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This year, JTCESC is celebrating 30 years. We have been known by many names, in multiple different sites across Mandurah, but our goals have remained consistent - to educate our students and empower them to reach their dreams.



Our school recognises the continuing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to the Country on which we live, work, learn and grow. We pay respects to Elders past, present, and emerging. We acknowledge and respect the heritage and connections of the Bindjareb people of the Noongar Nation.

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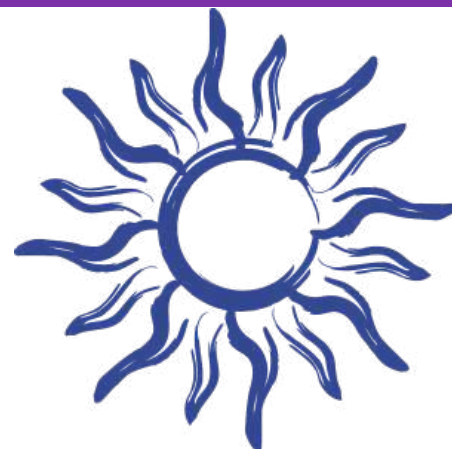
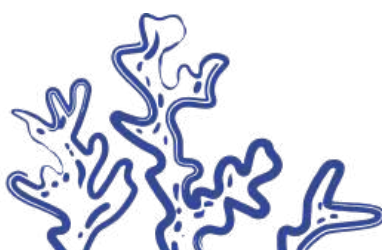
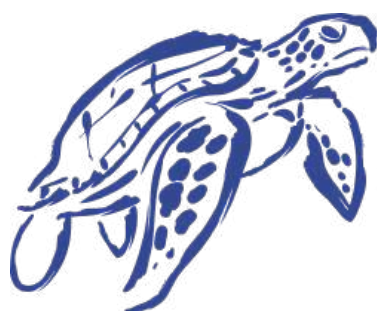


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DISABILITY EXPO

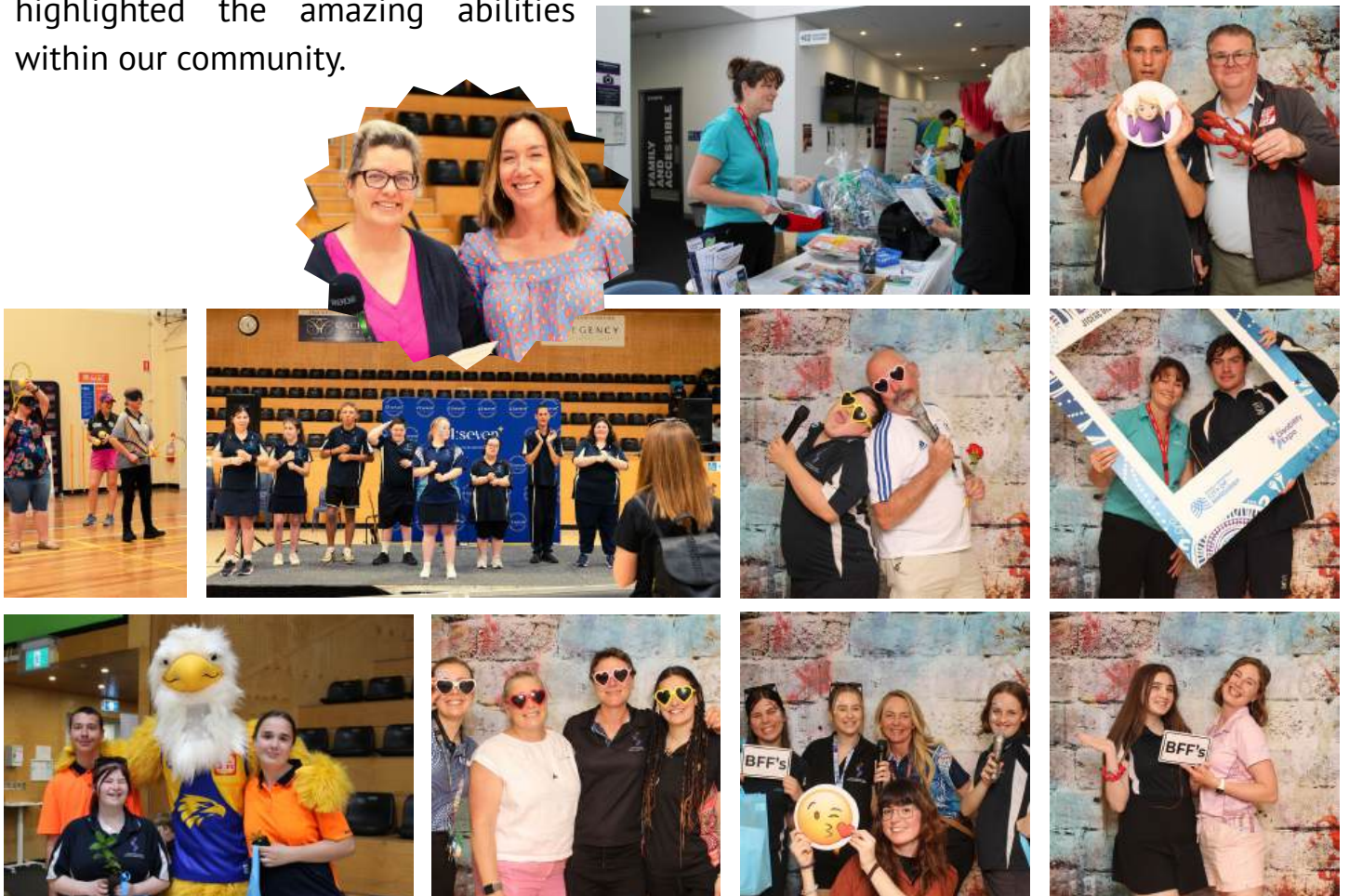
2025 JTCESC Disability Expo – A Huge Success!

