



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new school year at our College. I hope that you have all enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating break over the summer with a chance to slow down and to connect with friends and family. It has been wonderful to see our community come back together over the past few weeks, and I particularly extend a warm welcome to all new families joining us. We are delighted to have you as part of our community. Beginning at a new school is a significant step, and I hope that over these first few weeks you have already experienced the sense of belonging, care, and connection that makes St Edmund's such a special place.



As I return to the College for 2026, I am genuinely appreciative of the kindness, support, and encouragement so many of you have shown me. This time of change reminds me of the strength of our community and the values that guide us every day. It also reinforces the commitment we share in keeping our students and their learning, wellbeing and safety at the centre of all that we do.

I have been fortunate over the past few weeks to reconnect with many families and to meet those who are new to our community. Whether at drop off and pick up, parent meetings, assemblies, as well as during our Eddies Big Night In information evening, it has been a strong reminder of the importance of partnerships that support our students.

Last Tuesday's Eddies Big Night In was a particularly valuable opportunity to foster these partnerships with families where you were able to meet homeroom staff and other members of the College team. We also enjoyed a history 'lesson' from Terry O'Keefe as we marked the beginning of St Edmund's 75th year of Catholic education in the Edmund Rice tradition. We look forward to sharing more about how this significant milestone will be celebrated throughout the year. If you were unable to attend the event last week, homeroom teachers will be sharing slides from their presentations so that you are aware of routines and structures for the year ahead.



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Another opportunity to strengthen our home school partnership will take place this week, with Personalised Planning sessions for Semester 1 beginning on Wednesday 18 February. If you have not yet booked a time, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible. The combined input from staff, parents and students are essential for setting meaningful goals for the year ahead.

A reminder that fortnightly assemblies are another community event throughout the year where families are warmly invited. Held at 2pm during Week A, it is a time where we often see another of our College values 'joy' on full display. These assemblies offer a wonderful opportunity to celebrate student achievements and learning together. There are also further upcoming dates for other events listed in the newsletter for your information.

Finally, last Friday we thanked and farewelled Mrs Dillon during our College assembly. It was a wonderful expression of our St Edmund's community who gathered and acknowledged the contributions that Mrs Dillon has made in the 4 years that she has served the College. Her ideas and commitment to the various roles she held, including most recently that of Principal, has left a lasting impression on many. The students stole the show with many wonderful cards, videos and speakers who expressed their own gratitude for Mrs Dillon. The community also showed their appreciation by forming an epic farewell arch ritual which stretched from the hall to the front door.

We wish Mrs Dillon much happiness, joy and success in whatever the next chapter holds!

Rebecca Kirwan | Principal



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



At our First Assembly for the year, last fortnight, we welcomed the youngest and newest members of our community. Here is a photo of our new Year 5 - 7 students who we hope have felt supported to enjoy the start of their St Edmunds journey. We are certainly very proud of the start they have made and the joy and energy they have brought to our school.

Eddie's Big Night In

Thank you to all parents, staff and senior student leaders who supported this important event in commencing the school year. The collaborative interaction between staff and students in setting up our students' learning for the year, will play dividends, particularly as we move into Personalised Planning Meetings in Week 4 and 6. It was great to witness the warm welcome shared between our new families and those who are more advanced in their "St Edmund's" journey.



PDF copies of the relevant information powerpoints have been distributed to homeroom groups and can otherwise be accessed on request.

I particularly thanked our student leaders: Sienna, Finley, Sam, Isaac and Ben for the student voice and support they brought to the event as ambassadors for all our students.

Sentral Parent Portal

One important task was to support all families to access our school management system Sentral Parent Portal and App. The portal is predominantly used in school communication to:

1. Notify the school of, and explain, any student absences, per NSW educational requirements
2. Book Personalised Planning Meetings for Wednesday 18 Feb, Thursday 26 (9F), Tuesday 3 March and Thursday 5 March (10C).

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3. Access the College Calendar of Events
4. Access student academic reports for each Semester.

Please contact Mr Brannan brannan@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au if you have not yet received your Portal Access code or have any questions or concerns accessing the Sentral Parent App.

