



DARLING RANGE SPORTS COLLEGE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As I reflect on another school year, I am reminded of why I am proud to be the Principal of Darling Range Sports College. The professionalism and commitment of the staff, the quality of the students and the support of the parents and community help make our school great. Now into our third year as an Independent Public School, we continue to achieve success in the sporting arena, in the classroom and in the Arts learning area. Darling Range continues to be a school of choice with many students travelling from afar. In 2017 we enrolled students into Year 7 from more than 50 different primary schools.

In the sporting arena all of the sports have achieved team and individual success. The number of state and national representatives is amazing. So much sporting talent exists within the College. There have been many individual successes highlighted by 32 state representatives and 4 national representatives. A highlight of the sporting achievements of individual students is exemplified by the achievements of Jess Anstiss a product of our Specialist Netball Program, who now plays for the West Coast Fever. Jess made her debut in 2017 and in her first year, won the MVP award. Former Specialist Baseball Program graduate, Alex Hall, has recently signed a professional contract with the Milwaukee Brewers in the United States and is a member of the Perth Heat Squad.

There have been so many events for students throughout the year. None of these would happen without the dedication of staff and the readiness of students to participate in the events. The College Ball held at the Novotel Langley was an outstanding success, as was the Valedictory Farewell Dinner at Mulberry on Swan and the Valedictory Ceremony at Belvoir Function Centre. The Fun Run provided a break from the rigours of academia and the athletics carnival brought the school together in an atmosphere of competition and fun. The Talent Quest highlighted a wide array of talent amongst our singers and musicians.

Extremely exciting this year was the announcement of State Government funding for Darling Range for an amount of \$10million. Although the funding will be released over two financial years, planning has already commenced. The major areas for upgrades will be Design and Technology, Home Economics, Science and the Sports.

I extend my sincere thanks to the teaching staff of Darling Range Sports College. We are privileged to have such a committed and supportive staff, both teaching and non-teaching, who ensure that all students receive the best education possible.

To all parents and guardians, I thank you for your support throughout the year.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break.

Peter Noack
Principal





ACES FAMILY EXPO

In December we held our inaugural ACES Expo. It was a huge success with over 170 students, parents and extended family members attending. A sausage sizzle was provided and many families enjoyed a picnic in the grassed area of our A Block. A variety of student work was on display for all to see and I am excited to see what 2018 brings.

Jennifer Bell
ACES Program Coordinator



WRITERS' FESTIVAL

On 5th December, all ACES students attended the Darling Range Writers Festival held at the school. A number of talks and workshops were held by guests and teaching staff focused on improving creative writing skills.

Nadia L King, former journalist and author of the novel *Jenna's Truth*, opened the festival by challenging students to try their best and allow themselves to make mistakes in the writing process. Nadia also gave the keynote speech where she spoke about the impact of bullying and read from her novel. Darling Range was very lucky to have Nadia as our writer in residence for the entire week. She worked with a number of different classes on writing microfiction.

Other guests present on the day were Curtin lecturer and writer Carol Millner, and local artist and writer Asta Lander. Carol worked with students on 'recycled' poems, and Asta had students create zines.

A number of teachers shared writing they have had published and ran a range of workshops, from storytelling through dance, to creating characters for the stage. Students experimented with different types of writing and had to think creatively to complete each task.

Mrs Hobbs
English Teacher





FINAL ASSEMBLY

The final assembly was held on Tuesday 12 December and was attended by special guests, students, parents, extended family and staff. Sophia Waples opened the assembly with a Welcome to Country acknowledgement followed by the presentation of the Honour Awards and Subject Awards to top students in years 7 to 10.

Congratulations to the following recipients:

Year 7

Edwin Palma - Dux
Reece Coles - Runner Up Dux
Amali-Kate Saunders - Principal's Award
Halle-Rose Abraham-Sebire - AIEO Award
Stanley Rodrigo - Community Values Award
Kaiden Smith - P&C All Rounder Award

Year 8

Kynan Blondel - Dux
Keeleigh Mollart- Runner Up Dux
Nerlyn Lagare - Principal's Award
Jeremiah Borsic- AIEO Award
Luke Downes - Community Values Award
Therese Ramos - P&C All Rounder Award

Year 9

Naomi Forde- Dux
Luke Edgelow - Runner Up Dux
Michael Hamilton - Principal's Award
Sophia Waples - AIEO Award
Sophia Waples - Community Values Award
Joshua Orbon - P&C All Rounder Award

Year 10

Stefanus Edward - Dux
Alex Foster - Runner Up Dux
Abbey Webster - Principal's Award
Crystal Sleath - AIEO Award
Samantha Bastin - Community Values Award
Joshua Samson - P&C All Rounder Award
Cassandra Hewitt - ADF Long Tan Leadership Award



IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE START OF THE 2018 SCHOOL YEAR

The College will be open on Wednesday, 24 January from 8am until 4pm. Parents are welcome to come and pay their Contributions and Charges, hire a locker or submit a Secondary Assistance Scheme form.

As part of improving our customer service to our Parents/Guardians, Darling Range Sports College is pleased to advise we have a new secure payment gateway with the Commonwealth Bank (called BPoint) which allows payments to be made online via credit card or debit card.

This facility enables you to pay for all school associated costs and for us to set up payment plans on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis to ensure Contributions and Charges are paid in full by the end of Term 3 as per the Contributions and Charges Policy. It can also be used to pay for lockers, tours, excursions, events etc.

We are here to assist with setting up these payment plans so you can 'set and forget' which will assist you in budgeting for your child's charges throughout the year.

The uniform shop will be open on the following days:

Thursday, 25 January
8.30am until 4.00pm

Monday 29 January
1.00pm until 4.30pm

Tuesday 30 January
8.30am until 4.00pm