On Friday, 17th October 2025, the John Tonkin College Education Support Centre (JTCESC) proudly hosted the annual Disability Expo at the Mandurah Aquatic and Recreation Centre (MARC) – and what an incredible day it was!

This year's event was our biggest yet, with over 600 attendees coming together to connect, learn, and celebrate inclusion.

Visitors had the opportunity to engage with more than 105 stallholders, showcasing a wide range of services, resources, and products designed to support people with disabilities and their families.

The atmosphere was vibrant and full of energy, thanks to a fantastic lineup of entertainment provided by talented students from Malibu School, Halls Head ESC, and of course, our very own JTCESC students. Their performances brought smiles to everyone and highlighted the amazing abilities within our community.





Feedback from attendees and stallholders has been overwhelmingly positive, praising the event's organization, inclusivity, and welcoming environment.

This success would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of the JTDESC staff and team, who went above and beyond to make the day memorable.

A special shout-out goes to our T2 Enterprise students, who played a key role behind the scenes by assembling show bags and creating beautiful items for our raffle hampers. Your efforts truly made a difference!

Thank you to everyone who attended, participated, and supported this year's Disability Expo. Together, we continue to build a stronger, more inclusive community.

We can't wait to see you all again next year!

Aaron Spice
Transition Support Officer

WORKPLACE LEARNING

As we wrap up the year, we reflect on the incredible work placements our students have undertaken, gaining invaluable experience along the way. The feedback from our wonderful and supportive employers has been overwhelmingly positive.

Our school is truly fortunate to have the backing of local businesses that contribute to our workplace learning program. We want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to each of these businesses for providing our students with meaningful work experiences in a nurturing environment.

A big thank you goes out to all parents, carers, and students for your organization and commitment during the workdays. Your efforts in representing our school so admirably within the community do not go unnoticed.

We are immensely proud of our students who have successfully completed their work placements for 2024. Your hard work and dedication have shone through.

Lastly, I would like to extend a huge thank you to our school staff for their unwavering support in ensuring the success of the Workplace Learning program. Your dedication has made a significant difference in our students' experiences.

Here's to a successful year and many more opportunities ahead!

Marg Bowman

VET/Workplace Learning Coordinator



STUDENT SERVICES

As Term 4 draws to a close at JTCESC, we're reflecting on a season filled with learning, connection, and growth!

This term, our students explored new horizons - from the Malibu School Markets and Ern Halliday Recreation Camp, to Kalamunda ESC and the Southern Lions Rugby Club. These experiences helped students practise life skills, build confidence, and strengthen community connections - all while having fun!

