

# EGConnection

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## COMING EVENTS

Date	Event
27 Feb – 10 March	OLNA Testing
6 March	Labour Day Public Holiday
14 March	EGC Board meeting
21 March	Harmony Day
1 April	College Ball

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL *Dan McCormack*

Now that the academic year is up and running, it appears that the majority of our students are thriving in the young adult ethos of our college. A high number of students have very definite goals and have started their studies with solid working patterns, which is very pleasing.

Please take care when dropping off and picking up at the start and end of each day. The corner in front of the HUB building is quite congested with cars, buses and students at these times. So too is the corner of Wilson and Macdonald Streets. It may be wise to arrange drop offs and pickups in other spots around the campus depending on where your son/daughter starts and finishes. Please also follow the 'No Parking' areas in bus bays so that we continue to have a smooth traffic run. Likewise, students need to take care at all times while crossing Cassidy Street and using the pedestrian crossing at Wilson Street.

**DRIVING TO SCHOOL** - All students who want to drive or ride a moped to school are reminded they need to ensure they have completed the 'Application for Student Motor Vehicle Form' and return it to the HUB with a copy of their valid driver's licence. Students are also reminded that they are not permitted to drive/ride up and down the campus during the school day.

**ONLINE LITERACY & NUMERACY ASSESSMENT** - All Year 11 and 12 students are required to meet a minimum standard for literacy and numeracy to achieve their WACE. Students who have demonstrated Band 8 or higher in NAPLAN tests in Year 9 or achieved 3s via the Online Literacy & Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) in Year 10 **will not** be required to sit that component again. The first round of OLNA testing will take place from 27 February to 10 March. Staff will identify and advise students who are required to attempt OLNA testing.

## Priorities 2021 - 2024

### PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS



### IDENTITY & BELONGING



### EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING



## INFORMATION FOR ATAR STUDENTS

Special examination arrangements are provisions made by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority that will assist students who have a permanent or temporary disability that could disadvantage them in demonstrating their knowledge, understanding and skills in the ATAR course examinations. Special arrangements are available for practical or written examinations. The types of disabilities considered are physical disability; illness eg diabetes; chronic fatigue; vision impairment; hearing impairment; fine motor disability; specific learning disability; psychological/neurological disability; ADD/ADHD. Types of arrangements that can be considered are extra working time; extra reading time; rest time; use of scribe/computer etc.

Candidates with a known injury or illness which will exist at the start of Term 3 need to apply for special arrangements to be examined in an alternative format, if their injury or illness will affect their participation in the standard practical examination of any course. This is particularly relevant to those lining up for surgery before that time. Applications are due by Thursday, 30 March for written examinations and Wednesday, 26 July for practical examinations. If a student is diagnosed with a new disability or is injured after 30 March, a late application can be submitted.

The granting of special examination arrangements is not automatic, but depends on the provision of medical and/or psychological evidence to justify the decision. Any ATAR students wanting to apply for Special Examination Arrangements need to arrange a meeting with Ms Baxter or Mrs Dowling as soon as possible to discuss their eligibility and commence the application process. Further information can be found at –

<https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/examinations/special-provisions>.

## WACE EXAMINATIONS – YEAR 12

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority has advised that the 2023 WACE written examinations will run from Monday 30 October to Friday 17 November. The timetable will be published in June.

**Physical Education Studies Practical examinations take place between - Saturday, 23 September to Sunday, 1 October (Saturday, Sunday and the public holiday included).**

Students will be provided with individual examination timetables closer to the examination period. Please be mindful of the above dates when booking holidays as failure to attend WACE examinations will impact on Year 12 Graduation.

Please also be aware that our Year 12 Semester 2 exams commence on Thursday, 5 October – which is at the end of the October school holidays.





## Look after yourself

Your brain and body are closely connected – looking after your body has great benefits for your mind.

Activities like sport, dance, walking or yoga can increase your performance by increasing oxygen to your brain. It's also great at reducing tension from stress and school pressure.

Some stress can be useful in keeping us motivated – without it we would find it hard to stay awake! However, during Year 12, and especially during exam time, you may find your stress levels rising high into the 'critical zone', causing a dramatic decline in performance. Proven strategies for beating stress include:  
Relaxation: smartphone apps like Smiling Mind can help.

Time management: try making a list of activities and prioritise.

Connecting with others: talk about your worries, laugh, be positive!

Remember to be kind to yourself: take some time out to do the things you enjoy or help you maintain your wellbeing.

## SAVE THE DATE

**EGC BALL – will be held on Saturday  
1 April from 7pm to 11pm at  
Kalgoorlie Town Hall.**

Details will be out soon!



## UNIFORMS

EGC is our students' workplace – and they need to be dressed in their workplace uniform.

We understand there may be times for whatever reason that a student is out of uniform and we are quite happy to loan a college jumper out to them for the day if this is possible. Otherwise students are requested to gain a uniform pass when they arrive at school. Due to being located on such a public area, the college tops make it easy for staff to identify our students, along with generating a strong sense of pride and belonging.

Uniforms, including College rugby tops and jackets, are available from 'The Green Door Gallery' –100 Brookman Street, Kalgoorlie.



## Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

**We encourage students to bring their own device.**

### ***What mobile device can I purchase?***

- Any mobile device of your choice: e.g. tablet, laptop, netbook, 2 in 1 laptop (tablet and laptop combo).
- Running any platform you desire, e.g. Android, MacOS, Windows, etc.
- Mobile phone screens are too small and hence are not considered useful in a classroom setting. Screen size must be a minimum of 8-10".

### ***Software required***

- Platform / Operating System = any. E.g. Android, MacOS, Windows, etc.
- MS Office - available free to all EGC students.
- The Adobe suite - available free to eligible students.
- Antivirus / Anti-malware – we suggest you download the Microsoft Defender Antivirus  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft\\_Defender\\_Antivirus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft_Defender_Antivirus)
- Adobe Acrobat Reader – this is available free from <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>

### ***Technical Assistance offered at EGC***

- Student workshops for:
  - Connecting their own device to our wireless network
  - Access the EGC printers
  - How to install software required (listed above)
  - Accessing student email and Connect
  - Basic technology literacy. For example; saving work, submitting work.

### ***Security and Use***

- All devices and equipment brought to school are AT YOUR OWN RISK. If lost or stolen, you will need to ensure it is covered under your own insurance. Some contents insurance policies cater for this.
- Students are not permitted to unplug EGC equipment to charge their BYOD.
- Charging at power points across the school is AT YOUR OWN RISK.
- Students should endeavour to come to school with their device already fully charged.
- All students and parents must sign the Acceptable Computer User Agreement before being granted Department Online Services access.
- It is a privilege not a right to use devices in class. Students must follow teacher's instructions regarding BYO Device use. If a device is being used inappropriately or against teacher instructions, you will be asked to put it into your bag.
- Storage and safety of your device is AT YOUR OWN RISK this includes:
  - Physical storage and carrying of device
  - Anti-virus software
  - Access to your device, e.g. Username and password

If you have any questions, please contact the College on (08) 9092 3100.