



# St Edmund's College

EXCELLENCE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION



*Inspiring Independence, Transforming Lives*

## Newsletter

Term 4, Week 9,  
3rd December 2021



### Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Friends and Students 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, 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.

### Presentation Day

Congratulations to all students for their enthusiastic involvement in our Presentation Day awards ceremony. It was a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for the year and to recognise the gifts and talents of all of our young people at St Edmund's College. I take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Rebecca Kirwan – Deputy Principal for the coordination of this important event as well as Mr. Jason Scanlon, Mrs. Cathy Laing and Mrs Candice Palin for all their behind the scenes work. A heart felt thank you to all the parents who contributed to my farewell gifts and to Janine Eastham for her kind words.

### Student Leaders 2022

I congratulate the following students who have been appointed to our College Leadership positions for 2022. I know that they will lead the College community with distinction and ensure that the voices of all students are heard through our Student Council meetings. I wish them all the very best as they undertake these important roles next year.

Lachie Carson and Claire Beaven	College Captains
Ben Marsh and Josh Warton	College Vice Captains
Christian Vumbaca	Student Voice
Angelica Hernandez	Mount Sion House Captain
Lorelle Wheeler	Waterford House Captain
Brendan John	Kilkenny House Captain
Owen Bull	Callan House Captain

### Farewells

As this is the final edition of the 2021 Newsletter, I take this opportunity to thank the parents and the broader school community for their 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. Marilyn Noonan, Mrs. Karen Houlcroft and Ms. Annie Strat who retire at the end of this year. We thank them for their outstanding dedication and professionalism over many years and we wish them all the very best for their future endeavors. I know they will have fond memories of their time at St Edmund's College.

## Principal's Message continued ...

On a personal note, as I conclude my time as Principal at St Edmund's College I take this opportunity to thank the staff, students, parents and broader school community for the wonderful support I have received over the past six years. It has been a great privilege to lead this wonderful school community and a true blessing to be part of the lives of our students and families.

I will have fond memories of our time together and I wish you all the very best for the future. I know that you will be in capable hands with the leadership of Mr. Michael Farrell and I wish him all the very best in the years to come.

I wish you all a very 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 2022 school year when students commence on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**.

Best wishes and God bless,

Jon Franzin  
**PRINCIPAL**

*To our 2021 graduating students  
may we say congratulations  
and in the words of Isaiah:  
'See! I will not forget you.  
I have carved you in the palm of my hand.'*



**As our Year 12 Graduation Formal will be held next week, we look forward to seeing the photos in the first edition of the 2022 Newsletter.**

# Mr Franzin ....



Although your farewell is sadness for us, we wish you all the best in your new adventure.  
Goodbye and stay in touch.  
May God shower his blessings and love on you forever.



## Deputy Principal's Message

What a wonderful celebration of all of our students' achievements this week at our Presentation Day. Congratulations to everyone for receiving their Merit Awards and to those students who received one of our Major Awards. Congratulations also to our outgoing student leaders who have been outstanding in their roles this year and to our new leaders for 2022 - we look forward to having you as role models for the St Edmund's students.

Presentation Day gave us the opportunity to farewell our leaving staff. Mr Jon Franzin, our College Principal, will be moving in the very near future to become a Principal at a much larger school in Hobart. I would like to acknowledge the past 6 years that Jon has served this community, during which time he has shown an outstanding commitment to both the young people we serve and the vision to support programs and resources that enable these young people to build independence and assist with developing opportunities for post school life. Probably one of the most impressive moments I had early on, under Jon's leadership, was seeing him connect with our students. He had learnt every student's name in the first few weeks of his role and Jon's genuine enjoyment of getting out at lunchtime with the students to play handball, soccer or Uno even now is truly impressive.

