



DARLING RANGE

— SPORTS COLLEGE —

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The start of Term 4 has seen the departure of our Year 12's presenting us with a mixed range of emotions. This group of students is an outstanding group of young men and women who have successfully negotiated the long and sometimes difficult path of secondary education. They have been able to get to the finish line thanks to the support and commitment of their parents, carers and the diligence and enthusiasm of the staff.

At the start of this year, I spoke to the College and the students about making 2019 the BEST year yet. The Year 12 students have embraced that challenge and I have had the pleasure of seeing these young people in a variety of settings as they have worked hard to achieve goals. Events like the College ball, swimming carnivals, athletics carnivals, working in class and exams, at dinners, at breakfasts, in meetings, in the library, running assemblies, performing at ART events, on the sporting field and many more. The manner in which they have conducted themselves makes us all so proud to be associated with them. Highly successful past student George Bauk gave an outstanding oration at the Valedictory Ceremony to farewell the Class of 2019. We wish them all the very best for future.

Week 1 of this term saw our ATAR students commence their exams. We wish them the success they deserve for their efforts.

The Interschool Athletics Carnival was held at Challenge Stadium and saw DRSC finish a creditable 4th, winning the Meritorious Shield and having three students crowned Champions in their events; Kaitlyn Billing, Kye Scott and Josh Jones. Josh also broke the long standing long jump record.

The school triathlon teams did well in the "All Schools Triathlon" held at Champion Lakes. The College is committed to promoting triathlon among our students and this week saw the purchase of specialist triathlon cycles for our students to use in the future.

Our Year 10 and Year 11 students have been studying hard as they worked on their exams this week. Exams, tests and major assessment pieces will be the order of the day for all of our students over the next few weeks.

Reports will be emailed to all parents in the last week of school so I would urge all parents to ensure the email address the College has is the latest one.

Staff at the College continue to work to provide the best opportunity for all of our students. My thanks to them and the wonderful support we receive from our parents and caregivers.



Rob Lawson
Principal



NAPLAN RESULTS

Darling Range's historically, good NAPLAN results were indeed excellent this year, winning the praise of the Department of Education. Students across all tests showed improvement above Like Schools, the State and Australia.

Earlier this term, the school had a special NAPLAN assembly for all Year 7 and Year 9 students celebrating their successes. Special awards and certificates were handed out by our Principal, Mr Rob Lawson and Associate Principal, Mr Brent Kupsch for the highest and most improved results for each class for numeracy, reading and writing.

It must be emphasized that the majority of students improved their results considerably and are congratulated for doing so.

The top students in each category were:

Numeracy

Top Year 9: Korbin Maskiell

Top Year 7: Ryder Winduss

Reading

Top Year 9: Zaiden Winduss

Top Year 7: Ryder Winduss

Writing

Top Year 9: Hannah Dolling

Top Year 7: Aysia Ean and Alicia Toleafoa

Ms Kaye Hosking and Ms Joanne Keenan thank all Year 7 and 9 students, parents and teachers for their hard work preparing for these national tests.

Ms Hosking

Head of Learning Area, English



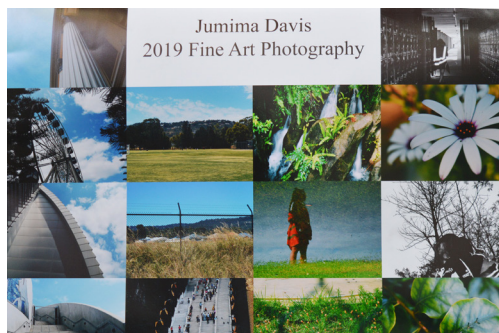
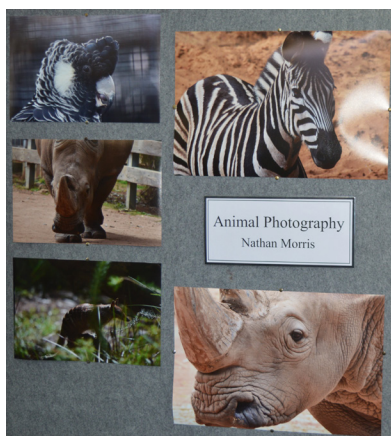


PHOTOGRAPHY

Our talented Photography students have been showcasing their projects in the library. Year 12 students, Rhys Prosser and Nathan Morris, have culminated their hard work in Design Photography by showcasing their Photography skills in an exhibition entitled "The Wild Life".

Jumima Davis, Andrea Gomez, Dylan Auer and Anne Yoong have also showcasing their Fine Art Photography skills.

