On Wednesday May 21, the Dubbo College Open Girls took part in the annual Secondary School’s 7’s held at Victoria Park in Dubbo.

We won our first game against Wellington 30-7, scoring six tries to one, before going down in a tight one 26-22 to Mudgee White. Both teams scored four tries but Mudgee had the edge with two more conversions.

We then took on Peak Hill in the semi-finals and looked good getting out to a 10-0 lead, but Peak Hill never gave up winning 12-10. They scored the winning try with the last play of the game.
Condolences must go to Kelsie Stone who unfortunately broke her wrist in the first tackle of our first game! We’re sorry you didn’t get to play Kels and wish you a speedy recovery.

Thanks also go to Kameron Norris and Lachie van Dartel for supporting the girls and acting as officials on the day.

The girls played their hearts out all day and performed really well. For most of the girls, it was their first time playing rugby and they picked the game up very quickly. Best on the day were player’s player Siobhan Gleeson, Leah Read and Ngaire Pakai. These girls have also been invited to the Western Development Camp to be held in Orange during Term 3.

**Careers**

**University of New England Open Day!**

A group of 24 students from South, Delroy and Senior Campus took an overnight excursion to Armidale to attend UNE’s Open Day. The students were able to see what it would be like at the university, taking tours of the various colleges where students live and hearing a brief run-down of the courses UNE has to offer. We saw some familiar faces of ex-Dubbo College students and even with the cold weather they still had a great time, returning home with keen interest in university.

“Despite not having a non-ATAR subject pattern, going to UNE made me want to apply for early entry in the hope that I get accepted - it was a great experience,” one of the students said.

A big thanks to the New England Girls School for hosting us as well as the university.
Tertiary Day!

Our Tertiary Information Day was a great success with approximately 500 students and up to 40 providers representing various business and universities. The day was packed full with useful information that students can use to help them discover what and where they would like to go at the completion of the HSC. Whether they’re off to University or the Defence Force or become a Personal Trainer through AIPT students now have a broad range of choices for their future. In addition to all of the providers at the tertiary day, Kerry Phipps, a motivational speaker, also gave a moving talk to the students and was gracious enough to hand out copies of her latest book, ‘Lifting the Lid on Quiet Achievers’.

Agriculture

Show Team polish up on skills in the lead up to Dubbo Show

On a cold, wet Saturday morning exactly three weeks out from Dubbo Show, the Dubbo College Senior Campus Show Team came into school to practice preparing their animals. Dressed in rain coats and Drizabones they prepared and led three animals. For veteran heifers Wyalla Handbook and Elevage Jessie James this was just another day in the life of a show animal. However for seven-month-old steer Jellybean this experience was all new and he excelled at following the heifers lead as he had his hair washed and dried and was led around the ring for the first time. The team also did some work with Elevage Jack, an eight-month-old steer who will hold the fort when the other animals go to the show.

The team showed great skill and worked well as a group to get the three animals ready. They realised how long the whole process will take and are now aware of why they will have early starts for future shows.

I would like to thank the five members of the show team who showed up and did such a great job: Cody Mills, Jake Whitney, Jade Clarke, Mitchell Piper and Cody Jump-Baker.
After Dubbo Show the Show Team will be preparing for their biggest show yet; the EKKA held in Brisbane in August.

**Year 11 Agriculture visit Roseville Park**

On May 5 the Year 11 Agriculture class visited Roseville Park Merino Stud where they completed their workbooks for their assessment this term. Matthew Coddington, one of the owners and the manager of the property, provided some great information on the large-scale operation He talked about how he markets his rams and what he does to remain environmentally sustainable.

Overall it was a great afternoon and the class got a lot out of it and they were able to pat a horse.

Sarah Foster, Agriculture Teacher.