Last Friday Evening I attended the 2012 Wollongong Diocese Sports Awards at St Mary’s College Hall where students from Catholic primary and secondary schools in the Diocese were commended for outstanding sporting endeavours over the past 12 months.

As a new Headmaster this year I couldn’t help but feel proud of the fine achievements of so many of the students from our College. As has been the case throughout the year where they represented Edmund Rice College with great commitment, their attendance and demeanour on Friday night was exceptional.

The guest speaker on the night was Alistair Day, an ironman who was a recent winner of the Coolangatta Gold. Alistair, 22 attended St Joseph’s Catholic High school during the years that I was the Principal there.

Ali in his years at St Joseph’s had proven to be an exceptional young man of great character. Always humble, respectful and generous in his support of other students and social justice initiatives and proud of his school, Alistair was, to my way of thinking, as good as an example as you would find of a young man who had graduated from a Catholic high school.

As Sports captain in 2008 he, through personal example, enthusiasm and commitment, steered his school to win the Vince Villa Trophy. His leadership during that year was compelling and had a great effect on the other students’ motivation and achievements.

His presentation on Friday evening was inspirational, as his messages at school has always been. Simply, the message was that the answer to success is not always about ability. In his own example, Ali argued, the hard work associated with his development in his sport over the past years was the reason for his success.

Ali’s personal story is inspirational and all students who were there to hear him speak on Friday evening would have been left in no doubt what is required to be a successful athlete. Even more importantly, his message to the students was true of all endeavours in life.

Congratulations to the following boys who were commend for their sporting achievements throughout the past 12 months:
Liam Antrobus, Cameron Bokenham, Jules Cleary, William Daly, Brad Gullick, Jacob Hennessy, Lachlan Kirk, Callum McFadden, Callen Robertson, Matthew Webster who all won the Secondary Sports Council medal; Liam Henderson and Max Hughes who won the Secondary Sports Council Blue

One of our students Liam Henderson was named the most Outstanding Secondary Sportsman for 2013, a fantastic honour.

On Tuesday evening this week the final Board meeting occurred for the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Board members for their service to our College this year. Personally I found their support, expertise and advice to be invaluable and I look forward to working with the Board next year. I would like to acknowledge the following who comprised the ERC Board in 2012:

Mr Matthew Hennessy, Mr Chris Lyon, Mr Michael Brannon, Mr David Chard, Prof Tim McCarthy, Mr Brendan Pearce

Peter McGovern
Headmaster
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 colder weather)

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

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.

Additional Uniform Information
Caps/Hats: These must be plain black.
School bags: These must be basically black. Because they are emblazoned 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)

Congratulations to students who received Awards at this week’s assembly:
Year 8
Certificate of Commendation:
- Michael James, Lachlan Kerr, Vittorio Musumeci, Jed Van Lierop
Headmaster’s Award:
- Mark Demertzis, Joseph Fernandez, Liam Henderson, Jacob Hennessy,
  Samuel Lilli, Jackson Walsh

Year 9
Certificate of Commendation:
- Byron Malby, Erdem Memik, Mitchell Munecas, Jake O’Brien, Erin Sevim, Henry Ward
Headmaster’s Award: Justin Biceski, Andrew Mastroianni, Tyler Whitton, Stallon Zayya

Year 10
Certificate of Commendation:
- Simon Faulks, Nicholas Payne
Headmaster’s Award:
- Reece Atkinson, Adam Vidaic
NSW Minerals Council Scholarships 2013, Mr Coleman

The NSW Minerals Council (NSWMC) invites eligible 2013 Year 11 and Year 12 students (currently in Years 10 and 11) to apply for a 2013 NSW Mining Scholarship. This program is designed to attract and retain senior secondary students’ interest in the minerals industry as a possible future career of choice through a co-ordinated program of activities and contact with the industry and stakeholders such as our sponsoring companies and universities. NSW Mining Scholarship recipients will receive a cash grant of $500 for successful completion of Year 11 and $1,000 for successful completion of Year 12. $2,000 is granted to those scholarship students who go on to successfully complete their first year in an undergraduate minerals related tertiary course in NSW within 12 months of completing their secondary schooling. All students in Year 10 and Year 11 in 2013 have been sent an application form to their College gmail account.

Careers, Mrs Crump

One Year Army Roles (Year 12 Leavers) - www.defencejobs.gov.au - Act by: 4/12/12

Experience what it would be like to work in the Army for twelve months. Great pay, new mates and world class training. The Army is offering jobs with only one year of commitment required. To find out more come along to the special information session on Tuesday, 4th December at 6:00pm at 25 Atchison Street, Wollongong. RSVP cptwollongong@dfr.com.au or call 131901.

