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HOW DO I FIND OUT WHAT IS GOING ON AROUND THE SCHOOL?

- A regular student newsletter (newslink) has current up to date information regarding 'what's happening' in college. This is available Mondays during link.
- The student newsletter will be uploaded to Google Groups each week, which will be emailed to all students. All ACT Education Department students have access to a specific email in the following format; *studentID@schoolsnet.act.edu.au*, eg *12345@schoolsnet.act.edu.au*.
You can access this email through Gmail, <https://backpack.ed.act.edu.au> which you can also access through the digital Backpack.
- The newsletter will also be posted on the Erindale College website.
- Everything in the newsletter is posted on the **Erindale College, Canberra Facebook** account, it is recommended that you like this page so that you don't miss out on what is happening around the school. If there is any urgent news it will be posted on the Facebook page. Check out the EVENTS PAGE to find out what is on when. All times and dates are regularly updated.
- **Twitter** posts everything that is posted on Facebook.
- The **electronic monitors** around the school have all the upcoming events and any urgent news, please check the monitors regularly.

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.



If you are absent from class for one lesson, a day or longer, you will need to bring in a detailed Note or email from Your Parent with your full name, dates, lines and reasons explaining the absence. A medical certificate is preferred for 3 or more consecutive days for an absence.

Notes/Certificates must be submitted within five school days after Any Absence.

Advance Notice Form is available from student services if your family is planning a holiday or you have a sporting commitment and must be completed prior to your absence.

If your parent rings the school, it is appreciated; however, they will be informed that written documentation is required on return to school.

ACTIVE LEISURE CENTRE: ERINDALE STUDENT USAGE



This policy outlines the rules and responsibilities of Erindale College whilst using this facility.

Throughout the school term the Erindale College Talented Sports Program (TSP) ,Erindale Sports Academy (ESA) and Talented Dance Program(TDP) can utilise the Group Training Facility.

- TSP, ESA and TDP get free access whilst carrying a current student card to the upstairs gym and pool facilities (no more than six at a time). All other students, with card, can pay the Erindale Student price. Students must be 16 years of age to be granted access. NO CARD – NO DISCOUNT. If no card is provided then the student is to be considered and processed as an everyday client subject to everyday policy.
- Lockers are ONLY to be used when you are using the GYM. They are NOT to be used for all day use.
- If you are after a membership you will need to make an appointment and have one of your parents with you.
- Please no loitering, as the ALC is a business and other clients need to be considered.
- If you are going to the GYM for class, please wait for your teacher upstairs.
- A towel must be used for the GYM at all times.
- Students are NOT permitted in the sports hall, squash courts and tennis courts without a teacher present.
- Please NO foul language, as other clients must be considered.
- Students are to follow all ALC gym and pool rules and the directions of ALC staff.

COLLEGE DRESS CODE/STANDARDS

Erindale College's dress code policy aligns with other ACT government colleges. It takes into account the diverse nature of the student population and the economic, personal, social and cultural factors affecting students and their families.

Students are required to adhere to standards of cleanliness and dress. These standards are;

- Those generally accepted as appropriate in a school setting.
- Students who are unsure if an item of clothing is acceptable should discuss it with their Link teacher or the Executive.



FOOTWEAR

- a) To ensure the safety of students, strapless shoes are not to be worn on college premises.
- b) Students undertaking specialised activities must wear enclosed footwear (e.g. working with machinery, food preparation etc.).

Please note that students may be unable to participate in specialised activities if they wear open footwear.

RURAL AND REGIONAL SCHOOL TRAVEL

Applications for free school travel in rural and regional NSW will need to be completed online instead of using paper forms.

A new application is only required if the student has never been approved for free school travel before.



- However, you need to update student details online if the student:
- Is changing schools or campuses
- Is changing address

How to apply for free travel for the first time

Step 1

Once you have confirmed your 2019 school enrolment, complete the online application form at transportnsw.info/school-students, nominating your home address and which Bus Company or transport operator the student needs to travel between home and school.

Step 2

The school will get a digital copy to endorse and send through.

Step 3

You will receive an email confirming the outcome of your application. If the application is approved, Transport for NSW will inform your local bus or transport operator who may send a school travel pass (where applicable) to the student's school, or in some cases will contact you directly about travel arrangements.

A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over must apply for themselves.

For more information call 131 500 or visit transportnsw.info/school-students.

THINK BEFORE YOU PARK!

- keep clear of 'no stopping' and 'no parking' zones
- don't park in bus zones on school crossings, across footpaths or driveways; and
- don't double (or triple) park!

Think – visibility around schools and if your car may be blocking the view of crossings for other motorists. Also be mindful when entering or leaving parking spots – look twice!

Note - licence Plate Recognition (or electronic chalking) vans are now actively monitoring schools. Penalties range from \$114 upwards to \$600. Details at www.act.gov.au/accessCBR



TSP CAMP



As the coordinator of the TSP program at Erindale College, I have arranged for our Sports Academy students to participate in a three day Orientation and Team Building program at Stanwell Park, near Wollongong. This program will be conducted by 'The Tops Conference Centre' staff who specialises in providing school groups the opportunity of individual challenge through a variety of adventure activities.

The primary aim of this initiative is to introduce our students to leadership, team building and adventure through a variety of activities requiring lateral thinking, problem solving and physical fitness. It is also an opportunity for students to get to know each other in comfortable surrounds as it offers an amazing location, comfortable accommodation, exciting adventure, recreational activities and great food.

It is our firm belief all students attending the trip will get great benefit from participating in the program which will stand them in great stead for the rest of the school year.

The cost of the excursion is \$350 which includes:

- *Accommodation
- *Bus hire and transport
- *All meals
- *Instruction and gear for all activities

The date of the camp is 20-22 February, full payment is due **by Friday 9 February**.

If you would like any further information about the proposed venue or activities program, you can go to the website www.thetops.com.au or contact me at school on 61422978. We hope you support this very worthwhile opportunity.

Yours Sincerely

Mark Armstrong
Executive Teacher-Talented Sports program

SAVER PLUS

Welcome back to the 2019 school year. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday with family and friends.

Saver Plus is a free financial education program delivered by The Smith Family that can help families on lower incomes pay for school costs such as book packs, uniforms, laptops and excursions, by matching their savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500.

To find out more about Saver Plus visit <https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/programs/financial/saver-plus> or contact the ACT Saver Plus Coordinator, Kathleen Watson, on 0448 730 305 or kathleen.watson@thesmithfamily.com.au.

**Stressed about back to school costs?
Make next year different.**



Saver Plus will match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500.

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

- 📖 laptops & tablets
- 🏕️ camps & excursions
- 👕 uniforms & shoes
- 🎒 lessons & activities
- 🏆 sports fees & gear
- 📚 books & supplies

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