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**Erindale College P&C AGM**  
**24 June @ 4pm**



## Message from the Principal

Semester 2 concludes with results for students published over these last two weeks of term. Reports will be posted home during the school holiday period and students and parents are welcome to make contact with the College Link teacher as a first step if the report highlights specific issues. Parent – teacher interviews are scheduled at the end of terms 1 & 3 as these are conversations about the student’s progress mid-way through the semester unit of work. Students will also be gathering feedback on their first or maybe third; and perhaps even their final semester for some Year 12 students. I want to congratulate all students who have committed themselves to their studies and who will achieve very satisfying results. If you think you can do better, then next semester is the time to do so.

In week 1 of next term, a panel of Principals and Deputy Principals will visit to conduct an External Validation of our achievements from our concluding Strategic Plan. From this process, the panel will provide a written report that highlights our successes and makes some recommendations that will help us as we write our next four-year plan. The challenges we face as the Erindale College community will be both intense and exciting as we respond in our planning to the report of the external validators. In

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## JORDAN SMITH Wins Australian Student Prize

Congratulations to Erindale College DUX 2014 **Jordan Smith** who attained an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) of 99.85 and this achievement placed him among the TOP TEN students (not top 10% but top 10 people) in the ACT; again from both public and private colleges.

The Australian Student Prize is awarded to all students in the TOP TEN in each state and territory. Jordan receives a \$1000 prize and a certificate.

Jordan is now attending ANU studying Engineering Honours.



this planning phase, I invite you to participate in forums where you can share your perspective about what we should provide in our college and the wider Complex. Some of these forums will be meetings here at the college; others will offer you online opportunities to have your say. I hope you will join with the staff and students currently here to shape the next few years of our college.

As we have prepared our self-evaluation report over recent months, we have been reflecting on the student population we now have and how the profile of the student groups has been changing to be – not better nor worse – just different. This shouldn't be surprising as the demographic of our immediate community changes from the once young families of the 1980s to the more mature 'empty nesters' that have made the Erindale suburbs their long-term home.

Here are some interesting numbers for you to consider:

- The total number of Year 10 students at the two local high schools has dropped from 170 in 2011 to 124 in 2014.
- The number of high schools from which our students graduate at Year 10 before enrolling at Erindale College has been around 40 over the last four years.
- The residences of our students cover over 30 suburbs, towns, and cities from our region, interstate and even overseas.

Interestingly, some major developments have also been characteristic of the last four-year period.

- The Talented Sports Program (TSP), which has become a major part of our college. The enrolment of our TSP, bolstered by about 35 Year 10 students, has grown from 170 in 2011 to 241 in 2014.
- Speaking of the Year 10 program, it has grown from the initial group of 24, all of whom graduated in 2014, to 35 students in 2014. Not only have we had students enrol in Year 10 for TSP, an increasing number have entered the SUMMIT program, which is a specialist program in Mathematics and Science for talented students.
- The 'Big Picture' inspired Academy (BPA) has been re-shaped over the last two years to now offer Year 11 and Year 12 students a full-time opportunity to engage with a personalised learning approach. Students using this approach

can now be heard regularly on Valley FM Radio as they seek to learn in a real-life environment.

- The Mindyigari Centre continues to support Indigenous students to succeed in senior secondary education and to graduate with clear pathways to university, further training or employment.
- The Tuggeranong Sustainable Living Trades Training Centre (TSLTTC) now offers students access to Certificate III pathways in Building Construction, Automotive, Hospitality and Horticulture from the late high school years to graduation in Year 12.
- Excitingly, this year Erindale College joined the Cambridge International Education family of schools. Every year, nearly a million Cambridge learners from 10,000 schools in 160 countries prepare for their future with an international education from Cambridge. Erindale College is the tenth Cambridge International Education School in Australia and the very first Cambridge International Education Government School in the country to join Cambridge.

So this semester marks the end of schooling for some of our Year 12 as they graduate and move to work or further training. For some others, they continue their journey looking to make their way in the world shortly. And some enter the global education environment that is Cambridge International Education; an environment where they will pit their intellectual talents against those 10,000 other students from around the world.

I wish every student great success no matter what the status of their progress through Erindale College. I especially offer our best wishes to those who leave us; well, until graduation on December 16<sup>th</sup>; and I implore all our students to have a well-earned, restful and safe holiday period.

Finally, I will be away next term – except for the first three days for Validation – to attend an international meeting of principals; a conference in Finland; and for some rest and relaxation. Andy Wardrop will be acting Principal and Debbie O'Brien acting Deputy Principal with Amy Smith taking up the role of Executive Teacher replacing Debbie.

I look forward to catching up upon my return.

Regards

Michael

## Arts Showcase

The Erindale Innovation and the Arts Showcase was held at the Erindale Theatre on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of June.

The event showcased the talent and hard work of more than fifty students in dance, music, drama, media, visual art and photography.

The event was an outstanding success and a credit to the college.



Congratulations to all students who participated!

## ANU Maths Day

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On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015, five Erindale College Year 12 Specialist Mathematics students represented the school at ANU Maths Day. The students were Michael Birkett, Jon Connor, Georgina Evans, Isaac Goodwin and Isaac Pender.

The students participated in a full day of mathematical activities against teams from schools in Canberra as well as teams that had travelled from Sydney, Southern Highlands, Bathurst and Young. The activities included a Group Contest, Swiss Contest, Cross Contest and a Relay. Erindale Students performed particularly well in the Swiss Contest winning rounds against teams from prominent private and public schools.



## General Maths Classes

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This semester General Maths classes have participated in a number of challenging activities to develop their problem-solving and team-work skills. These have included:

- A scenario where students hypothetically win lotto and then have to buy their dream home and dream car while also investing some of their winnings so they have an annual income.

- A probability session where students learned about roulette and two-up to learn about odds and the pitfalls of gambling.
- A measuring challenge where students used a speed gun to measure the speed of a ball.
- A puzzle challenge where students worked in pairs to solve a Sudoku.
- “Minute-to-win-it” challenges where students compete in teams to win challenges.

The picture shows students participating in one of the “minute-to-win-it” activities where cups are stacked with paper between them. Students must remove one sheet of paper at a time so that the cups collapse onto each other.

Ruth Edge  
*Academy Leader*  
*Mathematics, Science and IT Academy*

## Salvation Army Red Shield Door Knock Appeal

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On Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 12 of the Erindale Rugby TSP class volunteered their time for the Salvation Army Red Shield Door Knock Appeal.

In just over 2 hours the group raised \$520. A fantastic effort and a very big thankyou to Elijah Chadwick, Izaak Cornelius, Sione Fualalo, Riley Hughes, Isaiah Latu, Sean O’Keefe, David Stewart, Francis Tai, Mosese Taulanga, Isaiah Tikitau, Pat Dowd.

Daniel Hawke  
*Physical Education Teacher*  
*Rugby Coordinator*



## Australian School Based Apprentice Mentoring Program

All Erindale College Australian School Based Apprentice (ASBA) students have the opportunity to be part of the *Mentoring Australia's Apprentices Project*, an initiative of VET network Australia. This program matches a school based apprentice with a mentor for a minimum of 20 weeks to provide support and to give the Australian School Based Apprentice every chance to be their best. The student meets with the mentor on a regular basis. Every effort is made to match students to appropriate mentors looking at the trade and other interests that they have in common.

Any ASBA students interested in having a mentor are to see Lyndall in e-knex for more details.

# Expert Panel

## Students with Complex Needs and Challenging Behaviour

Professor Anthony Shaddock | Dr Sue Packer | Mr Alasdair Roy



**Does your child need support to manage their behaviour so that they can learn at school?**

The Expert Panel has been appointed by the Minister to review policy and practice for supporting and teaching students with complex needs and challenging behaviours in ACT public, independent and Catholic schools.

### Public consultation

Students with Complex Needs and Challenging Behaviours  
A review of policy and practice in ACT schools

**We want to hear from you**

The Expert Panel would like to hear from families and students about your experiences at ACT schools.

We are also interested in your suggestions for improving policy and practice in ACT schools for children with complex needs and challenging behaviours.

### How to contact us

Written comments can be provided to the Expert Panel  
by email: [expert.panel@act.gov.au](mailto:expert.panel@act.gov.au)  
by mail: Expert Panel  
GPO Box 730  
Canberra ACT 2601

Submissions will be kept confidential but may be quoted without names or identifying information in the Panel's Final Report.

