



ESPERANCE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
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## Principal's Comment – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was good to welcome all our new students to the School on Tuesday for their morning of induction designed to help their transition into the life of the School. All seemed to go well, and the start of the term for the whole school seems to have gone equally smoothly. I am pleased that we have the numbers we expected in Year 7 at 43 (up on last year) ; having four new students in Year 8, and one in each of Years 9, 11 and 12 is also an added bonus. This completes a healthy picture in terms of the steady growth of the School.

A few points, if I may, to help the transition back to School in the first week or so.

### **The Car Park**

The parking area in front of the School is primarily for the use of visitors and parents, as well as for buses to drop-off and collect students. The use of this car park has been successful but our risk assessment has identified one or two points which would merit attention and with which I need your help.

Speed limit – vehicles should limit speeds to walking pace (as per the signs) to make stopping easier in the event of children running into the car park

Timing – the buses tend to arrive in the morning between 0835 and 0845 so if drop-off can be arranged outside of these times it would ease congestion.

At the end of the day the buses arrive from 1445 and depart at 1500 – if at all possible please do not arrive before these times. Students who are not on buses are not released until 1500 so there is no need to be here earlier.

No-parking areas – to allow safe bus access the entire area in front of the Dempster building is zoned for no-parking between 0835 and 0845, and 1445 and 1505. Please do not park in this area during these times.

Pedestrians – students have been told not to cross the car park whilst the buses are present. When crossing the car park they have been told to show good sense and look, listen and proceed with caution.

Reversing – we have had a couple of 'near misses' so please reverse with care and check your mirrors or reversing camera.

### **Student Drivers**

Students who are licensed to drive are allowed to use mopeds or cars to travel to and from the School provided they have completed the necessary permission forms (obtainable from Reception). The keys should be deposited at Reception on arrival and collected at the end of the day. Mopeds and cars are to be parked in the designated area in the Flinders car park.



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### Early Departure from School

No student may leave the School during the School day without being signed-out by their parent or carer. Year 11 and 12 students in particular are not allowed out of the School during study periods and cannot sign-out themselves. The School has a duty-of-care during the School day, acting *in loco parentis*, so we cannot let students off-campus without supervision.

### Camps

Just a reminder that students in Years 7 and 8 have the opportunity of attending an adventure camp at Margaret River from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Year 9s have their Canberra Camp in the first week of Term 3. We do recognise that the cost of these camps is not insignificant and so we are quite willing to make payment plans to ease the burden – please contact Reception about this. I also append, again, a note of the likely costs of all camps and trips to help with planning. Full details will be available in due course but if a student is not able to attend because of cost we plan to arrange an alternative programme.

### Sundowner for New Parents/Carers

I will shortly be sending an invitation to all parents/carers of students new to the School about the sundowner to be held from 5.30pm to 7.00pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at the School and hosted by our *Parents and Friends Association*. Members of staff and the School Council will also be in attendance. Please make a note in your diaries.

### Communications

We seek to communicate with parents and carers as efficiently as possible. Our calendar is updated regularly and is available through SEQTA, on the website and via *Skoolbag*. With regard to the latter if you have an iPhone or iPad I would urge you to download the App. To get the App you need to search for *Esperance Anglican Community School 'Skoolbag'* and make sure you check the iPhone tab – we can then link with each other. I do hope this will work well so please keep in-touch with your thoughts.

We are happy to take telephone calls, as well as emails, so please feel free to use these media. Teachers are more than happy to discuss any issues you might have and will endeavour to get back to you within 24 hours of a query. Equally either myself, or the Deputy Principal, Mr Iain Clark, are happy to deal with any concerns you may have. Of course our excellent Administration Staff – Lisa, Michelle and Renae – are adept at dealing with a range of questions and can direct your query to the most appropriate person.

### Study Skills

We are running a series of seminars for all students on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February to hone their skills in studying effectively. This *Elevate* programme builds on the work done in Advisory Groups (the new name for PCG) and on the start we made last year on a whole-school programme.

### Forthcoming Events – February

Although details are in the calendar you might like additional notification of the following events:

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - *T20 Cricket Blast* for selected student – those concerned will be notified



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Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> at 1800 - *Effective Study* seminar for parents of students in Years 10-12  
(details to follow)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> - School Council Meeting and Sundowner

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – *Big Picture* interviews all day with Year 10 parents and students – an invitation has been sent already

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> – Boarding Camp for McVay House at the Duke of Orleans Bay

I hope this information will ensure we have a smooth start to the year. I write each week with similar information to keep all of the community informed but, as always, I look forward to working with you all for the benefit of our students.

With warm wishes.

Yours sincerely,

# Kerr

**P. Kerr Fulton-Peebles**  
**Principal**



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**EACS Expected Camp Costs 2017**

Year Group	Camp Details	Approx. Cost
Year 7	Metricup Camp	\$700.00
Year 8	Metricup Camp	\$700.00
Year 9	Canberra Camp (Optional) - can be reduced with fundraising	\$2,400.00
	Peer Mentoring Camp	\$75.00
Year 10	Peer Mentoring Camp	\$75.00
	Work Experience Camp	\$700.00
Year 11	Outdoor Ed Camp - Snorkelling	\$85.00
	Outdoor Ed Camp - Hiking	\$85.00
	Outdoor Ed Camp - Cape to Cape	\$600.00
Year 12	Outdoor Ed Camp - Fishing	\$85.00
	Outdoor Ed Camp - Rottnest	\$750.00
Years 8 - 12	Country week (Selected students)	\$750.00
All Years	Kalgoorlie - Netball (Selected students)	\$75.00
	- Cricket (Selected students)	\$75.00
	- Basketball (Selected students)	\$75.00
	- Volleyball (Selected students)	\$75.00
	Music Camp (Band Students)	\$400.00