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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

COLLEGES ARE GROUNDED IN OUR HISTORIES PROVIDING A SENSE OF PLACE AND PEOPLE, SHARED VALUES AND STORIES WHICH UNDERPIN WHERE WE HAVE COME FROM AND WHY WE ARE HERE. IMPORTANTLY THESE FOUNDATIONS ALSO PROVIDE AN IMPETUS TO CONTINUE EXPLORING AND FINDING NEW STORIES, NEW WAYS OF BEING THAT WILL TAKE US FORWARD.

Dunmore Lang College has a relatively recent beginning but we also have a rich and deeply grounded narrative of who we are, where we have come from and where we are headed, and this is, in no small part, embodied by the people who have helped to guide and support the College from its beginnings to now.

And so it was with great sadness we learned of the passing of Mr Allen Tingey MBA, FAI, FMA and past Chair of the Dunmore Lang College Board (2002-2006) this month. Although I did not have the privilege of working with Allen, the reminiscences of his family and friends provided an insight into the life and motivations of the man whose steady hand and caring nature carried the College

forward under his chairmanship providing a strong base that sustained the College through the recent wider economic changes and challenges.

As Mr Scott Atkins, the current Chair of the College Board, observed afterwards: the firm handshake, the soft but direct voice, the care and compassion, his decisiveness and professionalism were all highlighted in each remembrance and it was these qualities which ensured Allen's leadership of the College Board was not only professional and strategically focused but always centred on the wellbeing and needs of the students.

This ongoing connection between the founding vision and ethos established by Miss Dorothy Knox and the original committee members, and those who have followed in Board, staff and student leadership roles, forms the core of the College's story today.



Mr Allen Tingey,
former Chair
of Dunmore
Lang College

The commitment to striving for excellence, social justice and service to our wider community, as well as equipping the next generation of business and civic leaders is more than an aim, it has been exemplified in the lives and contributions of those who have served the College so ably.

Allen Tingey was such a person – pragmatic, generous, empathetic and a man of the highest principles. Not only was he the Chair of the Board for five years, Allen also served as a Board member for fifteen years from 1993-2008, and on his retirement and in recognition of his selfless and outstanding contribution he was made a Life Fellow of the College.

Mr Charles Miller, former Board Member and the Chair who first recruited Allen's talents will provide a personal reflection on their time together in the next issue of Ngarra.

I hope as you read about the activities and achievements of our current community in this edition you will hear this same passion for excellence, service and working for change being carried forward by the next generation. As always it is an inspiration to read their achievements and especially to know this is only the beginning of many journeys yet to unfold.

DR ALASDAIR MURRIE-WEST BA, BCA,
BD (HONS), PHD (MELB)

2015 SEMESTER ONE ACADEMIC RESULTS

The College staff and Board congratulate the students for their excellent academic results in Semester One. There was a marked improvement over 2014 (which were also very good) in the number of students gaining higher grades with a fifteen percent increase in Distinction grades and an almost fifty percent

increase in High Distinction grades. Across the board, students' results were at or better than the Macquarie University average distribution of grades and reflect the hard work of student residents as well as the support programmes and work of the Social Academic Committee.

	All undergraduate students	Scholarship holders	Macquarie University average distribution
High Distinction	7.7%	9.4%	8%
Distinction	24.1%	36.5%	12%
Credit	32.0%	27.6%	30%
Pass	26.8%	19.4%	35%
Fail	9.4%	7.1%	15%
Students who gained a credit grade or better	63.8%	73.5%	50%
Students who passed all subjects sat	79.6%	86.3%	

THE EXCITEMENT OF A NEW BEGINNING

ON SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY EXCITEMENT AND ANTICIPATION FILLED THE HALLS OF DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE – THIS COULD ONLY MEAN ONE THING, CHECK-IN DAY 2015 WAS FINALLY HERE.

It's our biggest day of the year and once again it was a complete success. Our new residents were greeted with balloons and music as they arrived, a coffee cart set up in the foyer serving freshly made cappuccinos and being a hot summer's day we even had our Principal Alasdair Murrie-West handing out ice-blocks to everyone who walked in the door.

The ADS team had set up a merchandise store that was going crazy with sales and the Resident Advisors and O Week leaders were helping our new residents to their rooms.

The whole day seemed effortless. The admin staff were very efficient attending to everyone. Even when there was a small wait there was always someone to talk to. The combined effort from everyone was what made this day such a huge success.

A day like this is an experience never to be forgotten. For most people this was the first time moving away from friends and family but with the amazing vibe around College those nerves were quickly replaced with excitement. We knew we had a great bunch of people joining our DLC family. We look forward to doing it all over again next year!

NICOLE O'KEEFE, REGISTRAR



CHECK IN DAY 2015

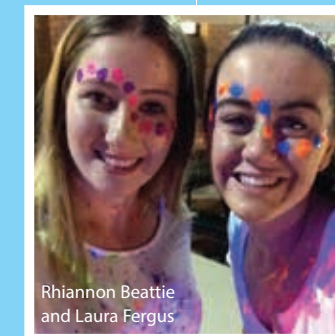


A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

THE TRANSITION FROM A RURAL REGIONAL AREA TO A CITY IS NEVER AN EASY ONE AND MY FIRST YEAR OF LIVING OUT OF HOME WAS LESS THAN IDEAL.

I began living on campus in 2014, relocating from my small country town to living in a share house in an unfamiliar city. I shared a house with four housemates but otherwise I didn't know anyone. The idea of being completely independent and being able to support myself was exciting. While enjoying my new-found independence, the reality of weekly budgeting for food, cooking my own meals and negotiating with housemates over basic chores didn't take long to kick in and by second semester the novelty of living away from home had worn off. Between issues with housemates, hidden costs, an extreme lack of academic and emotional support as well as few opportunities to make friends, I was overwhelmed and wasn't enjoying my time at university.

In September I realised just how emotionally and mentally unhealthy my housing situation was. It was then I started looking into other options for accommodation as I knew I'd be in Sydney until the completion of my degree. It was during one of my classes on campus that I became friends with a girl who lived here in Dunmore Lang College and she loved it. While I was worried about the cost and the compromise of my independence, it didn't take much convincing to get me to call up and organise a College tour to get more information. I was relieved to find it didn't cost any more than I was already paying and that everything I needed would be included in the cost. A few days later, I took a chance and was accepted later that week to move in for 2015.



Rhiannon Beattie
and Laura Fergus

On Move-In Day, I immediately felt welcomed by the returning students, Resident Advisers, O Week leaders and staff at DLC who showed me to my room. Everyone went above and beyond to help me feel welcome, so much so they even helped me unpack my car! The festivities began almost straight away. O Week has to be the most amazing week I have ever experienced, including a harbour cruise, scavenger hunt around Sydney's CBD, Miss DLC and learning the fresher dance. Apart from all the fun activities, I was most importantly able to meet and make friends with people of all ages and from all around the world. I knew that I was going to love College life.

I thought living away from home couldn't get any better, and the feeling of a tight knit and supportive community continued after O Week. We have regular social events and one of the highest Resident Advisor to student ratios in Australia. We are able to be independent but are provided support when we want it – there's always someone to give students a helping hand when needed. Academically, I am doing better than ever before which comes as a result of the academic support provided at Dunmore Lang through tutors and Nerd Nights on Sundays.

Living here at Dunmore Lang, I have come to find that there are many leadership and career opportunities that wouldn't have been available to me had I not changed residences. These are the opportunities which help to set you apart from other university graduates. The thing that I enjoy most, however, is that living in such a close knit community, you never feel lonely because there's always someone to have a chat or watch a movie with. Dunmore Lang College is one big family and I've finally found somewhere to call my home away from home.

RHIANNON BEATTIE, HICKEY'S CREEK

COMMENCEMENT DINNER

FEBRUARY 2015

THE COMMENCEMENT DINNER WELCOMED NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS TO THE COLLEGE AND MARKED THE START OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR.

With a large turnout of students and guests, the Dining Hall was buzzing with conversation and laughter.

Our guest speaker, Ms Angela Voerman, the Manager of Campus Engagement at Macquarie University, reflected on her experience as a member of the at Dunmore Lang College residential community whilst a student at Macquarie University. Signifying the strong community and friendships that are formed at College, she brought a pottery bowl that she received for her 21st birthday given to her by the friends she had made at College.

