



## EAST LODDON P- 12 COLLEGE PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Our College respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and pay our respects to the ongoing living culture of Aboriginal people



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### Dates for Your Diary

#### DECEMBER

**21st Curriculum Day**  
**Student Free**

#### 2019

#### JANUARY

**29th Teachers return**

**30th All Students first day for 2019**

#### FEBRUARY

**4th—14th P-4 Swimming Program**

**15th P-12 Swimming Carnival**

**20th Curriculum Day**  
**STUDENT FREE**

#### MARCH

**29th Deb Ball**

## From the Principal

### The End Of Another Big Year At The College!

Today, the 2018 school year officially comes to an end for our students! What a big year it has been with a great deal of happenings, some tremendously positive and others not so much. This week's activities have kept us very busy with tremendous support from Loddon Transit and AustraliaHELP, along with our college wellbeing team, ensuring that students were provided with a vast range of activities for the week. We have had students lawn bowling, playing tennis, participating in an outdoor cinema experience, taking part in a wonderful 'Planks' incursion, attending a community pool day, and our P-4 students even had a special visit from Santa!

There are three vital corners to the 'triangle' of effective education at our college, and I believe that they are strong at ELP-12.

- 1. Staff** - Without the dedication of staff, college 'life' would not run as smoothly as it has. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our entire staff for their tireless efforts throughout the school year. I believe that we have a fantastic team at the college and the dedication to delivering a high quality education to our student body is the envy of many other educators. Our staff have been 'rocked' on too many occasions this year with terrible news and illnesses of loved ones and they have banded together so wonderfully well, particularly in these times of need and supported one another superbly!
- 2. Community/families** - Our community and families have proven to be amazing once again! The support of a child's education is so much greater when families, communities and schools are 'on the same page', and I really think we are. We have seen great attendance at college events and sports days, as well as the fete and (I am sure) at today's Presentation Assembly. The recent support for Andy and Beth Cameron through the donation of frozen meals and treats has been a shining example of how strong our community support is. This strength and drive was also shown throughout the year with fundraising events (think cancer awareness week or assisting in getting Georgia to Spain...) and the strong support of school programs. Thanks to all of you out there who embrace the college and the needs of our students!
- 3. Students** - The students at our college are outstanding! Ask anyone who comes across our students on camps or excursions or community/college events. As a whole, they are simply terrific! We have much to celebrate with our students and this is something that we all should be proud of. Our 'kids' have a genuine care for each other and ability to interact with those of all ages in a respectful manner. Academically, we could also not have been happier with the recent results obtained by our graduating Year 12's. We had another ATAR in the mid 90's (Ethan L - 94.95) and 4 more students who

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achieved a score of over 82!!! A Year 11 student (Stephen V) achieved a study score of 48 out of a possible 50 in a Year 12 subject also! There is a lot to celebrate, and it is important that we also find the time to recognise and acknowledge these sorts of achievements with our children at home.

Throughout the next 6 or so weeks, I hope that all families are able to spend some quality time together and that there is a chance for you to let each other know how much you value and care for each other. I hope that all students have a safe break and enjoy the Christmas and New Year period!

I look forward to seeing our students rested up and energised for another big school year in 2019!



**Steven Leed**  
College Principal

Andy and Beth Cameron would like to sincerely thank all staff, parents, students and community members who have made food and provided messages of support over the past few weeks since Beth's cancer diagnosis. Know that this assistance has been remarkable and that they are touched by the lengths that our school community has gone to in supporting them at this time.

<b>2019</b>		
<b>JANUARY TERM 1</b>		
Tuesday 29th	Sue Pickles	
Wednesday 30th	Kylie Addlem	Brian Duffy
Thursday 31st	Sue Pickles	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Friday 1st	Michelle Balic	Yoli Humphries
Monday 4th	Margaret Hocking	Kia Hooke
Tuesday 5th	Sue Pickles	
Wednesday 6th	Miranda Smith	
Thursday 7th	Sue Pickles	
Friday 8th	Toyah Ketterer	Leanne Welsh