



Inspiring Independence, Transforming Lives



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

Advent has begun - a time of reflection, preparation and anticipation. Reflection on the year drawing to a close; preparation for all the events and activities Christmas and the holidays will bring and a growing anticipation that comes with this time of year - building up to the great Christian feast of Christmas and all that that signifies - peace, happiness, family and new life. This anticipation is experienced in the excitement of a child looking forward to Christmas morning, through to the sense of tension being released in working adults as they start to wind down from the stresses and strains of the year - looking forward to rediscovering our true 'relaxed' selves. Thank you to all the members of our College community - students, parents, families, staff and volunteers - for all your contributions to the College over the year, from simple and routine matters through to all the extras that people provide without which a school cannot survive and by receiving, schools can achieve great things.

Year 12 Formal: Tonight, we acknowledge and thank our Year 12 students and families at the Year 12 Formal at Miramare Gardens. Although a sad occasion for all, I know the students are ready to make the transition to life beyond school. We wish our Year 12 students and their families all the best as they move onto another exciting phase of their lives and our thoughts and prayers are with them during this significant transition period.

Presentation Day: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Presentation Day will be held at the College next Tuesday. We have engaged a professional videographer to capture the awards ceremony and this will be made available to parents later in the week. As previously advised, parents are unable to attend. A forewarning will be sent home to families to assist students to manage the changes on the day.

Planning 2020: Our planning for 2020 is well underway with classes being established for next year, timetables being created and staff placements being considered. Along with this is the usual coming and going of staff which brings with it a sense of sadness but also the opportunity for new staff to contribute to the ongoing story of our College. Today at our fortnightly Assembly we thanked and said farewell to our departing staff: **Mrs Margriet Shaw-Taylor, Mrs. Jenny Prideaux and Ms. Ellana Hickman.** Ms. Hickman will be relocating to regional NSW later this year. I know that these staff members will be greatly missed and we thank them for the wonderful contribution they have made to the lives of so many students at St Edmund's College.

Finally, we congratulate the following staff who have been appointed to **Key Learning Area (KLA) Coordinator** positions for next year:

Mathematics Coordinator	Tracey Snell
Registration & Teacher Accreditation Coordinator	Tiffany Hosken
English & Literacy Coordinator	Tiffany Hosken
HSIE Coordinator	Mark Fawkner
Science Coordinator	Rachel Hopkins
PDHPE & Sport Coordinator	Jon McMahan
Technologies Coordinator	Cherie Pisani
Languages Coordinator	Carl Southern
Creative Arts Coordinator	Sharon Eldridge
VET, Work Experience and Senior Program Coordinator	Jacqui Anderson

Please join me in congratulating these staff members on these significant appointments.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Jon Franzin
PRINCIPAL



Deputy Principal's Message ...

As the year is drawing to a close, we have many events that have occurred in the last few weeks and some particularly important ones before we reach the holidays.

Leadership Awards: It was wonderful to see so many of our Year 11 and 12 students achieve their Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards at the Leadership Assembly a couple of weeks ago. The students should be congratulated on their hard work and determination to achieve their goals.

Year 7 Orientation Day: Last week it was exciting to welcome our Year 7 students for 2021 to the College for orientation. Many of the students settled in quickly and enjoyed their morning with staff where they were able to meet their class teachers and make some special projects in both Art and Technology lessons.

Year 12 Formal: At the other end of the journey, our Year 12 students will celebrate their Year 12 Graduation tomorrow night at Miramare Gardens. The students have worked hard on speeches and organising their outfits for what will be a memorable evening. Parents of Year 12 students please note that the event opens at Miramare Gardens at 6:55 p.m. with the students arriving at 7:15 p.m. Guests need to be seated in the function room before students arrive so please be mindful of this when planning your evening.

Presentation Day: As Mr Scanlon shared in our last Newsletter, this year, due to COVID restrictions, Presentation Day will take place on Tuesday 1st December here at the College. The awards ceremony will be recorded and shared with parents and friends. Also on this day, students will have time to meet their 2021 Homeroom teacher, Aide and peers as part of their transition. A letter with details of the new Homeroom teacher will be sent home on this day.

A reminder that for our Presentation Day ceremony we ask **all students** to wear their summer College uniform with their blazer, and have their shoes polished. This emphasises to our students that this is an important ceremony and there are occasions where formalities are celebrated.

Last week of school: During the last 3 days of term, all students will be participating in an adjusted curriculum. Activities will include year level trips as well as activities onsite such as music, art, swimming, sport and Christmas activities. It will also include our College Mass to farewell our Year 12 students. Please be aware that this week will be a change in routine for your child, alongside the fact that some of the College will also be beginning to be packed up. Our Allied Health team have been working on visual timetables for each year group to support the change of routine for this week.

