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Principal's Message ...

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of St Edmund's,

Eddie's Big Night Out: A very big thank you to all who supported Eddie's Big Night Out last week. Our students definitely shone on stage and on the dancefloor, at the podium and in serving entrée to our guests. Thank you to Mrs Margriet Shaw-Taylor, Ms Julie MacPherson, Mrs Lisa O'Neil and Ms Jacqui Baxter for their efforts in preparing our Eddie's Entertainers; Mrs Cathy Laing for working with our College Captains – Abby and Christian who offered Grace before our meal; and Mrs Cherie Pisani for working with the Hospitality students. I think you would all agree that our former student, Dilmi, was magnificent on the night, inspiring us all with her confidence to speak and to sing in front of such a large audience. Thank you to Mrs Cathy Laing and Mrs Margriet Shaw-Taylor for preparing Dilmi so well.

Thank you to Eddie's Mates who bring an unwavering enthusiasm and energy to the night as well as their networks and support. A big thank you to our returning sponsors and to new sponsors of the night. Without a doubt, sponsorship is monumental to the success of this event. Thank you to Vince Sorrenti, our MC, who maintained the energy and focus throughout the event as well as for entertaining us. Thank you to Ian Hyman for his experienced auctioneering skills which greatly assisted in raising proceeds on the night and thank you to The Headliners who got us out of our seats to dance.

Thank you to Mrs Candice Palin for her work coordinating this significant event, ensuring that the night ran like clockwork and to Mrs Marilyn Noonan who handles all financial aspects in the lead up, on the night and in the days afterwards. Thank you also to Marilyn's team of volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes all night. We were also supported at the event by a team of 15 girls from Mount St Benedict College in Pennant Hills who enthusiastically volunteered their time assisting our Admin team behind the scenes and in the main Ballroom - thank you also to Rebecca Wong, the College Chaplain who accompanied the girls on the night.

I thank our parent community - whether it be purchasing raffle tickets, donating prizes and cash towards our prize pool, wrapping and transporting prizes, bidding on the Silent and Live auctions and being part of this 'gala' night. A special mention of thanks to Mrs Wendy Scott and her very dedicated team of parents, Sharon Gillett, Ali Swinbourne, Amanda Bardon, Ros Jeffers and Madi Kalra who spent so many hours at the College wrapping and organizing the auction items. We are a small school in terms of high schools but a strong community with a big heart. Through our combined efforts, Eddie's Mates and St Edmund's staff are delighted to share that we have raised close to \$200,000 in funds from Eddie's Big Night Out. This is the highest result to date in all of our fourteen years of running this event. We should all give ourselves a well-earned clap and rejoice in this outcome which is so much for the benefit of St Edmund's current and future students. **We can now start the exciting work of increasing our students' connectivity to the world, here at St Edmund's!**

Leadership Assembly: Congratulations to our Year 9 students who were presented with their Certificate of Graduation after completing the RFS Cadet program this term. These certificates were presented to the students by Mr Rick Jones who has been instrumental in setting up and sustaining the program over a number of years. The students were rightfully proud of their achievements and this demonstrates the wonderful contribution community based organisations can have on the growth and development of our

Principal's Message continued ...

young people. Special thanks also must go to the volunteers who so generously gave their time each week to support our students and to Mrs. Karen Houlcroft and College staff who assisted in the organisation and administration of the program. We also congratulate our Year 11 and Year 12 students who were presented with their leadership certificates and badges. Goals were set for this semester and it was pleasing to know that with hard work and determination that students were able to achieve these targets with the support of teachers and parents alike.

Years 7 and 8 Camp: It was pleasing to receive positive feedback from the staff and instructors who attended the Year 7 & 8 Camp at Stanwell Tops last week. The students gained a great deal from the experience. The opportunity to be self-reliant and deal with situations which are not familiar and at times challenging has certainly allowed the students to grow as individuals. I would like to thank the students for their positive involvement, as well as the staff who made the camp such a success. Having the opportunity to spend Thursday with the staff and students certainly was the highlight of the week and reinforced the positive effect this involvement has on the growth of our students.

