This is a bitter-sweet time of the school year as we celebrate the achievements of Year 12, 2014 and simultaneously feel sad that these wonderful students are leaving Dubbo College. The past months have seen a flurry of exams, assessments, major works and performances and now the Higher School Certificate is clearly in sight.

Term 3 has been a very busy term at Senior Campus with a myriad of activities taking place. One of these events was a fabulous CAPA evening, which saw a great mix of drama, art, dance and music showcasing the talents and hard work of our performing arts students. This evening was backed up by Year 12 drama evenings and Years 11 and 12 music evenings. Congratulations must go to the CAPA teachers for their dedication in guiding their students to these heights.

Sport has also been in the limelight this term with the Ken Eggleton Cup. The annual competition with St Johns was eagerly contested. It was wonderful to see the games played with such sportsmanship. It was very pleasing to get a referees report stating how much he had enjoyed refereeing the games. While Dubbo College won the volleyball, netball, basketball and touch football, it was not enough to claim back the trophy. As the final result was a draw the trophy remains at St Johns – for the present.

Federal member, Mark Coulton brought Young Engineer of the Year, Jillian Kilby, to Senior Campus to speak to our students. An audience of about 50 students, including a group from Delroy, were lucky enough to listen to Jillian speak on a wide range of topics. As a country person who has excelled in her field throughout Australia she was a wonderful source of inspiration to students. Indeed, Mark Coulton had to pry her away from our students who were keen to hear and discuss more with her.

Nathan Bryon heads to Sydney this week to compete in the talent identification program. Nathan has reached the final 20 in the State- a brilliant achievement for a wonderful talent. Nathan was also named AECG Youth of the Year at the AECG Presentation Evening. Taylah Gray was named the Secondary Student Sportsperson of the Year and AEO Sue Sharp was presented with a lifetime achievement award. It was a fabulous night for Senior Campus and all the staff who attended.

Senior Campus celebrated Disability Week in Week 7. It was a fun week organised by a dedicated band of students – Cody Jones, Jake Whitney, Katrina Sharp, Alison Watterson, Zoe Hughes and Alisha Honeyman. The group organised lunchtime activities and a BBQ to raise money for charity. It was a very successful week in not only raising much needed funds but also in raising awareness of what living with a disability means. The group also made a great front page feature in the Daily Liberal. I must also publically acknowledge the support and sponsorship received from Hog’s Breath Café, Lollies Soy Bliss Candles, Farmers Court Butchery and Mary Kay Cosmetics.
I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our student leadership team for 2014. They have been outstanding and have really set the bar extremely high for our next leadership group. Captains Lachlan van Dartel and Phoebe Hall have done an outstanding job in so many arenas. Likewise our vice captains Jake Whitney and Melissa McDonald, sports captains Benjamin Patterson and Taylah Gray and arts captains Nathan Bryon and Alyssa Lambert. They have been wonderful leaders and role models. Senior Campus has been very fortunate to have such a talented and hardworking leadership group. A huge thank you to each member of that team. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of Year 12 advisers Alana Keelan and James Lukeman and the tireless efforts of deputy principal Di Baker.

Week 7 saw the school vote for its 2014-15 leadership team.

Captains: Michael Jeffrey and Siobhan Gleeson  
Vice Captains: Nathan Hawkes and Sarah Toohey  
Arts Captains: Billie Palin and Hamish Duffy-White  
Sports Captains: Gabriella Janetzki and Phillip Combridge  

Congratulations to all students who contested office. The calibre of these students was really something to behold.

I would like to thank the staff at Senior Campus for all the perspiration and inspiration they have contributed to getting Year 12 to this point. It has been a pleasure to watch the students and staff working together to achieve their very best. As we head to our Year 12 Graduation Ceremony in Week 10 I would like to thank Year 12 for their contribution to the Dubbo College Senior Campus community and wish them every success in the next phase of their lives. It has been a real pleasure to have been a part of your journey. Good luck, Year 12 2014.