A Reminder about Student illness: A continued reminder even as we are nearing the end of the school year that if your child is not feeling well, has a fever, vomiting or diarrhea, bad pain or coughing that will not stop that they need to remain at home to rest and/or see your doctor. Here at the College we are encouraging constant use of hygienic practices, especially hand sanitising for staff and students. It is essential that this is also encouraged at home to promote health and reduce illnesses within our community.

Rebecca Kirwan
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

A reminder about Presentation Ceremony uniform requirements

Next Tuesday, 1st December is our Presentation Ceremony which will be held at the College and filmed for families to view.

Full summer College uniform is required for **all students** including blazers for both boys and girls, hair tied neatly back with no jewellery please. Please contact Wendy Scott on 9487 1044 or email scott@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au if you need any items of the uniform.





Mission & Identity

As the year rushes to an end we are taking time in our RE lessons to prepare our students for the great season of Christmas, that is just around the corner.

We have been focusing a lot on the season of Advent, which precedes Christmas. During Advent, we are waiting and preparing for the coming of the newborn King.

The Advent wreaths are being set up in our classroom prayer spaces. The Advent wreath is a circle of evergreens (branches, leaves or vines). The evergreens stand for life. The circle has no start or finish. It stands for God's eternal presence in our lives.



On the branches of the wreath are four candles, one for each week of Advent. Three candles are purple and one candle is pink. In the centre of the wreath, there is a white candle. The candles remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. They tell us that Jesus is coming soon. As we light a candle each week we pray and reflect upon the four themes of Advent. Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

During our Religion lessons, we have also been looking at the story of the first

Christmas through the gospels of Luke and Matthew. These two stories offer very different insights into the Christmas story. Luke's version focusses on the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem where they can only find shelter in a stable. Here the King of Kings is born and laid in a manger. This is no regal setting with no sign of servants or royal guards to assist. The first people to be notified of this great event are not the kings and queens of the day but the lowly shepherds. The poorest of the poor. Luke's story prepares us for the change of direction that Jesus will later preach throughout his life. Love others and take care of the poor.



Matthew's story focusses on the visit by the three wise men. They travel from far away in search of the saviour and his story is an invite to all people to come and follow Jesus. He did not come just for the people of the Jewish faith; he came for all of us no matter where we live or what we believe. It is a truly beautiful invitation to us all.

This year Advent commences on **Sunday 29th November**. This year the Diocese of Broken Bay will celebrate the Mass of Inclusion on Sunday 6th December, celebrating people with disability and welcoming them into our church. The mass will be celebrated at **Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Yardley Avenue, Waitara at 11.00 a.m.** Some of our College leaders will be representing the College at the mass.

God bless you and have a joyous and peaceful Christmas time.

Terry O'Keefe
Head of Mission & Identity

Christmas Raffle - Wahroonga Rotary

The proceeds from this Raffle will fund bursaries for families who need it most to send their child with a disability to St Lucy's and St Edmund's special schools, which is a very worthy cause. This year Wahroonga Fair will not go ahead due to COVID restrictions. The raffle that is usually a major part of the Fair has gone online.

For further details and to purchase tickets go to: <https://www.rafflelink.com.au/rcwchristmasraffle>



Rotary
Club of Wahroonga

Rotary Club of Wahroonga Christmas Raffle 2020

Over \$3,000 total prizes. 1st Prize value \$1,750

Support St Lucy's and St Edmund's Schools

Every year the Rotary Club of Wahroonga holds a Christmas Raffle to support St Lucy's and St Edmund's schools. The funds raised will allow us to offer a bursary to two families who otherwise may not have the opportunity to have their child with a disability attend one of these special schools.



Tickets are priced at:

- \$5 each
- 3 tickets for \$12
- 5 tickets for \$20
- 8 tickets for \$30
- 15 tickets for \$50
- 25 tickets for \$75
- 35 tickets for \$100

A huge thank you to our sponsors:



Around the College

Awards

Students of the Week:

- 7S** Seul Yi and Adam
- 8C** Will and Kavya
- 9F** Victoria and Luke
- 10J** Lucas and Ryan
- 11G** Jesse and Ciaran
- 12M** Anthony and Ruby

- 7T** Antonio and Emma
- 8L** Chris and Zane
- 9H** Sebastian and Ben W
- 10V** Sid and Niki
- 11T** Tague and Ben T
- 12O** Gus and Dan

Eddie's Best:

- 7S** Parmida
- 8C** Kate
- 9F** Mark
- 10J** Sarah
- 11G** Corey
- 12M** Emily

- 7T** James
- 8L** Moses
- 9H** Teena
- 10V** Christian V
- 11T** Kori
- 12O** Kristian



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EDDIE'S BIG NIGHT OUT

Save The Date 2021

SATURDAY 17TH JULY
Miramare Gardens, Terrey Hills



Around the College

At this time of the year our students studying French usually visit a French restaurant to experience a French meal together. As COVID restrictions prevented this from happening this year, our Hospitality students decided to prepare a 'French' meal for our Year 8 students instead! The students did all the preparation work including peeling potatoes, trimming beans, peeling onions, cutting bacon, slicing bread, measuring ingredients and cooking the food. They also set all the tables and put up the decorations.

Fantastic work Year 12 VET students: Lucy, Sophia, Ruby, Chloe, Kristian, Matthew, Lachlan, Anthony, Daniel and Zack.

Brendon Elcoate
TAS Teacher



The Menu



French Onion Soup

With a slice of baguette with melted cheese on top.



Beef Bourguignon

Served with mashed potatoes and beans.



Petit Fours

Community News

Congratulations Anant!

The St Edmund's community congratulates our Year 11 student, Anant who has received his black belt in Martial Arts (Han Mu Do) this week after five years of dedicated training.

This is a wonderful achievement Anant!



Congratulations Kelvin!

For those of you who enjoyed seeing our former student, Kelvin, on the television show 'Love on the Spectrum (ABC), you will be pleased to hear that through his appearance on the show, Kelvin has now landed his dream job!

In Kelvin's words "My dream job is to work at Australia Post as an assistant. Australia Post saw me on the TV show and contacted me for a zoom meeting. At the zoom meeting, we talked about organising my transport to get to the venue, the time of the job and my previous work experience. They asked me 'where would I see myself in five years?' I said to them that I would be improving my customer service skills and I would be working full time".

Kelvin's interview was a great success and he starts at Australia Post in Chatswood soon!

The St Edmund's community sends its sincere congratulations to you Kelvin - keep us posted!





From the Parent Group

After a crazy, different year in the world and here at the College, it is hard to believe we are up to our last few weeks of 2020 - we have survived the year!

Thank you to the families who ordered gingerbread houses; they were sent home last week. We would love to see photos of them assembled once you have them completed. Please send in photos to us, even in the holidays, to Candice Palin, palin@erses.nsw.edu.au. We would love to share them with the College community.

Thank you on behalf of the parent community to all of the teachers, learning support staff and administration staff for all of your support and hard work. 2020 has panned out to be very different than what was anticipated at the start of the year. The way in which St Edmund's adapted and supported our children, in a time which was very challenging, is greatly appreciated.

Services for 10 free counselling sessions are still being offered over the school holidays. This could be a good time for siblings to access this service. Details are in this Newsletter.

We wish all of our graduating Year 12 students and families a wonderful Formal tonight and all the very best for all the opportunities and happiness that lie ahead as you leave St Edmund's and start on your new path.

We have all journeyed through a lot this year. Not all that COVID-19 has brought has been bad though. The lessons of COVID-19 have reminded us to appreciate what we have, the freedom we have, the support we have been offered and the opportunities we have to gather with those we love, friends and family. Let not 2020's abrupt halt to normality go to waste; let its lessons be remembered and embraced. Enjoy being with those you love over Christmas as we remember what Christmas is, the celebration of life and love.

Wishing all of you a very safe and happy Christmas and New Year. As we say goodbye to 2020 we look forward to all that 2021 has to offer.

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, goodwill toward men" - Luke 2:14

Janine Eastham
(Tom's Mum)
Parent Group Leader



ONE ON ONE COACHING FOR FAMILIES

PART OF OUR SELF CARE AND
NOURISHMENT PROGRAM

- Please book in for your confidential and private coaching session with AccessEAP professionals, Netta Dolev or Pol Miles McCann.
- 10 Sessions available per person. Be early, limited spaces.
- Sessions up to 50 minutes at a time.
- Support strategies, Self care, Networks, Counselling



**Call 1800 818 728 to book your appointment
or visit AccessEAP's website
on <https://www.accesseap.com.au/>**

' Cost of these sessions are covered under the My Community Project Grant funded by the NSW State Government'



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Around the College - Important Dates

Term 4

Fri 27th Nov	Year 12 Graduation Formal (<i>proceeding</i>)
Tue 1st Dec	Presentation Ceremony (<i>new format - to be filmed</i>)
Fri 4th Dec	Year 7 Immunisation
Wed 9th Dec	Year 12 Farewell Mass and Leave Taking Ceremony
Wed 9th Dec	Last day of Term 4

Community News

Absentees

If your child is absent from the College for any reason during term time:

- ⇒ Please phone Mrs Acret in the College office or email: secretary@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au on the first morning your child is absent so that the Homeroom teacher can be advised; and
- ⇒ A written note (or email) must accompany your child when he/she returns to the College - this is a legal requirement for the class roll.