Jon's hardworking and student focused approach has led to many great contributions to the College under his leadership including introducing our VET programs, including a state-of-the-art hospitality kitchen, development of the College uniform, supporting families with post school pathways and the development of the College master plan. This plan has recently been seen in action through the building of the soon to be completed new learning spaces which will significantly benefit our students from now, long into the future.

So on behalf of the St Edmund's community, I would like to thank Jon for all that he has done for staff, students and families. He has walked the road with us all and his efforts and vision have led us to where we are now and provided strong foundations for further success in the future. We wish Jon and his family all the best for their move to Tasmania.

It was wonderful to have Mrs Janine Eastham at our Presentation Ceremony speaking on behalf of our parent community to say farewell to Mr Franzin, Mrs Houlcroft and Mrs Noonan. I would also like to pay tribute to Mrs Annie Strat who is also leaving St Edmund's after 8 years with us as Compliance Officer over both schools. Annie's expertise in this field has been greatly appreciated and she will be very sadly missed.

Our videographer will have the link to Presentation Day ready to send to our families early next week. This link will be emailed to you all and also sent via Class Dojo so that you can enjoy seeing your child receive their Award and to see the presentations to our staff.

Congratulations also to our Year 12 graduating students who attended the Mass held last night at Holy Name Church. I'm sure your families would have been very proud watching you receive your Testamurs.

I would like to thank all of our students for their hard work and flexibility over this very challenging year and I'm so pleased that the whole of our student community could be on site today to see our Year 12 students travel through the archway and out of St Edmund's on their final day.

I wish all of our students and their families a very happy and holy Christmas. Keep safe over the Christmas break and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Wednesday 2nd February when all students are to return.

Rebecca Kirwan  
Deputy Principal





## Mission and Identity

### Year 12 Graduation Mass

It was a wonderful gathering celebrating the completion of schooling for our Year 12 students and their families at Holy Name Parish on Thursday evening. We thank Fr Paul for celebrating our Mass and reminding our graduating class of 2021 that they are entrusted to be the light of Christ in our world.

We celebrate today with our senior BBQ with Year 11 students cooking the BBQ and providing a social atmosphere at Bobbin Head. It was a wonderful last day at St Edmund's for our Year 12 cohort, reflecting on their journey and aware that they can now step confidently into the next chapter of their lives. We look forward to connecting with our Class of 2021 in the future.

### Christmas Day Table Prayer

A central aspect of the wonderful season of Christmas is family and friends gathering around the table to share life, love and stories. As we take time to gather around our tables, may we also welcome the Baby Jesus who reflects the vulnerability and fragility of human life. The infant Jesus is a gift to us reflecting that the human person is a reflection of God, a reflection of love. May this same love illumine our minds and hearts and surround our tables this Christmas Season.

*Lord God of Life,  
together with the beautiful traditions  
of decorating the Christmas tree,  
of singing carols and giving gifts,  
this Christmas dinner is an important part  
of our celebration of the birth  
of our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

*Come, Lord our God,  
and surround our feast day table  
as we delight in this joyous season of Christmas.  
Gift us in this meal with the taste of happiness  
as we savor this coming together  
of family and friends.  
As sparkling stars and singing angels rejoiced  
at the birth of the Christ Child in Bethlehem,  
so may we take great joy  
in this our Christmas dinner-celebration.*

*May You, our God, bless it and us  
in Your holy name.*



Jason Scanlon  
**Assistant Principal,  
Religious Identity & Mission**

# Year 12 Graduation Mass



We congratulate the following students on their  
Leadership appointments for 2022:

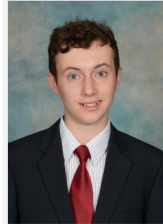
**COLLEGE CAPTAINS**

Claire Beaven and Lachlan Carson



**COLLEGE VICE CAPTAINS**

Benjamin Marsh and Joshua Warton



**STUDENT VOICE**

Christian Vumbaca



**MT SION HOUSE CAPTAIN**

Angelica Hernandez



**WATERFORD HOUSE CAPTAIN**

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**KILKENNY HOUSE CAPTAIN**

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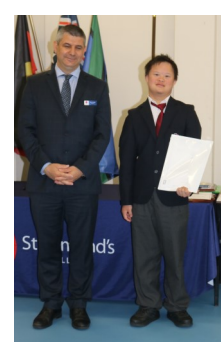
**CALLAN HOUSE CAPTAIN**

