

St Edward's College Gosford



Year 12, 2021

Farewell Assembly

3rd December, 2021

❖ ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

❖ NATIONAL ANTHEM

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.

❖ WELCOME & PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS

Samuel Beatson & Joshua Zaia

We gather here for the final time in the presence of God as the senior class of St Edward's College.

We give thanks for the past six years at St Edward's, for our time together, for friendships we have made and for the support and encouragement of our parents and staff.

This is a time of mixed emotions, and as we embark upon a new stage of our life's journey, we invite you all to pray that the love of Christ will guide us through the joys and struggles which lay ahead.

❖ SYMBOLS

In front of the altar are symbols of our time at St Edward's. These items represent us and our journey as the senior class.

THE COLLEGE FLAG

Symbolises the traditions and the history of St Edward's.

Over the past six years each of us has made some contribution to the long and proud history of academic, cultural and sporting achievement at St Edward's College. The spirit of past students and the teachers have inspired our journey.

We have all walked the verandahs and climbed the stairs and have imprinted our personal presence in some way.

EDMUND RICE CANDLE AND LOAF OF BREAD

These items symbolise the commitment of this year group to promoting social justice at the College. They remind us of our duty to the marginalized as young Catholic men, and they serve to reinforce the life commitment of Blessed Edmund Rice to his poor in Waterford Ireland.

OUR SOCIAL JUSTICE SIGNS

These signs remind us of our continued commitment to those groups who are suffering.

BIBLE, CROSS, AND FOLDER FROM OUR RETREAT

Symbols of our faith life. We have been given the opportunity to develop a relationship with God and an understanding of the church. As young Catholic men our faith has taught us about the joy of having life and living it to the full, and in sharing our gifts with others.

In Jesus Christ and Edmund Rice we have two exceptional role models of selfless love the most important gift of all.

TEXTBOOK AND YEAR GROUP PHOTO

Symbols of our growth and personal development.

St Edward's has tried to provide us with many pathways for the journey of life. We have been encouraged to use the knowledge and skill we have been taught to achieve goals, to make sound decisions, to face challenges and disappointments with courage.

CRICKET BAT, FOOTBALL JERSEY, AND BASKETBALL

Symbols of our individual talents and our participation and effort.

We have been given opportunities and encouragement to develop our personal potential and we have involved ourselves with great enthusiasm in a variety of activities.

YEAR 12 TREE

This tree symbolises our time here at St Edward's. It will be planted near the teachers' carpark as a constant reminder of our years of growth and development at the College.

We bring these symbols of our life to your altar Lord, in thanksgiving, knowing that in each of them, there is a part of each of us.

❖ **GOSPEL READING: Read by Mr Bonnici**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

So, do not start worrying: Where will my food come from? Or my drink? Or my clothes? (These are the things the pagans are always concerned about.) Your Father in heaven knows that you need all these things. Instead, be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and with what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all these other things. So do not worry about tomorrow; it will have enough worries of its own. There is no need to add to the troubles each day brings. The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

❖ **HOMILY: Samuel Beatson**

❖ **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Based on 'Footprints'**

Reader 1: Today, as a community, we unite with one another by praying for our needs.

Reader 1: One night I dreamed a dream. I was walking along the beach with my Lord. Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.

Reader 2: Tonight, we pray for our families. There have been times when we have taken them for granted. Help us to try to do something to show our thanks. Let them realise how much we love them.



We pray for the college staff, especially Mr. Bonnici and Mr. McCauley, for their guidance and leadership. They have worked hard in sharing their knowledge with us and encouraged us to do our best. We appreciate their efforts and ask you to bless them.
Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 1: For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to me and one to my Lord.

When the last scene of my life shot before me I looked back at the footprints in the sand. There was only one set of footprints. I realised that this was at the lowest and saddest times of my life.

Reader 2: We pray for our friends. Together we have learned, experienced, succeeded and at times even failed. May we remember each

other and the experiences we have shared with gratitude and joy. For ourselves, too, we pray that we may love, seek and attain only that which is good. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 1: This bothered me and I questioned the Lord about my dilemma.

'Lord, you told me when I decided to follow you, you would walk and talk with me all the way. But I am aware that during the most troublesome times of my life there is only one set of footprints. I just don't understand why, when I needed you most, you leave me.'

