



Welcome to our Community Newsletter. Keep up to date with the latest news and upcoming events for our Education Support program. Help us celebrate the achievements of our students and be part of the learning.

Our Community Newsletter will come out termly to showcase the incredible transformations and growth of our students.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Term 2 has been an exciting and rewarding period for our Endorsed Support Program, with students continuing to demonstrate impressive growth across their learning, social development and independence. It has been particularly pleasing to see the confidence with which students are approaching both classroom tasks and wider school experiences.

A major highlight this term was the recent visit from the Premier. This was a proud moment for our school community, and our students showcased themselves exceptionally well. Their engagement, teamwork and positive attitudes were a powerful reflection of the inclusive culture we continue to build at Atwell College.

This term has also seen the introduction of MAP (My Achievement Portfolio), an innovative tool that is strengthening the way we track and respond to student learning. The data gained through MAP is enabling staff to better understand individual progress, refine teaching strategies and ensure that every student is supported to achieve meaningful growth.

As we look ahead, our Year 12 cohort is entering the final phase of their school journey, with just one term remaining. Their resilience and commitment have been commendable, and we are focused on supporting each student as they prepare for life beyond school.

We are also incredibly proud to share that our program has been named a finalist in the Australian Education Awards. We are one of only three public schools from WA recognised at this level across all award categories. This is a significant achievement and a testament to the dedication of our staff, the efforts of our students, and the strong partnerships we share with our families and community.

Thank you to our parents and carers for your continued support and collaboration. Your role is vital in ensuring our students can thrive both at school and beyond. We look forward to building on this positive momentum as we move into the second half of the year, with a continued focus on inclusion, growth and opportunity for all students.

Brent Passchier
Deputy Principal



EVENTS

All Abilities Pathways Expo a Growing Success

This year's *All Abilities Pathways Expo* was a fantastic success, continuing to grow in both scale and impact. We welcomed over 30 families, with more than 60 attendees, alongside 16 service providers, making it even bigger than last year's event. The Expo provided a valuable opportunity for families to connect with a wide range of pathway providers, gaining information and support tailored to their child's future options. Our microenterprise café "the Drip" kept everyone warm with hot drinks throughout the evening. Feedback from both parents and providers was overwhelmingly positive, highlighting the importance and value of this event within our school community. This wonderful event was made possible thanks to the dedication of our Atwell College staff and the support of our local providers. We are grateful for the time, care and commitment they bring to our community.



Domino's Success - We were excited to welcome Raja from Domino's Success, who visited to present a cheque to our Education Support team following the success of our recent Doughraiser fundraiser on 1st May!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Education Support Dough raiser with Domino's Success. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our school community, we raised an amazing \$1,200 to support our Education Support students and programs.

A special thank you to Raja, Preet and the team at Domino's Success for their wonderful support and generous contribution. We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing kindness and commitment shown towards our students.

Thank you to everyone who purchased, shared, and got involved — your support helped make this event such a fantastic success!



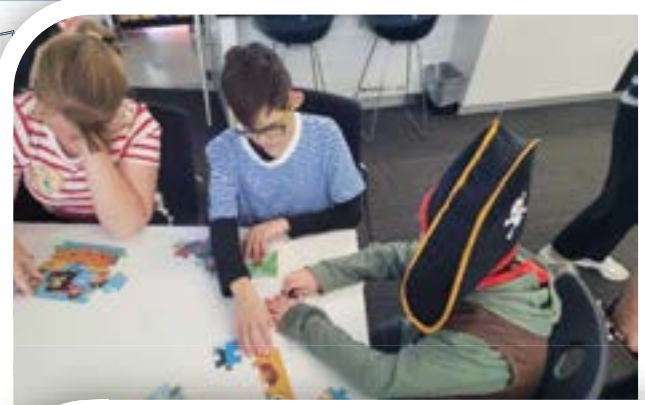


Pirate Day - Atwell College set sail for Pirate Day in support of the wonderful work of The Kids' Cancer Project on Friday 15th May.

Students and staff joined the crew for a swashbuckling day of pirate-themed fun across Sea (C) Block while raising funds for children's cancer research.

Pirates followed treasure maps through Sea Block, collecting X marks at each treacherous location before heading to Skull Island (the library) and finally Treasure Island, where completed maps were exchanged for chocolate gold doubloons. From pirate dress-ups and selfie stations to themed activities, music, and games, the day was filled with adventure and laughter for all hands-on deck.

Thanks to the generosity of students and staff, the college made a valuable contribution towards supporting this fantastic cause.





Fishability - written by Braxton Galea

On Thursday, the 21/05/26 our class went to Woodman Point Jetty for a fishability excursion. We travelled there by Bus and were excited to start the day. The excursion was about learning how to fish safely and responsibly. When we got there, the volunteer instructors showed us how to bait hooks, cast our lines, and follow important safety rules. We practiced how to cast and reel the rods to try to catch the fish.

