

Term 1, February 2023

Message from HEAD OF COLLEGE

Our 2023 school year has kicked off to a great start.

Both our Dubbo and Bathurst campuses have leapt into action with our inspiring staff providing an array of activities and excursions as you will witness in the pages ahead.

Our vision at Skillset Senior College is to support students in creating their 'best future imaginable'.

Our school values that underpin our vision and guide our practice and interactions are kindness, courage and consideration. Wellbeing is always at the heart of our educational mission here at Skillset Senior College and we hope your experience of our school is a positive and rewarding one.

We are thrilled to welcome all of our new students to the family and look forward to working alongside them to build the 'best future imaginable'.

Our small but mighty school provides an alternate experience of standard education, "school, but not as you know it!"

I highly recommend you attend upcoming events including the parent/ teacher interviews, connect with staff and share in our students' journeys; it is a rewarding and insightful experience. I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Warmest wishes, Abbey.



Cross-campus update

Let's extend a warm welcome!

As we kick off another year of connection, growth and learning, we are thrilled to introduce you to some new faces around the campuses.

Please join us in welcoming Michael Woollett, Mel Brown, Connor Slattery and Jarad Smith to the Bathurst team along with Liz Ross, Dr. Martin Hughes and Karen Hughes to the Dubbo campus.

Each person brings with them a unique wealth of experience and knowledge that will help our students and school thrive in 2023!

Welcome all!



Michael Woollett
Teacher - Bathurst



Mel Brown
Teacher - Bathurst



Connor Slattery
Learning Support -
Bathurst



Jarad Smith
General Hand -
Bathurst



Liz Ross
Reception and Administration
Dubbo



Martin Hughes
Teacher and Head of Research
Dubbo



Karen Hughes
Teacher
Dubbo



This year SSC will manage a number of research initiatives.

Chris Harris will lead the CO2 monitoring project in our Bathurst campus in collaboration with Wollongong University, with guidance from Martin Hughes. This pioneering study will be the first of its kind, enabling SSC to assess the impact, if any, of atmospheric chemistry within the classrooms on student cognition and behaviour.

In our Dubbo campus Rachel Croft will implement a pilot study investigating the impact of school animals on student wellbeing. Our Head of Research and Development, Dr. Martin Hughes was contacted in September by Andrew Lloyd, a participant at our Alternative Schools Conference, about SSC joining a City-Country Partnership Program (CCP) with the Yagha Muru Good Path Foundation.

The CCP Program will enable the development of formal partnerships between large high performing metropolitan schools and remote schools with a high proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The Program will help boost outcomes of Indigenous students, particularly in reading, mathematics, attendance and school completion. Specifically, The Intended Outcomes of the CCP Program are to:

- improve student outcomes and attendance rates, which are key drivers that will accelerate progress toward the 2031 Closing the Gap Agreement.
- accelerate progress toward meeting Target 5 of the Closing the Gap Agreement (the Agreement), 96 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 20-24 year olds attaining the qualification of Year 12 or equivalent by 2031.
- improve the quality of operational management, principal leadership and increase the reach of effective teacher practices to lift the quality of pedagogy in remote schools.

It is expected that Partnerships may work towards the Intended Outcomes in a range of different ways depending on the unique local circumstances of each remote school and community, and the specific strengths and capabilities of the metropolitan school partner. The key advantage of the partnership model is that initiatives and solutions are tailored to the individual local conditions and the strengths of the partners.



Follow us on FACEBOOK



For those of you who are new to our school, be sure to jump on Facebook and follow the Skillset Senior College page! You will be able to see all the exciting and fun activities we get up to each week.

Click the link below to follow!

<https://www.facebook.com/skillsetseniorcollege>

Student Community GROUPS

Students currently attending SSC can also join the student Facebook groups. In these group you can safely ask questions, share thoughts, get up to date information on excursions and school activities! Just click the link below that corresponds to your campus!

Please note, these groups are for students only.

[Click here to join the Bathurst Group!](#)

[Click here to join the Dubbo Group!](#)

What is on in BATHURST & DUBBO

Bathurst and Dubbo campuses have some extra curricular sports on offer!

Dubbo hosts Ultimate Frisbee every Monday at 5:45 and Bathurst has a touch footy team that plays every Wednesday 6:30! There is no cost, just your time!

If this sounds like something you would like to be involved in, please see Ben Palmer in Dubbo or Rhino in Bathurst who will happily answer any questions!

We would love to see you there!



2022 LEADERSHIP CAMP



At the close of the 2022 school year our Bathurst and Dubbo Year 11 students came together and travelled down to the Booti Booti National Park to experience 4 days of connection, camping, learning and inspiration.

Students surfed, fished, soaked in some rays, and attended a First Nations educational cruise. It was a great break for students to take a breath and contemplate their new roles as Year 12 leaders in the coming year.





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Booti Booti Camp



Graduation & Awards DAY



At the end of 2022 The Bathurst Campus Year 10s received their RoSA, Year 12s received their HSC and we welcomed our new leaders from Year 11 as they took the step into their last year of school.

We were so proud to celebrate all of the achievements of our young people!



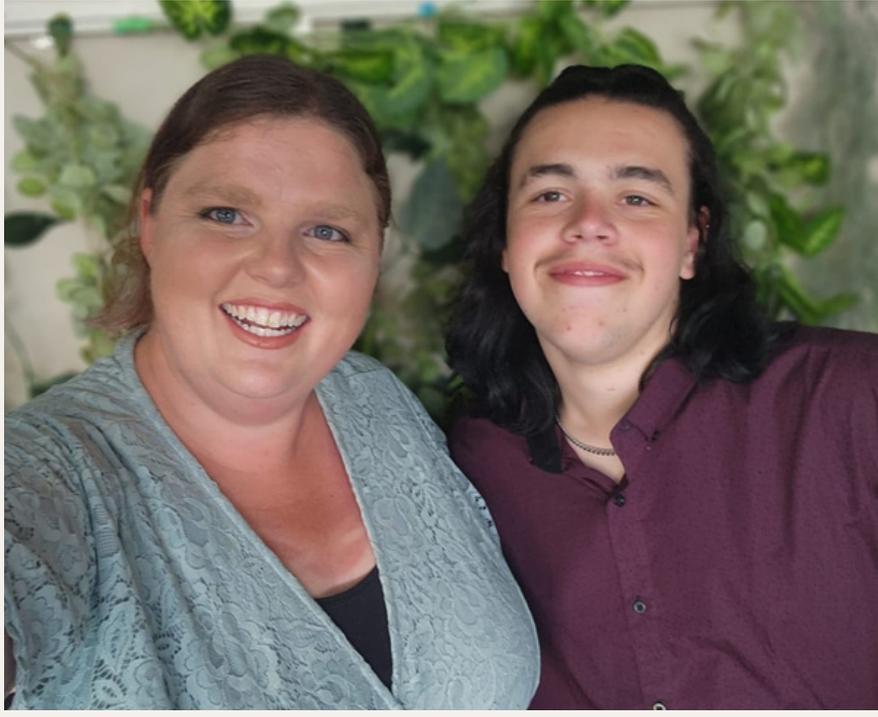
Year 10 GRADUATION



Our Dubbo Year 10 students celebrated the completion of their RoSA with their formal!

Everyone was dressed to the nines and had a great time celebrating their achievements and dancing the night away!







Wellbeing CORNER

Our SSC Team have put together a helpful list of resources and contacts that are available to you if you or someone you love are experiencing tough times.



13 11 14



1300 659 467



1300 22 46 36
24 hours
7 days a week



kidshelpline
Anytime Any Reason

1800 551 800



Crisis Housing Support

0407 188 877

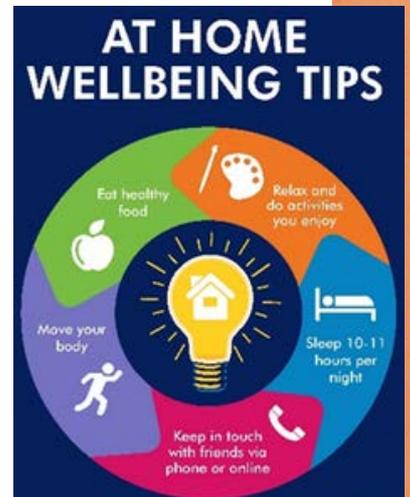
If you are in an emergency or at immediate risk of harm to yourself or others, please contact emergency services on 000



LGBTI Support

1800 184 527 &
Webchat

Mental Health Line
1800 011 511



Don't forget! Please always ask for what you need!

Bringing up great kids!

Relationships Australia's upcoming Term One, 2023 term program for the Bathurst region:

Bringing Up Great Kids is a 6-session group program which offers tools to better understand your child's feelings, actions and needs. It teaches you how to enhance your communication, behaviour, and provides effective ways to reduce family conflict. The aim is to promote more respectful interactions and to encourage the development of your child's positive self-identity.

Managing Strong Emotions is a 6-session group for people who are seeking support to better deal with strong emotions that may be causing issues in their relationships. This type of emotion may include anger, grief or jealousy.

*For more information on sessions,
use the QR code below.*



*Skillset Senior College would like to pay our respect to
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders
past, present and emerging.*

*We acknowledge their stories and traditions and recognise
their continuing contribution to land and culture.*

We are committed to building a brighter future together.

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