MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello everyone and welcome to 2016.

The foregoing extract from the Canberra Times captures the essence of a debate that is growing louder every year. Does the ATAR determine your future?

This is an interesting question as this century moves along. With the ACT senior secondary education system celebrating its 40th birthday this year, we should be reflecting on how we measure success.

So, it is very important that we, the Erindale College community, consider what exactly we think matters as a measure, or set of measures, that defines a successful senior secondary experience. As a community we need to be able to define what you, your adolescent child, employers and universities or CIT; teachers; all expect of our graduates. This should be in terms more definitive than a simple ATAR.

Indeed, this challenge; of defining what the graduates of colleges in the ACT need to have as essential characteristics; is one that both myself and Julie Murkins, the Principal of Lake Tuggeranong College, are taking on this year. The journey of plotting what the essentials will not be easily resolved as many people will have many opinions; just like the differences of opinion evident in the ATAR debate.

However, Julie and I are determined to make a start on identifying what really matters for college graduates and the demands they will face in a world much more connected and ‘globalized’ than when we went through school.

I invite you to share your ideas during the year as we use our online social networks to seek your views.

Cheers Michael

Dux of College 2015
Jonathan Connor

Erindale College invites parents of new Year 10, 11 and 12 students to a Welcome Night on Wednesday 24 February from 5.30pm to 7pm, parents and carers will be able to meet their student’s Link teacher and gain more insight into college life.
**GRADUATION AWARD WINNERS 2015**

**YEAR 12 AWARDS**

- **Senator Seselja Award Academic Excellence Award**
  - Georgina Evans
- **Senator Seselja Award Community Service Award**
  - Grace West
- **THE MEMBER FOR CANBERRA AWARD Gai Brodtmann School Legends Program**
  - Brittany Earle
- **Big Picture Program**
  - Jessica Gallace
- **The English and Languages Academy Writer’s Prize**
  - Zachary Burton
- **Erindale Sports Academy Sport Star of the Year**
  - Georgia Baff
- **Enterprise Academy Award**
  - Mitchell Cassimatis
- **Indigenous Award for Academic Achievement & Contribution to the broader community**
  - Maddison Hawley-Tatten
- **Innovation and the Arts Academy Award**
  - David Low
- **International Studies Academy Award**
  - Angela Noble-Slezar
- **Rolfe Mazda Award for Academic Excellence Across a Broad Range of Subjects**
  - Georgina Evans
- **University of Canberra University Pathway Program ACT-Indigenous Success at Erindale College**
  - Nathan Hart, Karen Lyons, Evander Williams
- **Erindale College Caltex All Rounder**
  - Zachary Burton
- **The Academy Of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) Prize For Information Technology**
  - Aiodan Beatman
- **ADFA Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award**
  - Julian Barrett
- **The Canberra Mathematical Association Medal for ‘Excellence in Mathematics’**
  - Julian Barrett
- **The Academy Of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) Prize For Mathematics**
  - Julian Barrett
- **DUX OF COLLEGE**
  - Jonathan Connor

**YEAR 10 AWARDS**

- **Year 10 Excellence Award**
  - 1. A successful Learner - **Monique WHITE**
  - 2. A Confident and Creative Individual – **Jane SPOONER**
  - 3. An Active and Informed Citizen – **Callum SHAW**

**Caltex All Rounder Year 10**

- **Jane SPOONER**

- **ADFA Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award Yr 10**
  - **Jane SPOONER**

- **ACU Australian Catholic University Award for Academic Achievement in Year 10**
  - **Monique WHITE**

**Year 10 Sports Star of the Year**

- **Turi HIDES**
**GRADUATING CLASS OF 2015**

**WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**

*Tracking the graduates is not always an exact business, so if our information is inaccurate or maybe, you are aware of the pathway of others not listed here, then please email us and we will endeavour to keep an accurate record of the destination of all our graduating students.*

**KEY**

**Institutions of Further Education**
- ACU: Australian Catholic University
- ANU: Australian National University
- CIT: Canberra Institute of technology
- NSW: University of New South Wales
- Swinburne: University in Melbourne
- Sydney: Sydney University
- Wollongong: University of Wollongong

