Year 12 has completed their trial HSC, Year 11 has finished their preliminary assessments and we are looking at the end of term. For Year 12 it will be the end of 13 years of formal school. The students of Year 12 have so very much to be proud of. It is an achievement to have made it to the end of Year 12 and now the future and new challenges wait. Before they can be met, however, there is the small matter of the HSC. The time leading into the HSC is crucial. The school will be organising tutorials during the holidays for students wishing to attend. The tutorials will run over the two weeks of the holidays and a timetable will be out today.

The last couple of weeks have seen a flurry of activity be it academic, cultural, social or sporting. We have had dance, drama and music nights and visual arts afternoons for parents, as well as sporting trips to Sydney and the Central Coast. The IYLP students have just returned from their sojourn north and from all reports they had an amazing time.

The school was honoured to be included in the Governor General, Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Cosgrove’s recent visit to Dubbo. The Governor General and Lady Cosgrove met with and spoke to the Clontarf students and the College captains. His Excellency shared insights into the importance of education and his own life journey. He loved the facilities and spent time in the Clontarf area where he was narrowly defeated in a game of pool. Sir Peter and Lady Cosgrove also requested a tour of the Special Education centre where they met students and staff.

The students and staff elected the new school captains for 2015-2016. They will take over from a fabulous group of captains who have been exemplary in performing their duties. It has been a real pleasure to work with these fine young people. My gratitude goes to Michael Jeffrey, Siobhan Gleeson, Nathan Hawkes, Sarah Toohey, Phillip Combridge, Gabriella Janetzki, Billie Palin and Hamish Duffy-White for...
the way they have represented our school.

Our Captains for 2015/2016 are:

Captains: Stephen Wilson and Amelia Prince
Vice-Captains: Nick Trappet and Amberlily Gordon
Arts Captains: Robert Barling and Taylor Grant
Sports Captains: Brandon Dodd and Jazmine Ross

Congratulations to our captains and indeed congratulations to all who put their names forward to take on a leadership role. I look forward to working with this group. They have big shoes to fill but I am positive they are up to it.

The annual AECG ball took place recently at Dubbo RSL Club. It was a great night with Senior Campus filling three tables. Not only was there a strong ‘Senior’ contingent there, but Senior Campus also scooped the pool when it came to awards. As well as many student awards, it was wonderful to see Dimiti Trudgett win the teacher awards and I was very proud to win the principal’s award. Senior Campus’ success was a testament to the close and productive relationship we have with the AECG in working to achieve the best outcome for all our students.

We are heading into our season of presentation ceremonies. Tomorrow night (16/9) the College Sports Presentation Evening will take place at Dubbo RSL Club. The evening will see the school community celebrate the success of our sportsmen and sportswomen from Delroy, South and Senior Campus. The really big ceremony for Senior Campus is the Year 12 Presentation Ceremony which will take place this Thursday 17/9/2015 at 9:30 am in the school hall. It is always a fabulous occasion where the community comes together to celebrate and recognise the achievements of our Year 12 students.

Before I put together my next principal’s bulletin the HSC will have commenced in earnest. Our D&T, wood technology, drama, music, dance and visual arts students have already undertaken the practical/performance part of their HSC and our society and culture and extension 2 English students have submitted projects. I will take this opportunity to wish all our students the very best for their upcoming exams and I look forward to reporting on their achievements in future bulletins. Study hard Year 12!

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