



Parent Newsletter Term One 2010

A Message from the Manager

Year Eleven students have started. This year is our largest intake ever with 26 students commencing at TAFE Western and 12 at Dubbo College – Senior Campus. We had applications from 50 odd but over the Christmas break it is normal to see students source full time apprenticeships and not commence. Some decide to go back to school for an ATAR.

We did a two day induction with all new students at TAFE and I am very optimistic about this group of ASbAs (Australian School-based Apprentices). They listened to key note speakers from industry, TAFE and school. We outlined the pathways they will follow in more detail and discussed what makes a good apprentice. They played mixer games, and participated in group work that developed their communication and problem solving skills.

We have now moved into our new classroom and things should get a bit smoother from here. Work placements are rolling out over the next two weeks. It is our goal to have all students into placements before March. If you do know someone who would take a work placement student two days a week (Thursday and Friday) free of charge, fully insured and keen to enter the trade, please let us know.



All enrolment forms should now be returned and monies paid to the TAFE front desk – A Block Myall St Campus.

Senior Campus students follow their school guidelines. Mr Rufus tells us that the students have settled in well and that OH&S training for their White Card will commence this week. Once this is locked down we can start putting them onto work sites.

Reminder: all students doing work placement are required to get a parent signature on their work placement forms back to Daniel before their commencement of work. As a courtesy they should inform their homeroom teachers of their absence from school. They are present at school when working but it will take a while to co-ordinate all our new processes so please be patient whilst we streamline it. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve I am always happy to listen to suggestions. Please remember to check our website for communications, newsletter and our calendar are also available for checking.



Year Twelve students are back and adjusting to a new way of completing their education. They enjoyed a little more freedom at the ATC but will adjust. I commend them for committing to their HSC completion. In three terms they will have an advantage that their fellow starters do not. I also personally feel that the higher education that they undertake this year will set them up for the trade training and other courses they will do as a part of their pathways.

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On a sad note Mr Adrian Mitchell – Director of the Western Institute of TAFE has resigned to accept a position in the Northern territory. We wish him well and personally I would like to take this chance to thank him for all the work he has done to mediate and set forth the new direction of school based apprenticeships in Dubbo. Without his alliance, the concept would not be as strong as it is.

We are also losing another stalwart of the concept and a pioneer of the Australian Technical College – Central Western NSW.

Mr Leon Shields has accepted a promotional position and will be moving on next week. Leon was one of the original authors of the concept, a board member, a designer, negotiator and Industry Manager with the ATC-CW. He has been on board since 2004 and the town and especially the 50 odd students we have placed owe him much. Thank you Leon for your generosity and vision.

Below is a **list of the community businesses** that are supporting our College.

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Thank you for your support

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