Dubbo College launches Clontarf Academies

Dubbo College has launched Clontarf Academies at its two junior campuses, with the boys’ program set to expand to the Senior Campus in 2015.

Clontarf founder and CEO Gerard Neesham was on hand this morning at Delroy Campus, where he joined Federal Minister for Social Justice Kevin Andrews and Dubbo College Executive Principal Stacey Exner to launch the highly successful program.

Clontarf began in Western Australia in 2000 to improve the education, discipline, life skills, self-esteem and employment prospects for young Aboriginal men. Gerard Neesham’s program, which began with just 25 boys, uses the existing passion Aboriginal boys have for football to attract them into school and keep them there.

Boys are collected from home by Clontarf staff and participate in early-morning rugby league skills training and games sessions twice a week, followed by a healthy breakfast. One afternoon session is also held weekly and staff are on hand to assist students in the classroom.

The supportive role of Clontarf continues when boys finish their education and move into work or further training.

Dubbo College more than 100 students are currently engaged in the program, which only started operating this term. College Executive Principal Mrs Stacey Exner said the College aimed to have more than 300 boys involved in the medium term.

“Clontarf has only been running for a few short weeks and already we have seen it impact positively on students,” she said.

“In some individuals I have seen a dramatic increase in attendance and engagement.

D = Do Your Best, E = Equipment
L= Learning, R = Respect
O = Opportunities and Y = Your School.

Miss Kathryn Bermingham
Relieving Principal
“Clontarf provides an important school-engagement mechanism for many at-risk students who would otherwise have low school attendance.
“It is a really important option for students to develop relationships in school and feel connected to their mentors, teachers and other students.”
Six full-time Clontarf staff are situated at South and Delroy campuses, according to Clontarf regional manager Chris McDonald.
“Academy activities are planned within the focus areas of education, leadership, employment, healthy lifestyles, life skills and football,” he said.
“In order to remain in the program, participants must continue to work at school and embrace the objectives of the Foundation.”
Clontarf believes that failure to experience achievement when young, coupled with a position of under-privilege can lead to alienation, anger and more serious consequences.
As a prelude to tackling these and other issues, participants are first provided with an opportunity to succeed and in turn raise their self-esteem.
Monday 4th August 2014, 14 students attending the Wellington Eisteddfod, Jazmine Ross, Chloe Clarke-Romans, Brittany Boney, Shai Cubby, Jayde Murray, Shania Bourke, Wesley Kelly, Michael Boney, Kirsty Mills-Johnson, Katrina Reeves, Brittany Rogers, Brandon Dennis, Ngali Shaw and Emily Sherring.

Mrs Jones and Mrs Henry were very pleased and proud of the students. They were rewarded with their great efforts bringing home an *equal first place* with Canobolas High. The adjudicator couldn’t choose between each school so decided to give them both first place. We would like to thank the Neighbourhood Centre for transporting us to Wellington and back and Mrs Jones for her continued support each year. Well done Delroy dancers! You should be very proud!
Students prepare for high school at Dubbo College

Year 6 students and their parents from throughout the Dubbo area were warmly welcomed during a transition meeting at Dubbo College recently.

The Dubbo College Senior Campus cafeteria was filled to capacity for the presentation, which aimed to provide an insight into the enrolment process and life at high school.

Tracey Anderson and her son Hayden from Orana Heights Public School joined other parents and Year 6 students from several other primary schools.

“Hayden will go to Delroy Campus next year and he is very excited,” Tracey said.

“I already have one son at Delroy in Year 10 and I am really pleased that Hayden will follow in 2015.

“He will arrive just as his brother Lachlan moves on to Year 11 at Senior Campus.”

The transition meeting was organised by College Head Teacher Mrs Lyndal Powderly, with Executive Principal Mrs Stacey Exner and individual Campus Principals Miss Kathryn Bermingham, Mr Darryl Thompson and Mr Andrew Jones also on hand to meet with parents and students.

