Year 10 Metalwork Major Projects 2013

After 6 months of research, planning and construction students presented their Major Metalwork Projects for Year 10 2013. Projects included a Runt macadamia nut harvester, Small tip trailer for a ride on mower, Drift trike, Metal welding and work benches, Metal stool, Small tables with shelves, Motor bike stand and Metal shelves. Folios describing research, drawings, materials needed and costing, steps in construction and evaluations were presented with their projects. Some excellent projects were completed and most were of a pleasing standard. Hopefully they will be put to good use in the future.

Mr Keith Weir
Metal Teacher
Next year our school will be conducting a comprehensive review of our Assessment Policy which is followed by all faculties. Our aim will be to reinforce high expectations of student achievement and to “tighten” procedures through which assessment tasks are administered within the school. These aims are in line with our three year School Improvement Plan (2012 – 2014) and will lay the foundations for a significant body of work to be completed by our leadership team next year.

The first, and certainly one of the most important steps in this process, is to establish our base line data, or “starting point”. Accordingly, between now and the end of the year, all teaching staff will be surveyed, along with student focus groups from all year groups who will be representative of all ability levels. Significantly for our parents and carers, this consultation process will also include phone calls to parents of students from all year groups, randomly selected, with a view to gaining a realistic representation of parent and carer views regarding our current assessment policy.

Given that it is not possible to conduct a phone interview with all of our parents, any family that is not contacted during next week is invited to respond to the survey questions, reproduced below, and return their responses either via the school’s email, or to Mrs Bugden or Mrs Marchant in our Front Office.

Parent Survey

- What year(s) is your son / daughter in?
- Have they completed any formal assessment tasks or examinations this year?
- If so:
  ◊ How did you know about it?
  ◊ In which subject did the task or exam take place?
  ◊ What sort of feedback did they receive?
  ◊ Do you feel they were well prepared for these tasks / exams?
- Have you received any correspondence from the school:
  ◊ To raise concerns about your son / daughter’s progress?
  ◊ To warn that your son / daughter was at risk of not meeting Board of Studies requirements in one or more of their courses?
  ◊ To congratulate your son / daughter on their achievements?
- How much time, on average, does your son / daughter spend completing school work at home each week?
- Do you feel that any homework completed by your son / daughter helps them improve their assessment results?
- In what ways could the school assist you in encouraging your son / daughter to complete their set work (eg. assessment schedules on the school website)?

Parents of Senior Students

- Does your son / daughter show you their assessment task notification sheets? If so, do you find the details clear & accessible?
- Did your son / daughter choose subjects which best suited their ability level when starting Year 11?
- Does your son / daughter know what to do when circumstances prevent them from completing an assessment task or exam to the best of their ability?

Parents with Students on Alternative Learning Pathways

- Are you confident that your son / daughter is able to successfully complete all assessment requirements in all of their courses while still completing their learning in other settings?

Mr Michael Hensley
Deputy Principal
From the Principal
Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tonight we are celebrating the end of schooling for our Year 12 students with their Year 12 Formal. This event is always a special time for our outgoing students and their families and gives them the opportunity to celebrate the past 13 years of schooling while at the same time acknowledging the excitement and sometimes apprehension about their immediate future post school. I wish our Year 12 students the very best in the future endeavours and look forward to a great night tonight at the Lismore Workers Club.

I would also like to thank all of you who have had the opportunity to discuss with your children about the importance of attending school and attending every lesson during each school day. This is particularly important for our senior students who are focused on receiving either their Year 10 Record of Achievement or our Year 11 students who have actually started their HSC learning.

Attached today is a small survey for you to fill in as parents. Please take the time to fill it in and get the survey back to us. This is the first of three short surveys we will be sending home to seek your advice on. Today’s survey is focused on the school’s assessment processes. Thanks in advance. We will also be randomly selecting parents to talk with us about our assessment processes.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Dave Harvey
Principal

From the Deputy
Student success
Chris Riley of Year 8 has been selected in the Pathways to Gold Development Squad for Rugby Union for the North Coast Area. This means that Chris will be involved in a series of intense training sessions two to three times per week. He will be involved in a competition that could take him all around Australia—from Perth to far North Queensland depending on their pool allocation. Games begin in April and March 2014 and we wish Chris all the best with his Rugby Career.

Rachel Herne of Year 9 is trialling for the U/17 State Girls Netball Team. Rachel is a dedicated student who loves her netball and trains hard. This is a huge honour to be selected to trial for the State team. Whatever the outcome Rachel will always have her great work ethic, determination, sporting prowess, positive attitude and the ability to work as an individual or as part of efficient team. Richmond River is very proud of her.

