

Broome Residential College

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From the Manager

2008 kicked off well and has been our first term of opening with a full facility and full 48 students. We were very excited to see the students return from last year, as well as all our new faces.

The Building

Stage 1B of the building program is well underway with CDW builders assuring us that the dorms will be complete in time for the 2009 school year. This is exciting news as it will give us 32 extra beds next year. We are currently taking enrolments for students who may wish to attend the college in 2009 and 2010.

Student Programs

This term we have initiated a number of student programs aimed at physical activity, study skills and student leadership. Mr Mike Doyle is currently spending a few hours per week with the new student council to assist them to develop student priorities and have meaningful input into the running of the College. The Supervisors have been working together to increase student involvement in sports and outdoor activities. We currently have BRC girls and boys indoor soccer teams, BRC basketball teams, and students are participating in indoor netball, water polo, cricket, beach volleyball, touch football, athletics, boxing and rock jumping. We have also purchased access for all students to online tutoring. A package has been sent home to all families to explain this in full detail. Next term we hope to attract Federal funding to allow for face to face tutors for students who need that bit of extra help.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, family members and the staff from Broome Senior High School and Saint Mary's College - who have worked with our staff to make sure that this first term has run smoothly for our students. Without your help, understanding and support we would not be able to provide the high level of service to the students.

Kristen Orazi
College Manager



Staff for 2008

We have had a number of staff changes over the Christmas break. 2 new Supervisors join our team, and have just managed to fill our Cook and Cleaning positions. Welcome to all new staff and thanks to all the staff who have been helping with these roles until the positions could be filled.

We have also recently been successful in employing Mr Mike Doyle as a casual Student Support Supervisor for a few hours a week. Mike will be working with the new Student Council on leadership initiatives, and will be ensuring that the student Tuition program is established.

Our Current Staff are:

College Manager – Ms Kristen Orazi
Senior Supervisor – Mr Gary “Curly” Bonney
Female Supervisor – Miss Karli Orazi
Male Supervisor – Mr Glen “Gleno” Mackey-Cullen
Female Supervisor – Miss Rachel Prout
Administrative Assistant – Mr Adrian Mitchell
Kitchen and Laundry Hand – Mrs Cathryn Maher
Groundsperson – Mrs Claire Bowman
Cook – Mrs Robyn Hamaguchi
Cleaner – Mrs Bunchoo “Marlie” Pankao
Casual Relief “All Rounder” – Mr Michael Dawson
Student Support Supervisor – Mr Mike Doyle

Student Representative Council

Voting for our student councillors occurred in week 7 and our congratulations go out to the 6 successful students voted by their peers to represent the student body. The successful candidates for 2008 are:

Head Girl – Bianca McGaffin
Head Boy – Robert Spry

Girls Representatives - Roseanna Long
- Amber Cowie

Boys Representatives - Jared Higgins
- Michael Thorne-Blenkinsop

The Student Council will begin work in term 2 to establish student priorities, events, fund raising, leadership initiatives and input from students into the running of the College. There may also be the opportunity for councillors to participate in the 2008 WA Youth Parliament. More on this to come.....

Term Events and Activities

Orientation Weekend

Orientation weekend started the term well with students having the opportunity to get to know the staff and fellow students. The highlight was definitely Mr. Gleno's games night. I'm sure Waylan will never live down losing the grand final of the finger grab to Kayla!



Garnduwa Basketball Carnival – By Karli Orazi

On the 3rd and 4th of April seven of the BRC girls took off to Derby to compete in the Garnduwa Under 15's basketball competition. There were 4 other teams in the competition from Fitzroy, Derby, Looma and Broome Senior High School. There was much camaraderie between the Broome teams, who trained together, supported each other from the sideline and shared a meal together on the Thursday night. Special thanks must go to Darrilyn Gordon (BRC year 12 student) who assisted with coaching the team at training, and Kim (Hailey's mum) who helped to feed us in Derby.