The website address for this portal is <https://stedmunds.sentral.com.au/auth/portal>

House Funday Excursions

Our learning opportunities and excursions beyond the classroom have commenced with Year 12 Work Experience, Year 11 Sport and Year 12 Science leading the way so far with some wonderful learning experiences for our students. Over the coming weeks we add:

PLC Funday 1

Callan and Kilkenny Houses in Year 7 - 12, February 20 2026. Attending Vision Valley Outdoor Education campus with Year PLC girls to engage in Outdoor Ed activities including Archery, Crate Stack and Sugar Glider ropes activities. Callan and Kilkenny Houses please return your St Edmund's Permission note as well as completing the [PLC online informed consent](#).

Mater Maria Funday

As Champion House 2025 Mt Sion and our Year 5/6 students will attend Mater Maria Warriewood on March 6 2026 for a treasure hunt, Colour run and weather permitting, a sprinkler run. Mt Sion House will be joined by our Year 5/6 students - permission notes will be distributed

Red Dirt Expedition and St Edmund's Student RAP Team

Students and parents are invited to express interest in joining our Student RAP (Reconciliation Action Plan) for inclusion of First Nations perspectives, people, story, and background in or teaching and learning. The Red Dirt Expedition is a 7 day adventure to Western NSW to meet and interact with cultural sites, elders, schools and communities around Baradine, Walgett, Brewarrina, Bourke and Dubbo between 28 June and 4 July. Contact Mr Brannan for more details

brannan@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au.

Farewell Assembly to Mrs Vanessa Dillon

Thank you to all parents and members of the school community who were able to attend the Friday 13 February Assembly to farewell Principal Mrs Vanessa Dillon in true Eddies fashion and spirit. Mrs Dillon's leadership, passion, and vision for the College are inspirational, and the impetus for many initiatives that will carry St Edmund's students into their future studies, training and endeavours. We are grateful for the leadership and gifts of compassion and energy she shared with St Edmund's community so generously.

Student Leadership Team

Student Voice from Ben our Student Voice Year 12 Leader

We have had recent communication promoting opportunities for student participation from:

- Surf care
- Umbrella Drama
- Hornsby PCYC

Upcoming Vaccinations

There are some other initiatives which the student leaders are promoting this year such as a "Buddy Bench", Red Dirt Expedition and Student RAP, "March Charge" and "Soldier On". Stay tuned to Ben's Newsletter items for more details after our Student Leadership Team Meeting in Week 4.

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Upcoming St Edmunds College Calendar Events

When & What	Where	Why and Who
Wed Feb 18 Thu Feb 26 (9F) Tues Mar 3 Thu Mar 5 (10C)	Homeroom 2-7pm day tbc Personalised Planning (PP)Meetings	Development of Personalised Goals and Individual Learning Plans in consultation between parents, students and teaching staff
Friday 20 February 8.50-2.50pm PLC Funday 1	PLC Funday 1@ Vision Valley	Attending with Callan & Kilkenny House Students & Staff to participate in Outdoor Educational Activities with PLC mentors
Fri 6 March Mt Sion Funday @ Mater Maria	Warriewood	Mt Sion 2025 Champion House Treasure Hunt, Colour / Sprinkler Fun Run
Tue 10 March Open Day 9.30am-12pm Year 13 Pizza Night 5-6.30pm	Open Day – Hall and Classes Pizza night - College Staff Kitchen	9.30am in the Hall P2 Tours of the school Year 13 Welcome Back Pizza Dinner for our recent Class of 2025 Graduates
Wed 11 March Kuring Gai Seniors Festival	@ Turramurra Uniting Church	Year 12 VET Hospo Supporting Ku-ring-gai Seniors Festival with Coffee and Hospitality
Fri 13 March Yr 7 Spirituality Day	@ St Pius X Oxford Falls fields.	Year 7 Orientation to St Edmund's College story & values as an Edmund Rice School
Tues 24 Mar The Dish Social Justice Outreach	Hornsby Uniting Church	St Edmunds supporting with "Food Tech & Domestic Cooking" students preparing dinner and school community donating grocery items via front admin.
Wednesday 25 March CSBB Jarjum	Mercy College Chatswood 1 - 3pm	Gathering of First Nations students and supporters - Student RAP Team reps
Thurs 2 April School Concludes	Holy Thursday	End of Term 1 prior to Easter and Holy Week
Monday 20 April	Staff Day 3	Professional Learning - Teaching Learning and Differentiation.
Tuesday 21 April	Students Return Term 2	First Day of Term 2 for students precedes ANZAC Day, Founders Day and St Edmund's 75th.

