



ESPERANCE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
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Principal's Comment – 10th February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems strange to recognise that we are already at the end of Week 2 and now settled back into the rhythm of School life. It has been a smooth start to the year although there have, inevitably, been one or two organisational and emotional adjustments to make.

Counselling

In this regard I would like to remind you that we have the services of a professional counsellor – Ms. Vanessa Rowell – from Esperance Psychology: she is here on Monday mornings and appointments can be booked via Reception.

We also welcomed our new part-time Chaplain, the Revd. Rob Day, to the School and he is also available to see students, again by contacting Reception.

I have also arranged for a programme on how to deal with relationships in a young teenage context – *The Language of Friendship* - to be delivered to Year 7 students, staff and parents on Wednesday 22nd February. I await final timings and details from the organisers which I will pass on to you as soon as they become available.

Adventure Camp for Years 7 and 8– Metricup, Margaret River Monday 27th – Friday 31st March

Mr Iain Clark and I will be discussing the final programme which we have just received from the organisers (*Edge Tours*). Once we have finalised the arrangements you will receive full details of what has proved, in the past, to be an enjoyable and appropriately challenging week. Year 8s will develop the skills they learned in their Year 7 camp last year, and our Prefects will also be playing a part in the running and leadership of the week. We hope that all students will be able to attend but understand the financial commitment involved: an alternative programme will be available at School for those who cannot attend.

Co-curricular Activities

One of the many positive aspects of life here is the willingness of my colleagues to offer a range of activities during the School week, either in lunch-time or after School. Students have certainly been advised of what is on offer but you may wish to know that the following activities are available:

Dance	Drama	Face-painting
Robotics	Discussion Group	Country Week sports
Chess	History/SOSE help	Mathematics help
English help	Homework Club	Science – <i>Da Vinci Society</i>
Sailing (tbc)	Duke of Edinburgh's Award	OLNA preparation
Public Speaking	Nulsen Breakfast Club	Bands
Strings Ensemble	Careers clinics	Bible Study
Swimming	Gardening	Craft

Not a bad menu from which to select something and a great way to get involved, develop new friendships, and discover and hone talents.



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Forthcoming Events

The Calendar on the website, SEQTA and *Skoolbag* is kept up-to-date on a regular basis but just to highlight some events in the next week or so:

Monday 13 th	<i>Elevate</i> Study Skills Programme
Tuesday 14 th	<i>Elevate</i> Study Skills Programme 1800 Year 10-12 Parent seminar on <i>Elevate</i> Study Skills Programme
Wednesday 15 th	1730 Sundowner
Friday 17 th	<i>Big Picture</i> interviews (all day) McVay House camp at The Duke (until Sunday 19 th)
Wednesday 22 nd	Language of Friendship programme for Year 7s

SEQTA Engage

I do hope that you all now have the log-in details for SEQTA Engage which allows you to access the relevant pages of the database to keep you informed of the work being covered in your child's class and the progress being made. We are developing the use of SEQTA in many ways and if parents and students all use it as well we will find ourselves benefiting immensely from it. If you do not have log-in details, or are having problems please contact, in the first instance your child's Advisory Group Tutor who will have the necessary information.

Sundowner for New Parents/Carers

Just a reminder to respond to the letter inviting parents/carers of students new to the School to the sundowner to be held from 5.30pm to 7.00pm on Wednesday 15th February at the School.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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