Owen Bull



PRINCIPAL'S LIFE AWARD  
 ERSERES BOARD AWARD  
 ADDICOAT AWARD  
 BLESSED EDMUND RICE AWARD  
 EDMUND RICE EDUCATION AUSTRALIA AWARD  
 REUBEN F. SCARF AWARD  
 AMPOL BEST ALL ROUNDER AWARD  
 EDDIES' MATES AWARD  
 EDDIES' MATES AWARD  
 ADF LONG TAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD – Year 10  
 ADF LONG TAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD – Year 12  
 ADF LONG TAN STEM AWARD – Year 10  
 ADF LONG TAN STEM AWARD – Year 12  
 GOOD SPORTS AWARD – JUNIOR  
 GOOD SPORTS AWARD – SENIOR  
 WOOLWORTHS IT AND COMMUNITY AWARD

Lachlan Jensen  
 Jayden Paddy  
 Grace Gilsenan  
 Corey Lipovac  
 Angelica Mudbidri  
 Anant Kapoor  
 Kori Chung  
 Shontelle Joseph  
 Kiara Misciagna  
 Mark Yeung  
 Mitchell Byrne  
 Athena Hookway  
 Emilia Cori  
 Benjamin Paterson  
 Zac Fry  
 Jesse Hughes



**Major Award Recipients  
 for 2021  
 Congratulations everyone!**



# Awards

## Leadership Awards:

### SILVER

Angelica, Ben M, Bianca, Brendan, Christian, Ciaran, Claire, Ella, Indira, Joshua W, Koosha, Lachie C, Lorelle, Lucas, Niki, Owen, Piper, Ryan M, Samuel, Sarah and Sid

### GOLD

Angelica M, Ciaran, Emilia, Jesse, Kiara, Michaela, Mitch, Ryan W, Shontelle and Zac

### PLATINUM

Anant, Angelica M, Ben T, Corey, Grace, Jayden, Jesse, Kori, Lachie J and Tague

## Eddie's Best:

<b>7F</b>	Elle	<b>7V</b>	Cameron
<b>8T</b>	Arpita	<b>8P</b>	Michael
<b>9C</b>	James	<b>9E</b>	Hugh
<b>10M</b>	Ben P	<b>10O</b>	Byron and Mark
<b>11J</b>	Christian	<b>11S</b>	Koosha
<b>12G</b>	Angelica	<b>12L</b>	Jayden

## Students of the Week:

<b>7F</b>	Campbell and Ben F	<b>7V</b>	Riarna, Bento and Oscar
<b>8T</b>	Emma and Parmida	<b>8P</b>	Lucy
<b>9C</b>	Sonnet and Chloe	<b>9E</b>	Luke and Tom
<b>10M</b>	Lachie and Mackenzie	<b>10O</b>	Sebastian and Olivia
<b>11J</b>	Niki, Lucas and Brendan	<b>11S</b>	Lachie and Sid
<b>12G</b>	Kiara and Corey	<b>12L</b>	Anant and Lachie

**Congratulations everyone!**  
**Amazing effort!**



## From the Parent Group

Well just like that it is all over before we even felt like it really started after lockdown! Even though the year has been different from the start, we were still able to gather as a parent community for a Zoom parent meeting, create a lockdown recipe book and hold a lovely World Teachers' Day breakfast.

Thank you for your support and ideas for the year. I think we are part of a very special community, brought together to learn, build up each other and support all of our children for the future. It's something I think is valuable. We gain a lot from the times when we gather as a community.

