



# DARLING RANGE

## — SPORTS COLLEGE —

NEWSLETTER

| TERM 4 EDITION 1

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With the relaxation of Western Australia's hard border on Saturday 14 November 2020, I wish to remind you of the necessary precautionary measures the College is taking to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff.

The College will continue the increased contractual cleaning of classrooms, collaboration and educational spaces and regular disinfecting of all surfaces across the grounds. Hand sanitiser will also be readily available throughout the campus for student use.

In addition, families are reminded to keep their child at home if they display symptoms such as;

- Fever
- Flu-like symptoms such as coughing, sore throat and fatigue
- Shortness of breath

Students should also stay at home if someone they have come in contact with has returned from interstate and is experiencing any of the above symptoms.

Should there be a COVID outbreak over the upcoming summer vacation, it is imperative that all parents/carers ensure the College has their current email address and phone number.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's relevant Associate Principal.

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| • Year 7 and 8 – Mr Brent Kupsch    | (Brent.Kupsch@education.wa.edu.au)  |
| • Year 9 and 10 – Mr Owen Martin    | (Owen.Martin@education.wa.edu.au)   |
| • Year 11 and 12 – Ms Nina Anderson | (Nina.Anderson@education.wa.edu.au) |

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Rob Lawson  
Principal



## DANCING WITH THE STAFF

Over the past few weeks, our Year 11 Dance class worked hard on their composition routines for our inaugural 'Dancing with the Staff'. Students were asked to select a memorable dance clip in history and then choreograph a dance routine which they then had to teach to a staff member/members of their choice.

A big thank you to all the staff who came to watch. It was a fun and enjoyable experience that had the audience tapping their feet to some wonderful songs.

A huge thank you to all the staff who volunteered to participate as contestants. I hope you found the experience both enjoyable and rewarding and I really appreciate the time and energy that you invested in this project.

A big thank you to Ms Caskey who helped keep the Year 11 class on track – I can't wait to see next year's production!

Thank you to Ms Miller for her assistance with the lighting (how exciting to have our own lighting rig up and running!) and to Mr Ali for his assistance in setting up the sound and videoing our performances. Greatly appreciated.

The final standings were:

1st Place

Abby, Mrs Hewitt and Mr Roberts

2nd Place

Emily and Ms Pratt

3rd Place

Rachel, Anne, Ms Bell and Ms Khattat

Honourable mentions go to:

Katika and Ms Simeon

Jodi and Mr Fyneman

Alyssa, Mr Embley and Ms Chambers

Hannah and Mr Todoroski

Ms Guthrie

Dance Teacher



Mrs Hewitt - 'Dirty Dancing'



Ms Pratt - 'Men in Black'



Ms Bell and Ms Khattat - 'Mamma Mia'



Mr Todoroski - 'Timewarp'



## ARTS UPDATE

The Arts Department has been extremely busy this term with many exciting projects on the go.

The Year 9 Art in Action class has been working on paper tole and sculpture on canvas. Students had the theme of contrast in colour or subject material for their artworks and it was great to see them having fun multilayering paper and experimenting with colours.

Ms Gull  
Head of Learning Area



## NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC Week 2020 was celebrated nationwide from 8-15 November and at Darling Range Sports College, we opened the week with a whole school assembly. The theme 'Always Was, Always Will Be' recognises that the First Nations' people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. In keeping with the theme, our school made a commitment to continue to care for the land, using indigenous knowledge and land management practices. All staff and students were urged to adopt a totem, be it a native animal, plant or landscape and care for it in order to preserve it.

While our aboriginal students conducted the assembly, our guest performer, Derek Nannup, shared his knowledge about the indigenous culture of Australia through music, stories and jokes. To acknowledge and respect the history of this nation, a staff and student band gave their rendition of 'Solid Rock' by Goanna. It was a thoroughly enjoyable event indeed.

The rest of NAIDOC Week was celebrated with students engaging in indigenous sand art, dot painting, face painting, bracelet making and planting of native tree seeds. Our annual NAIDOC Cup, a basketball match between staff and students was a thriller, with staff winning by the narrowest of margins.

The week ended with aboriginal students liaising with 'Trillion Trees' to launch a bush tucker garden and a native tree planting drive on the school grounds in 2021.

Mrs Thomas  
Aboriginal Education





## WA SCHOOL SPORT ALL SCHOOL TRIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Thursday 5 November five individuals and nine teams competed in the School Sport WA All Schools Triathlon Championships at Champion Lakes. Following their morning individual races, four students also competed in the teams event. The teams event was a great opportunity for students to get involved and experience the sport of triathlon. All students should be proud of the way they represented DRSC. It was a great day and all students were keen to return in 2021.

Some outstanding performances include:

1st place

Year 7 girls' team - MacKenzie Hurford (swim), Tahlia Murphy (cycle) and Alicia Coles (run).

4th place (a close finish, only 2 seconds behind 3rd)

Year 7 girls' second team - Sienna Cordingley (swim), Imogen Sell (cycle) and Shayah Van Dongen (run).

4th place

A solid race by Clancy Quick in her final year in the midst of her ATAR exams and on her 18th birthday!

Well done to all students!

Ms Hopkin

Athletics Program Coordinator





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## INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Tuesday 20 October DRSC attended the B Division School Sport WA Interschool Athletics Carnival at the WA Athletics Stadium.

An outstanding performance by all students resulted in 2nd place! DRSC will now be promoted to A Division next year and we were also awarded the Meritorious Award.

Students showcased their athleticism with determination and school spirit.

There were many outstanding performances but the following individuals should be recognised for their overall results:

Tristen Burgess  
Year 10 Champion Boy

Kaitlyn Billing  
Year 11 & over Runner Up

Hope Arrowsmith  
Year 9 Runner Up

Blake Thomas  
Year 8 Runner Up

WELL DONE!

Ms Hopkin  
Athletics Program Coordinator





## ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding recent success:

### ATHLETICS

Year 7 student, Alicia Coles, has been selected in the 2020 WA State All Schools Team for the U/16 3000m.

Year 11 student, Kaitlyn Billing, has been selected in the 2020 WA State All Schools Team following her recent success placing 1st in U/18 Triple Jump and 2nd in U/18 Long Jump.

### BASKETBALL

Year 8 students, Alex Dlugi and Skye Thomas have been selected in the Under 15 WA Metro Women's Basketball Team.

Also a special mention to Year 7 Sienna Gerardi who is a reserve for this team.