

# 2016 Newsletter: Term 2 Edition

## Principal's Print

***Manea Senior College recognised as "a premier provider of VET and ATAR courses in the greater Bunbury and south-west region"***

*(2016 Independent Review Findings)*

I am pleased to advise that as the State's first regional secondary Independent Public School (2010), Manea has recently been through its second external review and came through the process with a glowing report.

[To read the full report click here.....](#)

With Semester One having just passed us by, the time has arrived for all our students to make some additional commitments to their academic achievements. With around 68 school days left for Year 12s and around 90 days until the end of Semester Two for Year 11s, all students should reflect on what extra efforts will benefit their progress and results. I encourage

all students to take on board the Semester One feedback they will receive and set some goals to focus on achieving their best possible results. This includes using the Term Two break as academic catch up and study time, not just a holiday. The break obviously provides the chance for students to relax and refresh, but the more committed students will use the time to get an advantage on the competition. Getting the jump on over 30,000 senior school students in W.A. is an important consideration for Manea students.

### ***Goal Setting Meetings with Year 12 students***

This term I have been involved in 30 minute goal setting meetings with our Year 12 students in groups of 10. The focus has been around looking forward to the end of Year 12 and identifying a goal and steps to be taken to achieve that goal. As I have

said to the students a goal without steps is not a goal, it is just a dream or hope that you will achieve something. Having actions sets you on the path to achieving your goal! To date 181 Year 12 students have participated in these meetings. I will be following up with the 38 students who have not yet booked their meeting time with me.

### ***Semester One reports***

Semester one reports will be arriving via e-mail or post for those who have no e-mail facilities in the coming weeks. The reports should confirm parents and students understanding of academic progress and offer suggestions for improvement where needed. This is also a timely reminder about the tutoring support program that we offer students during College time and at the end of each day as well.

## Important Dates

**Last Day of Term 2**

*Friday July 1*

**First Day Term 3**

*Monday July 18*

**College Open Day**

*Monday July 18*



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In addition we have Parent/Teacher Interviews being held on Wednesday June 22. You should have received a unique login to the PTO booking system either via email (if you have supplied us your email address) or sent to you in the post. You will log into PTO via our website with your unique login. The system only displays your child's classes and teachers and the time slots that are currently available at the time you are using the system. Timeslots already booked are not displayed. When you have finished you can print a list of your appointments or log in and change bookings up to the day before interviews take place.

**Manea Senior College Annual Report:** To see how MSC performed in 2015 [click here](#).

Congratulations to Rachel Douglas one of our outstanding teachers on being accepted to attend the Gilder Lehrman The Great Depression and World War II Seminar at Stanford University in the USA, from June 19 - 25. This is an outstanding opportunity for Rachel – well done!

Rod Rykers  
Principal



Principal Rod Rykers presenting James Rasmussen with his scholarship certificate.

## Manea's Open Day Success



Another great Open Day event held in April has shown great success once again with over 240 people attending the College campus, many of which returned to the Open Door Event to meet our wonderful teachers. Feedback gathered from the crowd of parents and students throughout the day was extremely positive, and many commended staff and students on our positive workplace approach.

Thank you to all the MSC staff and students who gave up their time to participate in the event. A special thankyou to the Events work experience students and the student faces that appeared as part of MSC's Facebook advertising, contributing to a successful event. The next Open Day will be held on July 18th, 2016.

Hayley Fay (Events work placement student)

## Scholarship Morning Tea

On Friday March 18 the College held its annual Scholarship Morning Tea. Students who were successful in obtaining a scholarship for 2016 were formally recognised by the College community with certificates. College Board members and College sponsors were in attendance and mingled with students and parents.



## ***Year 12 Health and Medical Specialist Program: (HMSP) students visit Broome***



After their exams the Year 12 HMSP students flew to Broome for a quick four day visit. The purpose was to look at rural remote health careers and facilities as well as take in the atmosphere of a Kimberley township.

Students toured Notre Dame University's Broome campus to see the Health courses offered, they visited the Relationships Exhibition at the Sisters of St John of God Heritage Centre to find out about the history of health in the Kimberley, they were warmly welcomed at La Grange Remote Community School where they presented health promotion activities to kindy-age up to Year 10 students and they discovered what it was like to work in remote health at the Bidadanga Community Clinic. Medical students from the Rural Clinical School of WA also dropped in for an informative chat.

Weekend activities included a visit to the Malcolm Douglas Crocodile Park, a camel ride on Cable Beach and experiencing the Broome Courthouse Markets.

Students conversed maturely with hosts, engaged confidently with the remote school children and generally did credit to Manea Senior College. The experience will be remembered as a highlight of the HMSP program.

