



*Inspiring Independence, Transforming Lives*



## Principal's Message ...

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

### **Mother's Day Liturgy & Morning Tea**

With Mother's Day last weekend, love of mothers is the trigger to get us all to spend up. And it's hard to begrudge mothers a dose of generosity; after all they do and give. To bring balance and a broader perspective to this, it is worth keeping in mind that May is also the month of Mary the Mother of God in the Catholic tradition. So I think we can combine the two things, linking all mothers and motherhood with our deepest religious beliefs and origins. Last Friday we celebrated this at the College with a Mother's Day Liturgy and morning tea to which, mothers and grandparents, along with their children, attended. Despite the chilly conditions it was great to see so many mothers and grandparents enjoy some quality time with their children/grandchildren. Many thanks to Terry O'Keefe - Head of Identity & Mission, with the support of many staff, for their organization of this important event.

### **Eddie's Big Night Out**

Last week I attended our final 'Eddie's Mates' planning meeting for the year in preparation for Eddie's Big Night Out. We welcomed new Mates as well as continued the lively banter that personifies many of our meetings and the spirit of the Mates. I was reminded that 'Eddie's Mates' has been going strong since 2007 – not many schools can boast that; a group of businessmen, some parents, some former parents, some with no connection to the College at all, who give of their time and put forward their many networks to provide much needed funds to support St Edmund's programs, facilities and resources.

Vince Sorrenti also visited us last week with Phil McCarroll who put him forward as our MC for the night. Showcasing our College to Vince was a great honour and we spoke at length as to what the funds raised from EBNO had afforded our students in the past – the Art Room, the Science Labs, the running track and all its inclusions, air conditioning in our classrooms, a state-of-the art commercial kitchen and more recently, two new comfortable buses to transport students in and around the community to places of work and interest.



I also noticed that the excitement and anticipation for Eddie's Big Night Out was heightening throughout the College this past week – students are practising their drumming and dancing routines, senior students are perfecting their hospitality serving skills, parents and volunteers are wrapping prizes for our prize pool, staff are gathering regularly to finalise preparations. The common thread is that everyone is keen to ensure this night is the SUCCESS it always is.

On behalf of the Mates and our wonderful students, I urge you to be part of this great night - bring family and friends, bid on the silent auction, buy a raffle ticket, make a donation, enjoy the entertainment line-up, catch up with familiar faces and experience this truly wonderful community event and all it has to offer. EBNO is well known for its great atmosphere and spirit, both strong enough to bring many of our supporters and families back year after year. This year is no exception. Remember to don some 'Neon' if you so choose to be in keeping with our theme and cause. This year we are raising funds to support the upgrading of our internet infrastructure and in turn improve our students' connectivity.

***We call it future proofing our students' learning!***

Best wishes for the week ahead,

Jon Franzin  
**PRINCIPAL**



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

# NEON *Nights*

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**EDDIE'S BIG NIGHT OUT**

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FEATURING GUEST MC **VINCE SORRENTI**

- Date:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2019, 7pm - Midnight
- Venue:** Miramare Gardens, 48 Myoora Rd, Terrey Hills
- Tickets:** \$160pp includes 3 course meal,  
beverages and live entertainment
- Booking:** Please secure your ticket(s) online  
at <https://www.trybooking.com/BBBQU>
- Dress Code:** After Five
- RSVP:** 7<sup>th</sup> June
- Enquiries:** Please email [events@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:events@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au)



**CORPORATE TABLES AVAILABLE**

# NEON

EDDIE'S BIG NIGHT OUT

# Nights

## MATE'S TABLE OPTIONS

### TOP MATE TABLE \$10,000

- 2 tables of ten guests each
- Table signage & company logos on screens during evening
- Acknowledgement throughout the evening
- Half page advertisement in the Events Program
- (\$6,800 tax deduction – sponsorship)

### BEST MATE TABLE \$5,500

- 1 table of ten guests
- Table signage & company logos on screens during evening
- Acknowledgement throughout the evening
- Quarter page advertisement in the Events Program
- (\$3,900 tax deduction – sponsorship)

### GREAT MATE TABLE \$3,500

- 1 table of ten guests
- Table signage & company logos on screens during evening
- Acknowledgement throughout the evening & in the Events Program
- (\$1,900 tax deduction – sponsorship)

All Mate's Tables can be booked online on  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BBBQU> or please email  
Cathy McNally-Sheppard at [events@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:events@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au) to  
discuss securing your Corporate table or for any enquiries.

