The school year has started at a cracking pace. Although we are barely two weeks into term so much has already happened. I would firstly like to welcome Year 11 and their parents to the Senior Campus family. Year 11 has made an outstanding start to their senior schooling. The transition week, which took place in Week 10 of Term 4 last year, has prepared students extremely well to commence the rigours of Stage 6.

The term started with a student-led assembly modelled on a morning television show, with our team of College captains providing a very entertaining and informative assembly. Following this the SRC organised a ‘getting to know you’ lunch, including a sausage sizzle and a variety of stalls and activities aimed at getting Year 11 and 12 to mingle. The day was a wonderful success and it really was a fabulous way to start the school year.

Congratulations to Adrian McCabe who is College dux for 2014. Adrian performed exceptionally well in his chosen subjects to get an ATAR of 93.75 - a fabulous achievement. Accelerated Year 11 students Michael Jeffrey (mathematics) and Amber Bunt (dance) both achieved outstanding results. Amber's dance talents have been recognised by her inclusion in ‘Callback’. She has also been asked to perform at the opening of Art Express in Sydney - a wonderful opportunity and achievement.
Adam Mitchell (pictured left) has also been performing on the big stage. The talented cyclist took part in the U17 National Titles in Melbourne, taking a silver medal in both the 4,000 m Team Pursuit and the Madison. Congratulations Adam.

Week 2 saw Senior Campus hold its swimming carnival. We were blessed with a perfect day for the carnival. Students competed in an array of events organised by PDHPE head teacher Kieran Smith. The carnival saw three records broken on the day. Sharnia Dimmock broke the open girls 400m freestyle (5.33.50) and open girls 50m butterfly (31.89), while Carly Andrews broke the open girls 50m breaststroke (41.11)

Thanks to our supporters (Urban Beach, Chesterfield Australia, Sportspower Dubbo, Dubbo RSL Aquatic and Health Club, Woolworths Orana Mall, Reading Cinemas, Jay Jays, Elle and Vee Boutique and Sportsco) for their donation of prizes.

The winning house for 2015 was Briganera.

The age champions were;
16 years girls - Rosetta Betts
17 years girls - Matilda Munn
Open girls - Sharnia Dimmock
17 years boys - Connor Stewart

On Wednesday February 18 Dubbo College Senior Campus will take part in the 50th Anniversary of the Freedom Ride. Our students will be involved in activities planned in Dubbo throughout the day. Students will also have the opportunity to meet and speak with one of the original Freedom Riders and singer, Paul Kelly. The Freedom Riders and Paul Kelly will be at Senior Campus in the afternoon for a workshop with our students.

Every year sees new staff join the Senior Campus family and 2015 is no exception. I would like to welcome Lisa Wilson (art), Jaswinder Bansal (maths), Mitchell Paterson (industrial arts) and Richard Mutton and Lee Seve (counsellors). I would also like to publicly welcome our new Clontarf staff, Ryan Wolf and Ted Bates.
2015 also sees Senior Campus welcome new cross-campus teachers: Rob Lockett (English), Chris Schubert (maths), Brett Davies (science) and ex-student, Jessica Riley in careers.

We are looking forward to continuing the excellent start to the year. The induction of school leaders and trialling for CHS sport teams are both on the horizon. Dubbo College Senior Campus P&C will hold its AGM on March 2, 2015. The P&C plays a crucial role in the life of the school and is always looking for new members. Please come along to the next meeting and take an active role in our school.

Term 1 will be a busy and rewarding time. Remember to keep an eye on our school app/Facebook and web page so that you know all the important dates coming up.

I’m look forward to a great 2015.

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