Education Minister visits Dubbo College

After listening to reports from the principals of Dubbo College during his visit to the city on Monday, Minister for Education Adrian Piccoli believes the College is well placed to tackle the challenges of the future and provide a positive environment for student performance.

“Last year was very much a transition year for students and staff and from what I have heard today, it was a year when quirks in the system were ironed out.” Mr Piccoli said. “I think the measure that counts the most in any school is student performance and I believe the College structure provides the best opportunity for this.”

Dubbo College director Kerri Leigh-Gordon said the school year had a very smooth start in 2013. “The College is in a very strong position following a year of change and consolidation in which the staff worked very hard,” she said. “Structures and practices have been aligned so there is consistency in procedures and processes at all three campuses.

“The curriculum of the two junior campuses has been aligned, one administrative system has been rolled out across all three campuses and resources are being shared, so this way we can operate as one large organisation.

“Now that the structures are in place we can move to the next level especially in the provision of service to students.”

During Monday’s meeting at South Campus the Minister heard from the three Campus Principals and seven Deputy Principals about different aspects of the College. Senior Campus relieving Principal Debbie Head opened proceedings with a summary of changes to structures and practices; Delroy Principal Stacey Exner discussed Aboriginal education, including the development of specialised learning centres at the junior campuses, based on the successful model at Senior Campus; while South Principal Darryl Thompson focused on the inclusion of Year 10 in junior campuses, a change from the previous structure that saw Year 10 situated at Senior Campus.

School Leaders of 2013 – Induction Ceremony

School captains and SRC leaders have been inducted for 2013 at an assembly on 14 February.

Congratulations Captains - Sam Wells and Zoe Basham,
Vice Captains - Corey Suckling and Karlia Strachan,
Sport Captains - Rebecca Dunn and Zachary Griggs and
Art Captains are Kate Newton and James Edwards.

SRC members include Kasharn Powell, Gabrielle May, James Stewart, Wayde West, Kiarna Daley, Warren Dodd, Laura White, Madellyn Buckland, Nick Caton, Irunika Hapuwiwa, Melissa McDonald, Samantha Hyde, Rachael Baker, Leticia Quince, Lachlan Munn, Jake Whitney and Matthew Ford.

House captains are: Briganera- Aaron Alderton-Willmot and Madellyn Buckland; Macoolari-Tyler Haesler and Cameron Garraway; Parayong- Lee Pateman-Price and Ashlee Rowe; Yarradaroo - Curtis Stoddard and James Stewart.

Feb 28 Photo Day
Mar 4-8 Yr 12 Work Placement
Mar 4 P&C AGM—ABlock 7:30pm
Mar 11-15 Yr 12 Work Placement
Mar 6 Photo catch-up day
Mar 12 Parent/Teacher night 4pm-6pm
Mon 4 March 7:30pm
P&C AGM—ABlock
Dear Parents and Students

What an impressive start to the year we have had. Year 11 have adapted very quickly to school life at the Senior Campus and Year 12 are continuing to make steady progress towards their HSC.

Recently we had a wonderful induction assembly for our SRC students, the focus of which was Leadership: "It’s your turn to shine". These students are excellent ambassadors for our school and I look forward to their input and insight as advocates for the student voice.

February 14th saw Year 12 providing a little bit of extra “LOVE” around the school – raising money for their Year 12 formal. Josh Roberts and Jessica Shanks did a particularly special job with their serenading.

The swimming carnival held last Wednesday was thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff with lots of colour and a high participation in events. I witnessed the most impressive boat race I have ever seen by the Year 12 students, obviously a lot of time and effort went into creating such sturdy, seaworthy vessels - even though a few fell short of the finish line!!!

At the Senior Campus we have a culture of high expectations which includes; students academic efforts, their participation in sporting and cultural events, respect for the school environment, the wearing of the school uniform and most importantly, communicating at all times in a polite and respectful manner. At the close of the SRC assembly I stressed the importance to ALL of our students to demonstrate the capacity to care deeply about others and develop a strong sense of social justice.

Lastly, I invite all parents and carers to the P&C meetings that are held on the first Monday of each month in A Block at 7.30pm. The first meeting for the year will be held on Monday 4th March which will be the AGM and will involve the election of office bearers. I would ask you to consider joining this most worthwhile - even though a few fell short of the finish line!!!

