



DARLING RANGE

— SPORTS COLLEGE —

NEWSLETTER | TERM 3

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our Year 7 students are thriving as they adapt to being in a large school with over 1,000 students.

As we have emerged from the darkness of the COVID cloud this term, we have seen our students showing resilience but with a renewed enthusiasm for life, in and out of the classroom.

Our ACES students have been doing some amazing work whilst our Arts students put together an outstanding Arts Showcase at the Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre.

Our Year 12 students are preparing for their last couple of weeks of schooling by ensuring all of their work is completed. They recently had their school ball which was one of the most enjoyable school social events I have ever attended. The senior school students were dressed impeccably and their behaviour was excellent.

Likewise the standard of dress and behaviour of the most recent Year 10 river cruise social event was enough to make any parent or staff member proud.

Our Positive Behaviour Strategy at the College focusses on the 5 P's – Proud, Polite, Prepared, Punctual, Productive. This term there has been so much to be proud of. For instance, in the last ten days we saw our lower school girls netball play in the state grand final, our senior school girls netball won their grand final and were crowned State Champions, followed by our senior school boys AFL who dominated their grand final this week and were also crowned State Champions. Meanwhile our lower school girls AFL team has been undefeated this season. We also acknowledge our Year 12 Sports College students in the week ahead at their Graduation Dinner.

I keep saying to all of the students that our talented staff work very hard to provide them with extra opportunities. It is up to the students to look out for those opportunities and grab them when they arise. This is in and out of class as evidenced recently by the great performance of our STEM students at the CHEVRON Powering Careers in Energy extravaganza in Perth.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our soon-to-be departing Year 12 students all the very best for their future. I know the College has worked hard to equip them with the skills and knowledge they will need going forward. Equally importantly, I hope the College has been able to assist them in forming their moral compass to guide them. This is the role of the family but, as I have often said, ours is a 3-way partnership: students, staff and parents.

To the College community can I say all the best for the upcoming break; look after yourself and one another; thank you for your support.



Rob Lawson
Principal



SCIENCE EXCURSION

Since the easing of some COVID restrictions we were lucky enough to get our Year 11 Earth and Environmental Science Students out on our first field trip. We started the morning with a tour of Mundaring Weir and Pump Station No1 which was tailored to our needs by the National Trust, the focus here was on water as a resource and local water management. We had lunch in the park in Mundaring village and then moved onto John Forrest National Park where we did a small walk and investigated the igneous Geology using guides from Earth Sciences Western Australia and also had fun going back through the Tunnel. The students were complemented on their engagement and their manners. We were also lucky enough to have beautiful weather, this all led to a great day out.



Andrew Schembri
STEM Coordinator

SCIENCE WEEK

Science Week was jam packed with engaging activities for our students. Our Science teachers ran STEM style lessons where every lower school student had the opportunity to participate in STEM. These lessons were aligned with the theme of Deep Blue and involved using our wave tank to design floating platforms, creating sailing boats out of plasticine, cleaning up oil spills and designing compasses.

The entries for our Lego Design and Photography competitions were of a very high standard. Congratulations to Rylan Scott for taking 1st in the Lego Design Competition and Skyla Moore for 2nd. Lachlan Roberts took 1st place for the Photography Competition and Ebony Groves for 2nd place. The winning entries have been put on display. Our paper plane competition was also big success, congratulations to Brian Oloya and Brock Johnson for coming 1st and 2nd in Lower School and Subash Kowuri and Cooper Roberts for coming 1st and 2nd in the Upper School competition.

Andrew Schembri
STEM Coordinator



CHEVRON COURSE

Our Year 10 students attended an excursion to Perth Arena as part of their Chevron endorsed "Powering Careers in Energy" course. The excursion gave our students the opportunity to meet industry professionals, learn about the LNG process and try hands on experiments as well as having a go with some of their state of the art technology! Congratulations to Jye Jeakings and Aldrin Fernando for taking home the Chevron awards for most improved and most consistent students (respectively). This course will run again next year for our Year 10's and be revamped as an additional STEM pathway.

Andrew Schembri
STEM Coordinator





ARTS SHOWCASE

On Monday 21st September, Darling Range Sports College Arts students showcased their many talents at the Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre. Year 7-12 Music students and Year 9-11 Dance students performed their repertoire in front of a captivated audience of friends and family, whilst the foyer came alive with photographic and media displays. Congratulations to all students involved the performances – you are amazing!!! And congratulations and thank you to our incredible Arts staff for the wonderful opportunity provided for our students.

We now look forward to Term 4, when Year 7 and 8 Dance students will have their opportunity to strut their stuff alongside these performers.

Deanne Gurthrie
Dance Teacher



STUDENT PATHWAY SUPPORT

Darling Range Sports College is leading the way for our students with a focus of success for every student.

As the newly appointed Manager for Student Performance & Engagement my role is to support and guide students to select and achieve success in their chosen pathway. Whether in one of our three educational pathways of ATAR, General or VET, or seeking an alternate pathway beyond school I will be working with our students to discover their path. This will be for all years, to start making conscious, informed choices which mean all students leave with the essential skills to pursue their chosen path.

This work will use evidence to help us best plan for our school community needs. Another focus will be to strengthen the networks we already have and to develop new partnerships with industry leaders. This will provide up-to-date advice on skills needs to ensure quality and relevance in future training.

This exciting focus provides quality career guidance and accessibility to education settings tailored to individual interests and goals.

I look forward to working with you in developing future opportunities for success for our students.

