

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Term four has been loaded with 'showcase' events of which the school is very proud. The Dance, Drama and Music Showcases have become a significant event in the Erindale College community calendar. I hope many of you enjoyed experiencing the talents of our student's, Music, Dance and Drama performances over the course of the year culminating with the exhibition of student's artwork which will be on display at the Tuggeranong Arts Community Centre on the weekend of 24 November. I wish to extend my warmest congratulations to all the visual and performing arts students and acknowledge the hard work Carley Love, Mary-Anne Kirk, Jenny Gray, Kristen Tett, Anne Thirion and Sandy France has placed into showcasing our students to the Canberra community.

The college has also been busy working closely with staff and students at Lake Tuggeranong College and Wanniasa School, where our Year 11 and 12 Flight students delivered an Aviation STEM program to Years 3 through to 10 during the first week of term 4. They truly inspired potential young aviators to explore the why's and how's of Flight through their inquiry-based delivery of aviation content. A special thanks to Terry Brady, Scott Carter (Lake Tuggeranong College), Elliot Davies (Lake Tuggeranong College) and Cherie Connors (Wanniasa School) for their effort in making the Aviation STEM program a great success. In addition to the program delivery, the students extended their knowledge on capturing relevant employability skills through their own self-assessment. This will culminate with a showcasing of their e-portfolio at the end of this term. We look forward to our Flight students sharing their learning experiences with us.



Another great STEM initiative this term was in the form of VEX Robotics which has been a wonderful addition to our quality programs offered at Erindale College. Special thanks to Jenny Gray for spending numerous weekends spearheading this innovative initiative and inspiring our students to deliver high quality coding of robots in tournaments, both locally and interstate. Jenny's class will head down to Melbourne to compete in the National Robotics Tournament later this term. Best of luck to Jenny and her students.

2019 will be an exciting time as we look forward to the commencement of our Drone Technology program. Thanks to Fiona Nicholson who has worked tirelessly to gain the necessary qualifications to deliver this fantastic program at a Vocational Education Certificate III level for our students. We have already a great deal of interest from students and cannot wait for this program to take off.

Tracey Marris along with Sebastian Gray will be our Year 12 Link Coordinators for 2019. Daniel Hawke will be taking on the role of the Year 11 Link Coordinator. Natalie Keen will continue her role as the Year 10 Coordinator building on the great work of our Careers and Transition Officer, Vanessa Sergeant who facilitates our Year 10 transition program during this busy term. Vanessa has been visiting numerous High Schools and getting to know each student and ensure a supported transition to Erindale College. The Year 10 Orientation Day at Erindale College will be held on 12 December and will be another wonderful opportunity for Year 9 students to get to know our College prior to their commencement in 2019. Please contact Vanessa at the College if you need any further information.

Erindale College welcomes our new readers as we distribute this bulletin to our prospective year 10 students. Year 9 students sharing this bulletin will build their understanding of what opportunities will come their way when they commence year 10 in 2019. A special thanks to Mark Armstrong, Debbie O'Brien and Natalie Keen for interviewing all parents and carers to ensure we get to know each new student before they start year 10 and allow the college to better design and align the learning and extracurricular programs for 2019.

The upcoming Year 12 Formal held on Tuesday 4 December at the Canberra Rex Hotel and the Year 10 Formal on Monday 10 December at the Canberra Southern Cross Yacht Club are opportunities for students to celebrate their achievements. At this busy time of year, the work of the respective formal committees is acknowledged and appreciated.

