



DARLING RANGE
— SPORTS COLLEGE —

NEWSLETTER

| TERM 4, EDITION 2

**We wish our staff, students, parents and school community
a safe and happy holiday break**

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF 2021

Office Opening Hours

Monday, 25 January
8.00am to 4.00pm

Wednesday, 27 January
8.00am to 5.00pm

Thursday, 28 January
8.00am to 4.00pm

Friday, 29 January
8.00am to 4.00pm

Uniform Shop Additional Opening Hours

Wednesday, 27 January
8.00am to 5.00pm

Students Return

Monday, 1 February

SAS and Abstudy Allowance Closing Date

Thursday, 1 April



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our community: the staff, the students, the parents/carers and all of our supporters and partners.

As everyone keeps saying, 'there has never been a year like 2020'. This is true however what is more remarkable has been the manner in which Darling Range Sports College has worked through the year. Not only did staff provide in-class tuition and at the same time, online learning for those students at home, they also managed to arrange more camps, more student social functions and more incursions than ever before. This was in addition to providing the same high quality pastoral care and learning experiences that we have become accustomed to. This is a truly astounding effort and one that makes me proud to be part of this College.

The students have taken advantage of this support and have shown strength, determination and resilience beyond their years. They have stuck to their tasks, behaved well and looked after one another. They have adopted our 5Ps and put them into practice. Their performances in class, on the stage, in the yard and on the sporting field have been outstanding.

The positive support we have received from our parents and caregivers has been heart-warming as they have gone the extra mile to let us know they appreciate everything we do. Further proof that our 3-way partnership of staff-students-parents is the strongest it has ever been.

The achievements of DRSC this year are too many to list. Suffice to say that with the support of the Board, P&C and our many external partners and providers we have had one of our best years ever. To do so in 2020 is nothing short of exceptional and is a credit to everyone in the Darling Range Sports College community.

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday break and more importantly, assure you of a very happy new year in 2021.



Rob Lawson
Principal



YEAR 10 WORKPLACE LEARNING

In weeks 8 and 9 all Year 10 students attended work place learning. We had students placed from Dalyellup to Lancelin and out at Wongon Hills, with the reminder of students spread throughout the rest of the metro area.

So many are in industries to see if this is what they would like to pursue post-school and some are trying something that will incorporate skills and knowledge that they can transfer from job to job.

The feedback from supervisors and visiting teachers was nothing but amazing, with several students gaining part time work from this experience.

It has been a wonderful opportunity for our students to gain an insight into tasks and skills that are required at the entry level for employment and understand the importance of networking.

The Year 10's should be extremely proud of themselves. The response from our external stakeholders and work place establishments has been overwhelming!

Congratulations.

Mrs Hewitt





EXCITING TIMES FOR PACES STUDENTS

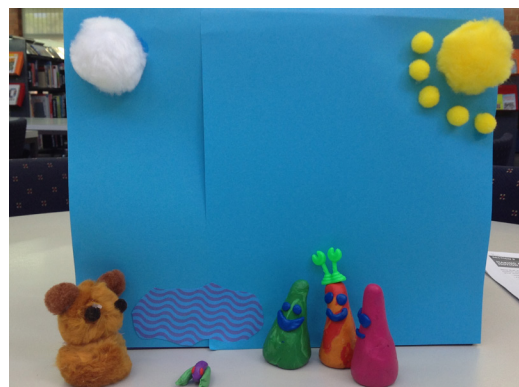
The last two weeks of PACES for our Year 5 students was very exciting. Their final project for the year was planning and constructing a short documentary film about ex-DRSC students who have gone on to achieve great things in their chosen field.

The students had the great privilege of interviewing Tyler Lovell (Class of 2004), current goalkeeper with the Australian men's hockey team, the Kookaburras, and The Rybka Twins, Samantha and Teagan (Class of 2012), who have forged a successful online career in the social media platforms of YouTube, Instagram and TikTok, with a combined total of 20 million followers.

The students asked some fantastic and at times challenging questions of our guests and were thrilled to have met such inspirational people who have truly upheld our school motto of Dare To Dream.

