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## Principal's Message ...

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

It is time to start putting the pace and demands of the school year behind us and turn to the most important things that Christmas brings; family and the gift of the Christ child, who in his birth, completes the Holy Family, of which all our own families are an echo and a part. Families are sacred and with the birth of a new child the most sacred of moments. Christmas is the time to return to that experience and knowledge, focused on the birth of our Saviour. It is also a time to think of people without family and those families in difficulty and support them where we can. Christmas is a time for care, love and giving; through our presence to each other, reflecting the presence of a loving God in our lives.



**End of Year College Mass:** It was wonderful to welcome and have our End of Year College Mass, led by the Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, Most Rev Anthony Randazzo and the Very Rev Dr David Ranson, Vicar General of Broken Bay. As always, all students were reverent throughout the Mass and warmly welcomed our special guests. We also had an opportunity to thank and farewell Fr David who leaves our parish at the end of the year to take up a new appointment as Parish Priest of Chatswood, continuing his role as Vicar General. Fr David has been a great blessing to our College community over many years and is adored by the students at the College and I know he will be greatly missed. We look forward to welcoming Fr Paul Durkin next year when he takes on the role of Parish Priest of the Parish of Wahroonga.

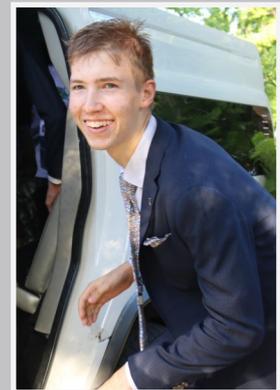
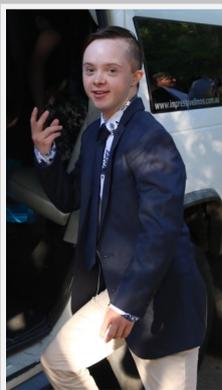
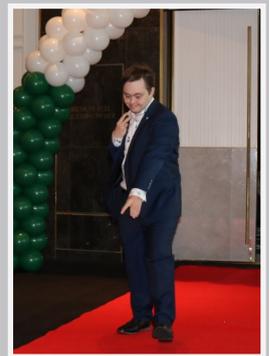


**Year 12 Graduation:** Dinner and Graduation at Miramare Gardens last week was an opportunity for each Year 12 student to be acknowledged in front of family, teachers and peers. Given that they are finishing school and transitioning to life beyond St Edmund's and also that as Christmas approaches, the busyness of life is increasing, the time taken by everybody that evening to acknowledge and celebrate them, was an important statement of the value we place on their achievement in finishing school. It is also recognition of an important transition in life, the movement from school into the wider world of opportunity and possibility. In finishing schooling to Year 12, these students have received much and in turn, as graduates of an Edmund Rice school, much will be expected of them and what they give back, will help shape them and their world into the future. Many thanks to Mr. Terry O'Keefe, Ms. Sheena Macdonald, Mrs. Rebecca Kirwan, Mr. Jason Scanlon and Mrs. Wendy Scott, along with the Year 12 parents and supported by many staff for organising this very significant event.

**Farewells:** As this is the final edition of the 2020 Newsletter, I take this opportunity to thank the parents and the broader school community for the ongoing support of our students during what has been a very challenging year for all. We farewell a number of staff at the end of the year and we thank them for the wonderful contribution they have made in support of the students and families of the College. I know they will be greatly missed by the staff, students and parents of St Edmund's and we wish them well for the future. In particular, we farewell and thank Mrs. Margriet Shaw-Taylor, Mrs. Jenny Prideaux and Ms. Ellana Hickman who conclude their time with us. We thank them for their outstanding dedication and professionalism over many years and wish them all the very best for their future endeavours. I know they will have fond memories of their time at St Edmund's College. Please have a blessed and happy Christmas, travel safely, enjoy good times with friends and family and we look forward to welcoming everyone back at the start of the 2021 school year when students commence on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February**.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Jon Franzin  
**PRINCIPAL**



Congratulating our  
Graduating  
Students of 2020!  
Oh! What a Night!

## Around the College

A **huge thank you** to **ALL** of our Canteen volunteers for 2020 – we are so appreciative of the time and effort you have given to the staff and the students this year. A special thank you Sally Carson and Sharon Gillett for all their help during the months that we have not been able to have our volunteers on site.

