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Celebrating NAIDOC Week at Eastern Goldfields College

Our recent NAIDOC Week Assembly provided an important opportunity for our college community to come together to recognise and celebrate the history, culture, achievements and continuing contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the First Peoples of this land.

NAIDOC Week has its origins in the Aboriginal rights movements of the 1920s and 1930s and the 1938 Day of Mourning, when Aboriginal leaders courageously advocated for justice, recognition and equal rights. Today, NAIDOC has grown into a national celebration of the world's oldest continuing cultures, recognising the resilience, strength and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

As a college, the values we uphold every day align strongly with the spirit of NAIDOC. Our commitment to **Equity and Inclusivity** reminds us that everyone deserves respect, opportunity and a sense of belonging. **Responsibility** calls on us to learn from our shared history and build positive relationships based on understanding and respect. **Achievement** encourages us to recognise and celebrate the significant contributions Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples continue to make across all areas of society. **Empowerment** reflects the courage and determination of those who have advocated for recognition and rights and reminds us all of the positive impact our actions can have on others.

A highlight of our celebrations was the outstanding performance by the **Maku Dancers**, whose energy, skill and cultural storytelling captivated the audience. Students and staff alike were enthralled and fully engaged, gaining a deeper appreciation of culture, tradition and connection through their performance. We thank the Maku Dancers for generously sharing their talents and culture with our school community.

I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to the many community organisations and individuals who supported our NAIDOC celebrations. The partnership between school and community plays a vital role in enriching the learning experiences of our students and strengthening cultural understanding. Your support helped make this year's celebration both meaningful and memorable.

Thank you to all students and staff who participated in the activities, learning opportunities and conversations throughout the week. Your enthusiasm and willingness to engage demonstrate the values that make Eastern Goldfields College such a strong and inclusive community.

As we reflect on NAIDOC Week, may we continue to deepen our understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, strengthen our commitment to respect and reconciliation, and work together to build a future where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

EGC UPCOMING EVENTS

- 24 September: Year Assemblies & Health Expo
- 25 September: Last Day of term 3
- 12 October: First Day of Term 4

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NAIDOC Week



Pathways Night

Over 150 families attended EGC's Pathways Night last Monday evening, receiving a wealth of information to ensure their students' success at EGC in 2027.

We wish to see every student thrive. With the right pathway and mentorship, we can help students become the very best version of themselves.

If you, or someone you know, plan to enrol a student at EGC in 2027, make sure to collect an enrolment pack from the EGC Hub on Cassidy Street and return it ASAP.



EGC Minecraft Club

Reminder for EGC's Minecraft enthusiasts!

The EGC Minecraft Club runs on Wednesdays from 11:15am to 12:30pm, in room E104.

Come along to join our world or create your own!





Country Week Re-cap



Country Week 2026 was a fantastic week of teamwork, sportsmanship, and relentless enthusiasm from the EGC Bunch!



Wednesday Workshops

WEEK	TOPIC	PRESENTER	TIME	LOCATION
3	5 AUG	Want to study Medicine? The Rural Clinical School of Western Australia has all the answers for you. • Applications • Financial support • Meet Medical students from UWA, Curtin and Notre Dame and ask them about their pathway		
		Mel Jackson and Medical Students	9:00 – 10:00 am	ROOM: E205
		English Dept	9:00 – 11:00 am	ROOM: E107
4	12 AUG	Mrs Freeman	9:00 – 11:00 am	ROOM: E106
		OLNA Writing Lesson Structured 2 hr lesson aimed at improved writing skills		
		OLNA Support Prepare for Round 2 of OLNA testing. Individual tutoring & practice tests available		
4	12 AUG	Curtin University Regional English Conference • Gain valuable ATAR exam tips and strategies • Deepen your understanding of course content • Experience university-style learning delivered by experienced tertiary educators This is a must-attend event for all Year 12 ATAR English and Literature students.		
		Curtin University	8:45am – 2:15pm	Curtin Campus
		English Dept	9:00 – 11:00 am	ROOM: E107
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Please note: All subject-specific workshops are being advertised via Connect.