WELLBEING

Settling in at Eddie's!

As we move into the first few weeks of term, it has been fantastic to see students settling into their classrooms, building connections with peers, and growing in confidence each day. Many have already shown resilience in navigating changes, independence in learning new expectations, and kindness in supporting one another. We are especially proud of our students who are new to the school this year. Starting somewhere new takes courage, and they have embraced new environments, faces and experiences with bravery and openness. It has been a joy to watch friendships forming, skills developing and students beginning to feel a sense of belonging within our community. We are excited to see all our students continue to thrive as the term unfolds.



WELLBEING

Teen Mental Health

Adolescence is a time of significant change emotionally, socially and developmentally. While this period can bring growth and independence, it can also present challenges, and many families notice increased anxiety, mood changes, or difficulties with regulation and wellbeing during the teenage years.

The Black Dog Institute is running a series of free webinars for parents of teens run by a Clinical Psychologist. These webinars will explore:

- Understanding mental health in adolescence, including insights from the Future Proofing Study
- What is mental health, and when to be concerned
- Key strategies to support adolescents
- Having the conversation – what to say and how to create a supportive environment
- Getting help – health professionals, online and digital support for parents and adolescents
- Promoting healthy habits – including building connections, sleep, and screen use

You can find details of the webinars and how to sign up here:

<https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/education-services/schools/parents/>

Niamh Mulkeen | Head of Wellbeing



MISSION AND IDENTITY

Sacramental Program

At St Edmund's we provide a sacramental program for students who may not have been able to complete their sacraments of initiation following baptism.



Sebastian making his Confirmation with Bishop David last year

These sacraments include Confirmation, Reconciliation and Holy Communion. These celebrations are coordinated with our local parish community of Holy Name Church, Wahroonga. The lessons are all delivered in school hours with some follow up activities sent home to share with your children.

In Term 4 we will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation. This is the first of the sacraments that leads into Reconciliation and then Communion.

If you are interested in your child participating in this sacrament, please email me at okeefe@stemunds.nsw.edu.au

Terry O'Keefe | Coordinator Mission and Identity



ADMINISTRATION

A Warm Welcome to 2026

A big welcome back to the 2026 school year, and the warmest of welcomes to the new families joining our College community. It is our hope that at St Edmund's, you will find a supportive environment where you can develop lasting friendships and feel truly involved as a partner in your child's education.

For our new students, the first few weeks can feel daunting as they navigate a new routine. Within our College setting, your child will experience a diverse curriculum taught by various subject specialists and supported by a dedicated team of teacher's aides. While the majority of lessons take place in the homerooms, students will also move to specialty areas for Science, Music, Hospitality, Woodwork, and Art.

I am one of the College Executives and as Head of Administration, some of my responsibilities include developing the timetable for staff and students, managing the daily schedule for staff absences, and to ensure the smooth running of calendar events and excursions.



Communication & Support

Our College is structured with a composite Year 5/6 class (maximum 10 students) and two classes per year group from Year 7 to Year 12 (up to 11 students per homeroom). Each class is supported by a **Lead Homeroom Teacher**, a **Homeroom Aide**, and a **Support Homeroom Teacher**.

The Lead Homeroom teacher is your primary point of contact for queries or concerns. You will receive regular correspondence from them, meet for personalised planning meetings, and see frequent updates via **Class Dojo**.

- **Blue Folders:** Every student has a blue communication folder for physical notes.
- **Email:** The preferred method for written communication.
- **Phone Calls:** These are highly valued and can be scheduled with prior notice by phoning the College office - 94871044

2026 Homeroom Teams

Class	Lead Teacher	Aide(s)
7B	Jennifer Barange	Lynda Calman
7P	Rosanne Pace	Yvette Bishop
8P	Arabella Puglisi	Julie Modra
8V	Diana van Esch	Larrissa Steele
9F	Teresa Falvey	Lin Hong
9S	Tracey Snell	Catherine Heuzenroeder / Lisa Stokes
10C	Katie Court	Lisa O'Neil
10D	Tracey Daly	Amanda Keegan / Elycia Dach
11D	Tom Delaney	Sujung (Soo) Hong
11O	Terry O'Keefe	Janine Brackenreg / Regina Renfree
12J	Ben James	Katie Peacock / Sangeeta Gupta
12P	Cherie Pisani	Gen Funk / Jane Morgan

ADMINISTRATION

Daily Schedule

Our school day begins at **8:30 am** with a 20-minute Homeroom period for prayer, daily preparation, and sharing news and any changes for the day. The curriculum is delivered across five 60-minute periods. Below are the bell times for 2026.

