

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As the autumn weather welcomes the changing colours of foliage around our college, it reminds me that the end of a busy term 1 is quickly approaching. I wish to extend my congratulations to our wonderful Year 10 and 11 students who have quickly settled into the college way of life. It is impressive to see them working hard in the classroom and producing their best efforts across all their subject areas. Complementary to this is witnessing our Year 12 students welcome their younger cohorts and highlight to them the culture of the college, through role modelling the expectations of positive behaviours.

I was privileged this term to visit Taminmin College, which is a Northern Territory school located in Humpty Doo. The purpose of the trip was to view their new STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) facility in order to capture ideas on how we can further develop our STEM program at Erindale College. Taminmin College is located on 70 hectares of land which makes the Vocational Education and Training (VET) options for students diverse and challenging. Equally impressive was the innovative avenues for delivery of their VET programs which provided valuable insights into how the ACT Education System can continue to provide quality and sustainable VET programs for our students.

Students' feeling a part of our community is key to our vision and I am delighted to hear that in Term 2, Thursday and Friday 3 – 4 May, our Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander students will be attending an overnight camp to Birrigai. The purpose behind this camp is for our students to build identity, culture, and connections with each other, aspirational leaders and support groups. We strongly encourage all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to attend.

Celebrating the success of students both in the academic, community service and sporting arena is always a pleasure. Congratulations to the following students:

- Ben McKeahnie (Physics), Sophie Jensen (Chemistry) and Alexis Bocking (Mathematics) who have been selected to study at the ANU whilst still in year 11 and 12. These courses at the ANU are targeted at high achieving students across the ACT.
- Kye A'Hern who came away with the Gold in the Junior men category and is now the Under 19 National champion in Downhill Mountain Biking.
- The Girls Erindale AFL team who won the AFLW Giants Cup - Canberra Region.
- Brett Levier and Josh Torley were congratulated on their selection in the Australian Schoolboys golf and athletics teams respectively.
- Felicia Thomas, Jessica Gregory and Kaylee Gregory for helping the #LYS (Love Your Sister) fund raising event.

Parent teacher night is quickly approaching on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> April (week 10). I encourage all parents to come and discuss their child's progress with their teachers, and to hear about the exciting learning that is taking place both in, and outside, of the classroom.

Finally, a special thanks to all staff for their ongoing commitment to improving the learning experiences of our students and I acknowledge and appreciate their support, whilst I have been acting in Michael Hall's position.

Gary Lawson

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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### ADVANCE NOTICE OF LEAVE PROCEDURES

All students are expected to complete the Advance Notice of Leave form if they know they will be absent from school from more than 2 days. These forms are available from Student Services at the e-knex counter.

The Advance Notice of Leave form notifies the teachers of the intending absence, and provides the student and parent/carer information on the content and/or assessment that will be missed.

The Advance Notice of Leave form must be signed by the Link Coordinator to ensure the integrity of student's commitment outside of the college and provide advice to the student on time management and prioritising of outstanding work.

The Advance Notice of Leave form should be completed and signed by all relevant teachers at least one week before the intended leave. If the Advance Notice of Leave form is not submitted and the student requests Special Consideration as a result of their leave, then they will be referred directly to the Deputy Principal.

### ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CAMP

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander camp is in Week 1 next term, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of May at Birrigai. The cost is \$50.

Please collect your notes from the front office. If you have any queries, please see Jeff, Gary or Mary-Anne.

### LEARNING SUPPORT PROGRAM

In week 2 Erindale College hosted an afternoon tea for the parents of the students attending the new **Learning Support Program**. As part of their studies in Food Science the students prepared and set-up a delicious selection of food and beverages for the guests to enjoy. Teachers, parents and the students were able to meet informally to discuss our progress so far, our ambitions for the future and preview the opportunities available to all students at Erindale College.

**Renee Couto** - Learning Support Program Teacher

**Vanessa Friedman** – Learning Support Program Assistant



### BRAD WILKEN



Congratulations to former teacher Brad Wilken for receiving his Certificate after completing the ACT Education Directorate Aspiring Leaders program in 2017.

# SPORTS

## AFL - BOYS



On Wednesday 14 March Erindale's AFL team played Hallam Secondary College (Melbourne) at Allinsure Oval in Queanbeyan. This was the 5th annual visit between the two schools. Later this year we plan to travel to Melbourne for a return visit. On this occasion Erindale proved too strong with a 90-39 win. Best players were Lachlan Squire, Liam Creech, Brad Hancock, James Atonio and James McCormack.