A very special thank you Julie MacPherson for coordinating the Canteen this year.



*To our colleagues, Margriet, Jenny and Ellana - the Eddie's community will miss you - thank you for all your hard work and dedication but most of all, your friendship. There will always be a cuppa for you in the staffroom.*

*It's hard to forget someone who gave so much to remember .....*

### St. Edmund's College Calendars

We hope you have all enjoyed receiving the St. Edmund's College Calendar. If you would like any further Calendars for family and friends (they make beautiful Christmas presents) please contact the College office and send in your payment of \$5.00 per calendar.

Enjoy!



**Semester 2 Reports for Years 7-11** will be published on the Sentral Parent Portal at 4.00 p.m. on Wednesday 9th December. If you would like to request a printed copy of the Report to be posted home, please contact Cathy Laing on [laing@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:laing@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au)



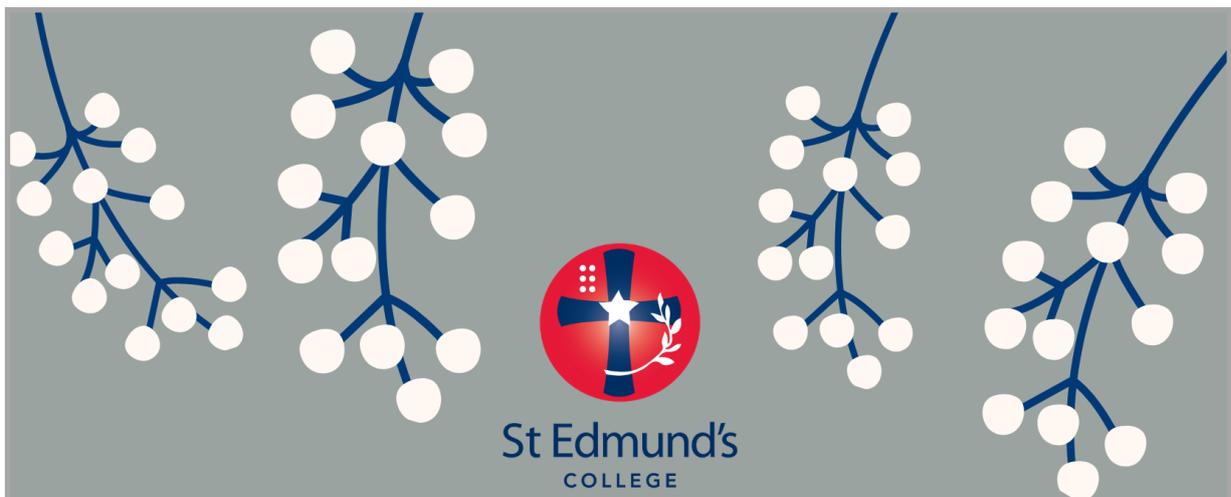
If you would like any information about accessing the Semester 2 Reports using the parent portal, please contact me at [gilkes@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gilkes@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au). These Reports shows the grades awarded to students who have been assessed on NESAs Life Skills outcomes. Students are awarded a grade of either Achieved, Achieved with Support or Developing for individualised tasks that assess each outcome. Subject teachers also include a comment about each student to give a holistic picture about their interests, strengths and areas for improvement in each subject.

Vivienne Gilkes  
Head of Teaching & Learning

## Fantastic achievement Ciaran!

Ciaran (Year 11) performed with his dance group (Cheerability) in the Comp Nationals last Friday and won 2nd and 3rd place for their two performances.

This is an outstanding achievement Ciaran - the Eddie's community are very proud of you!



