

Eastern Goldfields College

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From the Principal

Mel English

Recent PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) findings have again highlighted a growing challenge for schools, families and young people: learning in the digital age. Internationally, results point to declining performance in reading, mathematics and science, with increased digital distraction and reduced engagement in deep reading identified as key concerns.

While technology brings many benefits, the findings remind us that meaningful learning still requires focus, perseverance, critical thinking and strong relationships. Most importantly, learning is not something that happens to students. While it is facilitated and guided by teachers, it is also a shared responsibility carried by students themselves.

Families play a vital role in creating the conditions for successful learning. A strong and healthy mind and body are built through good sleep habits, regular routines, balanced nutrition, physical activity and support for homework and study. These setting events provide the foundation that allows young people to engage, concentrate and thrive at school.

At Eastern Goldfields College, our teachers work hard to provide clear direction, high expectations, valuable feedback and targeted support. We also offer additional opportunities for students to seek help, catch up and extend their learning, particularly through our flexible learning Wednesdays. These structures are designed to support students, but they are most effective when students actively engage with them.

Together, families, students and staff help create a learning mindset. At EGC, we teach, support and promote an adult ethos where responsibility, effort and resilience are valued. We want our students to understand that challenges are a natural part of learning and that success is often found through persistence rather than immediate answers.

Our role as a school community is not simply to deliver curriculum. It is to create learners, develop character and empower young people to believe that they are always capable of finding a way forward. When students embrace this mindset, they build the confidence, independence and determination needed to succeed not only at school, but throughout life.

EGC UPCOMING EVENTS

- 7 – 18 September: OLNA Reading & Numeracy
- 24 September: Health Expo
- 25 September: Last Day of Term 3
- 12 October: First Day of Term 4

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2026 School Yearbooks

The 2026 school yearbook orders are now open! Yearbooks are **\$13.00 each** and will be available for collection early **2027**.



Wear it Purple Day

EGC staff and students wore Purple to school in a beautiful demonstration of inclusivity.



R U OK? Day



2026 Sem 1 Colour Awards



Australian Earth Science Education Team Visit

We were incredibly lucky to have the **Australian Earth Science Education** team visit and share their knowledge, expertise and passion at one of our Wednesday workshops recently. It was a great opportunity for our students to connect their classroom learning with the world around them.

A huge thank you to **AngloGold Ashanti Australia** and **Mineral Resources** for supporting these valuable learning opportunities for our students. Your partnership helps bring authentic, engaging experiences to EGC!





WA Student Assistance Payment- Claims Closing Soon

Reminder: The WA Student Assistant Payment Claims are closing on Friday 25th September- last day of Term 3!

Make sure you lodge your claim ASAP through the **ServiceWA app** or by using the forms on Department of Education's website: [WA Student Assistance Payment](#)

WA Student Assistance Payment

2026 - what you need to claim



Claims open: 20 July 2026

\$150

Kindergarten & primary students

\$250

Secondary students

Have these ready before you claim:

- ✓ **ServiceWA app**
Download or update the app.
- ✓ **Digital ID (myID)**
Log in through the ServiceWA app.
- ✓ **WA student number (WASN)**
Needed for each eligible child.
- ✓ **Student details**
Name at enrolment, date of birth, school name and year level.
- ✓ **Bank account details**
For the payment to be deposited.

Who can claim?

Parents and carers of WA students from Kindergarten to Year 12 with a valid WA student number.

How to claim

The fastest way is through the ServiceWA app. Alternative claim options will be available via the Department of Education website when needed.

Need help?

Please contact us on 9021 6766 or pop into Ali Kent's office at 227 Hannan Street.

Information current at creation. Please check ServiceWA / Department of Education for the latest details.



Wednesday Workshops

WEEK	TOPIC	PRESENTER	TIME	LOCATION
9	16 SEP			
	OLNA Writing Lesson Structured 2-hour lesson aimed at improved writing skills.	English Dept	9:00 – 11:00 am	ROOM: E107
	OLNA Support Prepare for Round 2 of OLNAs testing. Individual tutoring & practice tests available.	Mrs. Freeman	9:00 – 11:00 am	ROOM: E106
10	23 SEP			
	Mental Health Week Activities A range of interactive activities focused on the importance of looking after your mental health.	Student Services and Wellbeing Team	10:00 – 11:00 am	ROOM: Student Services

Please note: All subject-specific workshops are being advertised via Connect.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to AngloGold Ashanti for their generous partnership and ongoing commitment to supporting our students.

Their sponsorship has enabled us to provide valuable OLNAs preparation workshops, ensuring our students have access to the resources and guidance they need to succeed. We are incredibly grateful for their support in helping create meaningful opportunities and positive outcomes for our school community.