## AFL - GIRLS

Erindale wins AFLW Giants Cup - Canberra Region. The influx of 10 AFL girls to the Talented Sports Program sees the beginning of a new era for the TSP. Mark Armstrong, TSP co-coordinator, is hopeful of a bright future for AFL girls at Erindale College. The team has now qualified for the State Finals after strong wins against Lake Ginninderra, Dickson and St Francis Xavier College's.

Well done girls!!!



## KYE A'HERN



Congratulations to Kye A'Hern who came away with the Gold in the Junior men category and is now the Under 19 National champion in Downhill Mountain Biking.

"The weekend conditions saw lots of riders go down with crashes and injury, but Kye rode smart and consistent. His race time of 3.55, also would have given him a 4th in the Elite men category, with only a hand full actually coming under the 4 minutes. This result ( a win in the under 19's as well as top 10 result in Elite men) now secures his spot in the World champs team later this year in Switzerland."

## VIKINGS GROUP SPORTS AWARDS



The annual Vikings Group Sports Awards for 2017 were held in February. These awards recognise the talents and efforts of athletes, coaches and administrators from the 51 Affiliated Vikings clubs.

A number of Erindale college students, both past and present, were nominated for these awards. As well, past student and Olympian Caroline Buchanan was the guest speaker.

Congratulations to the following students for recognition of their achievements:

Outstanding Junior Achievement: Felicia Thomas (BMX), Harper Paniora (Netball), Keesha Kapea (Touch Football).

Outstanding Senior Achievement: Josh White (Softball), Grace West (Rowing), Shane Devoy (Cricket).

Affiliated Club Scholarship: Caitlin Keen (Netball).

## SCHOOL SPORTS ACT

On Wednesday 7 March School Sport ACT held their Excellence Awards for 2017.

This ceremony celebrates success of individuals, teams, volunteers and Australian selection at the School Sport level.

Both Brett Levier (Pictured) and Josh Torley were congratulated on their selection in the Australian Schoolboys golf and athletics teams respectively.

A huge congratulations also to Brett Levier who was nominated for the Achievement Award in the 13 years and over boys category. Brett was shortlisted to the final four students.

Well done Brett and Josh.



## UPCOMING DATES- TERM 1



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April –

Parent / Teacher Evening 4-7pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April –

Last day of Term 1

# COMMUNITY

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## HAVE YOUR SAY REGARDING CHANGES TO L AND P PLATE DRIVERS

The ACT Government is introducing a range of changes to improve the safety of young drivers and reduce the road toll. There are a variety of ways to have your say and share your views from **3 April to 28 May 2018**:

Too many new drivers are being killed and injured on our roads. We recognise some changes may affect prospective drivers and their families, particularly parents. These are necessary to reduce deaths and injuries for young drivers, their passengers and other road users.

### ***Supervised Driving Hours***

Learner driver must hold their licence for at least a year and complete a minimum 100 hours including 10 hours at night time.

### ***P1 and P2 stages***

Introduce a new P plate to target restrictions so new drivers gain more experience. No change to license length, it will remain at 3 years.

### ***Night Time Driving***

No driving between midnight and 5am for P1 drivers. The rules will not apply to P2 drivers.

### ***Passenger Restrictions***

P1 drivers can only have one passenger aged between 16 and 24 in the car. Exemptions may apply.

### ***Demerit Points***

A maximum of 4 points for 3 years. Severe penalties to deter high risk driving.

### ***Mobile Phones***

No mobile phones, including hands-free, for L, P1 and P2 drivers

### ***Hazard Perception Test***

Learner drivers must complete a computer- based test to recognise dangerous situations and react safely before their P's

**If parents or students would like a say regarding these changes, fill out the survey:**

**<https://www.yoursay.act.gov.au/your-plates-review>**

## THANK YOU TO ERINDALE COLLEGE GIRLS FROM RUTLEDGE AUDIO VISUAL & LOVE YOUR SISTER



Thank you to Felicia Thomas, Jessica Gregory and Kaylee Gregory for helping the #LYS (Love Your Sister) fund raising event over the weekend. the girls gave up their Easter Sunday to help out at the Fyshwick Bunnings store for almost the whole day.

Both Craig Glover GM of Rutledge AV and Sam Johnson (TV week Logie winner) and Connie's brother send a big thank you to the girls and are very proud that they were part of the LYS team.

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