



NEWSFLASH

Monday 3 September 2012

On behalf of the Headmaster
Mr Gareth Leechman



Over the past three years we have undertaken a significant restructure of the college and this has led to enrolment growth, improved educational outcomes for our students and an overall lift in our performance. At times the restructure has not always been easy and several 'tough' decisions were made, one of these was dealing with how the college viewed our chaplaincy and Christian Living programs. As a result of the changes that we made we appointed our first lay Head of Biblical Studies in the high school and under the leadership of Dr Jackson we have revamped not only the teaching programs but those who teach the subject as well. Overall these changes have been responded to positively.

Not only did we seek to change the way we approached our teaching of our Christian Living programs but also the way we approached the pastoral and spiritual outreach we offer as part of our Christian mission. For the past two years we have been in regular discussions with the Anglican parish of Pitt Town in an attempt to appoint a combined Youth Minister with them. We wanted to appoint someone who had a passion for working with young people and enabling them to explore the Christian Faith in a deep and meaningful way. We wanted to appoint someone who would lead our Chapel programs, oversee our Christian growth groups, get alongside our students in a non threatening way and enable them to ask the questions they want to ask.

Well after two years of discussions and sustained prayer I am pleased to announce that in 2013 Mr Rob Warner will become our first Youth Minister. Rob has a long established background in the Crusader movement, a Christian youth camp organisation that conducts several camps each year and offers literally hundreds of students the opportunity to enjoy a variety of camping options yet at the same time explore the Christian faith in a non- threatening and enjoyable way.

For the past four years Rob has been completing his theological training at SMBC (Sydney Mission and Bible College) and will complete his theological training at the end of this year. For the past year Rob has been working in the parish of Pitt Town and we are glad that he will be bringing his local knowledge to our college. Rob will be working three days at the college and the rest of the time will be with the parish as he seeks to develop the various youth ministries that they offer.

Please pray for Rob as he undertakes this important role and we look forward to welcoming him to our college community in the New Year.

Dates for the Diary

Sept: **10th to 14th – Yr 11 Exams**
 19th to 21st – Camps for Yrs 7,8,9,10 and 11
 19th and 20th – Junior School Musical (The Story Tellin' Man) Tickets available in Main
 Admin Office. \$10.00
 22nd Equestrian Carnival

CALENDAR DATES 2012

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 3 September | 4 September | 5 September | 6 September | 7 September | 8 September | 9 September |
| Body Addiction – am/pm In the Gym Yr 11 Exc. AICES Athletics Carnival CHANGE TO SUMMER UNIFORM | Snr. School Assembly HICES Primary Athletics HSC Music Practical Exams | Body Addiction – am/pm In the Gym Father & Son Breakfast Indigenous Literacy Day – Year 5 Exc. Yr 11 Agri. Prac Exc. HZSA Yr 6 Sports A'noon | Snr. School Chapel Hawkesbury City Eisteddfod | Body Addiction – am/pm In the Gym Primary School Chapel - JLPA Centre AICES 15 Girl's Tennis The Arndell Shakesperience 7.30pm JLPA Centre Soccer for Arndell Dads 8-9pm Arndell Gym | Kylie Toms Dance Class JLPA Centre Camden Equestrian Carnival | 10.15: Pitt Town Family Church Service at Pitt Town HSC Music Night Rehearsal |
| 10 September | 11 September | 12 September | 13 September | 14 September | 15 September | 16 September |
| Body Addiction – am/pm In the Gym Yr 11 Exams . | Snr. School Assembly Yr 11 Exams | Body Addiction – am/pm In the Gym. Yr 11 Exams HZSA Yr 6 Sports A'noon CIS Primary Athletics Championships | Snr. School Chapel Yr 11 Exams Yr 5 - 12 Debating Yr 9 Visual Arts Exc. | Body Addiction – am/pm In the Gym Yr 11 Exams Yr 9's Exc. to Canberra AICES 15s Tennis (Boys) Yr 2 Exc. – Rouse Hill Farm Father's Day Stall Infants/ School Chapel JLPA Centre Soccer for Arndell Dads 8-9pm Arndell Gym | Kylie Toms Dance Class JLPA Centre | 10.15: Pitt Town Family Church Service at Pitt Town Father's Day |