He whispered: 'My precious child, I love you and will never leave you; never, ever, during your trials and testings. When you saw only one set of footprints it was then that I carried you'.

Reader 2: May your spirit continue to help us uncover truths that are kept hidden from ourselves and support us in tasks we fear to undertake alone. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: Let us pray the Our Father in thanks for our time at St. Edward's and the future of this group of young men.

OUR FATHER

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

CONCLUDING RITE: Lead by Mrs Crimmings

Leader: I invite parents to join me in offering a blessing for all Year 12 students.

Parents: My son, as your new journey begins, may you carry in your heart my love for you. Be confident in your own strengths and talents and know the faith you practise here today will keep you strong.

May you accept your life as a gift from God and go along with it bravely meeting its challenges and disappointments with faith and compassion.

May you always be grateful for the precious gift of life with its limitless possibilities.

Go forth as sons of God, and let your light shine among all with whom you share your lives.

Parents: And may Almighty God bless you,
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS: Mr Bonnici

❖ **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF STUDENTS:**

Jodie Connor and Gerry Summerhayes

Staff and Students of St Edward's College, we welcome you to the 2021 Year 12 Farewell Assembly. We also warmly welcome all parents and friends who have joined us today and all those who are live streaming into this assembly.

Jai Adrichem

Joshua Attard

Nathan Barber

Jaden Beard

Alexander Bell

Connor Bell

Noah Bilham

Koby Borg

Luke Brandon

Joshua Butt

Adam Campbell-Taylor

Jonty Clayton

Luke Conroy

Charlie Crimmings

Alexander Crotty

Maximus Davis

Levi Dawson

Reilly Eagles

Joel Evans

Ethan Falconer

Brian Farrell

Oliver Farrell

Otis Farrugia

Dylan Foster

Tyler Francis

Hudson Fuller

Owen Garcia

Marlon Guest

Jack Hanna

Luke Hansen

Benjamin Hart

Cooper Irwin

Logan Jeans

Jae Kingman

Dane Kondrat

Flynn Lamont

Jasper Langford-Martin

Ryan Magri

Samuel McArdle

Aidan McCrae

Lachlan McIntosh

Luke Meissner

Finn Middleton

Brendan Missen

Thomas Molin

Iestyn Murphy

Beau Newlands

William Nguyen

Oscar Nix

Maurice O'Sullivan

Daniel Peters

Fletcher Powell

Angus Price-Jones

Cooper Richardson

Eli Rickard

Ethan Ridges

Joshua Schonkala

Hudson Skirka

Hayden Smith

Matthew Smith

Kye Springett

Nathaniel Stanley

Cameron Steer

Benjamin Taylor

Samuel Tracey

Girard Umpad

Jacob Ure

Harry Vodicka

Cody Wells

Kai Wheelock

Max Whitton

Jamie Zocher

Students who placed in a subject

Liam Barbeler

First Place in Drama

Dominic Biscan

Second Place in History Extension

Declan Burfitt Johnstone

First Place in English Studies

Jake Campbell-Taylor

First Place in Hospitality

William Cohen

First Place in Mathematics Advanced

Joshua Collis

First Place in Furnishings

Thomas Costa

First Place in Music

Joel Cross

First Place in Food Technology

Hunter Dixon

First Place in Mathematics Standard 2

Calvin Edwards

First Place in Entertainment

Aydin Ercan

Second Place in Entertainment

Joshua Fenwick

Edmund Rice Honours

Owen Flaherty

Second Place in Biology

Ulysses Fotofili

First Place in Hospitality

Jack Gower

Second Place in Manufacturing & Engineering

Joshua Gower

Second Place in Studies of Catholic Thought

Luke Hayhurst

Second Place in Construction

William Jacobsen

Second Place in Visual Arts

Samuel James

Second Place in Investigating Science

Joshua Keating

Second Place in Economics

Declan Kelly

Second Place in Hospitality

Zachary Knight

First Place in Mathematics Standard 1

Daniel Lackner

Second Place in Entertainment

Riley Marotta

First Place in Industrial Technology Timber

Matthew Marsters

First Place in Studies of Catholic Thought

Harrison Martin

First Place in History Modern

Malakai McKeon

Second Place in Financial Services

Jordan Mercado

Second Place in Information Processes & Technology

Tyler Moriarty

First Place in Constructions

Harrison Newman

Edmund Rice Honours – First Class

Theo Ogundana-Watson

First Place in Science Extension

Thomas Owen

First Place in Investigating Science

Lulu Paea

Second Place in Sport Lifestyle and Recreation

Joshua Partier

Second Place in History Modern

Andrew Prazauskas

First Place in Society & Culture

Daniel Rosine

Second Place in Biology

Nicholas Toohy

Second Place in Construction

Sebastian Zurita

First Place in Information Processes & Technology

Samuel Beatson

First Place in Studies of Religion 2

Second Place in Legal Studies

Byron Bird

First Place in Engineering Studies

Second Place in Studies of Religion 2

Samuel Gatt

First Place in History Extension
First Place in Visual Arts

Kyle Graham

First Place in Financial Services
Second Place in Industrial Technology Timber

Harrison Hoban

First Place in Chemistry
First Place in Food Technology

Tobias Paterson

Second Place in Biology
Second Place in Mathematics Standard 2

Beau Seale

First Place in German Continuers
Second Place in Science Extension

Kane Woods

Second Place in English Studies
Second Place in Mathematics Standard 1

Boyd Austin

First Place in Economics
Second Place in Business Studies
Second Place in English Standard

Cooper Boyce

Second Place in Drama
Second Place in Music
Second Place in Screen and Media

Jamie Cairns

First Place in Sport Lifestyle & Recreation
Second Place in Furnishings
Edmund Rice Honours – First Class

William Drennan

First Place in Physics
Second Place in Mathematics Extension 1
Second Place in Mathematics Extension 2

Harry Ellwood

First Place in French Continuers
Second Place in PDHPE
Edmund Rice Honours – First Class

Bryson Hartle

First Place in English Advanced
First Place in English Extension 1
First Place in PDHPE

Samuel Schweinheim

First Place in Biology
First Place in Chemistry
Second Place in Studies of Religion

Lennox Taylor

First Place in Engineering Studies
Second Place in Mathematics Extension 1
Second Place in Mathematics Extension 2
Second Place in Physics

Joshua Zaia

First Place in English Standard
First Place in Information
Processes & Technology

First Place in Screen and Media
Second Place in Industrial
Technology Multimedia

William Goodwin-Moore

First Place in Business Studies
First Place in Legal Studies
First Place in Studies of Religion
Second Place in English Advanced
Second Place in Mathematics Advanced
Second Place in Music

Mr Pat Dell, Leader of Learning – Social Justice will present the Edmund Rice Distinction and community awards.

 **Special College and Memorial Awards**

Social Justice is a central part of school life at St Edward's College.

As a Catholic school in the tradition of the Christian Brothers and 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.

Boys receiving Edmund Rice Honour awards have completed more than 100 hours of service this year. Those receiving Edmund Rice Honours (First Class) have completed more than 100 hours of service to the community for a minimum of three years.

Students receiving the Edmund Rice Honours (Distinction Award) have completed more than 100 hours of service each year for at least five years and this year for the first time we have the

Edmund Rice Gold Award – Meritorious Commendation which is awarded to those boys who have achieved more than 100 hours per year for six consecutive years. This year the recipients are

Presenter: Mr Pat Dell

Edmund Rice Distinction

Charlie Crimmings

Jack Gower

Hayden Smith

Justin Spittles Memorial Award for Social Justice

Hayden Smith

Presenter: Mr Pat Dell

Mitchell Price Memorial Award for Service to the College

Mitchell Price is remembered as a determined young man with spirit, who did not surrender to hardships. He influenced others, made people laugh, shared his own faith and showed true strength.

This year the Mitchell Price Memorial Award

goes to

Kai Wheelock

**Musical Interlude: 'Sparks' - Performed by
William Goodwin-Moore and Joshua Zaia**

Mr Beacroft will now present the next round of awards.

Presenter: Mr Tony Beacroft

Michael Kokegei TEST Award

This award is presented to an outstanding Basketball player by the Kokegei Family in memory of their son, Michael. The recipient demonstrated in his play and participation four key elements –

Tenacity, Enthusiasm, Sportsmanship and Teamwork.