Students from Dubbo College junior campuses were also on hand to talk about their experiences at the College. Year 7 Delroy students Lilli Campbell and Kailee Linnane and Year 7 South students Sarah-May Bruce and Jonas Palin all provided valuable insights into high school life, with the audience very appreciative of their contribution to the night.

A special program of transition activities has been planned for both Delroy and South Campuses.
HSIE Happenings......

Well, it’s already half way through the term and assessment task time for most of our students. Year 7 have until Week 9 and Year 8 until Week 10 before their assessment task is due. Year 9, however, have been given their assessment task which is due Week 7, with Year 10 having an assessment task due this week and another due in Week 10. A very busy second half of the term for our HSIE students. A reminder to all students that if assistance is required you can always come and see any of the staff in HSIE and remember the library and homework centre are also available to assist students.

Subject selections should have been made for students going into Year 8 and Year 9. If students are still unsure about Commerce or Aboriginal studies, please see me for further information. Don’t forget, information can also be found in the subject booklets that were handed out. There is also a copy for students to look at in the library or from Mrs Mara (Careers Adviser).

Any student requiring a Tax File Number should see me for an application form. It usually takes the Taxation Department about 5 weeks to process these once they leave the school, so early application is recommended. A tax file number is required by anyone starting employment or accessing social security benefits.

Ms J Grey
Relieving Head Teacher HSIE

Mathematics .......

On Thursday 7th August a number of students sat the Australian Mathematics Competition in the school hall. This competition consisted of 25 multiple choice questions and 5 short answer questions which focused on using mathematics to solve problems in the real world. This aims to provide a challenge to the students by asking them to respond to a situation which might be new (even though they should have the underlying mathematical knowledge).

This competition will allow the Mathematics faculty to analyse the results of the students to identify their strengths and weaknesses in Mathematics. The Australian Mathematics Competition also provides students an extra opportunity for external recognition. The certificates are often kept by students for their folios. They are well understood by employers and so can be used as evidence of problem solving ability.

To increase the ability of your student to solve complex problems in Mathematics to the best of their ability it is essential that they develop their skills in using a Scientific Calculator. These calculators are required every day at school. Should you wish to purchase a Scientific Calculator, they are available for purchase from the front office at a cost of $22. These calculators are also approved by the Board of Studies for use in Year 12.

Mr Chris Schubert
Head Teacher Mathematics
CAREERS NEWS

Year 10 Subject Selections information day:
An informative day was held by Senior Campus Head Teachers, TAFE Providers and Vet teachers on 23rd July to explore what subjects the Senior Campus had to offer. The Senior Campus offers a wide variety of subjects to students of all abilities and interests.
The Careers Team has also interviewed all Year 10 again this Term regarding their subject selections for next year and will do so again during their hand-in day this Wednesday. It is important to remember to take note if subjects have fees attached to them, mandatory work placement, TAFE attendance is, as all subjects, compulsory.

Work Experience
Work Experience is on offer for all Year 10. Students can attend work experience at any time unless students have an exam or assessment tasks. Year 10 students should have completed a work readiness course at the end of Year 9 before they go out on Work Experience. If a student has not completed this course they can see the Careers Adviser. Please be advised that not all students are “Work Ready” and are not suitable for work experience at this stage in their schooling.
Work Experience is also offered in Years 11 and 12.
Congratulations to the following Students for going out on Work Experience
- Maddison Keller Primary Teaching at Orana Heights Public School
- Jarrod Buckland Construction/ Maintenance Taronga Western Plains Zoo
- Aidan Shields Journalism Dubbo Photo News

JOBS EXPO 6th August

Charles Sturt University… Future Moves
Last week students from Year 7 - 9 were treated to workshops run by CSU with Kristie Daley, Ruth, Tim and Rob each conducting sessions about University, costs, courses, employment opportunities

REMINDERS:
Students in Years 9 – 10 Please check your school emails Careers News 10 out NOW!!
firstname.surname@education.nsw.edu.au
- Like dubbocollegecareers on FACEBOOK
- Visit www.dubbocollegecareers.com
- Visit www.jobjump.com Students in Years 9 and 10 have their own password.

