



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Welcome everyone to the celebration of another fabulous year for the students at Erindale College. This Bulletin and the preceding issues highlight many of the successes accomplished by our students and by our staff. Like all celebrations, we bask in the limelight of extraordinary people doing amazing things, but it is also important at this time to acknowledge and value the achievements of all us ‘ordinary’ folk, as without such people doing the essentials, the talents of each and every person cannot be realised. So thanks everyone for your contribution to our college.

At this time festivity, I wish to welcome the new students, parents, carers and families and staff that are joining us for 2018. The change from high school to college, or the change from one college, city or even country to another, is a huge challenge. This period of change can be an exciting time but it can also be a daunting stage in one’s life. Change of this order puts significant new demands in front of us. New ways of doing things; the introduction of new people and new relationships; a different place to navigate; all are factors that come together to make moving from one place to another and from one role to another all that more complicated. However, opportunity jumps out at us as we go through such life transitions and so I encourage each and every person reflecting on the change they are facing at this time, to seek out the opportunities that might be lurking in the background and just ‘go for it’!

As 2009 graduate Matt Popp, our ‘virtual’ guest speaker at the Year 12 Graduation said, as he urged the students leaving the college; “find your passion and pursue it wherever it takes you; in doing this you will make some mistakes but you will learn from these; and if you chase your dreams fiercely enough, you will always have a smile on your face”.



In mentioning the challenges of confronting change, it is a very significant time for our college as we face some major staff changes. Many of you will have heard on the grapevine, Andy Wardrop, our loved and respected Deputy Principal is retiring this Friday. At the Graduation Ceremony, his contributions to education not only in this college and in the Tuggeranong Network of schools, but also across the territory, the nation and even beyond, was honoured. I am including the full citation from the award Andy was given, The Senator Zed Seselja Award for Teacher Excellence, for you to reflect upon and if presented with the opportunity, say thank you to Andy. His departure will be one HUGE challenge for us all as his passion, experience, empathy and commitment is difficult to replace.

However, the world keeps turning and we have been so fortunate to capture Gary Lawson from one of our ACT Government colleges. Gary is an experienced DP and he will bring new skills and interests to our college including his passion for ‘flying’. No, he isn’t a ‘superhero’, although such a characteristic might be useful as he tries to take over from Andy, but Gary is the teacher who introduced ‘Flight’ into the ACT senior secondary curriculum. Gary will be offering this subject for our students to enrol in during 2018 as part of their academic package and this will also offer students an opportunity that might contribute to their future life plan.



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Another long-term and dedicated member of our executive, Lyndall Henman, has just received notice that she has been promoted to the role of Deputy Principal at Hawker College commencing in 2018. Lyndall joined me at this college back in 2008 after she was on my executive team at Lanyon High School. Her expertise in all things Vocational Education as well as her talents as an educator and mentor of teachers will be sorely missed. Please join me in congratulating Lyndall on her promotion and we wish her every success.

Finally, I wish to thank all students, staff and our broader Erindale College community for their support, dedication and enthusiasm, and for sharing a part of their lives with us.

Best wishes for a fabulous summer break and enjoy the festive season; but please, stay safe.

Cheers

Michael

THE SENATOR SESELJA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Andy has been teaching for over 40 years and was recognised for this achievement in 2016 by the ACT Government. Andy has taught at many schools in Canberra including being a school leader in Tuggeranong Network schools such as Calwell High School and Erindale College.

As Deputy Principal at Erindale College, if we were to line up those students who Andy has taught in his Maths classes; independently coached to a greater understanding of the perplexities of Mathematics; mentored through difficult times; or simply prodded and pushed to earn that final point for their Year 12 Certificate; then that line would stretch way across this wide brown land.

Andy is a teacher without peer. His stewardship of changes to the way Maths is taught in our college and in senior secondary education more generally is legendary. His dedication to sharing his insights of such ways, with colleagues across the nation, is laudable and selfless, and shows the commitment he has to teaching Maths.



