It is HSC time again. We are well into the exam period with some students nearing completion. So far the majority of students and staff have been happy with the examinations.

Year 12, 2015 need to be congratulated on the way they finished school. The last week of Term 3 was a wonderful mix of fun, formality, joy and sadness – a great reflection on this wonderful group of young people. The fun days were exactly that. The highlight of the fun days was definitely the day spent at the zoo. Year advisers Sarah Foster and John Miller did a great job in organising events for students to be involved in. A huge thank you to Sarah and John, together with captains Michael Jeffrey and Siobhan Gleeson for the time and effort they put in leading up to the Year 12 final assembly.

The assembly saw more than 1000 people come together to acknowledge the achievements of these talented students. Academic, sporting and cultural success was celebrated but it was great to be able to shake hands with each student who had made it after 13 years of school. A highlight of the ceremony was the address given by Elisa McKellar who spoke of her journey since leaving DCSC. Her journey has seen her travel the world, continue her education and finally settle in Canada as a PE teacher. A special thank you must go to Dimiti Trudgett who stepped into the Year 12 deputy principal’s role only a few short weeks before the ceremony. Her support of the students and the Year 12 advisers was fabulous. They are always bitter-sweet events, which was beautifully summed up by Billie Palin and Nathan Bryon’s final duet as school students.

Talking about bitter-sweet events, we are very proud to announce that Dimiti Trudgett was successful in obtaining the deputy principal position at Trangie High School. It is with great sadness that we will see her go. She has played many roles in the college and has been an integral member of the Senior Campus executive during the past four years. Congratulations Dimiti, Trangie is very fortunate to have you.

Dubbo College Senior Campus has also been very fortunate to have the talent and determination of Lyndal Powderly. Lyndal took on the role of editor of the Bindyite magazine in 2015. Thanks to the support of the P&C, the Bindyite magazine is presented to each Year 12 student at their formal. It is a wonderful document which chronicles their time at Senior Campus.
Lyndal at the helm there were numerous occasions which would have seen lesser mortals give up. Thank you so much Lyndal for rising above the adversity and making sure the tradition of the Bindyite continues.

This is also a very hectic time of year for our careers team and this year more so than ever. The advent of the USI (unique student identifier) and the uncertainty around TAFE has made a difficult job even more complex. On top of this, the careers team has overseen the choice of Year 11, 2016 subjects, interviewing each student, as well importantly making sure Year 12 early entry applications to university went smoothly. We have already had some good news on that front. Thank you very much to the whole careers team.

Year 11 are now well and truly Year 12, 2016. The Preliminary Course is done and dusted and their HSC course has commenced. They will have their first round of HSC assessments in Week 10 of this term.

Both Year 11 and 12 are looking forward to significant events in the coming weeks. Year 11 will hold their formal assembly on November 12, 2015. Refreshments will be held on the deck outside the Hospitality area. Year 12 will celebrate the end of the HSC and school at their formal on Saturday November 7, 2015. The function will be held at the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre. It should be a fabulous event.