2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT - 2014

We welcome Families, Students and Staff to the 2015 School Year. We look forward to sharing our School successes and achievements with you all.

The year of 2014 saw an increase in staff accountability - of their own performance and the performance of their students - with data required as evidence of improvement (from peers and students and line managers). Through a process called Personal Development Planning, all staff have been involved in a process of personal reflection against agreed Australian Teacher Performance Standards, peer evaluation and student evaluation.

The intention is to improve the quality of our teaching as a priority over the next three years.

It is a DECD priority for all schools to become involved in a rigorous process of self review: - Attendance, Literacy and Numeracy, Child Protection and Improvement.

In August of 2015, we will be reviewed by the Council for International Schools (CIS).

We believe that we have done an outstanding job at meeting DECD/CIS requirements - and hence our own targets for 2014 - which the Governing Council has been monitoring at their meetings

Some highlights for the year include:

- Significant increase in International student numbers to 100 Graduate and Study Abroad students
- Increase in the academic intent and achievement SPESSS enrolments - and ongoing AFL draft successes
- Increase in whole school enrolments to capacity - currently 1400 students on campus
- Steady improvement in SACE achievement, SACE completion and movement from Bs to As - Merits in Chemistry, Health, Research Project,
- Improved attendance and student achievement
- Electronic reporting to all families
- Parent Portal allows parent access in real time to student data
- 100% SACE completion and 98% attendance by aboriginal students in 2014
- Erica Ghezzi attained a 99.8 ATAR score and is our Dux for 2014 - and wins a Principal’s Scholarship for Adelaide University

- Increased focus on Literacy and Numeracy with appointment of Assistant Principal. Focus on PAT Maths and PAT Reading testing and results resulting in strategies for whole school improvement
- Highly successful Arts Festival
- World Challenge teams went to Laos and Cambodia for the first time - thanks to Ian McGregor Day: student leaders were invited to Ritsumeikan in Kyoto and Cambodia; year 10 students at Henley participated in lessons in real time with year 10 science students in Koshikowa, Japan and Henley staff visited schools in Thailand and South Korea: we signed a Sister School agreement with a highly prestigious school on the outskirts of Berlin, Germany
- Consolidated links with UNI SA and Adelaide University re the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) agenda - resulting in increased enrolments and attainment in STEM subjects; have won more grants for 2015 and Sandy Moran continues to provide leadership in STEM and Career Development in the region
- Successful transition of our year 12 students in the SLC to post school employment
- 2 full time apprenticeships won during the holidays - Congratulations to staff and students. Our VET numbers and successes continue to grow
- Visits to the school by many local, interstate and overseas dignitaries including Chris Pyne, Julie Bishop and Ministers of Education from Tokyo and Bangkok
- Negotiation for implementation of Office 365 and iScholaris
- Negotiation of a new website and school brand

The staff and students of Henley High School are proud of their achievements. We have a collective culture of improvement which will be externally assessed during 2015.

Liz Schneyder
Principal
TERM DATES
TERM ONE
27th January - 10th April
TERM TWO
27th April - 3rd July
TERM THREE
20th July - 25th September
TERM FOUR
12th October - 11th December

UPCOMING EVENTS
TUESDAY 10TH MARCH
Sports Day
WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH
Open Day
WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH
6pm, Finance Meeting - Governing Council
7pm Governing Council Meeting
FRIDAY 10TH APRIL
End of term 1

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
MONDAY 9TH MARCH
Adelaide Cup
FRIDAY 3RD APRIL
Good Friday
MONDAY 6TH APRIL
Easter Monday

HOWARD MUTTON AWARD
Since the early 80’s, Secondary School Sport South Australia (SSSSSA) has awarded a trophy each year to a Metropolitan and Country Secondary School gaining the greatest aggregate of points for outstanding participation and achievements in Sport in SSSSA’s Inter-School Programs.

The award is named after the late Howard Mutton who was a pioneer for the cause of Physical Education in South Australian schools during the 1960’s, 70’s and 80’s. He was chief superintendent of Physical Education and at his prime played Sheffield Shield Cricket for SA.

The following criteria, each of equal value, are used:
1. Involvement and Success in Local Zone Sport
2. Involvement and Success in State Championships
3. Involvement and Success in State-wide Knockout Competitions.

