PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Families & School Community,

Below is the speech I made at the Year 12 Graduation last Thursday evening, a wonderful evening to celebrate the achievement and success of our Year 12 Students. I hope you enjoy the read.

To the Class of 2015

Tonight could be considered to be one of the most important in your educational life – to this point in time: it represents the end of your formal mandated education.

So, it is timely to reflect for a few minutes about those last 12 years, and in particular, the last 5 at Henley High School. What will you remember in years to come about Henley?

The teachers - Mr Adams, Ms Moore, Ms Porritt, Mr Brooks times 2, Mr Noll, Ms Nash, Mr Whaley, Ms Twaddle to name only a few. What made them such good teachers? Is it because they cared about you? Took time to mark drafts? Treated you like a real person? Helped you understand the work? Supported you to choose a post school pathway?

The Subjects - PE, Media, Maths, Chemistry, Furniture Construction, English, Jewellery, Dance, Golf, Studies of Society, Cooking and Hospitality, Advanced Technologies. Why did you enjoy these subjects and were you successful as a result of the enjoyment? Will you ever use the skills learnt in those classes in the future?

Your future careers? Are you happy with the pathway you have chosen? Do you think you will get employment in the future in that pathway? Did you get enough help to make a decision about your future? Where will you access this support in the future?

The best times - Year 8 Camp? Excursions – to Burra, Mt Gambier, the Zoo? The Year 12 Formal, Sports Day, Clean Up Australia Day, tours to New Caledonia, Cambodia, Kofu or Leadership Camps in China and Koishikawa, maybe the Melbourne Museums or Central Market?

We at Henley High School are proud of the support we have provided for our students to achieve their best – now and for their future. Commendations from many old scholars on our website attest to student and family appreciation for the quality of teaching, career advice and learning opportunities provided at our school. Politicians including Jay Weatherill, John Rau, Paul Caica and also the Executive Dean of Science at Adelaide University, Bob Hill, are just some examples of the quality of our ex-scholars – not to mention Sportspeople such as Luke Dunstan, Jared Petrenko, Brodie Smith, Ken McGregor, Nathan Bock, Scott Lycett, Becchara Palmer and many others.

Our data indicates consistent improvement in outcomes for students with our SACE completion rating as one of the best in the state. Enrolments continue to increase and we will be close to 1400 students in 2016. We continue to focus on the quality of our teaching in all areas of our school, in the Arts, Humanities, Community Services, our high performing STEM and SPESS programs and the full range of opportunities that provide successful experiences for all students. We continue to consolidate and promote our significant community partnerships, our innovative use of ICT and our International Program with 6 study tours overseas that have been advertised for 2016/2017 – to Japan, Malaysia, Germany, Cambodia, Europe and New York.

Tonight, I am very proud to announce the Bob Hill Scholarship which will be offered to a Henley High School Year 11 student at a Presentation later in the year – this successful student will be supported in transition into Adelaide University Science during 2016 and be guaranteed a place in a Science Degree in 2017. This is a wonderful example of collaboration with old scholars and recognition of the success of our high performing STEM program at Henley.
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I specifically would like to acknowledge our 11 SLC students: they will complete their SACE, complete 12 years of schooling and graduate tonight. Congratulations to each of you and to the staff who have supported them. I know their parents are very proud!

I would also like to acknowledge our 2015 Prefects (pictured below) who have provided outstanding leadership to our school student body over the past 5 years.

Thank you for coming tonight to support the school and most importantly, the class of 2015. To the parents – yes it’s a tough gig being a parent of a Year 12, and there will be some sleepless nights to come.

To Paul Caica, an ongoing and strong supporter and member of our Governing Council, to our Governing Council team, to Jenny Sommer, our Education Director, Marg Rigby from IES who we could not do without, to Lyn Wright, our previous Principal and responsible for the establishment of our Lyn Wright Centre and other invited guests – a sincere thank you for your ongoing support throughout 2015 and for attending this evening.

To the class of 2015, I wish all of you the very best over the next few weeks as you complete assignments, portfolios and exams – and every success as future quality citizens.

Liz Schneyder
Principal
2015 YEAR 12 GRADUATION

The 2015 Year 12 Graduation was a celebration of the work and effort of our year 12 Students. Hosted by two of our School Prefects - Rachel Weidemann and Emily Chuong, the night was well supported by special guests, parents and students. The school thanks our invited guests for their ongoing support for our school and students, particularly in the sponsorship of our major awards. Congratulations to the following students in earning the major awards presented on the night:

Ho Kei Choi (Kristy) - International Student of the Year Award
Christie Marchioro – Lyn Wright SLC Award for Outstanding Commitment to a Vocational Pathway
Ben Fuss – Lyn Wright SLC Award for Outstanding Commitment to Learning and Achieving Personal Goals
Chanel Angrave – Australian School Based Apprentice of the year
James Murray – Governing Council Award for Academic Merit and School Service
Amelia Hutchinson – Josiah Mitton Prize
Jake Comitogianni – Henley & Grange RSL Award
Kristalle Blum – 2015 Sportsperson of the Year
Casey Brain – Paul Caica Award
Chloe Tomlinson – Matt Williams Award
Savannah Ireland – Australian Defence Force Long Tan Award
Rachel Weidemann – Principal’s School Spirit Award
Kendall Jenner – Caltex All-rounder Award

We would like to wish all our Year 12 students every success in the coming weeks with their examinations and completing assignments and all the best with their post-school pathways. Thank you to parents for their support over the years as student success requires a partnership between home and school. We would also like to sincerely thank our official guests and all family members and friends for attending this evening, particularly those who travelled from overseas.