Mithra Rehabilitation Centre Visit – Chennai, India: During the July school holidays, Jacqui Cashmore – Deputy Principal, St Gabriel's School, Sheena Macdonald – RE Coordinator and I will be visiting the Mithra Rehabilitation Centre in Chennai. Mithra is a special school and caters for students with disabilities from Kindergarten to Post School providing these young people with an education, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and speech pathology services as well as post school pathways. Two years ago, we made the commitment as a school to support Mithra with the delivery of their educational programs and resources as well as provide much needed professional development for their staff. Every two years we return to work with their staff and this year our focus is on supporting with the delivery of the Mathematics curriculum and offering professional development in the area of contemporary pedagogy in special education. We are very much looking forward to our visit and supporting this very special school community.

Farewells: As this is the last edition of the Newsletter for this term it is appropriate that we reflect on and give thanks to the following staff for their contribution to our school community. As you know we farewell **Mrs. Claire Formby** who commences parental leave at the end of the term. We wish her all the best on the safe arrival of her child and trust that this will be a very special time with her family. **Ms. Caitlin Hassell** has been appointed to take on the role of Speech Pathologist during Ms. Formby's leave and she has been working alongside Mrs. Formby this week undertaking handover. I know that you will warmly welcome Caitlin to the school community.

We also farewell Mrs Katrina Ward this week. Katrina has been a wonderful support to both students, staff and parents over the past months in the absence of our College nurse, Mrs Sue Ottery. Sue will return to the College in Term 3.

I also inform you that **Mr. Daniel Parkinson** – PDHPE Coordinator has informed me of his intention to resign from his position effective immediately. You may recall that Mr. Parkinson moved to the Sunshine Coast with his wife to help her set up her business. He has informed me that things are going well and that he intends staying in Queensland for the foreseeable future. I know Mr. Parkinson will be greatly missed by staff, parents and students and we wish him all the best in the future and thank him for his contribution to the College. We will advertise Mr. Parkinson's position later next term.

I wish all families the very best for the upcoming school holidays and safe travels to those travelling interstate or abroad. **A reminder that College commences for Term 3 on Monday 22nd July.**

Jon Franzin
PRINCIPAL

Oh what a night!



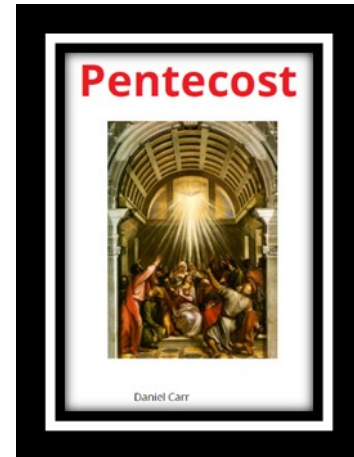
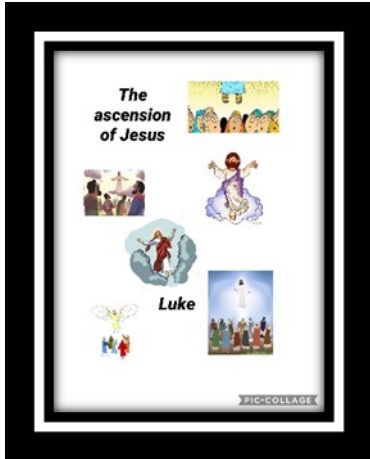
Congratulations!





Mission and Identity

The story of the Church begins with the Feast of Pentecost, which we celebrated this month. As a Catholic School in the tradition of Blessed Edmund Rice, we are part of this Church. In our Religious Education classes, we have been talking about Jesus' ascension to heaven followed by the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples at the first Pentecost and about the gifts and the fruits that we receive through the Holy Spirit. Here are some examples of the students work.



