



Inspiring Independence, Transforming Lives



Principal's Message ...

We recently paused to solemnly recognise National Reconciliation Week (NRW). NRW is an important moment for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. To coincide with NRW, Edmund Rice Education Australia launched our renewed commitment to Reconciliation through our Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan (Stretch RAP). We should be very proud that Edmund Rice Education Australia continues to walk in solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. EREA is committed to providing an inclusive, welcoming and sustaining environment and a culturally enriching education for all children and young people. EREA values the wisdom and experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and aspires to deepening an understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Knowings throughout the curriculum, the cultural life and leadership of EREA schools. Below is a message from our Executive Director, Dr Craig Wattam, taken from the Stretch RAP. I have provided a link to the Stretch RAP below and I recommend it to you to gain a full understanding of EREA's commitment to reconciliation and learning.

Message from the Executive Director, Dr Craig Wattam

On National Sorry Day in 2022, we acknowledged the fifth anniversary of the Uluru Statement from the Heart, in which First Nations Peoples, "coming from all points of the southern sky", extended the invitation: "walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future." As members of Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA), we have publicly endorsed the Uluru Statement as a sign of our commitment to act for reconciliation and to provide a liberating education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, and non-Indigenous children and young people, in our early learning services and schools.

Our Commitment to Reconciliation and Learning

We have committed to reconciliation, noting that the "Reconciliation movement in Australia is at a tipping point, and that we as a nation need to move from a space of 'safe' to 'brave' on issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples."¹ EREA's Stretch RAP seeks to further embed reconciliation initiatives in our organisational culture. The Stretch RAP has been developed at the same time as our new EREA Learning Statement "Implementing Liberating Practice to Co-create a Better World". The key deliverable of this statement is "to explicitly co-creating the learning conditions, dispositions and relationships to enable deep listening, confidence, agency and freedom".

Furthering our commitment to Reconciliation through a Stretch RAP

In advancing the five dimensions of reconciliation – Race Relations, Equality and Equity, Institutional Integrity, Historical Acceptance and Unity – EREA wishes to provide strong leadership in promoting respectful relationships and creating meaningful opportunities with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. The EREA National Stretch RAP will provide guidance and momentum for each EREA school to integrate and embed the values and priorities of the reconciliation movement into the fabric of their school cultures – their daily ways of being, knowing and doing. In creating a Stretch RAP, our commitment to reconciliation is further extended. We will continue to review and expand the embedding of reconciliation principles in all domains of Governance within our organisation, to ensure that we identify and provide opportunities, remove barriers to inclusion and listen respectfully to the voices of First Nations Australians. Our Actions for reconciliation will ensure that First Nations ways of Knowing, Doing and Being are recognised, valued and represented in the fabric of our organisational structures and leadership development, and in all facets of daily life in our school communities. Finally, on our reconciliation journey, we commit to continual cycles of learning, unlearning and relearning, to improve the cultural competency of all non-Indigenous employees, so that we become proactive in our pursuit of justice, healing and restoration, in order to create a shared identity as Australians which reflects the best of all of us, as we ensure that past wrongdoings are never repeated.

[EREA-Stretch-RAP-document-DIGITAL.pdf](#)

Principal's Message continued ...

Eddies Big Night Out

Please book your tickets for EBNO using this link www.trybooking.com/BYBBQ as soon as you can – please don't leave it to the last minute. It will be a fantastic night!

COVID Update

There are no changes to the current COVID setting for our school. Our staff have returned to wearing masks when students are on campus. Students who are a close contact will continue to isolate and not attend school for 5 days. Students who show COVID symptoms must remain home. If your child shows COVID symptoms while at school you will be asked to pick them up.

I would like families to continue surveillance testing with the RAHT tests provided. We have more to distribute and will send them home soon. I would like our community to continue using the RAHT until we have exhausted our supply.

Building Update

During the remaining couple of weeks of Term 2, our students and staff will begin their orientation and transition into the first stage of the new building. A lot of time and preparation has gone into this much anticipated change and I would like to thank all involved in getting us to this point. Many of our current routines will remain the same until the end of the term and this includes taxi and parent pick up. The new front entrance will not be operational until next term and all visitors will continue to enter the College via the exiting ramp.

Camp

We welcome back our Year 7 and 8 students and staff from camp today. I am sure it was a rewarding and educational experience and there will be many stories to share at home. The camp has been blessed with clear weather and sunshine even though it has been a bit chilly. A big thank you to all the staff who attended and to parents for encouraging your child to go. Camps form an invaluable part of our students' education and building their independence. They provide unique social, teamwork and personal challenge experiences that promote and stimulate a growth mindset.