8:00 - 8:30	AM Supervision
8:30 - 8:50	Homeroom
8:50 - 9:50	Period 1
9:50 - 10:50	Period 2
10:50 - 11:20	Recess
11:20 - 12:20	Period 3
12:20 - 1:20	Period 4
1:20 - 1:50	Lunch
1:50 - 2:50	Period 5
2:50 - 3:15	Homeroom/Dismissal

Term 1 timetables will be sent home with students. If a copy is misplaced, you may request a digital version from your Homeroom teacher at any time. We encourage you to use the timetable and Class Dojo posts to foster conversations at home about your child's learning and daily experiences.

Tiffany Hosken | Head of Administration

AWARDS

Student of the Week

5/6	Benjamin B and Scarlett T
7B	Luke D and James S
7P	Daniel S and Charlie
8P	Ruby O and Beau
8V	Cody I
9F	Sebastian S and Leah D
9S	Aliyana K and Diesel G
10C	Oscar and Holly
10D	Daniel N and Alexander S
11D	Indigo D and Ruby D
11O	Ruby W and Sebastian BM
12J	Leela K and Isabella L
12P	Bridie T and Christopher R

Eddie's Best

Clemmie C
Charis V
Hugo
Lachlan P
Jeremy Z
Lizzie
Russell
Nicholas
Aahliyah T
Ashley D
Rachel S
Dash
Gemma C

congratulations

PDHPE AND SPORT

Carnival Dates

Swimming

St Edmund's College Swimming - PLC- 7 September 2026 (Year 5-12)

CSBB (Combined Primary & Secondary) Swimming-SOPAC-10 March (Year 5-12)

NSWCPS /NSWCCC Swimming-SOPAC-1-2 April (Year 5-12)

All Schools Swimming-SOPAC-21st & 22nd May (Year 7-12)

Cross Country

CSBB Cross Country-Gosford RC-19 May (Year 5-12) Back-Up-26 May

NSWCPS /NSWCCC Cross Country- Sydney International Equestrian Centre - 24 June (Year 5-12)

NSW All Schools Cross Country-21st July-Sydney International Equestrian Centre

Athletics

St Edmund's College Athletics -PLC-4 August, Back-up-11 August (Year 5-12)

CSBB Athletics-SOPAC-1 September (Year 7-12)

NSWCCC Athletics-SOPAC- 16 September (Year 7-12)

NSW All Schools Athletics-SOPAC- TBC



Other News in Sport

All-Abilities Soccer

Zara and Ruby were fortunate to represent their all-abilities soccer team 'The PINKS' by playing soccer as halftime heroes for Sydney FC versus Canberra at Leichhardt Oval on Sunday, 8 February.

As you can see from the photos, they loved every minute of it.



Surf Lifesaving

Congratulations to Isabella, Sophia and Kate (ex-student), who competed in the Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Championships and came away with some impressive results.

Isabella 1st beach sprint & 2nd beach flags

Sophia 2nd beach sprint & 3rd beach flags

Isabella and Sophia will be competing in the State Nippers Championships on Sunday 22 February in Swansea. We wish them all the very best in their upcoming competition.



PDHPE AND SPORT

A message from our current Years 9/10 Sport Coach-Andrew Hill

SportsSTAR.com.au is a FREE resource for Parents and Teachers.

Helping students to become healthy and active through sport.

Learn the Skills Play the Games online with pictures and videos.

I also have after-school sports opportunities in Denistone and North Ryde.

We link with the Special Olympics.

Inquiries 0447827788 - Andrew Hill - Director

STARStv.com.au - a positive promotion platform.

[STARS Video](#) - Activating the Community with FUN.