Term 4 is always a time of transition - our Year 11 students are stepping up as leaders for our incoming 2026 cohort, while our Year 12s prepare for exciting new chapters after their Graduation. All of these changes can be challenging, but thanks to the toolbox strategies we've developed and refined throughout the year, our students are ready to embrace the adventures ahead.

As we dive headfirst into the last month of the year, it's a time to be thankful - for our wonderful students, who bring energy and joy into each and every day; for our dedicated staff, who work tirelessly to support not only our students, but our whole school community; and finally, our vibrant community of families, caregivers, friends, support workers, therapists, schools, local employers and service providers. Every year, our community continues to grow, and for that, we are so grateful.

Have a delightful summer break and a Happy New Year - we look forward to seeing you again for new adventures in 2026!

Charlotte Bennett

Marketing Officer & Student Services



BRUNCH CAFE

It sounds so cliché, but another year has flown past!

It has been such a pleasure preparing food for the students for Brunch Cafe. Watching them try and enjoy new food as well as the social interaction has been a pleasure.

I hope everyone has a wonderful and well-deserved break and all the best wishes for our graduating students of 2025. I already miss them.

Filomena Maranta
Brunch Cafe Coordinator



MS BROCKMAN'S CLASS

FG03

IFG03 have been busy making yummy food this term. Choosing recipes, halving recipes, making shopping lists and shopping for food to make our recipes. We walked to our local Woolworths and used aisle guides and signage to find our ingredients, bringing what we needed back to the kitchen to prepare culinary masterpieces of homestyle comfort food.

Lexie Brockman
Teacher



MR BENNETT'S CLASS

FG04

As the year draws to a close, students in FG04 are putting the finishing touches on their learning and taking pride in how far they've come. The classroom has been buzzing with energy as we complete our final work and prepare for last-minute assessments. These final few weeks are a chance to reflect, demonstrate growth, and celebrate the progress we've made together.

Beyond the classroom, students have been planning, shopping for, and preparing meals as part of their practical cooking program. These hands-on experiences have helped them build independence, teamwork, and problem-solving skills - and of course, enjoy some delicious results!

Our discussions about being a responsible citizen have also continued, encouraging students to think about their role in the community, how their actions affect others, and what it means to contribute positively to society.

Most importantly, we're making the most of our time together as the school year winds down. There's a special focus on enjoying these last weeks with our senior classmates before we wish them well on their next adventures. It's a time filled with laughter, shared memories, and gratitude for the friendships that have shaped our year.

David Bennett
Teacher



MS SMITH'S CLASS FG09

It has been an incredible Term 4 in FG09 for staff and students, with classwork and assessments being finished (to a very high standard) and exciting excursions filling our weeks. All of the students have seen tremendous growth and improvement within themselves and should be proud of their efforts, whether it is with academics, social and communication skills, community interactions, workplace learning or sporting.

We have also had some transport training this term – learning all about public transport and journey planning. The students developed more confidence and independence with catching the bus and train.

For the Malibu Market Day this year, FG09 will be contributing handmade macrame pieces, which they are having lots of fun making in class. It has been a learning experience for everyone, as it is slightly (very) challenging!

As always, the students have chosen delicious meals for our cooking class and are becoming quite the chefs! They have learnt more about nutrition and a balanced diet.

Thank you to all my wonderful students and team of educators in FG09 for a fantastic year! Looking forward to next year and all of the amazing opportunities to come! Have a safe and enjoyable school holiday break.

Megan Smith
Teacher



MS LAMBERT'S CLASS T2

As the year draws to a close, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the parents and carers for their ongoing support throughout the year.

Our students have had a fantastic year, engaging in a variety of community activities and developing valuable life skills that will serve them well into the future. Our workplace learning experiences have been especially rewarding. The students had the opportunity to help prepare and distribute backpacks for children in the community who needed food over the weekends. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to T2 for their helping hands in making this meaningful initiative possible.

The students also enjoyed swimming sessions and cooking classes, where they prepared delicious and nutritious meals. I am confident they have learned a great deal and hope they continue to use these skills during the holidays and beyond.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and safe holiday season, and to all the families celebrating Christmas, may it be a joyful time spent with loved ones.

Warm regards,

Tarryn Lambert
Teacher



CADETS

This Term in Cadets

Mrs. Hegney shared her expertise with students on marine safety. They explored essential precautions for boating and swimming, particularly in ocean environments. Students even had the chance to try on life jackets and learn about their safety features.