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# EDDIE'S BIG NIGHT OUT

*Save The Date* 2021

SATURDAY 17TH JULY  
Miramare Gardens, Terrey Hills



PROUDLY SUPPORTING ST. EDMUND'S SCHOOL & THEIR STUDENTS

# 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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SCHOOL



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Staff

Principal: Mr Jon Franzin

2020

**Seated Row:** Ellana Hickman, Lisa Stokes, Genevieve Funk, Carl Southern, Vivienne Gilkes, Terry O'Keefe, Marilyn Noonan, Jon Franzin, Jason Scanlon, Cathy Laing, Karen Houlcroft, Tina Portelli, Peter Trainer, Jacqui Baxter, Diana van Esch  
**Second Row:** Zoe Starkey, Jenny Prideaux, Victoria Hill, Janine Brackenreg, Eva Southern, Cara Suen, Wendy Scott, Margriet Shaw-Taylor, Sangeeta Gupta, Lynda Grogan, Lisa O'Neil, Rachel Hopkins, Elisabeth Wegener, Caitlin Hassell, Dennis Zaronias  
**Third Row:** Sue Ottery, Ben James, Sheena Macdonald, Jacqui Campbell, Amanda Keegan, Sarah Inglis, Katie Peacock, Bernadette Acret, Jackie Reilly, Julie MacPherson, Emma Fotheringham, Catherine Heuzenroeder, Tracey Snell, Cathy McNally-Sheppard  
**Fourth Row:** Julie Modra, Mark Fawkner, Tiffany Hosken, Candice Palin, Brenden Jones, Jonathan McMahon, Brendon Elcoate, Paul Borkowski, Victoria Lee, Jane Morgan, Cherie Pisani  
**Absent:** Annie Strat, Theresa Cox

*From the staff at St. Edmund's,  
we wish all our students and families a very happy Christmas, a  
healthy and prosperous New Year and a safe and relaxing break.  
May the blessings of peace and happiness  
fill your homes this holy season.*

*School Resumes for all students  
on Monday 1st February 2021.*





## **Christmas**

**End a quarrel.**

**Seek out a forgotten  
friend. Dismiss suspicion  
and replace it with trust.**

**Write a love letter. Share some  
treasure. Give a soft answer. Keep**

**a promise. Find the time. Forgo a grudge.**

**Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologise if you**

**were wrong. Try to understand. Examine your**

**demands on others. Think first of someone else. Be**

**kind, be gentle. Appreciate. Laugh a little. Laugh**

**a little more. Express your gratitude. Gladden the heart**

**of a child. Welcome a stranger. Take pleasure in the**

**beauty and the wonder of the Earth.**

**Speak your love.**

**Speak it again.**

**Speak it yet**



## 2021 School Year

<b>TERM 1</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>26 January</b>	<b>Australia Day Public Holiday</b>
	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
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>2 April</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
	<b>Monday</b>	<b>5 April</b>	<b>Easter Monday</b>

9 week term - Autumn Holidays (2 weeks)

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

9 week term - Winter Holidays (3 weeks)

<b>TERM 3</b>	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)

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

9 week term - Summer Holidays



The College has a subscription for all students to access ebooks and audio books online. They can access these books through a variety of devices. I encourage you to use this subscription at home, perhaps in the upcoming holiday break!

What devices can you use ePlatform on?

- Apple devices (eg. iPhone, iPad or iPod Touch (requires iOS7 or higher))  
Download the app from Apple App Store.
- Android devices (eg. Galaxy Tab, Galaxy S, Galaxy Note, HTC devices)  
Download the app from Google Play.
- Windows tablets (NOT Windows phones) Download the app from Windows store.
- Desktop or laptop (PC or Mac) Read via your browser or download reader software and create an Adobe ID. See our guide to setting this up.
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How do you read eBooks or listen to Audiobooks?

The simplest way to read eBooks or listen to Audiobooks is to access the free ePlatform app. Through this app you can easily find your library (Edmund Rice Special Education Services), then access all your titles and read or listen to them via their browser – even if offline, all via their tablet or smartphone.

The app can be accessed on an iPad, iPhone, Galaxy and most other devices. Using it is as easy as 1-2-3:

1. Download the ePlatform app from the Apple, Google Play or Windows app stores.
2. Look for the Edmund Rice Special Education Services library and log in - you'll only need to do this once.

3. Search for, borrow and read or listen to any book you want! For more information on the app and where to download it from read this app information.

Both the ePlatform app and website allow eBooks to be read via your browser. This means users can read either online or offline, and have access to a full range of display settings so they can customize their reading experience to match their preferences. For more on this see our browser reader information.