We had an overwhelming response to the request for contributions for Mr Franzin and Mrs Houlcroft for their farewell gift. Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions which are testimonies to what these two wonderful people mean to our school. They were presented with their gifts at Presentation Day and were overwhelmed with what they received and your generosity. We were also able to acknowledge Mrs Noonan for her 25 years with St Edmund's as she retires.

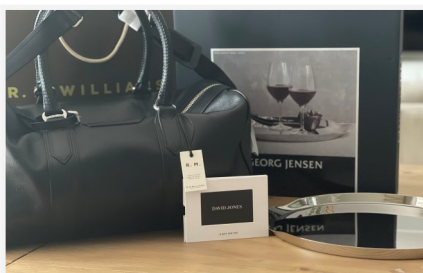
- ◇ Mr Franzin received an R M Williams black leather overnight bag, Georg Jensen tray, \$175 David Jones voucher, and a bottle of Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2013;
- ◇ Mrs Houlcroft received a Seiko Gold Watch, an Orotan Handbag, Waterford Crystal Wine glasses, \$175 David Jones gift voucher and flowers;
- ◇ Mrs Noonan received a set of Wedgwood Christmas tea cups and flowers.

We wish to thank Jon and Karen for all of their support, leadership and dedication to the students and families of Eddie's. Our parent community has been blessed to have had your service in our children's informative years. We appreciate all that you have done and wish you the very best for you and your families as your paths take you to new places. We also thank Marilyn for her dedication and we wish her a happy retirement.

I would also like to wish our Eddie's families leaving our school this year the very best. To the students in Year 12 CONGRATULATIONS!! May your dreams, happiness and future success all be yours to gain. We look forward to hearing where your journey takes you. We will miss you!

Wishing everyone a very happy and safe Christmas. I look forward to seeing you next year at our parent meetings and events. *"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people" - Luke 2:10*

Janine Eastham  
Tom's Mum  
Parent Group Leader





*To our colleagues, Jon, Marilyn, Karen and Annie - 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 .....*

## Semester 2 Reports

Reports for each student in Years 7-11 will be published on Sentral Parent Portal on Friday 3rd December at 5.00 p.m. These reports give an overview of your child's learning and progress this semester.

This semester the College reports will follow a different format to previous years. This change is intended to give parents a more holistic view of their child's development at the College in the curriculum areas, as well as in social and transition skills. You will find that your child's Homeroom teacher has made a comment on their overall progress through Semester 2 as well as their assessment of certain social and transition skills. Subject teachers will report on a selection of tasks that students have completed, by no means a complete list, but one intended to give you an overview of classroom activities. Subject teachers will also now report on the overall achievement of a student in the class.

I encourage you to read these reports with your child and help them reflect on the progress and achievements they have made in Semester 2.

If you would like to request a printed copy of your child's report, please contact Cathy Laing on [laing@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto: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 login at <https://sentral.erses.nsw.edu.au/portal>. If you have questions about accessing the parent portal, please contact the College.

Vivienne Gilkes  
**Head of Teaching & Learning**

*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  
Wednesday 2nd February 2022.*



**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 once again.**



# Rotary Club of Wahroonga Christmas Raffle 2021

**Over \$2,700 total prizes. 1st Prize value \$1,500**

## 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.



St Edmund's  
COLLEGE

### 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:



For more details and to buy tickets, scan QR code or go to <https://www.rafflelink.com.au/rcwchristmasraffle21>

The Raffle closes on the 20th of December 2021 and will be drawn on the 21st of December 2021 at Witham's Coffee Roasters, 5 Salisbury Rd, Asquith NSW at 10:30 am. Winner(s) will be displayed at <https://www.wahroongarotary.org> and <https://www.rafflelink.com.au/rcwchristmasraffle21>