At first, I felt a little down because I was not catching anything, but my friends were. One exciting moment was when I changed my mood, tried a different approach, and started to catch fish. The weather was Sunny, Calm and a bit windy which made it enjoyable. A challenge I had was not catching fish at the start, but I overcame it by thinking positively, listening to advice from Miss Amy and changed my technique. I also learned that being patient and trying new things are important skills.

My advice for being the best fisher is to always stay positive, respect the environment, and remember to stay happy. Overall, this excursion was enjoyable because I caught 9 fish in the end.





Fashion TAFE Taster

Seven of our students recently had the exciting opportunity to attend a Fashion Taster Day at Bentley TAFE. The day provided a wonderful hands on introduction to the world of fashion design and creativity. Students explored their artistic skills through fashion drawing and design, before bringing their ideas to life by creating unique outfits for mini models. This practical experience allowed them to experiment with fabrics, colours, and styling in a fun and engaging environment.

All students thoroughly enjoyed the day and gained valuable insight into the fashion industry and potential future pathways.



PADWA

This term, we have been fortunate to welcome PADWA once again into our school. PADWA is an organisation dedicated to creating inclusive dance opportunities for people of all abilities, promoting participation, confidence, wellbeing, and community connection through movement and dance.

Over five weeks, our students enthusiastically participated in an all-abilities dance program. Each session began with warm-up activities to get our bodies moving before students joined in some favourite dances, including the Nutbush and Cotton Eye Joe. They also learned new dances step-by-step and were introduced to the exciting world of ballroom dancing, practising some of the basic steps and techniques.

A highlight of the program was a special performance by the incredibly talented Lizz and her dance partner, who treated students and staff to a wonderful ballroom dancing display. Their skill, passion, and enthusiasm inspired everyone in attendance.

Students and staff alike were engaged, enthusiastic, and eager to participate throughout the program. There were plenty of smiles, laughter, and dancing feet, making it a truly enjoyable experience for all.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Within Ed Support we have our Student of the Week nominations which link directly to the PBS matrix. All the nominated students receive PBS points, and the winner also gets to choose a reward from the prize box located in Alli & Paris' office (2 of our Lead EAs). Here are some of our winners so far:

The Atwell College Positive Behaviour Support team drives our college values and expected behaviours, by supporting consistent practices and positive relationships. We foster a positive learning environment wherein our students can thrive, and we all feel a sense of safety, belonging and acceptance.



INNOVATION

AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION
— AWARDS 2026 —**Atwell College Finalist in the Australian Education Awards**

🌈 NATIONAL RECOGNITION for Atwell College! 🌈

We are incredibly excited and proud to announce that Atwell College has been named an Excellence Awardee and national finalist for Special Education School of the Year at the 2026 Australian Education Awards.

This prestigious recognition places Atwell College among only five schools across Australia selected in this category an extraordinary achievement for our entire school community and a reflection of our college motto, “Embracing the Future”.



The award recognises the outstanding work taking place every day across our school to support students of all abilities to thrive, belong, and achieve meaningful outcomes.

This achievement reflects:

- The strength of our Education Support programs alongside mainstream pathways
- The professionalism and expertise of our staff
- Our purpose-built learning environments and therapy partnerships
- And most importantly, the incredible outcomes achieved by our students across academic, wellbeing, and transition areas.

This recognition belongs to our amazing staff, students, families, and wider community. Thank you for the passion, care, and dedication you bring to Atwell College every day.

We could not be prouder of what this recognition represents for our school and for inclusive education.

Learn more here:

Australian Education Awards | The Educator

<https://educatorawards.com/>

2 staff members will be attending the awards announcement in August in Sydney!

2026 AASE National Conference

2 - 4 SEPTEMBER 2026
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL
ESPLANADE DARWIN, NT

#aase2026

*Beyond
Boundaries*



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Beyond Paperwork: How Atwell College is Redesigning Assessment for Every Learner - Brent Passchier & Denelle Kennedy

Atwell College will once again be represented at the 2026 AASE National Conference, where we will present our work on rethinking assessment practices through the development of the My Achievement Portfolio (MAP).

This presentation will highlight how MAP has been designed to both reduce teacher workload and provide a more meaningful, individualised approach to tracking and celebrating student growth. By shifting beyond traditional compliance-driven assessment, MAP supports educators to capture authentic evidence of learning while empowering students to better understand and demonstrate their progress.

MEET OUR TEAM



Renae Pass – Sensory Facilitator and Therapy Coordinator

Hi everyone, my name is Renae, and I have been working as an Education Assistant since 2017. Working at Atwell College and supporting students in the Endorsed Education Support Program has been an incredibly rewarding experience.

At the end of 2023, I transitioned from the classroom into a more administrative role while our Sensory Zone was under construction. In this role, I coordinate the therapists and service providers who come on-site to support and work with our students. The Sensory Zone officially opened in 2025 for students with sensory profiles, and I have loved exploring sensory processing and watching our students grow and thrive in this new environment.