## ***HMSP Didji Didji School Visit***

In preparation for the Broome trip the health and medical students were able to visit a Year 3-4 class and present their health promotion and health information workshops to the students. This was the last part of their days in the HMSP course and students at the school enjoyed the interaction with the Year 12's as well as the ease in which the workshops were performed. The Year 12 students were able to modify their presentations to get ready for their Broome trip. Both sets of students learnt a lot from the experience.



## ***Year 11 HMSP Scholarship Winner***

After a very successful first term camp the Year 11 Health and Medical students were treated to a lunch with the Year 12 HMSP students. At this lunch the Year 12's were given their Health and Medical pins and P&N bank representative Shane was asked to present to Sarah Dilkes the Year 11 HMSP Scholarship Award. The HMSP students would like to thank Shane and P&N Bank for their ongoing support for our program and look forward to their continued sponsorship.



## ***Sci Film - Your Mission: capture science in 3 minutes***

Anna and Adrian from SciFilm presented a workshop to Manea students prior to examinations. Manea students were able to get involved in the SciFilm competition which is a way of encouraging people of any age and ability to create a 3 minute movie about science, using every day technology such as a digital camera, smartphone or tablet. Entries close July 22nd and can be found at [www.scifilm.com.au](http://www.scifilm.com.au). The public were also invited on the Saturday morning as part of SciFilm and the South West science council which MSC supports.

## ***Design students visit Central TAFE***

Year 11 Certificate III Design Fundamental students spent a great afternoon at Central Institute of Technology in Northbridge last term where they undertook a Monoprinting workshop. Under the direction of printmaking lecturer, Monique, students used paper stencils and experimented with texture printing materials and different colour combinations.



### ***Canberra Trip 2016***

From the 4th of July to the 10th of July, 13 Year 12 students from Manea Senior College will be undertaking an education tour of Sydney and Canberra.

Whilst visiting Canberra, students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. Places they will be visiting include Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, National Electoral Education Centre, National Dinosaur Museum, Australian Institute of Sport, and Questacon. Students will also spend a day skiing at Perisher Ski Field.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$240 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

### ***Country Week 2016***

Country Week is an annual multi-sport event carnival held in Perth, between rural high schools from Western Australia. The carnival is organised by School Sport WA and is recognised as being the biggest event of its kind in the southern hemisphere. The event typically involves about 40 schools with around 3,000 students and over 200 teachers and support staff.

The carnival includes sports such as Australian Rules football, hockey, soccer, netball, volleyball and basketball in a range of divisions. Non-sporting competitions in areas such as speech, debating and dance are also included in the event schedule.

Manea is sending some 130 students this year and we wish them all the very best as they represent the College.

### ***Arrangements for those students not at Country Week or work placement***

The College will operate as normal on the Monday and Tuesday. Classes where a teacher is at Country Week may be collapsed and combined with another class. This decision will depend on final student numbers. Non-Country Week teachers will be delivering classes as normal during these two days.

For the remainder of that week the College will be open for study. Teachers not attending Country Week will be available for tutoring during this time. Students are not expected (compelled) to attend College on these days.

The learning program should continue over this week and the two week study break. It is a great opportunity for students to either consolidate or catch up on work during this time. Teachers may provide a work guide or work package during this week that aims to assist them in this area. These guides or packages will be available online through Moodle or directly from the teacher.

An email regarding this exact information has been sent to parents and students.

*Andrew Healey – Deputy Principal*

### ***Country Week Teams 2016***

Manea students will once again be representing the College at Country Week this year. Country Week involves 5 days of playing sport in Perth against other country schools in WA. This year we will be taking the following teams;

- Boys AFL
- Debating
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Mixed Hockey
- Netball
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer
- Mixed Touch Football
- Boys Volleyball
- Girls Volleyball

115 students will be taking part in the week. These students will be accommodated in self-contained apartments at the Broadwater Resort in Perth. Meal times are sometimes interesting as students rely upon their master chef culinary skills for 2 nights. Night time activities include; movies, Bounce and our much anticipated, red carpet, awards night. Results, news and activities will be regularly updated on the Manea SC facebook page throughout the week.

*Berin Sluiter*

### ***2016 International Mathematical Modelling Challenge (IMMC)***

Congratulations to the two dynamic teams of Manea students who completed the International Mathematical Modelling Challenge (IM<sup>2</sup>C) this year. A lunch was held to celebrate their

contribution and commitment. The results will be available at the end of June.

The IM<sup>2</sup>C is a team-based competition that aims to promote mathematical modelling to solve problems of real world importance. Participants must work collaboratively to solve a globally set problem by devising and applying an original mathematical model constrained within a period of five consecutive days.

Manea Senior College fielded two highly competitive teams this year. They worked on the interesting problem of developing a general decision-making scheme for the organising committees of athletic events. The students had to determine whether organisers should purchase insurance or self-insure against the large payouts expected by international athletes should they break a world record at their event.

