

# Deni High News



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## WELCOME BACK TO 2019

A warm welcome back to all members of our school community.

I would like to welcome Ms Sterling who has been appointed to Deniliquin High School as an English teacher. We have also had Ms Prasad appointed in HSIE and she will commence in Term 2. I would like to thank Mrs Astill for assisting us in the short term in the HSIE position. This year the organisation for our two Deputy Principals is: Mr Astill will be responsible for Years 7, 9 and 11 while Ms Richards will have responsibility for Years 8, 10 and 12.

I would like to welcome all 113 Year 7 students who have started at Deniliquin High School this year. A new year brings new challenges and a fresh start for all of our students. We will be holding our traditional Year 7 Parent BBQ on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February starting at 5:30pm. This BBQ will allow the parents of our Year 7 students the opportunity to meet their child's teachers and other staff members from the school.

The school has been doing a lot of work around Positive Behaviour for Learning in terms of visiting what are our minor and major behaviours that we focus on and how these are managed within the structures of the school. Remember our school values of **Respect, Responsibility and Co-operation** as these underpin all that we do.

At Deniliquin High School we have high expectations for our students with a focus on their social and emotional wellbeing. Our students are expected to behave responsibly and respectfully; they are expected to give their personal best in their academic and personal lives. Our staff value teamwork and acceptance and we aim to provide student leadership opportunities in both a formal and informal manner.

We have revisited the school vision and simplified it so it is more accessible and easier to remember. Our new vision statement is: We face the task by fostering Respect, Responsibility and Co-operation to create a culture of support and excellence.

The staff at the High School are highly qualified professionals who are committed to the learning and wellbeing of every child.

I look forward to another successful and rewarding year for our school.

## 2018 HSC RESULTS

Congratulations to our Year 12 students from 2018 who achieved some outstanding results in their Higher School Certificate exams at the end of last year. In all students at Deniliquin High School achieved 12 Band 6s (a score of 90+), 47 Band 5s (a score between 80 and 89). As a result of these strong results Pat Connell achieved an ATAR of 97.9

(placing him in the top 2% of all students in the state). Of our students who sat for the Higher School Certificate with the aim of going to University the vast majority received at least one offer.

These results reflect the hard work that these students put in as well as the many hours of support that they have received from the staff at the school. The dedication of all of the teachers over their 6 years at Deniliquin High School provided them with the opportunity and the skills that they needed to excel and their results reflect the quality education that have received during their time at Deniliquin High School.

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last week we held another successful swimming carnival. It was great to see so many students participating and the house spirit that was shown by all of those in attendance was pleasing to see. Results of the carnival can be found in this newsletter. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Ms Norman and the staff for the organisation and smooth running of the carnival and I wish to note that once again the staff were victorious in the staff versus student relay.

## SPORTS LEVY

Deniliquin High School offers students a wide variety of sporting opportunities with the aim of developing sporting and social skills, improving health outcomes and establishing community links.

In order for the school to offer as wide a variety of sports as possible we ask parents to pay a sports levy each year. This levy offsets a small part of the costs associated with running sports including transportation and venue personnel. Information about this levy will be arriving in the mail soon. Students who do not pay the sport levy will be placed in free sports for 2019.

## SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Taking in to consideration the impact that the drought has had on our community the school has made some changes to voluntary contributions. To assist our families there is a 20% discount on contributions per child after the first child (e.g. child 1 pays 100% of contribution, child 2 pays 80%, and child 3 pays 60%). We have also waived elective contributions and placed a fix price for all students of \$130. We hope that this makes it a bit easier on families during this difficult time.

Invoices have been mailed out this week to all families.

## ABORIGINAL SUPPORT STUDENT LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICER POSITION

We are looking for a new Student Learning Support Officer to work with our Indigenous students. If you are interested in the position, please call and speak with Margaret Blake who can provide you with information.

## ANTI-BULLYING PLAN WHAT IS BULLYING?

Bullying has three key features. It:

Involves a misuse of power in a relationship.

Is ongoing and repeated.

Involves behaviours that can cause harm.

Bullying can be physical, verbal, or social. Bullying can be easy to see (overt), or hidden (covert), such as spreading rumours about another person or excluding them.

Bullying can also happen online using technology such as the internet or mobile devices. This is known as online bullying or cyberbullying.

A person can be bullied about many different things such as how they look, sound or speak; their background, religion, race or culture including Aboriginality; having a disability; their sex; because they are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or intersex ([LGBTI](#)); their size or body shape or any other ways they may be different.