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A letter with the login details for students was sent home earlier in the year, if you need login details please email me ([gilkes@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gilkes@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au)). More information can be found on the website <https://erses.wheelers.co/help/faq>



# Parent User Guide – Sentral Academic Reports

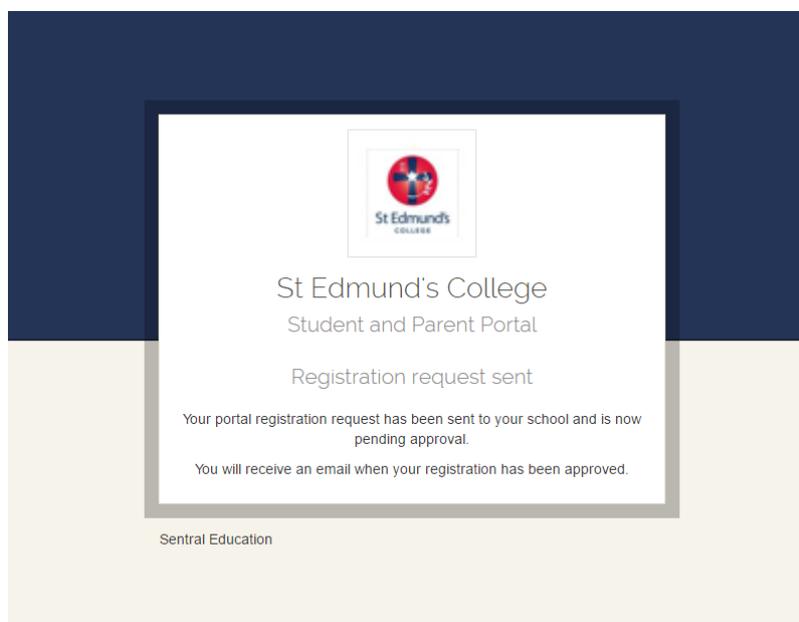
The Sentral Parent Portal provides online access for parents to a range of information specific to their child including their timetable, attendance records, the College calendar and reporting. This guide outlines the steps needed to access the student reports.

## 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.

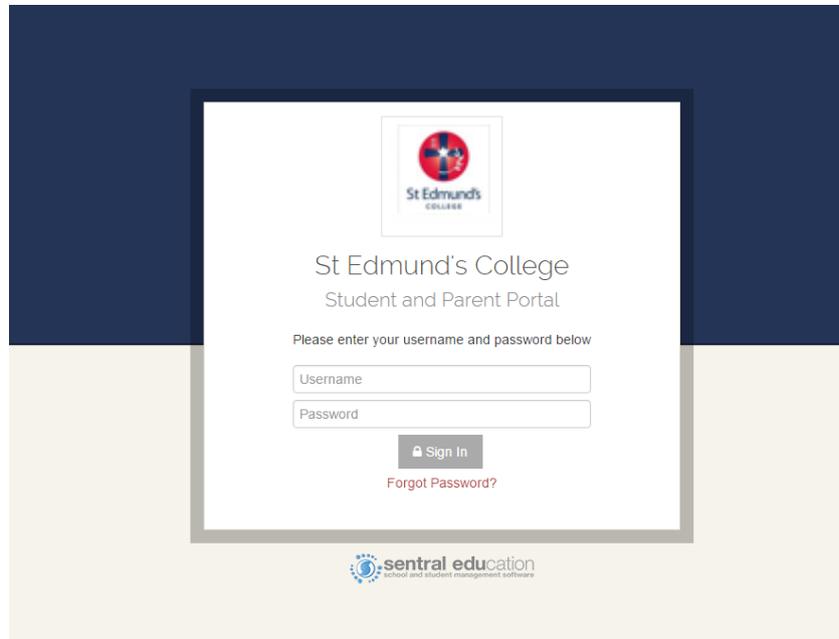
A screenshot of the registration form for the St Edmund's College Parent Portal. The form is titled "St Edmund's College Create a Portal User Account" and includes the following fields: Username (with a note "MUST BE A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS"), Password (with a note "MUST BE AT LEAST 8 CHARACTERS"), Password (Confirm) (with a note "PLEASE CONFIRM PASSWORD"), Title (a dropdown menu), First Name (with a note "PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR FIRST NAME"), 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.

