program will run over **five sessions across five weeks**, starting on **1st November 2025**.