Rachel ACKLAND: UC Bachelor of Writing
Kelsey ACQUILINA: USA trip then CIT
Jarod ARMATI: CIT Music Business
Employed Aldi
Georgia BAFF: UC
Brandon BARDSLEY: UC Secondary Ed PE
Julian BARRETT: UC Architecture
Lachlan BARRETT: ANU Science/ Criminology
Aiodan BEATMAN: ANU Computer Science
Bradley BERGKOTTE: UC Film production
Michael BIRKETT: ANU Science
Tamyka BLEWITT: U Wollongong Psychology—Gap year
Zachary BURTON: U Wollongong Business
Calvin BUTLER: CIT Cert 3 Fitness
Yik CHAN: ACU Nursing and Paramedicine
Jonathan CONNOR: ANU Engineering
Mechanical, Robotics
Giorgia COX: CIT Cert 3 Business Admin
Working Nolonglo
Artemis DELANEY: CIT Dip Business Admin
Lillian DIAL: ACU Nursing/Paramedicine
Lauren DOWLING: UC Justice Studies
Laura DUFFY: UC Secondary Ed/PE
Sarah DURCAU: CIT Cert 3 Animal Companionship
Brittany EARLE: UC Justice Studies
Jasmine ELLIS: CIT Cert 3 Childcare/Traineeship
Georgina EVANS: NSW Medical Science
Zoe FRANCIS: Swinburne Film & TV
Isaac GOODWIN: Sydney Pharmacy – gap year
Kelly GRAHAM: CIT Beauty Therapy
Jasmine GREGORY: CIT Childcare
Justin HADCHILI: CIT Civil Engineering
Nathan HART: UC Landscape Design
Luke HICKS: UC
Chloe HOLTHUIS: UC Secondary Ed, PE & Health—Gap year—emp full time

Kahurangi KAPEA: CIT Event Management
Jayne KENNEDY: Course at Taronga Zoo
Courtney LEARY: UC Exercise Science/Rehabilitation

David LOW: UC Info Tech, gap 6 months
Kristy MARTENS: CIT Event Management
Elyce Mason: UC Secondary Ed, PE/English
Jack MILLER: Electrical Apprenticeship
Zachariah MORRISS: UC Exercise Science/Sports Admin
Sean O’KEEFE: UC Writing/Media
Chelsie Parker: UC Secondary Ed PE/English
Isaac PENDER: ANU Medical Science
Samantha PRIOR: UC Primary Ed
Courtney RADONOVICh: UC Psychology
Sarah SANDERSON: CIT Enrolled Nursing
Angus SHAW: UC Exercise Physiology/Rehab
Jordi SILVERA: UC Info Technology
Megan SOKIC: UC Nutrition
Courtney STRANG: UC Psychology 2nd semester
Crest Disability Studies
Ellie TOOLE: ACU Teaching
Isabelle TURNER: ANU School of Art
Jon TYRRELL: CIT Dip Business Admin
Grace WEST: CIT Media
Megan WILKINSON: ANU School of Art
Thomas WOODBRIDGE: ANU Arts History/English
On Saturday February 13 the dancers from the Erindale College Talented Dance Program performed for the first time at the Canberra Multicultural Festival. The Multicultural Festival is an annual three-day event held in the Canberra city area that showcases and celebrates food, drink, music, dance, drama – just to name a few - from cultures around the world.

The Talented Dance group performed three dances; a mixed Latin routine, a lyrical piece and an Afro/dancehall routine, all of which required the performers to learn and master specific new dance techniques in a very short space of time. The night of the performance was hot, sweaty and crowded and the dancers had to contend with a stage that was much smaller than expected, as well as a 45 minute delay in their performance time, all of which they handled like true professionals!

They performed excellently to a large crowd, including many teachers and staff from Erindale, and were an absolute credit to the college and to the program. The performance received high praise from members of the crowd as well as the festival organisers, boding well for the chance to perform on the main stage next year.

The dance teachers would like to commend the dancers on their effort, hard work, determination, positivity and boundless enthusiasm during the (very short!) preparation for this performance, as well as the teachers and staff who supported them by coming to watch. It truly was a shining example of the encouraging nature of the Erindale College community. We look forward to many more amazing performances from the Talented Dance group to come.

Pip O’Shea and Ali Fogarty

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**International Academy**

**Cambridge International Program**

The Cambridge International program has had a busy start to the year and continues to grow and gain momentum!

This term we welcome our new Year 11’s who have commenced their AS Level studies in Literature, Physics, Chemistry, Global Studies and Mathematics. We also welcome our returning students from last year, who are continuing their studies in the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE). These Year 10 and 11 students will undertake their Cambridge exams in November of this year.

Erindale College now offers Cambridge courses for the IGCSE and AS Levels, catering for students in years 9, 10 and 11. This will be extended to Year 12 in 2017.

Applications are open for year 9 and 10 for Semester 2 2016. If you have any enquiries or would like to request an application form, please do not hesitate to contact Debbie O’Brien or Amy Smith.

**International Students**

This year we welcome eight International Students to Erindale College. These students come from different regions of China and have only been in Australia (Canberra) since October 2015. Whilst at Erindale College they will live with host families, undertaking study in a range of subjects including Art, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Business, French, Chinese, as well as English language studies.

Adding to the cultural diversity of the college, these students celebrated Chinese New Year and the Year of the Monkey on Monday 8th February. The students, together with the Cambridge IGCSE students enjoyed dumplings for lunch.

**New Course: Global Studies**

Year 11 and 12 students completing a tertiary package are now able to enrol in a new ‘Global Studies’ course. In this course, students investigate contrasting attitudes and ways of thinking and learn to analyse issues of global importance from a variety of perspectives.