Year 9 Those students wishing to Early Commence either Animal Care or Children’s Services at TAFE for Year 10 in 2015, please see Mrs Mara to collect a form. Students considering this must be willing to attend TAFE on Tuesday’s, catch up on any work missed, complete TAFE exams, study in library and be able to take responsibility for their own learning.

Mrs Mara Careers Adviser
More than 700 Year 9 to 12 students from throughout the region attended the Dubbo College jobs expo this week.

The expo focused on career opportunities for students, with a special relevance to Year 10 students who are currently making their subject choices for Year 11 and 12.

Dubbo College careers head teacher Caroline Watts said the expo provided younger students in particular with important information on career pathways and gave them food for thought about future work options.

This year the expo attracted 40 exhibitors and included Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Essential Energy, CIG Weld, St George Bank, Boyce Chartered Accountants, Australian Zirconia Limited and Northparkes Mines.

Northparkes Mines underground training coordinator Joe Peden said attending the expo was an important part of their employment program.

“We go to similar days in Orange and Condobolin and we undertake a number of school visits,” he said.

“Each year we put on four apprentices – two mechanical and two electrical, and then in alternate years we put on either a light vehicle apprentice or a drafting trainee.

“At days like this we can talk to students about work options at the mine and let them know how to apply for positions.”

Making use of the knowledge on hand was Dubbo College Delroy Year 10 students Kayden Barker and Lachie Taylor.

“This is a good opportunity to see what’s available and find out the different ways of getting into certain careers,” Kayden said.

“Lachie is interested in electrical apprenticeships but I’m keen on going to Uni to become a PE teacher and I’ve just found out that Northparkes Mines offer an Indigenous scholarship to someone who wants to go to university.

“I had no idea that was available until I attended this expo.”
Music News

Interested in playing a concert instrument?

Sectionals are now happening for flute, clarinet and trumpet to help develop your skills during lunch breaks. See Ms Bell to secure your spot.

The Music Department have a selection of instruments for you to borrow:

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone (Alto and Tenor)
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- French Horn

Get involved in extra-curricular opportunities within Music:

- **Dubbo College Combined Band** – Rehearsals are still on Monday afternoons at South Campus. This is led by Miss E Kersley from 3:30pm to 5:00pm in the Music Room (J Block). There is a bus transporting students from Delroy to South.
- **Delroy Ensemble** is taking place on Tuesdays and Fridays period 4.
- **Vocal Group** is now taking place on **Tuesdays at Recess** (break 1) in the Music room with Ms Bell.
Community Service Information

Information for students in Years 6, 7, 8 and 9

The students of the Catholic Faith Tradition will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Brigid’s Parish in St Brigid’s Church and St Laurence’s Church Dubbo.

A Welcome to Sacrament evening for parents will be held on: Tuesday 2nd September 2014
7.00pm
St Brigid’s Church

It will be necessary for parents to attend this meeting as information and dates will be given regarding the enrolment weekend, home group meetings and dates for the reception of the Sacrament.

Contact person for further information is Genevieve Menzies, Sacramental Co-ordinator for St Brigid’s Parish
6882 4233
Year 7 SPORT

Year 7 are enjoying and demonstrating excellent participation levels in sport this semester. As well as developing skill level, the students are engaging in house competition on a weekly basis with the champion house at the end of Term 4 to receive an activities day as a reward for their efforts. Sports studied in Term 2 included touch, oztag, teeball and cricket. Congratulations to Quincy Ross & Dakota Newman who were voted the Good Sports for Term 2. Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award for receiving two or more votes for the good sport award:

Lilli Campbell
Krystal Dallinger
Randel Dowling
Brad McKinnon
Dakota Newman
Quincy Ross
Alison Toohey
Tyrone Draper
William Toomey
Elizabeth Rose Cohen - Campbell
Brad Fardell
Chloe Goedee
Lachlan Keller
Aiden Lake
Aroha Taurau
Ella Redenbach
Elizabeth Thomasz
Clayton Daley
Dewayne Cohen - Campbell
Kyeka Hill
Keenan South

Current House scores are as follows:

MACOOLARI 1250 PTS
BRIGANERA 1150 PTS
YARRADAROO 1000 PTS
PARAYONG 500 PTS

Wayne Dunlop

Year 7 Sport organiser
Come along to the Homework Centre in the Library and get help with all your assessment tasks. Homework Centre is open:
After school till 5.00pm on Mondays and Wednesdays (you will need to find your own way home).
And every day at recess and lunch (except Friday recess).
OPEN FOR ALL STUDENTS
Mr Shane Groen
Head Teacher Equity
DELROY CAMPUS NEWSLETTER
Wednesday 20th August 2014

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UNIFORM SHOP
Darling Street Dubbo
Phone: 6881 8989

Term 3 Opening hours:
Monday 3.00pm - 6.00pm
Tuesday 3.00pm - 6.00pm
Wednesday 3.00pm - 6.00pm
Thursday 3.00pm - 6.00pm
Friday CLOSED
Saturday 9.00am - 1.00pm

DELROY CAMPUS
Executive Staff 2014
Miss K Bermingham
Rlg Principal
Ms L Macleod
Rlg Deputy Principal
Mr N Thompson
Rlg Deputy Principal
Mr P Woodhead
AP/Head Teacher Student Support
Ms A Hines
Rlg Head Teacher English
Head Teacher Prof Learning
Mr C Schubert
Head Teacher Mathematics
Mr D Piper
Head Teacher Science Rlg
Ms J Grey
Acting Head Teacher HSIE
Mr C May
Head Teacher PDHPE
Mr S Groen/ Mr W Dunlop
Sports Co-ordinator
Mrs V Budden
Head Teacher TAS Rlg
Ms M Roser
Head Teacher Support
Mrs J Thompson
Head Teacher Teaching and Learning
Ms A Piddington
Head Teacher Administration
Mr S Groen
Head Teacher Equity
Ms D Dawson
CAPA Co-ordinator

DELROY CAMPUS
Year Advisers 2014
Year 10 Ms S Williams
Mr J Wade
Year 9 Mrs S Jones
Mr D Stedman
Year 8 Ms C Burns
Mrs D Kelly
Year 7 Mr L Rice
Ms E Smith
Girls’ Adviser:
Mrs D Kelly

SCHOOL POLICY ON
STUDENTS WHO ARE
UNWELL

When a student is unwell at school he/she:

◊ must obtain a note from the teacher and then present at the office, where a parent/carer will be contacted by the office staff to collect the student.

◊ Students are NOT to use their mobile phones to phone parent/carer directly.

For legal reasons and school policy students are NOT to leave the school without signing out at the office.

LEVELS SYSTEM
Do your Best, be Equipped ready for Learning, show Respect and make the most of the Opportunities offered by Your School

ATTENDANCE:
NOTES for PARENTS and CARERS

Attendance every day that the school is open for instruction is a legal requirement and a major responsibility of parents/carers. Please send a note when your student has been away from school.

• Prosecution in the Local Court - If all attempts by schools and regional support staff fail to improve a student’s attendance, action can be taken in the Local Court and the result can be fines up to a maximum of $11,000.

A NOTE TO PARENTS/CARERS

Tank tops/singlets are not to be worn at school.

These tops are not part of the uniform and do not meet sun-safe requirements.

Principal: Mrs Stacey Exner
Deputy Principal: Miss Kathryn Bermingham
Rlg Deputy Principal: Ms Linda Macleod