The night celebrated the first-year and returning 2015 Scholarship recipients and recognised the tremendous contribution by our donors including Alliance Catering, Pitcher Partners, Paragon Risk Management, The Rotary Club of North Ryde and in particular the generosity of Mr John and Mrs Yvonne Almgren.

Robert Schwager, Tim Porter and Hannah Dodd showcased some of the impressive musical talent the College has with performances to keep the guests entertained.

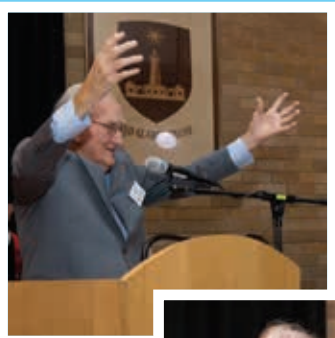
Rounding out the evening were a few fine words of encouragement and a big cheer courtesy of Mr John Almgren.



L to R: Brian Hurd, Manager, Macquarie University Coursework Scholarships and Prizes Unit with Eloise Matthews, Telecia Brown, Tim Forrest, Samuel Johnston and Dr Alasdair Murrie-West



L to R: Dr Alasdair Murrie-West, Claudia Chaffey and Ms Maggie Alexander, Rotary President



Mr John Almgren



Ms Angela Voerman
Manager, Campus Engagement

Amelia Cook, Newcastle, Matilda Meehan, Bathurst, Annalise Healy, Devonport, Inger Southwick, Calga, Jordan Pereira, Tamworth, Lucy Aylward, Orange, Courtney Kovac, Blackman's Point, Megan McMurdo, Kensington

A CAREER IN LAW

KNOWING THE DISCIPLINE YOU WANT TO STUDY AND CAREER YOU WISH TO PURSUE MAKES LIFE AT UNIVERSITY JUST THAT LITTLE BIT EASIER. LIVING ON CAMPUS AT COLLEGE ADDS YET ANOTHER LEVEL OF EASE. HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN AN INTERNSHIP THAT INSPIRES YOU IS TRULY AMAZING.



I am Shantell Bailey and I am currently a fourth year combined LLB Law and Social Science student majoring in Criminology at Macquarie University.

As a law student I have developed a growing interest and passion for social

justice and recently I was lucky enough to secure a placement at Redfern Legal Centre (RLC). Established in 1977, RLC is the oldest Community Legal Centre (CLC) in New South Wales and the second oldest in Australia.

RLC works across areas of law including tenancy, credit and debt, employment and discrimination, police powers and administration, as well as running Sydney Women's Domestic Violence Court and Advocacy Service for victims of domestic violence and the care and protection of children.

The Centre initially began with one paid staff member, limited funds and an extended

branch of volunteers – all who were enthusiastic, passionate and committed to providing vulnerable and disadvantaged clients access to justice.

In 2015, the passion of solicitors and legal assistants working towards improving this access is still alive and has inspired me to pursue a career within the law working towards achieving social justice for all.

During my cadetship thus far I have been a first point of call through our reception when providing assistance to vulnerable and disadvantaged clients, as well as working with the principal and senior solicitors to review cases and carry out legal tasks.

I have also been extremely lucky to engage with the community at events such as NAIDOC week, RLC and UNSW's jointly hosted forum at Parliament House concerning the future of police accountability in Australia, as well as through CLCNSW quarterly events where I was able to network with many inspiring CLC solicitors from across NSW.

One major project I am grateful to have been a part of, was assisting with updating and editing the current NSW Law Handbook. I worked with RLC to provide information to solicitors about



communicating and providing legal advice to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients in NSW.

I feel that my experiences at RLC have given me a newfound confidence in working towards change in our society. If I could give one piece of advice to other students; it would be to gain such valuable practical experience while studying to enhance your understanding of community issues so as a future legal practitioner you have practical knowledge in your preferred area of law.

Applying for and learning from such experiences has allowed me an element of practical experience that I would not have gained until I entered the 'real world'. My internship experience has given me a taste of the working life of a lawyer, given me confirmation that I can make a difference for others and solidified my belief that I have chosen the right career path.

MAKING NEW CONNECTIONS

ROAD TRIPS, SUITCASES, COFFEE, MERCHANDISE, OPEN DAYS, COLLEGE TOURS, ENDLESS TALKING AND LOTS OF LAUGHTER IS WHAT EPITOMISES A DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE MARKETING TRIP.

Each year the journey begins in January with Open Day when hundreds of eager school leavers and their parents tour the College and the University. Current Dunmore Lang College students helped out greeting and taking visiting students and their families on tours. The College was alive with chatter and laughter as students shared news and updates with family friends from their hometowns and schools.

In May, visits to local schools and regional towns began stretching the length of New South Wales from Lismore in the North, Leeton in the West and Wollongong to the South of Sydney as well as Canberra and Sydney local schools. Sometimes we have been fortunate to have students accompany us which has really added to the experience both for interested students and our staff. Everywhere we went we took our always popular lollies.



We are now preparing for the September Open Day at Macquarie University when the College will once again open its doors to welcome visitors en masse.

Robert Schwager, Wee Waa, representing the College at the St Joseph's College Careers evening



Liza and Nicole



Kimberley Cramp, originally from Canberra and a current Dunmore Lang Student and Resident Adviser, taking time out in Canberra to enjoy one of Pâtisseries's famous milkshakes

STEPPING UP TO LEADERSHIP WITH WESTPAC

YOU HAVE SWEATY HANDS, A QUICKENING PULSE AND YOU KNOW THAT YOU ARE GRADUALLY GOING RED IN THE FACE. YOU ARE LOOKING AT A ROOM FULL OF PEOPLE AND WONDERING HOW YOU WILL UTTER YOUR FIRST SYLLABLE LET ALONE A WHOLE SPEECH.

Public speaking is one thing that most people find daunting and something that most of us will go to great lengths to avoid. Aleacia McIntyre is no different from most people.

Little did Aleacia know when she commenced her internship with Westpac that in July this year she would be speaking to a large group at the launch of the 100 Women of Influence Awards. On that day Aleacia represented the Westpac Indigenous collective, Brothers and Sisters, by acknowledging the traditional owners of the land at the breakfast launch and she took this opportunity to speak about her experiences as an intern at Westpac.

“As an Indigenous woman and aspiring leader, I thought it was the perfect opportunity for me. Public speaking has always been a challenge for me so I was enthusiastic although nervous to take the chance to speak in front of the Westpac Executive team, including CEO Brian Hartzer.”

A Wongaibon woman from Central NSW, Aleacia is in her second year at Macquarie, studying a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Linguistics and Creative Writing and in her first year at Dunmore Lang. During the semester holidays, she began at Westpac as a CareerTrackers intern. CareerTrackers is a non-for-profit organisation that looks at giving Indigenous University students experience in the private sector.

Aleacia acknowledges it was the power of team work and support from her colleagues that enabled her to make her speech. “The team that I work in at Westpac, particularly my manager Abbie, and Brothers and Sisters representative Alison supported me and encouraged me as I stumbled my way through drafts and



nerves. The evening before the breakfast, we gathered my team in a large meeting room and I practiced in front of them. My team was surprised at how loud I could be, as I am usually very quiet.”

In her speech she spoke about the opportunities and skills that Westpac, the University and CareerTrackers had given her through the intern programme and the exceptional role models she had as her benchmark through her experience at Westpac.

Her speech delivered, she left the stage to the sound of loud applause, laughter and some tears. It was moving to see how her words and the experiences she spoke of had touched her audience of inspiring and highly influential people. Westpac CEO, Brian Hartzer, praised Aleacia for an inspiring Acknowledgment of

Country which was a proud moment for her and brought home what she had achieved that day.

“This was a really proud moment for me, I never would have thought I’d be able to speak in front of so many powerful people, and to have the most powerful person in the company mention my speech in his was incredible.”

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L to R: 2014 Overall Internal Woman of Influence Winner Jane Watts, Head of Inclusion and Diversity Ainslie Van Olsen, 2014 Internal Young Leader Winner Annie Shu, CEO Brian Hartzer, Group Executive for HR & Corporate Affairs Christine Parker and Aleacia McIntyre

DOROTHY KNOX DINNER



Staff and students from the period when Diana Gammon was Principal of the College. L to R: Company members Kees Nieuwendyk, John Almgren, Jan Land, Geoffrey Harrison, Scott Atkins (Board Chair), Charles Miller, Diana Gammon, Brian Spencer, Margot Doust, Helen Yardley, Roger Gammon, Ron Yardley, Lara Bishkov and David Gower

BOARD AND COMPANY MEMBERS CAME TOGETHER IN MAY FOR THE DOROTHY KNOX DINNER.