Thank you.



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The **biggest** event in our College calendar is  
now only **4 weeks away**

Eddie's Big Night Out 'Neon Nights'

PLEASE

BOOK YOUR TICKETS AND HELP GATHER PRIZES

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For tickets please book via Try Booking at the following link  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BBBQU>

Our **Silent Auction Prizes** have now reached 130 and we are aiming for 200  
so keep your donations - cash or prizes coming in.

We need the following items to complete our existing hampers:

- Gardening items
- Wine for wine hampers
- Hot Wheels track
- Lego 7-12 & 5+
- Specialty or gourmet beers
- Gourmet items - oils, gourmet biscuits, relish, pickles, chocolates ...
- Restaurant vouchers

If you could please send items in with your child for the attention of Wendy Scott.





## Mission and Identity

The start of Term 2 is special time of focus in relation to our mission and our College identity. Our College values of Faith, Community, Relationships and Joy all come to the fore during this time.

Our community reflected on and remembered the story of the ANZACS with a special Assembly on the first day back, which highlighted how lucky we are to be a part of this great country and how thankful we should be to all those men and women who serve or have served our country over the years.



On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May we celebrated the Feast day of Blessed Edmund Rice, the founder of the Christian Brothers. Again, our

community rallied for this exciting day. Students from St Gabriel's joined us for the day while our Year 11 students visited St Gabriel's to share the story of Blessed Edmund and his connection with our House teams. We all then gathered in faith for Mass in the hall with Fr Anselam. It was his first mass at St Edmund's and he was greatly impressed with the reverence and enthusiasm of our students during the mass. Many of our ex-students returned to the community for the celebration and stayed for lunch and afternoon activities.



Last Friday, we hosted another community event which highlighted a very special relationship, our Mother's Day liturgy. Again, we gathered as a community in prayer to celebrate all the women who mother or care for us throughout our lives. Our Hospitality students served morning tea for the mums and grandparents who attended following the liturgy. On all these occasions, the joy on the faces of our students and other members of our community who were present, was evident from the smiles on their faces and the happiness that exuded from everybody as they participated so enthusiastically in every event. God bless you all, St Edmund's.

*Terry O'Keefe*  
Head of Mission and Identity



## Relationships Matter

As discussed at Eddie's Big Night In and the Parent Group Meeting in Term 1, **SoSAFE!** is a set of visual and conceptual tools designed to promote social safety for our students at St. Edmund's.

Here are some of the concepts we have introduced and revised with the students during House Meetings and Pastoral Care. 'Teachable moments' are also a great opportunity to describe situations that arise at school. (e.g. "Michael, did John give you **consent** to touch his belongings?" Did you ask and did he say **yes**?"

Previous concepts in our Newsletter included:

**Friends** "A Friend is someone I know, like and help. If you are my friend I know you, I like you and I help you".

**OK Helpers** "When I am scared, sad or need help I can ask my OK helpers".

**Consent** "Consent means I ask, you say yes. You ask, I say yes".

Here are the definitions and teaching scripts for *Family* and *Helping Hand*.

**Family** "Family means mother, father, brother, sister, grandfather, grandmother, step-father, step-mother, aunt, uncle, cousins or pets".

**Helping hand** "Helping hand means that I help someone by touching and holding them. **I give** them a helping hand"

**Help hand** "Help hand means that someone helps me by touching and holding them. **They give** me a helping hand"

Some discussions around family love include talking about the feelings and types of physical intimacy appropriate with family members – talking, shaking hands, helping hand, hug, cheek kiss, private talk, cuddle, hold hands, family love. These concepts can be reinforced through the use of the Talk Touch Triangle. If you would like any more information about **SoSAFE**, please contact your child's homeroom teacher or myself and we would be happy to help.



*Karen Houlcroft*  
Head of Pastoral Care

## From the Parent Group

I hope you all had the opportunity to enjoy this weekend and celebrate Mother's Day with your families.