We will miss his incredible passion, his unerring belief that every student matters, and that they can succeed. His bad jokes and quick wit will echo throughout our corridors, especially as those who know him well, recall his many quirky perspectives and random comments. He is a teacher with an expansive knowledge base and he can make intriguing connections between the most incredible concepts. At times, these sound and appear unbelievable. But that is the Andy we know and love.

Andy is an impeccable professional and he is a friend to thousands. Andrew Wardrop deserves this award more than any teacher we have ever met.

Thank you, Andy.

NEWS

CHANGES TO ENROLMENT PROCEDURES FOR NSW STUDENTS

The ACT Government has an agreement with the NSW Government to provide services to NSW residents from the surrounding ACT region. Each year, around 1,800 NSW students cross the border to attend one of Canberra's Public Schools.

Due to expected growth in the surrounding ACT region, the ACT Government, in conjunction with the NSW Government, has modified the procedure for NSW enrolments.

From now on, NSW resident families who are seeking enrolment at a Canberra Public School will be offered a place in one of the selected pathway schools. NSW resident students will only be accepted at one of these Northside or Southside pathway schools.

This does not immediately affect the enrolment of any NSW resident student who is currently attending a Canberra Public School, however the new procedure will apply when that student transitions to the next phase of schooling.

In the case where a NSW resident student is enrolled at a non-pathway school and the family wishes to enrol a sibling, the application will only be considered where the school has capacity, after accepting ACT resident enrolments and where both students will be attending the school at the same time.

This new procedure will provide greater certainty for NSW families, by providing specific pathways for NSW students seeking to attend Canberra Public Schools. Please visit www.education.act.gov.au for further information.

SCHOOL TRAVEL- NSW

Applications for 2018 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and Term Bus Pass (TBP) travel entitlements are now open.

In coming days students who hold an SSTS entitlement and are changing school, will receive notification by email or post informing them of the pending expiry of their entitlement. TBP holders will also receive notification.

Application needs to be made before 31 December 2017 to ensure entitlement is updated and current card is not cancelled. If application is made after the expiry of entitlement (31 December) the system will automatically cancel the card and a new one will need to be issued.

Please note: Students who are changing grade band and are remaining at the same school will not receive notification and do not need to reapply.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas are expected to receive their new travel pass at the commencement of the New School Year. Note; not all R&R operators issue passes (often in smaller communities where the student is known a pass is not issued).

SUPPORT

Communities@Work

Thank you to Communities@Work for their continued support of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders with food donations every week for the Mindyigari Centre.

ACADEMY NEWS

DANCE SHOWCASE

The dance showcase was a major success showcasing beautiful performance pieces. The showcase not only showed off the talents of the Talented Dance Program but also showed off the talents of those in the Year 11 and Year 12 Dance program.

Well done to all of the students who performed. Special thank you to Carley Love and Sandy France, for being such wonderful supports before, throughout and after the show.

MUSIC SHOWCASE



On Wednesday, November 15th, the Music students presented their second performance in the East Block Theatre, a intimate space in the college dedicated to Music and Drama performances. During interval, the audience were treated to a selection of classy snacks prepared by the hospitality students, which were enjoyed in the warm evening on the balcony of our lovely restaurant. There was a real buzz in the air and a lovely feeling of community celebrating the value of music to our school.

Congratulations to the following students for their contribution to a terrific evening, which was completely student run, directed and presented:

Performers:

Chantell Buckle (v), Owen Campbell (gt), Mark Driver (gt), Kyle Dunn (gt), Madison Chynoweth (v), Tru Edmonds (v), Mika Eli (v), Grace Forbes (v), Keira Jones (gt), Yui Katayama (pn), Sara Leuii (v), Felicity Maloney (sx, pn), Alastair Maycock (bs, gt), Jess Newing (bs), Minh Ngo (ds), Brys Palat (pn), Junior Soli (gt), Sabrina Stensrud (v), Chloe Smith (ds), Zac Watson (ds), Veronyka Zanatta (kd)

Alumni and invited guest performers: James Campbell (gt), Jack Costigan (gt), Anna Leuii (v, gt), Mike Leuii (v)