As the term draws to a close we reflect on all that has happened this term. We began with the celebration of Blessed Edmund Rice Day followed by our Mother's Day Liturgy and morning tea. Fr Anselm celebrated his first mass here at St Edmunds for our special feast day of Blessed Edmund and he was very impressed by the reverence and engagement the students displayed during the mass.

We celebrated the HOPE mass with St Lucy's School and two of our students made their First Eucharist at Holy Name Parish church this term.

Our students continue to attend Mass in our local parish church on Friday mornings, where they assist with the readings and the offertory procession. Fr David and Fr Anselm are always so inviting when we attend. We enjoyed all the visiting students and the weekly performances by our students at SOJAD each Monday. Our daily morning prayers have focused the College community on issues such as National Sorry Day, World Environment Day and World Refugee Day. We have enjoyed a wonderful and rich semester at St Edmund's. God Bless.

*Terry O'Keefe
Head of Mission and Identity*

Semester 1 Reports

Reports for each student will be published on the Sentral Parent Portal today, **Friday 28th June 2019 from 4.00 p.m.** These Reports give an overview of your child's learning and progress this semester as well as strengths and areas to focus on next semester. These Reports also give you a glimpse into some of the exciting learning experiences in lessons as well as your child's commitment to their own learning. I encourage you to read these Reports with your child and help them reflect on the progress and achievements they have made in Semester 1.

If you would like to request a printed copy of your child's Report, please contact Cathy Laing on laing@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au.

The Parent Portal user guide is attached to this Newsletter. New users can register at <https://sentral.erses.nsw.edu.au/portal/register> and current parent portal users can log in at <https://sentral.erses.nsw.edu.au/portal>. Many new parents have registered already at College events such as Eddie's Big Night In. If you have any questions about accessing the Parent Portal, please contact the College.

*Vivienne Gilkes
Head of Teaching and Learning*

Years 7 and 8 Camp was 'the tops!'

My school Camp by Hugh (Year 7)

First we drove on the bus to camp. Then we arrived at Tops camp and I found my cabin. Next I did the climbing activity. Then I did the kite making activity. After that, we had dinner and a disco in the hall. Finally I took a shower and went to bed. On Thursday I ate breakfast and had free time and walked to the office. Then I did the giant swing activity. Then I ate lunch and did the bottle rocket activity. Finally I did the camp fire activity. Later I took a 5 minute shower. I ate dinner and watched Secret Life of Pets and went to bed. On Friday I ate breakfast and did a cart racing activity then I ate lunch and came back to school. My favourite thing on camp was movie night!



Wonderful memories!

From the Parent Group

What a sensational night! *2019 Eddie's Big Night Out*

It was lovely to see so many parents and friends supporting the College at Eddie's Big Night Out. Our children definitely stole the show with their dancing, drumming, speeches and serving of food for guests. It was also wonderful to see Dilmi, former student, return to talk about what she is doing now, how special St Edmund's is to her and listening to her sing. Such confidence!

Our next **Parent Group Meeting** is being held **Monday 9th September**. We are looking to have representatives talk about post school options for senior students. All parents and carers are welcome to attend this session. More details to follow next term.

Hard to believe we see yet another term come to an end and that the year is half over!

Being a 3 week term break, perhaps there is an opportunity for a few get-togethers among year groups – catch a movie, go bowling or have friends over. I wish you all an enjoyable term break.

Jane (Jake's mum)
Parent Group Leader

Canteen

A very big thank you to all our Canteen volunteers over Term 2 - we can't thank you enough for giving so generously of your time.



Please remember!
No Canteen first week back in Term 3!



Raffle winners from Eddie's Big Night Out

- 1st Prize - Marcelo Bettuci
- 2nd Prize - David Lees
- 3rd Prize - Teresa Cox
- 4th Prize - Stanley
- 5th Prize - Paul Goldie
- 6th Prize - Shaina Gliener

Congratulations everyone!



NSW Cross Country Carnival results

On Friday 14th June, Blaney, William and Belinda (Year 12), Ben P (Year 8) and Zane (Year 7) competed at the NSWCCC Cross Country Carnival at Eastern Creek.