In 2014, Henley High School entered and successfully competed in a wide range of sporting competitions against many secondary schools throughout South Australia. The following achievements were amongst the highlights of an outstanding year of sport at Henley High School:

- 8 State-wide Knockout Championships (In Open Boys Football, Open Girls Hockey, Open Mixed Hockey, Open Boys Team Triathlon, Year 10 Boys Soccer, Open Girls Volleyball, 8/9 Boys Soccer and 8/9 Girls Indoor 5-a-side Soccer)
- 2 Western Zone Weekly sport premierships in Boys and Girls 5-a-side Soccer, along with 2 Runners Up, and 9 zone carnival wins including Hockey, Basketball, Lawn Bowls and Volleyball
- Fantastic results in both ‘A’ grade SSSSA Interschool Swimming (3rd overall) and Track & Field championships (5th overall)
- A large number of students in SSSSA State teams and in SSSSA representative teams

Due to this outstanding participation and our levels of success, Henley High School has again been named as the winner of the prestigious Metropolitan Howard Mutton Award for 2014. This is the third year in a row Henley High School has won this award and it is a credit to the students involved, the staff who assist and the support from our outstanding community.

We congratulate all of our students and staff who have been an integral part of our successful involvement in School Sport in recent years.

James Treagus
Manager, Sport

STUDENT ABSENCES
To report a Student absence please report online via our Website or phone Student Services on 8355 7014 or 8355 7015.

Sport Captains Kelly Ross and Rian Pate with the Howard Mutton Shield
2014 SACE RESULTS

In 2014 students from Henley High School produced outstanding results in both stage 1 and stage 2.

At stage 1 94.4% of students completed their studies with a passing grade and 100% of students doing modified subjects completed their studies.

At stage 2 206 students graduated and achieved a 98.6% SACE completion rate - an improvement of 8% over the last three years. A total of seven students received eight merits in the following subjects:

- ANASTASIOU, Zoe: Cross-disciplinary Studies - Chad Winstanley
- FISHBURN-BUNGEY, Suriah: Business & Enterprise - Graham Brooks
- GHEZZI, Erica Sacha: Psychology - Jordan Nash
- ROBERTSON, Jade: Health - Alicia Wright
- ROSS, Kelly: Research Project - Patricia Kaidonis
- GHEZZI, Erica Sacha: Chemistry - Ray Wilke
- SMITH, Olivia: Research Project - Patricia Kaidonis

The top ATAR score was achieved by Erica Ghezzi with a score of 99.8 which places her in the top 0.2% of the state and Dux of Henley High School for 2014. Erica also won the Principal’s Scholarship to the University of Adelaide.

Other outstanding ATAR scores were:

- GHEZZI, Erica: 99.80
- ANASTASIOU, Zoe: 98.15
- MCGRATH, Shanna: 97.35
- GIBBONS, Jessica: 95.70
- ANDREWS, Tara: 95.40
- LORNIE, Georgia: 95.00
- LOIELO, Joseph: 93.35
- TEH, Joey: 93.20
- LOPIAN, Marni: 92.85
- ROSS, Kelly: 92.85
- EVANGELISTIS, Georgia: 92.55
- PATE, Rian: 92.30
- HARRIS, Shannon: 92.05
- PATITSON-WHITE, Stuart: 91.80

Other information from the Year 12 results includes:

- 13.2% of students scored an ATAR in the 90 or above
- 39.0% of students scored an ATAR in the 80 or above

Other information from the Year 12 results includes:

- 97.6% of Year 12 results were passing grades
- The percentage of students achieving 'A' grades has increased by 5% over the last 5 years
YEAR 8 CAMP
2ND - 4TH
FEBRUARY

On Monday of week 2 the Year 8’s of 2015 went to Normanville Beach and Second Valley.

We stayed at the Dzintari camp site for two days and three nights. Throughout the week we took part in six activities including snorkelling, raft making, fishing, beach sports, billycart racing and problem solving.

On the first night we went on an epic walk and on the second night we competed in a quiz. Both of the night’s activities were lots of fun. On the last day we took part in a Rusty-Person event. Twelve teams fought for the top spot in a series of events which were held on the Normanville Beach. Throughout the stay the food was delicious and there was plenty of it! Overall it was a great experience, meeting many new people and using team and leadership skills. We were able to get to know our peers and establish new friendships. We really enjoyed our time with the Wilderness Escape instructors, peers and teachers.

Megan Pettit and Jesse Ellis
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SURF SAFETY 2015

Along with Specialist Sport transition day and the camp at Normanville. Students also took part in a Surf Safety course.

The first few weeks of Term 1 for Year 8 students are hectic but also exciting. The course is held at Henley Beach and offers students safety at the beach while also giving participants the opportunity to take part in water activities in a safe environment, including board paddling and team building activities.

The first group headed down on Friday of week of 2 with the second group heading down on Monday of week 3. Both groups were rewarded with perfect weather, blue skies and clear water.

Students were taken through a number of activities on the beach which were new to most. This was partnered with the safety aspect on the beach which provided students with a greater understanding of the possible risks when dealing with surf.