Sound: Jacob Brown

Lighting: Zac Watson

Backstage: Taylor Ashcroft, Georgia Jansen

MCs: Emily Bourne, James Weir

Photography: Jordyn Kearney, Kenzie Mills

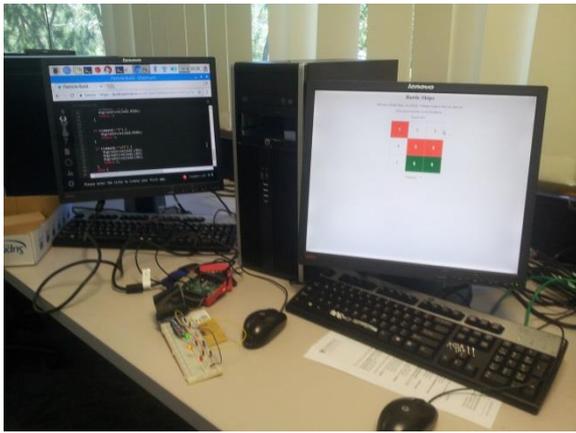
A special thanks to the following staff for their invaluable assistance in making the evening such a success:

Carley Love: Backstage and support

Mitch Samin, Deirdre Hermman, Alison Fraser for help in the restaurant

Clint Codey: Video

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT



This semester in Information Technology, the students did the gaming programming unit using the Raspberry Pi credit card sized computer to produce an **IoE** (Internet of Everything) application. Ethan Long's team produced a remarkable **IoE** application that was similar to the common battle ship game. His team designed a web interface with a grid of nine squares in which one of the battle ships is hidden. The user clicks one of squares simulating the firing of a missile and then this results in one of the LEDs blinking, indicating a hit. This is a great achievement from the team who built on their previous semester's experience in HTML web and network skills, with this semester's programming, circuit building and IoE skills to produce a game that can be played from anywhere in the

world. If you added a web cam then the user from across the world could see the results live as it happened. In Ethan's team he also had Malcolm Long, Wez Alexander and Josh Tape.



Connor Griffiths, and Martin Santos (right) show another IoE application where they utilised the Particle io (used to connect to Raspberry Pi computer to remotely program), IFTTT (If This Then That, a web site that allows other applications to trigger events with the Particle io), Gmail (used to trigger an event in your program). This allows anyone in the world to send an email with the missile coordinates to bomb one of the ships as simulated in a LED light blinking in their Raspberry Pi circuit.



Alex Perez, Alex Mcdonald, Connor Griffiths, Martin Santos, Wez Alexander.

Others involved were: Amritha TULJARAM, Quinn HODGE, Ian BOTHA. Well done to all teams and members who worked tirelessly to complete a challenging assignment to probable produce the first IoE application in the ACT.

SYDNEY ARTS TRIP



On Wednesday, December 6th, teachers from the Innovation and the Arts Academy took this lovely group of students to Sydney to see the musical “Beautiful” at the Lyric Theatre. The show retold the story of the incredibly talented Carol King, who composed countless songs for many artists, including The Drifters, James Taylor, Mariah Carey, The Monkees and the Animals before releasing the top selling album “Tapestry”, which included such hits as “You make me feel like a Natural Woman”, “You’ve got a Friend” and “I feel the Earth Move”. The kids didn’t know all the tunes, but loved the story and were impressed by the fabulous singing, dancing and acting. The orchestra in the pit were brilliant, resulting in an overall wonderful experience for everyone. The students had a little bit of free time to see the sights of Sydney and sneak in a bit of retail therapy!

Many thanks to Stephen Smith, for driving the bus!

SAVE ENERGY THIS SUMMER

Do the simple things
Reduce energy use in your home

- Set your air conditioner to 23°C or turn it off in summer if possible
- Close curtains and blinds during the day
- Cook outside on the BBQ to reduce heat inside
- Consolidate refrigeration and turn off additional units
- Avoid using appliances during peak times*
- Dry your clothes in the sun

Visit actsmart.act.gov.au for more tips for saving energy at home
* Peak times are from 7-9am and from 5-8pm

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WHAT A YEAR IT HAS BEEN FOR ERINDALE TSP SPORT STARS OF THE YEAR

JOSH TORLEY



The Male Sports Star of the Year for Erindale College Sports Academy and Talented Sports Program 2017 is distance athlete, Josh Torley. Josh is involved in both Athletics and Cross Country events at an elite level and has enjoyed a huge amount of success over the past year.