Despite it being a hilly 3km, all the students placed on the podium! Blaney 1st, Zane 1st, William 2nd, Belinda 2nd and Ben 3rd.

Congratulations to all the students for their phenomenal effort and the way they represented St Edmund's College. We wish the best of luck to Blaney, Belinda and Ben who made the cut off time to compete at the next level Carnival, which is NSW All schools.

A very special mention and thank you to Theo who attended the Carnival as Zane's guide runner. They are friends from primary school. Theo helped Zane to follow the directions of the course and motivated him to keep running. A very special friendship!



*Georgia Buckley
PDHPE Teacher*



Important Information for Parents regarding entitlements Good to know!

Disability Carers Allowance

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/subjects/caring-someone-illness-or-disability>

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

<https://www.ndis.gov.au/>

Companion Card

<https://www.companioncard.nsw.gov.au/>

Gold Opal Card

<https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions>



News from the Library ...

William (Year 12) has written his very own novel!

This is a fantastic achievement and I was lucky enough to interview William (Eddie's first published author) in the Library to discuss what inspired him to write this amazing book.

The Interview:

Ms Toomey: What made you think of writing a book?

William: I used my imagination to make something I wanted. I have always admired superheroes, especially their courageousness so I was inspired to write about them.

Ms Toomey: What kind of books do you like?

William: I like many books especially philosophical books and religious books that have certain belief systems.

Ms Toomey: What kind of authors inspired you?

William: The writers of superhero and fantasy books like DC and Marvel inspired me. I like the way superheroes all have special powers.

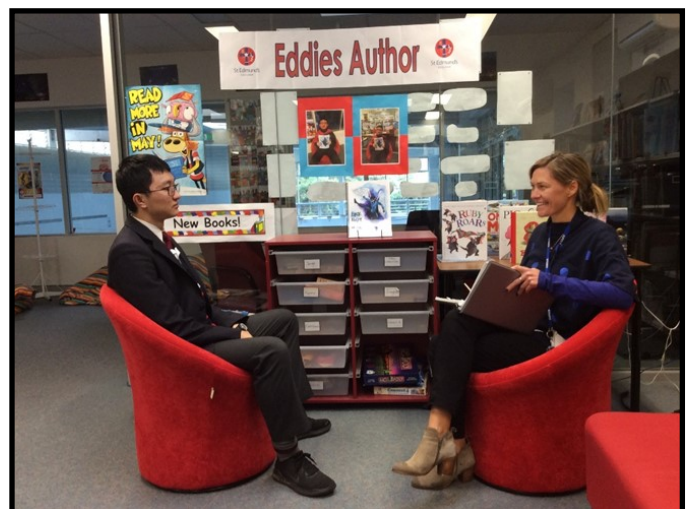
Ms Toomey: As an author, what advice would you give your peers about reading books and writing?

William: If you dream of being an author there are five things I would advise:

1. To make a good story you need a good character design.
2. Decide what your characters can do. What abilities or powers could they have?
3. Choose something that makes them special. Think of the main events of the story and put them in order to make a plot.
4. As an author design and make your own world as if you are the God.
5. Decide on what kind of ending you will make. Will it be a happy ending where everybody lives happily ever after, similar to a fairy tale or a sad ending where the hero has lost or dies.

William is an avid reader and a regular visitor to the Library. The Library is a fantastic space to read and relax. You can borrow William's book "**Black Night Hawk**" and take it home to read. Come and explore our amazing collection. I am always here to help you choose a book that you will enjoy!

*Suzanne Toomey
Teacher/Librarian*



News from the Creative Arts Department ...

