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ST EDWARD'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

A WEEKLY COMMUNICATION FOR PARENTS, FRIENDS, STAFF & STUDENTS



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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Edmund Rice Education Australia Touchstone Liberating Education

We open hearts and minds, through quality teaching and learning experiences so that through critical reflection and engagement each person is hope filled and free to build a better world for all.

St Edward's College is currently going through the process of finalising enrolment offers for Year 7, 2018. An important part of this process is the meeting that takes place between prospective families and staff from the College. These meetings provide an opportunity for parents and boys in Year 6, with more detailed information about the College to assist in their decision-making. It also allows families an opportunity to express their reasons for choosing St Edward's for their son. It is very evident through discussions at these meetings that parents are choosing St Edward's College for a range of reasons, but most importantly for the quality of the holistic educational experiences offered.

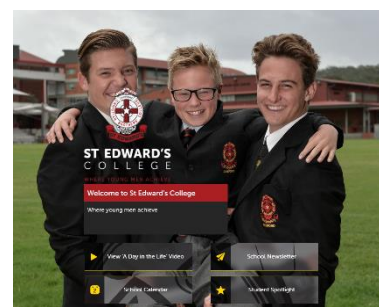


The caption above describing the Touchstone - Liberating Education - is truly at the forefront of all that we attempt to achieve as a College with the boys in our care. It is at the centre of our vision - a vision that understands that as a faith community we must constantly strive to provide an innovative, holistic and liberating education; an education which challenges, nurtures and inspires the boys who arrive on our doors in Year 7, to become young men who leave our gates at the end of Year 12 who are aspirational regarding their future, who have achieved their personal best, developing the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes to flourish in an ever changing world. Young men who are socially conscious, countercultural in their thinking and are empowered to contribute positively to society through the promotion of inclusivity, justice and solidarity. Young men who are spiritually enriched; contemplative about their place in this world and in their connection with God. Young men who are proud of their Edmund Rice Education, who will continue in life to become good partners, fathers and members of society who are committed to the Gospel values inherent in the touchstones, which underpin this vision.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

LAUNCH OF THE NEW COLLEGE WEBSITE

Early this week the new College website was launched. The new website contains the same information and links as the old site but is now in a new, improved format which is more compatible for mobile devices, has improved 'quick links' to pages that the College community frequently access, as well as having improved image display for all news stories and galleries. We hope, over the coming days, you will visit our new website and make yourselves familiar with the new format. Please note that the web address has not changed: <http://www.stedwards.nsw.edu.au>



As a result of the new College website, the College mobile phone app also required updating. To ensure you get all College notifications, please update your app and turn on 'Notifications' in the settings of your phone. If you do not currently have the College app, you can download it from the Apple Store or via Google Play. The links can be found on our College website under the Parent and Community tab, [click here](#).



I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Kerry Friend, the College's Communications Administrator, and Mr Vic Olbromski, IT Technician, for their professionalism and attention to detail in ensuring that the final product is of exceptional quality.

YEAR 7-10 EXAMS

The students in Year 7-10 are currently sitting their half yearly examinations. These assessments of learning provide teachers, students and parents with an indication of the progress students are making in each of their courses. Students have been provided with an assessment notification for each subject and this notification is also available for parents on the parent portal. The results from these examinations will be combined with other assessment undertaken throughout Semester One in the determination of grades, comments and levels of achievement of outcomes reported in the semester one report. Parents are encouraged to engage in conversations with their son's and assist them in their preparation for these examinations. Parents wanting more information on how to help their son's prepare for examinations can access the Independent Learning Online Study Skills Handbook on the College Website.

The examination timetable:

<https://www.stedwards.nsw.edu.au/news/years-7-to-10-half-yearly-examination-timetable/>

Independent Learning – Online Study Skills Handbook

<https://www.stedwards.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-learning/independent-learning/>

KEY ENROLMENT DATES TO REMEMBER

Some key dates to remember include:

29th May: First Round of Acceptances posted to families.