If you would like to speak with the Expert Panel please call us on 0457 631 184.

Submissions are due by 31 July 2015.

## Erindale & Hawker College Psychology and Sociology students travel to Sydney for the 'Street Retreat'

On the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of May, Erindale College Psychology and Sociology students were joined by Hawker College psychology students in an excursion to remember. The large contingent travelled to Sydney for what is hoped to be an annual trip wherein students study the rehabilitation services to fight addiction, substance abuse, mental illness and homelessness, available in a large city like Sydney.

Students had a busy schedule of visits to Odyssey House in Campbelltown, William Booth House (Salvation Army), Missionbeat (Mission Australia) in Surry Hills, and the Wayside Chapel in Kings Cross.

The group also visited the Sydney Jewish Museum and the Jewish community group called B'nai B'rith, which runs the 'Courage to Care' program for school students. They heard the personal stories of three child Holocaust survivors. Along with the personal stories of those in 'rehab', students were able to see people with remarkable resilience, and the positives of reflection, self-awareness, talking with people about your difficulties and knowing your family history.



*Erindale and Hawker College students on the 'Street Retreat' excursion*



*A year 12 Erindale College student proudly wears the excursion t-shirt. In a first, permission was granted by all the community organisations to include their logos together on a tee as a memento for the students.*

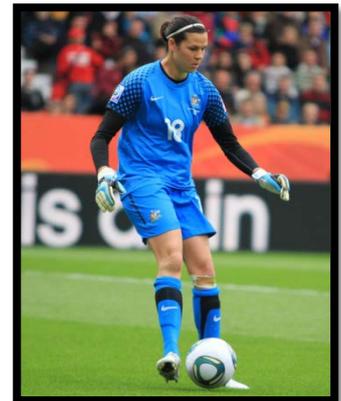
## SPORTS REPORT

### Former Erindale Student in Women's World Cup 2015

Congratulations to former Erindale College student Lydia Williams for overcoming a second ACL injury to make the world cup squad.

Lydia had to watch the Matilda's first match against the US from the sidelines after straining a thigh muscle in training.

Tuesday morning she kicked off her competition campaign against Nigeria keeping a clean sheet and helping the Matilda's secure a 2-0 win.



**UPDATE:** Lydia played in the world cup game against Sweden which they drew 1-1; enough to move to the round of 16.

*The Matildas are now through to the final 8 having beaten Brazil 1-0 in a sudden death match.*

## ACT Intercollege Netball Competition

Congratulations to both of the Erindale teams that competed in the ACT intercollege competition.

On Thursday 11 June both teams qualified for the Semi-finals.

The Erindale Black team went down to Dickson College 24 – 11 and the Erindale Red team progressed to the Grand Final by beating Melba-Copland 42 – 8.

Erindale Red went on to win the Grand Final against Dickson College 41 – 18.

Well done to all involved and a huge thanks to Rachele Cridland for helping me juggle the two teams! And also to Laura Duffy who was injured on the finals day and came out and helped with scoring and support!!

### Erindale Red

Lanit Wuvaii,  
Selena Leao,  
Felicity King,  
Nikayla  
Ingram, Jordie  
Bardsley, Tori  
Elphick, Meg  
Sokic, Nalani  
Makunde,  
Christina  
Saulo.



### Erindale Black

Sheona Pollard,  
Bridie Macdonald,  
Grace Upton,  
Chance Kaihe, Taya  
Pearson, Laura  
Duffy, Georgia  
James-Dixon,  
Amber Carige, Ruby  
Alexander.



Natalie Keen  
*Netball Coach*

## Rugby League

After a 12 hour round bus trip to Newcastle on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June, our Rugby League team received a great result winning 36-12 in round one of the 2015 NRL GIO Cup competition.

Nick Cotric was named GIO most trusted player with a very solid performance at fullback, closely followed by Ron Leapai on the wing he scored 3 tries and kicked 2 goals. Other strong performers on the day were Elijah Simpson, Elijah Toetoe, Jaiden de Rooy (AKA Gal) and Co-Captains Jesse Martin and Harry Leddy.

