



PARENT NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday 14 December	Adventure Park Excursion
15 & 16 December	End of Year Activities
Wednesday 16 December	Awards Ceremony - 7.00pm Costa Hall
Thursday 28 January	Year 11 and 12 First day of 2016 classes
Friday 29 January	Year 7 & 10 First day of 2016 classes
Monday 1 February	Year 8 & 9 First day of 2016 classes

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL - RALPH SHAW

This is the final newsletter for the year and I would like to take the opportunity of thanking all who have contributed to our college during the last twelve months.

Firstly I would like to acknowledge our students who are rightly the focus of all that happens at our school and who continue to achieve great outcomes. Thank you for being part of Western Heights College and thank you for the many and varied contributions that you have made. Without your input we would not have been able to deliver the broad curriculum that is unique to your school.

Students cannot succeed without the support and care of family or community and on behalf of every student I thank you all for your input. Please continue to be actively involved in the education process whether this be at home or at the school.

The college staff, both teaching and non-teaching continue to display the care and concern for individuals that is fundamental to the delivery of a quality educational experience. I thank them for all of the work that they do and for doing those many extra things that make a learning experience a successful one.

On behalf of the whole school community I thank you and wish all the best to the staff who are leaving Western Heights College. Your efforts have made a difference!

Please enjoy the forth coming holidays, stay safe and students return next year with an enhanced desire to continue your learning. I look forward to again being part of your school in 2016.

Ralph Shaw
Acting College Principal.

Please see over the page for an article that was forwarded to me by very proud parents of a former student of our college.

Dreams can be achieved if you are prepared to put in the necessary effort!

Student News

Andrew Bath graduated from Western Heights College in 2007. In Year 11 Andrew applied to the Australian Defence Force to become a pilot. After attending numerous assessment panels and a week of practical basic flying he was accepted to go to the next stage as a Navy pilot.

This was a great achievement as after attending an information day in Canberra 5000 students Australia wide apply to become pilots and only 40 are accepted each year.

After completing Year 12 at Western Heights College Andrew went to The Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) in Canberra where he studied a Bachelor of Engineering majoring in Aeronautics. He graduated from ADFA in 2011 with honours.

The flying began in Tamworth in a CT4 (2012). In 2013 it went over to Pearce in Western Australia to complete advanced flight training in PC9s (same as the Roulettes). As Andrew was in the top three rated pilots he was invited to join the RAAF to become a Fighter Pilot. In 2014 he moved to RAAF Williamtown in Newcastle where he completed basic jet training in the Hawk 127. Andrew also flew this plane to the Avalon air show this year (2015), he also did a fly over of his old Primary School at Bannockburn. 2015 saw Andrew move to Amberley RAAF base near Brisbane where he learnt to fly the F/A18 Super Hornet. There was also a tremendous amount of study and ongoing assessment with every plane he learnt to fly in.

Andrew has now graduated as a Fighter Pilot for the Australian Defence Force.