The dinner was well attended with a large number being people who contributed greatly to the College during the time when Mrs Diana Gammon was Principal (1987 to 1999).

The speaker for the evening was Professor John Simons, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) at Macquarie University. Professor Simons spoke about the changing nature of Universities, the impact this change will have on students into the future as well as the ways in which Macquarie University will be adapting to

meet these changes. Company Members were interested in these new challenges and especially the impact this will have on University teaching and research as evidenced by the many questions and comments for Professor Simons.



Professor Michael Johnson, Dr Alasdair Murrie-West and Professor John Simons



ALLY TRAINING

THE COLLEGE AIMS TO PROVIDE A WELCOMING AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH ALL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY CAN LIVE FREE OF PREJUDICE OR DISCRIMINATION.

In May this year a mix of staff and students – Toby Hemmings (Armidale), Megan Goss (Driver), George Heaney (Coogee), Teirneigh Parnell (The Narrows), Nidala Barker (Broome), Matthew Clark (Armidale), Katena Valastro (Darwin) and the Dean of Students, Liza Allen – attended Ally Training run by the Equity and Diversity Unit at the University.

Allys are trained to be aware of issues faced by members of the LGBTIQ community at College and to be a point of contact for anyone in need of support.

Extending the training to the rest of our team Jon Papadopoulos, from the unit also came to College later that month and trained our remaining Resident Adviser team. The College also supports Pride In Diversity, a not-for-profit employer support program for all aspects of LGBTIQ workplace inclusion and equity.

SOCIAL ACADEMIC COMMITTEE REPORT

THIS SEMESTER THE SOCIAL ACADEMIC COMMITTEE HAS BEEN WORKING HARD TO HELP RESIDENTS ENJOY AND GET THE MOST OUT OF THEIR STUDIES.

This was a semester of firsts for the Social Academic Committee (SAC). As always the tutorials provided by the College were strongly promoted and all residents were encouraged to attend.

We have a new high interest of students signing up for the Social Academic Committee at the beginning of the semester.

Faculty Facebook pages, including Arts, SIBT, Science and Engineering, Human Sciences and Business and Economics were also created, encouraging residents to share info and resources.

Nerd Night was given a bit of a shake-up with the introduction of healthy dips and vege sticks to accompany the regular sweets and cakes, which were kindly contributed by the kitchen. Some other new options were introduced including soy crisps, nuts, biscuits and cookies.

For the first time Dunmore Lang also ran its own Yoga classes in the lead-up to and during the exam period. Dunmore Lang alumni, Dru Watts, came back to lead our current students through some downward dogs and happy babies to help them relax and revitalize, and feel fresh and energised at the business end of the semester. We look forward to even more success in Semester Two!



MADLINE SEAGRAVE, TAMWORTH

2015 ADS



L to R front row: Sarah Baker, Courtney Dunn and Anna Healy
Back row: Nathan Crookes and Megan McMurdo

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF DUNMORE LANG STUDENTS (ADS) WERE VOTED IN BY OUR FELLOW STUDENTS AND OUR POSITIONS WERE ANNOUNCED AT THE VALEDICTORY DINNER AT THE END OF LAST YEAR. IN NOVEMBER 2014, WE STARTED PLANNING FOR THE 2015 ORIENTATION WEEK AT COLLEGE.

The overall thrill of being able to successfully welcome over a hundred new students into the College was an excellent learning experience and helped our team to connect and form strong friendships.

President Courtney Dunn, Glenthorne, oversees all events and programmes that we organise. Sarah Baker, Canberra, is the Senior Vice President assisting the President and overseeing the social academic, magazine, charity, merchandise, food and sport committees. Megan McMurdo, Kensington, the Social Vice President oversees the social, ball, international and musical committees. Annalise Healy, Devonport, is our Secretary and Nathan Crookes, Fountaindale, is the Treasurer.

2015 began with some very successful functions in Orientation Week including the Harbour Cruise and White Party. Other social and charity events throughout first semester have included DLC Olympics, Grooves on the Grass, Op-Shop Ball and The World's Greatest Shave. When assessments and exams were taking over everyone's time the ADS organised Dessert Nights with the Red Frogs Crew, and Yoga on weekend mornings allowing everyone to have a well-earned break from study. In second semester the annual College Ball features along with many other events.

Being part of the ADS Executive Team is incredibly rewarding and has really changed how we see ourselves. We have gained many new skills which will help us in our future careers. Being part of the ADS team has been the best experience that we could have asked for.

SARAH BAKER, CANBERRA

RED FROGS AT COLLEGE

DURING SEMESTER ONE, DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE HAS BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE THE RED FROG CREW VISIT NUMEROUS TIMES.

Almost all events held by the Association of Dunmore Lang Students have seen the Red Frogs attend to assist us and bringing us scrumptious treats and warm drinks.

Running an event can at times be very difficult and the Red Frog Crew provide valuable support to the College. In Orientation week the Red Frogs were there to help with the very popular Café Crawl, Sober Sunday and White Party.

If Orientation Week wasn't hectic enough the Red Frogs were available the following week to hold a dessert night, which ultimately resulted in the organisation of a few more dessert nights throughout the semester. If there is one thing that draws the crowds from the furthest rooms of the college to the common room, it is WAFFLES! A huge line, running the length of the common room, proved to be a rather large task for the Red Frog Crew. This prompted the ADS Executive to ask whether the Red Frogs' one waffle machine was enough?

The following Dessert Night we presented a brand new shiny silver waffle machine to the Red Frog Crew to thank them for their selfless, not to mention delicious, contribution to our College. We also knew that this gift would allow them to assist other colleges around the NSW area and make their job a lot easier!

We can't wait to see our friends at the Red Frogs again in Semester Two and of course can't thank them enough for the impact they have made at Dunmore Lang.

SARAH BAKER, CANBERRA



VOLUNTEERING IN AFRICA

AROUND THE WORLD, STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE ARE AT THE FOREFRONT OF EFFORTS TO GIVE THOSE LESS FORTUNATE A BETTER FUTURE. TOWARDS THE END OF 2014 I DECIDED I WANTED TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THESE EFFORTS AND DEDICATE SOME OF MY TIME TO THOSE IN NEED.

In the 2014/2015 summer break I ventured to Africa to spend almost four months volunteer teaching. I split my time between Zambia and Kenya. In Zambia I spent my mornings teaching in a school for orphaned and vulnerable children and my afternoons providing support to girls who had been victims of sexual abuse. In Kenya I spent my days teaching at a local Masai Community School. Before and during my trip, I was fortunate enough to raise \$2785 which I spent entirely on various projects and families whilst in Zambia and Kenya.

Arriving in Zambia I was overwhelmed with the scale of poverty. Almost half the people I met were orphaned and just about everyone I met was infected with or had been affected in some way by HIV. The evidence of malnutrition was vividly apparent. It felt like I was walking through a World Vision advertisement. The stark reality of not being able to help everyone was overwhelming. The school buildings were in disrepair and filled to the brink, with the poorest of children left standing outside, peeking through the school gates as their families were too poor to pay the fees required for their children to attend. The food in both countries was simple; a plate of maize (similar to polenta but white and with even less flavour) filled the bowls of the locals and myself twice a day.

Despite these seemingly dim circumstances, the people I met were always happy. Happy to see you, happy to share with you the little they had, happy to go out of their way to walk you from one village to the next and just happy and grateful to be alive.

One story which particularly touched me was that of nine year old Chimuka from Zambia. Chimuka grew up in a rural village with her parents. Being female and having some problems with her sight she was denied access to education from a young age. A couple of years earlier she was sent to Livingstone to live with members of her extended family as their cleaner. I approached Chimuka's extended family about sponsoring her education and

they were very resistant. I repeatedly heard 'She is a girl!...' 'Her eyes, it's no good!...' 'who will clean?...' 'No.' Fortunately just before I left Zambia I was able to convince Chimuka's family to allow her to attend school and in February this year, this beautiful, happy girl began classes.

