



McVay House Newsletter

Edition: #5 Term 3 2017



Hello from McVay House!

A warm welcome back to all our McVay House families for Term 3! We hope that you had a fantastic break and that the kids are all ready for a productive and successful term of school and boarding!

We are trialing a few different structures this term to encourage the boarders to become more involved in the culture of the house and promote house spirit. We have been running our activities program for quite some time now, and are now asking the boarders to sign up for at least two planned activities each week to continue the viability of the activities running. Boarders will be notified on fortnightly basis of the activities on offer, and are able to make suggestions for activities that appeal to them. This fortnight's schedule is as follows:

- Monday 24th July - Geocaching
- Tuesday 25th July - Skatepark
- Wednesday 26th July - Town Leave
- Thursday 27th July - Yoga
- Friday 28th July - Art activity (Evening)
- Sunday 30th July - Frenchmen's Peak
- Monday 31st July - Surfing Try-outs / Beach trip
- Tuesday 1st August - Rock Activity
- Wednesday 2nd August - Town Leave
- Thursday 3rd August - Baking
- Saturday 5th August - Family Fun Night

If there are any additional fees associated with any of these activities we will inform parents well in advance to them taking place.

During our recent fortnightly meeting, the McVay staff took the opportunity to reflect on the boarder's recent Semester 1 reports. For some students, the use of prep time has not been utilised and as such homework and task submission has been less than impressive. It was noted that for quiet a few boarders, the distraction of music on iPads, and planning of playlists has hindered their use of prep time. This week, we have asked the boarders to complete prep without music and have also asked EACS staff to send through some feedback on each student's homework, task and class work. We understand that not all boarders are distracted by music or have had any issues in regards to homework or task submission, but feel that this is a great opportunity to reset the attitudes towards prep, refocus and head into the term on the right foot. Music privileges will be reintroduced as earned through renewed or continued positive work ethic.

Nathan, Mandie and the McVay House staff.

Upcoming Events

Friday 28th July

Japanese Exchange Students arrive.

Volleyball in Kalgoorlie - mixed teams of students from Years 9-12 (departs 1230 Thursday)

Friday 4th August

Free Dress Day in aid of Jeans for Genes (gold-coin donation)

Saturday 5th August

6:00pm – PFA Family Fun Night at the School

Wednesday 9th August

School Photographs
Year 10 Information Evening

Friday 18th August & Saturday 19th August

Music Festival

Friday 18th August

Mid Term Holiday – McVay House closes at 3:30pm

Monday 21st August

McVay House re-opens at 3:30pm

Closed Weekend

A reminder that McVay House will be closed from 3:30pm, Friday 19th August, reopening 3:30pm Monday 21st August for the mid term break.

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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