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Teleria appointed to 2013 NSW Youth Advisory Council

Teleria Milson (pictured here with former Aboriginal Liaison officer (Delroy) Shiralee Harnett) has been appointed to the NSW Youth Advisory Council for 2013. Teleria has joined another 11 representatives from throughout the State for her first meeting in Sydney, after being selected from a large number of applicants for the role.

Teleria is the only Indigenous representative on the Council, which advises the state government on youth-related issues. Teleria said “It is a great opportunity to represent Dubbo, my culture and the region and I’m very excited to have been selected.”

Minister for Citizenship and Communities Victor Dominello, who is responsible for youth affairs, said the Council made an important contribution to the NSW Government’s work and the way it delivered services to young people. “Close to 200 nominations for Council membership were received from young people of all ages and cultural backgrounds throughout regional and metropolitan NSW,” he said. “This year’s Council members bring with them a wide range of life experiences – be it as a student, worker, volunteer or child of immigrants. Their unique insights, views and advice will assist in the development of youth-related policies and programs.”

Dubbo College director Ms Kerri Leigh-Gordon said “We are all extremely proud of Teleria’s appointment to the NSW Youth Advisory Council. Teleria is an outstanding young woman and will very capably represent the voice of young people to the state government.”
Dubbo College Sport Coaches 2013

The list below is of the teacher who will take CHS College teams in 2013. These teams are all open teams and as such can be made up of students from 12 to 18yrs from the three campuses at Dubbo College. Students must listen to daily notices and read sport notice boards to find out when trials are on for each sport.

- **Basketball Boys**: David Janetzki (Senior)
- **Basketball Girls**: Kim Forrester (Senior)
- **Cricket Boys**: Tim Berry (South)
- **Cricket Girls**: Andrew Livingston (Delroy)
- **Golf**: Shane Groen (Delroy)
- **Hockey Boys**: Paul Schroder (Senior)
- **Hockey Girls**: Virginia Wake (South)
- **Lawn Bowls**: Lindsay Young (South)
- **Netball**: Zoe Sydenham/Snr/Rebecca May/Sth
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**Soccer Boys**: Damien Wood (South)
**Soccer Girls**: Helen Jones (South)
**Squash Boys**: Damien Wood (South)
**Squash Girls**: Ashlea Wood (South)
**Tennis Boys**: Wayne Dunlop (Delroy)
**Tennis Girls**: Wayne Dunlop (Delroy)
**Touch Boys**: Dimity Trudgett (Delroy)
**Touch Girls**: Melissa Olsen (South)
**Volleyball Boys**: Nathan Jones (South)
**Volleyball Girls**: Danielle Bentick (South)

Dubbo College Sport Round Up

**State Rep at Dubbo College (cricket)** - Dubbo College Senior Campus student Ben Patterson has been named in the NSW CHS seconds team after a strong NSW CHS carnival in Western Sydney. Patterson was the only member of the Western CHS team to be named in either the first or second team after Western Area finished seventh in the ten region carnival. Fellow Year 11 Senior Campus students Corey Suckling and Warren Dodd were both members of the Western team.

The Western team lost on day one to Sydney East 6/144 to 10/143, lost on day two to South Coast 9/190 to 9/185 (South Coast were eventual carnival winners), lost on day three to North Coast 5/134 to 10/130. Western won the play off for seventh when they defeated Hunter 10/35 to 3/36.

Patterson claiming 11 wickets for the carnival with his 6-12 against Hunter a stand out performance in the team’s last game. He also made 36 not out against South Coast on day two against South Coast. He will now take part in the NSW Allschools competition at the end of March in Western Sydney against teams from CCC (Combined Catholic Colleges), CIA (Combined Independent Schools) and NSW CHS first. From this carnival a NSW Allschools team will be picked to take on Queensland schools later in the year.

**NSW National Indigenous Allstars Football Team** - Congratulations to Jayden Merritt who played in the Allstars winning football team on 9 February in Brisbane and Greg Peckham who was selected as a referee.

