

Big Picture Snapshot for Lunch with EACS

Educating the whole person - in mind, body and spirit - as a unique individual with their own talents and capabilities is at the heart of Esperance Anglican Community School.

Since our foundation in 2008 we have grown rapidly to become a valued contributor to our local and regional community.

The introduction of boarding in 2015 has allowed the School to grow further and better serve the needs of the surrounding region. Boarding at EACS provides a unique opportunity for students to live and learn as part of an active and nurturing school environment.

Students at Esperance Anglican Community School are an integral part of a supportive Christian community of learners which gives them the confidence to explore their talents in a safe environment where mistakes are simply a means of providing further opportunities to extend their learning. We seek to provide more than a 'tick-box' approach to education by providing a balance of relevant and interesting possibilities for learning.

The introduction of the *Big Picture* design in 2017 has taken this concept further and heralds another exciting phase of the School's development.

We offer *Big Picture* to allow young people to achieve their potential by specialising in areas of study in which they have a genuine interest. This interest is stimulated further through involvement, in related areas, within the wider community.

Essentially a student pursues their area of interest but, in doing so, draws on the work and experience of core subjects to ensure academic rigour and acceptability within the context of the Australian Curriculum. The use of expertise in the wider community, through a mentor, helps the process.

A mentor is a member of the wider community who, by using their own experience and expertise, can assist the student in developing their project in a realistic way. This expertise is usually closely aligned to the area of interest being pursued by the student. A student would normally see their mentor for one day each week during their internship (one or two terms).

The design of *Big Picture* helps to develop the essential skills needed in the workplace and wider community in the 21st Century. In terms of learning these are: collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking. Literacy in information, media and technology is encouraged, and life skills such as leadership, initiative, sociability, self-confidence and flexibility are promoted.

In short, *Big Picture* prepares students very well for life.

Esperance Anglican Community School: nourishing mind, body and spirit.



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