We are now in full preparation mode for our end-of-year camps! These camps will give our Cadets the opportunity to practise the skills and values they have learned this year through planned activities. They will also have the chance to relax, challenge themselves, and support their peers. Everyone is excited to finish the year on a high note—starting with our Year 11 camp (24th Nov – 26th Nov), followed by the Year 12s in the final week of school (3rd Dec - 5th Dec), both at Ern Halliday in Hillarys.

It has been a wonderful and very busy year filled with exciting camps, including our memorable trip to Rottnest, and plenty of learning about what it truly means to be a Cadet. Our Cadets have excelled, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as Unit Leader.

Nat Harris
ESCC Unit Leader



WORKSHOP

Final Term in the Workshop

As the 2025 school year wraps up, students have been busy completing their final projects and reflecting on the work they've produced throughout the year. They also pitched in with end-of-year maintenance, helping clean, organise and prepare the workshop for a fresh start in 2026.

Making good use of offcuts and leftover materials, many students created small wooden toys—simple, thoughtful projects that highlighted their skills and commitment to reducing waste.

We're proud of how safely and responsibly the workshop has run this year, thanks to students' consistent attention to procedures and tool use.

With the tools now all but packed away for the holidays, we're already looking forward to 2026, which will bring another year of practical, hands-on learning, including our first project involving electronics!

David Bennett
Teacher



ART

In the Arts we have been discovering our musicality with Boomwhackers, glockenspiels, hand bells, desk bells, drums, as well as using a xylophone and keyboard. We used these notated coloured coded instruments to play along to colour moving noted dots in videos to play songs together. Fun and excitement to play these instruments to some of our favourite songs and to hear each song come to life has been a lot of fun. Watching the students learn and engage in musical work has been a joy.

Lexie Brockman
Teacher



RETAIL

As Term 4 wraps up, we celebrate a fantastic year in the Certificate I in Retail Services program. Our students have successfully completed all units, demonstrating dedication and growth throughout the year.

We kicked off the term with a vibrant community excursion to the Mandurah Foreshore, where students participated in an “Amazing Race” challenge. They worked in teams to locate iconic stores and landmarks, showcasing their teamwork and problem-solving skills. The day ended with a well-earned lunch and some relaxation—much deserved after a year of workbooks and assessments!

Another highlight was our visit to Mandurah Forum, where students engaged in a store hunt. This activity reinforced key retail skills including:

- Communication
- Marketing strategy recognition
- Health and safety awareness
- Customer service techniques

As the term ended, we said goodbye to our friends from Rockingham Education Support Centre. Their energy, humour, and diverse skills enriched our Retail team, and they will be missed! In our final sessions, students conducted product reviews on Technic Lego, applying critical thinking and consumer awareness. We also focused on resume updates, preparing everyone for future opportunities in the workforce and community.

A heartfelt thank you to all students for your enthusiasm, teamwork, and commitment this year. Our Retail staff are looking forward to another exciting year with both Rockingham and JTCEC students in 2026!

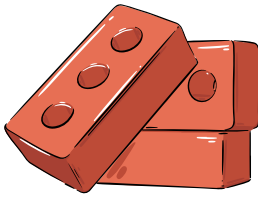


CONSTRUCTION

The construction students finished off the year with the completion of their Brick Archway, and then the safe demolition of their projects and clean-up of the construction area and storage shed.

Well done everyone for a great year in Construction.

Mark Barrett
Trainer



ENTERPRISE

The Enterprise group had a wonderful term filled with creativity and teamwork.

Students prepared five large bags of rags for Mum's Cottage and helped fill over 1,000 bags for the 1,000 Hearts campaign. They also prepared show bags for the Disability Expo and spent time getting ready for the Malibu Markets. We ended the year with a lovely visit to Mum's Cottage, where the staff kindly hosted a morning tea to thank the students for their hard work. They even opened their op shop especially for our students to purchase something special as a reward for their efforts.

Tarryn Lambert
Teacher



SUSTAINABILITY

It has been an awesome final term in sustainability!