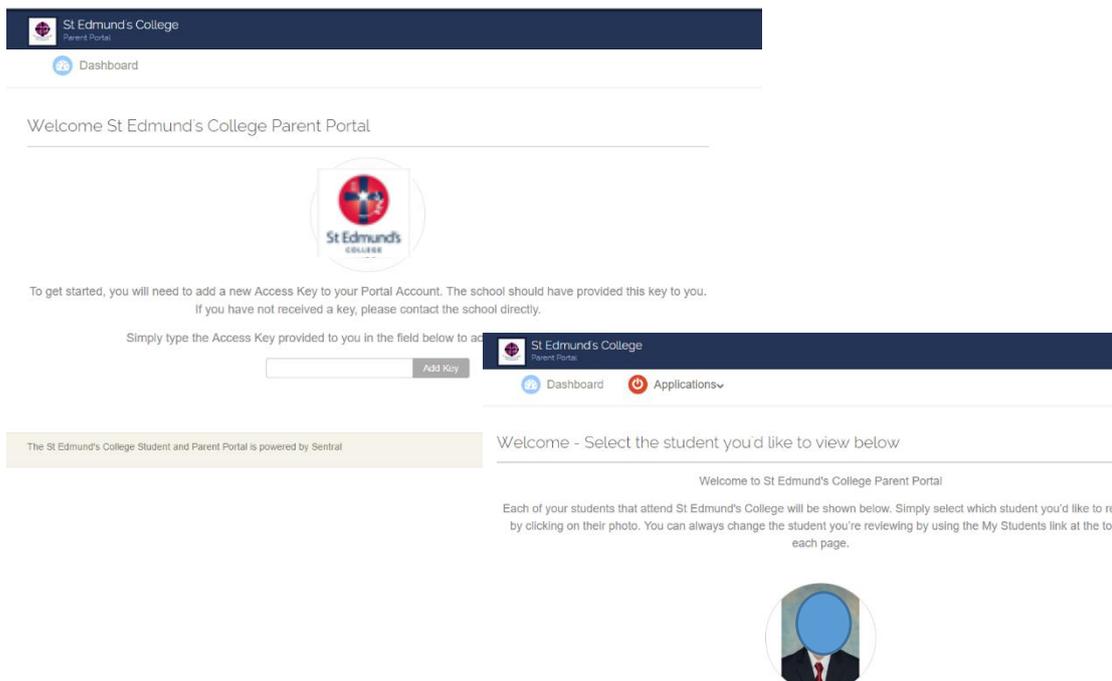




- Once you have received the email confirming your registration, use your web browser again and go to <https://sentral.erses.nsw.edu.au/portal> Log in using the username and password you created earlier.

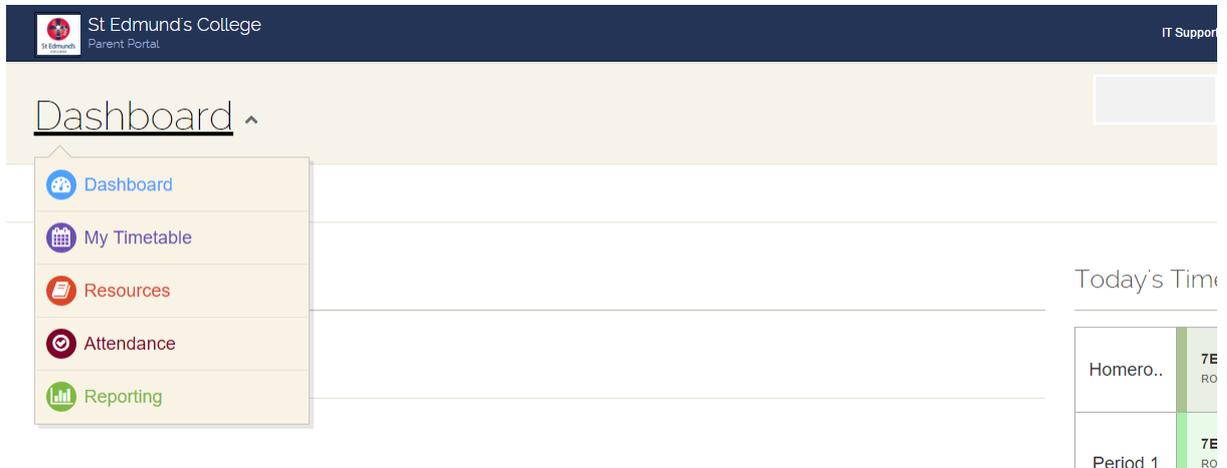


- You will then be prompted to add your child to your account by entering an Access Key. This Access Key was provided in both letters sent to you during this Semester and consists of letters and numbers e.g. **JZZ45m22jF**. Your child's photo will appear when you have successfully linked your account.

