



# DARLING RANGE SPORTS COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER | TERM 3, EDITION 1

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Firstly I would like to officially acknowledge the retirement of Peter Noack. Peter has been an integral part of the College over many years and in varying roles. He has been the Principal for 16 of those years and has led the College through many changes with outstanding success. He leaves behind a legacy of vision and transformation from Forrestfield Senior High School to Darling Range Sports College. This is an outstanding achievement as students now come from all over the state for sports programs boasting exceptional staff and outcomes. On behalf of the College, I would like to thank Peter for his dedication and commitment to the College and its community. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye and we wish Peter well in his retirement.

Since the last newsletter, the College has been a hive of activity as always. There have been so many positive activities and achievements.

The College production of Snow White was an outstanding success. Well done to all the staff and students for such an excellent show.

Sporting competitions continue to dominate the calendar. Mr Kyle, our Baseball Program Coordinator and two students, Maddux Stivey and BJ Cooke, have been representing Australia in the U15 World Baseball Cup in Panama recently.



Photo courtesy of the Hills Gazette

One of our ex students, Jessica Anstiss, has been selected for the Australian netball squad and will line up for the West Coast Fever in the grand final of the Suncorp Super Netball Competition.



Photo courtesy of Community News Group

To date, we have 16 state representatives at the College!

Year 10 students and parents have been involved in course counselling for senior school pathways and we continue to strive to offer as many opportunities as possible for our students.

Year 12 students are in their last term before heading out into the 'big wide world'. One of our Year 12 students, Jazmin Hahn, is a finalist in the WA Training Awards which is an excellent achievement. We wish her well in the finals.

During week 3, we had our 'because of her we can' NAIDOC week and I was very proud of our College, particularly our Indigenous students and staff for organising the assembly. The students and staff looked fantastic in their NAIDOC shirts designed by Kaitlyn Billing.



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I have been involved in meetings with the Department of Education and the architects to discuss the new building works which will start at the College very soon. This is a very exciting time for the College as in the future, we will be able to provide even more choice for students in state of the art facilities to gain the skills required for success.

As discussed in my letter to you at the start of term, we have a focus on being polite and demonstrating respect for the College community. We are committed to ensuring that students and staff are able to work in a safe and inclusive environment. I thank all students who consistently demonstrate our 5Ps.

I look forward to the rest of the term and working with the College community. It is an honour to be part of the team as we 'Dare to Dream'.

Katie Edwards  
PRINCIPAL



## FROM THE ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the following students for achieving excellent grades and displaying exemplary attitude, behaviour and effort in all classes during Semester 1.

### KUPSCH FIRST X1 AWARDS

#### Year 7

Kea Flood, Nroamn Berryman, Camigwen Glossop, Cody Hamilton, Ben Edgelow, Sophie Foster, Sophia Gorzynska, Clayton Wood, Olivia Chamberlain, Georgia Counsel, Connor Davidson, Jamie McLeod, Atiya Rohullah, Grace Swann

#### Year 8

Callum Finnerty, Zaiden Winduss, Reece Coles, Hannah Dolling, Summer Gilbert-Ewen, Kaiden Smith, Sharna Brown, Jaicee Burton, Seth Smoker, Peter Aubrey, Dominique Kirianu

#### Year 9

Emma Lang, Kynan Blondel, Abdul Mohd Firdaridzuan, Keeleigh Mollart, Marieka New, Therese Ramos, Jessie Taylor, Angus Heeley, Athashia Reyes, Ali Aquino, Rachel Davidson

Brent Kupsch  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL, MIDDLE SCHOOL



## STUDENT SERVICES

### Darling Range Sports College Attendance Tip #3

School refusal is when a child regularly displays high levels of distress and reluctance about going to school, leading to prolonged absences. If this is going on for you and your child, we want to help. Open lines of communication allow a strong relationship between school and families and together, we can address and attempt to resolve the underlying concerns your child has around school.

There are many possibilities why children may not want to go to school. It is important not to blame yourself. Instead, acknowledge that school refusal is not a disorder, but your child's way of responding to an underlying fear or anxiety. It is essential for you to be able to recognise early warning signs. There are several steps you can take to help.