Kathy Wallace
Manager for Student Performance & Engagement



YEAR 10 RIVER CRUISE

On Thursday 3 September our Year 10 students were rewarded for their hard work and excellent behaviour with a 3 hour cruise along the Swan River. Interest in the event was overwhelming and the capacity of the boat that we had organised was quickly surpassed. A decision was made... we needed a bigger boat! A good decision it was, as luck would have it, as the only other boat that was available was the MV James Stirling, a fantastic huge two storey vessel that is the flagship of the fleet. A quality upgrade indeed!

With room now for an on-board photo booth as well as a sizeable dance floor, 130 students and staff embarked on an evening of dancing, laughing and the creation of some lasting, quality memories. After an hour of cruising up the river, the boat docked at Fremantle Jetty and the next highlight of the night occurred....pizza! With an appetite worked up by all of the tireless dancing, it didn't take long to finish dinner after which everyone returned to the dance floor or to get some more, often hilarious, pictures in the photo booth.

Students were very well behaved and represented the school proudly throughout the night.

Special thanks goes to the staff at Captain Cook Cruises, DJ AL, Pete the photographer and the DRSC staff that attended on the night. A great night was had by all!

David Searle
Year Coordinator



TECHNOLOGY & ENTERPRISE

A group of enthusiastic Year 10 Mechanical workshop students constructed a human powered vehicle. Re-using and recycling spare bicycle parts from the Year 9 mechanical students, these Year 10 students have cleverly achieved a very challenging task set by their teacher, Mr Moraweic. The students used a variety of electrical power equipment in hand held operations to independently solve many design problems. We are very proud of these students and it has been a pleasure watching them work as a team.

Lucius Chen
HOLA, Technology & Enterprise



NETBALL UPDATE

On Wednesday 9 September, the lower division (Years 7 & 8) team 1 and the upper division (Years 11 & 12) team 1 attending the School Sports Western Australia High Schools Cup state finals day. It was the last day for the competition and all teams who attended had to win their way through two prior day carnivals to make it to the finals.

The finals day is the top four teams from across the state in their respective divisions.

Our lower school team played first against Atwell College, claiming victory and advancing to the grand final where they met Willetton Senior High School. The girls showed tremendous athleticism, tactical knowledge and sportsmanship. It was a hard fought game, with Willetton coming up with the victory at full time. Congratulations to our lower school team 1 for being crowned SSWA HSC Lower Division runner up state champions for 2020!

Our upper school team played next against Melville Senior High School, claiming a convincing win and advancing to the grand final where they met Governor Stirling Senior High School. Again, these girls showed tremendous athleticism, tactical knowledge, fitness and finesse. It was a hard fought game, with only a few goals difference going into the final quarter. Darling Range were able to hold and came up with the victory at full time. Congratulation to our upper school team 1 for being crowned SSWA HSC Upper Division State Champions for 2020!

I would like to thank everyone who supported with coaching through the HSC tournaments. Special mention to Ms McShane, Mrs Guadagnin, Mrs Hewitt, Ms Hedley and Mr Lawson for their ongoing support.

Georgie Dawkins
Netball Program Coordinator



AFL CABLE CUP COMPETITION

The year 2020 set plenty of challenges for the AFL boys due to COVID-19. Unsure and without any direction of whether sport would go ahead, the boys were challenged both mentally and physically. To stay disciplined through a challenging time would separate some from others and winning schools from losing schools.

To the playing group's credit, the boys completely bought in to the program with lots of match simulation and some tough training sessions without any physical contact. As the new AFL Program Coordinator, along with Nathan Alexandre our new addition to the coaching and teaching staff, it was fantastic to see such a committed and enthusiastic group willing to put in the work and push each other to get better.

It was term 3, after a long and gruelling, some would say 'pre-season' when the Year 10-12 students were informed that they will be joining a modified Cable Cup competition playing for a championship. It was a fantastic feeling for the squad and myself with future games scheduled against Mazenod, Emmanuel and CBC Fremantle.

Needing to win all three games, the boys did exactly that in convincing fashion without our two leaders, Deklyn Grocott and Cian Ehlers however a host of other boys played exceptionally well over the course of the season.

With three consecutive wins it led to a grand final opportunity against Governor Stirling, our cross town rival. This was to be played at McGillivray Oval in Mt Claremont for our first Cable Cup win since 2016. I was unbelievably impressed with the playing group who arrived, towering over the opposition and looking like the many hours in the gym had paid off.

The game started with a flurry, as we kicked multiple goals early on with Steven Overton kicking the opener, a snap from 30 meters out and a second being recorded not long after. Our ball movement and defensive attitude set the boys up for a great start. We had some fantastic drive off half back, with elite ball use and ability to rebound the ball into our forward 50. The ball didn't come out of our forward 50 for most of the quarter and we capitalised putting ourselves in a great position to win the game.

The second half was much more tightly contested with Governor Stirling evening up the contest and providing a much more competitive hard fought finish. In the end our boys got the win 54 to 28 and the best on ground award being given to Year 12 Damon Judge. Other stand out players included Cian Ehlers, Deklyn Grocott, Mitchell Fitzgerald, Jorge Cairns and Kynan Blondel.

An absolutely fantastic result for the entire playing group who all contributed over the course of the year and a great send off for the Year 12 group of 2020.

Aaron Black
AFL Program Coordinator



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SPORTS COLLEGE GRADUATION

On Wednesday 23rd September we hosted a Sports Program Graduation night for our Year 12 students that have been in our sports programs at Darling Range. The night is about celebrating the success of our year 12 students and their journey through our sports programs. Students came along with their parents for a sit down meal and a personalised presentation from our Elite Sports Coaches.

We wish to congratulate our Year 12's on their journey through our sports programs and wish them all the best with their next chapter.