It has been a fun and busy term for the Creative Arts Department. Some classes have visited the Art Gallery of NSW for art workshops. Some classes performed their dance and drumming skills for appreciative audiences at local high schools and still other classes went to see some really fantastic school musicals - *Margriet Shaw-Taylor, Coordinator, Creative Arts*

Year 9 students went to see **'Mary Poppins'** at Pacific Hills Christian College. It was an excellent production enjoyed by all the students and Mary Poppins even 'flew' across the ceiling of the hall! Here is Sarah posing with the bird lady (Feed the Birds) and Lucas sitting with Mrs Darling at interval.



Year 10 students went to Killara High School to see **'Singing in the Rain'**. It was an absolutely delightful production! Our Science teacher, Mr. James' daughter played the leading role of Kathy. Here she is chatting to some of our students after the show.



Year 12 students were lucky enough to be invited to see **'Beauty and the Beast'** at Mount St. Benedict College. We had morning tea with a group of Year 10 girls who also took our students to visit their homerooms. Again, all our students enjoyed themselves. Here is Selena with Gaston who was an excellent actor and Stefan with Chip.



Year 11 students went to see **'Happy Days'** at St Leo's Catholic College. This was an interesting production because the audience sit at tables and the action takes place all around the room. Here is Archie, standing with the two amigos and a huge group photo of the cast with our students.



Important Dates to Remember - 2019

Term 2

Fri 28th Jun Last day of Term 2

Term 3

Mon 22nd Jul Students & Staff return to Term 3
Fri 9th Aug Term 3 College Disco
Tue 13th Aug Senior Information Evening
Tue 20th Aug Term 3 Mufti Day
Wed 21st Aug St Edmund's Golf Day
Wed 28th Aug Term 3 Men's Group Meeting
Fri 30th Aug Father's Day Breakfast
Mon 9th Sep Term 3 Parent Group Meeting
Tue 10th Sep St Edmund's Athletics Carnival
Sun 15th Sep Family Fun Day (St Edmund's field)
Wed 25th - Fri 27th Sep Senior Retreat
Fri 27th Sep Last day of Term 3

Term 4

Mon 14th Oct *Staff day (no students)*
Tue 15th Oct Students return to Term 4
Tue 22nd Oct St Edmund's Swimming Carnival
Fri 25th Oct Term 4 College Disco
Mon 28th Oct Year 7 Immunisation
Tue 29th Oct Term 4 Men's Group Meeting
Wed 30th Oct - Fri 1st Nov Years 9 & 10 Camp
Mon 4th Nov Term 4 Parent Group Meeting
Tue 5th Nov Term 4 Mufti Day
Tue 12th Nov Orientation Day
Sun 17th Nov HOPE Mass - Holy Name Church Wahroonga
Fri 22nd Nov Abbotsleigh Concert
Fri 29th Nov Year 12 Graduation Formal
Tue 3rd Dec Presentation Ceremony
Fri 6th Dec Year 12 Farewell Mass & BBQ lunch
Fri 6th Dec Last day of Term 4

Birthdays

The following students have celebrated birthdays since the last Newsletter and will celebrate over the holidays. They are Emilia, Christian V, Lewis, Jacquie, Melanie, Christian K, Ben P, Ryan, Kavya, Sid, Ruby, Athena, Mackenzie, Lachlan C, Sean, Dion and Luca.

Lots of 18th birthdays being held also!
Congratulations to Jacquie, Christian, Sean and Dion.





Thank you to our Sponsors of Eddie's Big Night Out 2019



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Children often have access to devices, including smartphones, from a very young age. Whether it's watching their favourite program through streaming services on your phone, using educational apps or simply viewing photos with you and the family - they are engaging with devices in one form or another.

But when is your child old enough to be given their own mobile phone?

The right age for your child will depend on their level of maturity. It's worth asking yourself the following questions before handing over a digital device:

1. Does my child have a good sense of responsibility?
2. Are they able to stick to the rules?
3. Do they show a good understanding of actions and consequences?
4. Do they come to me or another trusted adult when they are distressed or encounter problems?

For younger children it's best to start with a mobile phone without internet access and introduce a smartphone when they demonstrate an appropriate level of maturity. Some younger children might argue that they are ready for a smartphone, especially if their friends already have one, but it's worth holding out until you feel confident that your child is mature enough.