Lois Horne | PDHPE and Sport Coordinator



TAS & HOSPITALITY

Classes in TAS and Hospitality have started the year with great enthusiasm for learning and a positive attitude — it has been wonderful to see!

A friendly reminder that students enrolled in Food/Domestic Cooking, Wood Technology/Workshop Practices, or Hospitality must wear fully enclosed leather



shoes for safety in the kitchen and workshop. Nylon joggers and Mary Jane-style shoes are not suitable.

If students have sport or swimming on the same day, please ensure they bring an appropriate pair of shoes to change into.

For safety reasons, long hair should be tied back and rings, bracelets, and watches should not be worn. It is best to leave jewellery at home so it does not get misplaced.

Thank you for supporting us in keeping our students safe.

Cherie Pisani | Technology/Hospitality Coordinator



RETAIL

Welcome back to Retail Studies in 2026.

We will be selling secondhand school uniforms, safety knives and gloves and we have a new assortment of pre-loved squishmallows in very good condition. If you would like to order some items, please use the links or QR codes below.



Summer Uniform

<https://forms.office.com/r/ZgaqmYH5y3?origin=IprLink>



Knives

<https://forms.office.com/r/w0NRtKrmwP?origin=IprLink>

The Retail shop is also open again this year, every Monday and Wednesday during recess. Your child can buy a snack, but we also sell items like rice, pasta, tea etc. in case you wanted them to buy and bring some items home. They can pay cash or card.

Throughout the year, we hold special event sales for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Halloween and Christmas. Please support our Year 11 and 12 Retail students again in 2026!



Many thanks.

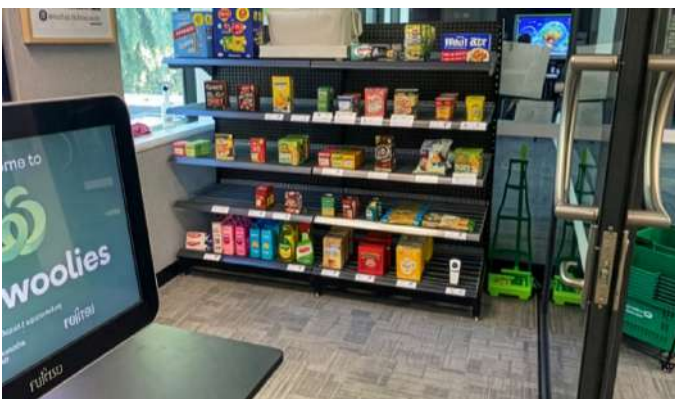
The Retail Team



Year 12 2026



Year 11 2026



RISK AND COMPLIANCE

Eddies Health

Welcome to St Edmund's for 2026. It is great to see new and familiar faces amongst the students.

When emailing information regarding your students' health, e.g. medication changes etc. please use our dedicated health email inbox -

health@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

Year 7 and 10 Vaccination Program

St Edmund's participates in the school vaccination program administered by the state Government.

The dates for 2026 are:

Year 10 – Wednesday 25 March

Year 7 – Wednesday 3 June

Please refer to the included brochure for links to further information and to provide online consent

David Mitchell | Head of Risk, Compliance and HR



Is your child in year 7 or year 10?

Provide your consent for routine school vaccinations online

Scan the QR code to give your consent



Year 7

- Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa)
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)

Year 10

- Meningococcal ACWY

To provide online consent scan the QR code or visit: engage.health.nsw.gov.au/engage

For more information visit: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination>

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ALLIED HEALTH

Meet our Allied Health Team!



Welcome new and returning families to what we are sure will be an incredible year to come at St Edmund's!

We are your Allied Health team comprising Occupational Therapists and Speech Pathologists. We work together using a whole school approach to build learning environments where all students thrive.

Some of our current key areas of support include; access and inclusion using AAC, self-regulation and building interoceptive awareness, student self-advocacy, interest based learning, and post-school transition.



You are welcome to get in contact with us at any time.

Andrea - mcdermott@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

Rachelle - moait@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

Morgan - meyer@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

Meet our Speech Pathologist

Hi! I'm Andrea



About Me

I have been working as a Speech Pathologist for over 13 years and have recently joined the St Edmund's Allied Health team. I am so excited to be part of this wonderful school community and am looking forward to working with the students, staff and families.

