



DARLING RANGE

— SPORTS COLLEGE —

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Over the last couple of weeks I have had the pleasure of attending two special functions. One was the DRSC “Arts Showcase” held at the Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre. This evening highlighted the Fine Arts – photography in the foyer and the myriad of musical and dance items from all year groups that followed on stage. The packed house was treated to a dazzling array of talent. The standard was a credit not only to the performers but also to the commitment of DRSC staff. Touching tributes at the conclusion of the evening, made by the Year 12 students to their teachers, highlighted the pride, respect and rapport that has been so evident over the years.

The second event I attended was the graduation dinner for our Year 12 Specialist Sports Program students, their parents and our coaching staff. The coaches spoke on each individual student and talked about the contribution that each had made during their time in the program. This reinforced to me the amazing calibre of sporting prowess that we have in our student body and our coaching staff. The rapport between the two groups was further illustrated in some of the hilarious video send ups the students had made of the staff. A wonderful evening that allowed parents, students and staff to thank one another for the many years of support.

I raise the two events a) because they were so enjoyable and b) they highlighted a 3-way partnership of students, staff and parents that is so strong at our College.

In closing, I would like to wish all of our community a safe holiday at the conclusion of this term and look forward to an exciting Term 4 which will involve examinations and assessments to determine how we have been working.

Rob Lawson
Principal



DARE TO DREAM



MATILDA PRODUCTION

The 2019 dance production of Matilda was another resounding success for the Arts Department at Darling Range Sports College.

After months of rehearsals and planning, the cast of students from Year 7 to 12 presented five incredible performances. With daytime performances for Edney, Dawson Park and Lesmurdie Primary Schools and two almost sell out evening performances for family and friends, all of those involved are to be congratulated for their magnificent performances.

A special thanks to the 2019 Year 12 Dance Class for all of their hard work both on and off the stage. You have been amazing role models for the dance students at DRSC.

We will be taking a break from the dance production in 2020 to complete a full evaluation of the project which has been running for the past 5 years. However, dance students will still have lots of performance opportunities throughout the year and will help us decide what future dance projects at DRSC look like. Exciting times ahead!

Thank you to the Darling Range Sports College community for your support.





ARTS SHOWCASE

Tuesday 17th of September saw the inaugural Darling Range Sports College Arts Showcase on display at the Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre. Dancers from all year levels presented self-choreographed pieces while Music students worked hard to learn classic songs from throughout history.

The Year 10 Dance students have worked with the cross curricular efforts of English by choreographing dances relating to poetry based around body image, while the Year 9 Dance group produced a masterpiece surrounding the themes of bullying and suicide prevention.

After five years of Dance, a special mention must also be made to the Year 12 Dance students who with their hard work and efforts have surpassed expectations across their schooling years.

Rhys Prosser (Year 12) presented original music from his EP album and is to be commended on his hard work in music this year.

Year 10 Fine Art Photography was also on display, decking out the foyer of the Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre and spilling back into Darling Range Sports College with a variety of small exhibition spaces placed up around the school for the remainder of the term.

All students produced and performed work of an excellent standard, wowing the audience with their skills across the Arts contexts of Dance, Music and Photography.

Congratulations to all involved in this year's Arts Showcase.





MUSIC FESTIVAL

Mid term, Rhys Prosser with the help of Mrs Reeve and Mr Lut Ali, organised the inaugural 2019 DRSC Music Festival in the hopes of raising money for families living with cancer within our community.

The festival showcased some of Darling Range's most talented musicians such as Drew Moore, Destiny Mashford, Zoe Hall, Tahlia Gallagher, Blackout, Noale and Rhys Prosser. They performed classic covers such as Zombie by The Cranberry's and Better Be Home Soon by Crowded House, along with originals such as 1:30 by Rhys Prosser and Empty Space Party by Drew Moore.

There were a few surprise and special performances by some of the DRSC staff. The infamous Mr Hillan, joined on drums by Rhys Prosser played 'Blue Suede Shoes' by Elvis and Mr Lut Ali joined also by Rhys and Drew Moore played 'Little Black Submarines' by The Black Keys.

Students were amazed by the amount of talent in some of the staff at Darling Range Sports College and cannot wait for them to showcase their talents in future.

The 2019 DRSC Music Festival was very successful and raised a lot of money for a worthy cause. Thank you to all the performers, staff and student councillors who participated in this event. If you would still like to donate, please contact Mrs Reeve.





RIVER CRUISE

Year 10 and 11 students were given the opportunity to take part in a school social. Over 70 students put on their best dancing shoes and took part in the yearly river cruise.

After a departure from Barrack Street Jetty at 6.30pm, students immediately danced the night away. With some questionable footwear (high heels), bare feet would soon become the desired choice for a while. We cruised up the beautiful Swan River, eventually making our way to Fremantle, where the boat was loaded with pizza. Soon, the dancing was halted and music turned down as we watched the students refuel their bodies. No pizza was spared.

Shortly after dinner, the students were back on the dance floor and making the most of the night. The evening flew by and before we knew it, we were docked back at Barrack Street.

The students are to be commended on their behaviour, attitude and how they treated crew members. Captain Cook Cruises had nothing but positives regarding our students.

We look forward to future events where we can see students interact and engage with others in an environment outside of the classroom.





NETBALL NEWS

On Thursday 1 August our netball program students attended the School Sports WA High Schools Cup Elimination Day Carnival. Three teams attended; 7/8 Team 1, 11/12 Team 1 and an Upper Schools boys team.

The boys team took a while to warmup but played some fantastic netball later in the day. They had never played together, with some being very new to the sport. Thank you to Mrs Hewitt and Mr Garlett for coaching. Congratulations to the boys!

The 7/8 team came out strong from the get go, undefeated through the entire day. Coached by Mrs G, they went from strength to strength and progressed through to Finals Day, meaning they are top 4 in the state.

The 11/12 team also started strong, having one loss for the whole day. Coached by Miss Smith, they worked through some tough body pressure and formidable opponents and also progressed through to Finals Day.

Wednesday, 21 August saw these two teams battle it out for the title of State Champions. Both teams won their semi finals convincingly, progressing through to the Grand Final of their respective age group. Unfortunately, both teams fell short and came away as runners up. Our students showed phenomenal sportsmanship, athleticism, resilience and perseverance through the competition and should be extremely proud of their achievements.

Congratulations to all teams on a fantastic display of sportsmanship, athleticism and brilliant netball!





NETBALL TOUR

Excitement filled the air as our netball students boarded a plane in the July school holidays bound for Singapore accompanied by Mrs Anderson, Mrs Lydiate and Miss Smith.

The girls were put through their paces by Jolyn Loo, the U19 Singapore National Coach and they participated in games against the Singapore Sport School and National team. There was plenty of time for sight seeing, shopping and a trip to Universal Studios.





ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding success:

ATHLETICS

- Kye Scott (Year 12) - competed at the 2019 Cross Country Championships in New South Wales.

AFL

- Former student, Emily McGuide has been signed with the West Coast Eagle AFLW team.
- Denver Grainger-Barras was awarded the prestigious Jack Collins-Alan Schway AFL Life Members Scholarship.

BASEBALL

- Former student, Alex Hall, has been promoted to the Rocky Mountain Vibes baseball team, a close affiliate to the Milwaukee Brewers.
- Former student, Kieren Hall, was selected in the U18 World Cup Australian team.

BASKETBALL

- Alexandra Dlugi (Year 7) - selected in the SSWA Under 12 State team.
- Skye Thomas (Year 7) - selected in the SSWA Under 12 State team as a train on.

NETBALL

- Year 7 - Emily Douglas - selected in the State Schoolgirls Under 12 netball squad of 30.
- Former student, Jess Anstiss, has been selected in the 2019 Australian development team.

OTHER

- Sarah Cameron, (Year 11 Student Leader), has been accepted into the UWA Fogarty Futures leadership conference which will run over the first weekend of this coming school holidays.