In this year, Josh won the ACT Open 3km Track, placed 1st in the U/20 5km Australian Nationals, won the All Schools event in Canberra for both the 1500m and 3km events and was placed 1st in the U/20 8km National X-Country Championships held in Hobart.

He finished 5th in the Open Sydney Harbour 10km event, won the Open Canberra Times 14km event, was the NSW Series Champion for the Regional Half Marathon and placed 5th in the World Championships in Hungary in 2016 and was named the ambassador for the event.

Josh's ability and success has been recognised and is currently a member of the U/19 Athletics Australia Squad where they are encouraging him to complete a Trade before working towards the Olympic pathway. After completing Year 12, he has recently started a plumbing apprenticeship.

Josh will soon be heading to Zudapec in Melbourne where he will compete in the 10km track event and aim to qualify for the World

Junior Championships to be held in Finland/Great Britain in 2018.

LAURA HUGHES

The Female Sports Star of the Year for Erindale College Sports Academy and Talented Sports Program 2017 is Football player, Laura Hughes. Laura is the first Year 10 student to win this prestigious award.

Laura was contracted with Canberra United for the 2016/17 season (making her one of the youngest players in the competition) and made her W League debut on December 18th against Brisbane Roar.

This season she has been a member of the Canberra United U17's Academy playing in the Women's Premier League Competition. Laura holds an ACTAS Scholarship and was named in the All-Star team for this competition.

Laura was selected in Canberra United's team for the 17's NTC Challenge in July, being named in the All-Star team for this competition too. Subsequently she went on to complete 3 trial camps for the Australian squad.

Laura was selected in the junior Matildas and the following week travelled to Thailand to represent Australia in the AFC U16 Women's Championship. She started 2 of their 3 games and scored a great goal against Bangladesh to help the team win 3 – 2.

Experts are predicting that Laura is the most talented women's football player to come through Erindale College since the Matilda's goal keeper, Lydia Williams.



TWO MORE AUSSIE REPS



Following the success of the Girls ACT Cougars Oztag team at nationals this year two Erindale students Keesha Kapea and Chloe Ives have been selected in the u 18's Australian Oztag representative team. This team will compete next year in the 2018 ITF World Cup. This caps off a breakthrough season of football for Keesha as she was picked in the Women's Touch Alliance Cup training squad, won the Year 12 Commitment Awards at the recent TSP Presentation and she then Captained the ACT Brumbies Youth 7's team at Nationals in Brisbane last weekend.

RUGBY UNION

Over the weekend (9th- 10th December) the ACT Brumbies Youth 7's teams travelled to Brisbane to compete in the Youth National Tournament. Although having a small pool of players to pick from and not being fancied by the bookmakers both girls and boys teams played well above their weight to finish third and take home the bronze medal. Two current Erindale students Keesha Kapea (captain), Reece Chin, and incoming student Daryl Bailey as well as Head Coach and Rugby TSP teacher Dan Hawke all enjoyed a successful weekend.



GOLF



Brett Levier recently participated in the Pacific School Games in Adelaide as part of the golf team.

Brett played the stroke play on Monday at the Grange golf club and had rounds of 74 and 74 for a total of +4 for the tournament which put him in 7th place.

From there he was involved in a series of 1v1 matches resulting in wins against NSW, VIC and SA, a loss to WA and a draw with QLD. With these good wins he was boosted up the rankings to 4th/5th. As a result Brett has been named in the Australian schoolboys merit team.

Congratulations Brett on this outstanding achievement!

