



ESPERANCE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
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Comment from the Principal – 21st October 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term seems to be rattling by very quickly with the end of formal lessons for Year 12s a stark reminder of the pace of change in Term 4.

Year 12

It was a genuine pleasure for my colleagues and me to share a sumptuous breakfast barbeque – cooked by Mrs Shipp, Mr Clark and Mr Newton – with our Year 12 leavers. They then went on to enjoy some fiendish games, organised and run by Mrs Hall. This is becoming a very happy tradition and is one which we will certainly continue to pursue and develop.

A reminder – if such were needed – that Year 12 students are not required to be in School from now on, although teachers will be available to assist with revision: ATAR teachers have laid-on specific revision sessions over the next few weeks. If students do wish to come and see teachers, or find a quiet place to study in School they should attend, please, in summer uniform.

Year 12 students will receive their *Statement of Results* before they leave but if these have not been collected they will be available from Reception. They should also ensure that they leave copies of their reflections and personal statements so that these can be ready for portfolios should they be needed in January, after the release of the ATAR results; I also need them to be able to write a personal reference.

Please remember that the ATAR examinations are in the Parish Centre and that students should be in summer uniform when attending for these.

If there is any doubt about timings or location please do not hesitate to contact the School.

Year 11 Programme

A reminder, again, that Year 11 students are required to be in School until the last day of term, as teaching and learning programmes will continue until then.

Prefect Elections

Year 11 students have been acting in the role of Pro-Prefects, assisting in the running of the School as a 'trial-run' prior to the possibility of taking on a formal prefectorial role from Week 4. As in previous years students will have the opportunity of voting for their preferred student leaders via an on-line survey which will be circulated next week.

The Year 11 students have been learning some essential leadership skills with me which include some practical tasks which will have benefit in the future. In this context it is interesting to reflect on some of the comments about leadership in government made by student leaders in a recent ABC interview.

"I think that the Government could show a lot more compassion towards refugees and asylum seekers in their policy ... I think it's still important to keep pushing to close the gap in terms of Indigenous affairs ... and there's other areas — helping the environment.

We shouldn't be scared to promote virtues like honesty, justice and truth ... they may be a bit deeper and less practical than arguments over the budget but they're still very important



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and we need good leadership in those areas."

John, Year 12 Debating Captain, Victoria.

"A good prime minister in Australia today needs to be looking towards tomorrow and not just focusing on the issues of today."

Spencer, Year 10 Student Representative Council member, Victoria.

"[A good PM] needs to be able to relate to people; they need to be able to understand what other people are going through, to empathise with them. And therefore they are able to make the decisions that are to the benefit of the majority, rather than just to them or just to a small group of people. I think someone who is a good leader is someone who leads with integrity and who can lead with confidence. So, when they make a decision, they make sure it's the right decision, and even if people are against it, they are still confident in their own decision."

Sarah, 16, Head Girl, Queensland.

I believe that at our School we are nurturing the next generation of future leaders by providing leadership opportunities and training which help the development of traits such as character, grit, resilience and empathy, characteristics we would all want in our future leaders.

Music

A reminder that our musicians and dancers are preparing vigorously for the End-of-Year Concert which will take place at 1800 on Thursday 27th October, in Doug Murray Place. There will be a range of expressive arts on display that evening - bands, ensembles, strings, vocals, art and dance - in a celebration of an area of great strength at this School. I do hope that you will be able to come along for what will be an enjoyable evening, with a light supper provided by the Parents and Friends.

Open Morning

The concert also heralds the Open Morning which takes place on Friday 28th October from 0900-1000. Although primarily for prospective students and their parents, existing parents and members of the wider community are also welcome to attend.

School Photographs

The photographs have arrived and will be distributed – to those who ordered copies – during pastoral care time next week; Year 12 students can collect their photos from Reception.

Forthcoming Events

Looking ahead you should be aware of the following events, all of which appear in the calendar. Of course please do not hesitate to call should you need any clarification.



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Week 3 Wood House on duty

School photographs distributed via pastoral care time

Monday 24th October – 1030 – Talk to year 10 and 11 students on the *Leeuwin Ocean Adventures*

1045 – talk to Year 11 students on the *Rotary Youth Exchange Programme*

Thursday 27th October - EACS Chess Congress – all-day

- Boarding evening

- 1800 School Concert

Friday 28th October - 0900-1000 Open Morning

- National Bandana Day

I hope that I might see many of you at one of the events at School this coming week.

With my warmest wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal