Principal’s Report to Ex Students AGM

It is my pleasure to write a brief report and overview of Kinross Wolaroi for the 2010 ex students AGM.

We have started the year with enrolments of 992 students. This includes over 230 students in the Prep School, 762 students in the Senior School and 293 Boarders. These numbers are slightly down on last year but given we had over 75 Boarders leaving Year 12 in 2009 this is an excellent result.

We welcome a number of new staff to the school this year. In addition a number of existing staff have taken on new positions of responsibility within the school.

- Huon Barrett - Head of PDHPE
- Renee Taylor – Religious Education/English – Acting HOD
- Chris Oldham – Head of LOTE
- Trent Chapman – IST & SDD
- Rosemarie Crossing – Mathematics
- Patricia Daniel – Mathematics
- Trent Critchley – Science – Term 1
- Carolyn Bennett – Business Studies/Commerce/HISE
- Astrid Lepelaar – Learning Support
- Anthony Roohan - Prep School Sports Coordinator
- Glenys Ramage – Prep School Music Teacher
- Haimish Karrasch - Head Rowing Coach
- Vanessa Hannan – Public Relations and Publications
- Haidee Priest – Head of Miller House
- Debbie Orrock – Head of Stuart Douglas House

Staff with new positions of responsibilities

- Suellen Young – Director of Staff Development
- Sue-Ann Gavin – Head of Social Sciences
- Jason Smith - Head of Brown House
- Bill Tink – Year 7 Co-ordinator
- Catherine Litchfield – Acting Head of Science – term 1
- Dianne Chapel – Head of History and Religious Education – Term 3 onwards
- Cherie Byrnes – Year 12 Coordinator

2009 HSC Results

- 40 students gained a ATAR of 90 or more
- Alex Calder and Alison Goddard top score of 99.95
- 17.08% of subject results were at Band 6
- 55% of subject results were at Band 5 and 6
- Mean ATAR 75.62, Median 78.03 compared with 2008 of 76.07 and 78.9
- Based on Band 6 grades - 79th in state
Holiday work

- New Prep School classrooms
- Fire upgrade in Wolaroi House
- New car park area near Main Oval
- Loader House bathroom and many other upgrades and refurbishments in the Boarding Houses
- General painting of classrooms, toilets, bathrooms and the Boarding Houses
- Installation of new computers and Interactive White Boards with associated infrastructure
- Reorganisation and relocation of the Groundsmen through construction of a new shed
- New set up with more extensive space for Cadets and a Triathlon storage area
- A majority of the Capital Works priority list totaling $700,000

One of the most pleasing aspects of development in the school of late has been the completion of the restoration of Wolaroi. The old homestead looks splendid. We now focus our efforts on the Tower!

Over the coming months I will be releasing a new Strategic Plan for Kinross Wolraoi School. This 5 year plan is filled with many new initiatives that will build on the current wonderful achievements and success of the students and staff. In addition there are a number of other changes that will impact on the school such as the retirement of Derek Pigot from the Chair of School Council. Derek’s wise and considered Governance of Kinross Wolaroi for nearly 30 years will be greatly missed. However the school is in good hands with Tony Cheney now leading School Council. Tony will put his own stamp and style into the leadership of School Council which will inevitably steer the school in a new direction.

In closing I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Ex students for the ongoing support offered to the school. We value our connections with the Ex students and ask that you all continue to urge past students to keep in touch with the school and of course their old school mates.

Finally the staff are immensely proud of our Ex students and we love to hear about your achievements. Please keep us informed of any outstanding feats.

Thank you for your continued interest in Kinross Wolaroi School.

Brian Kennelly

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