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Well here we are, half way through the first term in our final year. The year has gotten off to a flying start and the cohort has done well to hit the ground running and get back into the swing of things.

This year will provide plenty of challenges to the cohort in terms of workload and extra-curricular commitments as the realisation sets in that this is it. The final year has finally begun!

The cohort has recently attended a QCE talk session with our wonderful Guidance Officer Ms Zita Hooke. Ms Hooke offered a lot of advice and provided heaps of useful information to the group about surviving Year 12 and making the most of the final year. Ms Hooke also alerted the students to some very important upcoming dates involving QTAC guides, university open days and university applications dates etc. More of this information will be provided to the students over the course of the year.

The students were very excited to receive their senior jerseys and their senior badges. I encourage them to wear these with pride and honour. A second jersey order has being placed this week for the new students to the cohort.

Congratulations to our participants who competed in the Lions Youth of the Year Awards. Guy Leggett, Amy Schreiber and Alex Rasmussen spent a lot of time preparing for the event in which Alex came out victorious. Alex did an amazing job and will now advance to the next round, competing against other regional towns such as Roma and Chinchilla to advance to the regional final. Huge thanks to Mrs Janet Ash for coaching and mentoring the students throughout the process, a wonderful job you have done for these kids and the students of the school.

Another upcoming event in which the Year 12's will be heavily involved is the Kokoda Challenge. There are 8 teams this year, consisting of experienced staff that has walked the event before to newbies like myself. I'm super keen to have a crack with my awesome team and just be there for the large number of other Year 12 students participating. Thanks to Mrs Cheryl Williams for all her continued hard work around coordinating and supporting the event.

Well best of luck to the students on their upcoming assessment and I hope the rest of the term is smooth and stress free.

Mr Brad Pharaoh
Year 12 Coordinator

Above—Myall House Captains, Robbie Rudd and Chelsea Phillips, accept the trophy for most house points at the Swimming Carnival
USQ Indigenous Connections - Looking Towards Our Deadly Future

Dalby High students joined hundreds of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students and future community leaders from all over Southern Queensland at the University of Southern Queensland last week to draw inspiration from the 2014 Indigenous Connections event. It was a great opportunity for our students from Years 9 and 10 to learn the importance of higher education and to experience what university is all about. Students attended motivational presentations from successful Indigenous role models. They attended University Activity Sessions presented by USQ lecturers and teaching staff from a range of study areas. The last session included an opportunity for students to be involved in cultural activities such as traditional games and dance, and creating art and music.

WORLD OF MATHS WORKSHOPS AND OTHER AWESOME MATHS STUFF

World of Maths is a hands on travelling maths show that visited us in February. All of the year 8 and 9 students were given the opportunity to work in small groups on hands-on maths and logic based activities. They had to untangle chains, calculate fraction problems, identify number patterns, design feeding areas for cows and many more. Our students threw themselves into the tasks with great enthusiasm and they did us proud with their ability to work in teams to solve challenges.

In other news, have you seen any year 8, 9 or 10 Maths assignments being done at home yet? You should have, some are due to be handed in this week. If your student is having difficulty with maths remember they can see their teacher in any lunch break or can attend maths tutoring in the support space on Tuesday mornings from 8 am – 9 am.

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Messages to Students during the School Day

We wish to remind parents and caregivers a phone system is not in place in classrooms. Any messages to students during the day need to be hand-delivered by office staff to the student. This can become a very time-consuming process, particularly if classes are in the Great Hall, on the oval or have had room changes. Of course, in emergencies, every effort is always made to find students and bring them to the office.

Leaving the School Grounds

A reminder that if students need to leave the school grounds during the day for appointments etc, the student needs to provide a written note to the office before school. A special pass will be given to enable the student to leave during class if necessary or obtain a leave pass from the office at break times.

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Sports News

State Triathlon—Three Dalby SHS students recently represented the Darling Downs region at the state Triathlon at Hervey Bay. Michael Sheehan, Chloe Beresford and Tim Sheehan all competed in both the individual and teams events over the two days. Congratulations to them for their performances.

