OUTSTANDING
2012 HSC RESULTS

Matthew Barton
ATAR 98.70

Eleanor Beck
ATAR 98.75

Madeleine Ryan
ATAR 98.30

Lucinda Logan
ATAR 94.75

Edwina Morgan
ATAR 93.40

Anda Herrid
ATAR 93.30

Alex Quilkey
ATAR 92.25

Anne Evered
ATAR 92.10

Bruce Wilson
ATAR 90.70

James King
ATAR 90.05

DATES FOR THE DIARY:
✦ 20 February> Year 11 Study Day
✦ 20 February, 5.00pm> Year 7 Welcome BBQ
✦ 20 February, 7.00pm> P&C Meeting (Staff Comm Rm)
✦ 23-26 February> Encore Excursion to Sydney (Music/History students)
✦ 12-14 March> Art/Drama Excursion to Sydney

We are working towards our
PBL Launch for 2013 to be held
on Thursday, 28 February
(Week 5).
Welcome back to another great year at Duval High School. Parents, friends and the community will have seen the extensive coverage of our extraordinary HSC results in various media outlets. Not only did our students achieve a huge number of Band 6s, but they also constituted a majority of the first, second and third places in a large number of subjects in the New England Region. We also had an HSC All-Rounder in Madeleine Ryan, and HSC Top Achievers in Matt Barton and Alex Quilkey. To top it off, our school made the Sydney Morning Herald Top 200 Schools List, and was recognised in the national media as the pre-eminent HSC school in the New England Region. It was a very exciting end to 2012, and we hope to maintain that air of excitement and enthusiasm throughout the whole of 2013, as we strive to add to our already glowing achievements! I wish, once again, to publicly thank Jeanette Verwayen, Lana Hardman and Gary Russell for the immense amount of work they put into preparing our media releases towards the end of last term. Their efforts have already borne fruit, as we have seen an unusually large number of new enrolments in this first week, many of them senior students.

On the domestic front, there has been much discussion this week over the changes to the junior and senior playground areas. As you can imagine, this decision has not been taken lightly and the reasons for this change are quite complex. Prior to 2011, the traditional playground area for students in Years 7 to 10 was always the front area of the school. Two years ago, I chose to move the junior students to the back of the school to isolate them from any danger associated with the construction work taking place on our Trade Training Centre. It also enabled us to embark on extensive upgrading of the hockey oval at the front of the school. This area is now an active games area for our junior students.

However, this relocation was always a temporary measure. The construction is now finished, and so the students have been returned to their normal areas. Furthermore, in 2013 we will be widening, lengthening and top-dressing the football oval at the rear of the school and installing our new football goal posts. Sadly, after two years of hard use the oval is also in dire need of rest and rehabilitation - we are currently unable to schedule football games at the school due to the parlous nature of the oval. I also received a number of complaints about misuse of the basketball courts and back oval from the PDHPE staff, for whom these are the main teaching spaces. These considerations have strongly influenced my decision.

Ironically, part of the final decision to relocate the junior years also had to do with another sporting issue - the lack of access to the handball areas for junior students. The drift of junior students into the COLA so that they could play handball, which was at the time a seniors-only area, was the focus of a large number of complaints from the seniors and the SRC last year.

In my discussions with staff on our first day this year, many pros and cons were raised about the prospect of returning Years 7-10 to their traditional area. The matter was also discussed at a P&C meeting late last term. I have spoken with several staff about the problem raised by removing access, for example, to the cricket nets for the passionate junior players, and am currently seeking volunteers to oversee the group so that they can use the nets regularly. A suggestion was made that the nets be accessible to junior students during the second half of lunch with a staff member being allocated to supervision. We are still investigating this proposal.

I regret that this decision has upset quite a number of students, staff and parents, but it really is necessary.

Stafford Cameron

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YEAR 7 WELCOME BBQ
Wednesday, 20 February
5.00pm start
All parents, carers and students of Year 7, 2013 are invited to join members of DHS staff on the front lawns of the school.
LAPTOP STOCKTAKE 2013

Every DER laptop will need to be seen and accounted for to comply with DEC stocktake requirements. Mrs Naylor will be visiting classes of year 10, 11 and 12 during the next week to ensure that all laptops are counted as soon as possible.

Year 9, 2013 laptops will be arriving later in Term 1 and Mrs Naylor hopes to have them ready to hand out before the end of Term 1.

Please contact Mrs Naylor if you have any questions.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS - YEAR 12

Special provisions/Disability provisions are available for a range of reasons. These include: medical reasons, vision and hearing issues and learning difficulties. Medical reasons may include diabetes, epilepsy, ADHD, autism, OCD, depression, chronic physical difficulties, head or back injuries. All medical applications must have medical documentation attached.

Provisions which can be applied for include: separate supervision, time to rest, reader, writer, medication, natural lighting.

Please contact Mrs Jane Weber (Learning and Support Teacher) for further information or to start the process of applying for Special Provisions. Applications to the Board of Studies must be made as soon as possible, preferably before the end of Term 1. However if these provisions become necessary during the year, please make contact as soon as you become aware of it.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2013 HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS

Crane - Fraser Yule
Crane - Marni Walsh
Gardiner - Xavier Dean
Gardiner - Brittany Freeman
McIntyre - Harrison Munday
McIntyre - Rheyanon Shields
Walker - Hugh Winter
Walker - Annalise Howard

LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRING

Order and pay for your bulbs now. Catalogues available from the Front Office.
This is a Year 12 Prefects fundraiser. We are fundraising for our charities:
The Jimmy Little Foundation
Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

Please return orders by Friday, 1 March 2013.
HOUSE VICE CAPTAINS

Crane Daniel Stanley 
Amber Askew/Charlene Mutuota

Gardiner Hayden Freeman 
Maddie Fittler 

McIntyre John Gailey Alice Rummery/Dea Trigwell-Lindley

Walker James Browne Megan Rayner

SPORTS NEWS

DUVAL RIFLE TEAM

On Sunday, 10 February, 5 Duval students competed in the IRB (International Rimfire Benchrest) Competition at the “Loch Abba” range—SSAA Guyra Branch Inc. Rifle & Pistol Club.

Alicia McManus, Melanie Frost, Grace Motley, Douglas Rowe-Dawson and Karl Simpson all showed up wearing their Duval sports tops, proud to represent their school, and competed against some of the top state shooters in the IRB competition. A total of 47 shooters came to compete.

This was their first taste of professional competitions and also of shooting the IRB target. Shooting was a three detail competition which consisted of a target card A3 size with 25 small targets (2.5 inches round) with scoring rings from 10 to 5.

This was put out at the 50 metre range and each shooter had to put one shot into each of the smaller targets (25 shorts). A hit on dead centre would give a score of 10 for each, the total target being scored out of 250 points.

Each shooter was given only 30 minutes to shoot on each detail.

Melanie Frost won the Junior Girls title with an excellent total score and Karl Simpson came second in the Junior Boys, only being beaten by 12 points.

Douglas, Grace and Alicia found the 10 rings as well, shooting in the top of the junior class.

Coaches Tom Keys, Sonia Frost and members of the SSAA Guyra Branch Inc. Rifle & Pistol Club would like to congratulate the Duval Rifle Team on such a brilliant effort.

SAM JENNER - CYCLING STAR

Our congratulations to Sam Jenner (Year 10) on his recent outstanding performance at the NSW Track Cycling Championships. Sam won the gold medal and was crowned State Champion in the NSW Under 17 individual pursuit. As a result of his win, he was named in the NSW track cycling team to contest the National Junior Track Cycling titles in Adelaide later this month. We wish Sam every success.