Over the last month I have visited classes across the junior school to speak to students about the rolling out of school email addresses to students and the recent development of technology infrastructure in the College. An important part of the message that Mr Tadros and I gave to students was the expectation by the College that students would use technology responsibly and appropriately.

As the College moves towards all students having an iPad or laptop at school and it continues to develop systems to ensure the College technology network is robust and efficient, programs involving the professional development of staff and digital citizenship courses for students have emerged as a core fabric of our preparation.

As part of the College’s updating and development of technology, newsletters will be sent by email from this week in addition to the printed newsletters. It is planned that from next year we will be able to reduce printing of newsletters substantially as more families provide us with email addresses. The College web site is also being revamped and it is anticipated that the new website will be functioning from the start of next year.

Digital citizenship courses teach students how to use technology appropriately and responsibly examining digital rights and responsibilities, digital security, digital etiquette and communication in areas such as privacy and managing personal information on line. As the College develops the use of technology as part of student learning experiences, the teaching of skills around rights and responsibilities in the use of technology is a critical part of the development of the digital literacy of our students.

Whilst the College is updating filtering systems and developing procedures and policies to ensure appropriate supervision and education of students, these challenges extend beyond the school. Parents also need to be vigilant and aware of what their children are doing online.

The following hints are suggested as being helpful to parents:

- Place the computer in a family area of the home – a family or living room rather than a bedroom.
- Get to know the technologies that your children are using.
- Install an internet content filter. This can be used to restrict what content is viewed or downloaded or the times when the internet can be used.
- Ensure that your children do not share personal information online.
- Be aware of social network sites that your children are using and ensure you have access such as being a “friend” on facebook.

Whilst one has to be aware and vigilant of obvious dangers that align themselves with irresponsible or inappropriate use of technology, the benefits of using these technologies well equip students with a wonderful tool to assist in their learning. The use of technology in the classroom is an exciting and highly beneficial tool for teachers to facilitate student learning outcomes and equip students with the necessary skills to succeed in an ever changing technological world.

On Tuesday evening five of our students were commended for their achievements at the Wollongong Vocational and Education Training Awards for secondary students in the Illawarra.

Congratulations to Angus Bevan, Max Connor, David Soto, Daniel Manzini and Jeremy Shalala for their nomination. One of our students gained a major award on the night. I would like to acknowledge Jeremy Shalala who was awarded the Metals and Engineering Student of the Year.

Peter McGovern
From the Deputy Headmaster, Mr Tadros

STUDENT UNIFORM 2013

I would like to thank all parents/carers for their assistance in ensuring their son is correctly attired throughout 2012. 2012 completes our transition plan to have all students across Years 7-12 wearing the same uniform items. Thank you to all students/parents/carers for the smooth transition.

**Years 11 & 12 (All year round)**
- College grey trousers (worn with grey/stripe socks)
- Plain black belt (to be worn at all times)
- Ice blue shirt with College logo
- Plain, black, polishable leather school shoes
- College black blazer with tie (compulsory in Terms 2 & 3 / optional in Terms 1 & 4)
- ERC red jumper/vest (worn under the blazer in cold weather)

**PD/H/PE Uniform**
This is worn by all students during practical lessons:
- Red polo shirt with College logo
- Plain black sports shorts, AND/OR
- Plain black tracksuit pants
- College sports socks
- Lace up joggers

**Sporting Representative Uniform**
When representing the College boys wear the College PE polo shirt and plain black shorts or plain black tracksuit pants. They can also wear the College jacket (black, red & white) as part of this outfit.

**Years 7 - 10 Summer Uniform (Terms 1 & 4)**
- College grey trousers (worn with grey/stripe socks), OR College shorts (worn with College grey/stripe socks)
- Plain black belt (to be worn at all times)
- Ice blue shirt with College logo
- Plain, black, polishable leather school shoes
- ERC red jumper with tie
- ERC jacket (black, red & white) with tie
  *Note: Optional clothing for cooler weather*

**Years 7 - 10 Winter Uniform (Terms 2 & 3)**
- College grey trousers (worn with grey/stripe socks)
- Plain black belt (to be worn at all times)
- Ice blue shirt with College logo and tie
- Plain, black, polishable leather school shoes
- ERC red jumper and tie
- ERC jacket (black, red & white) and tie
  *Note: Jacket is optional but both can be worn on colder days in winter*

**Additional Uniform Information**
Caps/Hats: These must be plain black.
School bags: These must be basically black. Because they are emblemed with the College Crest they can only be purchased from the Uniform Shop.
School shoes: Being plain black, means making sure when buying them, that they have no other colours as part of their make-up, including the laces.
Singlets & T Shirts: Plain white only (when permission is granted)

The College Uniform shop will be open during the holidays on Tuesday 22, Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 January (9.00 – 3.00pm)

Illawarra Schools Excellence in Vocational Education and Training Awards 2012 held at Villa D’Oro this week.