Our Year 4 students were equally busy planning and filming short animated films using apps on iPads. Using a combination of cut-out animation, LEGO animation and Claymation, students completed some entertaining and very creative stories. Well done Year 4's!!!

Mrs Guthrie





5P LESSON PLANS

A huge congratulations to all students for their participation in our 5P lesson plans and Kahoots this year.

Sharnie Cooke from 9.3 took out first place winning a gift voucher and a reward lunch for her form class.

A special mention to the runner up forms and student representatives who made it to the finals. They were Emma Hall (10.3), Brooke Anderson (7.1) and Eddy Cridland (8.5).

Miss Caskey



CITY OF KALAMUNDA'S RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

Congratulations to staff member Maria Thomas who has been appointed to the City of Kalamunda's 'Reconciliation Action Plan, Reference Group'.

Maria is hoping to use this opportunity to help our Aboriginal students by working on building relationships and creating awareness and understanding, through reconciliation within the local community.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding recent achievements.

AFL

Former student, Denver Grainger-Barras was selected as the #6 pick in the AFL draft to Hawthorn Football Club.

Athletics

Tristan Burgess - silver medal in the U16 men's heptathlon.



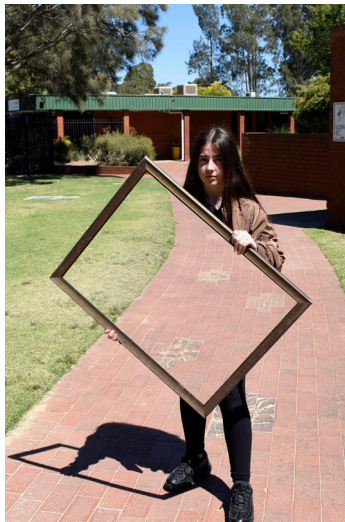
ARTS UPDATE

It has been an extremely busy semester in The Arts department with some amazing works coming through from all year groups. We can't wait to see what amazing products come out of the Arts in 2021!

Ms Gull

Photography students developed their photoshop skills so that they are able to create a surreal or 'trick photograph'.

This image of Cayla Hill was created by stacking two images one on top of another. One image featured Cayla, the other did not and both were framed identically using a tripod. The area inside the picture frame is selectively masked out to reveal the image underneath. I'm looking forward to seeing how the students creatively use this technique to create their own 'trick photograph'.



Miss Caskey's Year 9 Dance class worked hard this semester on their cheerleading routine. They learnt many new tricks, stunts and worked well as a team. It has been fantastic to see their skills develop and their excellent teamwork.



Ms Cassidy's art class explored finger painting and explored colours from different art works in Year 8. The students loved the task and were creative in their designs. Mr McDonald's class finalised their skateboard designs and the results have been amazing with students thoroughly engaged in the task.





NORTH METROPOLITAN TAFE COURSES

Starting in February 2021, North Metropolitan TAFE are running a one-semester course on the skills required to be a successful candidate for employment in a school or elsewhere. The course aids in preparation for entry into gardening, cleaning, administration, management, education assistant and other types of work.

This course is suitable for existing gardeners, cleaners, administrators etc and people looking to change career or a return to work.

The course includes:

- Training in skills specific to the role you are interested in e.g. IT skills
- Work experience in a school or other organisation
- Help and support to find work
- Help accessing further training as required e.g. Certificate III in Education Support
- Development of your job application cover letter, resume and help with selection criteria

Entry requirements:

- 18+
- Strong work ethic
- Good oral and written communication
- Must be able to read procedures, safety sheets and chemical bottles
- Must be able to send and receive emails
- Successful completion of an entry interview
- Working With Children Check and a Department of Education Clearance

Course details:

- Dates - Starts Wed 3rd of Feb and finishes Fri 25th of Jun 2021 (20 weeks)
- Days - 3 days per week, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:15 until 2:45
- Cost - Approximately \$170 (subject to change) total course fee for full 20 weeks
- Location - North Metro TAFE Leederville and on work experience
- Qualification - GATE (Gaining Access to Training and Employment) Certificate I

For further information, please email chris.hodson@nmtafe.wa.edu.au.