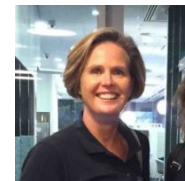
***Did you know it's only 4 and a half weeks until Eddie's Big Night Out?  
The biggest fundraising event of the year for St Edmunds!***

As this important event fast approaches, I'd like to encourage everyone to:

- ⇒ Please continue asking your local businesses for donations for the hampers and silent auction;  
and
- ⇒ Purchase tickets for your family and friends and get ready for another great night out. (If you're coming alone, you can ask to sit on a table with parents of your year group.)

Unfortunately, we currently have very limited parents registered to attend EBNO – in fact it is the ***lowest numbers to date*** - so I urge you, if you intend to book seats please purchase your tickets soon and reassure the organizing committee that once again this will be a very successful event and we will raise the much needed funds to support our children and St Edmunds.

Details of how to RSVP are in the flyer in the Newsletter.  
I hope you all have a great week, and I hope to see you at EBNO in June.



Jane (Jake's mum)  
Parent Group Leader

**A reminder that  
Friday 7th June  
is a Staff Day at  
St Edmund's.**



**It's on again! Woolworths Earn & Learn**

- SHOP** For every \$10 you spend you'll get an Earn & Learn sticker
- COLLECT** Collect as many stickers as you can between now and 25th June
- GIVE** Send your stickers to St Edmund's College office so that we can redeem them for new equipment!



**Thank you for your support!**



Mother's Day Liturgy and Morning Tea

## Term 2 Canteen Roster

Date	Year	Names
21st May	7	Mary Beijerink-Gooley and Karen Neville
28th May	11 & 12	Alison Swinbourne, Virginia Silvia and Cathy Flynn
4th June	7	Juliet Phelps and Ann-Maree Zofrea
11th June	7 & 8	Elise Lam, Felicity Taylor and Dale Winckel
18th June	9 & 10	Carolyn Jensen, Sally Carson and Maria Burwood
25th June	12	Tenny Sutiono, Yiennur Lisa and Omega Wu

## Absentees from the College

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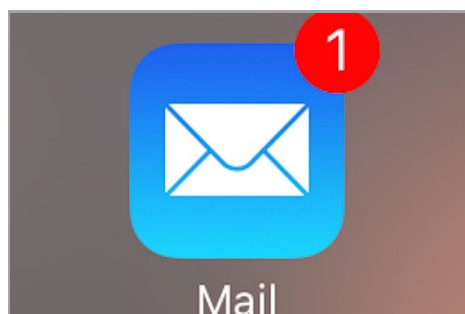
If your child is absent from the College for any reason:

- ⇒ Please phone Mrs Acret in the College office or email: [secretary@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto: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](mailto: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.





# Up and Coming College Events

## St Edmund's Term 2 Disco - Friday 17th May

The Invitation to the Disco is attached to this Newsletter. Please don't forget to click on the link to advise that you are going to be there.



## Term 2 Mufti Day - Tuesday 28th May

At the recent Student Leaders' Meeting it was decided that the Term 2 Mufti Day on Tuesday 28th May would have the theme 'the Colours of India' and all proceeds from the day would be sent to Mithra Rehabilitation Centre in Chennai, India. Mithra is a special school which caters for the needs of children and young people with physical and intellectual disabilities.

**Please bring a gold coin on the day  
and you can wear bright coloured clothing in 'the Colours of India'.**



## Men's Group Meeting - Term 2 - Tuesday 4th June

Please keep this date in your diary. The Men's Group is a quarterly 'get together' for a few drinks and a sausage sizzle with other dads from St Gabriel's School, St Lucy's School and St Edmund's. There are lots of laughs, shared stories and discussions on relevant topics around the pressures that families encounter from day to day. Come along and bring another dad from your child's class!

Please watch for reminders in these Newsletters and also information on who the guest speakers will be at the upcoming meetings.