Mrs Reeve
Photography Teacher





VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING

We are very pleased to announce that two Year 12 VET students, Bianca Batty and Cassandra Hewitt, were both taken for interview stage at the SCSA VET Awards. Both ladies did exceptionally well and will be notified if they are to progress through for the VET Beazley Medal in December. Good luck ladies.

We have various students progressing into interviews from Year 10 at the moment to see if they are able to be accepted into courses for 2020. So far, the students are doing an amazing job and the acceptance numbers should be pouring in very soon.

There will be a VET Induction Day on Monday, 9 December for all Year 10 students that are accepted into their courses. The students will be notified once we know they have been successful in their TAFE applications.

The Australian Tax Office visited our current Year 11 VET students to discuss the endless amounts of information about tax obligations, superannuation, also providing information on tax for when students are preparing to enter the workforce or tertiary study.

Congratulations to Sophie Drake-Brockman who won the Year 12 VET Dux Award.

Congratulations to Helena Madden for Graduating from Ertech with her Certificate II in Civil Construction.



Mrs Hewitt
VET Coordinator

YEAR 11 VET MOCK JOB INTERVIEWS

During Term 3 and 4 the Year 11 VET students completed a task that involved learning the steps involved in seeking employment and attending a job interview. Students decided on and investigated a field of employment in which they were interested. They accessed a number of sources to locate a suitable job advertisement, conducted research related to the advertising company and prepared written responses to possible interview questions. Interview techniques were also studied and practised.

Students prepared a career portfolio containing updated resumes, a career goal statement, at least one reference, the most recent school report and evidence of further training such as a Worksafe certificates and TAFE reports.

Early this term, Kalamunda Rotary attended the school and conducted 'mock job interviews' with each VET student, providing valuable feedback on individual performance. The students all performed to a very high standard, viewing the interviews as valuable practice for their impending move into the world of work. The experience has provided them with opportunities to consider how they can improve on this vital aspect of gaining employment.





ASPIRE UWA

Since Term 2, four Year 10 students (Therese Ramos, Jessica Coley, Kahlan Fernie-Keep and Abby Vandersluys) have been working on a competition for Aspire UWA. The students were tasked with creating a video for social impact. In this video, they needed to respond to the following: How can UWA make university more accessible for us and our community?

The students created surveys which were anonymously completed by a sample of students from each year group. They then analysed the data from over 100 surveys and came up with a solution: an extension course that is curriculum aligned in an effort for students to gain exposure to university.

We are excited to announce that out of all of the schools competing, our students created the winning entry! They have now been invited to a celebration event and a leadership excursion at UWA and they will also be working with UWA in 2020 to implement their idea.

Miss Khattat
HaSS Teacher





NETBALL NEWS

Earlier this term, thirteen netball program students attended the West Australian Institute of Sport talent search testing day. They were chosen as a result of their hard work and perseverance with fitness lessons in their netball class. They were put through their paces in the WAIS lab and had their power, endurance and athletic attributes tested.

Congratulations to the following students who were accepted into some of the WAIS programs:

- Megan Stinton, Kayaking
- Isabelle Briggs, Cycling
- Mikayla Robertson, Cycling
- Alyssa Robertson, Cycling

Their testing was followed by a tour of the amazing WAIS facilities. I'm sure the afternoon inspired the athletes to continue to work hard in the future.

Miss Smith
Netball Program Coordinator





ACHIEVEMENTS

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

ATHLETICS

- Chelsea Exell (swimmer), Clancy Quick (cyclist) and Emma Nanut (runner) placed 2nd in the Year 11 Girls team triathlon at the WA All Schools Triathlon Championships.
- Kaitlyn Billing placed 1st in the U/18 Triple Jump (National Qualifier) and 3rd U/18 Long Jump, Kye Scott placed 3rd in the U/18 Steeple Chase and Josh Jones placed 3rd in the U/18 Long Jump at the WA All Schools Championship, held at the WA Athletics Stadium.

BASEBALL

The following students have been selected in the Perth Heat Under 16's and Under 18's state teams that will compete at the National Baseball Championships in Victoria in January.

U16's

Lewdon TeMara
Tyler Houston (Reserve)
Seth Judd (Reserve)

U18's

Bailey-Jay Cooke
Maddux Stivey
Daniel Carter
Taiyo Kurosawa
Daniel Choi

BASKETBALL

- Skye Thomas and Alexandra Dlugi have both been selected in the Southern Cross Under 14 Girls State Basketball team that plays in a tournament in Victoria in January 2020.

SOCCER

- Our Soccer Program Coordinator and Coach, Faye Chambers, has been appointed as the Football West National Training Centre U/15 Coach for 2020.
- Our 2019 Sports Captain, Joshua Samson and Year 10 student, Joseph Forde were selected to play for the NYL Perth Glory team, who faces the U22 Singapore National team over in Singapore recently.