Requesting Leave during College term (for any reason)

It is expected that every endeavor is made for students' leave to be taken during the College holidays. If however, this is not possible, a request should be:

- ⇒ Emailed to Mr Franzin on franzin@erses.nsw.edu.au asking for permission and giving the reason for the leave. The necessary form will be emailed back to you to be completed and returned to the College. Mr Franzin will respond to your email, copying in the Homeroom teacher and Mrs Acret. This is also a legal requirement for the class roll.

For Sale:

- ⇒ Fantastic 3 wheeler adult bike (owned by a former St Edmund's student)
- ⇒ Excellent condition (hardly used)
- ⇒ \$220.00
- ⇒ Please contact Karla on 0402 065 650



Please check to see whether any of these items are familiar and if they are, please contact the College office before the last day of term.



The Dish Christmas Food Drive

Give a little, help a lot.

This year The Dish are going to make up small individual food hampers to give to our “friends” this Christmas. We are hoping that The Dish Community groups will help us by generously donating some little luxury Christmas food items.

Some examples: mince pies, dried fruit, nuts, cookies, chocolates. Something a little special that they wouldn't naturally buy for themselves.

Please send these items into the St Edmund's College office by no later than Friday 4th December.





2021 School Year

TERM 1	Tuesday	26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday
	Wednesday	27 January	Staff Day
	Thursday	28 January	Staff Day
	Friday	29 January	Staff Day
	Monday	1 February	Students return
	Thursday	1 April	Last day of term
	Friday	2 April	Good Friday
	Monday	5 April	Easter Monday

9 week term - Autumn Holidays (2 weeks)

TERM 2	Monday	19 April	Students return
	Wednesday	5 May	Blessed Edmund Rice Day
	Friday	11 June	Staff Day
	Monday	14 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
	Friday	18 June	Last day of term

9 week term - Winter Holidays (3 weeks)

TERM 3	Monday	12 July	Students return
	Saturday	17 July	Eddie's Big Night Out
	Friday	17 September	Last day of term

10 week term - Spring Holidays (2 weeks)

TERM 4	Monday	4 October	Labour Day Public Holiday
	Tuesday	5 October	Students return
	Friday	3 December	Last day of term for students

9 week term - Summer Holidays

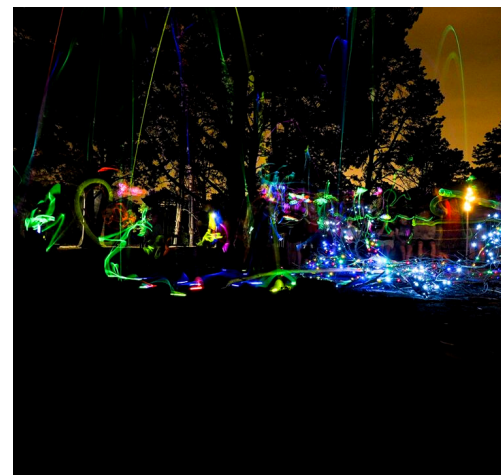


DARE 2B DIFFERENT

DECEMBER 28 - JANUARY 1

A CAMP FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS OF ALL ABILITIES

VISIT [SUNSW.ORG.AU/EVENTS/DARE-2B-DIFFERENT](https://www.sunsw.org.au/events/dare-2b-different)
OR EMAIL US AT [D2BDCAMP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:d2bdcamp@gmail.com)





Scripture Union
NEW SOUTH WALES



What is D2BD?

Dare 2b Different is a Christian camp for all high schoolers, those with additional needs and those without. We spend 5 days (28th December - 1st January) doing camp activities, swimming, singing, playing games and learning from the Bible.

On D2bD everyone is included. The games, activities and teaching are designed for everyone to be able participate. We have a high ratio of leaders to campers so that everyone can have the help they need. We believe that everyone can learn about how much Jesus loves them because he loves all of us!

CONTACT US

dare2bdifferent@gmail.com.au

<https://sunsw.org.au>

DARE2B DIFFERENT

A Day at D2bD

8am - Breakfast
9am - Morning Session and group time
1030 - Games and morning tea
1230 - Lunch
130 - Campground activity (eg flying fox)
230 - Free time
5pm - Paired and Individual Bible Reading
6pm - Dinner
7pm - Night Games and Activities
9pm - Supper, Songs and Story
930 - Bed Time
10pm - Lights out



Who can we cater for?