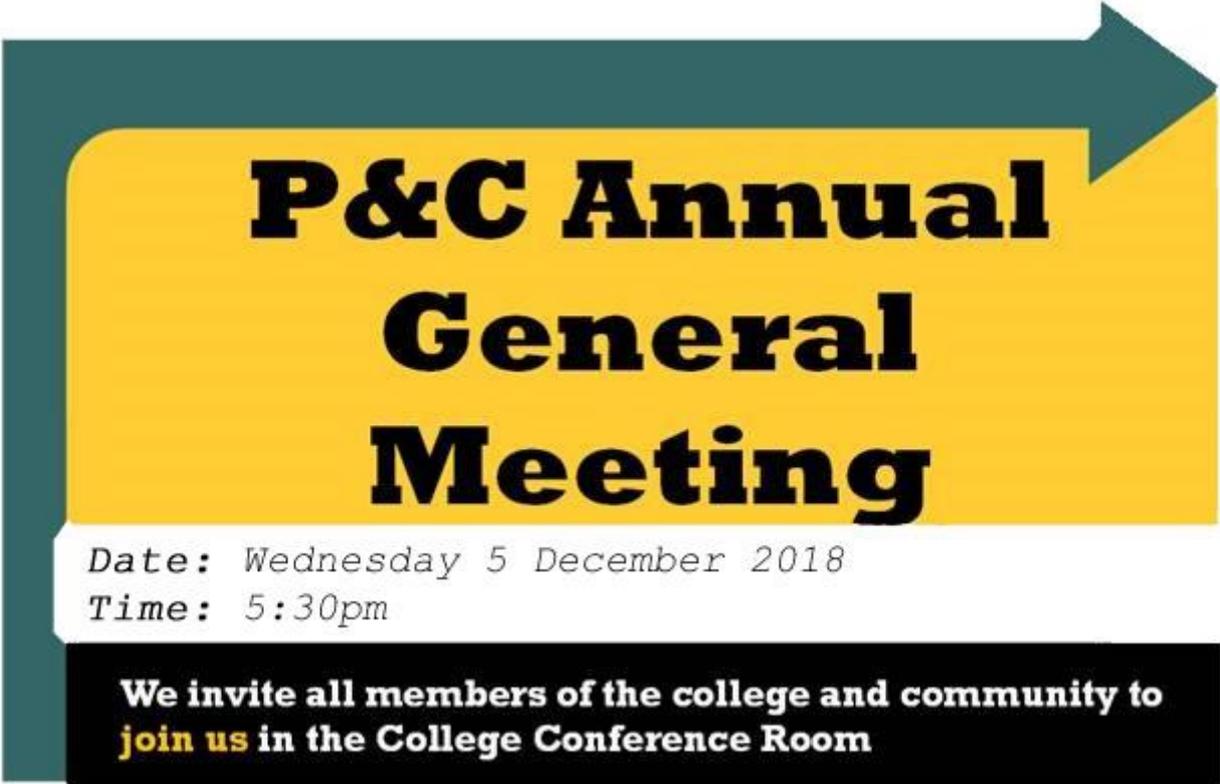
Our Year 10 and 12 Graduation evening will be held on 7 and 19 December respectively at the Erindale Theatre. Invitations will be sent out to respective award and certificate recipients later in the term. We hope to see you there.

On a sad note, it is always difficult when an unexpected passing of a student occurs. I would like to personally thank all parents, students and staff for their ongoing support of each other during this time. I am grateful for the thoughtful, caring and respectful manner you have shown. This is truly a wonderful school community.

Kind regards,

Gary Lawson

NEWS



P&C Annual General Meeting

Date: Wednesday 5 December 2018

Time: 5:30pm

**We invite all members of the college and community to
join us in the College Conference Room**

STUDENT INJURY: INSURANCE AND AMBULANCE TRANSPORT



The Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider taking out personal insurance cover for your child if warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

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IT – VEX Robotics



Throughout Term 3 and 4 students studying IT have been learning about and exploring the VEX robotics platform. We have been building, designing and refining strategy to compete in the VEX “Turning Point” game. Within each team students have been encouraged to play up to their team strengths around building, design, code, strategy and team liaisons. Students have attended 3 scrimmages to practice their skills and work with their robots.

Student’s competed in the regional finals on November 3. The competition was tough with a team that has been working with the platform for four years dominating the field. The Erindale teams worked well together focusing on technical hiccups and resolving several design and strategy problems that occurred throughout the day. Team 1 placed 3rd overall and team 2 placed 5th. Team 1 also won a “Judges Award” for their thorough discussion with judges about their robot design and excellent justification on strategic choices during play.

We will be attending the National competition in Melbourne at the end of this month. It should be a wonderful experience as the competition will be fierce and show students another level of the game.

Any students looking to join the VEX teams we will be looking for additional students to work with our teams in 2019. Come and see Jenny in the Technology and Creative Arts Academy for more information.

Jenny Gray

Photography – Botanic Gardens

In Term 3 students studying photography went to the Australian National Botanic Gardens with the assistance of Scott Stramyk from the Canon Collective. Scott provided us with some macro lenses, so students could see the natural world through a new lens.

We had over 10 students submit final prints to the Friends of the National Botanic Gardens annual photography competition. This year we had many wonderful photographs selected as winners of various prizes given out through the competition.

First Prize - \$250 cash for the winner and \$200 for the school:



Amy Jones – Year 12



Highly Commended or Commended:



Daniel Oshyer – Year 12



Emily Cook – Year 12



Mitchell Steele – Year 11



Tara Saeck – Year 11

Well done to all the students that participated in the excursion and spent many hours editing and fine tuning their work. It was wonderful to watch their skills and confidence with the cameras grow this year.

