Principal’s Report to Ex Students AGM - 2011

It is my pleasure to write a brief report to provide an overview of Kinross Wolaroi for the 2011 ex students AGM.

We have started the year with enrolments of 979 students. This includes over 240 students in the Prep School, 737 students in the Senior School and 288 Boarders. These numbers are down on last year but with the largest ever cohort of 159 leaving Year 12 in 2010 is to be expected.

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.

- Darryn Marjoram – Director of Information Services
- Emma Jackson Le Couteur - English
- Marnie Grogan – Social Sciences
- Allen Grant, Ashleigh Hiskens – Mathematics
- Peter Whiting – Science
- Jodie Allan – Prep School
- Adam Thompson – English/History
- Claire Goodall – PDHPE
- Jonathan Hastie – Latin
- Angelina and Gabriella Whitten-Hannah – Music
- Ross Burrell - Music

Staff with new positions of responsibilities

- Graeme Walters – Timetabler
- Dave de Bruyen – Head Tutor
- Michelle Hill – Head of Mathematics

Staffing changes in 2011

- New Director of Boarding and new Head of Music
- Cherie Byrnes – Long Service Leave - Terms 2 & Term 3

Louise Brand Acting Year 12 Co-ordinator; Acting Head of Studies – Paul Mirrington

- Principal’s Sabbatical - Term 3; Bev West – Acting Principal; Huon Barrett – Acting Head of Senior School; Paul McRae – Acting Head of PDHPE

- Geoff Hull – Long Service Leave Term 3 – Acting Director of Co-curricular – Catherine Litchfield

2010 HSC Results

- 45 students gained a ATAR of 90 or more
- Overall 2010 results are better than ‘08, ‘09; a median ATAR of 80.5
• Mean ATAR 75.85, Median 80.5, compared with 2009 of 75.62 and 78.03
• 59% of subject results were at Band 5 and 6
• Based on Band 6 grades – 74th in state - 2009 79th
• Victoria Cook – 1st in Ext French

Holiday work

• Removal of tree at PLC outside the dining room
• New bus shelter
• New garage for Head of Wolaroi’s residence
• $40,000 of general painting
• $25,000 on new road works within Wolaroi and PLC
• Installation of new computers and Interactive White Boards
• Room 4 to be set up for Video Conferencing – funding from the AIS
• Installation of new water Bubblers
• New weights/conditioning room in gym
• $10,000 bathroom renovations in Boarding
• New Science laboratories – plan to begin building at the end of term 3. This is a $9 million project

Overall KWS is in great shape. We continue to grow and develop in all areas. The presentation of the our beautiful grounds and the overall feel of the school is one in which I am immensely proud. The staff and students of KWS are a hard working, high achieving group for which I am personally truly grateful.

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 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.

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

Thank you for your continued support of Kinross Wolaroi School.

Brian Kennelly
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