The dates for this year are all set and they are:

Tue 4th June

Wed 28th Aug

Tue 29th Oct



# Awards

## Students of the Week

7H Kavya and Christian R  
8L Dominic and Byron  
9F Joshua V and Owen  
10H Zac and Jayden  
11M Sam and Melanie  
12G Clement and Douglas

7S Kate and Zane  
8V Ben P and Daena  
9C Christian and Lorelle  
10J Michaela, Jesse and Ciaran  
11S Josh and Jack  
12O Jacquie and Christian

## Eddie's Best

7H Christian A  
8L Teena  
9F Claire  
10H Kiara  
11M Chloe  
12G Rowan

7S Hugh  
8V Joseph  
9C Sid  
10J Mitch  
11S Aaron  
12O Blaney

## Eddie's Best Badges

Those students who receive an Eddie's Best badge at Assembly **must return** their badge to Mrs Houlcroft or Bernie in the front office before the next Assembly - that will allow us to have enough badges for the next Eddie's Best students.

These badges are not meant to be kept at home. Thank you!

*Karen Houlcroft*  
*Head of Pastoral Care*



## Broken Bay Cross Country Carnival

On Tuesday 7th May, ten students represented our College at the Broken Bay Cross Country Carnival at St Ives Showground. It was a challenging 3km course and all students gave it their absolute best effort! A big congratulations to our Cross Country athletes who competed:

William, Anthony, Ben P, Ben M, Blaney, Jack T, Kristian D, Belinda, Stefan and Zane

The following students:

Zane (Year 7), Ben P (Year 8), Stefan, William, Blaney and Belinda (Year 12) made the cut off time and will be progressing to the NSW Combined Catholic Schools Cross Country event.

**Congratulations everyone on a fantastic effort!**



## Important Dates to Remember - 2019

### Term 2

Fri 17th May	Term 2 College Disco
Tue 28th May	Term 2 Mufti Day
Mon 3rd Jun	Term 2 Parent Group Meeting
Tue 4th Jun	Term 2 Men's Group Meeting
<b>Fri 7th Jun</b>	<b>Staff Day (pupil free day)</b>
<b>Mon 10th Jun</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday public holiday</b>
Sat 15th Jun	Eddie's Big Night Out (Miramare Gardens, Terrey Hills)
Wed 19th - Fri 21st Jun	Years 7 & 8 Camp
Fri 28th Jun	RFS Cadet & Leadership Award Assembly
Fri 28th Jun	Last day of Term 2

### Term 3

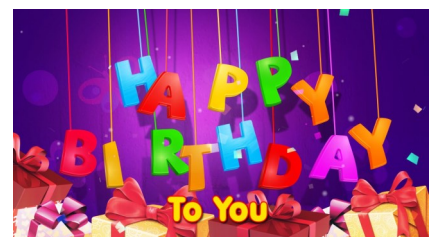
Mon 22nd Jul	Students & Staff return to Term 3
Fri 9th Aug	Term 3 College Disco
Tue 13th Aug	Senior Information Evening
Tue 20th Aug	Term 3 Mufti Day
Wed 21st Aug	St Edmund's Golf Day
Wed 28th Aug	Term 3 Men's Group Meeting
Fri 30th Aug	Father's Day Breakfast
Mon 9th Sep	Term 3 Parent Group Meeting
Tue 10th Sep	St Edmund's Athletics Carnival
Sun 15th Sep	Family Fun Day (St Edmund's field)
Wed 25th - Fri 27th Sep	Senior Retreat
Fri 27th Sep	Last day of Term 3

### Term 4

<b>Mon 14th Oct</b>	<b>Staff day (no students)</b>
Tue 15th Oct	Students return to Term 4
Tue 22nd Oct	St Edmund's Swimming Carnival
Fri 25th Oct	Term 4 College Disco
Mon 28th Oct	Year 7 Immunisation
Tue 29th Oct	Term 4 Men's Group Meeting
Wed 30th Oct - Fri 1st Nov	Years 9 & 10 Camp
Mon 4th Nov	Term 4 Parent Group Meeting
Tue 5th Nov	Term 4 Mufti Day
Tue 12th Nov	Orientation Day
Fri 22nd Nov	Abbotsleigh Concert
Fri 29th Nov	Year 12 Graduation Formal
Tue 3rd Dec	Presentation Ceremony
Fri 6th Dec	Year 12 Farewell Mass & BBQ lunch
Fri 6th Dec	Last day of Term 4

## Birthdays

Wishing Anant, Aaron, Lachie K, Kiara and Anthony a very happy birthday this week! We hope you all enjoyed your special days.