Staff Day/Pupil Free Day next Tuesday

A reminder that next Tuesday, 14th June is a Staff Day/Pupil Free Day here at St Edmund's. I hope you all enjoy a relaxing long weekend and keep safe if travelling on our roads.

Michael Farrell
PRINCIPAL



A sneak peek at some Camp photos – more in our next Newsletter!



Deputy Principal's Message

Staff Awards

Two of our long-standing staff were presented with their awards this week.



Ms Claire Formby (Speech Therapist)
10 years' service to St Edmund's College
and St Gabriel's School.



Mrs Jenny Francis (Casual Teacher)
Dedicated service to St Edmund's
College since 2006.

Sarah Quinn - this week we say farewell to Sarah who has worked as the Marketing & Development Assistant for both St Edmund's College and St Gabriel's School for the past two years. We wish Sarah all the very best in her new position and thank her for her dedicated service to students, families and staff.



TERM 2 PARENT GROUP MEETING



SAVE THE DATE

We are lining up a guest speaker for the meeting and it will be onsite.

WEDNESDAY 22nd June, 2022

Meeting will start at 6.30pm



St Edmund's
COLLEGE

Rebecca Kirwan
Deputy Principal



St Edmund's College
EXCELLENCE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION



ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE AND EDDIE'S MATES EXTEND A
WARM INVITATION FOR YOU TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S

Eddie's Big Night Out

SILVER LINING BALL

EXCITING NEW VENUE

THE  VENUE

55 Doody Street, Sydney Corporate Park, Alexandria.
Free onsite parking.

- Date:** Saturday 18th June, 2022, 7pm–Midnight
- Tickets:** \$180pp includes 3 course meal, beverages and live entertainment
- Booking:** Please secure your ticket(s) online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BYBBQ>
- Dress Code:** After Five with a touch of silver
- RSVP:** 8th June, 2022
- Enquiries:** Please email Candice at events@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

CORPORATE MATES TABLES ARE AVAILABLE
Contact Candice on events@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

Our Silent Auction goes live TODAY!

Our silent auction plays a huge role in raising money on the evening. Our silent auction goes LIVE today. Please register via Galabid so that you can participate - see instructions below!

There are many great prizes including experiences, hampers and vouchers. Don't forget to share the link with family and friends.

How to use Galabid Silent Auction Instructions

1



Scan the
QR code



Or text **eddies**
followed by your **full name** to
0458 678 678

galabid.com/eddies

0458 678 678

eddies John Smith

Hi John, thanks for registering
click here to take part
galabid.com/eddies



2

**View
items**

3

Bid

Enter the amount
and press BID



4

Pay

Click the link in the
winning text to pay
securely.

galabid.com

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From the Parent Group



One week to go! That's one week to the biggest fundraising event of the year, Eddie's Big Night Out. It's not too late to purchase a ticket but you must do it today.

You do not want to miss out on this very special evening. Book now at <https://www.trybooking.com/BYBBQ> and join us at The Venue, Alexandria, \$180 pp and this includes a 3 course meal, all beverages and live entertainment.

EDDIE'S BIG NIGHT OUT RAFFLE

All parents would have received a book of Raffle tickets in support of Eddie's Big Night Out. There are 4 great prizes below to be won so please encourage family, friends and workmates to purchase a ticket or a book of tickets.

These are our prizes:

1st Prize	Visa Gift Card	\$1,000
2nd Prize	Delsey of Paris Maseru Luggage Set	\$999
3rd Prize	Radisson Blu Hotel Sydney - Accommodation for one night in a Standard room including full breakfast For two	\$510
4th Prize	Bunnings Gift Card	\$100

Tickets are \$5.00 each OR \$50.00 for a book of 12!

Funds raised from the raffle go towards resources and facilities for the direct benefit of our students.

If you would like more raffle books sent home please contact the College office on 9487 1044 or email secretary@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

All sold and unsold raffle tickets **must be returned to the College no later than Wednesday 15th June.**

Thank you for your support!

Janine Eastham
Parent Group Leader
(Tom's Mum - Year 11)

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Sports Awards at this morning's Assembly:

NSW All-Schools Swimming Championships

Ben P and Isaac who were selected into the NSWCCC Team. The boys competed in the NSW All-Schools Swimming Championships on 3rd June. Isaac represented NSWCCC in the 50m backstroke and finished the event with a personal best time. Ben represented NSWCCC in 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 50m butterfly, 50m backstroke, 100m freestyle and competed as a member of the NSWCCC Relay Team. Ben also qualified for Nationals in 50m freestyle (3rd place), 50m Butterfly (3rd place) and placed 2nd, as a member of the NSWCCC Relay Team. He will be travelling to Brisbane Aquatic Centre in Queensland to compete in the National School Swimming Championships in August (15th-20th).

