



McVay House Newsletter

Edition: #8 Term 1 2019



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.

Staffing 2019

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

Joseph Clarke-Jervoise and Tyra Woods are our GAP students this year, with Jo coming from London and Tyra from Cape Town, South Africa. They have both immersed themselves in the house and life in Esperance since starting at the end of January.

We also welcome our new Residential Supervisor, Dorothy Henderson, whose primary role is the supervision of all of our shifts involving prep – i.e. Sunday to Thursday. Dorothy has been working hard this term to ensure a smooth running of prep time and assisting boarders with assessments and homework. If you have any queries regarding homework these can be sent directly to Dorothy via email – dhenderson@eacs.wa.edu.au or contact me via email or mobile phone.

Amelia Green, Phil Shelton, Brodie Bratton, Joel Waters and Johanna Wright have continued on at McVay House for 2019.

IT Usage

It has been recognised that many families have different views on the amount of time boarders are using their devices and if you're concerned about your child's usage, I encourage you to have a conversation with me at your earliest convenience.

This term, I have been investigating different solutions to empower parents to set limits on devices, including mobile phones and should have some information soon to send out to everyone – watch this space...

Activities

Mr Shelton has been developing this year's activities program, and liaising with our Gappies so that organised sport transfers and activities can run throughout the year.

At this stage we have offered many beach runs, morning surf, jetty jumping, pool runs and movie visits.

As well as the activities run from McVay House there are also many school based activities the boarders can access, such as Homework clubs (Math help), Chess club, Robotics club and Dance club.

Nathan, Mandie and the McVay House Team.

Upcoming Events

Monday 8th - Friday 12th April
Year 7&8 Metricup Camp

Friday 12th April
Last day of Term 1: House closes at 3:30pm for the term break.

Monday 29th April
McVay House Re-opens at 3:30pm for the start of Term 2.

Year 7/8 Camp and End of Term

The annual EACS Year 7/8 camp is almost upon us, boarders in attendance will need to ensure that their end of term pack up is complete before heading to camp. Below are some important details regarding the closure of McVay House for term 1.

- Friday 12th April, McVay House will close from 3:30pm.
- McVay House will re-open for the commencement of Term 2 on Monday 29th April at 3:30PM.

At the end of term the expectation of boarders bedrooms is that all belongings are stored or removed to ensure a full clean can be completed.

Important Contact Details

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McVay House Camp 2019





Woody Island Camp

This year for our annual camp, McVay House went to Woody Island. The boarders we engaged in a range of different activities including bush walking, snorkelling, fishing and some organised team games by Miss Green. As always the camp atmosphere was great and I believe the boarders all enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

A big thankyou to Mr Shelton for his role in organising the camp and all staff and students for making it a success.