#### Early Warning Signs of School Refusal

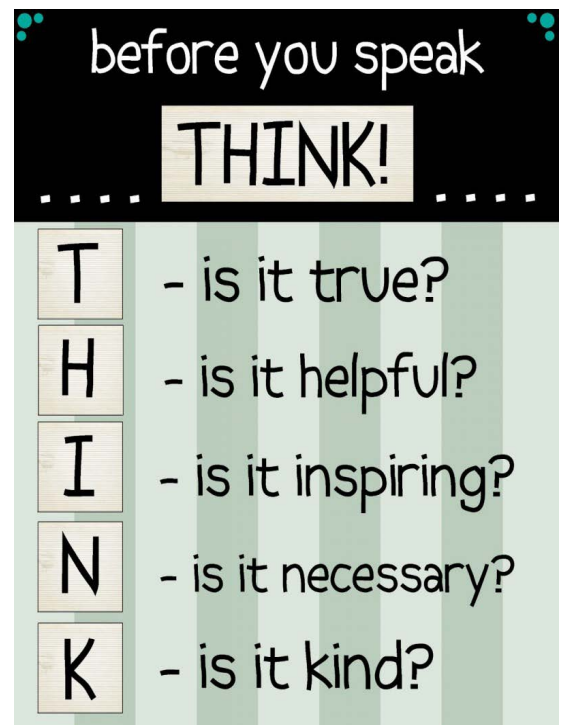
- Your child often saying they feel sick, either prior to leaving for school or during the day through repeated visits to the front office requesting to go home.
- They may often complain of a headache, sore stomach, nausea or tiredness.
- Tantrums before or after school.
- Crying before or after school.
- Avoidance of school.
- Acts of defiance.

It is important to understand the concerns your child may have about school in order to work towards resolving the situation. If you recognise any of these early warning signs in your child, please contact the school and we can help or alternatively, book an appointment with your GP who may recommend mental health and well being support.



## THINK!

We are encouraging our students to THINK when interacting with others.



## FAILING WELL

One of the greatest determinants of our future success isn't how good looking, rich or smart we are, it is how well we deal with failure and how good we are at learning from our mistakes.

We can do this by changing our mindset from FIXED to GROWTH (flexible) and doing the following;

1. Lean into confusion – when you lose focus try to re-engage and focus on your wisdom and strengths.
2. Redefine failure – as an event NOT as an identity.
3. Let it go – be able to laugh at yourself and the situation.



## THE DAY WE MET THE PRIME MINISTER

On Friday 10th of August, I along with Abbey Greig, Aleisha West, Ms Edwards and Mrs Hewitt were fortunate to be invited to morning tea by the Honourable Minister Ken Wyatt (Minister for Aged Care and Indigenous Health) to Saint Barnabas Church Hall, Kalamunda to meet the Prime Minister of Australia, Malcolm Turnbull.

We were able to ask the Prime Minister questions and meet him one-on-one. I was lucky enough to be picked to ask him a question which was: "What is the hardest thing about being Prime Minister?" He answered "The hardest thing about being Prime Minister is keeping on top of everything all at once. I have many responsibilities and it's hard to keep track of all of them".

Honestly, I was terrified to be asking that question since I was the first one picked and didn't want to make a fool out of myself in front of 50+ people and the Prime Minister himself! My heart was beating so fast, however it was over in a matter of seconds and I didn't make any mistakes... Woo! I was very surprised with Mr Turnbull, he was very engaging and quite humorous when he spoke to the public, he was also very quick on his feet and turned any negative comment or question into something positive in his favour. We even managed to get a selfie! It was an experience I'll never forget and I'm so grateful to be representing Darling Range Sports College at these events. We truly did look the best dressed.

### Madison Gartside (Student Council President)



This wonderful opportunity to meet and talk to the Prime Minister of Australia and the Minister for Aged Care and Indigenous Health, along with students from other schools and members of the Hasluck Region, allowed us to gain an insight into the Prime Minister's views and opinions as a politician, a father and as a member of the public. When it was time to shake his hand and introduce ourselves, I became very nervous but yet overly excited after all, it isn't every day you get to meet the Prime Minister of Australia. I felt privileged to be given this chance to represent our amazing school at this special event.

### Aleisha West (Student Council Vice President)



Standing alongside my fellow President and Vice President, I realised that this experience was one that very few get to be a part of. Witnessing the way Malcolm Turnbull would hold himself when given unexpected questions, made me realise that's the type of leader I want to be; strong and confident yet also kind. Ken Wyatt also showed great support not just to the Prime Minister but also the audience, another characteristic of a great leader. I will forever be grateful to my school for giving me the chance to personally meet two great leaders.

### Abbey Greig (Student Council Vice President)



## ACES

Term 3 has been a busy one and our ACES students have been very productive.

Within a day of students being back at school for the start of Term 3, we had Elevate Study Skills come into our Year 7 and 8 classes to demonstrate more effective and efficient methods of study. Although many of our students are working hard, they do not feel they are achieving results comparable to the time spent studying. Sessions like these clarify 'how to study' with students finding the sessions to be informative, engaging and entertaining.

Last year we ran an Elevate Study Skills session for parents which was designed so that parents could help their children study, relieving stress for all parties involved. This session was such a success that we decided to run it again this year. If you are interested in looking at the information, please visit [www.elevateeducation.com](http://www.elevateeducation.com) and if asked for a password, enter RONDA. There is a great deal of practical advice offered. As always, please feel free to call me on 9453 0152 if you have any questions regarding Elevate.

Our Year 10 ACES students recently attended an extension day at Murdoch University exploring the forces of nature. There is so much to explore in this world and it is great to see the students enjoying every minute of it.

In Week 8, our Year 7 and 8 ACES students will be having a Murdoch incursion focusing on winter turbines. I look forward to sharing the success of this activity with you in the next newsletter.

