

## ESPERANCE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE TERM 3 NEWSLETTER 2023

### Important Dates for Term 4 2023

<b>Sunday 8 October</b>	<b>College opens for Term 4 at 3pm</b>
<b>Monday 9 October</b>	<b>School starts</b>
<b>Friday 20 - 21st Oct</b>	<b>Esperance Agricultural Show. Friday is a pupil free day at school</b>
<b>Friday 17 November</b>	<b>Last day of Year 11 VET</b>
<b>Thursday 23 Nov</b>	<b>Year 6 Transition sleepover at the College</b>
<b>Thursday 4 Dec</b>	<b>Last day of term. College closes at 5pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 30 January</b>	<b>College reopens for Term One, 2024</b>

### Dear parents, carers, staff and students

The College Awards and the Year 12 Farewell was really successful. It went very smoothly and was a fun event, while providing an opportunity to highlight the great achievements of our College community. Put it in your planner for next year and definitely try and make it a "must do". In fact, it has been a very busy end to term with grandparent dinners, mallee musters, karaoke nights and of course, the end to winter sports.

Next term we will continue with our education on the very harmful effects of vaping. The guys from Friendzone media will be working with our students to share a media message which should be relevant, funny and appeal to young people.

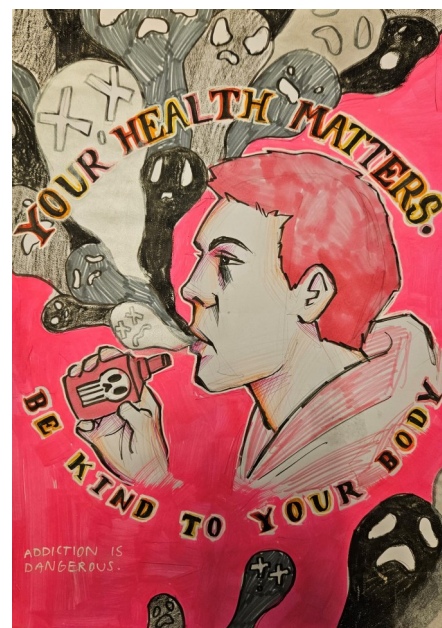
We are also in the planning stages to refurbish both the main ablution blocks and bring them up to modern standards. Hopefully the tender process will be completed by Christmas time. We are also working on converting two bedroom rooms into "calming rooms". These will be available to students as a chill out area and somewhere staff can discuss sensitive issues with students.

Big thanks to Lynne Hurley who has filled in for Tracey while she has been on leave. Lynne has been a very valuable sounding board for all the College staff. Andrea Hearn returns after managing Narrogin Residential College for the last 6 months, and her absence was filled brilliantly by Lisa Swain. Rebecca Lewis will be staying on as a casual staff member and will fill in where required. We have a great team of staff, willing to go to great lengths in the support of College students. Profiles on some of our staff have been on our facebook page, but we have shared them in the newsletter as well.

We will be introducing "Consent 2 Go" to parents next term. This will be the easiest way to update health records and provide permissions for student activities off-site.

Enjoy the holiday break with your children.