Some students are bullied about their academic or sporting achievements or hobbies.

## WHAT BULLYING IS NOT

A single incident or disagreement between peers is not bullying. However, these behaviours may lead to bullying and should be resolved.

## WHAT CAN I DO?

As a school, we encourage students to report any bullying to a staff member so that it can be followed up. The school also has boxes located within the school where students can anonymously report bullying that they have witnessed or been a victim of. The school runs a range of programs to support students and a copy of our Anti-Bullying Plan can be found on our website.

## NEWSLETTERS

Starting Term 2 we will no longer be printing our newsletter but rather emailing it out to families. A copy of the newsletter will also appear on the schools website. If you wish to receive emailed versions of the newsletter starting Term, 2 please email the school at [deniliquin-h.school@nsw.edu.au](mailto:deniliquin-h.school@nsw.edu.au) with your child's name in the subject line to ensure that the office has your correct email address. If you do not want to receive newsletters via email please also let the office know.

Glen Warren  
Principal

## THANK YOU

Deniliquin High School would like to recognise the following donors for their generosity and financial support of our Presentation Night 2018.

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Mr R J Fawns on behalf of the late Margaret Fawns

## GOLDEN FLEECE

The 2018 Golden Fleece school magazine is available at the front office. \$5.00

**ENGLISH NEWS**

Welcome back to another year of excellence at Deniliquin High School. This year in English the focus of all units across Years 7-10 is on the textual concepts. Students will develop an understanding of: argument, authority, character, code and convention, connotation, imagery and symbol, context, genre, intertextuality, literary value, narrative, perspective, point of view, representation, style and theme. Students will demonstrate an understanding of these concepts through various learning processes such as; connecting, engaging critically, engaging personally, reflecting and experimenting. We are also moving to a more future-focused learning environment as students engage in more project-based learning units. Year 12 have entered the second term of their HSC course and their first Module, while Year 11 are beginning their focus on Reading to Write. The importance of reading is emphasised across the curriculum and engagement in reading is a strong indicator of academic success. Therefore, if a student has no homework, it is certainly an expectation that they will read.

This year students will have the opportunity to experience theatrical performances as follows:

- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019** *Just Romeo and Juliet!* Years 7 and 8
- And *Shakespeare: The Human Experience* Years 11 and 12
- 30th July.** *Hitler's Daughter* Years 7 and 8 Wagga Wagga-
- 30th August** *Macbeth* Year 10 Melbourne

In English, we have implemented a framework for lessons to support the PBL school values. One of the important facets of this framework is that students know the learning intentions of each lesson and the criteria they need to exhibit to achieve success. This visible learning strategy will ensure students see the value of their learning now and beyond the school context and be explicitly shown to be successful learners.

We encourage students to embrace the opportunities afforded to them throughout the year, including extra-curricular activities such as debating. Miss Johnson (debating co-ordinator) is seeking students who are interesting in participating in workshops held in Moama to develop student's skills needed for debating.

We are very pleased to welcome a new member of staff in the English Faculty this year. Miss Stirling has joined us from Sydney and is eager to bring new enthusiasm and ideas to support students in achieving excellence.

I'm looking forward to a very productive 2019 and hoping to see all students Facing the Task to achieve their personal best.

**SRC NEWS**

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Deniliquin High School welcomed the induction of the 2019 SRC team. These students work tirelessly to enhance the opportunities for students of DHS, raise awareness of important issues and provide a voice for all students in the school.

This year SRC are meeting during roll call which allows students to partake in this opportunity without sacrificing their lunch time for meetings and organisation.

During Term one we will be planning this year's events and building our skills as leaders of the school community.

Welcome

**YEAR 8**

- Remy Cathcart
- Dottie Wilson
- Matilda Glowrey
- Mia Tilders

**YEAR 9**

- Cooper Wall
- Izzy Salter-Warren
- Chris Moore

**YEAR 10**

- Meg Taylor
- Rosie North
- Milly Thomson
- Liv Cathcart

**YEAR 11**

- Hayley Whitehorn
- Georgina Mildren
- Ella Mullins

**YEAR 12**

- Tiarna Condren
- John Bowie
- Leah Blake
- Will Shaw

Year 7 students will have the opportunity to join the SRC in term two Nominations will open in week 8 of this term.

