Term 3 is well underway and the Campus is into the swing of class, assessment and study.

Year 12 is undertaking their final term of schooling and it is a huge term for them. They have just completed their Trial HSC and then for many of our students the real HSC commences. August 12 sees our first performance examination with Dance being examined over two days. This will be followed by practical examinations in Music and Drama. Students in Textiles & Design, IT Wood, Design & Technology, Visual Arts, Society & Culture and Extension English will all have major works/projects to be submitted during the coming weeks. The standard and diversity of these projects is amazing and really worth seeing. Once again the CAPA evening later this term will showcase the talents of our Visual Arts, Music, Dance and Drama students - an event really worth attending.

Thanks to the P&C, the entrance to school underwent a facelift during the school holidays. New gardens, edging and fencing will hopefully lead to a more welcoming and safe entrance to the school. The P&C held their first combined College P&C meeting in week two of this term. The meeting took place at Senior Campus and was very successful. The main topic of conversation was the review of the college uniform. As a result, a committee will be formed and a staff representative, a student representative and a P&C representative from each campus will make up the Uniform Committee. The P&C also decided to make the combined meeting a regular feature of the school calendar, looking to hold one each semester.

The boys Open Soccer Team was crowned Western Champions late last term and then went on to play Arthur Phillip High School from Sydney in the next round. The scores were locked at 0-0 at half time, with Dubbo more than holding their own. Some controversial decisions saw Arthur Phillip eventually run out 4-0 winners - a score line that in no way reflected the difference between the two teams. Coach Murray Graves was very pleased with how the team performed and proud of their achievements.

Sarah Toohey continues to represent the school and our community on the State stage. In week 3 Sarah travelled to Sydney to take part in Secretary for a Day (formerly known as Director for a Day), followed by a State Leadership Forum. Sarah shadowed DEC Secretary, Leslie Loble. It is a wonderful achievement to be selected to take part in these prestigious events, as only 20 students are chosen across the State.

Two eagerly anticipated upcoming events are the Ken Eggleton Cup and Naidoc Day. Naidoc Day will be held on August 11. A variety of events are planned including an assembly, stalls showcasing Aboriginal Arts & Crafts and guest speaker, Sean Choolburra. The theme of the day will be Serving Country – Centenary and Beyond. The Ken Eggleton Cup will be contested in week 7 and we are looking forward to the challenge.

Ian Nebauer has been appointed Executive Principal of Dubbo College. He will replace Kerri Leigh-Gordon who left the College after three years. Kerri’s presence and guidance will be greatly missed. Ian will take up the position at the beginning of Term 4. Stacey Exner will be the Relieving Executive Principal during Term 3. We congratulate Ian on his appointment. He brings many years of experience in education both in a college and a regional setting. We are looking forward to working with him.

This term has many significant days for both our Year 11 & 12 students. It is an exciting and challenging term.