Swimming Carnival—The Inter-house swimming carnival was held on Friday 7th February at the Dalby Aquatic Centre. Conditions were perfect for the day for those students who attended the carnival and races were hotly contested. Three records were broken on the day:
- Girls 13 years 50m freestyle 30.85 (old record 32.19) Danielle
- Girls 13 years 50m butterfly 34.65 (old record 37.03) Danielle
- Girls 16 years 50m backstroke 37.03 (old record 43.97) Kirstie Johnston

At the conclusion of the day house points were as follows:
- Bunya 4th place 426 points
- Wilga 3rd place 517 points
- Kurrajong 2nd place 697 points and
- Myall 1st place 914 points.

Age champions were:
- 13 years – Danielle & Tim Sheehan
- 14 years – Chloe Beresford & Calum Caruso
- 15 years – Dannielle Prowse and Georgia Hanrahman & Kendall Fetherstone and Patrick Rudd
- 16 years – Kirstie Johnston & Hayden Lawrie

Open – Katy Rotherill & Robbie Rudd

Once again we must thank the P & C who donate encouragement medals for each carnival we run. The recipients were:
- 13 years – Kayla Lawrie & Chris Fetherstone
- 14 years – Jeanette Genis & Will Ladd
- 15 years – Lauren Marini & Wyatt Wrigley
- 16 years – Michelle Ryan & Bryan Rudd

Open – Elise Spence & Guy Leggett

Thanks to all staff and students who assisted in setting up, planning and cleaning up for the carnival.

Darling Downs Swimming Trials—On the 20th February 20 Danielle, Kayla Lawrie and Kirstie Johnston attended the Darling Downs Swimming trials in Toowoomba. The girls performed well and Kirstie and Danielle were successful in gaining selection in the Darling Downs team to go to the State Championships in Brisbane from the 27th to 29th March. We wish the girls all the best and thank you to the parents who drove to the Darling Downs trials. Congratulations also to Megan Guyatt who recently gained selection in the Darling Downs QLD Swimming Team.

Inner Downs and Darling Downs Cluster 1 Trials—Earlier in February the Inner Downs and Darling Downs trials for Tennis, Touch, Under 19 Boys Cricket, Volleyball and Girls Softball were held. A large number of students were selected in Inner Downs teams to then trial in Toowoomba to make Darling Downs teams. Congratulations to Lewis Boyd who was selected in the Under 15 Boys Touch team to travel to Ipswich in June.

Inner Downs Cluster 2 Trials—Trials were held on Tuesday in Rugby League, Football (Soccer), Netball, Basketball and Squash here in Dalby. Congratulations to all students who attended the trials and thank you to staff who helped coordinate the trials. Students who were successful in gaining selection in Inner Downs teams will now travel to Toowoomba for the Darling Downs trials on Thursday 20th March. These students must pay their sport’s nomination fees to the office before they attend the trials.

Darling Downs Cluster 3 Trials—Students wishing to nominate for the Darling Downs trials in Golf, Orienteering or Under 15 and Under 18 Rugby Union need to sign up on the PE noticeboard before Friday 14 March. Students wanting to nominate for Rugby Union must be aware of the following rulings:
- Students born in 2001 are ineligible to trial
- Students born in 1998 competing in the Under 18 trials must submit an Australian Rugby Union Age Grade Two Year Window Consent Form

PE Week—This week is Queensland Health and Physical Education week and the house captains and vice captains have been busy organising lunchtime activities each day. Activities held were a Dance-off, Volleyball relay competition. Run around the World, longest Frisbee throw and a teacher vs student Football (Soccer) match. Thanks to all students for your support in this activity.

Dalby Triathlon—The annual Dalby Triathlon will be held on Sunday 23rd March. Students can participate in the Junior Individual event for 13-15 year old (300m swim, 7km ride, 2km run cost $20) or the Adult Individual for under 20 years old (750m swim, 20km ride, 5km run cost $55) or with a group of friends in the Adult Team event (750m swim, 20km ride, 5km run cost $90). This year there will also be an Entricer event (300m swim, 7km ride, 2km run cost $55) for those who are just starting to get involved in triathlons. More information can be found at www.dalbytritrials.com.