I hope to return to Zambia and Kenya in the future to see how my new found friends are faring. I encourage anyone who has even the slightest urge to go abroad and volunteer, whether it be in a teaching, building, advocacy or other capacity, to do so.

Seeing the world and undertaking projects that both immerse yourself in the culture

and enable you to actively participate, is the best way you can invest in your own education and your ability to help others. Furthermore, through travel, I believe we are able to gain a global perspective and a strong independence that no other teaching method can impart.

TIERNEIGH PARNELL,
THE NARROWS



Chimuka

Our classroom and teacher



Having fun at break time



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SPORT

2015 IS SHAPING UP TO BE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF SPORT FOR DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE. WE ARE CURRENTLY LEADING THE INTER-COLLEGE SPORTS TALLY, WITH CONVINCING WINS ACROSS ALL FIRST SEMESTER SPORTS, AND ARE LOOKING TO SECURE THE SHIELD FOR YET ANOTHER YEAR.

The Inter-College Pool party at the commencement of First Semester set the tone for a promising year of sport with record numbers of Dunmore students getting involved and mingling with students from Robert Menzies and the University Village. We also had a large number of students express their interest in social sports and were able to register five teams across the sports of Mixed Netball, Mixed Touch, Mixed Soccer and Open Basketball in the Macquarie University Social Sport Competitions.

We proved our dominance in the Inter-College Sports early, serving up a storm in Volleyball and taking out the day overall with wins in both the Women's and Mixed matches. This was then followed by a clean sweep of the Inter-College Water polo and strong performances from our individual swimmers in the Relay events. Netball proved to be more challenging, with a narrow loss to Menzies in the Men's game, but once again DLC came out on top at the end of the day. In a fitting finish to our strong performance in sport this year, DLC took out the final Semester One event, Inter-College Soccer. The Men's team went through the day undefeated and the Women's team, despite a narrow loss to the University Village, went on to defeat Robert Menzies College convincingly.



PETA LARKIN, GRIFFITH &
HANNAH DODD, GRIFFITH
2015 SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION (NITESG) STUDENT GAMES 2015

OVER 400 REPRESENTATIVES FROM 29 UNIVERSITIES CONVERGED ON THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE, THE HOME OF THE FIRST GAMES IN 1996, TO COMPETE IN THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY GAMES.

Eighteen Macquarie University students, including four from Dunmore Lang College – Charmaine Brown, Seven Hills, George Dickson, Bourke, Sarah Rennie, Mardi, and Amanda Fotheringham, Blacktown – were part of the Macquarie University contingent as members of the competitive and social Netball, Touch Football, Volleyball and Basketball teams.

The highlight for most players was living and competing with their friends from home and around Australia. The players competed in three games a day but despite the challenging regime, fatigue and sometimes losing games, everyone was invigorated by the competition atmosphere and camaraderie of the games.

After four hard days of competition first place went to the University of Newcastle, second to the University of Melbourne and third place to the University of Western Sydney, with the Macquarie University 1st team placed in the top half of the competition and 2nd team placed 25th.

AMANDA FOTHERINGHAM, BLACKTOWN



INSIDE OUT

LIFE AT DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE



SCHOLARSHIPS 2015

JUDITH AINGE-MCLEISH	Coonamble	Undergraduate Academic Scholarship
LUCY AYLWARD	Orange	Dorothy Knox Bursary
SARAH BAKER	Canberra	Alliance Catering Undergraduate Scholarship
EMILY CAVANAGH	Crescent Head	Paragon Risk Management 'Step Forward' Scholarship
CLAUDIA CHAFFEY	Tamworth	Rotary Club of North Ryde Scholarship
EMMA FITZPATRICK	Jugong	Dorothy Knox Bursary
REBEKAH FRITZ	Windsor	Undergraduate Academic Scholarship
EMILY HEGARTY	Armidale	Alliance Catering Undergraduate Scholarship
EMMA JACKSON	Darwin	Undergraduate Academic Scholarship
HUGO JAMES	North Avoca	Alliance Catering Undergraduate Scholarship
EDWINA KEEN	Dubbo	Undergraduate Academic Scholarship
NIKOS KOUTRAS	Corfu	DLC Postgraduate & Honours Scholarship
ANDREW LAM	Kowloon	Pitcher Partner Prize
PETA LARKIN	Griffith	Dorothy Knox Bursary
JOHANNA MACAULEY	Leeton	Dorothy Knox Bursary
ANDREW MAY	Melbourne	Alliance Catering Postgraduate Scholarship
ELYSE O'HARA	Walcha	Dorothy Knox Bursary
HASHAN PUSSEGODA	Garden Suburb	Alliance Catering Undergraduate Scholarship
BEN SAUNDERS	Inverell	Undergraduate Entrances Scholarship New Resident
ROBERT SCHWAGER	Wee Waa	Special Area Scholarship (Music)
BRITTANY SMITH	Yamba	Undergraduate Entrances Scholarship New Resident
MAXIMILLIAN TYMKIW	Bega	John & Yvonne Almgren Scholarship
VON SCHREIBER		

DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE/MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY RURAL & REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

NEW STUDENTS

TELECIA BROWNE	Wagaman	MQ-DLC Rural & Regional Scholarship 2015
TIMOTHY FORREST	Wellington	MQ-DLC Rural & Regional Scholarship 2015
SAMUEL JOHNSTON	Orange	MQ-DLC Rural & Regional Scholarship 2015
ELOISE MATTHEWS	Goulburn	MQ-DLC Rural & Regional Scholarship 2015

CONTINUING STUDENTS

INDI ANGEL-AULD	Gum Flat	MQ-DLC Rural & Regional Scholarship 2015
NIDALA BARKER	Broome	MQ-DLC Rural & Regional Scholarship 2015
RHIANNON BEATTIE	Hickey's Creek	MQ-DLC Rural & Regional Scholarship 2015
COURTNEY DUNN	Glenthorne	MQ-DLC Rural & Regional Scholarship 2015
COURTNEY KOVAC	Blackmans Point	MQ-DLC Rural & Regional Scholarship 2015
TAYLOR-JAI MCALISTER	Baulkham Hills	MQ-DLC Rural & Regional Scholarship 2015
TIERNEIGH PARNELL	Darwin	MQ-DLC Rural & Regional Scholarship 2015
SARAH ROBINSON	Tamworth	MQ-DLC Rural & Regional Scholarship 2015

DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE/MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY INDIGENOUS INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP

NEW STUDENTS

MEGAN BRASIER	Kearns	MQ-DLC Indigenous Incentive Scholarship 2015
CHARMAINE BROWN	Seven Hills	MQ-DLC Indigenous Incentive Scholarship 2015
ALEACIA MCINTYRE	Mandurama	MQ-DLC Indigenous Incentive Scholarship 2015

CONTINUING STUDENTS

SHANTELL BAILEY	Gillieston Heights	MQ-DLC Indigenous Incentive Scholarship 2015
GEORGE DICKSON	Bourke	MQ-DLC Indigenous Incentive Scholarship 2015
AMANDA FOTHERINGHAM	Blacktown	MQ-DLC Indigenous Incentive Scholarship 2015
DJALA KALININ	Austinmer	MQ-DLC Indigenous Incentive Scholarship 2015
RAELEE LANCASTER	Toronto	MQ-DLC Indigenous Incentive Scholarship 2015
DANIELLE MALONE	Wandandian	MQ-DLC Indigenous Incentive Scholarship 2015
MADLINE MORRISON	West Hoxton	MQ-DLC Indigenous Incentive Scholarship 2015
SARAH RENNIE	Mardi	MQ-DLC Indigenous Incentive Scholarship 2015
TJANARA RIDGEWAY	Mt Riverview	MQ-DLC Indigenous Incentive Scholarship 2015
JOSH RUSSELL	Tregeagle	MQ-DLC Indigenous Incentive Scholarship 2015
JESSE SLOK	Marsfield	MQ-DLC Indigenous Incentive Scholarship 2015
JOSEPH VALASTRO	Darwin	MQ-DLC Indigenous Incentive Scholarship 2015
KATENA VALASTRO	Darwin	MQ-DLC Indigenous Incentive Scholarship 2015
AIMEE WOODS	Ceduna	MQ-DLC Indigenous Incentive Scholarship 2015



L to R: Dr Alasdair Murrie-West, Aunty Elaine Chapman, Charmaine Brown, Megan Brasier, Aleacia McIntyre and Brian Hurd, Manager, Macquarie University Coursework Scholarships and Prizes Unit



Courtney Dunn and Annalise Healy



Sebastian Howe and Dr Alasdair Murrie-West

THE 2015 RESIDENTIAL ADVISOR TEAM

THE RESIDENTIAL ADVISORS OF DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE ARE A GROUP OF PASSIONATE VETERANS OF COLLEGE LIFE WHOSE ROLE IS TO MAKE EVERY INDIVIDUAL FEEL WELCOMED AND SAFE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

We do this on a social level, linking like-minded people together and encouraging involvement in the College's social agenda organised by the ADS Executive. That team is one that shares our goals of a supportive and vibrant College, providing the best experiences for its residents. In a pastoral care aspect, we particularly look out for those struggling to adapt to University life in Sydney, whether that be academically, emotionally or socially.