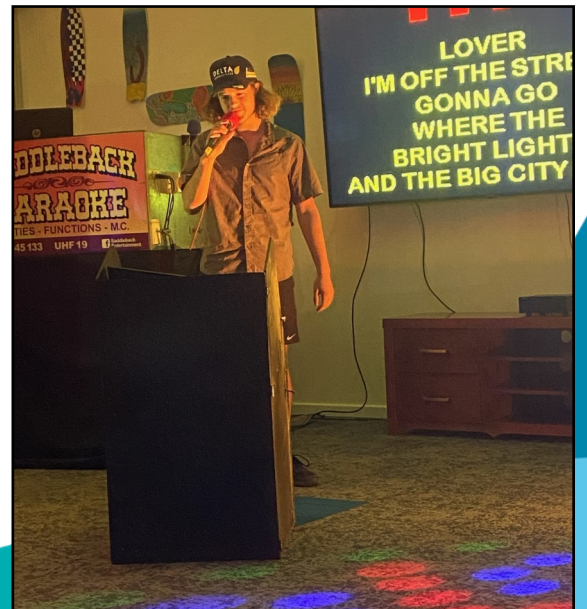
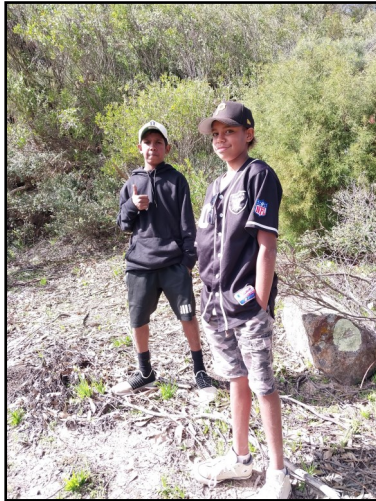
**Peter Jarzabek College Manager**



Winning poster drawn by Paige Fillmore in our anti vaping competition. Paige is very talented and a selection of her work will be exhibiting at the Cannery starting 10 October for two weeks.



## Term 3 College Activities





We are excited to announce we are officially using Consent2Go, a digital solution which easily enables you to keep your child's health records accurate and provide consent for school events, excursions and camps in a secure and timely manner.

We are always looking for ways to enhance our student care and after careful evaluation of our requirements, and of providers in the market, we have made the decision to use Consent2Go. [Consent2Go is a direct provider of services to the school and as such is required to comply with our Privacy Policy.](#)

Consent2Go is used in many other schools across Australia and New Zealand and is proven to be highly effective.

With this system you are able to view and update your child's information and health records from the comfort of your own home, either via your computer or your phone/device. You will also be able to be informed of and give consent for activities organised by the College and hopefully the school notes that they send here with the students.

It is being rolled out across all of the Colleges in the state and we are the first one to have it formally up and running.

As with all systems, it will take a while to get used to it, but hopefully this will do away with a lot of our paper notes and permission forms and streamline our administrative side of record keeping.

Please keep an eye on your emails as we will be sending out the welcome email which will prompt you to review and accept the information we already have on record, or change what needs to be changed and then update the record to keep us up to date with everything relevant to your child's wellbeing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the College or email Mrs Barnes (our Consent2Go guru) - [niamh.barnes2@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:niamh.barnes2@education.wa.edu.au) and she will get back to you as soon as possible.



#### Real time structured medical

Ensure accurate information drives decision making



#### Parent Notifications

Keep parents informed, receive accurate information



#### Mobile App Integration

Manage events and excursions on the go



#### Streamlined Workflow

Workflow allows staff to organise events and excursions easily and receive consent from parents.



#### Full Security for System Use

Market leading data security and privacy

**Congratulations to the 14 year 12's who graduated in 2023.**

**All the best into the future.**

Jordan Bingham, Jade Campbell, Ayla Daw, Paige Fillmore, Amy McCrear, Milania Paniora, Stevie Smart, Jessica Suttar, Ellie Thompson, Deagan Duckworth, Dominic Mantilla, Conner Morcombe, Marshall Walker



**To our year 12's.**  
**"We do not fear the future**  
**For we are the Future**  
**Because of what we have achieved**  
**And what we will achieve"**





## 2023 College Award Winners

The weather was magic, the entertainment from staff and students who just completed sell out shows of Les Mis (absolutely sublime!), yummy food and great company. If you missed out, well “there’s always next year”.

Great work to everyone for a brilliant afternoon.