The first half was scrappy with a number of drop balls causing numerous repeat sets on our line. To the boys credit they played tough mentally and took some confidence to half time with a 6 point lead.

Round Two of the NRL GIO Cup will be played later in the term against 2014 Cup holders Endeavour High. There will be some tough decisions to be made in regards to selection with the possible return of ACT schoolboy start Luke Hicks while Jye Lyons is set to return to the starting side. Raiders SG Ball halfback Lachlan Cooper could also make a possible return after a month on the sideline to rest a shoulder injury.

Thank you to Dan Hawke for driving the bus, Andy Fortier (former Erindale student) and Alistair Peat (Tyler Peat's father) for taking care of all first aid duties prior, during and post-game.

Matt Adams  
*Coach & Coordinator – Rugby League*

## College Football Gala

The Football squad was out at the College Football gala on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June. All the boys played well with no help from dubious refereeing in some games however we topped our pool on goal difference and moved into the finals. 2-0 v Dickson, 1-1 v Burgmann College, 1-1 v Gungahlin College and 10-0 v Melba Copland.

We had a tough match against Narrabundah, making things harder than they should have been. 1-1 at full time and winning on penalties 4-2 with some great saves from Jason Matesa.

In the final we came up against Lake Ginninderra in a repeat of last year's final. 0-0 at full time thanks to the Lake Ginninderra goal keeper saving a top corner header from Ben Townsley in the last minutes of the game, penalties again. In a repeat of last year we unfortunately went down 5-6.

Great day and all the boys played well.

Tim Davies  
*Football Coordinator*

## Stephen Larkham Shield

On Wednesday 10 June the annual Stephen Larkham Shield was held at Phillip District oval. This competition is participated in by all the public schools in Canberra plus this year Wagga and St Mary Mackillop attended.



The boys played really well throughout the round robin displaying excellent team work and discipline to keep to the structure they have been doing at training. Undefeated throughout the round stage Erindale ended up playing against Canberra College in the final eventually being crowned champions of the ACT winning 36-5. Player of the day was awarded to the squad captain Sione Fualalo. This win qualified Erindale into the Waratah Cup, a NSW state wide competition, played on Tuesday 16 June.

This was the second round of the Waratah Cup Rugby tournament held at University of Canberra. In treacherous conditions the boys played very physical and dominated the opposition to stay undefeated and progress to the semi-finals held in Sydney next term.



Daniel Hawke  
*Physical Education Teacher - Rugby Coordinator*

## Girls Rugby League 9s competition

On Wednesday 27 May, 15 students represented Erindale College at the Girls Rugby League 9s competition in Belconnen.

We played four round games – winning these 10-6, 12-10, 14-6, and 18-0. Tries were scored by Kahu Kapea, Karen Lyons, Dorothy Pikula-Carroll, Livinia Samoa, Selena Leao, Keesha Kapea, Felicity King, Lofi Sauliluma, and Elana Sliwinski.



We came away eventually as winners, beating Melba College in the final 22-12 with standout performances from Tayla Crocker and Elana Sliwinski.

If you see any of the girls, please congratulate them on their efforts! They were a pleasure to coach and fantastic ambassadors for the school.



Kate Deakin  
*Coach - Erindale Sports Academy*

## Erindale Basketball College Cup

Erindale Basketball Teams played in the College Cup over the last couple of weeks. Both teams had a great day and did Erindale College proud!

Erindale College Women made the semi-final but were consequently knocked out by UC Lake Ginninderra College.



Erindale College Men made the Grand Final and lost to UC Lake Ginninderra College.



