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Australian Technical College - Central Western NSW



Parent Newsletter Term four 2009

A Message from the Principal

This is a sad but optimistic newsletter. The ATCCW finishes on the 31st December 2009 and the Central West Trade College begins. Sad to be leaving where we are but exciting because we now have TAFE Western and all schools in the region online to do school based apprenticeships.

In our two years we have done much and opened the door to many new and exciting pathways. We could not have done this without the support of students, parents, training providers and most importantly employers. Personally I love living in the Central West and it has been reassuring to see all the people who have been prepared to give our young future citizens the chance to skill. They will then in turn become the cornerstones of the future and we will have created a positive cycle that will build our community for generations to come.

Check out our new website on www.skillsyoutradeon.com

The screenshot shows the website banner for Central West Trade College. On the left is the college's logo with the text 'CENTRAL WEST TRADE COLLEGE'. To the right is a photograph of three students in high-visibility work clothes working on a vehicle. Below the banner is a navigation menu with links: Home, About Us, Student Information, Employer Information, Course Information, Photo Gallery, and Contact Us. The main content area features a promotional message: 'GET A HEAD START ON YOUR APPRENTICESHIP and FINISH WITH YOUR HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE' in an orange box, followed by 'Enrol in Australian School-based Apprenticeship for 2010 at your Local School!' in a blue box with a plus sign icon, and 'SKILLS YOU CAN TRADE ON' in an orange box with an equals sign icon.

I would like to extend my thanks and congratulations to BOSWEB and Nathan Shooter from Thrivemedia for all their design and promotional assistance. We are very happy with their service and professional services.

Nathan in particular has done most of our design work and has been great to work with over the two years.



Year Eleven students are currently finishing up term one of their Year twelve studies. Many are now at the stage where they can imagine themselves as full time apprentices and many employers see the worth of their input for their company. Half of our Year Eleven cohort of 2009 have already taken up full time offers. I would urge employers and students to persist with the pathway to HSC. There are only three school terms to go and it gives them a grounding in Mathematics, English and education that will greatly help them, throughout life and especially through the rest of their TAFE training.

Year Twelve students are finished and will be back this week to get awards and HSC results. They are credit to themselves, their families and their employers. They went into an untested and new form of schooling and many have succeeded beyond our wildest hopes. It is easy to pick out Shai and Claire but personally I am most proud of Tom and all the students like him who have got through.

School reports are included with this newsletter.

Year Eleven reports are end of term one for their year twelve. The students need to become aware that there is a step up expected in academia as they go forward from here. Every assessment is carefully constructed and record to BOS requirements. Some have their final TAFE results although not all were ready at time of print. The students also receive their Preliminary certificates which are crucial to those students that may not be finishing their HSC and plan to go onto their full time work. I would like to farewell and congratulate these students as they leave and hope that they will show their gratitude to the ATC in years to come when they have a chance to help a trainee with a skilled pathway.

Year twelve portfolios have a copy of graduation certificates, final reports and references. I am very proud of you all.

Can I also take this opportunity wish all a Happy Christmas and a safe New Year. Please stay in touch and keep us informed to any developments in your life. We like to hear how you are going and hope that you stay connected to our College.



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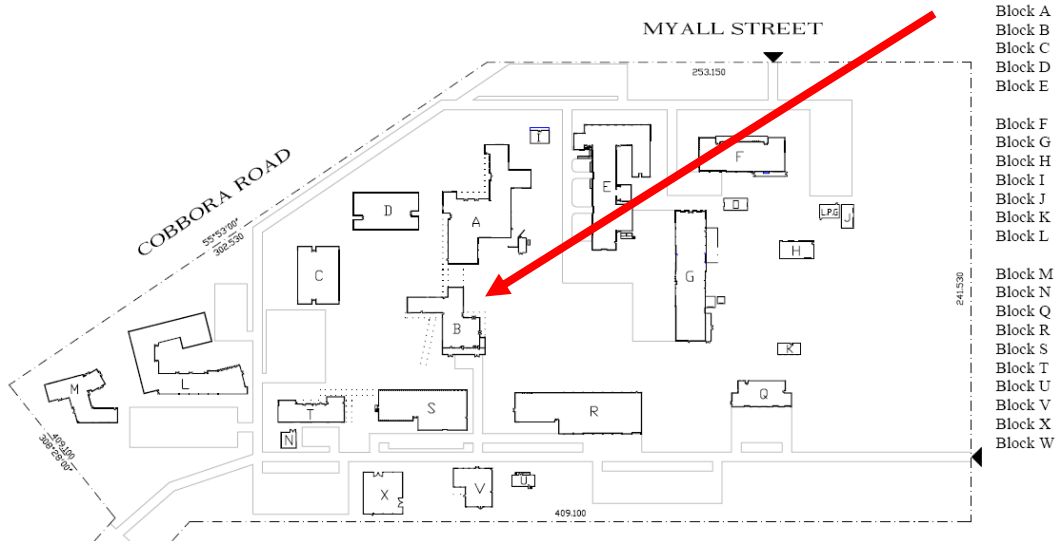
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Congratulations to our academic major prize winners. They are:

Year 11 2009	First in English	Wade Stein
	First in mathematics	Wade Stein
	English Most Industrious	Bryden Esposito
	Maths Most Industrious	Bryden Esposito
Year 12 2009	First in English	Shai Copelin
	First in mathematics	Duncan Chesworth
	English Most Industrious	Claire Hammond
	Maths Most Industrious	Nicholas Evans

Next year all Year Eleven from both Campuses are expected at Myall St TAFE outside the canteen at 9 am on the 28th of January for Induction and Year Twelve begin school on the 1st February.





Here is a **list of the community businesses** that continue to support our College.

AKE Electrical and Data Installation	JLE Electrical
Ben Mosley	Joseph French Building
Central West Group Apprentices and Dubbo City Council	Matthew Lack Building
Chesterfield Australia	NDF Ag
Countrywide Industries	Orana Gardens Lodge
Custom Steel	Peter McClure Electrical
David Payne Constructions	Rawson Constructions
Dubbo City Welding Works	Soil Conservation
Dubbo Terrazzo & Concrete Industries	Star Auto
DME Electrical	State Wide Sheds
Fletchers International – Electrical	Strathbrook Regional Service
Gilgandra Motors Sales and Service	Dubbo Terrazzo and Concrete Industries
Gletan Restorations	Taylorred Kitchens
Golden West Holden	Welbuilt Constructions
Halls Transport	Wellington Council Fleet Management
Heyer Ford	Wellington Soldiers Memorial Club
Hydraulic & Tractor Services	Western Electronics
JME Electrical Services	Western Plains Automotive

Have a happy and safe holiday

Peter Gaiter