I am very proud of how the team has supported the students and looked to issues not as problems to avoid but as challenges to approach and overcome.

The team consists of 19 wonderful people who I will divide into floors: Toby Hemmings, Kayla Atkins and Madeline Seagrave (New Wing), Tim Porter, Danielle Malone, Katena Valastro and Kimberley Cramp (4 East), Indi Angel-Auld and Brayden Jones (3 East), Jessica Preston and Ricardo Jones (2 East), Stuart Kempson and Melissa Lodewijks (1 East), Emily Cavanagh and myself (4 West), Bridget Byrnes and Nathan Stubbs (3 West), Isabelle Evans (2 West) and Lily Barnett (1 West).

We are buzzing with excitement for second semester with new residents joining us and a multitude of events such as the Annual Ball and Musical. The team will be slightly different as Danielle has left on exchange to Copenhagen and the rock of our college, Richard Manchee, a past RA, member of the Senior Duty team and a friend of many was farewelled at the end of last semester. Albeit, such is the shifting nature of our dynamic community and we will strive to make everyone's second half of the year better than the last.

SEB HOWE, NEWCASTLE



MADDIE SEAGRAVE

I COME FROM THE COUNTRY MUSIC CAPITAL OF TAMWORTH (AND BEFORE YOU ASK, THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT I LOVE COUNTRY MUSIC)! I AM HALFWAY THROUGH A COMMERCE AND LAW DEGREE MAJORING IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS.

I decided to come to Macquarie and Dunmore Lang as it gave me a chance to move to the big smoke without going right to the heart of the city. This is the part of Sydney that I find is the most friendly, and where the living environment is the most like home, just with a lot more things to do.

Ever since coming to college I have known that I wanted to one day be an RA. Since the first day when I moved into College RAs were the people who were there to help you with anything you needed and were the smiling face that always made you feel more comfortable and at home. I hoped that I would one day be able to be that person for other new residents

who might be struggling or who just needed to see a friendly face.

While I have been lucky enough to be involved in a number of committees and events throughout my time at Dunmore Lang, being an RA has definitely been the one that I have enjoyed the most. While it isn't all fun and games (fire alarms going off or unlocking doors at 2am) for the most part it is a great experience where I feel I am able to help others feel safe, comfortable and supported in some of their harder times at College. The RA team is made up of a great bunch of people who all make it worthwhile.



SEBASTIAN HOWE

I BEGAN MY TIME AT DUNMORE LANG IN 2012 HAVING JUST LEFT MY HOME TOWN OF NEWCASTLE TO BEGIN A BACHELOR OF ADVANCED SCIENCE.

In my four years at college I have been privileged to experience residential college living from a new perspective each year. First year as the naïve student, second year on the Student Executive running events, last year as a Residential Advisor and finally this year as Senior Residential Advisor and a member of the Senior Duty Team. My role is best summed up as 'looking after the people looking after everyone'. It was a natural step for me to take as I have thoroughly enjoyed working in the RA team.

Dunmore Lang has been the environment for my academic and personal growth but moreover the home for my emotional development since I left school. With less than six months left here, it is difficult to manage the conflicting feelings of letting go to explore the world and holding on to the comforting halls and people that make the home and family which have sustained me throughout University. I can unequivocally assert that my involvement at College, culminating in my time as an RA, has been at the forefront of building my confidence for the future.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

THE COLLEGE HAS WELCOMED TWO NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS. GRACE LI COMMENCED IN THE ACCOUNTS SECTION AND SAMANTHA GODDARD COMMENCED AS OUR CONFERENCE AND ALUMNI COORDINATOR.



Grace Li

Grace is a qualified CPA Accountant and joined the accounts team in February 2015.

Grace has lived in Australia for over 10 years and completed SIBT, a Bachelor of Commerce and a Master of Commerce at Macquarie University.

Grace is married with a very active 2 year old daughter named Harper.



Samantha Goddard

Sam joined the College as the Conference & Alumni Co-ordinator in December 2014. She has previous experience managing large event bookings for Sydney University.

Originally from New Zealand, Sam moved to Australia five years ago in seek of a new adventure.

BOARD FAREWELLS



Elizabeth Harding

Libby is an Alumni of Dunmore Lang College and decided to contribute to the College by joining the Board of Directors in November 2011 bringing her knowledge and expertise in Counselling and Psychotherapy to the College and in 2013, Libby was nominated for the position of Deputy Chair.

Libby's contribution to the College and the Board over the last few years is greatly appreciated by the Board Members, Staff and Students and we wish her all the very best for the future.



Kirsty Sniekers

Kirsty is also a DLC Alumni, completing her Bachelor of Environmental Management in 2007. Having been a Resident Adviser and President of the ADS in her second year, Kirsty made the decision to join the Board in 2010.

Kirsty has made a considerable contribution to the Board over the past four years and we wish her well in her future endeavors.

WORLD RECORD!

The College is full of movers and shakers and that includes the students, staff and well as our contractors. On August 11 one of our contractors at College took part along with his son in the 2015 Rugby World Cup record breaking scrum. The participants gathered at ANZ Stadium in Sydney and easily beat the existing world record held by England. 1200 people including Greg Palmer and his son Mitchell took part in the event. It took exceptional teamwork to achieve this feat and Greg and Mitchell had a great time on the day as can be seen from their smiles.



Greg and Mitchell Palmer at ANZ Stadium



A WORKING HOLIDAY IN EUROPE



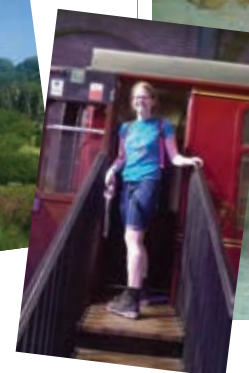
OVER THE WINTER BREAK I TRAVELLED FOR SIX WEEKS TO PARTS OF EUROPE. AS A STUDENT OF ANCIENT HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY MY TRAVEL PLAN INCLUDED ELEMENTS OF BOTH MY STUDY AREAS.

My first destination was Rome where I experienced the challenge of being in a non- English speaking country for the first time. I travelled South to visit the historic site of Pompeii where I found the remains at the archaeological site truly unique. An extensive conservation effort is underway to preserve what they can of this wonderful piece of history.

My next stop was Ercolano which lies at the western foot of Mount Vesuvius on the Bay of Naples. This modern day town is the site of the Herculaneum remains. Here I learnt that if you lose your phone overseas they will still call your mother in an attempt to return it to you!

After my whirlwind tour of the Italian coast I flew to England where I was mercifully reacquainted with the English language making life in general much easier. I spent ten days in London exploring the city as a tourist and visiting some of the major museums.

Through my exploration I have found a new love of stone architecture as not just the monuments in London but also many of the homes are older than anything that can be found within Australia. While there were many great attractions, the Tower of London, London Transport Museum and the London Zoo were my personal highlights. At the zoo I saw many animals I had not previously seen in Australian zoos. As a true Harry Potter fan, the Warner Brothers studio was extraordinary. It is simply impossible to fully appreciate the detail that went into the design of the sets without seeing them for yourself.



After my sightseeing I went to Ireland to begin an Archaeology course – the reason for my journey overseas. I found myself in a picture book setting of rolling hills gently sloping down to the crystal blue pristine coastline. In Ireland I discovered that when people said to pack for winter they meant winter in Antarctica or a similar location!