My child has their first smartphone - now what?

When your child receives their first smartphone, it's a great opportunity to instill safe online behaviours early on, so that they can carry these skills through to their teens and beyond.

Some ideas for rules:

1. No phones after a certain time (ie; 8.00 p.m.) unless in an emergency
2. Keep to daily screen time limits (ie; 1 hour per school night)
3. Family time is a no-phone zone (ie; dinner)
4. No not share your passwords with others - apart from parents
5. Do not take or share photos of others (including friends) without their permission
6. Tell a parent or another trusted adult if anything makes you feel uncomfortable or if a stranger contacts you online
7. Do not purchase or download an app or game without talking to a parent first - especially as these often have minimum age requirements.
8. Do not share your real name (or full name), age and address when posting, talking to strangers or on sites where anyone can see it.
9. Be kind to people - treat people on the phone as you would face-to-face.



Parent User Guide – Sentral Academic Reports

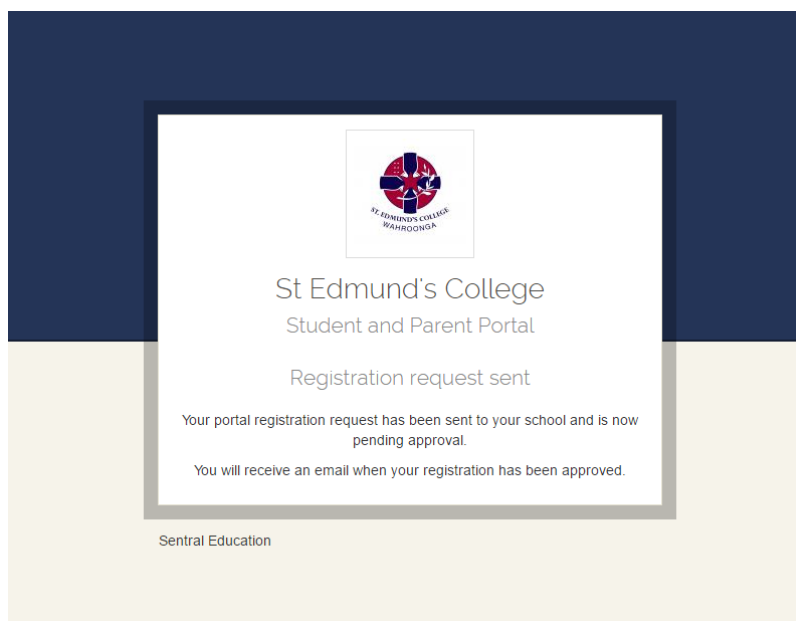
The Sentral Parent Portal provides online access for parents to a range of information specific to their child including their timetable, attendance records, the College calendar and reporting. This guide outlines the steps needed to access the student reports.

New Users

1. Open your browser (e.g. Chrome/ Firefox/Internet Explorer) and go to <https://sentral.erses.nsw.edu.au/portal/register>
2. Use your email address as a username and fill in the other required details to create your account.

