All students have now completed assessment week. For Year 11 it was their first experience of assessment in the senior school and as such it not only tested their knowledge, but also their organisational ability. It is an important step as students work towards getting the best possible results in the Preliminary and Higher School Certificate courses.

The Senior Campus P&C held their Annual General Meeting on 3 March 2014. The meeting was well attended with some new faces joining the ranks. All executive positions were filled with Sonia Strachan again being voted in as President. The P&C meeting in April will be looking at several submissions from staff on special projects that are taking place at Senior Campus. I would encourage all parents to come along on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm to have a say in the running of the school.

The Senior Campus is beginning, already, to gear up for the Astley Cup. Although the annual battle is still a term away students (and staff) are beginning to make preparations. Astley Cup jumpers are already on sale and Mr Tim Berry is doing an excellent job in organising the students’ purchases. I would also like to welcome McDonalds to the Astley Cup. They have signed on as our major sponsor for the next three years.

Speaking of signing on, Thursday 5 April will see the annual ‘Get Real’ assembly. Year 10 students from Delroy and South Campus will meet at Senior Campus to sign a pledge to remain in fulltime education in school or TAFE, undertaking industry training or be in fulltime employment.

Senior Campus was extremely fortunate to be visited by Professor Will Christie from the University of Sydney. Professor Christie was invited to Dubbo by the Head Teacher of English, Margaret Wellington, to provide insights for all Year 12 Advanced English into Hamlet, King Richard III, Frankenstein, Blade Runner and Emily Dickinson’s poetry. It was an extremely successful day with Year 12 learning a great deal, whilst Professor Christie was very impressed with the calibre of our students.

In Week 8 of this term the college undertook the first part of a review into how the English curriculum is implemented across all of Dubbo College. Two teachers from Muirfield High and a Head Teacher from Cherrybrook High spent three days at Dubbo College talking to students and staff, whilst also reviewing programs and procedures. Muirfield and Cherrybrook Highs were nominated by senior DEC officers as high performing schools in English in both NAPLAN and the HSC. Preliminary findings were handed down at the completion of the three-day visit. Staff members from Delroy, South and Senior will travel to Sydney to investigate how Cherrybrook and Muirfield English faculties operate in the middle of Term 2.

Term 1 has also seen some movement of staff at Senior Campus. Mrs Elizabeth Fullerton was successful in gaining a departmental position in the Regional VET team. Ms Fullerton’s expertise and knowledge have been rewarded and we congratulate her on attaining this position. This has led to some changes with Mr Warren Lodhi joining us from Sydney to teach computing and Mr Greg Honan is taking on the Business Services classes as part of a cross-campus teaching load. We welcome both to the Senior family.

All schools Annual School Reports were due on 1 April and the Dubbo College Senior Campus 2013 Annual School Report can be viewed on our website at www.dubbocoll.m.schools.nsw.edu.au. It has been a long term and I would like to thank all staff and students for the effort and commitment they have displayed.