Once again our students have proved to us that they are nothing short of excellent. On Tuesday evening Port Macquarie Campus was host to the annual Night Of Excellence. Awards were presented to students who have demonstrated outstanding talent both within and beyond the school.

Categories included High Distinctions in university competitions as well as selection for state and national representation. Our guests were entertained with the exceptional talents of our own singers and musicians. Thanks must go to Ms Haddon, Ms Holland and the CAPA team for their coordination of this very special evening.
The Year In Review

What a fantastic year it has been for Port Macquarie Campus and the college as a whole. The planning of 2015 bore fruit in the innovative programs we were able to initiate across the college. We have introduced the academy system in CLONTARF, LEAP, STEM and in Sport and Creative Industries. These have been very successful. How do I know? Yes, we have done formal assessment but these images linger in my mind:

- The Clontarf boys shaking your hand, looking you in the eyes and discussing their learning
- Parent interviews with the Year 10 LEAP students, where the parents talked about the enormous difference that had been made in the lives of their children, particularly in terms of engagement in learning
- The images of the STEM classes that were sent all around the state, students saying how much they enjoy learning, showing other schools what can be done. We are one of only 7 STEM Action Schools in the state. Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths are thriving here.
- I heard the Sports Academy students on the radio talking about their achievements in sport and their learning, then heard the announcer comment on the quality of the students.
- Watching students from the Creative Industries perform and create, at college level with Popstars at state level with School Spectacular. Their learning is very evident. I hope you all caught the TV show.

I thank the staff for the enormous effort they put into introducing these innovations and their brave decision to put the academies into Years 9 and 10.

You teach not for the money and certainly not for the status, you teach to improve the lives of our students and this has been very evident this year. Kane Pollard became a world champion this year, while others have succeeded at state and national level.
James Jackson won a Premier’s Gallipoli Memorial Scholarship and represented NSW at the centenary of the battles of Fromelles and Villers Bretonneux, a once in a life time experience. Shawn Wilson and Sam Harris competed in the Model United Nations contest for the first time, winning the local competition and going off to Canberra for the national competition.

Liam Clark and Imel Munday are off to the Honeywell Engineering School where James McKay went at the beginning of this year. Shawn Wilson is off to the National Youth Science Forum in January as Rachel Alger and Rhys Marquez did this year. Ellouise Tregier went to the RYAG Diary program for a week. Christian Familiar has been selected for Art Express and will be exhibited in Sydney, Moree, Tamworth and Grafton.

We have also been able to offer a wide range of experiences to motivate, engage and enhance learning.

Dance, music and entertainment students have been involved in a wide range of activities including School Spectacular, our college musical Popstars, Port Macquarie Eisteddfod, Southern Stars Dance Festival, and In Concert in Sydney.

Sport students have competed in most district and regional events and competed as a team in City to Surf.

Many of these opportunities have come about because of the support of parents and the local community. I would like to thank both of these groups for their support. I think I need to make particular mention of Rotary, CSU and our P&C among the many groups who support us. The college truly works hand and hand with its community and all those who help us are truly appreciated. Every bit of help makes a difference whether it is a scholarship or unique opportunity. We try hard to give back to our community so that we can develop the kind of individuals the community can be proud of. Our students volunteer for events such as Legacy Day, Iron Man and Primary Sports Days as well as raising money for a variety of causes. One of my favourite events this year was organised by the Ag. Students, they had “Udderly Awesome” Day to support dairy farmers.
Marine studies students have been to Lady Musgrove Island.

The Ag Show team has competed in most local shows and the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Our students competed in the Techno Museum Science Fair this year impressing the primary school and community judges with their insight and creativity.

We are looking forward to next year as a consolidation and expansion of this year’s innovations with a clear focus on professional learning, increased student voice and enhanced learning in the classroom.

Lorraine Haddon

Orientation Day 2016

On 6 December Port Campus was inundated with our future graduating class of 2022. There were many nervous, happy faces at the beginning of the day; and by the end new friendships were made, nerves were settled and bodies tired.
Our Year 7’s were kept busy with peer games, timetable reading, skits, trivia quizzes and more. Tummies were filled with sausage sandwiches and refreshing snow cones at the end of our busy day. Mrs Newbound and Mrs Smith, the Year Advisors, can not wait for their official arrival on 30/1/2017. Please make them feel welcome when you see them next year.

Well done to these students who assisted at the Telegraph Point PS Swimming Carnival on 13 December 2016. They did a great job as time keepers and in encouraging all the swimmers – well done!”

Australian Karate Team

Molly Austerberry was recently selected in the Australian Karate Team. This followed on from her earlier successful representation at the NSW State Titles, which in turn qualified her to compete at the Australian Titles held at Sydney’s Olympic Park last weekend. Molly participated in six bouts in various styles and consequently gained selection for an upcoming overseas tour with the venue still to be determined. Well done, Molly!

UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

Friday 16 December 2016
- Last day of school

Monday 30 January 2017
- School resumes for Year 7,11,12

Tuesday 31 January 2017
- School resumes for Year 8,9,10

Uniform Shop
Opening Times For January
23,24,25 January 9am-12 noon
30 January 9am-12 noon