Jenny Gray

SPORTS

Rugby Union



During week 10 of term 3 current students John Madjaga and Mika Eli and former students Petau Lefau, Fred Kaihea and Turi Hides all represented the Brumbies u19's at the recent URC tournament held in Canberra.

The gruelling week-long tournament saw the Brumbies win three out of four games, their only blemish being a hard fought loss to the eventual winners Brisbane City.

Newsletter Issue Date: 22 October 2018

Girls Rugby League



In week 9 last term the Girls Rugby League squad travelled to Sydney to compete in the State Finals for Rugby League 9's. As a part of the trip the girls had the opportunity to visit the brand new multi-million dollar complex at Penrith Panthers and were grateful for the tour of the amazing facility.

The girls finished 3rd in the state; after initially playing the two top teams early on in the day the girls bounced back to win their final two games and finish the day off on a high. The level of competition continues to increase as the popularity of women's football booms. This trip was a real eye opener for the younger girls to see the level that the game now demands.

Newsletter Issue Date: 22 October 2018

Laura Hughes starts for Canberra United



Congratulations to Laura Hughes for securing a contract with Canberra United this season.

With two games played Laura has started both matches.

Their next home game is at McKellar Park on Sunday 2 December against Sydney FC.

Mixed Netball



On Tuesday 30 October 2018 I had the pleasure of taking 2 netball teams out to Charnwood to participate in the ACT College Mixed Netball day.

For a number of the boys it was their first time out on the netball court – and they were surprised by the speed and (different) fitness requirements of the game.

It was a great deal of fun to watch the difference in the way the two genders play the game and the boys were most impressive in their adjusted skill sets!

We had some tough opposition (including a 7 foot 2 inches NBA identified basketballer) and unfortunately did not take out the day, however a great day was had by all!

It is great to hear the boys asking about other netball opportunities that might be available for them. Hopefully we will see some of them trying out for the ACT Boys Griffin teams.

Natalie Keen

Netball



During the holidays, the Erindale Netball squad were invited to participate in a training session and match play with a group of Singapore netball players.

Netball ACT coaches ran a training session for all 14 of the players that focussed on attacking footwork and hand-eye coordination.

The girls then had a match play opportunity that included playing with the Singapore athletes in their teams. The players were very fortunate to be involved in this opportunity and were great ambassadors for the school. Thanks to all involved.

Natalie Keen

Baseball



Congratulations to Matt Gaughran and Liam Sherer

The have both been selected into the Canberra Cavalry Squad for the upcoming season.

They have started their training and we look forward to seeing then playing soon.

Erindale Bolt



The Erindale Bolt has been run for the 9th consecutive year. The 100m footrace pits the fastest runners from each of the TSP squads against each other. In the girls, defending Champion Lauren Freeman (Hockey) went back to back in the biggest female field seen. In the boy's race, Connor Griffiths (Rugby League) beat off Ngarima Low and Wes Alexander to take the title in a close race. In the popular "piggy back" race, the powerful John Madjaga (Union) stormed home carrying Tristan Eldridge in front of a large and boisterous crowd.

Mark Armstrong

Talented Dance Program Sydney Dance Camp



The Talented Dance class had a great camp in Sydney from 31 October – 2 November where they participated in 3 different Dance workshops and saw the musical Jersey Boys. It was a fantastic opportunity for the girls to extend their dance skills within a professional environment and experience some of the unique culture that Sydney offers.

Thank you to Tracy Costigan for accompanying us.

Mary-Anne Kirk

END OF YEAR INFORMATION - TERM 4

LAST TEACHING DAY

Year 11 and 12: 30 November

Year 10: 7 December

YEAR 10 FORMAL



Where: Southern Cross Yacht Club

When: Monday 10 December

Arrivals: From 6:20pm

Time: 6:45pm – 10:00pm (students must be collected from the venue by a parent at 10pm)

Costs: \$100.00 per person

YEAR 10 GRADUATION

Where: Erindale Theatre

When: Friday 7 December

Time: 12:00pm – 2:00pm

YEAR 12 FORMAL



Where: The Canberra Rex Hotel (150 Northbourne Av Braddon)

When: Tuesday 4 December

Arrivals: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Time: 6:30pm-10:30pm

Costs: \$130 per person

Full Payment Due: Now Due

YEAR 12 BREAKFAST

When: Wednesday 19 December

Where: Erindale College Restaurant

Time: 8:30am

YEAR 12 GRADUATION REHEARSAL

(Immediately following Year 12 breakfast)

When: Wednesday 19 December

Where: Erindale Theatre

Time: 10:00am

YEAR 12 GRADUATION

When: Wednesday 19 December

Where: Erindale Theatre

Time: Seated and Starting at 5:00pm

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