Special Interests

I have a strong interest in supporting individuals and their communication partners to access AAC (alternative and augmentative communication). I am also passionate about supporting students to engage with literacy opportunities at school and in their everyday lives.

Favourite Quote

"Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You" - Dr Seuss



Fun Facts



I always start my day with coffee!



I love spending time outdoors with my family



I enjoy Pilates and going for walks

Meet our
Occupational Therapist

Hi! I'm Morgan



About Me

I have been working as an Occupational Therapist for over 7 years, and I love supporting individuals to meet their goals and engage in what brings them joy. I am grateful to be a part of the beautiful St Edmund's community and have loved working with all staff, students and their families.

Special Interests

I have a strong interest in interoception and supporting students to understand their individual sensory needs.

I am motivated in creating an inclusive and neurodiversity-affirming world for all people to feel safe, supported and in control.

Favourite Quote

"I can't do the things I want and need to do" Piglet said. "Then I'll teach you." Pooh replied, "And if I can't then I'll change the world around you to make it easier."



Fun Facts



I have a golden retriever named Moose



I love coffee walks to the park with my family



I love running and working out at the gym

Meet our
Occupational Therapist

Hi! I'm Rachelle



About Me

This is my fourth year working at St Edmund's College and I'm so grateful to be a part of this amazing community. I've just returned from Maternity leave and it's been so exciting seeing what our students have been up to while I've been away!

Special Interests

I have a strong interest in improving functional skills that are important in achieving independence in all aspects of life. I am driven by getting to know what interests, motivates and inspires our students so their time at school can be more meaningful and allow opportunities for the greatest success.

Favourite Quote

"Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn."

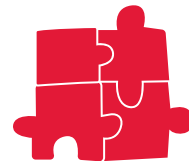
- Chinese Proverbs



Fun Facts



I love trying new foods



I love solving puzzles
and doing escape
rooms



I have a huge family

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

It was great to see many familiar faces at Eddie's Big Night In on Tuesday evening, as well as meeting some of the new families to our school this year. I am feeling ready and excited for another big year of sharing information and learning together, with the aim that you feel more informed, empowered, and confident to navigate and make sense of services, systems, supports and funding!

In my newsletter contributions, I will often provide updates about information sessions, workshops, webinars and events that you may find helpful and relevant: both within our school, plus externally.



This week, I will prioritise 2 things to share:

1. Call for DSP Questions!

I have been able to secure an expert speaker for a workshop for our families on 28 April all about eligibility, evidence, and applying for the Disability Support Pension (DSP). The speaker is a Senior Solicitor from the Welfare Rights Centre, and they would like to know if there are any specific questions that our families have for them, that they can address in their presentation. If you do, please email the questions to me! duffy@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

2. 2026 Family Engagement Events

Please see the list of events planned for this year, with more details and information to come. At this stage, 'save the dates', and let me know if there is something that you'd love to see as an event, that may not be on the list so far. Please also know that any online information sessions and webinars are presented live on Teams, and are recorded and shared for families that cannot attend.

The first event is **Tuesday February 17 at 6pm**, and we will discuss:

- NDIS Funding criteria and key legislation sections that determine how NDIS funding is approved or rejected (and how these are essential to address in supporting evidence and reports)
- NDIS Supports and Non-NDIS Supports
- Replacement Supports
- Impairments and Impairment Notices
- Support Needs Assessments and New Framework Plans
- Plan Variations and Plan Reassessments
- Total budget amounts, Funding Components and Funding Periods

Month	Events
Feb	T1 W3: "Speaking NDIS": NDIS Legislation Update Online Webinar: Tuesday 17 February (evening): 6-7:30pm Teams Link
March	T1 W6: Intellectual Disability and Health Online Webinar: Tuesday 3 March (evening) 6 - 8pm T1 W7: Annual 'CHAP Day' (Comprehensive Health Assessment Plan): onsite at school for parents: Wednesday March 11, CHAP Link T1 W9: Employment Supports Online Webinar: Tuesday March 24 (evening) 6-7:30pm
April	T2 W2: Disability Support Pension Online Webinar, Tuesday April 28 (evening) 6-7:30pm
May	T2 W3: Introduction to Post School Transition Planning: Years 5-10: Online webinar, Monday May 4: 6-7pm T2 W4: Post School Evening/Post-School Transition Planning + including Eddie's Alumni Guest Speakers: Tuesday May 12, onsite , evening: 6-8:30pm T2 W5: Disability and Post-School Expo : Tuesday May 19, onsite , 3:30-6:30pm

