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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome to an exciting year ahead of us for 2019.

I am delighted to be joining the passionate and dedicated staff at Erindale College as Principal in 2019. It is an incredible privilege that I get to do something that I love every day – seeing the power of the passport we provide to better the lifelong outcomes of our students never gets old for me. Teaching is, after all, the profession on which all other professions depend and at Erindale, students can choose from a range of exciting pathways to set them up for enduring success.

This year we farewell Michael Hall who has been leading Erindale College for the past twelve years. We offer our sincere congratulations and gratitude to Michael for the enduring legacy that he has left and wish him all the very best as he transitions to this next phase of his life.

We also returned to the news that Gary Lawson, our Deputy Principal has been successful in gaining a principal position for 2019 and he is being replaced by Debbie O'Brien as he shares his many talents at Wanniasa School this year.

The beginning of the year is always a wonderful time to reset, and to reflect on the successes that we achieved last year.

We have returned to some great news about the growing success in our Cambridge Programs, with the results from the November 2018 examination series for both International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and the 'A' Level examinations being released.

Continuing on from our success in 2017, we have had a number of students achieve a B, A or A* award, demonstrating the depth of academic talent at the college.

Congratulations to our top performing students in the IGCSE exams, with two students receiving an A* award which places them in the top few per cent of candidates from around the world.



- Charlotte Mason A* in Literature, A in Global Perspectives
- Alison Monahan A* in Literature, B in Global Perspectives, B in Coordinated Science
- Leah Geale A in Literature, B in Global Perspectives, B in Coordinated Science
- Hayden Alcock A in Literature, B in Global Perspectives
- Erin Mayfield A in Coordinated Science, B in Global Perspectives
- Claudia McGregor B in Literature
- Tobin Carlton Van Buizen B in Mathematics

Congratulations also to our AS level student, Eve Gaunt who received an A in Literature, an outstanding achievement!

We would like to extend our congratulations also to those other students who sat the IGCSE exams and who recorded C grades as these are also worthy of celebration.

The number of students currently undertaking the Cambridge program at the College continues to grow and we look forward to building on 2018's outstanding results.

There have been some other exciting developments at Erindale as we welcome an additional Learning Support Unit (LSU) to meet the needs of students with disability and I have been really impressed with the work that has been happening in that space so far.

I would like to take the opportunity to extend my warm welcome to all our students and staff, both new and returning to our wonderful college. Erindale is a very special place and I look forward to getting to know everyone this year. Students' families are an important part of our partnerships and we welcome your feedback and communication. If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's education, please contact the office on 02 6142 2977.

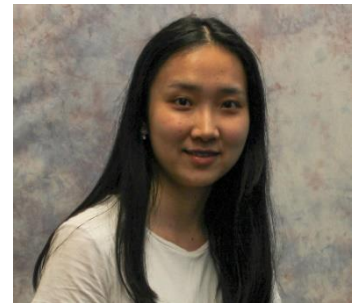
Jessie Atkins

Principal

GRADUATION 2018

DUX OF THE COLLEGE – BINBIN MA

Binbin was recognized at the Board of Senior Secondary Studies Recognition of Excellence Ceremony at the Playhouse Canberra Theatre Centre. Binbin achieved the outstanding ATAR of **99.75** placing her in the top 15 students in the ACT and this will allow her entrance to any of the Australian Universities, and indeed, many around the world.



She is a dedicated student who has completed a very demanding academic program at Erindale College. She graduates with a double major in Specialist Mathematics as well as majors in Physics, Chemistry and ESL. Additionally, Binbin also sat the A Level Cambridge International Examination in Mathematics. Binbin is a very curious learner who always seeks to gain a deeper understanding.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION PRIZES

THE MEMBER FOR CANBERRA AWARD - Gai Brodtmann School Legends Program - Amy JONES

Senator Seselja Award Academic Excellence Award- Benjamin MCKEAHNIE

Senator Seselja Award Community Service Award - Alexandra BARNES

Senator Seselja Award for Excellence in Teaching- Donna SYMTHE

The English and Languages Prize - Balthazar LAI

The Technology Prize - Shayne LARKE

The Arts Prize - Liam ELLIS

The Canberra Mathematical Association Medal for 'Excellence in Mathematics'- Binbin MA

The Science & Information Technology Prize- Benjamin MCKEAHNIE

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Award for Outstanding Commitment to Learning- Lauren FREEMAN