This year, the winner of the Michael Kokegei TEST Award

is

Matthew Marsters

Presenter: Mr Tony Beacroft

Ryan Sainty Memorial Award

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The Ryan Sainty Memorial Award is presented each year to a Rugby League player who shows outstanding effort, skill and teamwork. These were the attributes that Ryan brought to Rugby League whilst a student at the College, and into his play post school.

The winner of the **Ryan Sainty Memorial Award** for 2021

is

Owen Flaherty

Presenter: Presenter: Mr Tony Beacroft

Sportsman of the Year

Tyler Moriarty

Special mention is also made of

Nicholas Toohey

**for being selected in the Under 19 Cricket World Cup Team
(no award is given for this)**

and

Thomas Owen

Selection in the NSW All Schools' Cricket Merit Team

Presenter: Mr Tony Beacroft

Special Sports Award

**Selection in the Australian Schools' Rugby Union President's XV Team and CSNSW
Blue for Rugby**

Lulu Paea

 **College Captain and Vice Captains Address**

Kai Wheelock, Samuel Beatson and Joshua Zaia

Mrs Murdoch will now present the next round of awards.

Presenter: Mrs Carolina Murdoch

ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award

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

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

This year the 2021

ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award

goes to

Samuel Beatson

Presenter: Mr Carolina Murdoch

The ADF Future Innovators Award

The ADF Future Innovators Award is being introduced to the College for the first time in 2020. It is awarded to the student who demonstrates innovation and learning in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

This year the 2021 ADF Future Innovators Award

goes to

William Drennan

Mr McCauley will now present the next round of awards.

Presenter: Mr Eamonn McCauley

Kevin Liggett Memorial Award for Computing

Kevin Liggett was a man of many talents, interest and strengths. He was a husband, a father, talented footballer, a keen fisherman and an adventurous scuba-diver.

In his chosen field of education, there was more to his approach than mere instruction. He was a dedicated teacher whose selfless concern for his students knew no bounds.

This year the Kevin Liggett Memorial Award for Computing
goes to

Sebastian Zurita

Presenter: Mr Eamonn McCauley

Ampol All Rounder Award

The Ampol All Rounder award is given in recognition of leadership qualities and commitment across a range of activities.

It acknowledges the outstanding contributions made to the college and the wider community.

This year the **Ampol All Rounder Award**

goes to

Joshua Partier

Mr Sutton will now present the next round of awards.

Presenter: Mr Jay Sutton

Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment

Reuben F Scarf, businessman, philanthropist and poet was eminently successful in commerce. His practical and uncomplicated approach to the realities of life and its problems is clearly expressed in his recorded speeches, his writings and his poetry.

The Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment is not necessarily for the brightest or the highest achiever. Its purpose is to recognise and honour consistent effort and the desire to improve.

This year the recipient of the

Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment

is

Harry Ellwood

Presenter: Mr Jay Sutton

**University of Newcastle Vice-Chancellor's Award for
Academic Excellence-Commendable Effort**

This year the recipient of the

**Vice Chancellor's Award for Academic Excellence
Commendable Effort**

is

Harry Ellwood

Musical Interlude: 'My Way'- Performed by Cooper Boyce

Mr Bonnici will present the next round of awards.

Presenter: Mr Mark Bonnici

Principal's Award for College Leadership

Kai Wheelock

Presenter: Mr Mark Bonnici

Br M J Shanahan Award for Meritorious Effort

Br Shanahan was the first principal of St Edward's College 1952 – 1958.

In a tribute at his funeral in 1984, it is quoted

"I acclaim Maurice Dermot Shanahan.

He was a man of deep faith in God.

He had a keen intellect and a sparkling sense of humour.

He was a man of prayer and genuine goodness.

He loved and revered the most holy Mother of God.

He gave all he had to kids because they were the image of God and the hope of tomorrow."

The 2021 Br M J Shanahan Award goes to

Byron Bird

Presenter: Mr Mark Bonnici

Announcement of the 2021 College Dux

Dux of St Edward's College 2021

is awarded to

Samuel Schweinheim & Lennox Taylor

❖ **Year 12 Photo Presentation**

❖ **College Song** (played by no singing)

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

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.

From Isaiah 43

**You are precious to me – you are important and valued.
I love you
I give you honour – you are a worthy and respected person.
Be not afraid
I am with you always. Amen**