Upcoming events
- Monday 31 March Darling Downs Cluster 3 Trials – U15 & U18 Rugby Union, Golf, Orienteering, U15 Football
- Wednesday 7 May School Cross Country
- Tuesday 27 May Darling Downs Cross Country Trials
- Monday 16th June 12 noon half day Inter-house Athletics Carnival
- Tuesday 17th June Inter-house Athletics Carnival Continued
- Thursday 26th June Kangaroy Sports Exchange in Dalby
Life at Bunya Campus

The students have been busy settling into life at the campus. Dalby State High School’s Bunya Campus provides a good balance between study, rest and recreation to create an environment where all students are able to achieve their goals be those academic, cultural, vocational or sporting. The students are able to be involved daily in a range of activities that are unique to a boarding school in a rural setting. The Bunya Campus offers not only an opportunity to reside at the residential campus but provides a learning environment for our Ag Future and Ag Professional students. Featuring this week, are our Cattle Showing group, Residential Study Group, Horseriding and Ag Future students to give you a glimpse of what our students have been up to.

Cattle Showing

The Cattle Showing Team for 2014 is being ‘steered’ around by Mrs Sue Burrowes and Mr Travis Luscombe. The team has a good mix of youth and experience with plenty of enthusiasm. Brooke Ralph (Year 11) has been named captain of the team and her leadership should hold them in good stead for the year ahead.

The programme requires the students to commit to two afternoons, a few weekends and a variety of shows throughout the year. It is a unique opportunity for the students for not only are they learning new skills but they are then teaching the cattle as well. Our team have been working with eleven steers in preparation for a number of local shows and working towards the Ekka later in the year. We wish our Cattle Team all the best for this year and look forward to hearing of their successes.

Sue Burrowes and Travis Luscombe

Residential Study Group

It has been a busy time in study sessions as students have mid-term assessment due. Many of the residential students juggle homework and assignments with extra-curricular commitments such as horse riding, cattle showing, music, sport and employment. It’s not always possible for students to include all these activities in their nightly program, therefore sacrifices often have to be made to ensure they keep on top of their study commitments.

Jordan Roach

Horses

The Horse Riding Club is up and trotting. Under the watchful eye of Mrs Felicity Bartlett, many of our students are gaining an enormous amount of equine experience. The Vet had to be called out to campus last week and students were fortunate enough to watch a procedure take place on an injured horse. This group can sometimes spend up to 2½ hours in the afternoon riding horses around the paddocks. Perhaps there could be a future Cup winning jockey among them.

Felicity Bartlett
Student Blog - “Life on Campus”

Here on Bunya Campus every day is a new adventure, with all the afternoon activities, great food, weekend trips and extracurricular programs. The Bunya Campus is not like most other boarding schools. The SSW’s are very supportive, fun to be around and even when they wake us up at 6:30 in the morning and at that time in the morning we may think they are torturing us we still like them.

For the afternoon activities we are spoiled for choice! We lucky students get to pick from our own exclusive gym, sparkling pool, sport or the schools’ exquisite extracurricular programs. This guarantees the fact we will not get bored.

On the weekend, we get to choose what we want to do and go where we want. So far we have been to Ten Pin Bowling, a QLD Reds Rugby match, Cooyar Show and had a quiet weekend at the boarding school to catch up on some much needed rest and charge up our batteries for learning the next week at school. Right now everyone is planning a great weekend out at the Sunshine Coast in a few weeks time.

Year 8 Residential Student

Ag Futures

Dalby State High School’s Agricultural Certificate students are hard at work. The Year 11 students are working towards their Certificate II in Agriculture with the implementation of a vineyard. The building of the vineyard was started last year and will be near completion in the next few months.

The implementation of the vineyard is just one of a few jobs that will be finished off this year, the citrus orchard being another. This task has be allocated to the Year 12, Certificate II students have been busily planning the current orchard layout, researching tree varieties, irrigation systems and communicating their plans through teacher and supervisor.

Mr Zell