Despite the frigid conditions it was a wonderful place to be working. Our group began at 9am each morning and excavated until 5pm. Our work was to excavate some original trenches where we found pottery pieces. It's a very exciting feeling to be digging through the dirt and suddenly come across a dozen pottery shards. The weekends were at leisure so I explored the local area and caught up on sleep.

Having experienced such a wonderful and enriching time overseas I am looking forward to bringing my experience and practical knowledge back to my University studies this semester.

SARAH ROBINSON, TAMWORTH

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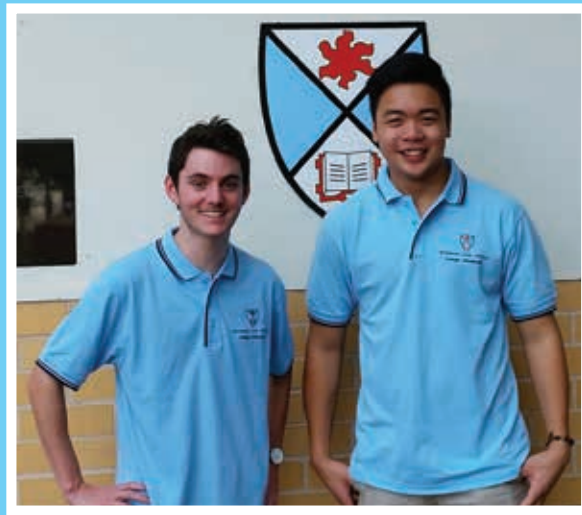


NEW LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE – COLLEGE AMBASSADORS

THIS YEAR THE COLLEGE HAS INTRODUCED A NEW LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE FOR STUDENTS – COLLEGE AMBASSADORS.

Ambassadors are students who have an interest in representing the College to the wider community. In our inaugural year we have eight Ambassadors, Rhiannon Beattie, Barry Blessington, Gerard Tioseco, Tim Porter, Rob Schwager, Sarah Baker, Hugo James and Nikos Koutras.

Ambassadors represent the College at University Open Days and take visitors to the College on tours of the buildings and grounds. Ambassadors are also invited to return to their schools to speak to year 11 and 12 students about their College experience. Ambassadorships are open to students of any year level.



Hugo James, North Avoca and Gerard Tioseco, Mudgee

THE DEAN'S FLAT



WITH THE OLD WING STUDENT ROOM'S ALL RENOVATED IT BECAME VERY APPARENT THAT THE DEAN'S FLAT WAS IN DESPERATE NEED OF SOME RENOVATIONS.

December 2014 was the perfect timing for the renovations to start with a new Dean of Students ready to commence work in early January.

The original flat, which was home to former Principals Margaret Saville, Glenice Hancock, Diana Gammon and Greg Eddy, was stripped back to bare bones, with walls knocked out to create a more open-plan living space, rather than the closed-in feel of the original design. Construction was completed in late January and the transformation has been incredible!

Liza has added some of her own touches to ensure the Dean's Flat is a comfortable space for her and her husband, Tony to relax and unwind after a long day.



NAAUC CONFERENCE

PICTURE A GROUP OF 300 TO 400 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE ALL PASSIONATE ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE, TEACHING AND GUIDING EACH OTHER TOWARDS A COMMON GOAL – MAKING UNIVERSITY RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES BETTER PLACES FOR EVERYONE.

Then you have a NAAUC conference. This year's conference was no different and six passionate students from Dunmore Lang were there. This year, the College sent five first year students – Eloise Matthews, Jess Foote, Georgie Quade, Tom Blake and Stuart Bashford and I was fortunate enough to attend on the National Indigenous Scholarship.

The conference was hosted by St John's and King's Colleges within the St Lucia campus of the University of Queensland. Arriving in Brisbane not knowing what to expect from the week ahead we were determined to soak up absolutely everything the week was offering and bring it all back to Dunmore Lang.

We were treated to inspiring keynote speakers such as Eddie Jaku, Matthew Mitcham, Nas Campanella and Andy Gourley.

The conference programme was rigorous, with days starting at 8:30am and finishing at 5pm and included role development seminars, workshops and pillar presentations on employability, time management, mental

health, gender equality, conflict resolution and ways to foster successful relationships.

The session on leadership, community, identity, wellness and sustainability challenged our pre-conceived thoughts on these topics and equipped us with the knowledge and skills to bring this back to Dunmore Lang to improve the College Community for current and future students. It has pushed each of us to become better residents and leaders with skills we will take forward into our careers and lives.

Although we were there to learn, it wasn't all business. The social program involved a colour run at the Gatton campus of the University of Queensland, the NAAUC-er games, an international soiree night, a merch swap night with a silent disco, a white party and a tweed-themed wine and charity night where our host was Alex Dyson from Triple J.

To top off an incredible week, our representatives presented a bid to host the conference at Dunmore Lang next year and despite tough competition from Mannix

College at Monash University, we were successful. This is an incredible achievement and we are very excited to see the conference return to Dunmore Lang and New South Wales. We will be working hard to make the 2016 NAAUC Conference the best yet.

We have learnt so much about the many facets of College life and issues facing Colleges today and we are committed to helping ensure Dunmore Lang College continues to thrive and provide a new home in Sydney for Macquarie University students. We cannot wait to see what's to come.

AMANDA FOTHERINGHAM, BLACKTOWN



MY USA EXCHANGE

THIS JULY I WAS SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN A THREE-WEEK COURSE ON TELEVISION NEWS PRODUCTION IN THE UNITED STATES.

For my exchange I escaped into the scorching summer heat in America's heartland at Butler University, Indiana.

The course had a practical focus and other students and I spent most days working behind the scenes of a film studio from morning until night. Other experiences included watching several news broadcasts in the live audience in Indianapolis, at both Fox and CBS Studios, and using a green screen to read the weather!

Halfway through the exchange the group travelled up to Chicago, which indeed lived up to its name of 'The Windy City'. With little spare time we rushed to include a tour of NBC's Chicago studios, a live-studio audience sit-in for the news broadcast, and an exploration of the city ending with some famous Chicago deep-dish pizza.

During the following week the course concluded with a presentation by the class

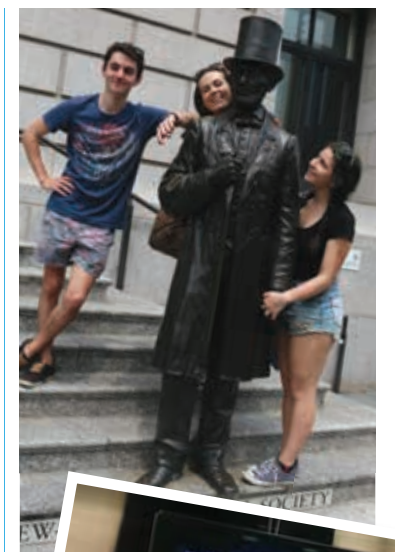


where we created our own news broadcast from scratch. Our task was to investigate possible stories around Indiana and report them within a news studio setting. This was topped with a quality sports report and hard hitting journalism on the stress levels of Butler's mascot, Trip the Bulldog.

I have learnt so much from the exchange experience both about myself, the film industry and cross cultural differences.

I highly recommend Macquarie exchange programs to all students. My memories will last with me a lifetime.

HUGO JAMES, NORTH AVOCA



O-FISHALLY IMPRESSED WITH THE BALL

THE BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR IS THE DLC ANNUAL BALL. EACH YEAR WE WAIT PATIENTLY TO FIND OUT THE 'SECRET LOCATION' AND I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT THIS YEAR NO ONE WAS DISAPPOINTED. WE WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE IT AT ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL LOCATIONS WE'VE EVER SEEN – THE SYDNEY AQUARIUM.

The night started with canapés and drinks in the courtyard. The girls were dressed to impress and the boys looked extremely smart in their suits, everyone looked amazing!

Our photographer Anthony was working the crowd snapping up some beautiful pictures, he even managed to take a group photo of everyone.