**Team Selection**

The start of the year has seen many trials for Dubbo College teams. Three teams have been named and are:

**Girls Volleyball** - Zoe Basham, Maddie Buckland, Rebecca Dunn, Brooke Honeyman, Kimberley Thorn (Senior)
Anneliese Palmer, Tiana Spears, Jade Scheibel, Eliza Smidt-Geering, Gabriella Janetski (South)

**Girls Open Touch** - Tayla Gray, Holly Bonham, Pippa Manton, Lyndon Lane, Tierne Ryan, Leah Reid (Senior), Majayda Darcy Kiesha Baker, Kirsty Trethewne, Georgie Holland (South), Kiara Toomey, Kyla Wilson (Delroy)

*Training will be on Mondays at the Riverbank ovals at 5-6pm*

**Boys Open Touch** - Jason Blackford, Alex Boney, Rodney Boney, Cody Bruce, Warren Dodd, Kaide Ellis, Michael Nicholls, Jayden Powell, Klyan Shaw, Kyle Taylor, Jaden Wright (Senior), Zaiden Brit, Ted Ebsworth (Delroy)
Tyson Fuller (South)

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**Upcoming Trials**

- **Boys Soccer** Thursday 28/2/13 and Monday 4/3/13 @ South Campus Oval 3.45pm till 4.45pm
- **Boys Hockey** Thursday 28/2/13 and Thursday 7/3/13 @ Senior Campus Oval 3.45pm till 4.45pm
- **Boys and Girls Squash** 26/2/13 @ Dubbo RSL Squash courts 3.45pm till 5.30pm
- **Western Area Swimming carnival** Thursday 7/3/13 Dubbo College
- **Lawn Bowls Championship** Tuesday 5/3/13 - 9.00am till 12.00pm. (*only students who have already nominated*)
- **Boys Open Rugby League** Tuesday 19/3/13 @ Senior Campus Oval 3.45pm till 4.45pm
- **Girls Rugby Union** Thursday 4/4/13 @ Senior Campus 3.45pm till 5.00pm

Craig May
Sports Organiser
The Swimming carnival was a fantastic day! The day started at 8am with two broken records in the 400m by Lachlan Munn (17yr boys) and Ashlee Rowe (18yr girls). Best dressed was our next event where Zoe Basham, Hayley Grimson and Josh Archer from Yr 12 took out the fashion stakes. Zoe and Hayley were dressed in some very impressive home-made superhero outfits specific to their house, whilst Josh Archer was dressed as mini-mouse.

This was followed by the Yr 12 boat race. Boats or should I say floatation devices (including blow up beds) of many shapes and sizes were seen streaking down the pool. Some boats were so ambitious they couldn’t even keep on it without falling off! The race was taken out by Rebecca Dunn and Curtis Stoddard who soared ahead of the field taking out a clear win by a quarter length of the pool! Following the boat race 50 metre events were held in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. Contestants had a variety of swimming styles and even some performance enhancing floatation devices! Records were broken by Ashlee Rowe in 50m Butterfly, Freestyle and Breaststroke. A big congratulation to Josh from the Support Unit who made the whole 50 metres speeding down the pool doing backstroke! Next was the bellyflop competition. It was a tight competition throughout the field whilst some showed a little too much grace and elegance for this event, others did not hold back. A special mention to Robbie from the Support Unit for braving the bellyflop event, the whole crowd cheered! The real competition was between Jason Blackford and Mr Quin. Whilst Mr Quin had the upper hand due to his body composition, Jason seemed to have the technique to challenge Mr Quin. In a close event Jason managed to take out the victory! The real competition of the day was the inter-house relay. The relay consisted of each house with 2 males and 2 females. Whilst the students did alright, the teachers appeared to soar ahead of the field. The teachers won by a long shot, followed by Parayong. The coin-drop was a huge success! Four hundred tickets were sold, with people wanting to enter the event that had the reward of a pair of VANS from Urban Beach on offer. There were 25 contestants in the field trying to find the winning coin. After a few minutes of searching the coin was found by Trae Munro! After a day of racing and participating in fun events Parayong became our house champions for the swimming carnival closely followed by Briganera! Well done to all those who competed for Parayong!! Congratulations to the students that attended on their efforts in competition and their behaviour! It was a successful day! Good luck to those students attending Western Region Swimming! We hope you compete at your very best! Miss Sydenham
**Careers News**

**Med Entry**

Interested in a career in medicine or Allied Health!? Then you may need to sit the University Medical Admissions Test (UMAT). Med Entry is an internationally trusted educational institution providing UMAT preparation to students. The UMAT is held only once a year on the 31st July. For more information on how to prepare for the UMAT go to [www.MedEntry.edu.au](http://www.MedEntry.edu.au).