Mrs D Williamson
Deputy Principal

Year 7 Reward Excursion to Seaworld on Tuesday 3rd December.
Year 8 Reward Excursion to Dreamworld on Monday 2nd December.
Year 9 Reward Excursion to a venue to be announced on Wednesday 4th December.
Year 10 Reward Excursion to Dreamworld on Thursday 5th December.
Barista Courses coming up in December/January at Zentveld's Coffee
... so book in now

The next barista course for Students & Under 21s is Friday 10th January 2014.

We also have spaces left in our Cafe Barista Course on Friday 13th December.

The next Advanced Cafe Barista Course runs on Saturday 14th December.

And the next Home & Office Barista Course will be held on Saturday 11th January 2014.

For more information please visit our website.

TAFE courses for 2014 are available now at Ballina, Wollongbar, Lismore, Casino and Kingscliff Campuses

Courses are available in the following industries:

- Community Services -- Children's Services, Mental Health, Fitness & Nursing
- Construction -- Carpentry & Plumbing
- Creative Industries -- Performance Costumes, Fashion Design & Technology
- Hair & Beauty -- Massage, Nail Technology & Hairdressing
- Primary Industries & Natural Resources -- Agriculture & Horticulture
- Maritime
- Tourism, Hospitality & Events -- Events Management, Aviation, Cookery

Please note: these are only a few of the courses on offer and the full list can be found on our website

If you would like to discover your pathway to your studies with TAFE, you can 1) book in a free session with our careers advisor on (02) 6681 8900 2) Search www.northcoast.tafensw.edu.au or 3) call Ballina TAFE on (02) 6681 8900 to hear about the courses TAFE offers and those that are on offer in your area.
Moving Beyond Stress Workshop for TEENS!

Turn stress into smiles!

Wanted: a small group of teens ready to let go of stress

This 4 hour workshop for teens could be just the thing you need...

Learn how to ...  
- walk into exams with confidence—rather than stress  
- not let friends or family stress you  
- understand you and others tick...

Discover...  
- a simple technique you can do any time to help let go of stress and worry

When:  
- Friday 22nd Nov 5pm - 9pm (arrive at 4:45pm for registration)

Where:  
- Lismore City Library, ground floor meeting room, 110 Margaret Street, Lismore

Cost:  
- FREE!

Moving Beyond Stress is a unique model that helps you to see yourself and others from a different perspective. Rather than trying to ‘manage’ stress, Suzanne Grace uses life-size mannequins to give an entertaining and visual experience, which will get you to the core of stress—allowing the real one step out from control.

Key aspects of this workshop have been taken from the 2.5 day Moving Beyond Stress workshop which is now endorsed by various professional bodies (including the Australian Counselling Association) for continuing education points for health professionals, teachers and counsellors.

Suzanne is trained in emotional intelligence and years of experience in the health industry and life coaching has allowed her to develop a simple yet highly effective technique she calls The Grace Method which allows the individual to move beyond stress into a place of confidence, calm and happiness.

Limited seats only!

This pilot workshop is FREE for a small group of teens ready to let go of stress.

All you ask for is your feedback.

This workshop will be launched in 2014 around Australia

To book or for more information call 1300 100 177 or email info@movingbeyonddesstress.com

NB: A signed parent/guardian permission form is required to secure a booking.

Moving Beyond Stress Teen Workshop

Permission Form

Moving Beyond Stress Workshop
Entry Terms, Conditions, Release and Permission

Parent will confirm that the teen agrees to abide by the above conditions

Name: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

City: ____________________________

State: ____________________________

Phone 1: ____________________________

Phone 2: ____________________________

Parent’s Name: ____________________________

Date of Birth: ____________________________

Age at time of workshop: ____________________________

School or occupation: ____________________________

Medical Conditions: ____________________________

Do you have any physical or mental health conditions we need to know about in the event you may need medical assistance? If so, please list them below.

By signing this form, I undersign the terms and conditions of entry into the Teens Moving Beyond Stress workshop and give permission for my workshop to attend and participate. I understand that the activities within the workshop include group exercises, group discussions, and visualisations. I also understand that any medical information provided on this form is confidential. I consent to any medical information provided being used in any manner, subject to the conditions stated above.

Please complete the Permission Form and return to the Parent Coordinator at Lismore City Library, ground floor meeting room, 110 Margaret Street, Lismore.

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