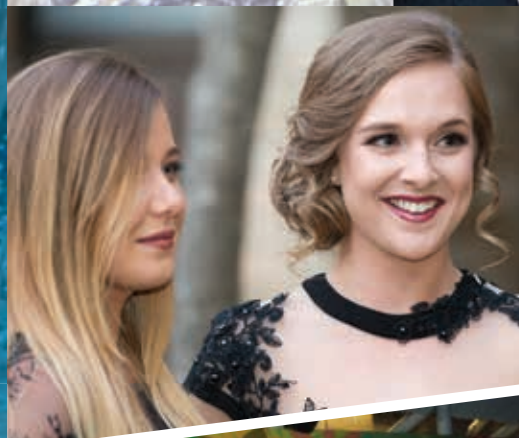
At 6pm the bus arrived and off to the Aquarium we went! In order for us to get to our tables we had to walk through the magnificent aquarium tunnels where sharks, fish and crabs surrounded us. But the sea life experience didn't end there. We walked in to find that our tables were positioned around a huge pool with dugongs, manta-rays, sharks and fish swimming in the centre of our dining area. This was spectacular!

A delicious two-course meal was served and we were presented with a fun-filled award ceremony by our ball committee heads Lily Barnett and Emily Cavanagh. Some of the standout awards were The Ronald McDonald Van Award which went to Kyle Antaw and the Night Owl Award that was given to Jenny Chung.

After dinner everyone was up on their feet either eating lollies from the lolly buffet, snapping photos in the photo-booth or dancing the night away on the dance floor against a full wall backdrop of sealife.

As the night wrapped up some people went home and others went to Home bar for the after party. We thank Lily and Emily for their vision, hard work and planning making this wonderful evening a reality.

NICOLE O'KEEFE, REGISTRAR



CARSULAE

AN EXPERIENCE IN AN ANCIENT LAND



WHAT COULD BE MORE EXCITING FOR AN ANCIENT HISTORY STUDENT THAN TO SPEND FOUR WEEKS EXCAVATING AN HISTORICAL ROMAN SITE AND WHERE BETTER THAN CARSULAE IN ITALY ? IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER LAST YEAR TEN ANCIENT HISTORY STUDENTS AND I SPENT FOUR WEEKS DOING JUST THAT.

Alighting from the plane and travelling into the city of Rome was like entering one of my textbooks but leaving Rome and entering the region of Umbria was like entering another world – a medieval world. We were surrounded by green fields and medieval buildings and castles. We stayed in the town of San Gemini nearby, a small town established as a result of the destruction of Carsulae. Our accommodation, Albergo Duomo, was a beautiful traditional building that had been restored and transformed into a hotel.

We worked full days excavating an area of Carsulae and a Roman road that had connected the town to the Adriatic coast. We unearthed pieces of ancient pottery, coins and bronze items. The bronze items and coins were quickly taken away to be conserved and the pottery we washed carefully by hand. Once washed we spent many hours analysing the pottery to identify the items. While this was long and tiring work it was a welcome break from shovelling in the hot Italian sun. Our days were broken up by divine coffee from the local museum café and lunch which I enjoyed sitting amongst the ruins of the Roman theatre. I felt as if I was a part of history as I stood among the huge stones artfully manipulated to form a piece of architecture that still remained, albeit in pieces, after thousands of years.

When not at work we were able to enjoy the local sights of Umbria. With the help of a tour guide we explored the ancient pasts of nearby cities such as Otricoli and Narnia. We were fortunate enough to be in San Gemini at festival time. The annual festival which celebrates their patron saint continued for two weeks. We enjoyed many of the activities at the festival, such as jousting, feasts, flag-throwing and plays, and when we had spare time we would watch the festivities from the many cafes and restaurants scattered throughout the town. On one weekend I travelled independently to Rome and immersed myself in the ancient past of the city I had spent two years studying. Although short on time I managed to visit the Vatican, the Forum and Palatine Hill.

My trip to Italy has been one of the best experiences of my life. It allowed me to take the theory that I had learnt in lectures and apply it in the field. I hope to return to Carsulae soon and explore archaeology further, both at university and possibly as a career in the future.

RAELEE LANCASTER, TORONTO



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ACADEMIC DINNERS

LIFE BEYOND COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDY IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF STUDENT LIFE AT DUNMORE LANG WITH A RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO HELP STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THEIR FUTURE PROFESSIONAL LIVES.

Dr Felicity Cox



Part of this programme includes the Academic Dinners where university staff members, Dunmore Lang alumni and friends of the extended Dunmore Lang College community meet with students to share their experiences as well as providing an overview of the different opportunities available in their professional field.

Earlier this year, Law students dined with Mr Tony Allen (the Dean's husband) where he spoke about his career as a lawyer where he has been a sole practitioner as well as a member of law firms in New South Wales and Queensland, where he still works remotely from his office in Dunmore Lang College.

Speech and Hearing students welcomed Associate Professor Felicity Cox who coordinates the Bachelor of Speech and Hearing Sciences degree at Macquarie University. Dr Cox is a phonetician who has taught phonetics and phonology at the University of Sydney before returning to Macquarie University in 1991 and she is a passionate advocate for the professional and research opportunities available to students in the department.



Dr Kathryn McLachlan



Rebecca Stokes

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In addition to her broad understanding of the field, many of the students at the dinner were interested to hear how best to prepare their applications for a place in the highly selective postgraduate programme. While no secret information was divulged, students were able to gain a clear insight into what is required and the high standards expected.

A different focus shaped the final gathering in Semester One when a larger group of students met with a panel of staff and students who have participated in overseas exchange programmes.

Professor Kath McLachlan from the PACE (Professional and Community Experience) programme at the University was joined by Mr David Gower (Dunmore Lang College alumnus) who previously worked with AUSAID alongside Ms Rebecca Stokes and current student Ms Tierneigh Parnell to discuss the experience and skills they each gained through volunteering independently or as part of the Macquarie University programme.

Professor McLachlan provided an overview of how the PACE programme works and the benefits of including an international or national volunteer experience unit in your degree and the important ways in which this adds depth and breadth to the learning process. Mr Gower shared his personal experiences as both a volunteer as well as a programme manager and the life-changing

L to R back: Madeline Morrison, West Hoxton, Shirley Aliwarga, South Tangerang, India Hohnen, Katoomba, Nathaniel Thorpe, Adelaide, Chantal Templeton, Toowoomba, Jack Rolfe, Adelaide Park, Dr Warwick Bateman, front: Timothy Porter, Bathurst, Ricardo Jones, Adelaide



L to R: Kimberley Cramp, Canberra, Katena Valastro, Darwin, Philip Norton, Deekshit Dassharma, Bangalore, Cecil Simon, Coimbatore, Siddharth Rawal, Ashbury, and Carlton Hollsten, Bridgewater



Audience at PACE

skills, understandings and capabilities these experiences build for participants.

Tierneigh and Rebecca shared their recent experiences – Tierneigh in Kenya and Zambia where she taught at a local Masai Community School and Rebecca in New Delhi, India where she worked at an NGO HQ: Centre for Child Rights. The opportunity to hear first-hand from participants at all levels not only inspired and encouraged students to think about applying but also provided an excellent opportunity to have questions answered and help in beginning their preparations.

In Semester Two the Chiropractic students hosted Dr Warren Bateman, followed by Mr Phillip Norton, a recent member of our Alumni, who spoke about his transition from a degree in Psychology to the corporate finance world.

In September, education students will hear from current teachers at a local primary and secondary school followed by an Entrepreneurship dinner hosted by Mr Chris Stark a young entrepreneur who has successfully established two local businesses. In October Professor Ron Rapee, of the University's Psychology Department will speak to our Psychology students.





REACHING OUT TO YOUTH IN INDIA

INVOLVEMENT IN THE PACE PROGRAMME SENT ME TO INDIA DURING JULY. I TRAVELLED TO NEW DELHI TO COMPLETE AN INTERNSHIP RUN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL (AVI) AND RESTLESS DEVELOPMENT, A YOUTH ORIENTATED NGO.

This NGO is based in Delhi as well as around the globe and seeks to improve the civic participation, employment and reproductive health of young people in disadvantaged and rural areas.

New Delhi is a city awash with colour, antiquity and intermingling faiths. Time is different, everything is flexible and punctuality is not particularly important. Rickshaws crisscross the streets in between barefoot cricket games played with makeshift bats while sacred cattle are washed in the canals. With a population of twenty-five million in the capital, including the highest percentage of youth in the world, disparities in wealth, education and opportunities are everywhere.

Whilst in India I worked on a tool kit to empower young people to access health services in rural India. An important focus of the project was to enable adolescents to become involved in facilitating some of these services themselves, especially those related to sexual and reproductive health. As an International Studies and Law student, it was thrilling to be a part of something that will hopefully make a real and lasting change.