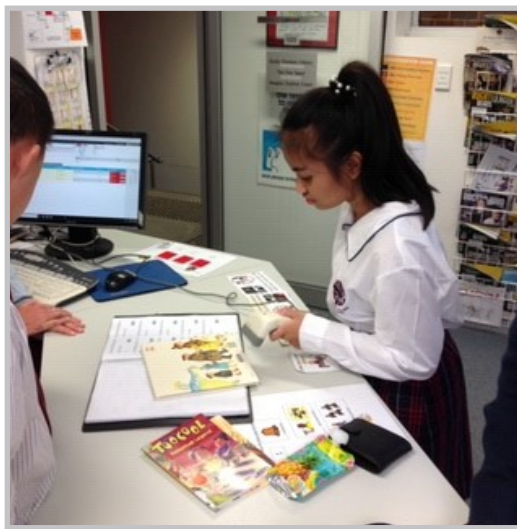


## The Principal's Reading Challenge

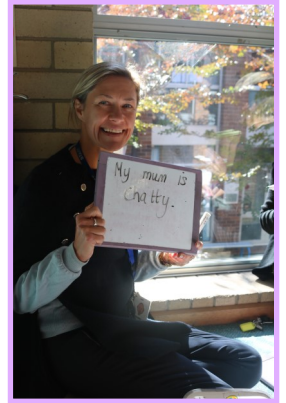
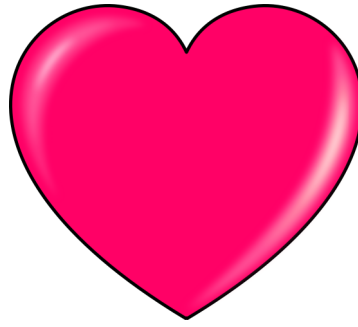
Our Principal, Mr Franzin has challenged the students of St Edmunds to a reading challenge! Book week is coming up next term in week 5 so the challenge is to read as many books as you can by then! Many classes have already visited the library to borrow books to get started on the Challenge and have started noting down their books on the Challenge sheets. Extra Reading Challenge sheets are also available in the library.

- ⇒ Fill in the name and author of the book you have read;
- ⇒ Make a note of the date you started reading the book and when you completed it;
- ⇒ When you take a sheet to get started, your photo will be added to the "Eddie's Readers" board in the library so you can keep track of your progress!

Some of our students are already off to a great start and have begun to take note of their progress on the "Eddie's Readers" board. To be in with a chance to be presented with a special prize at our Book Week Assembly, get your sheet and get started! Winter is nearly here and it is the perfect time to snuggle up with a good book and get reading! If you have any questions in relation to this please do not hesitate to contact me at [toomey@erses.nsw.edu.au](mailto:toomey@erses.nsw.edu.au)



*Suzanne Toomey  
Librarian*



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Instagram

*For parents*

### **What is Instagram?**

Instagram is a photo-sharing app which allows users to take photos, apply a filter and share content with either followers or the general public. Users are able to 'like' and comment on photos as well as send these images directly to individual followers. Instagram also allows users to post short videos.

### **What is the age classification for Instagram?**

Instagram is recommended for users aged 13 years and above, however there are many underage users.

### **How are young people using Instagram?**

Instagram is being used by young people to share photos, occasions and situations with their friends. The ability to like and comment on photos provides a useful communication function for young people as they explore and express their personality.

### **Should I be worried if my child is using Instagram?**

Any application when used incorrectly, has the potential to cause harm. It is important that you openly communicate with your child about how they may be using an application and the legal and ethical ramifications of inappropriate use. They also need to be aware of the dangers of communicating with people they don't know via any mobile application.

### **What are the privacy settings on Instagram?**

Accounts on Instagram can be shared with anyone, or with those you approve as followers only. This can be done via the Instagram app on your mobile device. First select the **Profile** option on the lower right-hand side of the screen. In the **Edit Your Profile** section, scroll to the bottom of the screen and ensure **Photos are Private** is in the **On** position and select **Save**.