Rotary  
Club of Wahroonga 

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**Link for Raffle tickets**



# Parent User Guide – Sentral Academic Reports

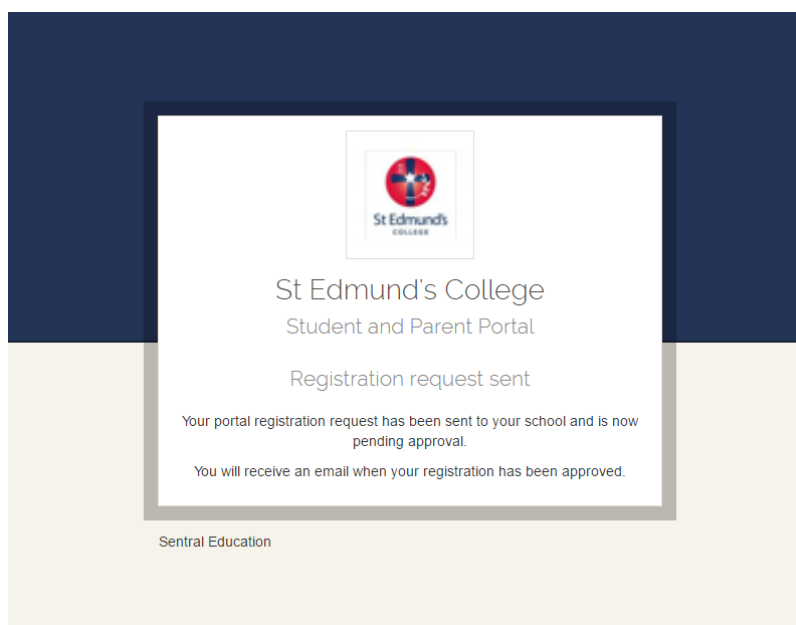
The Sentral Parent Portal provides online access for parents to a range of information specific to their child including their timetable, attendance records, the College calendar and reporting. This guide outlines the steps needed to access the student reports.

## 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.

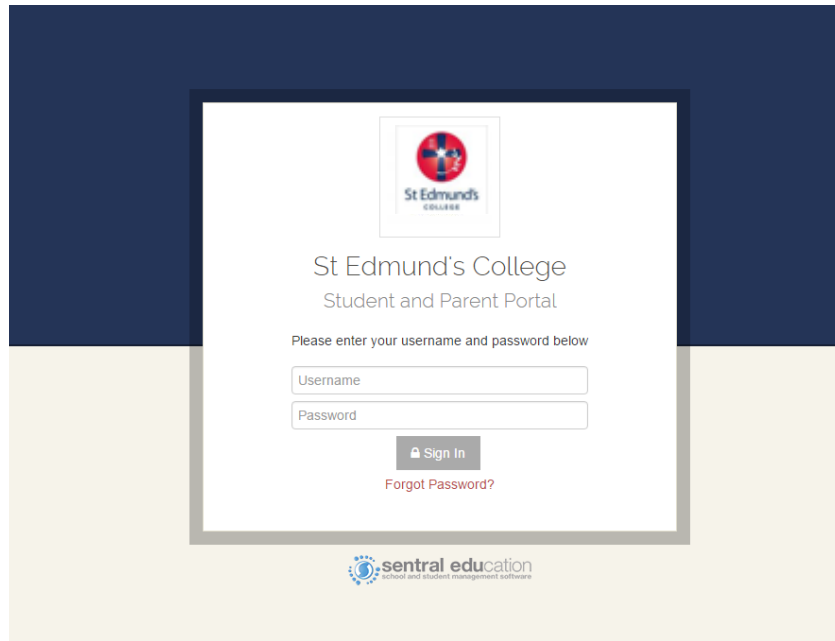
A screenshot of the registration form for the St Edmund's College Parent Portal. The form is titled "St Edmund's College Create a Portal User Account" and includes the following fields: Username (with a note "MUST BE A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS"), Password (with a note "MUST BE AT LEAST 8 CHARACTERS"), Password (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.