13th June: Last Day for Offers of Acceptance to be returned

16th June: Second Round of Offers of Acceptance go out (if required)

Mr Mark Bonnici, College Principal

LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT – WE NEED YOUR HELP

URGENTLY NEEDED - HOST FAMILIES FOR OUR JAPANESE VISITORS

Thank you to those families who have signed up to be a Host Family. Please return the application form (don't forget the photo) to Mrs Papeix asap. There are 36 Japanese boys wanting to come to St Edward's!!! Students receive **80 Waterford Hours** towards Edmund Rice Honours and parents receive **\$300 for hosting one student and \$500 for two**.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Contact details for Mr Dell: p: 4321 6439 or e: pdell@stedwards.nsw.edu.au

"If you are neutral on situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor"

Desmond Tutu

PARENT/GRANDPARENTS CONNECTIONS WITH WATERFORD

If you are involved in a parish, sports club, surf club, disability group or other Social Justice community connection, feel welcome to advertise for volunteers for Waterford in this section of the weekly newsletter. Please include:

- ♦ your name
- ♦ title of community organisation
- ♦ your contact phone number and/or email
- ♦ the nature of the Waterford volunteer service e.g. serving, lifting, talking etc
- ♦ location

St Edward's compulsory Service Learning program, Waterford, is now more than 16 years old and we continue to try to engage all members of our college community to promote the college values of service, justice, peace and compassion.

EXAMPLES OF WATERFORD PROGRESS

Below is a sample of students' actions of service, justice and compassion, for their Waterford Project.

Josh Zaia: playing music at Coast Shelter

Ben Kidd: helping at Kincumber Parish community dinners

Kyle Donaldson: Kings Cross program

Lachlan Ryan: peer support for students from Haven Education Centre

Christian Campbell-Smyth: Coast Shelter

Joel Heginbotham: Salvos Appeal

Laurie Miller: Salvos Appeal

Joshua Young: Auburn Islamic mosque visit

Juan Rodriguez Caldas: Red Cross Calling

Hammish Loader: Edmund Rice Camps leader

Hunter McGarry: Auburn Islamic mosque

Chet Robinson: Homeless sleepout

Kai Darwin: surf club volunteer

ORANGE SKY LAUNDRY NEEDS MORE HELP

Volunteers are still needed on the Central Coast. It is approximately 2 hours per week or fortnight.

Visit www.orangeskylaundry.com.au for more information.

Mr Pat Dell (Social Justice Coordinator)

SPORT

U/16 RUGBY LEAGUE CENTRAL COAST KNOCKOUT

Congratulations to the U/16's who have been successful in making the Central Coast All Schools Final, to be played in Week 10. On Thursday 18th May the boys competed in the CCAS carnival at Gumbayah Oval North Lakes. Results on the day included wins over St Peter's 22-0, Lake Munmorah 24-0, Terrigal High 10-6, Wadalba High 18-0 and 16-0 versus Brisbane Water High School in the Semi Final. This was a team full of talented individuals but more importantly a great team on and off the field. The boys represented themselves, the College and their families admirably. Thank you to all the family members and friends who were able to attend and support the boys.

Mrs Hatfield-Smith (Manger) and Mr McCauley (Coach)

ST JOSEPHS HIGH SCHOOL EAST GOSFORD CLASS OF '67 - 50 YEAR CELEBRATION

We are searching for the Class of '67 (including secretarial course) students who attended St Josephs High School East Gosford on the Central Coast of NSW. You are invited to a get together:

Where: Breakers Country Club 64 Dover Road Wamberal

When: Saturday 3 June 2017

Time: 11.30am

We also extend a warm welcome to the students of Classes '66 and '68 to join with us on this occasion. We are seeking photographs and other memorabilia. For further information please contact: Denise (Nee Crawford) denisem385@gmail.com

CALENDAR - Week 6, Term 2, 2017

Week 6B	Mon	29 May	Years 7 – 10 Exams continue Year 11 WP Construction Work placement – Second Group Haven Sports Visit
	Thu	1 June	Auburn Mosque Visit
	Fri	2 Jun	Social Justice Assembly

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 29 May 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Frances O'Sullivan Karen Trenholme Jacqui Clayton Lorna Walters Sue Toohey Karlene Knighton Kellie Cox	Kathleen Cullen Gerri Moors Sheila McInnes Sam Joseph Shae Webber Jenny Davies Jenny Nguyen	Rosanne Dominello Sharon Palmer Jo-ann Edwards Marie Partier Leonie Austin	Joanne Frazer Robyn Ryan Lisa Day Jackie Gallagher Joanne Shaw Jenny Stevens-Hofer Siobhan Whitehead	Lorelee Farley Liz Fortune Alison Dawkins Jackie Schram Danyelle Beaumont Lana Meggs