## CASE SPACE SCHOOL

I am pleased to announce that Darling Range Sports College will be involved in the 2019 CASE (California Association for STEAM Education) Space School International Study Program. Through our partnerships, students have the unique opportunity to join this once in a lifetime, STEAM-based experience at NASA in the USA.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to venture beyond the classroom and learn in a highly inspiring environment. To find out more, I encourage you to attend our upcoming Information Evening to be held on Thursday, 30 August 2018 in the College A Block.

Aside from providing students with an unforgettable experience, students come to recognise the importance of multi-disciplinary learning as well as the role imagination plays in critical thinking and problem solving. These are lifelong skills that our students will be able to adapt and use in any situation.

This program comes highly recommended by both teachers and parents of previous students from schools across Australia. To learn more, I encourage you to attend this evening information session and please RSVP using the following link to ensure your son or daughter will receive a complete information kit on the program: [www.actura.com.au/drsc](http://www.actura.com.au/drsc)

See this video for more info: [CASE Space School Expedition](#).

Jennifer Bell  
ACES Program Coordinator





## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING

Congratulations Jazmin Hahn on being a finalist in the WA Training Awards, for her amazing application and the interview process that involved rigorous questioning. This is all stemming from Jazmin's School Based Traineeship and qualification and is progressing into her studying a Diploma in Early Childhood Education.

Kellie Hewitt  
VET Program Coordinator

## NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week was celebrated from 30 July to 3 August. As part of our celebrations, students were asked to design a t-shirt with the lucky winner having their design turned into reality that students and staff were able to purchase. Congratulations to Kaitlyn Billing on her design.



## ENGLISH

2018 Curtin University English and Literature Conference

At the end of last term, Year 12 ATAR students attended a day of lectures on popular texts and topics studied in their ATAR English course. The day was organised as a taste of university, with students having to move to different venues for each lecture and hear from experts in the field of literature. Students also had the opportunity to explore the campus and its culinary offerings. The food trucks were very popular.

By the end of the day, students felt they had a clearer understanding of genre and context, and were enthusiastically making links between the texts they had studied in English, to the texts mentioned in the lectures and their wider reading and viewing.

Many thanks to English teacher Deanne Guthrie for organising this experience for our students.

## NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA (NCCD) FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

Our College is required to be part of a national project about students requiring additional support and/or learning needs.

The NCCD is a national initiative which collects data about the number of students and their learning needs of students at all schools across Australia. The project requires details of programs and resources the College uses to overcome barriers and support students with special and educational needs.

The College is required to comply with this process and data collection. We believe it is important to contribute to this because it will help Governments and the Department of Education develop better policies that acknowledge the level of resources needed in schools to meet the needs of all students in Western Australia.

If you would like to learn more about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for School Students with Disability you can visit this website;

<https://www.education.gov.au/what-nationally-consistent-collection-data-College-students-disability>



## ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following staff and students on their outstanding success:

### ATHLETICS

Jake Teague (Year 10) travelled to Singapore over the mid year school holidays to represent WA in Athletics. He returned with 5 medals in total. A silver medal in the 400m, 4x100m relay and 4x400m relay and a bronze in the 100m and 200m sprint. This event consisted of international competitors as well as some of the best athletes from Western Australia.

### AFL

Denver Grainger-Barras (Year 11) was recently named in in the AFL NAB U16 All Australian team after competing for WA in the U16 national championships.

### BASEBALL

Maddux Stivey (Year 9) and BJ Cooke (Year 10) have been selected into the U15 Australian Baseball Team after a successful camp in Sydney during the mid year school holidays. They will travel to Atlanta for a mini camp for 5 days followed by the World Championships in Panama.

### BOXING

Ben Innes (Year 12) won a silver medal at the National Boxing Championships, a four day event held in Scarborough. Ben made it through to the final where he won a silver medal for 56kg Youth Australian Championships.

### NETBALL

DRSC Director of Sport, Karly Guadagnin, has been awarded High Performance Coaching Accreditation, the highest that can be achieved in the sport. Karly has worked exceptionally hard over the last 12 months completing workbooks, courses, assignments and working closely with a mentor. You can read more on the [Netball WA website](#)

Past student and Sports College Captain, Jessica Anstiss, has been named in the Australian Diamonds Squad. Lisa Alexander, the current Diamonds Coach, announced the squad and has had an eye on Jess since she began playing with the West Coast Fever in 2016 as well as when she represented the U21 Australian team at World Championships in Botswana in 2017. The squad will take part in a number of training camps and from there, 12 players will be selected to take part in the Quad Series and Constellation Cup later this year. You can read more [here](#).

### RUGBY

Ula-Marie Time-Cribb (Year 11) was selected in the first ever Western Australian Schoolgirls team that competed in the inaugural Schoolgirls State Championships in Canberra. The WA side went on to win the tournament and become national champions.

### SOCCER

Freeman Nystambo (Year 10) was recently named in the U16 WA State Soccer Side to attend a tournament in China later this term.