Broken Bay Cross Country Championships

The BBSSA Cross Country Championships were held at St Ives Showground on 9th May. St Edmund's College took 17 representatives to compete on the day. The weather was not ideal, however all our students competed extremely well and displayed perseverance, determination and consistent effort throughout the 3km run. The BBSSA Cross Country Multi class results are outlined below:

Lucy, Isabella and Sophia were placed in the top 6 athletes to complete the female multi-class event, with Lucy finishing in 3rd place. In the school teams event, Lucy was the first female athlete to finish from our school.

Ben P, Will, Zane, Johann and Bradley were placed in the top 6 athletes to complete the male multiclass event. In the school teams event Ben P finished in 1st place, Will in 2nd place and Zane in 3rd place.

NSWCCC Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to Ben P, Will, Zane, Johann and Bradley for gaining selection into the Broken Bay Cross Country Team. These students competed in the NSWCCC Cross Country Championships at Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek on Tuesday 7th June.



Eddie's Fresh Food Reopening!

On Tuesday 31st May, St Edmund's College relaunched their Eddie's Fresh Food store in collaboration with Woolworths and Fujitsu. This has been a long- standing relationship between the corporates and the College with St Edmund's College being the first of its kind in the country for the groups.

The mini store was originally opened at St Edmund's College back in 2018 and was the first for Woolworths; now there are another eight mini Woolworths stores across the country. The mini Woolworths store will allow for learning in line with the College's curriculum, assisting subjects such as Maths, English, Food Technology, Hospitality and Retail.



Term 2 Mufti Day

At our College Leaders' meeting this week, our student Leaders made the decision to support Aussie Animals in Crisis with funds raised at our Term 2 Mufti Day - **the last day of term, Friday 24th June**. This suggestion came from Joshua - our College Vice Captain - and was voted in with a unanimous show of hands.

Two popular suggestions for causes to support were:

1. The Menzies Institute for Medical Research, University of Tasmania which is conducting research into Devil Facial Tumour Disease which affects the Tasmanian Devil; and
2. Australian Koala Foundation which conducts research and raises money to ensure that all koalas are protected.

Our students intend to split the money raised on Friday 24th June between these two organisations.

Please enjoy the Mufti Day by wearing casual mufti clothes and bringing along a gold coin.

College Leaders



Awards

Students of the Week:

9C Alessio and Liam

10J Hugh and Harry

11A Ben W and Johann

12M Sarah and Ella

9M James and Arpita

10S Zane and Elliot

11S Mikayla and Anna

12O Owen and Ben M

Eddie's Best:

9C Amie

10J Kate

11A Ben P

12M Christian

9M Bradley

10S Brandon

11S Mark

12O Ryan

Congratulations everyone!

Congratulations Christian

We congratulate our Student Voice, Christian in Year 12 for the contribution he gave to develop new signage for our College buses. Well done Christian!



Around the College - Important Dates

Term 2

Mon 13th Jun	Queen's Birthday public holiday
Tue 14th Jun	Staff Day (pupil free day)
Sat 18th Jun	Eddie's Big Night Out
Wed 22nd Jun	Term 2 Parent Group Meeting
Fri 24th Jun	Term 2 Mufti Day
Fri 24th Jun	Last day of Term 2

Term 3

Mon 18th Jul	First day of Term 3 for students and staff
Tue 30th Aug	Term 3 Mufti Day
Thu 1st Sep	Men's Group Meeting
Fri 2nd Sep	Father's Day Breakfast
Tue 6th Sep	Athletics Carnival (to be held at PLC Pymble)
Tue 6th Sep	The Dish
Wed 21st - Fri 23rd Sep	Senior Retreat
Fri 23rd Sep	Last day of Term 3

Term 4

Mon 10th Oct	Staff Day (pupil free day)
Tue 11th Oct	First day of Term 4 for students
Tue 25th Oct	Swimming Carnival (to be held at PLC Pymble)
Tue 25th Oct	The Dish
Tue 8th Nov	Term 4 Mufti Day
Thu 17th Nov	Men's Group Meeting
Fri 25th Nov	Year 12 Graduation Formal
Wed 30th Nov - Fri 2nd Dec	Year 9 & 10 Camp - Canberra
Thu 8th Dec	Presentation Day
Fri 9th Dec	Year 12 Farewell Mass
Fri 9th Dec	Last day of Term 4

