Senior Campus Principal’s Report – June 2014

Although Term 2 has been a short term, it has none-the-less, flown by. There has seemingly been a never-ending list of activities going on.

Term 2 has seen the start of our review of uniform across the College. A survey was sent to all community members – parents, students and staff. There was a strong response with more than 200 people contributing their ideas. The strong feeling was that we do need to redefine and update our uniform, so over the coming months we will begin to explore our options. Many thanks to everyone who took the time to participate.

Senior Campus, in conjunction with our P&C has started the process of redeveloping the entrance to our school. The environmental team has met and listened to a variety of proposals to both beautify and make the front entrance safer. Dubbo Council, CSU and the DEC have also had input into the redevelopment. The beautification will see new gardens established, existing areas redeveloped and some areas of Tony McGrane Place beautified. We are also looking at reorganising fencing and extending the pathway to make the entrance safer for pedestrians.

It seems like one round of assessments just ends and we are about to embark on another round. HSC trials commence in week 2 of next term, so Year 12 students will be preparing for these examinations. Tutorials will be run at school in week 2 of the school holidays to provide additional support for students. Teachers from each KLA will provide expertise and support. A timetable will be distributed to Year 12 in week 9 outlining which teachers will be available and when.

Term 2 has also been a big one for students representing the College and Dubbo. Sarah Toohey was selected to participate in the state Well Being Forum in Sydney. This forum brought together students from across the State to debate issues facing students in 2014. Phoebe Hall and Nathan Bryon also travelled to Sydney to participate in the Secondary Schools Leadership Program where they visited Parliament House and met the Governor.

Astley and Mulvey Cups are well and truly upon us with our teams travelling to Bathurst to compete. We won the boys and girls basketball, netball and rugby league. We also drew the open boys soccer. Defeats however in tennis, athletics, girls soccer and hockey saw us ultimately defeated. Bathurst also inflicted a narrow loss on us in the Mulvey Cup. The boys soccer doubled as the final for the CHS Western Championship. Our boys, under Mr Graves’ guidance, eventually won the game 5-3 on penalties after the scores were locked at 0-0 after extra time. It was extremely pleasing to see sportspeople with the behaviour and passion that the Dubbo students exhibited. Well done to all the competitors, coaches and spectators. Orange will be visiting us this week.

Year 12 will sit their trial Higher School Certificate in weeks 2 &3 of next term. These examinations are an important part of each and every student assessment and preparation for the HSC. It is important that students know when their examinations are on and arrive with plenty of time to spare. If a student is unwell please contact the school as soon as possible and remember there are only three grounds for claiming misadventure (as set down by the Board of Studies):

1. Illness – with a doctor’s certificate
2. Death in the family
3. Representing the school
No other reasons can be used as grounds for misadventure.

The trial HSC will be followed very quickly with HSC performances and major work hand-ins; an exceptionally busy time for students, parents and teachers.

Senior Campus, Delroy and South P&C will hold a combined meeting on July 21, 2014 at 7:00 pm at Senior Campus. The meeting is to discuss in more detail the uniform survey and start the consultative process in developing a new college uniform. If you are interested please come along and have your say.

Have a safe and restful holiday.

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