### **What could be revealed through an image?**

A concern with photos which are taken and shared via a mobile device is that they may contain geolocation information. Geotagging refers to the embedding of location data, such as GPS coordinates, in images taken on smartphones and some digital cameras. When these images are shared online, the location data is often also shared. This may allow others who have access to the file to determine where the image was created, potentially revealing your home address. It is important for your child and you to know how to disable the geolocation function for the camera on the smartphone or mobile device your child uses. For iOS devices, this can be disabled by accessing **Settings/Privacy/Locations** and disabling for **Camera**. On Android devices, users need to open the **Camera** app, access **Settings** and disable **GPS tagging**.

### **How can I delete my child's account?**

To delete an Instagram account, log into the account at **Instagram.com**. Click the account **username** in the top right and select **Edit Profile**. Click **I'd like to delete my account** in the bottom right.



St Gabriel's  
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St Gabriel's School Parent Group warmly invites you to join us

# *Wellbeing for Parents*

**Tuesday 21 May, 2019**

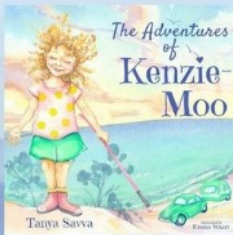
**7:00pm-8.30pm**

**St Gabriel's School**

**190 Old Northern Rd, Castle Hill**



Tanya Savva is a Special Needs Mother, Empowerment Coach, author and speaker with a passion for guiding parents to find inner freedom & joy, despite living with adversity. She runs weekend retreats for special needs mothers and is the author of *The Adventures of Kenzie-Moo*, a true story inspired by her daughter, Mackenzie, who lives with blindness.



Tanya will share her story of overcoming adversity, carer burnout and the challenges of special needs parenting through radical self care and self awareness. She'll guide you through some practical exercises and offer some tools to support you on your own personal journey, despite the challenges you may face in your daily life caring for your children.

Please RSVP via the link below by 20.5.19

**RSVP VIA <https://www.trybooking.com/BCMqw>**

An Invitation to...

St Edmund's College

# DISCO

When: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Time: 7pm-9pm



Where: St Edmund's College Gym  
60 Burns Road, Wahroonga

Enter via the side gate to the left of the College main entrance  
marked 'Pool'

- \* Cost: \$15 per person
- \* All St Edmund's students must be signed in by a parent at the door
- \* Drinks and snacks available on the night

NB: Smoke and bubble machine and laser sometimes used.

Please click on the link below  
to register your attendance for the Disco!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdiiE4R9fnwCyxXGoG1KiPGujJy\\_JcyhfIG6vH\\_Fz4uQbtJgMg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdiiE4R9fnwCyxXGoG1KiPGujJy_JcyhfIG6vH_Fz4uQbtJgMg/viewform?usp=sf_link)



# AFL SYDNEY DISABILITY PROGRAM

In 2019, AFL Sydney will pilot a Junior Disability Program targeted towards players with an intellectual disability.

- Under-12 and Under-16 age groups
- Boys and girls teams
- 5-6 Gala Days at a central venue on Sundays in May-August
- Modified game-play and skills
- No cost to participate

The following clubs are taking registrations for 2019:

- Drummoyne Power
- Eastern Suburbs Bulldogs
- Lane Cove Cats
- Miranda Bombers
- Penrith Giants
- Ramsgate Rams

For more information:  
[daniel.morrison@afl.com.au](mailto:daniel.morrison@afl.com.au)





**FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN UP TO 18 YEARS**

**Come and make some friends and join in our great excursions with our experienced staff.**



**9.00am - 4.00pm**  
15 Apr - 26 Apr 2019  
9 Jul - 19 Jul 2019  
30 Sept - 11 Oct 2019  
6 Jan - 24 Jan 2020



**Arranounbai School**  
5 Aquatic Drive  
FRENCHS FOREST

**Holiday program activities may include:**

- Ferry rides
- Taronga Zoo
- Picnic/park days
- Reptile park
- BBQ/park days

We can support on a 1:1 or 1:2 NDIS ratio (daily price exclusive of excursion costs and resources).

**FOR ALL ENQUIRIES:**

P: (02) 9488 2500  
E: [lynn.murphy@catholiccaredbb.org.au](mailto:lynn.murphy@catholiccaredbb.org.au)

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