### **BOB DEVENISH MEMORIAL AWARD**

Paige Fillmore

### **ISOLATED CHILDREN and PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

#### **ICPA - JOY TIDOW AWARD**

Noah Odgers & Jess Suttar

### **TIDIEST LIVING AREA**

Jade Campbell, Liam Norwood

### **SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Nitika Penny McDonald, Tafara Nyamhunga

### **ABORIGINAL SPIRIT AWARD**

Jy Bennell, Lateefa Wilson

### **MOST STUDIOUS AWARD**

Emily Lawrance & Conner Morecombe

### **COLLEGE ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD**

Marshall Walker & Charlee Smith

### **Acknowledgements for Contribution to the College**

Noah Odgers

### **Eat, Learn and Thrive, Cooks Award**

Henry Lacy

### **Eat, Learn and Thrive, Fitness Award**

Kieran Morecombe & Ellie Thompson

### **College Competitions**

College Pool Comp Winner: Marshall Walker

College Table Tennis Comp Winner: Henry Lacy

### **HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL FOR 2024**

Noah Odgers, Molly Clark



## Staff Profiles

### Niamh Barnes - Boarding Supervisor



Niamh moved from Ireland to Australia at 9 years old, living in Broome where she completed her schooling. Niamh moved to Esperance in 2005 to be with her now husband George and has been a supervisor here at the college for 15 years.

Niamh along with George enjoy running the local Navy Cadet unit, which they have built up over the years.

When asked what she likes most about her job here as a boarding supervisor Niamh answered "I love seeing the kids grow and change in their time at the college. It is really rewarding to see how they mature from young people into almost adults under my care. It is very special to be able to help them develop into their full potential while at the College and it is definitely never a dull place to work! "

### Tony Clements - Chef

Tony originally hails from South Africa and is very worldly and well-travelled. Before coming to Esperance two years ago, Tony was living in Perth but states he will never go back. His whole working life has been in hospitality (around 40 years now) and states "working in different sectors helps you learn more and more, be it pubs, schools, aged care, restaurants". Tony has previously competed in Ultra Marathons so he is well accustomed to being on his feet all day.

Tony himself attended a Catholic Boarding School so he feels he can understand the situation our kids are in. Tony had a very positive boarding experience saying he loved the vibe and partook in everything they allowed him to.

You might find Tony at a local open mic night or a college karaoke night, Tony is a self-taught left handed guitarist, that plays a right handed guitar upside down. He also enjoys spending time with his wife and kids.



### Kenneth Dann - Aboriginal Boarding Supervisor

Ken is a Yamatji man who originally comes from Geraldton and has called Esperance home for the past 3 years. Ken became a pro surfer at the young age of 13 and was one of the first Aboriginal surfers to represent Australia on the World Tour. Ken is now a qualified surfing instructor and loves teaching our boarders how to surf as well as getting them out in mother nature and seeing the healing affects this has on the kids.

Ken has plenty of experience working with young people as he has no shortage of his own children being a father of eight. His partner JJ also works with us as the Female Aboriginal Supervisor and youngest son Louie often takes the role of hostel mascot and is much loved by our boarders.



## Staff Profiles

### Lisa Swayn - Acting Senior Supervisor



Lisa has called Esperance home for the last 2 and a half years and has been at the residential college for that entire time, travelling down from Katherine (NT) where she worked as the Assistant Manager of an Aboriginal Short stay hostel. Originally starting her youth work/ community services career in Victoria where she grew up, Lisa has worked a range of roles in a range of places such as working with youth in out of home care and youth at risk of homelessness in Victoria, disability support work in Kununurra and with our friends at Broome Residential College as a boarding supervisor (twice!).

Lisa loves spending her school holiday time travelling and is looking forward to an upcoming trip to Ireland and Wales in the next break. She also loves training in the gym with her personal trainer turned best friend Kristy. Lisa loves having fun with the students and making a positive difference in their lives.

*\*Lisa is pictured on the left, with boarding supervisor Rebecca Lewis in the centre and boarder Ella to the right\**

### Bec Lewis - Boarding Supervisor

Bec originally come to us as a casual staff member last year but has stepped up to help us on a full-time basis for the last two terms while Miss Hearn has been working in Narrogin.

Working previously in retail and hospitality, Bec has found her career change incredibly rewarding and has forged some great relationships with the students. Bec come to us from Perth but has fallen in love with Esperance, small town living and the sense of community she has found.

*\*Bec is pictured on the right hand side with a group of students\**