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June	T2 W9: Post-school education: TAFE Online Webinar with TAFE Disability Teacher Consultant- Monday June 15 – time 12pm-1pm T2 W10: Customised Employment Workshop: Tuesday June 23, onsite , external presenters (TBC) time approx. 9am-1pm
July	T3 W2: Circles of Support Workshop: Tuesday July 28, onsite , external presenters (TBC) time approx. 9am-1pm
August	T3 W3: 'Turning 16': webinar re 'things to do' eg DSP, Medicare changes, Monday August 3, 6-7pm T3 W 5: ILO (Individualised Living Options) Online webinar: Tuesday August 18, external presenters (TBC): 6-7:30pm
Sept	T3 W7: Year 12 parent drop-in day: Tuesday September 1 - 9am-1pm T3 W8: Year 12 parent drop-in day: Friday September 11 - 9am-1pm T3 W9: 'Turning 18': webinar re 'things to do' eg Centrelink, Medicare changes, NDIS Plan Nominees, Australian Electoral Commission, Tuesday September 15, 6-7pm T3 W9: Year 12 parent drop-in day: Friday September 18 - 9am-1pm T3 W10: Year 12 parent drop-in day: Tuesday September 22 - 9am-1pm
Oct	T4 W2: Legal Future Planning, Supported and Substitute Decision Making: Tuesday October 20, onsite, evening: 6 - 8:30pm

As always - any questions, comments or ideas, please email me at duffystedmunds.nsw.edu.au,

Yours in Community

Lisa Duffy | Family Engagement Officer

PARENT GROUP

Hi, in this first newsletter for the year, I just wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and in the upcoming newsletters I will give you updates as I go along.

My name is Mary and our son Sebastian has been at the school since Year 7, this year he has just started Year 11! I thought joining this school would be the best environment for Seb, but what I didn't realise was the many friends I would gain along the way! The Year 11 families are a tight team and I look forward to seeing how other families share their journey and experiences as they travel through the school years!

I had the opportunity to introduce myself in person at Eddie's Big Night In and I just want to thank everyone, teachers and parents alike, who came up and welcomed me into this role and provided their support. I fully appreciate the responsibility I am taking on being the voice for Parents and I look forward to your continuing support.

Mary Mamootil | Parent Group Leader



COMMUNITY

Please note any external events or organisations listed in the Community section are not endorsed by the College, but are included as they may be of interest to our families. As with any service provision sourced by families for their young person, we encourage due diligence in making informed decisions.



JOIN OUR MusicalAll



**SIGN UP
NOW!**

Musical theatre classes WITH a difference to MAKE a difference!

For Kids, Teens and Adults

**An inclusive space for theatre performers of
all ages, abilities and disabilities!**

**Saturday afternoons at Gladesville and
Forestville on Sunday afternoons**

NEW: Thursday classes in the Frenchs Forest area starting Feb 2026!

**Scan the QR Code to
express your interest to
secure your spot!**



WHAT'S ON

TERM 1

PCYC
HORNSBY
KU-RING-GAI



GYMNASTICS

ACTIVITIES

MON

GYM STAR
TRAMPOLINING

LEARN-TO-PLAY
BASKETBALL
KIDS BOXING

TUES

GYM STAR
PARKOUR

WED

GYM STAR
TRAMPOLINING

LEARN-TO-PLAY
PICKLEBALL
KIDS BOXING

THURS

GYM STAR
PARKOUR

LEARN-TO-PLAY
NETBALL
KIDS BOXING

FRI

GYM STAR

LEARN-TO-PLAY
BASKETBALL
KIDS + TEENS BOXING

SAT

GYM STAR



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Who are Beaches Care?

Beaches Care is a Northern Beaches-based disability support provider focused on building confidence, connection and community. Beaches Care creates opportunities for people to build friendships, try new experiences and feel a genuine sense of belonging – it's all about connection and mateship.