A huge thank you to everyone at Henley Surf Life Saving Club and Surf Life SA. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their day.
THE SPIRIT OF SCIENCE MAURICE DE ROHAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Spirit of Science Maurice de Rohan Scholarship provides 10, Year 10 and 11 students from South Australia with the opportunity to participate in an overseas study tour to London.

Henley High School student Jye Dodd was one of the ten students awarded the scholarship last year and headed off to England in December. The students attended the filming of the Royal Institution of Great Britain Christmas Lectures in London and visited places of scientific significance and historic landmarks.

We are so proud of Jye for winning the scholarship and for being a wonderful representative of the Indigenous Australian students and Science students at our school.

Holly Sando
Aboriginal Education Teacher

The main things that happened on the program were going on The London Eye, going to Chelsea Stadium and extracting my own DNA at the RIGB building at the Royal Institute of Science. We also went on open top tour buses around the city and of course caught lots of trains everywhere.

The highlights were definitely going on The London Eye and seeing all different parts of the city, going to The Tower of London and experiencing the winter chill.

I learnt about the information and technologies that we currently have and that are being developed for the near future. The program encouraged us to continue to pursue science in all forms.

I would recommend the program to other students because it is such a great experience for them to have and a chance to make friends with the other people.

Jye Dodd
Student

ETHAN KESBY ACCEPTED INTO RIVER DANCE WORKSHOP IN DUBLIN.

Ethan Kesby has been successful in gaining a position into a River Dance Summer Workshop in Dublin in July this year.

Ethan put a written application with a You Tube clip of himself dancing at a competition into River Dance late November last year.

The workshop includes learning traditional River Dance routines, guest speakers about nutrition and fitness and various info about being a dancer. The workshop is being held at Trinity College in Dublin - one of the oldest Universities in the world and, recognised as one of the best Performing Arts College in the world. At the end of the week long workshop - the students will be performing to family and friends with their River Dance teachers. From these workshops, elite dancers will be chosen to perform at a River Dance show in Dublin. Ethan is very excited for the opportunity to learn from the best Irish Dance Troupe in the world.
SENIOR WEEK

As part of the introduction to Senior School - the Senior School Team organised “Senior Week” which was held at the University of South Australia - City West Campus from Monday 2nd February to Friday 6th February (Term 1 Week 2)

Henley High School would like to thank the University of South Australia for the use of their venue and facilities which strengthens our relationship with tertiary institutions and also gave students an insight of what further study will entail.

The program was a huge success and achieved our aims including:

- Reinforcing the expectations of senior school students
- Introducing students to key people
- Developing relationships between students and staff
- Providing critical information for success
- Teaching explicit skills required for success
- Motivating students to plan their future pathways more deliberately.

We thank the students who represented Henley High School very well, showing a mature attitude towards extra responsibility and engaging in a worthwhile program.

SAETA STAGE 1 & 2 ENGLISH TEACHERS’ REFRESHER DAY

Twelve Henley High School English staff attended the annual SAETA (South Australian English Teachers’ Association) Stage 1 and 2 English Teachers’ Refresher Day on Saturday the 7th of February at EDC, Hindmarsh.

New and experienced teachers of the subject were afforded the opportunity to network with other teachers across the state to share successful practices. In particular, Henley High School HASS Coordinator and Senior English teacher, Mr. Fred Jarrett made his debut as a presenter on the day, where he greatly impressed those in attendance with his practical insights into teaching Stage 2 English Communications.
JULIE BISHOP’S VISIT

On the 6th of February the Federal Foreign Minister, The Hon. Julie Bishop MP, addressed an assembly full of year 10 and 11 students from Henley High School, with student leaders, and School Principals from the Hindmarsh electorate also attending.

Ms Bishop spoke about some of the achievements and work that she has done during her current term as Foreign Minister, she was visibly moved by her responsibilities in regards to the downing of MH17 and the heart wrenching phone calls she had to make to all of the families. She also spoke fondly of the New Colombo plan, which gives Australian students the opportunity to study and live in Asia with the intention of Australian students immersing themselves into Asian culture and developing lasting connections and relationships with other countries in our region.

The Foreign Minister also gave some advice to aspiring leaders, particularly girls who wish to enter the political scheme. Ultimately she said to just be who you are and if you want something go after it. She finished by saying “you don’t have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.”

She attended a small reception afterwards where student leaders were given the opportunity to speak to her personally. Alex Linz described the experience as “inspiring” and Georgia Doecke said “it was great to hear about the New Colombo plan and the opportunities that can stem from it.”

Overall, the experience gave students an insight into Julie Bishop’s role as Australian Foreign Minister and what it takes to be a leader and be involved in politics.

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 18th March

Principal’s address followed by guided tours at 9.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm, 4pm, 5pm & 6pm

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