



DARLING RANGE SPORTS COLLEGE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our second newsletter of 2019. Each term, our newsletters provide a compilation of some of the many successes and achievements of our students both academically and in various other sporting, cultural and community activities. Once again, there is much to celebrate.

This year all of our Year 7 and Year 8 students are studying the Soundway program as part of their English classes. In this innovative program students learn a synthetic phonics structure that enables all students to achieve at much higher reading and writing age levels. Our College is committed to improving Literacy and Numeracy for all students and this allows us to make dramatic improvements across the board. The creator and developer of the program, Mr Craig Henderson, spent another half day last week at our College working with teachers and students. We look forward to sharing the great successes of our students with parents and caregivers later in the year.

Our College, like many schools in Australia, was let down last week by the online implementation of NAPLAN. We were a trial school in 2018 and everything went well. This year however, the system over East failed to work satisfactorily when all schools went online in the Writing component. Fortunately, staff at the College were able to ensure no student was disadvantaged and all were able to complete it successfully the next day. The attitude and work ethic of the staff was great and this mirrored in the attitude and work ethic of the students. I would like to thank the entire school community for their application to the NAPLAN task.

In upper school, our General students have just finished their ESTs for their various subjects. Now the ATAR students are about to start their examination period and we wish them well and trust their results reflect the efforts they have been making this year.

A reminder that reports will be coming out later this term and we have a Parent Reporting afternoon/evening starting at 1:00pm on Wednesday, 3 July 2019.

Over the last month we have had a Board meeting and a P&C Meeting. A reminder that the AGM for the P&C is on Tuesday, 11 June 2019 at 7.00pm in the College staffroom and we would love to see as many people as possible attend, particularly parents of our new Year 7 students.

The Anzac Day assembly at our college was a stirring tribute to those who have served our country. Students, staff and parents contributed to the occasion and all of us were able to share in a memorable event in recognition of those who serve and have served our nation.

Other recent evening events this month include the RAC "Keys for Life" presentation, the Year 10 parent evening on course counselling as well as the prospective Year 7 parent evening for those students and their parents who are considering coming to our College.



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A significant upcoming event is the College Production "Matilda" and rehearsals for this are in full flight. Ticketing details will be released shortly.

Finally, I would like to assure parents and caregivers that our College is committed to doing our best for every student. To that end, we would ask that you support us in our current campaign which is to improve the attendance of students at school. We want and need students attending school all the time. Obviously illness may prevent this on the odd occasion and in this instance, we would appreciate parents/carers to contact the College in the usual manner.

We are in the process of raising student awareness of the need to be in attendance to enable them to keep up with school work but at the same time, we are focussed on making our College an enjoyable place to be. As such, a range of lunch time activities are on offer including the recent Mega Life week and other social events are being provided to complement the engaging work going on in classrooms. I would ask the entire College community to support us in this endeavour.

Rob Lawson
Principal



RECONCILIATION WEEK

National Reconciliation Week, which runs from 27 May to 3 June each year, is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

To strengthen relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and non-Indigenous Australians, Darling Range Sports College (Aboriginal Education) hosted nineteen Year 6 Woodlupine Primary School students who participated in a range of activities such as damper making, sand art, face painting, fishing line throwing and hand printing.

Mrs Maria Thomas
Aboriginal Education





GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION

Year 11 ATAR Geography students visited the Perth Hills Discovery Centre in Mundaring for a practical insight into bushfire risks and management, which is becoming a growing issue for many Australian communities.

The day was packed with practical skills-based activities. These included students mapping fire risks and conducting hands-on experience in undertaking a risk assessment of eucalypt bushland using a range of risk assessment tools. Students also completed a fire risk audit of the Perth Hills Discovery Centre buildings. The day concluded with students feeling a little weary, but all the wiser about bushfire geography.

Ms Janine Egan
Geography Teacher

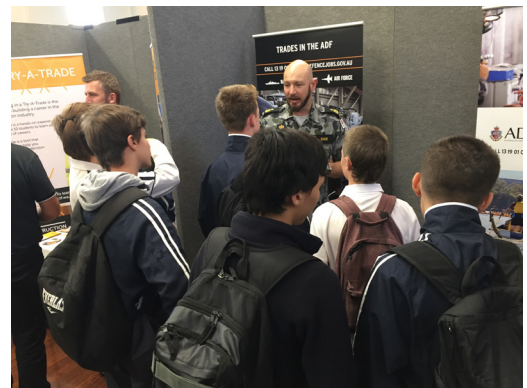


VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING

Early this term, our Year 10 students attended the Kalamunda Careers Expo as a beginning phase to their course counselling for next year. The students attended a motivational talk then finalised the morning by venturing through the many different TAFE, University and Registered Training Organisation stalls. Much discussion occurred with lots of students picking up tips on the best way to fulfil their pathway into an area of interest or vocation. Many students had lengthy conversations with industry experts and some even tried their hand at the bricklaying stall.

Course counselling is fast approaching so conversation must start at home with regards to any pathways that the students may be considering. The information can then be discussed at the parent/student/counsellor interview. This will allow all parties to work towards an appropriate pathway and successful outcome for students.

Mrs Kellie Hewitt
VET Program Coordinator





GRIP LEADERSHIP EXCURSION

Our student leaders travelled to Perth's Convention Centre to take part in the national GRIP Student Leadership conference. The Conference is unique in that it concentrates specifically on training students for their role as Darling Range Sports College leaders. The style, topics and content of the conference focus on what these students can do RIGHT NOW at/for their school.

Students who attended came away with new skills, new perspectives and new ideas for making a positive contribution as a leader in our College. Students were able to choose elective workshops on the day and tailor their experience to their own leadership role.

We returned to school ready to make the second half of 2019 the best we have ever had! The students are to be commended on their behaviour and efforts in representing Darling Range Sports College at this eye opening event.

Mrs Michelle Reeve
Student Leadership Coordinator



ANZAC ASSEMBLY

Darling Range commemorated ANZAC Day 2019 with a special assembly held early in the term.

Students showed the utmost respect during the service and were commended on the way they paid their respects to all members of the Defence Force, especially those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. The College sincerely thanks all students and Student Councillors involved in this year's service.

A very special mention to Mr John Hillan for his outstanding live performance of "The Band played Waltzing Matilda."

Mr James Embley
Student Services Manager





NETBALL UPDATE

DRSC vs Emmanuel Catholic College

We recently welcomed Emmanuel Catholic College to DRSC to play against our Year 9 students. It was a great display of sportsmanship, athleticism and team work. The Darling Range team was victorious in a tight game, 27 to 25. We look forward to playing more matches against Emmanuel Catholic College in the future.

NWA Hub Day

Fifteen hard working netball students from Years 7 – 9 were chosen to attend the Netball WA Hub Day recently. They were chosen as a result of their fantastic commitment to the netball program, always demonstrating the 5 P's and for being positive role models to other students. The day consisted of them being coached in the morning by West Coast Fever athletes, Alice Teague-Neeld, Stacey Francis and Netball WA coach Ellie Sanzone. They focused on ball skills, defensive skills and shooting skills. In the afternoon they were given the opportunity to showcase their skills on court against other specialist schools, while being coached by West Coast Fever athletes Kaylia Stanton and Olivia Lewis. They also got to tour the State Netball centre facilities, even seeing inside the West Coast Fever change rooms.

High School Cup Carnival

115 Netball students gathered at Fremantle Netball Association on a cold, rainy morning earlier this month. With 11 teams competing, it was a busy day with many amazing moments for all students involved. Congratulations to all students on their phenomenal athleticism, sportsmanship and politeness they showed throughout the whole day.

Ms Georgie Smith

Netball Program Coordinator





BASKETBALL UPDATE

Senior Boys

The senior boys finished with a record of four wins and two losses from their six games. They played some excellent basketball during the season especially against Eastern Hills and Mazenod. All players played well however the stand out was Ashwin Cresswell who ran the team well and was the leading scorer followed by Ivan Oloya who was a giant on the boards and Hapa Croft who continues to play well at both ends of the court.

The team would like to thank Mr Garlett and Mr McGee for umpiring and the girl's team for their support with scoring.

Senior Girls

The senior girls completed the Hills Division undefeated winning all four games. The girls played fantastic team basketball and improved throughout the season. It is really hard to single out individual stars in this group however Jackalyn Hollister and Amy Dalton were consistently strong performers.

Year 8

The Year 8 teams had a very successful Lightning Carnival with the boys winning their competition and the girls drawing theirs.

The boys played extremely well throughout winning all games by double digit margins. They played an up tempo and aggressive brand of basketball and put most training plans into action.

Defensively they held most teams to under 10 points and rebounded extremely well. An ankle injury to centre Quinton Burns late in the semi-final was the only dampener on a very productive tournament.

The girls ended up tying for first place with Lesmurdie Senior High School. In an unfortunate turn of events, the Year 7 players who were filling in with the Year 8's were not allowed to play in the grand final so we took to the court with only four players against Lesmurdie's full squad.

The girls played exceptionally well tying the game in regulation time and again after overtime. The organisers declared joint winners which was an outstanding result.

Year 9

The Year 9 boys entered a team in the Lightning Carnival from the players in the Year 9 Basketball program. The carnival started strongly with the boys erasing a five point deficit to win by one but unfortunately were not able to replicate this in future games.

They played hard and fought well against strong opposition and should be proud of their efforts.





BASKETBALL UPDATE (cont'd)

Malaysian National Women's Team

The Malaysian National Women's Team played against the Kalamunda Suns Women's State League team at Darling Range Sports College this month.

It was a very hard fought game with Kalamunda coming away with the victory in the last quarter. It was a great opportunity to develop relationships between DRSC and Malaysia with Principal Rob Lawson attending and meeting with the coaching staff and management of the Malaysian team.



Mr Alan Black
Basketball Program Coordinator





ACHIEVEMENTS

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

Marie Dykstra was nominated as a Volunteer of the Year. This prestigious award recognises an individual who has made an exemplary voluntary contribution in their community.

AFL

Mr Black - selected in WAFL state team

Mr Garlett - selected in WAFL U/18 state team

Denver Grainger-Barras - selected in WAFL U/18 state team

Kaedyn McPartlan - selected in WAFL U/16 state team

Jessica Pike - made final round of selections for the U/15 state team



ATHLETICS

Clancy Quick - placed 5th in the individual 17-19 years National Triathlon Championships

Kye Scott - placed 8th in the Champion Schools cross country event in the 17 and over category

BASEBALL

BJ Cooke - member of the Western Suns national championship team

Daniel Carter - member of the Western Suns national championship team

Dustin Brown - member of the Western Suns national championship team

Conor Parry - member of the Western Suns national championship team

Taiyo Kurosawa - member of the Western Suns national championship team

Maddux Stivey - member of the Western Suns national championship team

Campbell Froude - selected in the Western Comets Intermediate Baseball League team

Xavier Fatai - selected in the Perth Northern Metros Intermediate state league team

Kruiz Mamudoski - selected in the Eastern Phantoms Little League Baseball Charter Team

BMX RACING

Thomas O'Dwyer - competed in the 15's Boys BMXA National Championship

SOCCER

Faye Phillips - selected in the U15 Girls State team

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

Many brave students and teachers shaved and coloured their hair or waxed their legs for a good cause. Overall, more than \$1300 was raised for the Children's Leukaemia Foundation. A special mention to Year 12 student Nathan Morris (Student Councillor) who raised over \$600 (also shaved his head in 2017). The school was overwhelmed by the courage of the students (and Mr Garde) who took part in the event. Well done to the Student Council team who were organised and ran the afternoon.

