

skillset. senior college Newsletter

Term 1, February 2024

Message from HEAD OF COLLEGE

Welcome to a new year of connection, experience and memories!

2024 has kicked off to a great start.

Welcome new students and families to our small and mighty school, "school... but not as you know it".

Dubbo and Bathurst campuses have leapt into action with staff providing an array of activities and excursions in the coming months for our students.

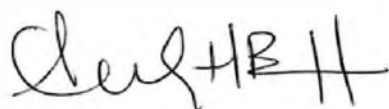
Wellbeing is at the heart of our educational mission at Skillset Senior College and we hope your experience of our school is a positive and rewarding one.

We highly recommend you attend upcoming events including the year 10 parent/carer meet and greet and parent/carer/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 College in the near future.

Have a fantastic year!

Warmest wishes,



Abbey Barrett





Key Dates Term

BATHURST

13 February | Cross Campus Swimming Carnival - Molong

20 February | Year 10 Parent Meet and Greet

21 February | Jelly Bean Pool - Connection to Country

25 - 28 March | Year 10 Milestone Week

29 March | GOOD FRIDAY

1 April | EASTER MONDAY

10 April | Ahn Doh - The Happiest Refugee - BMEC (Evening event)

12 April | Bathurst Show

DUBBO

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OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Last day of term | Friday, 12 April

First Day of Term 2 | Tuesday, 30 April

Welcome New Staff!

We are thrilled to introduce three outstanding additions to our teaching team.

Embracing a commitment to our values of kindness, courage and consideration, our new staff members bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our little school. Their passion for education and connection aligns seamlessly with our values, and we look forward to the positive impact they will undoubtedly make on our students' journey.

Join us in extending a warm welcome to our newest team members at Skillset Senior College!



Bec Bosianek
Bathurst Campus



Alex McAnespie
Dubbo Campus



Kim Hosking
Dubbo Campus



Dr. Martin Hughes
Head of Research and Development

In November, Martin Hughes actively engaged in a panel discussion at Trinity Grammar, alongside Tiffany Roos from the AIS Evidence Institute and UTS's Nick Hopwood. The panel focused on the intricacies of fostering effective research partnerships. Subsequent to the panel, Martin and Nick took the lead in facilitating a series of online discussions.

The spotlight was on a groundbreaking AI facial recognition technology developed at UTS, designed to assess student engagement and emotions during digital tasks.

The Dubbo and Bathurst teams, comprising Dee Davis, Mel Hazzard, Linc McBroom, Jaye Shean, and Ben Kirkness, expressed genuine enthusiasm for this innovative venture. Notably, there is ongoing consideration for a significant project: exploring the potential application of this technology as a tool for early ADHD diagnosis in educational settings. The collaborative spirit and shared excitement among the teams indicates a promising journey ahead.



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Students are also encouraged to follow our Skillset Senior College Student Community Group for updates on school excursions, reminders, more photos and connection with staff and one another!

For the Bathurst community page [click here](#) and for Dubbo, [click here!](#)

LEADERSHIP *Camp 2023*



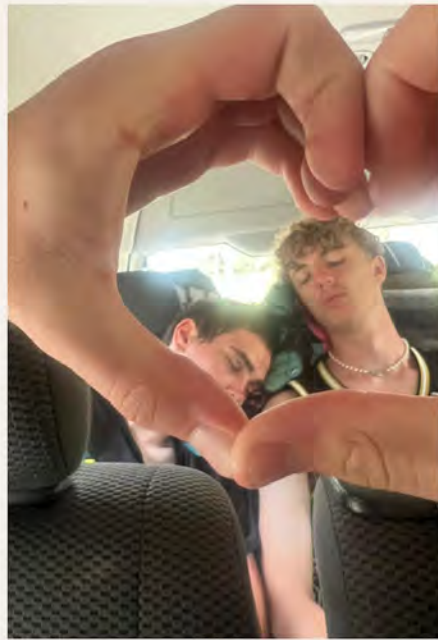
In the closing months of 2023, Year 11 students embarked on an unforgettable journey as they participated in the Annual Booti Booti Leadership Camp, marking the second consecutive year of this transformative experience. Picturesque Foster / Tuncurry provided the backdrop for this unique opportunity where students from Dubbo and Bathurst came together to foster connections, have fun, and cultivate teamwork, setting the stage for their upcoming roles as school leaders.

The camp featured a fun list of activities that left a mark on the students' memories. They enjoyed swimming, surfing, paddle boarding, snorkelling, great food and more! As the camp came to an end, the students left Booti Booti with enriched experiences and a solid foundation for their upcoming leadership roles!





Booti Booti Camp







Booti Booti Camp

Year 10 FORMAL - BATHURST

The Year 10 students from the Bathurst Campus marked the culmination of their academic year with an unforgettable formal celebration.

Dressed in their finest attire, they paraded down the red carpet with style and confidence. The evening was not only a showcase of elegant fashion but also a display of the impressive fleet of cars that transported them to the venue, adding an extra touch of coolness to the night!

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Year 10 FORMAL - DUBBO

Dubbo 's Year 10 students recently celebrated the completion of their RoSA with their end of year formal with families proudly watching on as they took the next step in their education journey.

The event was a blend of style and accomplishment, as the students, dressed to impress and enjoyed a night filled with laughter and music. The event encapsulated the essence of a significant milestone for the students and their families, signifying the end of one chapter and the beginning of another.

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2023 Abbey Barrett Award WINNERS

Each year one of our Year 10 students from the Dubbo and Bathurst campus is selected as the recipient of the Abbey Barrett Award.

This award celebrates students who have embraced the College's values of Kindness, Courage and Consideration throughout the year. We were thrilled in 2023 to celebrate Gillie Murray from the Dubbo Campus and Jayden Johnson from the Bathurst campus for being excellent examples to the other students at their school. Congratulations Gillie and Jayden!



Abbey Barrett and Gillie Murray - Dubbo



Abbey Barrett and Jayden Johnson - Bathurst

2023 The Randazzo Award WINNERS

Congratulations to Ruby Morris and Miles Evans Newton for their outstanding achievement as recipients of the 2023 Randazzo Award!

Each year, a Year 12 student from each campus is honoured for embodying the Randazzo Award's values of Citizenship, Scholarship, and Leadership.

Ruby from Bathurst Campus and Miles from Dubbo Campus have truly exemplified these principles, showcasing exceptional dedication to school, and their communities, and demonstrating leadership qualities.

Well done Ruby and Miles!

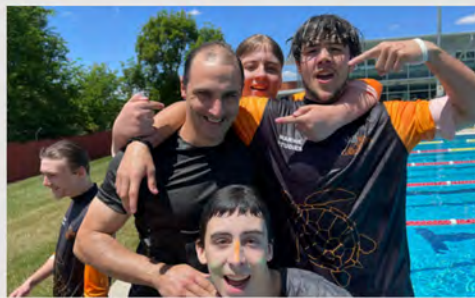


SSC Board Chair, Ian Tooke and Ruby Morris



Miles Evans Newton and Abbey Barrett

Top Term PHOTOS





Acknowledgement of Country

*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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