END OF YEAR EVENTS

TSP PRESENTATION AWARD WINNERS – 24 NOVEMBER 2017

Sportsperson of the Year: Male: Josh Torley



Sportsperson of the Year: Female: Laura Hughes



Best All-Rounder Award: Lachlan Ingram



ESA Academic Excellence Award: Isobel Marris



Year 10 Sports Star Award: Kye A'Hern



Active Leisure Centre -Commitment Award: Turi Hides



Pierre De Coubertin Award: Turi Hides

Squad of the Year: Rugby Union



Australian Representatives Honour Roll: Kye A'Hern, Michael Eichner, Tyler Hays, Laura Hughes, Alexander McDonald, Tyler Meredith-Brown, Harper Paniora, Elana Sliwinski, Siani Swarbrick and Josh Torley

YEAR 12 FORMAL – 29 NOVEMBER 2017



YEAR 10 GRADUATION – 1 DECEMBER 2017

Kye A'Hern – Year 10 Sports Star of the Year 2017



Jack Allard – A confident and Creative Individual



Cameron Butler – An Active and Informed Citizen

ADF Long Tan Leadership Award



Caitlin Keen – A Successful Learner



Laura Hughes – Vikings Group Scholarship



Sophie Jensen – Caltex All Rounder Award

Australian Catholic university Award



BSSS EXCELLENCE AWARD CEREMONY – 12 DECEMBER 2017



Josh Harper



Emily Caldwell



Jacob Brown



Rylie Young



Sitong Sun

This week the Board of Senior Secondary Studies Recognition of Excellence ceremony was conducted at the Canberra Playhouse. At this awards ceremony, five students from each college in Canberra were recognised for their excellence in one of a range of categories. This year the Erindale College students honoured for their achievements were Jacob Brown for Performing/Visual Arts, Josh Harper for Community Service, Emily Caldwell for Vocational Studies and Rylie Young was acknowledged as with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Award.



Also recognised was Sitong (or Susie) Sun who is the Dux of Erindale College for 2017. Susie's citation read; "Sitong has outstanding results in Mathematics and Science with a double major in Specialist Mathematics and majors in Chemistry and ESL and a minor in Physics. She has been a member of the school student leadership group. She is a dedicated and creative student with broad interests and a thirst for knowledge. Her attention to every detail in her studies ensures her work is meticulous and this aspect of her academic character will ensure her future studies are full of success and reward." We congratulate Susie for her achievement, as she is the first international student to win Dux of

the college in the last fifteen years.

The other major award winners for 2017 will be recognised in our first Bulletin in 2018. In that Bulletin we also try to capture the stories of our graduating class of 2017, finding out what they are doing in the year immediately following their graduation from college. Look out for that edition.

YEAR 10 FORMAL – 12 DECEMBER 2017



TSP ORIENTATION CAMP WOLLONGONG

WEDNESDAY 21ST - FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2018

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 \$310 which includes:

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

Payments can be made via the payment methods listed below. Full payment is due by **Friday 9th 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

15th November 2017

DIRECT DEPOSIT DETAILS

Erindale College Management Account

WESTPAC

BSB number: 032777

Account number: 001236

Please include the following details:

Student name

Payment detail

Forward payment details to the College or email details (with date of deposit) to:

info@erindalec.act.edu.au

UNIVERSITY AND CIT APPLICATIONS

UNIVERSITY OFFERS AND INFORMATION SESSIONS

All universities will have information sessions around the time that students receive their ATAR's on the 13th December. These sessions are for students who don't get the ATAR they think they need and also for students wanting more course information.

Universities will make most offers after the release of ATAR's. The first of these offers will be made on 21st December, students can change their preference up till 17th Dec for this round and there are further rounds of offers after that.

UNIVERSITY ACCOMODATION

If students are interested in University accommodation 'on campus' they should talk to the University now. Most Universities require a deposit which some will refund if the student doesn't get a place at that university.

CIT APPLICATIONS

All CIT applications are online at www.cit.edu.au and most courses will have information sessions either this year or early next year. Contact CIT on 62073188 for more information.

Always contact the university or CIT if you have questions.

Vanessa Sargeant

Stephen Smith

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