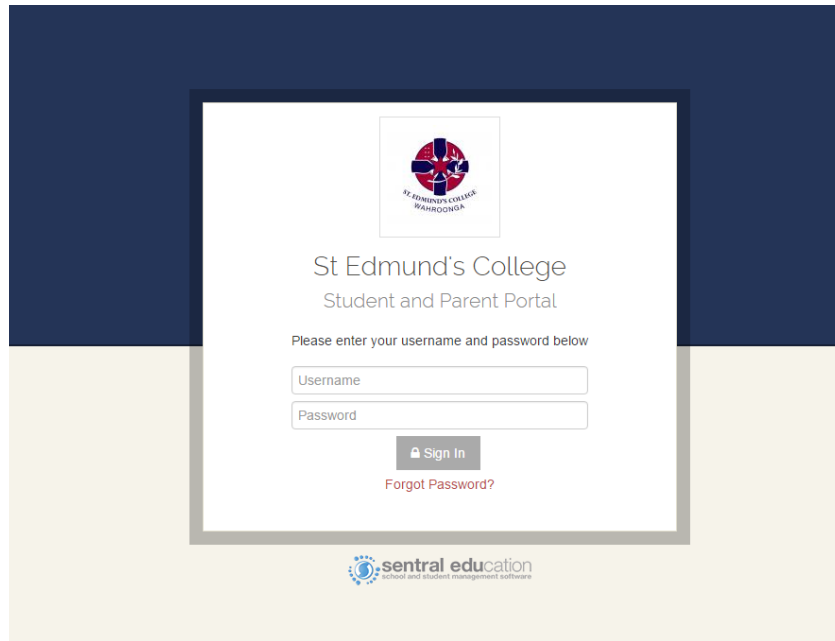
A screenshot of the registration form for the St Edmund's College portal. The form is titled 'St Edmund's College Create a Portal User Account' and features the college's logo at the top. It contains several input fields: 'Username' (with a note 'MUST BE A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS'), 'Title' (a dropdown menu), 'Password' (with a note 'MUST BE AT LEAST 8 CHARACTERS'), 'First Name' (with a note 'PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR FIRST NAME'), 'Password (Confirm)' (with a note 'PLEASE CONFIRM PASSWORD'), and 'Surname' (with a note 'PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR SURNAME'). A 'Create your Account' button is located at the bottom of the form.

3. You will then see a screen which looks like the one below – wait for your approval email from the school. This may take 24-48 hours.

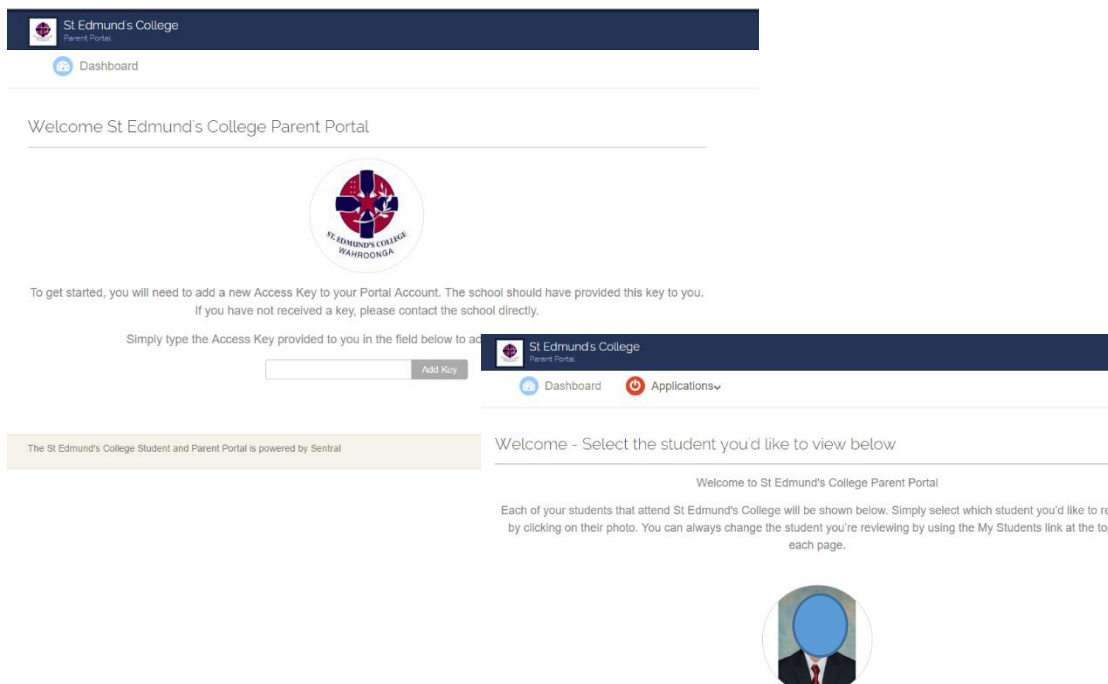




- Once you have received the email confirming your registration, use your web browser again and go to <https://sentral.erses.nsw.edu.au/portal> Log in using the username and password you created earlier.



