



# McVay House Newsletter

Edition: #4 Term 1 2017



## Hello from McVay House!

A very warm welcome back to our returning McVay House families, and to our new families this year!

We hope that everyone had a relaxing summer break and are ready for a busy and rewarding school year.

There have been a few changes to the boarding house over the holidays that we are excited for our boarders to utilise and hope that they make life at the house more enjoyable.

## McVay Courtyard

You may have noticed that the courtyard has been completed- it looks fantastic and is definitely much more functional! Already the boarders have been enjoying sitting and spending time together playing cards, or reading. Our hope is that we can now involve the boarders in planning and creating a flower and vegetable garden to further develop this area.

## Staffing 2017

This year we have welcomed three new staff members to the team.

Amelia Green has moved to Esperance from Tom Price to begin her first year of teaching at EACS. Miss Green currently teaches lower school HASS and ATAR Geography. She has already proven to be a bubbly and dynamic member of the McVay team and will complete various Tutor duties this year.

Phoebe Crabb is our first GAP student to join us. Phoebe has travelled to us from North Yorkshire in the United Kingdom. She has completed her Primary Teaching degree in the UK and has had experience working with children from many different walks of life. Phoebe will be fulfilling various house duties as well as assisting in classes at EACS.

Lucy Gardiner has also come on board in a Tutor role after completing her high school education at EACS last year. Many of the boarders remember Lucy as Head Girl in 2016 and her familiar face was a comforting start to the year.

Kim Clayton and Brodie Bratton have continued on at McVay House for 2017.

Boarders and staff have hit the ground running for 2017, and we hope this is an indication of a great year ahead!

Nathan, Mandie and the McVay House staff.

## Upcoming Events

### Week 5

#### Friday 3rd March

House closed for long weekend at 3:30pm, reopens Monday 6/3 at 3:00pm.

### Week 6

#### Tuesday 7th – Friday 24th March

OLNA Round 1

#### Wednesday 8th March

Road-Aware talk for Year 11/12

### Week 7

#### Wednesday 15th March

Year 7 Parent Teacher Meetings

#### Thursday 16th - Sunday 19th March

Festival of the Wind

#### Friday 17th March

ICPA Conference in Perth  
Year 8 Needles

### Week 8

#### Tuesday 21st March

EACS Open Morning – TBC

#### Wednesday 22nd March

Year 11/12 Parent Teacher Meetings

#### Friday 24th March

EACS Beach Carnival

#### Saturday 25th March

Condungup Wool Fair  
School Ball

### Week 9

#### Monday 27th – Friday 31st March

EACS Year 7 & 8 Camp to Mettricum

#### Tuesday 28th March

GSSSA Swimming Carnival

### Week 10

#### Friday 7th April

End of Term 1. McVay House closes at 3:30pm

## Closed Weekend

A reminder that McVay House will be closed from 3:30pm, Friday 3rd March, reopening 3pm Monday 6th March for the Labour Day long weekend.

Could you please advise us of your child's travel times and arrangements leaving from and returning to the house at your earliest convenience.

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## Boarders Camp

This year has seen the first Boarders camp for McVay House at the Duke of Orleans Bay Caravan Park. The program was full of different activities with a focus on getting the boarders to work together while having fun. An incentive for participation was created in the form of camp points and the winner having a week off duties. Congratulations to Allison for achieving that award!

We started the trip with a short fishing trip where Drew Daw showed his love for fishing (including kissing his catch). Afterwards the group prepared dinner and played some games before attempting to start a fire (too much rain left a lot of soaked wood) and then heading to bed.

Saturday morning, after a cooked breakfast (thank you Harry G, Allison and Tanaka!), the group headed to Wharton and enjoyed the beach; swimming, boogie boarding and surfing. After a lot of fun in the water we played a small game of beach soccer with a reward of camp points on offer, and then headed back to camp for lunch.

After lunch various activities were run that involved the boarders working in two teams to compete against each other for camp points. These included a few activities that involved working as a team to move items and their team members around objects to beat the other team. Afterwards another small fishing expedition was arranged and some free time was enjoyed before dinner.

Dinner on Saturday was prepared and cooked by the boarders and some more games were played, including "Chubby Bunnies", with hilarious results.

On Sunday, after breakfast, another trip to the beach was arranged with more swimming and surfing. The group then returned to camp and after some lunch, pack up commenced and we returned to McVay House suitably exhausted from an active weekend.

Thank you to our boarders and staff for your efforts in a successful inaugural McVay House Camp.



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