Senior Campus Principal’s Report – May 2014

Even though the term is a couple of weeks old it has been a very busy time with a broad range of activities and experiences provided for our students. The term started with our traditional ‘Welcome Back’ Assembly. The new Year 11 and 12 IYLP students were introduced and Allan Hall presented the students with their badges. The badges were pinned on the students by their parents/caregivers. It was a very positive way to start the term.

The Royal North Shore Hospital sent a team to Dubbo on May 5 to provide a unique experience for 45 of our students. Senior Campus students attended a P.A.R.T.Y. at Dubbo Base Hospital. P.A.R.T.Y. stands for Prevention of Alcohol and Risk-related Trauma in Youth. The program allows students to see first-hand the consequences of risk-taking behaviour. It was a very confronting but worthwhile day for our students. It is the first time the program has been run outside Sydney and hopefully they will return to Dubbo again.

With the City/Country match a high point for Dubbo, Senior Campus also benefited from the representative fixture. The Wheelchair Touch Football team and the Intellectually Disabled Touch team visited Senior Campus. The teams gave demonstrations of their skills and challenged students and staff to try and match them. It was amazing to watch those athletes.

In Week One Senior Campus hosted the Western Division ShoutOut. This is a national competition which sees teams of four students spotlight issues within their school and develop an action plan for addressing that issue. They present their plan to the group and have four weeks to implement their plans for change. This year’s students were lucky enough to present to Federal member, Mark Coulton and our Mayor, Matthew Dickinson. The teams are currently in the implementation stage and will be judged in Week 6. The winners will go to Sydney to compete.

This year has seen Senior Campus and Delroy combine for our Athletics Carnival. The carnival was blessed with wonderful weather and as a result of the excellent organisation a successful day was had by all. We are looking forward to going one step further next year and hopefully having a whole College Carnival.

AGE CHAMPIONS:

16 Girls
Erin Barker

17+ Girls
Nancy McKay

17+ Boys
Hayden Kemper
Both Year 11 and 12 students are now preparing for assessment week in Week 5 of this term. Students have assessment booklets and will shortly be given the timetable for their examinations. If you have downloaded the college app, you will have received push notifications of the upcoming assessment period. This is a very important week in the school calendar and all students need to be prepared to do their very best.

Being a nine-week term will see time disappear very quickly. We are already well on the road to preparing for the Astley Cup and the jumpers will arrive within the week. As we head into the colder months the jumpers will become an integral part of our uniform but meanwhile, students are able to wear jumpers/jackets from their junior school. Uniform is about to become an important focus as we look at reviewing uniform across the whole college. Parents, caregivers, students, staff and the community will be asked to provide feedback on our current uniform and what we would like into the future. A survey has been placed on our Facebook page and I would encourage as many people as possible to be involved.

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