Mark Adams
Assistant Principal, Senior School
SUPPORTED LEARNING CENTRE GRADUATES

This year’s Henley High School Year 12 Graduation ceremony was a particularly important and proud event for students, parents and staff from the Supported Learning Centre. With 11 students graduating, the largest cohort in nine years, we congratulated and celebrated the successes of each and every student.

Special awards were presented to Christie Marchioro for her commitment to a vocational pathway. Christie has successfully completed many work experience placements and secured employment at MINDA. Ben Fuss received special commendation for achieving his personal learning goals over the course of five years at Henley High School. Ben will be employed at the Phoenix Society. Well done Christie and Ben.

Other students have also secured employment at MINDA and Phoenix, with several students completing certificates at TAFE.

To all of the SLC Graduates, we wish you a happy and healthy future beyond school.

The SLC Team
The Design and Technology faculty invite you to attend The Adelaide Mini Maker Faire on Sunday November 1st, from 10am until 5pm at the Tonsley Innovation Hub (see map).

Our faculty will have a stall at this event, showcasing student work and selling student made projects.

Please find us located at Exhibit # 17 Artisan Avenue.

The Adelaide Mini Maker Faire is an event to inspire, inform, connect and entertain thousands of attendees in a family-friendly environment that celebrates technology, education, science, arts, crafts, engineering, food, sustainability – and more.

There will be over 100 displays of ideas and creativity, which will surprise and delight. Adelaide Mini Maker Faire will be a chance to meet makers, ask questions, and see old crafts and new technologies side by side. There will also be opportunities to get hands on at workshops and a world class speakers program that will entertain the brain.

Please feel free to come along as we look forward to meeting with you.

Please see full flyer on page 9 of this newsletter.

Angelo Piantadosi
Design & Technology Coordinator

CONCEPT2CREATION – SWAT CHALLENGE

This semester year 10 Advanced Technologies students have been working in teams to design, manufacture and test a craft and system capable of collecting 500ml water samples (+/- 20ml) from 4 different locations within the wetlands. These samples were then to be tested for pH, salinity, and temperature. One team from Henley High School was selected to compete against other schools on challenge day at Unity Park, Pooraka. It was a successful day, thoroughly enjoyed by all students. Students will present their project and results at the Concept2Creation Expo in November.

Lauren Qvistgaard
Design and Technology Teacher
HENLEY HIGH SCHOOL’S CHOIR
NEW CALEDONIAN EXCHANGE

Henley High School’s ongoing exchange with the New Caledonian School-Georges Baudoux College, occurred during September.

New Caledonian teachers and students arrived in Adelaide at the beginning of September and spent 8 days in Adelaide being home stayed by choir members and others from the wider school community. The joint choir performed at the Henley High School Music Evening with great success.

From the 19th to the 27th of September the Henley High School Choir flew to New Caledonia to complete the exchange and home stayed with the New Caledonian Choir families.

During our trip we experienced amazing events such as a picnic at Noumea Park (Ouen Toro), a visit to the Centre Culturel Jean-Marie Tjibaou where students had a traditional lunch baked in a fire pit, and undertook a guided tour which was an amazing learning experience. The choir also visited the Noumea Markets, Baie des Citrons and the Noumea Aquarium where we sang to visitors at the turtle feeding tank. We travelled with our homestays to Phare Amadee, which is a world heritage listed lagoonal island.

We visited Georges Baudoux College, and had lessons (all in French) with our homestay students, and then music rehearsals at the College and the Conservatoire de musique et de danse de Nouvelle-Calédonie. We learnt French and Tahitian songs and the New Caledonians learnt songs in English which we rehearsed together. We were very fortunate to perform two concerts at the Conservatoire de musique et de danse de Nouvelle-Calédonie to celebrate the National day of New Caledonia, and these concerts were broadcast live on television and radio. The Australian Ambassador to New Caledonia was at the first concert and congratulated us on our performance.

This exchange was incredibly successful and has significantly enhanced the cultural and musical understandings between students, families and teachers in both countries and has formed strong links between both schools and the Conservatoire.

Comments from students include:

Being part of the New Caledonian 2015 exchange was probably one of the most amazing weeks I have had so far in my life! It was a great opportunity to learn a new culture, bits of the language, their schooling life, and to bond with so many lovely people who I am sure will remain lifelong friends by keeping in contact with by the use of today’s social media!-Anastasia De Stefano

From this experience I think we have all taken away that no matter where you come from and what language you speak, you can still form amazing friendships with others around the world. A lot of us have come back more confident in speaking to others and being who we are as musicians. This trip was so beneficial in so many ways that I cannot put into words how grateful we are for the opportunity we were given Thank you –Kayla Burn

This exchange will occur again in 2016 so if you are interested in joining our choir, please contact Ms Madigan, and you too can be part of this amazing experience.

Tania Madigan
Arts Coordinator
STAGE 1 HEALTH CLINIC 275 EXCURSION

On Tuesday 20th October, both Stage 1 Health classes travelled into North Terrace, Adelaide to attend a 1 hour informational session at Clinic 275, a fully operational doctor's clinic that specialises in STI testing and general sexual health concerns.

Students are currently undertaking an Investigation assignment on a sexual health topic of interest, so were able to utilise Emma Clement’s expertise as Clinical Service Coordinator, for interviews and further resources (e.g. brochures and pamphlets) in their research.

The majority of students left with greater knowledge about sexual health and the rates of STI occurrence in SA, and felt this was a very worthwhile experience, learning how to maintain their health and safety.

Alycia Wright
Mitchell Senior Sub-School Manager & Health Teacher

NATIONAL NUTRITION WEEK

To promote National Nutrition Week 11-17 October, Nutrition teachers Claire Rieger and Adam Spencer visited numerous classes around the school to help promote healthy eating and positive food choices. In their sessions, students got involved in an activity focussing on the sugar content in a variety of food products. Ms Rieger and Mr Spencer also filmed a short YouTube video called ‘Why is breakfast important?’ which covered:

Why is breakfast important?
What foods give us energy?
What foods should I avoid for breakfast?
What are some easy, healthy breakfast ideas?

We encourage all members of the Henley High School community to watch their video, and feel free to share with friends and family.

Adam Spencer
PLP & Career Development Coordinator

Claire Rieger
Mawson Senior Sub-School Manager
SSP MALAYSIA EXCHANGE

At the end of term 3, nine Special Sport Students hosted students from the Asia Pacific Smart School in Malaysia. We are hoping that this is the start of a long lasting annual exchange program.

The aim of the program is to expose the students from the Asia Pacific School with the variety of sports programs we offer at Henley High School and allow them the opportunity to experience school life in Australia.

All of the students are to be commended on how they have embraced being involved the program. It was evident that Asia Pacific Smart School students enjoyed their time at Henley and made long lasting friendships and will continue to stay in touch.

Our sincere thanks to all the homestay families, we hope you enjoyed sharing your home and family life and a huge thank you to the buddies for supporting and interacting so positively with the visiting students. We hope that the Students had a memorable experience whilst at Henley High School.

In March next year we plan to go to the Asia Pacific Smart School. Planning is well underway and the students who hosted this year will have the first opportunity to travel overseas to the Asia Pacific Smart School.

Once again thank you to the buddies and their families and we look forward to this relationship developing further in the future.

Tayla Atwell                    Ruby Hickman                      Jack Simpson                    Daniel Coote
Aimee Whibley                  Ella Carlaw                      Caleb Smith                     Alycia Wright
Nikolai Dobrovolski            Mikayla Sheffield                Deyan Sarac

Sammy Nutt
Assistant Principal – SPESS, Promotions & Events
DEFENCE INDUSTRY PATHWAYS PROGRAM

If you are interested in applying for the Defence Industry Pathways Program, please see Mr Angelo Piantadosi.

DEFENCE INDUSTRY PATHWAYS PROGRAM (DIPP) 2016

INFORMATION EVENING

Developing future defence industry workforce skills

South Australia’s Maritime Skills Centre (MSC) and the ASC (formally Australian Submarine Corporation) are preparing secondary students for a career in the state’s defence industries. The MSC have engaged TAFE SA to develop the Defence Industry Pathways Program (DIPP), which focuses on future skills and capabilities required in the highly skilled defence industry. The aim is to expose students to skill sets that can be applied to all engineering and advanced manufacturing career pathways.

The Advanced Manufacturing Centre based at Regency TAFE houses some of the most advanced manufacturing technology in Australia. In this course, Year 10 and 11 students will focus on Advanced Manufacturing while achieving 10 Stage 1 SACE credits in Design and Technology.

This DIPP program requires students to design and build a model submarine and destroyer. Students produce a design brief by using industry-standard design and prototyping applications. They then test and analyse their designs to determine methods of improvement prior to manufacturing the final design solution.

The students test and analyse their model’s performance, determine improvements and refine their model using state-of-the-art 3 dimensional modelling software. The students also use this software to test and analyse the effectiveness of the model’s design.

The results are then used to inform the design of the final models. Students use reverse engineering techniques, which involves scanning the design in three dimensions and then creating its mathematical geometry coordinates.