



ARNDPELL ANGLICAN COLLEGE

"News Flash"

Monday May 16th 2011



From the Headmaster:

Twelve months ago I wrote an article in the Arndell Advocate that aimed to challenge all members of our college community – that challenge being to turn our good school into a 'great school'. I made the argument that a 'great' school would be defined by how much the community owned the college and this could be seen in a variety of ways.

Firstly visual appearance is one easy and quick way of ascertaining ownership. When I walk into a school I immediately see if the grounds are well kept and that students are wearing their uniform correctly and with pride. I look at the state of the buildings and what might be occurring in the classrooms as I walk past. Secondly, I try to get a feeling for attitude and tone - am I welcome? First experiences matter, the friendly hello from the first teacher or office assistant I meet or the confidence of a student to show you where to go means so much to a newcomer to the community. Thirdly, I look for signs of 'active' community support amongst the school or college. Most well run educational institutions offer so much more than a full academic program, they offer opportunities in outdoor education, performing arts, religious development, sport etc. When you attend these events as a guest I look at both the quality and volume of support for these events.

So how does Arndell Anglican College stack up against these three criteria? Twelve months ago I stated that we were still a work in progress, but this is not unexpected as we move from infancy to maturity. Twelve months on we have made significant strides in our visual appearance and we now offer college facilities and grounds which are the envy of others. Students are getting used to my desire and requirement to wear their uniform correctly and with pride, even the boys now tuck their shirts in when they see me coming! I have noticed significant improvements in the way we greet each other and look out for new members of our community. In the case of the third sign, our college has made significant progress as I have noted increased levels of involvement in all aspects of the life of this college.

Will Arndell become a 'great' college, I certainly hope so because I can already see the potential we have and I sincerely hope that you will continue to join me on this journey as our college continues to mature in the years ahead. In the words of our newly approved Strategic Plan – ***Arndell aims to become the school of choice in the Hawkesbury, serving God, our students, families and staff by providing a high quality and affordable education in a caring Christian learning community.***

Finally, due to increased demand in enrolments for Year 7 2012 the College Council at its recent meeting approved the opening of a fourth class for next year. In 2012 we will offer four classes with an average of 25 students in each class, this model will allow for future growth. There are few places left for this fourth class so if you know of anyone who is still waiting to join the college please let them know that there are limited places available. This is a very exciting development in the college and is also an indication that our community does want what we are offering here at Arndell.

Calendar Dates

Monday 16 May	Tuesday 17 May	Wednesday 18 May	Thursday 19 May	Friday 20 May	Saturday 21 May	Sunday 22 May
Year 7 – 11 Exams NSW CIS: Sec. Open Girl's Hockey	Year 7 – 11 Exams Jnr. School Mufti Day NSW CIS: 15 & U Netball Selections Yr 12 Drama Exc. Jnr. School Photography Club P & F Meeting – 7.30pm Jnr. School Library Karate – 4pm Gym	Year 7 – 11 Exams NSW CIS :Rugby League Trials	Year 7 – 11 Exams HZSA: Open & 16's Boys Rugby Trials	Year 7 – 11 Exams Awards Assembly – Jnr. School Soccer for Arndell Dads 8-9pm Arndell Gym	K. Toms Dancing Club Drama Rooms – JLPACentre Rehearsal – College Musical	10.15: Pitt Town Family Church Service at Pitt Town
Monday 23 May	Tuesday 24 May	Wednesday 25 May	Thursday 26 May	Friday 27 May	Saturday 28 May	Sunday 29 May
Yr 11 VET Hosp & PDHPE First Aid Course	Yr 11 VET Hosp & PDHPE First Aid Course NSW CIS: U16 & Open Touch Trials Jnr. School Photography Club Karate – 4pm Gym	AICES Rugby HICES: Cross Country Yr 11 Graphics Exc. Yr 12 Geography Exc. Yr 11 2012 Info. Even		Chapel – Jnr. School Soccer for Arndell Dads 8-9pm Arndell Gym	K. Toms Dancing Club Drama Rooms – JLPACentre Funday/Open Day at the College	10.15: Pitt Town Family Church Service at Pitt Town
Monday 30 May	Tuesday 31 May	Wednesday 1 Jun	Thursday 2 Jun	Friday 3 Jun	Saturday 4 Jun	Sunday 5 Jun
	HZSA: Yr 4 Gala Day NSW CIS: Prim. Touch Football Trials Open Girl's Netball Trials Jnr. School Photography Club Karate – 4pm Gym	AICES Cross Country Musical Rehearsals Yr 11 Business Studies Market Day	AICES Cross Country Musical Rehearsals Yr 11 Business Studies Market Day	Chapel – Jnr. School Stg. 2 Excursion – Muru Mittagarr Yr 1 & 2 Excursion – Taronga Zoo Soccer for Arndell Dads 8-9pm Arndell Gym	K. Toms Dancing Club Drama Rooms – JLPACentre Musical Rehearsals	10.15: Pitt Town Family Church Service at Pitt Town