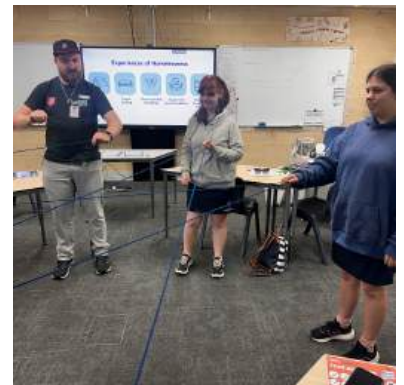
Students have made great progress this year with their understanding of sustainability and implementing small yet impactful ways we can improve our environment and keep the earth healthy and beautiful.

The students have learnt that the most change happens when we work together and empower the community (something that went hand in hand with our visit from the Salvation Army).

Students have been practising the reduce, reuse, recycle model such as saving materials including using scrap paper and bottle caps to create beautiful art pieces with a nature theme. Students have also been doing their nature clean up walks (even dressed as Halloween characters!) and will do one final drop of our bottles and cans at the recycling depot in Erskine. The funds raised will be donated to K9 Dog Rescue as well as Backpack Buddies (Bridge Builders), as decided on by all of the students.

Well done to everyone and thank you for your contributions and hard work throughout 2025... Bring on 2026!

Megan Smith
Teacher



OUTDOORS INDOORS

A Year of Activity, Creativity and Fun!

This year has been full of energy and enthusiasm as students threw themselves into a wide range of outdoor activities. From AFL, basketball and soccer to our multi-sport carnivals, every event gave students the chance to stay active, build teamwork and celebrate positive role models in sport. Along the way, we explored the stories of athletes who inspire us, helping students understand how physical activity supports both a healthy body and a healthy mind.

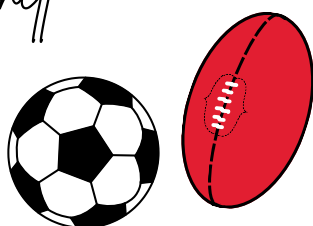
Indoors, the fun never stopped. Students enjoyed a variety of games, creative art projects and plenty of shared laughter. These sessions have been just as valuable – offering opportunities to collaborate, express themselves and unwind together.

As we wrap up the year, we're already excited for what's ahead. Term 1 will kick off with cricket and netball, and we look forward to another year filled with movement, creativity and moments that bring our school community together.

Go Jaguars!

David Bennett

Teacher



WELLBEING & CODING

Fridays have been very exciting this term with the Expo in Week 1, Halloween dress ups and our Wellbeing excursion to lawn bowls. We had a great time at lawn bowls, learning how to play and then practising our skills. Trying to get the weighted bowl to get near the jack is quite a challenging skill, but it provides quite a bit of entertainment.

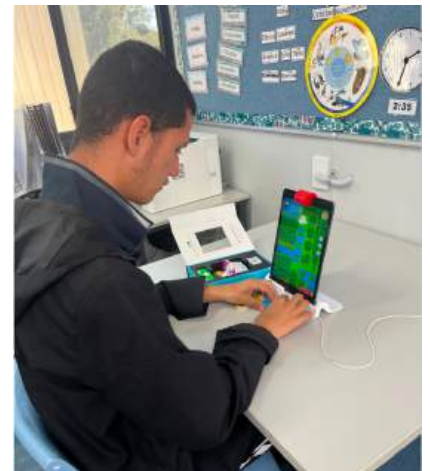
In class we have also managed to make some progress in coding using the code.org website. Students have practised directing bots like Angry Birds and farmers through challenges by giving them directions. Some students have even had a go at using 'repeat' blocks to make their coding more efficient.



We have continued to focus on labelling our emotions. Some of the different emotions we have focused on are:

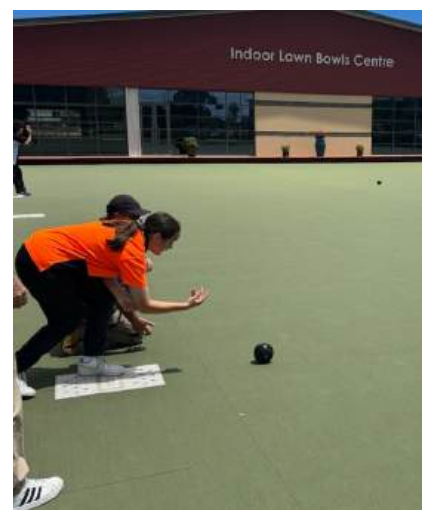
Red	High energy, unpleasant	Angry, frustrated
Blue	Low energy, unpleasant	Sad, lonely, tired
Green	Low energy, pleasant	Calm, comfortable
Yellow	High energy, pleasant	Excited, proud, confident

In the Purple class we have had a particular focus on learning the signs for these emotions. All emotions are valuable because they tell us things. Green and yellow are the most desirable ways to feel, and the most helpful if we want to have a positive day at school. Doing activities like painting, pickleball and building Lego can help us to feel green or yellow.