Outside of work, I enjoy staying active, catching up with friends, and trying out new cafes and restaurants.

Angela Cardoso – Education Assistant

Hello everyone, my name is Angela Cardoso, and I am an Education Assistant at Atwell College. I have been working at the college since 2022. Prior to joining Atwell College, I worked in childcare for eight years. I have always been passionate about supporting young people and knew from a very young age that I wanted to work in a role where I could make a positive difference in their lives.

My time at Atwell College has been an incredible journey, and I have learned so much while working within our Endorsed Education Support Program. As a full-time Education Assistant, I have had the opportunity to support students across a variety of classroom settings, helping them engage, learn, and achieve their goals.

I was also interested in expanding my skills by obtaining my AustSwim certificate, allowing me to become involved in our fantastic Hydrotherapy Program. I have enjoyed learning how to support students in the pool through a range of hydro programs and witnessing their growth and confidence in the water. It is incredibly rewarding to see students who may initially feel nervous around water develop trust, feel safe with their teachers, and gain the confidence to explore and try new activities.

In addition, I enjoy assisting with our Music and Movement program. Music brings such joy to so many people, and it has been a wonderful experience introducing students to musical instruments, movement, dance, and sport-based activities. I love supporting students in these programs and helping them engage in ways that are enjoyable, meaningful, and suited to their individual needs.

Atwell College is a fantastic school that provides countless opportunities for their staff to grow, learn, and develop their skills. I am grateful to be part of a team that is dedicated to supporting students and creating a positive learning experiences that help them thrive.



Kim Elliott – Life Skills Facilitator

Hi, my name is Kim Elliott, and I am the Life Skills Facilitator. I have worked in this role for 5 years and bring 14 years of experience in education. Alongside my role, I also support our Micro Enterprise program, helping to run The Drip coffee business, which was established in 2023.

As a life Skills Facilitator, I love helping people build their confidence and develop the everyday skills they need to live more independently. Every day is different, from supporting students to reach personal goals to sharing laughs and celebrating the little wins along the way. I am passionate about creating a positive, inclusive environment where everyone feels valued, supported and encouraged to reach their full potential.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family and my French Bulldog. I also love cooking, boot scooting and hiking with my friends.



MEET OUR COMMUNITY

Spotlight on APACE – Growing Skills, Community and Opportunity

This term, we're proud to shine a spotlight on APACE, one of our most dedicated community partners supporting student work placements.

Located in North Fremantle, APACE is a long-standing community nursery with a mission to advance environmental sustainability and strengthen social connection. Established in 1985, the organisation has grown from a small group of passionate locals into a respected not-for-profit known for its environmental leadership and inclusive community programs.

What makes APACE particularly special is its commitment to providing workplace opportunities for people of all backgrounds and abilities, ensuring everyone feels connected, respected and valued. This aligns beautifully with our own values and the goals of our work-placement program .

A Partnership That Makes a Difference

Our students consistently share how much they enjoy their time at APACE—from the friendly staff to the calm, purposeful environment of the nursery. These placements help build confidence, independence and employability skills, while also fostering a deeper appreciation for caring for Country.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the APACE team for welcoming our students so warmly and for the time, patience and expertise they invest in each placement. Their commitment to community, sustainability and inclusion makes them an outstanding partner.



Discover exciting activities these holidays!

The Telethon Holiday Makers Program (THMP) is all about creating fun, inclusive experiences for autistic young people aged 5–18. Each holiday period, we offer a variety of activities designed to spark curiosity, build confidence, and foster social connections in a supportive environment.

What's On Offer?

Our Telethon Holiday Makers Program (THMP) combine advertised excursions and incursions with a range of on-the-day activities, giving participants the chance to:

- Try new hobbies and creative projects
- Join in active, adventure-filled experiences
- Explore special interests in a safe, social space
- Build friendships and enjoy positive social interactions



Every day is different! Alongside scheduled activities, we provide flexible options so participants can choose what interests them most.

[July THMP - Spectrum Space Inc](#)



**COCKBURN
COMMUNITY
DISABILITY
EXPO**

Friday
07th July 2026
10 am - 1 pm

Lakeside Recreation Centre
2 Bibra Dr, North Lake WA 6103

FREE coffee for
the first 200 people thanks to
24Seven Plan Management

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NO LIMITS NETBALL

SUCCESS

The Netball WA No Limits Netball Program is a participation-based program for individuals aged 12+ with an intellectual disability.

A fun, inclusive and supportive environment to build skills, confidence and friendships.

TRAINING & GAMES

- SATURDAYS**
- 11:20AM**
- SUCCESS NETBALL ASSOCIATION**
339 Hammond Road,
Success

COME & TRY!

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We look forward to welcoming everyone back on the refreshed and ready for Term3!



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supporting every student