



St Edward's College
2020 Academic & Christmas Assembly
Years 10 & 11

Edmund Rice Centre
St Edward's College
GOSFORD

9 December 2020

AWARD PRESENTERS

Mr Mark Bonnici, College Principal

Mr Jay Sutton, College Deputy Principal

Mr Anthony Beacroft, Director of Mission and Identity

Mr Gerry Summerhayes, Director of Curriculum

Mrs Carolina Murdoch, Director of Teaching and Learning

Mr Paul English, Director of Pastoral Care

Mr Alex Powell, Pastoral Leader – Year 10

Mr Eamonn McCauley, Pastoral Leader – Year 11

Mr Trent Foster, Leader of Learning – Science

Mr Pat Dell, Leader of Learning – Social Justice

Mrs Katie Moon, Teacher Librarian

MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

Kai Wheelock, College Captain

Samuel Beatson, College Vice Captain

Joshua Zaia, College Vice Captain

WELCOME: KAI WHEELOCK

Good Morning All, I am Kai Wheelock, and I am St Edwards College Captain for 2021. Today we gather to acknowledge the significant effort of the St Edwards students throughout the course of this extremely challenging year. Today, however as those who have experienced an end of year academic assembly before would know, is very different due to the COVID-19 restrictions meaning the parents of the students receiving awards cannot be here.

Today we have acknowledged those who have exceeded in the classroom and even outside the classroom through a range of other areas of success including, public speaking, debating, and contributions to social justice through the Waterford program. This is a time for those who have received awards to reflect on the hard work and dedication that you have put in throughout the year to put yourself in contention for these awards.

Despite, the numerous challenges this year has provided all of us with we have managed to persevere and rise above. This awards assembly is a testament to those who have succeeded, nonetheless and for each award recipient to think about some of the obstacles you have had to overcome to be in the position you are right now and truly be proud of yourself

As the College Captain I hope that the upcoming year will allow for further academic and sporting opportunities. I hope over the next year I can encourage all of you to achieve and grow in your selected fields whether that be in Music, Art, technology, Maths, English or on the sporting field. However, if over the next year anybody is struggling don't be afraid to come and speak to me or any of my fellow prefects as they will be more than willing to offer support or advice. As a prefect group we vow to make this a better place than when we first assumed our role.

This year has been difficult for all, including staff who have had to work much harder this year to create an incredible working platform that all students could access without actually being present at school. So, thank you for that. Also, this is a great time to recognise the extra hours put in by your teachers and the incredible resources for learning which we are lucky enough to have. I can assure that without the dedication of the teachers we would not all be in this position right now.

Thank you, and congratulations to all the students who have received an award and enjoy the remainder of the Assembly.

There will now be an acknowledgement of country presentation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Video Presentation

KAI WHEELOCK

Please stand for first verse of the National Anthem.

(Anthem is played, not sung.)

Advance Australia Fair (arrangement by Ed Wilson)

Australians all let us rejoice;
For we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia Fair.

CHRISTMAS LITURGY WELCOME

Today we gather as a school community to pray and help each other to focus on two important liturgical seasons of the Catholic Church – Advent and Christmas.

The season of Advent, which begins the Church's year, commences four Sundays before Christmas. During these weeks, we wait and prepare for the coming of Jesus.

A traditional custom of our faith at this time is the Advent wreath. This tradition comes from the early church, and the wreath is usually made from holly or other evergreen plants. The evergreens remind us of God's never ending love.

Four candles circle the Advent wreath, one for each Sunday of Advent. A fifth candle is placed in the centre; it is called the Christ candle, and is to be lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. This candle symbolises Christ with us. Three of the candles are purple symbolising repentance and preparation. The other candle is pink to represent joy. The Christ candle is white.

The season of Christmas begins with Christ's birth on Dec 25th. It ends on Jan 6th with the Feast of the Epiphany, which is the celebration of the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus.

The Christmas season certainly develops a special kind of spirit that should endure throughout the year.

OPENING PRAYER

Wondrous Creator, on this holy day we gather to celebrate the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus, who is born among us; a light for all your people. May Jesus, Prince of Peace, fill us with your love, may we open our hearts to welcome him into our lives. We make our prayer in the name of our newborn King, Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen

READING FROM THE PROPHET JEREMIAH (29: 11-13)

I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for. Then you will call to me. You will come and pray to me, and I will answer you. You will seek me, and you will find me because you will seek me with all your heart. This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO ME?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The response is: Prince of Peace, hear our prayer

Reader: Jesus our Saviour, you came among us as a helpless child. We pray for all children at this time, especially those whose childhood is unhappy. Lord, hear your people.

All: Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

Reader: Jesus who knows human poverty, we remember all families who struggle without life's basic necessities. Lord, hear your people.

All: Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

Reader: Jesus who had no home, may we welcome strangers and refugees who have no place to call their own. Lord, hear your people.

All: Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

Reader: Jesus who came to bring peace, we pray for your lasting peace in our own hearts, within families, communities, and all countries around the world. Lord, hear your people.

All: Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

Reader: Jesus, Light of the world, may we spread your hope and joy to all as we celebrate your coming at Christmas. Lord, hear your people.

All: Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

Reader: Jesus, gift of God's love, be with the lonely and the lost. Comfort all who grieve the absence of those they love, especially at this Christmas time. Lord, hear your people.

All: Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

Reader: Holy God, Jesus is the Light who overcomes the dark places in our lives. Listen to our needs as we celebrate his birth.

All: Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us put ourselves into the hands of the Lord and pray that God will bless us and our families during the coming holy days.

May each of us help to make our home a place of joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves but helping others enjoy the blessings of Christmas.

All: Amen

KAI WHEELLOCK

Thank you Mr Beacroft and all involved in the Liturgy.

We will now present the Consistent Effort and Academic Achievement certificates to Year 10. I invite **Mr Alex Powell**, Pastoral Leader

to please come to the stage.

Year Ten have the theme of Leadership and Involvement.

The students are introduced to the leadership program and highlights the transition into the senior school. Involvement in Leadership Prefect portfolios is encouraged and leadership is acknowledged through the badging of College Leaders in second semester. Involvement will be mandatory for those students who have ambitions of being a Prefect in their final years. Leadership is seen both in and out of the classroom and involvement in all facets of College life can be developed weekly.

YEAR 10 ACADEMIC AWARDS

CONSISTENT EFFORT

Hamish Beverley

Aiden Blackman

Harrison Brame

Alex Brown

Max Byrnes

Charles Cartwright

Malachy Cullen

Kai Dawkings
Aiden Dickson
Scott Donnet
William Frost-Foster
Kit Gillings
Angus Hamilton
Aymn Hamilton
Jai Heaney
Jett Heaney
Benjamin Higgins
Aidan Hill
Parker Kearton
Jack Legge
Jayden Lind
Hayden Maher
Finn Matthews
John Missak
Regan O'Brien
Francis O'Connell
Thomas Peters
Mitchell Pink
Sebastian Plaister
Matthew Przauskas
Parker Robinson
Christian Rose
Jackson Ryan
Lachlan Shedden
Cooper Slattery
Connor Spokes
James Stiffle

Mark Sweeney
Jett Tidy
Reece Tredwell
Alec Walters
Patrick Ward
Kai Willmott
Cooper Zammit

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Owen Bradstreet
Marcus Channing
Lachlan Darnley
Jacques Engelbrecht
Charlie Entwistle
Atticus Fotofili
Ryan Galea
Liam Golden
Zane Grady
Ronan Grattan
Nicholas Green
Ryan Green
Brayden Hickey
Michael Holmes
Ilya Ivashov
Jack Jamieson
James Kelly
Christopher Kemp
Liam Knott
Cooper Lord

Ethan Mangan
Bailey McDonald
James Morgan
Jacob Newport
Emmet Nicholls
Bryn O'Grady-Cousins
Billy Pritchard
Luke Richards
Riley Seers
Cameron Shaw

SAMUEL BEATSON

I now ask **Mr Eamonn McCauley**, Pastoral Leader
to come to the stage to present the awards.

As Mr McCauley makes his way to the stage, I would like to explain the Criteria for being awarded an academic or consistent effort award.

To receive an award at the end of year assembly students need to have received nominations from their teachers across the entire year (Semester 1 and Semester 2).

Each Semester teachers nominate boys in their classes who have performed well consistently or academically. The boys receiving an "A" in their courses will automatically receive an Academic nomination.

Boys who receive the required number of "consistent effort" nominations across the year will receive an award in that category. Boys who receive a certain number of "Academic" nominations or "A's" across the year will receive that award. Students receiving "A's" in the majority of their courses will receive an Outstanding Academic Award.

Now on to the presentation of the Year 11 awards.

The Year 11 theme is Owning the Responsibility.

Year 11 students are encouraged to set personal standards in behavior and a strong presence around the College is expected. Owning responsibility and consequences that come with emerging self-identity are developed. Academic and career choices will be the focus, as will continued involvement in Prefect Leadership Portfolios.

YEAR 11 ACADEMIC AWARDS:

CONSISTENT EFFORT

Aaron Antonio
Liam Barbeler
Alexander Bell
Dominic Biscan
Declan Burfitt Johnstone
Jamie Cairns
Adam Campbell-Taylor
Jake Campbell-Taylor
Thomas Costa
Joel Cross
Joel Evans
Otis Farrugia
Owen Flaherty
Dylan Foster
Jack Gower
Kyle Graham
Jack Hanna
Luke Hayhurst
Cooper Irwin
William Jacobsen
Joshua Keating
Jae Kingman
Luke Meissner
Jordan Mercado
Thomas Molin
Iestyn Murphy
Harrison Newman

Thomas Owen
Barney Page
Tobias Paterson
Daniel Peters
Andrew Prazauskas
Angus Price-Jones
Beau Seale
Hayden Smith
Cameron Steer
Samuel Tracey
Jacob Ure
Kai Wheelock
Kane Woods

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Boyd Austin
Samuel Beatson
Byron Bird
Cooper Boyce
William Cohen
Charlie Crimmings
Hunter Dixon
Luke Hansen
Harrison Hoban
Riley Marotta
Joshua Partier
Daniel Rosine
Samuel Schweinheim
Joshua Zaia
Sebastian Zurita

MUSICAL ITEM

'Killing in the Name' by Rage Against the Machine

Patrick Ward	Vocals
Ethan Cleverly	Guitar
Ronan Grattan	Bass
Alex Ryan	Drums

JOSHUA ZAIA

Mr Patrick Dell, Leader of Learning – Social Justice will now present the Edmund Rice Honour Awards.

Justice and Peace is a central part of school life at St Edward's College. As a Catholic school in the tradition of Edmund Rice, we seek to engage every student in programs of Awareness, Advocacy and Action which will become a life-long commitment to the values of service and outreach to the marginalised in our world.

The Waterford Project is a compulsory requirement for students in Years 8-11. It requires each student to complete a minimum of 15 hours of service to others.

EDMUND RICE HONOURS

Year 10

- Finnegan Clunas
- Ryan Galea
- Ronan Grattan
- Wilhelm Hieber
- Jeremy Innes
- Jayden Lind
- Jackson Roger
- Jarrah Wells
- Louis Whyatt

Year 11

- Jamie Cairns
- Harrison Martin
- Harrison Newman
- Samuel Schweinheim

EDMUND RICE HONOURS (FIRST CLASS)

Year 10 Scott Donnet
Liam Golden
John Missak
Christian Rose
Mark Sweeney
Shaun Turnbull

Year 11 Charlie Crimmings
Harry Ellwood
Otis Farrugia
Kyle Graham
Eli Rickard
Kai Wheelock

EDMUND RICE DISTINCTION AWARD

Year 11 Jack Gower
Joshua Gower
Hayden Smith

KAI WHEELOCK

We now have the presentation of Outstanding Academic Achievement Award and Mrs Carolina Murdoch will present these awards.

YEAR 10 OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Ikey Allen
Fergus Clydesdale
Noah Hamilton
Wilhelm Hieber
Daniel McLoughlin

Dario Romero
Gabriel Scott
Louis Whyatt

YEAR 11 OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

William Drennan
Harry Ellwood
William Goodwin-Moore
Bryson Hartle
Harrison Martin
Lennox Taylor

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING AWARDS

JOSHUA ZAIA

Presenter: Katie Moon, Teacher Librarian

Year 10 Public Speaking

Ikey Allen

Year 10 Debating

Ikey Allen

Cameron Shaw

JOSH ZAIA

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY LEADERS AND ACHIEVERS AWARD

I ask Mr McCauley to please come to the stage to present the **Macquarie University Leaders and Achievers Award**.

This award recognises two Year 11 students who demonstrate high academic achievement and outstanding contribution to school life.

The award includes:

- An invitation to attend Macquarie University Leadership Forum 20 January 2021
- Exclusive invitations to Macquarie University events in 2021
- Mentorship by a current Macquarie University Student Ambassador
- Early entry application support.

This year the **Macquarie University Leadership Award** goes to

Samuel Beatson

&

Kai Wheelock

MAX POTENTIAL AWARD

Mr McCauley will also be presenting the 2020 **Max Potential** award

Max Potential is an innovative leadership development program that has been running in partnership with Club NSW since 2003. It connects high school students with local community and business leaders who are trained as coaches. Over 22 weeks, participants engage in one-on-one coaching, experiential workshops and delivering a community service project to make a tangible difference in their local community

This year the Max Potential Award goes to

Joshua Gower

&

Kai Wheelock

UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE AWARDS

I ask Mr Trent Foster to please come to the stage to present the **University of Newcastle** awards.

These awards are given in recognition of outstanding achievement in the various areas of Science.

University of Newcastle Excellence in Biology

Samuel Schweinheim

University of Newcastle Excellence in Chemistry

Bryson Hartle

University of Newcastle Excellence in Physics

Joel Evans

University of Newcastle Excellence in Investigating Science

Thomas Owen

SPECIAL COLLEGE AND MEMORIAL AWARDS

Next we have Mr Jay Sutton presenting our special College and Memorial Awards, the first of which is the

BENDIGO BANK AWARD

The Bendigo Bank Award for Outstanding Service to the Community recognises the student who participates in the Waterford Program with passion, dedication and enthusiasm.

The 2020 Bendigo Bank Outstanding Service to the Community award goes to

Hayden Smith

ADF LONG TAN AWARDS

ADF LONG TAN LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK AWARDS

The ADF Long Tan leadership and Teamwork Awards started in 2006 to recognize students who demonstrate leadership and teamwork both within the school and wider the community.

At the same time, the award recognizes those who display strong values such as doing one's best, respect for others and 'mateship' – characteristics that are integral to Australian society.

The 2020 ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award goes to

Ronan Grattan

ADF FUTURE INNOVATORS AWARD

The ADF Future Innovators Award is awarded to the student who demonstrates innovation and learning in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

This year the **ADF Future Innovators Award**

Ethan Mangan

THE STEVE TATHAM AWARD FOR STEWARDSHIP OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Presenter: Mr Jay Sutton

Steve Tatham joined the TAS department at St Edward' College in Term 4 2002 and we were fortunate to have been graced with his presence here for the next 12 years until his retirement in 2014.

As a teacher Steve Tatham was a true professional. A senior HSC marker with a wealth of experience, he was highly proficient when it came to planning, preparing, programming, marking and reporting.

Steve Tatham was passionate about the need to educate students on the importance of looking after our environment for future generations and was responsible for implementing a recycling program here at St Edward's College. His legacy lives on through the Tatham Project, now headed by a group of dedicated students who share Steve's environmental ideals.

The Steve Tatham Award for Stewardship of the Environment goes to a student who has demonstrated enthusiasm for environmental awareness and preservation by introducing new initiatives aimed at educating students on the need for change as well as implementing strategies to facilitate the changes needed to preserve and heal our planet.

The 2020 Steve Tatham Award for Stewardship of the Environment goes to

Samuel Beatson

&

Kai Wheelock

The next special award is

The Brother Denis Cusack Award for Achievement in Mathematics.

and this will also be presented by Mr Sutton.

Br Denis Cusack was a life long learner who devoted his many natural and acquired talents magnanimously to the service of others. As a student his mental acumen saw him become Dux of his college and during his working career he was a highly valued senior teacher, competent timetabler, computer consultant and in later years an avid online learner in all things mathematical.

This year the Brother Denis Cusack Award for Achievement in Mathematics goes to

Luke Hansen

&

Lennox Taylor

PRESENTATION ITEM

‘Sweet Child of Mine’ by Guns n’ Roses

Zachary Knight	Vocal/Guitar
Dane Umpad	Guitar
Angus Price-Jones	Bass
Daniel Lackner	Drums

ADDRESS

KAI WHEELock, COLLEGE CAPTAIN

MR MARK BONNICI, COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

PRESENTATION OF CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We will now hear from representatives from St Vinnies and Coast Shelter.

MR MIKE BARRINGTON, ST VINNIES

MR CHARLES BOYTON, COAST SHELTER

SAMUEL BEATSON

Can I ask the students to now bring the hampers to the front of the ERC please.

KAI WHEELOCK

That concludes our award ceremony.

On behalf of the Mr Bonnici, Sam, Josh and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy healthy 2021.

Please stand for the school song and at the conclusion of the song, please wait for instructions from your teachers.

COLLEGE SONG: Played but not sung

We'll ring out three cheers for St Edward's,
School of our hopes and our dreams
and over the Brisbane Water,
We will remain supreme.

Chorus: St Edward's gateway to knowledge
 True sign of Christ our head.
 The spirit of St. Edward's through
 Edmund Rice we are led.
 St Edward's gateway to knowledge
 True sign of Christ our head
 The spirit of St. Edward's,
 forever the black and red.

Here's to the friendship that brightens
the morning of our lives.
And to the faith that guides us,
to love and serve in Christ. Chorus