NEW Kids Surfing Program

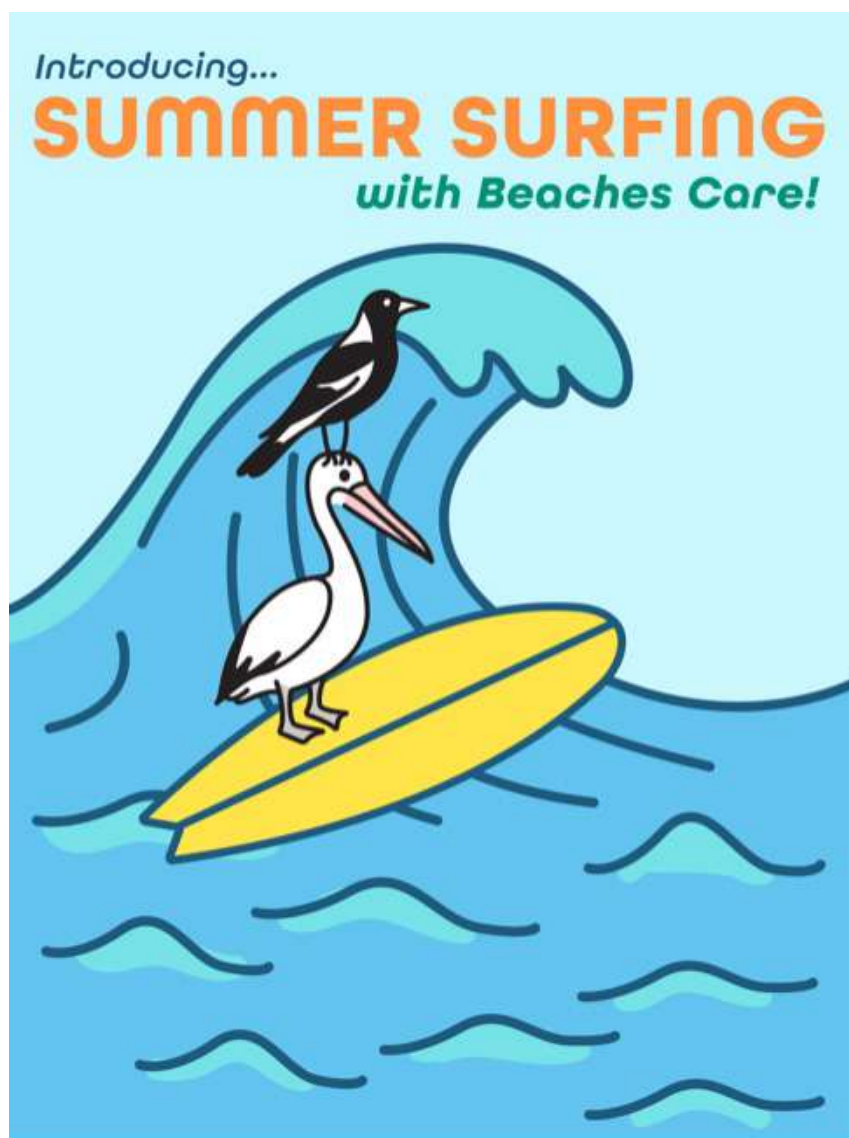
Beaches Care are starting up a Kids Surfing Program, offering inclusive surf sessions designed to be fun, social and confidence-building. Set in a relaxed beach environment, participants can enjoy the ocean at their own pace, whether that's catching waves, learning new skills, or simply being alongside mates. The program includes surfboards, rash vests, sunscreen, and fully trained and surf-experienced support workers.

Learn More

For more information about the Kids Surfing Program or other Beaches Care activities, visit beachescare.com.au or get in touch with the Beaches Care team to learn more about upcoming sessions and availability.

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KNA ALL ABILITIES NETBALL **“COME AND TRY” MORNING**

Have you always wanted to play netball, learn new skills, build your confidence, and improve your health and fitness in an accessible, inclusive, fun, and supportive environment?

Join us at the KNA “Come and Try” morning including a free KNA sausage sizzle lunch for players.

RSVP: 28th February, 2025

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For: Females and males aged 15 years or older

When: Sunday 16th March, 2025

Time: 10am-12pm

Where: Canoon Rd Netball Courts, South Turrumurra

Cost: FREE!!

