

"News Flash"

Monday 26 March 2012

On behalf of: Mr Jim Milford Director of Teaching and Learning P-12



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EXPERIENCED TEACHERS

Our college is very interested in how students learn and we are making the teaching and learning relationship a prime goal.

Recently Mrs Michelle Wilson put herself forward to be scrutinized over a period of more than a year to be eligible for accreditation as an Experienced Teacher. This is quite an involved process. It requires the teacher to carry out their professional duties and collect evidence that demonstrates they have met all 46 Professional Teaching standards. This is then presented to the Independent Schools Teacher Accreditation Authority (ISTAA) who has a team of experts scrutinize the evidence.

The types of evidence required covers three main areas: **Professional Knowledge**; **Professional Practice and Professional Commitment**. It would typically include a teaching program with evaluation, student work, testimonials from supervisors, references and a Head of School Report.

Mrs Wilson is to be congratulated in being our most recent member of staff who has had her submission endorsed by ISTAA.

Three other members of the college have been successful in gaining this accreditation in the last three years; these include Mr Chris Wilson, Mr Austin Robinson and Mr Peter Gordon.

I attended ISTAA's office last week and was able to look at quite a few submissions from other schools and must say that all four staff should be applied for the high quality of their application.

On a related matter it has been a pleasure to visit a number of classrooms of late witnessing the learning in progress of many of our students this term. In fact, the Headmaster's Executive has been working hard towards our prime goal by visiting many classrooms themselves. We are pleased with the fine work being done by the teaching staff and the students across the college.

Reminder - Enrolments for 2013

The Headmaster is conducting interviews for students enrolling in Year 7 and Kindergarten 2013. If you have a sibling for entry in Year 7 and Kindergarten please contact the Headmaster's PA as soon as possible on 4545 2472 to obtain an enrolment form.

Calendar Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26 Mar	27 Mar	28 Mar	29 Mar	30 Mar	31 Mar	1 Apr
Week 9 Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams Yr 9 PASS – Self Defence (College Gym) Yr 10 PASS – Lawn Bowls (Richmond)	Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams Assembly – High School – JLPA Centre Karate: 4pm in the Gym	Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams Yr 11/12 Art Express Exc (Art Gallery NSW) Parent/Teacher Interviews Prep to Yr 6	Chapel – High School- JLPA Centre AICES Secondary Swimming Carnival (SOPAC) Parent/Teacher Interviews Prep to Yr 6	Chapel – Infants Jnr. School Library Yrs 3-12 Cross Country Carnival (College Oval) Soccer for Arndell Dads 8-9pm Arndell Gym	K. Toms Dance Class Drama Rooms – JLPA Centre	10.15: Pitt Town Family Church Service at Pitt Town Equestrian Event — EA I'national C'ships Sydney International Equestrian Centre
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2 Apr	3 Apr	4 Apr	5 Apr	6 Apr	7 Apr	8 Apr
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9 Apr	10 Apr	11 Apr	12 Apr	13 Apr	14 Apr	15 Apr
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