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Award for Contribution to the Broader Community -Liam ELLIS

Rolfe Mazda Award for Academic Excellence Across a Broad Range of Subjects- Benjamin MCKEAHNIE

Tuggeranong Community Council Community Service Award- Amritha TULJARAM

ADFA Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award - Nathan FOLEY

Erindale College Caltex All Rounder - Holly HANCOX

BSSS Recognition of Excellence

Community Service Award – Clarissa GOINA

Vocational Studies Award – Veronyka ZANATTA

Performing/Visual Arts Award – Liam ELLIS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Award – Chloe IVES

Erindale College Sport Star of the Year

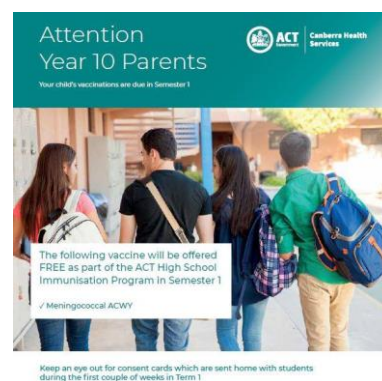
Female - Laura Hughes

Male - Kye A'Hern

NEWS

YEAR 10 VACCINATIONS

In 2018 the ACT school Immunisation Program will be including the new Meningococcal ACWY vaccine for all **Year 10 students**. This vaccine will be administered at Erindale College on **Monday 29 April 2019**. The first day back in Term .



HONEYWELL ENGINEERING SUMMER SCHOOL 2018 – ALEXIS BOCKING



In December 2018 I was lucky enough to have been given the opportunity to attend the 20th Honeywell Engineering Summer School (HESS). Only 100 Year 11 students across NSW and ACT are accepted into HESS, which is a residential program held over 5 days, staying at the University of Sydney. I received support from Erindale College and the Hall Rotary Club to allow me to attend this program.

HESS had a jam-packed program of different aspects of engineering each day. We visited 5 different engineering industries and 5 different universities, each renowned for their engineering programs. This program gave me the opportunity to meet professional engineers employed by government, defence, private companies, researchers and academics. It was interesting to learn what the options are in a wide range of engineering disciplines.

While visiting universities I was able to chat with lecturers, students and head of departments about each University and the courses they offer. It was excellent to ask specific questions and actually see the facilities. This program was invaluable to my selection in university and career. I'm grateful that Hall Rotary Club and Erindale College (particularly James Hall) supported me to have this opportunity.

Prior to the summer school I had not considered engineering as a career path, but this program completely changed my mindset.

In Year 11, Do you have a passion for maths and science? Wondering about your career? Apply for the 2019 HESS!

LAURA HUGHES – W LEAGUE



Congratulations Laura Hughes on achieving the RISING STAR award for Canberra United.

Laura was a regular for Canberra United this season, starting in 5 games and coming off the bench in most of the others.

Former student Lauren Keir made her W league Debut this season. Coming off the bench in a few matches.

WHAT A WAY TO LEAD INTO A NEW YEAR



After an outstanding 2018, the EC Male Sport star of the Year, Kye A'Hern wrapped it all up heading into 2019 by winning the coveted title of the King of the Thredbo CANNONBALL MTB Festival in December.

To make it a real family affair Kye's sister Sian, a former EC Female Sport Star of the Year, was crowned the Queen of the Thredbo CANNONBALL MTB Festival!

Congratulations to the A'Hern family from all of Erindale College, we proudly look forward to your continued success in 2019.

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.

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

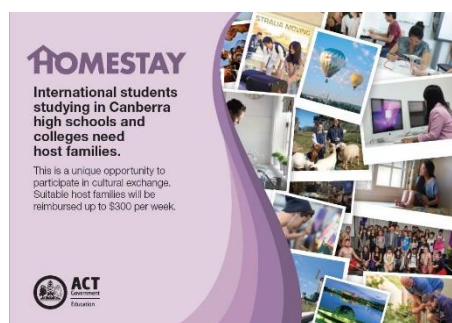
You will receive an email confirming the outcome of your application. If the application is approved, Transport for NSW will inform your local bus or transport operator who may send a school travel pass (where applicable) to the student's school, or in some cases will contact you directly about travel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

COMMUNITY

HOMESTAY



International students studying in Canberra High Schools and Colleges need host families. If you are interested please contact Homestay on 1300 024 628 or you can Email them at: info@homestaynetwork.org

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

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