- You will then be prompted to add your child to your account by entering an Access Key. This Access Key was provided in both letters sent to you during this Semester and consists of letters and numbers e.g. **JZZ45m22jF**. Your child's photo will appear when you have successfully linked your account.





- Click on the photograph of your child and you will see the 'dashboard.' Click on the word 'Dashboard' and you will see the drop down menu below. Select 'Reporting.'

St Edmund's College Parent Portal

IT Support

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- Dashboard
- My Timetable
- Resources
- Attendance
- Reporting

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Period 1	7E RO

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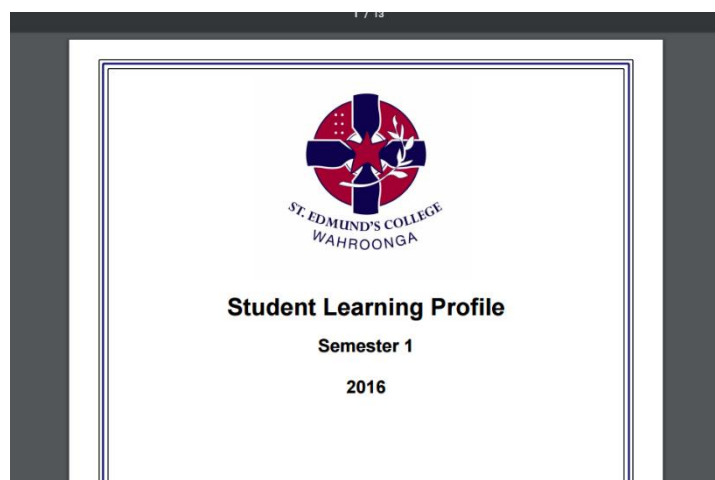
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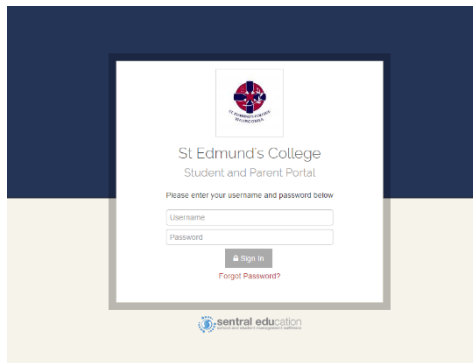
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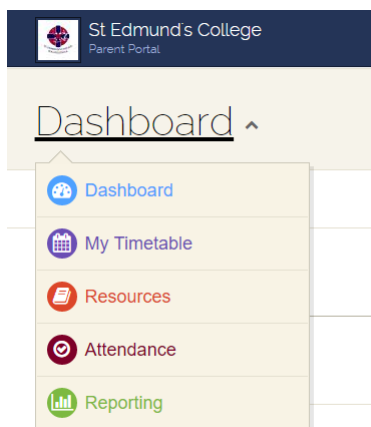


Registered Users

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4. Once you click on 'Semester 1, 2018', a PDF file will open and you will be able to view the report.

EXPLORATION EXHIBITION

an invitation

Exploration is an art exhibition for artists who have a disability. The works on exhibition include sketches, paintings, photography and sculptures.

All artworks are for sale. For enquiries about the exhibition and purchasing artworks contact the Art Centre 9424 0310 or artcentre@kmc.nsw.gov.au

You are invited to the opening of Exploration on the 11th of July between 1pm and 3pm.

Mayor Jennifer Anderson will present artists with certificates of participation.

Light refreshments and drinks will be supplied.

Please RSVP here kmc.nsw.gov.au/exploration

11-25 July 2019 • 9am - 5pm
Roseville Art Centre • 3 Recreation Road