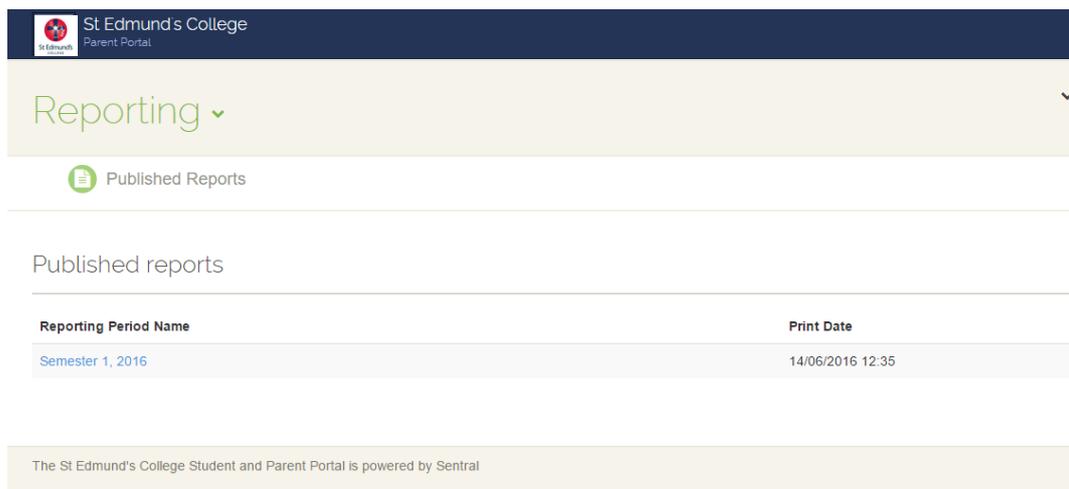




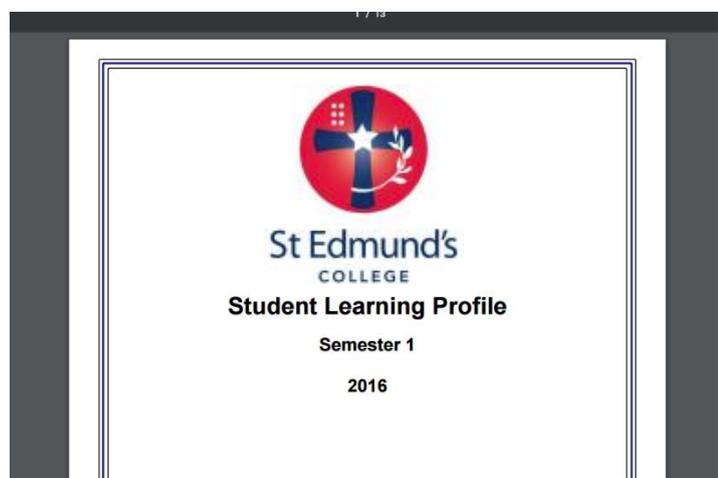
- Click on the photograph of your child and you will see the 'dashboard.' Click on the word 'Dashboard' and you will see the drop down menu below. Select 'Reporting.'



- The published report will appear once released and you will see as below:

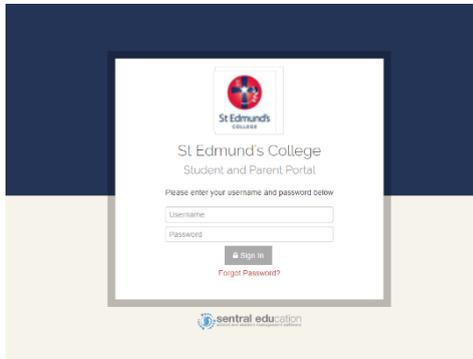


- Once you click on 'Semester 1, 2016', a PDF file will open and you will be able to view the report.

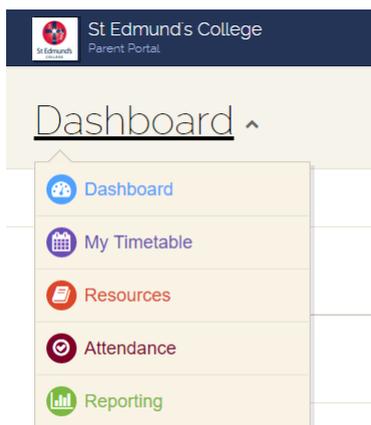


## Registered Users

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3. The published report will appear once released and you will see as below:



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