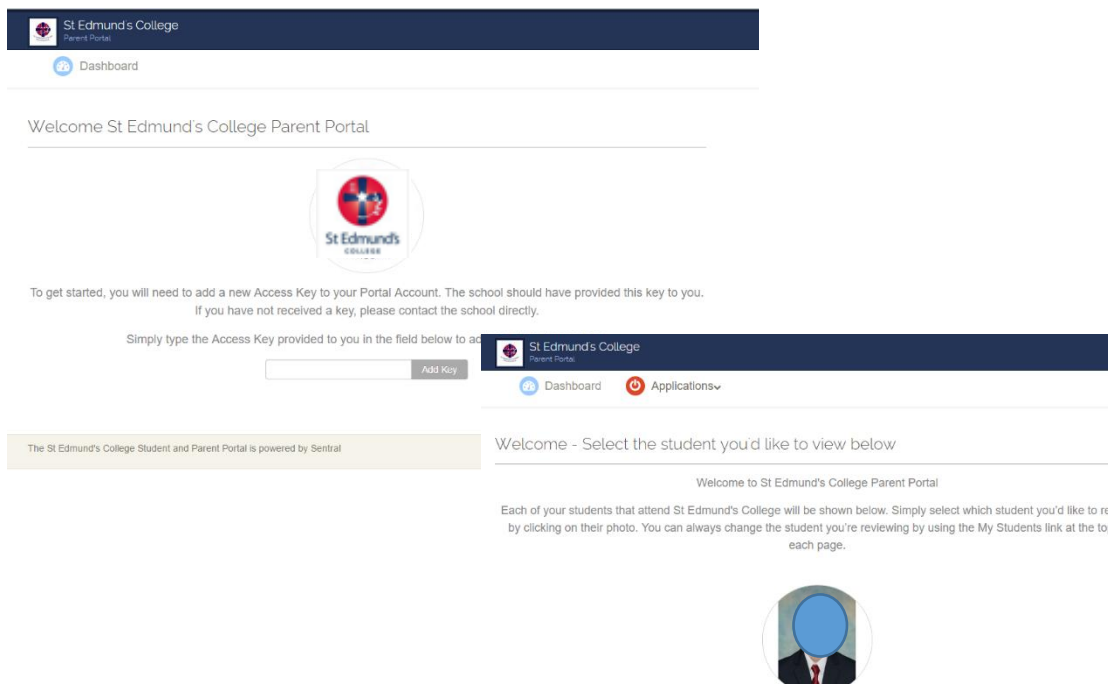




- Once you have received the email confirming your registration, use your web browser again and go to <https://sentral.erses.nsw.edu.au/portal> Log in using the username and password you created earlier.