The results from both days are as follows:

### Kate Tominac Cup (women):

RD1 Erindale v Daramalan 21-46  
RD2 Erindale v UC Lake Ginninderra 32-64  
RD3 Erindale v St Clare's 55-18  
RD4 Erindale v SFX 84-29  
SF (4th) Erindale v UC Lake Ginninderra 34-52

The Team:

Jess Wighton, Jane Spooner, Issy Turner, Bridie Macdonald, Hannah Jacoby, Nalani Makunde, Isobel Marris, Emma Marris, Lakeisha McLean, Grace Combe, Tegan Gaughran squad members: Chelsi Parker, Monique White



### John Stelzer Cup (men):

RD1 Erindale v Daramalan 70-40  
RD2 Erindale v UC Lake Ginninderra 52-72  
RD3 Erindale v SFX 95-36  
GF Erindale v UC Lake Ginninderra 81-102

The Team:

Jarrold Hampton, Shane Skinner, James Hasler, Zac Murdoch, Juan Ramos, Tyron Smith, Nathan Vince, Kamil Quimio, Tom Perez, Bradley Nixon, Aaron Lankester



Referee: Liam Krogh-Neumann

Squad members: Jack Bradshaw, Michael Beer, Justin Hadchiti, Jacob Brims

# Erindale College

## P&C AGM

**24 June**

**@ 4pm**

We invite all members of the college and community to **join us** in the College Conference Room @ 4pm

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Erindale College is now offering Cambridge International Education qualifications:

- International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) for students in Years 9, 10 or 11
- Cambridge Advanced (AS and A levels) for students in Years 11 and 12 respectively.

### International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)

Erindale College will be offering the Cambridge IGCSE to students in Year 9 beginning semester 2, 2015. Students will be studying the Cambridge subjects of English, Mathematics, Science (as a double subject), French and Global Perspectives. Students will also study all other subjects to ensure that they meet the requirements of the Australian Curriculum and those of the ACT Year 10 Certificate.



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### Cambridge Advanced

There was a lot of interest shown in the Cambridge Advanced Program on Open Night. Currently we are undertaking a feasibility study to see if we can offer this opportunity to students. We would offer English Literature/Language; Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry; Biology; all as Cambridge subjects. If you are interested in studying the Cambridge Advanced program in year 11 commencing in 2016, please contact the college to register your interest.

## WHOOPING COUGH

The college has been notified that a staff member has a family member who has been diagnosed with Whooping Cough. Please read the information below and be aware that whooping cough is currently in our community.



Dear Principal

### Whooping cough (Pertussis)

There has been an increase in the number of cases of pertussis (whooping cough) reported this year, including in school aged children. Pertussis tends to be cyclical with an increase in cases every few years. The last increase in the ACT was in 2010 and 2011.

Pertussis is a highly infectious respiratory disease. It is often a mild illness in fully immunised children and adults but can be very severe, even fatal, in young children. Young children will often contract pertussis from parents or older siblings.

Pertussis is a vaccine-preventable disease and immunisation is provided as part of the standard childhood schedule at two, four and six months of age, at three and a half to four years of age, and again in year seven of school. Immunity to pertussis can wane, therefore children in late primary school may be susceptible despite being fully immunised. Prompt diagnosis and appropriate treatment of pertussis can reduce its spread.

School communities can help reduce pertussis transmission through informing staff and parents that pertussis is currently circulating and:

- recommending that children and teachers with a cough should be assessed by their general practitioner
- ensuring that children or staff confirmed to have pertussis are excluded until they are no longer infectious (five days of appropriate antibiotic treatment has been given, or 21 days after the onset of cough, whichever is sooner)

A pertussis fact sheet is attached, which can also be accessed at <http://www.health.act.gov.au/research-publications/fact-sheets>. The Health Protection Service can also be contacted during business hours on 6205 2155 if there are any enquiries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'PKelly'.

Dr Paul Kelly  
Chief Health Officer

25 April 2015



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**Important dates to remember:**

- ⊙ 24 June P&C AGM and Board Meeting @ 4pm
- ⊙ 3 July last day of term 2
- ⊙ 20 July day 1 term 3
- ⊙ 29 July Year 10 2016 (current Year 9) Information Night
- ⊙ **12 August Year 11 2016 Unit Selections (1) 4-6pm**
- ⊙ 13 August Moderation Day 2
- ⊙ 19 August Board & P&C Meeting
- ⊙ **20 August Year 11 2016 Unit Selections (2) 1-5pm**
- ⊙ **27 August Year 11 2016 Unit Selections (3) 1-5pm**
- ⊙ 1 & 2 September First AST Sitting
- ⊙ 24 September Parent/Teacher Interviews 5-7pm
- ⊙ 25 September last day term 3
- ⊙ 12 October day 1 term 4



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