



St Edward's College
2020 Academic & Christmas Assembly
Years 7, 8 and 9

Edmund Rice Centre
St Edward's College
GOSFORD

9 December 2020

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
Mr Paul English, Director of Pastoral Care
Mrs Heidi Englund, Pastoral Leader – Year 7
Mr Paul Sullivan, Pastoral Leader – Year 8
Mr Robert Speziale, Pastoral Leader – Year 9
Mrs Carolina Murdoch, Director of Teaching and Learning
Ms Sarah Moulton, Teacher Librarian
Mrs Katie Moon, Teacher Librarian
Mr Pat Dell, Leader of Learning – Social Justice
Ros & Chris Martin

MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

Kai Wheelock, College Captain
Samuel Beatson, College Vice Captain
Joshua Zaia, College Vice Captain

WELCOME: KAI WHEELLOCK

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 December 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? (VIDEO PRESENTATION)

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

Thank you Mr Beacroft and all involved in the Liturgy.

We now celebrate the achievements of Year 7. I invite **Mrs Heidi Englund**, Pastoral Leader to the stage.

Year 7 have a theme of Belonging.

This theme welcomes Year 7 to our College and creates a sense of belonging to our St Edward's family community. It incorporates teaching the students the history of Edmund Rice and the story of the Christian Brothers. It is here that we introduce the touchstones – Liberating Education, Inclusive Community, Gospel Spirituality and Justice and Solidarity - which are integral to all EREA schools in Australia. We also recognise the St Edward's College 'Code for Learning' which is fundamental to the everyday learning activities within our College.

YEAR 7 ACADEMIC AWARDS

CONSISTENT EFFORT

Joseph Aygun

Maxwell Bayss

Owen Bell

Adrian Biankin

Charles Britt

Shae Brown

Ryan Bullock

Kiernan Campbell

Callum Cassar

William Conroy

Samuel Cormack

Noah Cox

Luca Fairley
Thomas Flynn
Joshua Foster
Jette Gooley
Euan Gregory
Arlo Gurr
Thomas Hammond
Joshua Hawkins
Lachlan Herd
Liam Hore
James Hughes
Jett Innes
Alexander Jack
Tristan Jackson
Max Judd
Jack Lawrence
William Lyons
Archer Martin
Thomas McArdle
William McArdle
Jake McKeon
Thomas Nicholls
Harvey Olsen
Lisitoa Paea
Cooper Pegler
Archie Price

Oliver Pringle
William Ridings
Ethan Roesch
Thomas Smith
Neo Thompson
Flynn Tkac
Samuel Tracey
Logan Treble
Marcus Tredwell
Riley Turner
Darcy Turton
Cooper Ware
Samuel Weisbaum
Ewan Williams
Marlen Wilson
James Winiata
Deakin Wright
Donovan Wright
Ethan Wuest

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Nate Armstrong
Noah Best-Minto
Jed Bevan

William Blunt
Owen Brady
Archie Carpenter
William Connors
Maximilian Corrigan
Eoin Cullen
Emerson Farraway
Cooper Ham
Luke Harrison
Ashton Hayes
Kaine Hieber
Mason Holliday
Jake Howes
Jesse Hughan
Cooper Jones
Ryder Kasun
Chikomborero Katsande
Heath Macdonald
Alex McCoombe-Lopez
Cruz McMahan
Lopez Morrison
Anthony Nguyen
Max Oteivi
Liam Peers
Caleb Peterson
Luca Quitadamo

Lachlan Renton
Jaden Roesch
Michael Sikuka
Aamon Smith
Christian Sultana
Cohen Sutton
Harper Turner
Lawrence Ure
Jonte Wicks
Easun Zhang

SAMUEL BEATSON

Now we move onto the Year 8 Awards and I invite **Mr Paul Sullivan**, Pastoral Leader to the stage.

Year 8 have a theme of Values and Service.

The students are introduced to the Waterford Project which instills values of integrity, respect, responsibility, honesty and trustworthiness. Boys were asked the question “How can I show these values in my service to the community both here at St Edwards but also in the wider community?”

YEAR 8 ACADEMIC AWARDS

CONSISTENT EFFORT

Rex Allwood
Brody Andrews
Samuel Baxter
Jay Bonython
Harry Burgess

Joshua Bush
Phoenix Carter
Zachary Chidiac
Cohen Danvers
Cashar Darwin
Marshall Dodsworth
Cohen Duncan
Finnian Duncan
Domenic Fatone
Alexander Golden
Mitchell Hall
Thomas Hall
Samuel Hodder
Andrew Hodge
Liam Hughes
Angus Jack
John James
Callum Kinnaird
David Lazo Vega
Eli Leary
Finn Leary
Jye LeBrocq
Byron Marks
Aidan Matthews
Hamish McAteer
Flynn McHale

Darby McIntosh
Lachlan Murphy Pacholek
Angus Newport
Tevita Paea
Finn Palmqvist
Zane Pennells
Mason Potter
Mitchell Ryan
Hudson Sky
Jack Spedding
Alexander Steven
Gryffyn Stevenson
Jimmy Stuart
Luca Sydenham
Samuel Trench
Nate Vaughan
Jay Ward
Keanu Wells
Dominic Wilson
Samuel Wilson
Cameron Woodruff
Matthew Xuereb

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Seth Armstrong
James Barry
James Beatson
Angus Bilham
Nathan Bradley
James Butlin
Cohen Crook
Christopher Dodd
Aidan Ellis
Tom Fenton
Matthew Frost-Foster
Cooper Grady
Liam Hill
Charlie Jacobson
Flynn Jones
Alexander Kalos
Matthew Lewry
Kai Maitland
Joshua Malek
Joshua Mangan
Elijah McMonigal
Brendan Minto
Jayden Miotello
Fynn Mussared

Oscar Noone
Joel Parrelli
Brandon Pawlak
Kale Puata
Stefan Ratay
Juan Jose Rodriguez Caldas
Timothy Rogers
Cooper Scott
Riley Scott
Seth Short
Harrison Tanner
Abhishek Thomas
Sandor Torok
Leon Towle
Devonte Vaotuu
Oliver Wagemaker
Jesi Wanjohi
Cameron Wehrle
Jack Wighton
William Zahra

JOSHUA ZAIA

Next we have Year 9 Awards. Could I ask **Mr Rob Speziale**, Pastoral Leader to please come to the stage to present the awards.

Year Nine have the theme Men of Honour.

Year Nine promotes the idea of being gentlemen within society. Boys have a strong sense of justice at this age, however we encourage them to extend their horizons beyond their own personal space. Standing up for injustice, recognizing cultural diversity, and acknowledging the equality of the sexes in our society are major issues that will be profiled.

YEAR 9 ACADEMIC AWARDS

CONSISTENT EFFORT

Simon Barber

Harry Bates

Oliver Bettison

William Browning

Zane Chaffer

William Clarke

Luke Colgan

Alexander Cutting

Aidan Deacon

Jake Duncan

Sebastian Eager

Drew Elwin

Jaycob Foyel

Luke Harada

Ethan Hayes

Liam Hodges

Joshua Judd
William Kane
Thomas Kirkland
Makai Lamabelawa
Daniel Lavery
Mitchell Leete
Darcy Lloyd-Phillips
Taj Lyons
Oliver Marotta
Oscar McCoombe-Lopez
Samuel McCudden
Hamish McDermott
Blaine McIntosh
Sunny McRae
Marley Medina
Joshua Mercer
Andrew Nguyen
James Nilsson
Baxter Nix
Joseph Pancia
Jack Roberts
Liam Roche
Ben Ruskin
Corey Sammut
Jivesh Shonak
Fletcher Smith

Malachi Smith
Talon Stolz
Cooper Thorndike
Matthew Toohey
Will Turton
Jack Vaughan
Kalan Vickers
Aiden Walsh-Catanzaro
Calum Walters
Keenan White
Jonah Wright

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Levi Bailey
Jack Binding
Rhys Butcher
Ethan Cohen
Tom Conroy
Roman Cunico
Maxwell Dowling
Luke Foster
Rayden Gomez
Miles Henderson
Daniel Herd
Jeremy Hibbert
Kye Holliday

Leo Hong
Noah Hutchins
Angus Jones
Conor Kelly
Josef Lewis
Artemi Lomis
Oliver Martin
Hayden Mexon
Jack Milner
Fletcher Moore
Jack Morgan
Hunter Mussalli
Mitchell Nix
Flynn Peters
Adrian Pozo
Bayden Probert
William Rankin
Xavier Reid
Koby Salter
Patrick Sawyer
Lachlan Sherratt
Benjamin Stansfield
Harrison Stiffle
Lachlan Turnbull
Charlie Watkins
Thomas Whitmore

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

A warm welcome to students from Year 8 and 9 who will entertain us with 'Stray Cat Strut'.

PRESENTATION ITEM

'Stray Cat Strut' by the Stray Cats

Vocals/Guitar	James Nilsson
Bass	Charlie Jacobson
Drums	Daniel Herd

KAI WHEELOCK

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 8	Seth Armstrong
	Jay Clarke
	Cohen Crook
	Alexander Golden
	Callum Kinnaird
	Jye LeBrocq
	Mitchell Ryan
	Jacob Stephens
	Harrison Tanner
	Keanu Wells
	Jack Wighton
	William Zahra

Year 9

Tom Conroy
Blake Downs
Sebastian Eager
Luke Harada
Joshua Judd
Thomas Kirkland
Marley Medina
Fletcher Moore
Noah Nakagawa
Jayden Redfern
William Shaddock
Calan Tucker
Keenan White

SAMUEL BEATSON

Moving on, we have the presentations of those students who will be receiving Outstanding Academic Achievement Awards and I invite Mrs Carolina Murdoch to the stage to present these awards.

YEAR 7 OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Aiden Balshaw
Lachlan Bunney
Charlie Dawson
Jesse Kemp
Mathis Limpkin
William Lynch
Oscar Woolford

YEAR 8 OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Sacha Byrne
Archie Hamilton
Lachlan Kemp
Callum Peers
Christopher Rae
Marco Sgaravizzi
Ari Sullivan
Hugh Wilson

YEAR 9 OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Oliver Dawson
Blake Downs
Nicholas Gately
Thomas Hunt
Noah Nakagawa
Jayden Redfern
Isaac Ryan
William Shaddock
Calan Tucker

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING AWARDS

PRESENTER: KATIE MOON, TEACHER LIBRARIAN

Year 7 Public Speaking & Debating	William Connors
	Lachlan Herd
Year 8 Public Speaking	Juan Hose Rodriguez Caldas
Year 9 Public Speaking	Daniel Herd
	Jayden Redfern
Year 9 Debating	Daniel Herd
	Jayden Redfern

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE AWARDS

PRESENTER: MS SARAH MOULTON, TEACHER LIBRARIAN

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students and enables them to experience quality literature. The challenge started in 2005 and encourages students to read a variety of books over a period of time. The following students are the proud participants of the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2020:

Matthew Kirkland

and

William McArdle

The top level of achievement for the Premier's Reading Challenge is completing the requirements from Kindergarten all the way through to Year 9 and this year we have three students who have attained this success. These students receive both a certificate and a medal for their efforts in wide Reading. Congratulations to:

Blake Downs

Luke Harada

Thomas Kirkland

ASX SHAREMARKET AWARD

PRESENTER: Ms SARAH MOULTON, TEACHER LIBRARIAN

The Year 9 Commerce students entered the ASX Sharemarket competition against schools throughout NSW. In this competition students are expected to invest allocated funds and the winner is based on the value of the portfolio at the end of the period.

This year, in First Place, the recipient of this award is

Harrison Mitchell

JOSH ZAIA

We now move to the special College and Memorial Awards and I invite

Mr English, Pastoral Coordinator

to please come to the stage.

SPECIAL COLLEGE AND MEMORIAL AWARDS

PRESENTER: MR PAUL ENGLISH

TREVOR MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD

The Trevor Miller Memorial Award originates from 1991. The award is in honour of Trevor Miller who passed away tragically during Year 7, 1991 after his courageous battle with cancer. Trevor was an average 13 year old boy who loved St Edward's and was actually laid to rest in his school uniform. His parents wanted his memory to live on at St Edward's and they created a special award in Trevor's honour.

Trevor epitomized forever the black and red. The Trevor Miller award is given to a student who has overcome problems and adversity during Year 7 and has done his absolute best.

The 2020 Trevor Miller Memorial Award - Year 7 achiever goes to

Saxon Young

JOSH ZAIA

PRESENTER: ROS AND CHRIS MARTIN

TOBY MARTIN MEMORIAL TROPHY

Toby had such an infectious smile, you couldn't help but smile with him.

Being diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, a disease of the blood, Toby displayed great courage and perseverance throughout his illness as he dealt with his condition. The strength he displayed in meeting the challenges ahead and the resolve he showed gave strength to those around him. Toby had a strong sense of Social Justice and valued the importance of fairness.

This memorial trophy is awarded to a student in Year 9 who displays the same qualities of strength, courage, perseverance and endurance in his daily life.

The inaugural Toby Martin Memorial Trophy goes to

Brendan Escott

JOSH ZAIA

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

We welcome students from Year 9 who will entertain us.

'Freak' by Silverchair

Vocals/Guitar	Aidan Deacon
Guitar	Travis Attard
Bass	Noah Nakagawa
Drums	Noah Boesen

SAMUEL BEATSON

College Captain Kai Wheelock and Mr Mark Bonnici, College Principal will now address us.

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

KAI WHEELLOCK

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

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: