

ESPERANCEResidential College

End of Term 2 Newsletter 2021

Important Dates for Term 3 2021

Sunday 18 July College opens at 3.00pm for Term 3

Monday 19 July School starts for Term 3
Thursday 12 August College Karaoke night

Monday 23 August NAIDOC Week at the College and ESHS

Monday 30 August OLNA Begins

Tuesday 14 September Year 7 Immunisations
Thursday 16 September Year 12 Farewell Dinner

Friday 17 September College Awards Night and Year 12 Farewell
Friday 24 September Final day of Term 3. College closes at 5.00pm

A Word from the Manager

It's been another busy term and being an 11 week term everyone is very tired and deserves a break. As you all know Mr Jarzabek is on long service leave and will return in term 4. Whilst he has been away the College has been ticking along as usual. We have some changes coming in the following term. We have bought new lounges for the main T.V. room, new carpet and lino for the dining room. Both ablution blocks have had new ceilings put in and we are looking to upgrade them in the future.

We have been focusing on school attendance this term and will continue to do so in term 3. You all send your children to Esperance for the opportunities that going to Esperance Senior High School can offer. Understanding that children get sick from time to time and the College will contact you each and every time your child is unwell. We all want your child/children to get the best out of their time at Esperance Residential College and do well at school.

Here is some interesting facts on attendance. Regular attendance is critical for students to achieve optimal learning at school. Missing school adds up.

- If a child misses an average of five days a term (years 1 to 10), they miss out on approximately one year of school
- If a child misses one day a week of school (from years 1 to 10), they will miss almost two years of school
- If a child misses two days a week of school (from years 1 to 10), they will miss almost four years of school
- If a child misses five weeks a term (years 1 to 10), they miss almost five years of school.

Next term we are also bringing in new study options. We have Tutors on Sunday, Tuesdays and Thursdays if you would like your child to see a tutor please call a Supervisor and ask them to organise this. See our new study options.

Board games will be educational games such as Scrabble, Rummikub, Uno, Chess and Checkers. They promote strategic thinking and social interaction.



ANZAC DAY 2021

To commemorate the anniversary of our ANZACS landing in Gallipoli in 1915, our local RSL was please to be able to hold their dawn and mid morning services without restrictions. The College was well represented by our students who braved the dark and chilly dawn service and then the later morning service.

With students participating in uniforms as the ceremonial guard around the catafalque, as part of the Light Horse Regiment and in civvies as interested community members, they impressed







Wharton Beach Day Trip

After the disappointing non-event of the Duke Camp, we have tried to keep the spirit of the camp by doing day trips out to the fabulous Wharton Beach.

Although the waves were a little small for pro-surfers, the students all had a great time, enjoying the sun, sand and the waves. Once the weather improves the College will look at doing more trips like this later this year.





Fishing, Fishing and more Fishing

With the opening of the new jetty and especially with more staff available, we have been running fishing expeditions each weekend. From fishing at the new jetty to fishing from Salmon beach, we have tried just about every location around town and the students have delivered each time. Along with big smile, cold hand and some really big fish, we have enjoyed a few quiet evenings out in the cold air, catching fish and squid. The students are always eager to cook their own fish and the outside BBQ area is the best place to clean and cook them. They have even wrapped them and baked them in the coals of the fire-pit in the garden.





















There are a lot of smiles to be found when out on a fishing trip. Even if they are not fishing themselves, student's all share in the victories of each other and then help eat the trophies from the days hard work.

College Smoking Ceremony

In making our Aboriginal students feel a little more secure here, and to acknowledge their customs and beliefs, we invited some local elders to do a smoking ceremony in the College dorms. The students helped out and were given a sneak peek into how the male/female end looks. After a talk from one of the 4 elders who performed the ceremony, the students helped to cleanse the College.







Disco Nights

The College likes to organise a disco night each term. We had Boston—one of our tutors—bring his deck along and entertain the students all evening with some well spun songs and dances. We have also recently purchased a few bits and pieces of disco/sound equipment which will allow us to throw impromptu discos more easily.