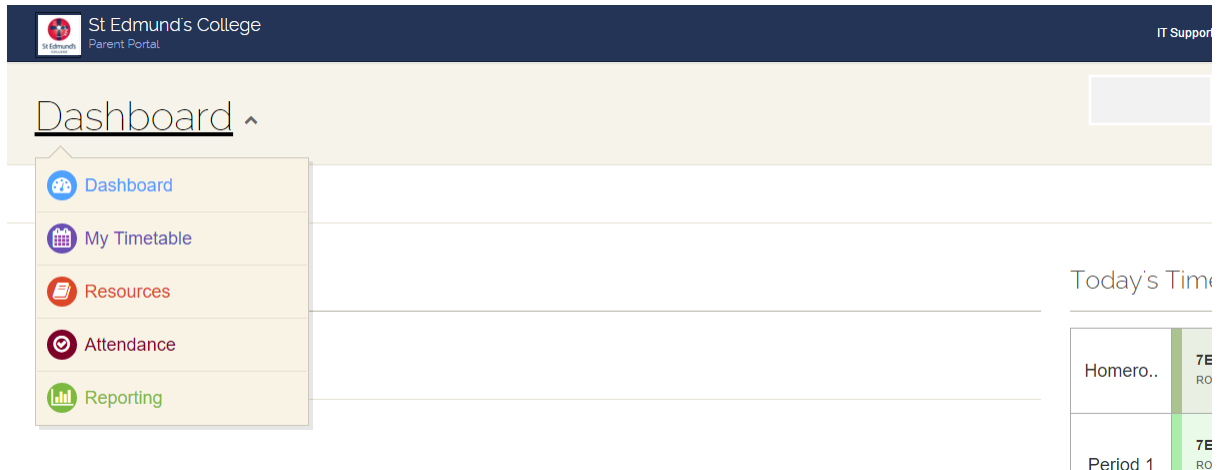


- You will then be prompted to add your child to your account by entering an Access Key. This Access Key was provided in both letters sent to you during this Semester and consists of letters and numbers e.g. **JZZ45m22jF**. Your child's photo will appear when you have successfully linked your account.





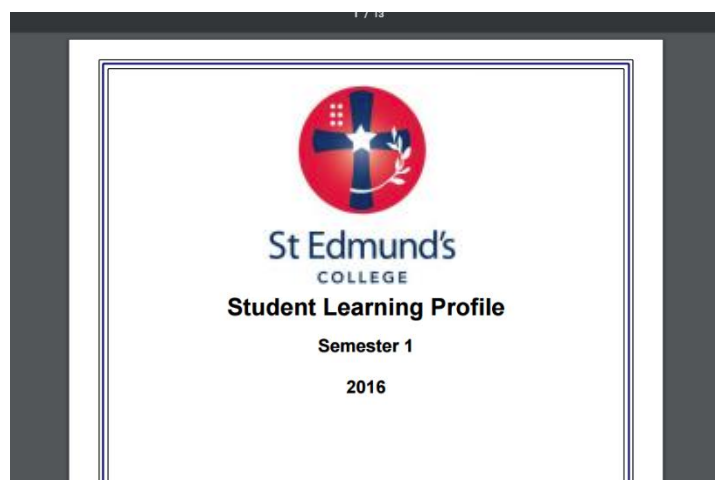
- Click on the photograph of your child and you will see the 'dashboard.' Click on the word 'Dashboard' and you will see the drop down menu below. Select 'Reporting.'



- 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.

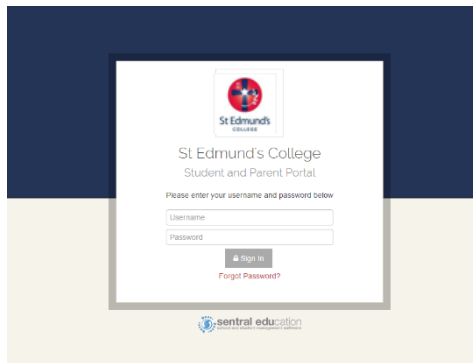




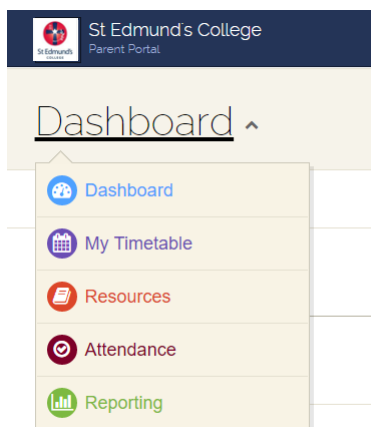


## Registered Users

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

# Wahroonga Community Celebrates



- The resilience and community spirit during the COVID-19 pandemic
  - The Centenary of Wahroonga Park
  - The Centenary of Rotary in Australia

You are invited to  
**a Healing Ceremony**  
and  
**the Dedication of a Time Capsule**

**Where: Wahroonga Park at the Rotunda**

**When: Saturday 4th December 2021**

**8.00am – 9.00am**

**BYO chair**

For items /contributions to the Time Capsule go to:

<https://wahroongarotary.org/page/wahroonga-park-centenary-2021/>