**Jobs and Apprenticeships**

**Apprenticeships**
- MIGAS currently has a position for an Automotive Sales Trainee.
- Fuze is looking for a first year apprentice in hairdressing.
- Apprentice Panel Beater- Hattenfels Smash Repairs

**Casual Jobs**

Subway, Oporto and Pizza Capers are currently looking for casual workers. Apply within with resume or online at [www.urbanvillage@hotmail.com.au](http://www.urbanvillage@hotmail.com.au).

**HSC Lectures**

To assist students in their preparations for mid-year HSC exams, The School for Excellence (TSFX) is holding free lectures in March. Students can learn beneficial skills that will help to optimise exam performance. For more information grab a pamphlet from outside careers.

**Pango**

Want to know how to increase grades and pick up great study techniques all whilst having FUN!? Check out the Pango interactive learning website at [www.pango.edu.au](http://www.pango.edu.au).

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If you have any good second-hand school uniforms we would appreciate your donation to our clothing pool. You can leave any donations at the front office. Thank you.

**FAMILY LAW NETWORK AUSTRALIA**

We have recently launched the website Family Law Network Australia. The website is a free information resource and referral service for family law matters. The information provided on our website could be very useful and of great benefit to the families. We invite you to visit Family Law Network Australia at [www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au](http://www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au) or ph 044 814 8145.

The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register is sponsored by the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children and supported by Vision Australia, Guide Dogs and Cando4kids. It was started as there was a lack of reliable Australian data on children with vision impairment which is vital for accurate planning, reporting and research. Inclusion criteria are: Children 0-18yrs; Impairment must be diagnosed by an ophthalmologist; Visual acuity of 6/18 or less; 20 degrees or less of intact peripheral visual field when using both eyes, with visual acuity better than 6/18 in both eyes; Any form of cortical vision impairment. There is no cost to register and all services are free for families. To register online: [http://www.vifamilynetwork.org.au](http://www.vifamilynetwork.org.au), phone 9872 0303 or email Jill Watson—[jill.watson@ridbc.org.au](mailto:jill.watson@ridbc.org.au)

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SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE
As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.
Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, and Spain. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website www.sccce.com.au, email scceaus@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

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Give your child the opportunity to gain international experiences and language skills to kick-start a future career. Along with distinct language benefits, exchange students mature, gain confidence and develop a much more worldly approach upon their return to Australia.
World Education Program Australia (WEP), a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the education departments, is now accepting applications for students to live overseas in 2013/14 as exchange students for a summer, semester or year. WEP is offering two $3000 scholarships towards semester-long student exchange programs to Argentina and China commencing in 2014 - OR become a WEP host family!
Find out more!
Visit www.wep.org.au
Attend one of WEP’s information evenings and open days

Would you like to have an Overseas adventure!
Rotary International Youth Exchange Program
offers students in Year 10, 11 and 12 the opportunity to experience a year of living in another country.
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Are you ready to become a Rotary Exchange Student in 2014?
Your family may like to host an Inbound Exchange Student.
Find out more from our website www.youthexchange.net.au or contact deniseparkes39@gmail.com

DUBBO CITY COUNCIL MINOKAMO STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM
INTERESTED IN VISITING JAPAN IN 2013!
Why not apply for Dubbo City Council’s Student Exchange program to visit our Japanese sister city Minokamo during the Sept-Oct school holidays. Two chaperone and 8 student positions available. Students must be aged 15-18.
All applicants required to live in Dubbo Local Government Area.
Dubbo City Council offers $1000 towards the cost of travel for all successful applicants.
No accommodation costs as students and chaperones are billeted with local families.
A unique travel opportunity where you will experience daily life with a Japanese family, attend school, enjoy the local cuisine, and participate in cultural activities and sightseeing tours.
Minokamo are extremely generous hosts and you are guaranteed an ‘Awesome’ stay.
Chaperones applications close on 8 March and students on 15th March 2013. Pick up a form from Customer Service at Dubbo City Council or download it from Council’s website at www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au.
For further information, please contact Sister City Officer: Kylie Sutherland 6801 4000 or email: kylie.sutherland@dubbo.nsw.gov.au.

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