We have had a fantastic year in Wellbeing and Coding and I wish everyone a lovely Christmas break, filled with lots of Yellow and Green emotions – Excitement, joy, calm, peace.

I hope the Year 12s, in particular, have yellow feelings of pride and confidence as they graduate and head off into after school life.



Kate Gelle
Teacher



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

BDYC = Billy Dower Youth Centre

All events are free. ☆ = Registration required. For all other events, just turn up on that day.



TUE 13/1

Laser Tag

Time: 12pm - 2pm

Ages: 11 - 17

Location: Dawesville Community Centre

Get your friends together and take on a game of laser tag these school holidays. Test your aim and enjoy a fun, action-packed activity that everyone can join!



WED 14/1

Indoor Rock Climbing

Time: 12pm - 2pm

Ages: 11 - 17

Location: Mandurah Indoor Rock Climbing Centre

Reach new heights these school holidays with an indoor rock-climbing adventure! Challenge yourself, conquer the walls, and have a blast with your friends.



THU 15/1

Intro To Barista

Time: 10am - 2pm

Ages: 13 - 25

Location: BDYC

Turn your love of coffee into a valuable skill. Join the Intro to Barista course and learn to use a commercial coffee machine! Spaces are limited, so book your spot today!



FRI 16/1

Youth Kitchen

Time: 11am - 1pm

Ages: 11 - 17

Location: Lakelands Park Community Sports Facility

Learn to cook delicious dishes, get hands-on experience, explore new recipes, and enjoy a fun, relaxed kitchen environment!



MON 19/1

Surfing Lessons

Time: 8.30am - 10.30am

Ages: 13 - 25

Location: Falcon Bay

Ready to surf? Learn the basics, master your balance, and ride the waves like a pro! 13+ waiver must be signed by parent.



TUE 20/1

Indoor Movie Night

Time: 6pm - 8pm

Ages: 11 - 17

Location: Dawesville Community Centre

Looking for something chilled to do these holidays? Come check out the new Community Centre and join in on our movie night! Bring your mates, grab some snacks and sit back and relax.



TUE 27/1

Freestyle Now Jam Session

Time: 3pm - 6pm

Ages: 11 - 25

Location: Mandurah Skatepark

Calling all scooter, skateboard and BMX riders! Join our Jam Session for a day of fun, challenges and prizes. Open to all skill levels! Registrations open December 2025.



WED 28/1

White Card

Time: 9am - 3pm

Ages: 15 - 25

Location: BDYC

Interested in an employment industry that requires a White Card to be on site? Then register to complete the White Card with us! You must be 15+ to receive an accredited ticket. Spots are limited so register now.



THURS 29/1

Silent Disco

Time: 5pm - 7pm

Ages: 11 - 17

Location: BDYC

Throw on some headphones, soak up the music and dance the night away with friends at Billy Dower's Silent Disco. Featuring DJ Safari, Pizza and Juice Bar.

KEY DATES

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**Students Last Day
2025**

DEC
19

**Admin closes for
2025**

JAN
27

**Admin opens for
2026**

FEB
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**Students First Day
2026**

Beats Under the Bridge Summer Youth Festival

Mandurah's biggest Summer Youth Festival - Beats under the Bridge is back for 2026!

Grab your mates, cop a fresh fit and get ready to have the time of your life!

Date: Friday 23 January

Time: 5pm – 7pm

4pm – 5pm All Abilities
Quiet Hour

Ages: 13 – 17

Location: Western Foreshore -
Under the bridge



Paint 'n' Dip

This one is for the big kids!

Paint 'n' Dip is here. Enjoy good vibes, great company and plenty of creativity.

All skill levels are welcome! Juice bar and nibbles provided.

Date: Wednesday 21 January

Time: 1pm – 5pm

Ages: 16 – 25

Location: BDYC



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