Welcome to 2015

It is wonderful to be back and to have a school free of builders and building materials. The pain over the last couple of years has been well worth it. What fabulous facilities our students now enjoy! Our new Performing Arts Theatre (PAT), Foyer and Dance Studio just add to the other twenty first century facilities at the school in PE (Gym and Fitness Centre) Art, Music, Drama, Technology, Computing, Agriculture, Hospitality, Metals and Timber.

Our students’ enjoy facilities second to none and they are responding in all sorts of positive ways. An example would be our Dance Ensemble—a record number of students have signed up for this group and as a result our Dance teacher, Catherine Reid is now creating a beginner and advanced ensemble. Our music bands are experiencing strong growth and looking forward to their first performance. We will be having a concert night soon to highlight our new Performing Arts Theatre.

Staff Changes

Mrs Dunshea is having a year of leisure and is on leave. Stephanie Scott is our relieving Deputy of the Junior School (Years 7—9) and Jenny Stirling our new DP in the Senior School (10—12).

Mrs Chapman is our new College Head Teacher Senior School.

Welcome to Lesley Wade who has been successful in a merit selection process for the Head Teacher of English. She has been at Jindabyne Central for over a year.

Sharon Mendes has left us to become Head Teacher HSIE at Kelso while Sandra Laniya from our science faculty has moved to Queensland. We are currently in the process of replacing them with permanent teachers.

Rebecca Smith has moved to be Head Teacher of Support from Head Teacher of Administration and we are currently in the process of filling that position.

We have lost Aiden Stelling from Science who has become the Head Teacher of Science at Camden Haven High School in Port Macquarie. We are very pleased to welcome Mr Murray Rose to our science faculty as a new teacher of science, specialising in Physics.

Numbers and Timetables

I am very pleased that our numbers have come in virtually on target. This means that the school has continued to grow but at a steady pace. The most pleasing aspect of this process is that as a result of the similarity of our actual numbers to those anticipated, any timetable changes should be relatively small.

Communication

Bathurst High prides itself on our ability to have a flow of communication between home and school. It is important that we know about small things early so we can act to resolve them. Please don’t hesitate to phone our office who are brilliant at listening to the nature of the problem and then directing it to the appropriate person. If you would rather communicate through email and don’t know where to send it then put in the generic Bathurst High address — bathurst-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au and outline the nature of your question. That address is checked all the time and emails are redirected to the appropriate person for action.

Thank you to the whole of Bathurst High for a very settled start to 2015.

Geoff Hastings
Principal
Welcome to 2015!

2015 is off to a flying start with a whole range of new activities and programs across both campuses of Denison College. Welcome to all of our new students and their families. Welcome, also, to all of the new staff who are new to the College.

New Principal for Kelso High

Michael Sloan joins the College Management Group as Principal, Kelso High Campus. Mr Sloan comes to us from Orange HS, where he was Deputy Principal, although he was Principal (Relieving) at Narromine HS for all of last year.

New College Youth Worker

The College also welcomes Lucy Costello to a new role that has been established as a result of the partnership across both campuses and headspace. Lucy was previously employed at Bathurst High as a youth worker under the National Chaplaincy Program. She will now work Mondays at the hyLite centre (headspace), and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday across Bathurst and Kelso campuses.

School Within a School

SWAS commences on Monday 9/2. Six Year 10 students from each campus will commence Stage 5 TVET (Hospitality) at Bathurst TAFE each Monday and attend school for the rest of the week. The twelve students will receive mentoring support and may have the opportunity to participate in work experience and other specialised programs throughout the year.

Inquiries regarding SWAS can be directed to the Project Officer, Mr Behan (KHC), or the Head Teachers Junior Studies, Ms Townend (KHC) or Ms Burt (BHC).

Shared Courses

Shared courses have commenced for senior students with all students enrolled in Preliminary (Year 11) completing the mandatory All My Own Work program on Thursday 29 January. Preliminary VET students will also participate in a mandatory VET induction at Bathurst High Campus on Thursday 12 February.

In total, there are 72 Year 12 students studying 19 subjects as part of their HSC at their sister campus. For Year 11, there are 45 students travelling to the other campus to study 17 subjects.

It really is outstanding that our students have such a wonderful opportunity to study the subjects that they are really interested in and that will give them such a broad range of choices when they leave school.
High Achievers’ Reception

Over 200 people attended this year’s celebration on Tuesday 3rd February at the National Motor Racing Museum. We were very pleased to be hosted by Councillor Gary Rush, who hosted a Mayoral Reception to honour our high achievers from Years 10, 11 and 12 (2014).

The evening was a wonderful success, with many families enjoying the opportunity to visit this wonderful facility.