Rebecca Hof  
SRC Co-ordinator

<b>CALENDAR</b>	
<b>TERM 1</b>	
<b>Week 5</b>	25 February - Davidson Shield 20-20 (Deni) 26 February - P & C Meeting 6.00pm 28 February - Year 7 Parent BBQ 5.30pm
<b>Week 6</b>	6 March - Year 11 and 12 parent teacher evening 6.00pm
<b>Week 7</b>	11-13 March - Year 7 Excursion
<b>12 April– Last day of term 1</b>	

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2019

Our annual swimming carnival was held last week, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February. We saw some very strong swimmers try their best in all strokes. Throughout the day a number of records were broken.

Elena Mulham

14 Girls 100m Freestyle

New Time: 1:05.62 - Old Time: 1:17.28

14 Girls 50 m Freestyle -

New Time: 29.56 - Old Time: 33.18

14 Girls 50 m Butterfly -

New Time: 33.66 - Old Time: 41.00

14 Girls 50 m Breaststroke

New Time: 42.78 - Old Time: 45.94

14 Girls 50m Backstroke -

New Time: 38.31 - Old Time: 38.56

12 – 14 Individual Medley -

New Time: 3:00.28 - Old Time: 3:05.85

Luke Rodda

16 Boys 50 m Breaststroke -

New Time: 41.29 - Old Time: 43.09

SRC held a range of novelty events which proved popular for all who attended. The dodgeball competition saw Kyalite and Colligen meet in the finals for male and females Kyalite took out the female category while Colligen was victorious in the male. Students also had the opportunity to earn house points in the continuous swim and the Bomb and pin drop competition. Thanks to our expert judges: Debbie Bowie, Louise Bashford, and Jenny Wilson. Well done to all students who participated, and our winners Charlie Hillier (Junior Bomb), Jacob Edwards (Senior Bomb) and Tyler Marchant (Pin Drop/least splash).

Year 12 students celebrated the day in traditional style showing off their house colours and costumes during the Year 12 Parade and Lap of Honour. Love song dedications were played throughout the carnival, and the BBQ proved once again popular.

Final house points for the day:

Place	House	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	Nyrangi	538
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kyalite	341
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Edward	334
4 <sup>th</sup>	Colligen	137

Congratulations to the age champions and to all the students who qualified for the PSSA Zone Carnival on February 20<sup>th</sup> in Deniliquin.

AGE	Champion
12 years boys	William Campton
12 years girls	Kaili Anderson
13 years boys	Isaac Thompson
13 years girls	Kate Westcott
14 years boys	Charlie Hillier
14 years girls	Elena Mulham
15 years boys	Cooper Wall
15 years girls	Charlotte Strong
16 years boys	Luke Rodda
16 years girls	Sophie Strong
17 years boys	Thomas Duffey
17 years girls	Amy Rodda



13 Year Girls



Abbey, Kate and Shae



Abbey in 50m butterfly



Alvin in freestyle



Marisa



15 Girls 100m freestyle



Luke and Noah



Allie, Abbie, Olivia, Jarrah, Mia and Phoebe



Nyrangi's Lourens and Dottie



Edward's Georgia, Phoebe and Zara



Colligen's Leah and Bridie



Kyalite's Emily and Jarrah



Harry, Dean, Charlie, Tom and Miller



Bede, Harry, Angus, Liam, Noah and Ryan

**CAREERS NEWS****SENIOR PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION EVENING – WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

The first of our 2019 senior events kicks off on March 6<sup>th</sup> from 6pm. There will be two sessions running concurrently across the school on this evening. We will hold the Year 12 information session in the Library from 6pm to 6.45pm while the Year 11 students and parents are meeting with senior teachers in the MPC. After 6.45pm we will swap and Year 11 parents will discuss expectations etc.. for senior school and can return to the MPC to follow up any interviews they missed. We look forward to all parents attending where they can, so they can be well informed and armed for the months ahead.

**YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE**

Year 10 students have been advised that a work experience block has been organised for Term Two from May 27 through to May 31. The expectation is that ALL students will participate in this compulsory school to work event. As explained to students, they are only limited by their imagination and their resources. Work experience is not a funded activity and the onus is on students to meet all associated costs of the experience. We are happy to discuss individual opportunities, but again, we incorporate experiential opportunities for students by empowering them, where possible, to make the personal approach as would be required of them in the adult world of work.