Cadetship Applications for 2014 (Year 12) - www.professionalcadets.com.au

Year 12, 2013 will be offered an opportunity to apply for a cadetship with Professional Cadetships Australia - Young Talent for Leading Companies, early in 2013. Interviews are held in May so keep a close eye out for the closing dates early 2013. Also to be launched is the Engineering and Technology Cadetship Program. Rolls Royce has come on board and plans to place cadets in rotation that will include Garden Island, Mascot and Richmond Air Base. More details next year.

tsfx-Head Start Lectures - January 2013
(Years 11 & 12) - www.tsfx.com.au/?hsc-program=summer-school

Summer School programs are designed to provide students with the best possible head start in a highly effective, time efficient and relatively painless manner! It has been well documented that those students who address materials in advance of school find it much easier to grasp concepts in the classroom. Brochures with application forms for both the Year 11 and year 12 programs available in ERC Careers Office Now.

Edmund Rice defeat Holy Spirit to win Round 2 of Junior Berg Shield Cricket Competition

After winning the toss Holy Spirit elected to bat first and scored steadily at a rate of just over 4 runs per over for the first 15 overs. Whilst we didn’t take our first wicket until the 17th over with the score at 75 runs, our bowling and fielding intensity was first class up until then which greatly restricted their score. Dylan Koprivec (2-12) grabbed the vital first wicket as their opening batting order decided to open up. Despite dropping up to 4 difficult catches and a possible 2 run-outs, the team never let their game down. Our 9th bowler used was Daine Richards (Year 7) who grabbed a game changing 3-6 off only 3 overs. Owen Christie (2-15) also shared in the crucial wickets. At the end of 30 overs, Holy Spirit finished with 8-119 with 6 of them being caught (Charlie Eaton with 2 catches). Set a target of 120 runs to win, we got off to a shaky start when our first wicket fell at 8 runs in the face of some hostile bowling. Despite a promising knock of 11 runs by Dylan Koprivec, we lost our 2nd wicket at 29 runs. Our 3rd wicket fell at 94 runs (only 26 runs short of the target) thanks to great batting from captain Kieran Richards (39 runs) and Taylor Harvey (28 runs). Tyler Whitton (15 n.o.) and Daine Richards (9 n.o.) managed to steer us home with an unbeaten partnership of 23 runs. This was a well earned team win. We await Round 3 now which is to be played before the end of term. Mr Crotty (Coach)

Year 7 Aquatics/Activities

Last Friday saw the compulsory Year 7 Aquatics/Activities Day organised by the PDHPE Department. All students were assessed for future aquatic activities and were given a chance to compete against other Home Rooms in at least a dozen other team sports. The winning Home Room was Room 15 on 596 points followed by Rooms 13 and 14, equal on 575. I would like to thank the students for their excellent behaviour, and ERC staff and URAC Staff for their assistance in making the day run smoothly. Mr MacDonald

Vince Villa Competition

In the Vince Villa competition Edmund Rice College was runner-up to Holy Spirit College by 6 points, 186-180. The Vince Villa is the major whole school competition across 17 different sports. Liam Henderson also received the major award in the Secondary Male Athlete of the Year category for his distance running, which is an amazing effort considering he is still only in Year 8. Mr MacDonald

WORLDCHANGERS MARKET

Want to change the world this Christmas? On Friday December 7, from 5.30-9pm WorldChangers Fair Trade and Ethical Christmas Market is a one-stop event for unique and beautiful gifts that make a difference! This non-for-profit event brings together traders who offer products from communities around the globe seeking to break out of the cycle of poverty. There is jewellery from Bangkok, homewares from Bangladesh, sports equipment from the Philippines, clothing and accessories from Nepal, children’s toys from India. The market has a vibrant festival atmosphere with rides, children’s activities, live performers and international food – a great night out for the whole family! The market is held in Wollongong Church of Christ auditorium, 25 O’Briens Rd, Figtree. For more information contact 0242265022

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2013 CALENDAR

Term 1
Staff Day: Tuesday, 29 January
Wednesday: 30 January: Yr 7, Yr 12 & Yr 11 Peer Support Leaders
Thursday: 31 January: remaining students return.

Term 2
28 April: Final day for Term 1
21 June: Final day for Term 2

Term 3
15 July: Final day of classes
20 Sept: Final day for Term 3

Term 4
8 Oct: Final day of classes
5 Dec: Final day for Term 4
## YEAR 7 TO 10 SEMESTER TWO EXAMINATIONS TIMETABLE 2012

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<td><strong>P3 Year 9 Awards Assembly</strong>&lt;br&gt;12.15-1.35 (1 hr 20 mins)&lt;br&gt;<strong>MATHMATICS</strong>&lt;br&gt;(Rms 20, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28)</td>
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<td><strong>11.30-12.50 (1 hr 20 mins)</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>AUST HISTORY/AUST GEOGRAPHY</strong>&lt;br&gt;(Rms 1, 2, 3, 4, 22, 29)</td>
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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).