**Upcoming Excursion to Melbourne**

Fiona Nicholson is busy planning an excursion to Melbourne for some of our students. Students who are enrolled in Psychology classes as well as the international students will be invited to join the excursion which is set to include tours of the University of Melbourne and RMIT. The excursion is likely to take place in Week 12 (Term 2). The details are currently being finalised so keep an eye out for further information.
Congratulations to Brad Inglis who was in our baseball program for the last 2 years. He has just signed with the Boston Red Sox.

Heading Stateside: Australian baseball coach and Boston Red Sox scout Jon Deeble welcomes Canberra pitcher Brad Inglis to the Red Sox. Photo: Chris Coleman (Baseball Australia)

Canberra pitcher Brad Inglis was a promising Australian footballer before his softball-playing mum lured him along to the diamond, now the 18-year-old is preparing to join the famous Boston Red Sox organisation.

Inglis had offers from the New York Yankees and the Cincinnati Reds, but opted to sign with the Red Sox because he is mates with Jon Deeble, who doubles as the Australian baseball coach and a Boston scout.

When his visa comes through, Inglis will fly to Fort Myers in Florida next month for spring training and expects to be stationed in the Gulf Coast League (rookie class).

Absences

In accordance with the Board of Senior Secondary Studies policy, it is expected that students will attend all scheduled classes/contact time/structured learning activities for the units in which they are enrolled (please refer to BSSS policy below).

After an absence an explanation must be provided by a parent/guardian. This can be in the form of a handwritten note / email from a workplace, or response from the App. When writing a note it must contain the relevant details (student’s full name, day & date of absence including classes missed, clear explanation of reason for absence and signature). This signature is checked against our records.

A medical certificate is preferred for 3 or more consecutive days for an absence.

All notes, emails, app responses or medical certificates must be submitted within five school days after the absence.

Phone calls to the college are appreciated, however, due to legal obligations unexplained absences are only changed on our database when acceptable documentation has been received. Faxes and emails (from work email address) are acceptable.

email address: info@erindalec.act.edu.au

Fax No.: 61422933 – Student Services

You will be contacted if notes are submitted with insufficient information.

Students should discuss any concerns about their absences with their Link Teacher.

BSSS Policy

4.3.4.13 Board Assessment Policies - Special

4.3.4.13.1 Attendance

It is expected that students will attend all scheduled classes/contact time/structured learning activities for the units in which they are enrolled, unless there is due cause and adequate documentary evidence is provided. Any student whose attendance falls below 90% of the scheduled classes/contact time/structured learning activities in a unit, without having due cause with adequate documentary evidence will be deemed to have voided the unit.

However, the principal has the right to exercise discretion in special circumstances if satisfactory documentation is supplied.

4.3.4.13.2 Completion of Assessment Items

Students are required to substantially complete and submit all assessment items that contribute to the assessment for a unit unless due cause and adequate documentary evidence is provided. Exemption from an item and/or alternative assessment without penalty is available to students providing adequate documentary evidence.

Unless prior approval is granted, any student who fails to submit assessment tasks worth in total 70% or more of the assessment for the unit will be deemed to have voided the unit. However, the principal has the right to exercise discretion in the award of a grade or score in special circumstances where satisfactory documentation is supplied.

Appsence is an interactive mobile app that connects you with your school community

If you have not received a unique username and password to access Appsence please contact the college.

Classes are marked every lesson. If your child is away for a full day and you do not respond by going into the Absence tab and submitting a response for the day, you will continue to receive multiple notifications for each lesson missed on that day. Responses must have a reason and can be entered into the comments section. Reasons are checked in accordance with Department and School policy and may not be accepted. You will be notified if this is the case.

Responses are only needed if the notification is for an unexplained class. For all others, such as Partial, cancelled classes, excursions are for your information only.

Multiple devices - It is possible to log onto other devices, however, you should log off one before logging into another.

Keep an eye out for information and important news under the messages tab.

Further information can be found on our website: www.erindalec.act.edu.au
Erindale College 2016 Board & P&C

Erindale College invites you to become a member of the 2016 College Board and P&C.

All parents/carers and community members are welcome.

Please contact Craig Lyttle for more information on 61422988

Girls just want to have FUN!

Do you want to get fit?
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Are running two girls divisions in 2016
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For more information email: dford@raiders.com.au

Or Register at: http://www.playnrl.com/register/

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2016 Australian Junior Women’s Squad Announced

Congratulations to Tess Henman, on February 4 she was announced as the only ACT representative in the 30 person squad.

Training and games over the coming months will determine national selection.

Well done Tess.

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- 24 February Yrs 10/11 Information Night
- 24 February Board and P&C Meeting
- 1 March Moderation Day 1
- 14 March Canberra Day
- 21-23 March Cross Line Testing
- 25 – 28 March Easter
- 7 April Yr 12T AST Mini Trial
- 7 April Parent Teacher Evening
- 8 April last day – term break begins