**WHITE CARD**

We are asking students who are interested in a trade for work experience to enlist in the White Card course which will be run in-house in the coming weeks. The cost will remain around \$50.00 and will be a one day in-school course, run by Anthony Bradley. Students are being asked to place their name on an Expression of Interest sheet outside the Careers Office over the coming weeks.

**FISH PARK PROJECT 2019**

The 2019 Fish Park Project was launched last week with the selection of the candidates who will work on the project this year. Mrs Denny will enjoy the company of 11 keen students from Year 10 to assist with the upgrade and maintenance of the town lagoon system in conjunction with our fabulous partners at Local Land Services Deniliquin, Yarkuwa Indigenous Knowledge Centre, Edward River Council, MIL , Edward Wakool Angling Association and Rice Growers Association. The students participating are; Cooper Willoughby, Cable Fitzpatrick, Max Reeves, Kane Hall, Myles Amor, Jack Woodcock, Hayden Gardiner, Brandon Armstrong, Kai Hillier and Zach Noonan.

**SRE**

A special religious education (SRE) program will be beginning next week. Year 7 and Year 8 students will have the opportunity to participate in the program with Penny Fowler, a local church representative. This will be of a mainstream Christian ethos and occur once a week for 1 lesson. If you wish to withdraw your child from special religious education this can be done by completing and returning the SRE note tear-off slip to the Front Office. Students continue in the same arrangement each year, unless a parent/caregiver has requested a change in writing. At any time, you have the right to change your SRE nomination or to withdraw your child from the nominated lessons.

Students who do not participate in the SRE program will stay with their classroom teacher but no formal teaching of the curriculum will occur. Activities students could complete include assessment, homework tasks and silent reading.

Additional details of the SRE program on offer at the school can be obtained from the SRE provider Penny Fowler. Mr Tobin, Head Teacher HSIE, is the program co-ordinator.

**Homework Centre - Library**

**3.10pm - 4.10pm Wednesdays**

**3.20 - 4.20pm Thursdays**

**Students put their name down at  
Henry Street Office**

**Great for revision and homework**

**All students welcome.**

**Next P&C Meeting**

**26 February 2019**

**6pm, Meeting Room**

**Administration Building**

**All Welcome to attend**

**LOST PROPERTY**

**In the Henry Street Office**

**There is a large quantity of unclaimed  
clothing in the Lost Property basket.**

**Please come in and reclaim your  
clothing**

### WELCOME TO YEAR 7 2019

114 Year 7 students began last week. They have been nervous but also very excited and the playground has been a very busy place with them getting to know each other. The students are settling in quickly to the routines of high school, a testament to our transition program when they are in Year 6.

The Year 7 parent BBQ is on Thursday the 28th February at 5.30pm. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet their child's teachers in a relaxed setting.

Some quotes from our new Year 7 students

I like high school because ....

**Olivia** "There are lots of opportunities and more people"

**Kaili** "All the teachers are really nice"

**Cooper** "I've met new friends and I like the new challenges"

**Rory** "The different subjects"

**Archi** "The oval is big"

**Marcus** "It's fun, I have met lots of people and there's lots of opportunities"

**Lucy** "I like having different teachers"

**Liam** "I get lost and don't get in trouble"

Ms Kylie Barker

Year 7 Adviser



Teddy, Kaili and Koby in Science



Georgia and Trinity



Shawn and Ben in sport



Scout and Lucy



Marcus in Music



Ethan and Luke in Music





Education

# Best Start Year 7 Assessment 2019

## Information for parents and carers

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Dear parents and carers

**Best Start Year 7** is a new online assessment for students that helps provide information for teachers on the literacy and numeracy skills of students at the beginning of Year 7.

**The Best Start Year 7** will take place at our school in **Term 1, 2019**.

The assessment, covers key literacy and numeracy skills that are important to a student's success in all subjects in high school. Students come to high school with a range of experiences, skills and abilities in literacy and numeracy. It is important that teachers have current information about their students so that they can plan programs and lessons that best support the learning needs of every student.

**The Best Start Year 7 Assessment** will be completed at school during class time.

No preparation is needed for this assessment. Its purpose is to provide our teachers with additional information to best support the teaching of your child.

Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding the Best Start Year 7 assessment.

### Telephone Interpreter Service

If you need an interpreter to assist you to contact the school, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on **13 14 50** and ask for an interpreter in your language. The interpreter will call the school and will stay on the line to assist with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Principal  
Deniliquin High School

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