Congratulations to the following students who each received Certificates of Merit

Angus Bevan, Max Connor, David Soto, Daniel Manzini, Jeremy Shalala

VET Student of the Year for Metal Engineering

Jeremy Shalala

Congratulations

Dear Parents, Grandparents, Uncles and Aunties

The College is in urgent need of SCRIBES to help during the upcoming examination period

If you can help please contact Mrs Jenny Thatcher at the College (4228 4344)
Year 10 Camp: From Monday 5th to Friday 9th November half of Year 10 went on a week-long outdoor camp based at Coolendel. One half of the group started at Tallawarra Dam canoeing down the river to Coolendel while the other half enjoyed the Three Peaks walk. We spent two nights camping at Mt Grady and Grassy Gully. Practising minimal impact camping and participating in outdoor rock-climbing. The hiking leg of the camp was difficult with everyone having their own goals to complete along the way. We had to be self-sufficient, carrying all our gear for the two and a half days, setting up our bivvies and cooking our own food, sometimes in the dark! After two days of hiking and canoeing the two groups swapped with our group travelling to Nowra Ski Park. We tackled the rapids and despite muscle soreness kicking in, we all had an enjoyable time. After a pleasant change of scenery camping along the river for two nights it was time to pack up our gear and set off home with many of us unable to stay awake on the return trip. We were all glad to be home. Thanks to the teachers for putting up with us for the week, it was a valuable experience and will not be forgotten! Written by M Hennessy/L Vezinias.

Year 10 Coach Trip to Canberra and Jindabyne: We left school on Monday at 9.00am and after a three hour bus trip we reached Canberra at our first stop, the War Memorial. We spent time looking at interesting exhibitions from past wars and sat through some exciting documentaries. Next stop was the Australian National Museum again enjoying the many exhibitions on show. After spending the night at Canberra Scout Camp we travelled to Canberra Zoo on Tuesday before another three hour trip to Bungarra Lodge, Jindabyne. On Wednesday we hiked to the summit of Mt Kosciuszko and back, a total of 13kms. It was a treacherous walk in freezing conditions and heavy rain so everyone felt a sense of achievement after successfully completing the walk. On Thursday our skills were tested on a mountain bike ride, with two guides, around the tracks at Bungarra. We also participated in raft building which ended up in a race to see whose raft was better. Thursday night was spent relaxing as everyone was extremely tired and on Friday morning at 9.00am we left for home stopping at Goulburn on the way. The bus trip was great and enjoyed by all! Written by T Bartley

Junior Cricket Round 1 win to Edmund Rice

In our Round 1 match of the Berg Shield we were able to defeat Corpus Christi. After winning the toss we elected to bat first and began scoring at a moderate rate. After 25 overs we were 5 – 118. Following some explosive batting by Dylan Koprivec (74 n.o.) and Owen Christie (38 n.o.) we were able to score 80 runs in the last 5 overs to take our score to 5 – 198. This unbeaten 80 run partnership put us in a very commanding position. We managed to bowl and field well to restrict their innings to 97 runs. We used 9 bowlers and Mustapha Elmir (3 wickets for 23 runs) tore through their middle order to change the course of the game. He was ably supported by excellent catching. This is a state match and the boys are very pleased with the result.

Mr. M. Crotty (Coach)

2012 NSW All Schools Mountain Bike Championships

On Sunday twelve Edmund Rice boys travelled to Sydney to compete in this annual event. The race is held as a 4-hour enduro format with each team having 3 or 4 riders. Congratulations to the Senior Male team of David Soto, Kenneth Mills, Stephen Mills and Max Connor. In a tough field of competitors they managed to take out the win (1st Place) by a mere 3 seconds. Well done boys on such a determined effort, a well-deserved result after a number of years in the competition. Also congratulations go to the Intermediate Male team of Connor O’Dwyer, Alec Reid, James Moore and William Lamb who finished in 2nd Place on the day. Our Junior team rode well throughout the day and finished in the top half of the field in 9th Place. Well done Luke Barrett, Joel Hodge, Callum Nattrass and Max Beddow. Also, a special thanks to all the parents who supported their sons at this event. Mr Geoff Volk

Careers, Mrs Crump

Apprenticeship (Year 10, 11 & 12 Leavers) Apprenticeship in Air-conditioning and Refrigeration to begin 2013: Please call Mr Kevin Johnson (between 8.00am and 5.00pm) at Cronan and Hallenan Air Conditioning (Phone: 4283 1077) to express your interest and request an interview.

Childcare Traineeship (HSC Leavers): Planet Childcare Centre, 707 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Coledale is looking for a Trainee - please forward your resume/details to Susie Crick, phone: 4269 4321, email: susie@planetchildcare.com.au

RSA and RCG Course (Seniors) running at Illawarra Senior College (Phone: 4274 0621) on Tuesday, 11 December and Thursday, 13 December. Payment must be made by Monday 3 December Cost - $210 for both course or $120 RSA/$90 for RCG.

The latest news from CSU (Year 12 Leavers) can be found on the CSU website: www.csu.edu.au

In a tough and engaging match against Illawarra the Edmund Rice team was defeated but showed great determination. Thank you to all those who supported the team. Mr Geoff Volk

Thirroul Beach "Hands on Day"

Surfers! Help out at our 20th Anniversary behind the Scenes - Surfing[]{.schema-image}

WITH SOUTHERN COASTAL ELOCUTION run by the South Coast Branch of the DSA for the Region’s Disabled Participants with the assistance of surfers, local schools and the general public.

WHERE? Thirroul Beach - sign on the beach on the reserve in the reserve of the Thirroul Surf Club.

COST: FREE for all surfing - as well as all participants (this year, thanks to the generosity of ‘our boys in blue’ from the Illawarra Police’s Charity Ball)

Other South Coast events this season:
• Mollymook Sat Nov 10, 2012; Gerringa Sun March 23, 2013

For more information contact Ian on 0421881222 or Jim on 0407199999
• All participants receive a surfing medal at the end of the day

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## YEAR 7 TO 10 SEMESTER TWO EXAMINATIONS TIMETABLE 2012

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**Note:** All students will be required to sit their examinations at the designated time. Missed Examination(s) will be sat for Year 10 on Tuesday, 4 December and for Years 7-9 on Friday, 7 December (on this day school buses will not be running).

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