Working with the Restless Development team was inspiring; they were driven, dedicated and committed to making a positive impact on the lives of vulnerable young people. I learned so much – skills and experience that will not only enrich my university studies but will also be part of my future life and career.

BRIDGET BYRNES, WAGGA WAGGA



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VOLUNTEERING IN PERU

WHAT AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE! I HAVE BEEN VOLUNTEERING IN CUSCO, PERU WITH 17 OTHER MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FOR THE NGO, PERU'S CHALLENGE, AS PART OF A PACE UNIT DURING THE INTER-SEMESTER BREAK.

Peru's Challenge is an organisation set up 15 years ago by Australian born Jane and her Peruvian husband Selvy to strengthen and improve the health, education and potential of children in Cusco and surrounding communities.

Our team have worked in the community of Quilla Huata. The first day on site was absolutely beautiful. We were welcomed by the children of the school and the Mama's of the community. We were covered in streamers, confetti and warmth. It was such a beautiful way to start the trip.

The Macquarie team is focusing on construction, teaching, health, international development and business. Collaboratively we have been constructing a new class room and helping Peru's Challenge with international development and business. In smaller groups we have worked on the areas of health and education. The health team has focussed on hand and face washing, healthy eating and educating the Mama's on healthy food practises and the education team has focussed on teaching Sport, Art and English.

Since establishing the NGO Jane and Selvy have opened 7 schools, helped generate local businesses and drastically improve the health practices of not only children, but entire communities. As a result of their work the income of local community members has risen more than tenfold to US\$40 per week and now 90% of children are considered healthy whereas previously 95% were severely malnourished.

Through this experience I have realised that everyone can make a difference however small it may be. I am very grateful for being able to make a contribution.

During my time on the project our group has also had the opportunity to see the historical and archaeological wonders Peru has to offer. We have explored the Incan Ruins and sacred sites around Cusco, visited the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu. I have had such an amazing time posing with llamas, attending textile workshops, mountain climbing and exploring various Inca sites.

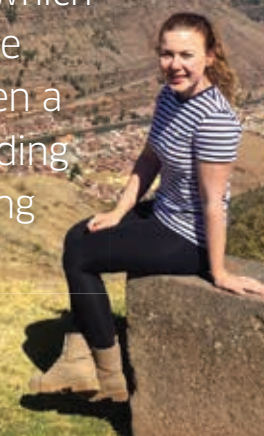
This opportunity has made me realise how we often take our own good fortune for granted. Experiencing the world through a different lense and understanding the varying realities in which other people live has been a very rewarding and enriching experience.

I would like to thank the Macquarie University PACE team for sending me on this amazing adventure and giving me the opportunity to grow as a person and help generate change within this community. I would also like to thank Jane, Selvy and the community of Quilla Huata for welcoming me, I had the time of my life.

JESSICA PRESTON, LEETON



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ALUMNI NEWS



DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE ALUMNA (1972) AND MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY MANAGER, CAMPUS ENGAGEMENT

KNOWING YOUR VOCATION AND PASSION CAN BE A DANGEROUS BUT ULTIMATELY REWARDING GIFT, LEADING TO NEW ADVENTURES AND CHALLENGES IN NEW AND INTERESTING PLACES.

For Angela Voerman, a life spent developing student engagement programmes has led her on many different journeys but these have always remained focused on looking for ways to involve the individuals and groups most affected from inception to delivery.

Angela says this focus is very much informed by her early academic work on Paulo Friere one of the most influential thinkers about education in the late twentieth century: "none of us are blank pages, that we all have experiences and agency that shapes what we want to learn and how we learn it. The poor, this disadvantaged, the different, are not 'those people' but rather all of us".

She has been a strong advocate for the ways in which technology can make education more accessible as well as more engaging for students. This has been especially so in her work on engaging students in the world outside of their university studies where her research highlights the ways in which: "engaging students in the world, especially in work and other community based activities, does transform students, principally by giving them an awareness of what their work, thought and life means".

After training to be a nurse in her gap year following high school and just four years after Dunmore Lang College opened, Angela arrived in 1976 to begin her studies at Macquarie University starting what became a long association and career at the University. Angela remembers fondly her time at the College and continues to use the pottery bowl she was given by the girls on her floor for her 21st birthday. A great believer in the benefits of living at College, Angela has been a passionate advocate of both Colleges and other accommodation providers at Macquarie University but also kept a special interest in her residential alma mater.

A simple maxim has underpinned Angela's approach to supporting the student community at Macquarie University – a smile when you serve a coffee, answer a question, provide directions or offer assistance can make the difference between whether they stay or go.

Angela has also been deeply involved with Indigenous communities throughout her career and these dialogues have both challenged and shaped the core of her work: "The challenge of working with Indigenous students has been the formative one of my life, being taken into communities, sharing the challenges that University poses to everyone and really being challenged by what constitutes knowledge, how knowledge works and what it is actually for".

And, it is to this passion and sense of vocation that Angela now returns as she relocates to Alpara, a remote community in the Northern Territory. Angela has promised to keep in touch with Dunmore Lang and we are looking forward to sharing her experiences of education and life in the 'Top End' in our next edition of *Ngarra*.



Liza Allen, Angela Voerman and Dr Alasdair Murrie-West

FATHER AND SON BECOME MENTORS FROM NEAR AND AFAR

SOME OF US MIGHT PRESUME IF YOU COMPLETE A DEGREE IN A PARTICULAR DISCIPLINE THAT IS WHERE YOU WILL COMMENCE YOUR FIRST JOB.

We may even think that someone might stay in that industry for a few years before moving across to something different but related, say from Journalism to Writing. Nothing is quite that predictable for Philip Norton, a young member of our College Alumni.

When Phil came to Dunmore Lang College he embarked upon a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Psychology, then continued his studies by completing a Masters in Finance rather than continuing with Psychology. Phil commenced his working life in a position with his father, Roger Norton, in a boutique consulting firm for twelve months before

joining the graduate programme at Ernst & Young, where he now works in Mergers and Acquisitions. Phil has an exciting time ahead as he prepares to move to Manchester, England with the Ernst & Young Mid-Market Corporate Finance team. He has also been learning Chinese as a hobby.

Phil lived at College for two years between 2006 and 2007. While at College he was a member of the Rugby team and was a Sports Representative. He served as Vice President on the ADS for six months and played a role in the annual College musical.

He recently returned to College to talk with a group of Accounting students at the Accounting Academic Dinner, sharing his experiences and insights into what it takes to establish a successful career. Although he is moving overseas he has agreed to be a mentor

for students via Skype, proving that distance is no barrier to mentoring.

Phil's father, Roger, has been visiting the College in recent weeks to assist with the College's strategic planning process. As a parent of a former student he has enjoyed re-engaging with the College and bringing his first-hand experience in helping shape the College's future planning. Roger is also joining the Mentor team and looking forward to helping the next generation of students find their own pathways and future directions.



Roger, left and Phil Norton

OUR NEW RECRUITS – JOHN DUNMORE & DOROTHY KNOX



THIS HAPPY PAIR JOINED THE MARKETING TEAM THIS YEAR AND HAVE TRAVELLED THROUGHOUT NEW SOUTH WALES AND THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY WITH COLLEGE STAFF AND STUDENTS.

John and Dorothy made their debut in Bathurst making quite an impression and gaining their own Instagram following. This year they have visited quite a few attractions on the road from the Big Banana in Coffs Harbour, historic Wingham, the delicious Goanna Bakery Café in Lismore and even flew to Tamworth. They even spent some time at the beach in Port Macquarie!

Dorothy and John have been getting about town in and around Sydney too visiting St Joseph's College, St Ignatius College, Wollongong, Blacktown to name a few.

They will be at Open day on the 12th of September and again in January 2016. They are looking forward to seeing you soon!



Dorothy & John xx

The college experience starts here!



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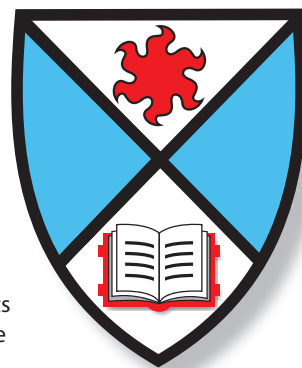
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