Breezy Jacobson
High Achiever 2015

Kieran Lindsay
High Achiever 2015

Jessica McLeod
High Achiever 2015

Craig Petersen
College Principal
What a busy start to the year as I change roles from DP of the middle school to DP of the senior school!! Year 11 students have settled in well to their senior studies. Some students are still making slight changes to their curriculum for their Preliminary course. They must have made all changes by the end of week 4, Friday 20th February. Most Year 11 students have completed “All My Own Work”, a program designed to help HSC students follow the principles and practices required for their studies, which includes understanding and valuing ethical practices when locating and using information. They have also met with me to get detailed information about the assessment requirements of the Preliminary course. Students who have not completed “All My Own Work” will do so in the next few weeks.

Year 12 students are already one quarter through their HSC courses. Before they know it October and exams will be upon them. I have spoken to them about the support available to them including their own teachers, the Head Teacher Welfare Bernie Wood, the School Counsellor, the Head Teacher of the Senior School Sandra Chapman and myself as the Deputy Principal. A special pilot mentoring program is being set up with a selected group of students. They have been notified and letters have been sent to parents. We hope that this program will be most successful and can be expanded upon in the future.

Our SWAS program has begun for a small group of Year 10 students. They are studying Hospitality at TAFE on a Monday. Other students from Years 9 and 10 will be joining another program, the Aspire program during the term.

Students should be accessing our millennium program to access their assessment tasks and marks. If parents still do not have access to the parent portal please phone the school office to request access so you can also have access to assessments and marks. Parents can also monitor attendance, positive rewards and areas of concern.

I look forward to working with all parents and students to make their final years of school successful. Please phone me at any time if you have concerns with your child that you would like to discuss, or phone the office to make an appointment to come and see me.

Jenny Stirling
Deputy Principal
Senior School
I’d like to welcome back all students and their families and carers. A particular welcome to our new enrolments in Years 8 and 9 and to all of Year 7, who have settled very well into their new school. This is my first newsletter as Deputy Principal of the Middle School. I have had the opportunity to work with many students and their families as Head Teacher Welfare of the school and I have always worked closely with both Deputies on the campus.

Year 7 students have all received their notes about the camp. This will take place at Lake Burrendong from the 11th to the 13th March. All students are strongly encouraged to attend. It is an excellent opportunity to get to know students in the year group. Students will develop team building and communication skills as they work with their Year 11 Peer Support Leaders. They will also get to experience a range of fun outdoor activities. Please contact the school if you require a payment plan or if you have any other questions about the camp. Year 9 students will have the opportunity to attend a camp later in the year. Information about this will be given in plenty of time to allow a payment plan if required.

A reminder that the Year 7 “Meet the Teachers” afternoon is on the 25th February. This is an opportunity to meet classroom teachers and to get information about the routines and expectations of each class. Due to time constraints it is not possible for teachers to have individual meetings with parents. If you require this please make an appointment with the relevant teacher.

Bathurst High Campus has many opportunities for students to become involved in a range of extra-curricular activities. Some of these include: debating and public speaking, dance, choir, band, as well as a range of sporting and volunteer activities. Information about how to become involved in these activities is given at Roll Call each morning. Information can also be accessed through the millennium portal. I encourage all students to try at least one of these activities. It is a great way to build skills and confidence.

Students are to be commended for the way they have settled quickly back into school and to their learning. I am currently in the process of meeting with year groups and going through the high expectations the school has in regards to learning and behaviour. The school also has excellent support systems for students who require additional assistance with their learning or any area that is impacting on their learning. Please contact myself or the relevant student advisor if you would like further information about this. Overall, I’m looking forward to working with students and their families to ensure that 2015 is another great year at Bathurst High Campus.
**Coming Events**

- 16th February 2015 • School Photos
- 20th February 2015 • Last Date for Year 11 to change courses
- 25th February 2015 • Year 7 Meet the Teachers Afternoon 4.00pm
- 4th March 2015 • P & C Meeting 7.30pm
- 11th March 2015 • Year 7 Camp
- 12th March 2015 • Selective Schools Placement Test
- 17th March 2015 • Athletics Carnival
- 23rd March 2015 • HSC Mid Course Exams Begin
- 31st March 2015 • Prelim Study Day CSU

**Please note....**

**P & C**

Bathurst High Campus P&C meets the 1st Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th March in the staffroom at 7.30pm. Hope to see you there.

P & C email address pandc.bathursths@gmail.com
**Community Notices**

**Safer Drivers Course for Learner Drivers**
How does knocking 20 hours off your Learner's compulsory 120 Logbook hours sound? With the introduction of the Safer Drivers Course for Learner Drivers you can.

The 5 hour course is made up of a three hour in class session followed by a two hour in-car coaching session on another day.

Our next courses are being run on Wednesday 18th February at 5pm and Sunday 1st March at 10am.

For more info, or to book, call PCYC Bathurst on 6331 2191.

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**ST PATS JRLFC**

**REGISTRATION DAY**

**SUNDAY 22 FEB**

11-2pm at the Sportsground (behind the canteen)

All past, current & new players welcome

Sausage sizzle & Supporters clothing available

**ST PATS JRLFC**

Katherine Waldron

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say cheese

School Photo Day is:
16th February 2015

Have your child’s school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:
- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted)

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