The teams were assessed on their research of an unfamiliar, real-life problem and ability to come up with a feasible solution within the short timeframe. The students demonstrated that they already possess the interest, drive and talent to take their mathematical knowledge out of the classroom and apply to problems for which there is no “back of the book” to check!



Well done to Bethan Rainey (Captain), Tyrone O'Doherty, Jacob McGruddy and Ben Mitenko (Captain), Ben Eiszele and Jon Kennedy for rising to the challenge this year.

*Sarah Barnes*

## ***Student Services Update***

### **Dress Code Reminders**

Our College Dress Code has been developed to reflect a corporate image, one designed around workplace expectations. It is in place to promote a sense of belonging and community. The Dress Code is developed by College Administration and is ratified by the School Board.

We pride ourselves on operating in a workplace environment. Our workplace, like any other, has high standards in regards to dress. When students are enrolled, they agree to meet the College requirements and this includes complying to the Colleges' standard of dress.

There are three concerns in regards to Dress Code that have been evident this term.

- 1) Due to the cooler temperature, students have taken to wearing jackets and jumpers that are not endorsed by the College Dress Code. Only Manea Senior College labelled jumpers and jackets from Totally Workwear are acceptable. Non-College jackets must be removed upon entering College premises. Leaver's Jackets for Year 12 students have been approved by the College Board and are only allowed to be worn on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.
- 2) Students may not, under any circumstances, wear denim/jeans. The Department of Education stipulates through legislation that 'Denim must be excluded from all school dress codes'. We uphold this stipulation, including black jeans and pants that resemble denim or jeans. Further to the dress code associated with attire worn on

the bottom half of your son or daughter, pants must be of a black dress standard. Leggings or anything resembling leggings is not acceptable. Surf type cargos are also not acceptable. At a minimum, dress pants must zip or button up and not be 'figure hugging'.

- 3) The last concern that the College has given leeway on is footwear. The College dress code stipulates that 'Enclosed black footwear must be worn'. Currently there are a number of students that have a significant amount of white (or other colours) on their footwear. This is not permitted. Black soles, laces and detail on shoes are necessary. Black canvas shoes with black soles can be purchased for around \$12 from Kmart.

Students not complying with Dress Code are required to obtain a Dress Pass. After three dress passes students and parents/carers are sent a formal letter reminding them of College Dress Code requirements and are required to meet with Rod (Principal) to discuss expectations. Further infractions may result in parents being required to attend a meeting to discuss expectations and result in students being placed 'On Notice'.

Our main aim, as with everything we do, is to prepare our young adults for the workplace. You would be surprised as to how many expectations of College directly correlate with workplace expectations. I am more than happy to discuss College Dress Code expectations and consequences if you need clarification.

*Kristy Harper – Manager Student Services*

## ReachOut.com.au

This is an outstanding mental health website to access about a number of teenage issues. They have recently developed a parent module.



Some of the issues that parents can get advice about on this website include:

- Peer pressure
- Alcohol
- Bullying and cyberbullying
- Anxiety, stress and depression
- Family conflict
- Sex and teenagers

There is also a section that gives ideas and advice about communication, resilience, coping skills, sexuality and wellbeing. Visit <https://parents.au.reachout.com>

## Our new school psychologist

Our permanent School Psychologist, Amy Patience is on leave for terms two and three. Lexie Karatamoglou joined the Student Services team at the start of this term to replace Amy. Lexie has fitted in perfectly – bringing positivity and new ideas to our department.

Lexie is available to access for any number of reasons including counselling, testing, parental advice and referrals to outside agencies. She is accessible at College on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you feel that Lexie's services could be necessary for your child, please send me an email via [Kristy.Harper@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Kristy.Harper@education.wa.edu.au)



A South West Regional Community Initiative

We're helping to make the South West roads safer

We want to make you an even better driver

YDDP offers pre-Learners, "L" and "P" plate drivers the chance to

Feel safer and more confident on the roads.

### YDDP PROGRAMS

**Program: Year 11 out-of-school program** – 5 sessions over 2 days (weekends) suitable for learners and pre-learners

**Program: Drive Safe** - suitable for "L" and "P" plate drivers – 1 day

### OUR PROGRAMS COVER:

- Basic driving skills and car maintenance
- Identifying risky driving behaviour
- Interaction with others on the road
- Identifying and avoiding road risks
- Reducing driving and lifestyle fatigue
- Parents/ Mentors role

### COURSE COST

**Program: YDDP out-of-school course...\$220**

**Program: Drive Safe .....\$220**

**\*\* In 2016 Manea Senior College students are eligible for a \$50 subsidy for one course. This will be reimbursed by the College (conditions apply).**

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