On Tuesday 6 May School Presidents, Keiren Rodwell and Veronika Hartmeier accompanied by Donna Shelley, Year Advisor, set off to Canberra airport to fly to Sydney to attend the Secondary Schools Student Leadership Program. We arrived in Sydney at around 5.00 pm then caught the airport train into town and (eventually) found our accommodation at the Y Hotel Hyde Park. After a little down time in our room we decided to go to Chinatown for tea and it didn’t disappoint!

After an early night, Wednesday saw us ready for the formal part of our excursion – a visit to the NSW Parliament and Government House. Our day started with various Members of Parliament addressing students about their pathways into parliament with the theme of each journey having been active in the community.
Bombala, Braidwood, Monaro and Moruya students were then introduced to our local MP, John Barilaro, and received a parliamentary pen as a souvenir of their visit. We were lucky enough to visit whilst parliament was sitting and were able to visit the Legislative Assembly (Lower House) and Legislative Council (Upper House) and see our NSW Government in action. We were even mentioned in the Hansard as Mr Barilaro was Acting Speaker.

After lunch at Parliament House, we walked to Government House where we were given a brief tour of the house before converging in the Ballroom to hear a very inspirational address by Her Excellency Professor The Honourable Marie Bashir AC CVO. Her Excellency gave us her background as well as a brief but extremely powerful Australian history lesson and an overview of the role of the Governor of NSW. We all found her presentation entertaining and interesting. Keiren and Veronika were introduced to Her Excellency and were lucky enough to have their photo taken with her. Afternoon tea on the terrace and the opportunity to wander the beautiful gardens concluded the formal part of the day. That evening we decided to visit Darling Harbour and enjoyed a wonderful seafood meal, ten pin bowling and air hockey. Our final stop was for gelato in Chinatown. It wasn’t just any gelato as it was made to order using liquid nitrogen – a spectacle to watch and an absolute pleasure to eat.

Thursday was an opportunity for a quick spot of Mother’s Day shopping before heading back to the airport and flying and driving home. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Keiren and Veronika for an amazing adventure. Our 2014 Presidents mingled confidently with the presidents from other schools, sharing their experiences as school leaders. They are both excellent role models and should be congratulated on both their leadership within our school as well as their positive approach to attending this opportunity. It was a pleasure to experience this valuable excursion with them, even if we have all now decided that politics is certainly not a career path for any of us!

Donna Shelley
Year 12 Advisor
ACTING-SPEAKER (Mr John Barilaro): I welcome to the Parliament student leaders from high schools across New South Wales who are attending the Secondary School Leadership Program for School Captains conducted by the parliamentary Education and Community Relations Section. I had an opportunity to speak with the students this morning. I welcome you all to the Chamber, which is also known as the bear pit. If you are here from 2.15 p.m. onwards for question time you will understand why it is called the bear pit. Of course, as the member for Monaro I especially welcome those school representatives from my region: Bombala, Braidwood, Jindabyne and Monaro high schools. I could not let this opportunity pass without mentioning my good colleague and friend the member for Northern Tablelands and welcome students from Bingara Central School. I apologise in advance because the member for Camden will speak shortly and will be boring.
This Week in Careers

University of NSW

Scholarship information has arrived from UNSW. Please drop in if you would like any information on these.

Honeywell Engineering Summer School (HESS)

This is an opportunity for any Year 11 students who are thinking of studying engineering in 2016. HESS takes place from Sunday 7 December to Friday 12 December 2014. The cost to attend is $725.00 and this includes accommodation, food and the week’s activities. Students MUST be studying 2 units (or more) of Mathematics and Physics and/or Chemistry to be able to apply. Please see me for a brochure and application form or you can download and print off the website – www.engineersaustralia.org.au/ness.

Taste of TAFE Cooma Campus

This very interesting day is to be held on Wednesday 25 June 2014. Prospective TAFE students for 2015 are invited to attend a hands on day in the areas of their interest. This year students can choose 3 sessions from Building and Construction, Business Services, Information Technology, Trades and Technology, Automotive and Welding, Human Services, Rural Studies and Tourism and Hospitality. It is open for students from Years 10 to 12 and to Year 9 students if places do not fill. If you are thinking of completing TVET as part of your pattern of study in Years 11 and 12, looking for further qualifications after the HSC or completing extra qualifications at night, whilst studying this excursion is for you!! Further information will be forwarded to the relevant students in the near future and the cost will be minimal.

UAC Information Session

Next term I will be attending the Careers Advisor UAC Information Session in Cooma. This session should coincide with the arrival of the UAC guides for our Year 12 students. Once I have the up to date information about ATAR’s, scholarships and early entry processes we will organise a student and parent information session which will enable us to work together to ensure that every Year 12 student applies for their desired courses and scholarships. I will keep you posted on dates and times, however, the parents who have contacted me so far, would prefer a Monday or Tuesday evening.

If you require any additional information or have any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me on 6458-3358 or 0409 556 813.

Have a great week

Donna Shelley
Careers

Crutching School

This week 8 students participated in the third crutching school held again at ‘Allawah” and hosted by Lionel and Kathleen Platts. Students are instructed in technique by former champion shearer Ian Elkins and inducted into all aspects of the industry by Kayla who hails from Hay and works as a woolclasser throughout the Riverina and Western Districts of NSW. Congratulations to all the students who attended, who all showed commitment to the task, dedication to achieving a quality job, and perseverance in overcoming fears and frustrations. Students who attended were mainly drawn from Year 10 and 11
Agriculture and included: Tye Standen, Makala Standen, Chris Nibbs, Thomas Regent, Kurt Pajuczok, Adam Rodwell, Loretta Hines and Brett Burton.

Max Stewart

SERAS visit our Senior PDHPE students

Last Friday our Senior PDHPE students were given the opportunity of involvement in some fitness testing activities run by SERAS (South East Region Academy of Sport). Four University of Canberra students travelled to BHS to put our students through their paces. Students were involved in a range of tests which measured their flexibility, core strength, grip strength, muscular power, agility, speed and oxygen uptake. Although students have been exposed to most of these tests through Bombala High School’s Physical Education Program, it was great to have different equipment to complete the tests and different expertise to talk the students through them. Once again the visitors to our school made particular note of the co-operation and exemplary manners of our students. Well done Senior PDHPE students!

Emma Sullivan
Cross Country Wolumla

On Friday 9 May 2014 Bombala High School was represented at the Zone Cross Country races by a dozen very keen students. A bright sunny day greeted us when we arrived at Wolumla and we joined all participants in a preliminary walk-through of the complete course. The Under 12s and Under 13s then ran the 3,000m course with older participants moving to longer distances finishing at 6,000m for the senior boys. The course included some challenging terrain including muddy conditions and some steep ups and downs to really test out the participants.

All our students ran well with a number finishing in the top 10 for their age groups. Best placed were Katherine Pajuczok with 2nd in the Girls' Under 17s, Kurt Pajuczok 4th in the Boys' Under 16s and Thomas Regent 6th in the same race.

I would like to thank the parents and family who came to support our students and I congratulate all our runners for representing the school so well.

Warwick Long