Dare 2b Different seeks to cater for people of all abilities, due to the limitations of our leader's team we do have a limited number of spots for campers with high physical care needs. Please contact us if you would like to talk more with us about the needs of your child and how we might be able to include them.



Where is D2BD?

We meet every year at Wedderburn Christian Campsite. The site is fully wheelchair accessible and has a pool, rock climbing, giant swing, flying fox and more.

What is the cost?

D2BD registration is \$330, which includes accommodation, food and all activities.

There are sibling discounts and financial aid available.



PLEASE RETURN FORM FILLED OUT - NO FORM NO BOOKING

December Holiday Program 2020 Enrolment Form

Dear Families,

We are super excited to be offering a school holiday program to your Champions. We have teamed up with local business's across Sydney to keep your Champions engaged, active and having fun whilst socialising during the school holiday break.

Our team of male and female mentors are ready to support your Champion over the school break. Please see below costs which are charged/invoiced to your funding manager.

If you are new to the Champions Life Skills programs please fill in a profile form attached, if you have already filled one in previously please disregard.

We will offer meeting points for pick ups and drop offs or alternatively where possible we can pick up and drop your Champion home, charges apply in line with NDIS - see examples below. Please make sure you add this to your booking. Late requests for transport cannot be facilitated.

PLEASE RETURN ENROLMENT FORM BY MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER.

Confirmation will be sent once your enrolment form is received. Details will be confirmed with ratio's/transport and requests before the day. In the event you cancel WITHIN 5 DAYS OF BOOKING DATE and we cannot fill the place, we will invoice you 70% of the day rate to cover other Champions not having to pay a higher ratio rate.

We aim to have a 1:3 ratio for all participants unless specified with your booking (if your Champion requires a lower ratio for support)

RATIO 1:2 \$30.41 per hour

Example: 8:30am - 3:30pm 7 hour day would cost \$212.87

RATIO 1:3 \$22.44 per hour 7 hour day \$157.08

RATIO 1:4 \$18.46 per hour 7 hour day \$129.22

- CAR kms charged at .80cents per kilometre (shared between participants up to 4 Champions)
- VAN (up to 7 Champions) kms charged at \$2.00 per kilometre (shared between participants)

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US.



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**Please mark which days you would like your child to attend:
Tick the box to confirm the days.
Write yes or no for transport - yes to be picked up from home and no for meeting point (Hornsby)**

FULL NAME OF CHAMPION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DAY	ACTIVITY*	COST*	ATTENDING	TRANSPORT	RATIO
<i>Monday 14th December</i>	Games & Morning tea at Livvi's Park Ryde Ryde Aquatic Centre	\$6.60			
<i>Tuesday 15th December</i>	Train from Hornsby - Gosford Clip and Climb Fish and Chips by the water Train back to Hornsby	\$30 + opal card			
<i>Wednesday 16th December</i>	Australian Reptile Park Somersby Falls Walk Swim weather permitting	\$40			
<i>Thursday 17th December</i>	Martial Arts Fun Gym Session Lunch at Lisgar Gardens & Drawing Session	\$25			
<i>Friday 18th December</i>	Canoelands Fruit Farm Animal/tractor experience Fagan Park Fun	\$15			
<i>Monday 21st December</i>	MOVING BODIES Gymnastics/Parkour Ninja Warrior Course	\$35			
<i>Tuesday 22nd December</i>	Bobbin Head Art Session Create your own Canvas Bushwalking	\$15			
<i>Wednesday 23rd December</i>	Ten Pin Bowling Castle Hill Lunch in Reserve Xmas Cookie Decorating Session	\$30			

- Please note that whether your Champion is able to do an activity or not or would prefer not to participate in part of the activity we will provide the support for them to attend the day.
- We encourage all Champions to have a go and we focus on the interactions, socialising and learning rather than the individual activities.
- If you need us to support your Champion in anyway please let us know so we can make sure they have the best day possible.

BYO drink bottle, morning tea and lunch unless specified on day activity. LABELLED PLEASE

- * ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON BOOKINGS, AVAILABILITY AND WEATHER. IN THE EVENT A SIMILAR ACTIVITY WILL BE OFFERED.
- * OUT OF POCKET COST ONLY. TO BE PAID IN CASH IN ENVELOPE EACH DAY FOR ACTIVITY COSTS - SEE PAGE 1 FOR INVOICING COSTS IN LINE WITH NDIS

We can't wait to see your Champion and make some awesome school holiday memories.

Sam, Kirsty and the Champions Life Skills Team!