The Hostel Heats (our team) managed to finish the competition on top of the ladder after winning 2 games, drawing 1 and losing 1. The girls played like champions and fought hard in the whole competition. Unfortunately Derby defeated us by 1 point in the grand final with a final score of 15- 14 and took home the medals.

We'll get em next year!



Boys Easter Fishing Excursion

The BRC boys have had a fantastic time building spears for fishing during the term. Over the Easter weekend the boys went on a fishing trip though there wasn't much luck. There is a story about Ashley spearing a fish like a professional.

Mr Curly did try to resuscitate the poor baby fish in the photo.



Earth Hour

BRC students did much research with Mr Gleno and Miss Rachel about Earth Hour. All power around the College was cut for the hour, to ensure we were a part of the Australia wide event to raise awareness of environmental issues.

Staff and students then gathered around the fire pit for a discussion on global warming followed by a few scary stories. Ms Rachel ensured the sugar levels were high by teaching everyone to make her "very Canadian" Smores (melted marshmallow and chocolate in a biscuit).



Board of Management

The Broome Board of Management met on the 29th February and the 4th of April. We were very pleased to have filled our positions for Parent Representation and have Mrs Andrea Green and Mrs Tara Spry attend our meetings. The Board is working to ensure that the college operates and grows to meet the needs of the Kimberley and the students who attend.

Lost Property Notice

The College Laundry has more than 8 baskets full of clothes, shoes and bedding from 2007 and term 1 2008 that has not been claimed. We do not know who it belongs to as it has not been labelled. We have made repeated announcements to students to please come and claim any missing items but to no avail.

STUDENTS – If you are missing items of clothing or bedding please look in the lost property basket in the laundry ASAP.

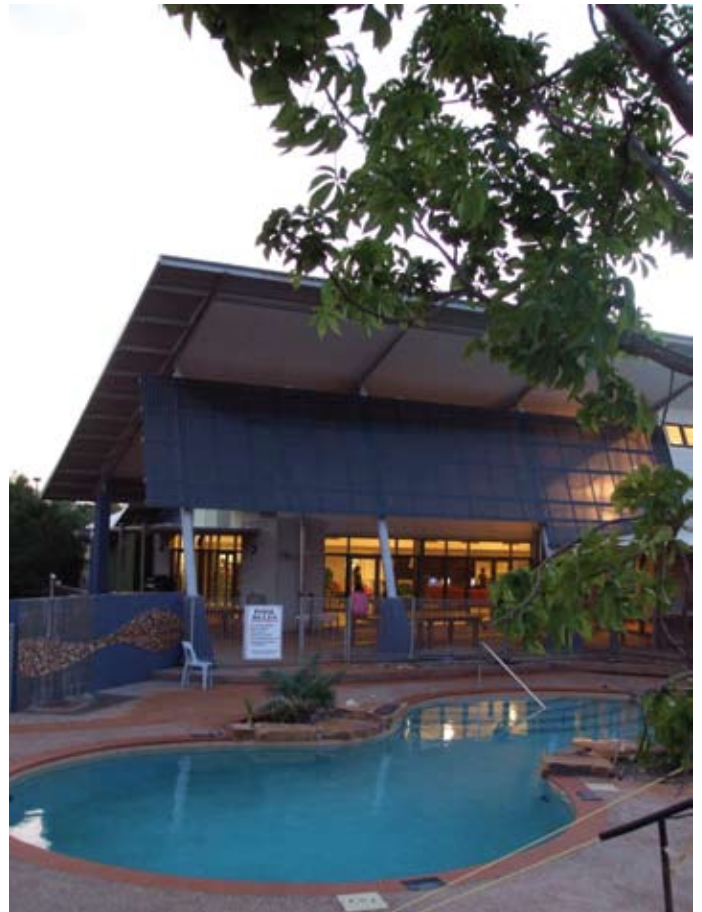
PARENTS – PLEASE LABEL ALL BEDDING AND CLOTHING WITH PERMANENT MARKER to ensure that we are able to return it to your child if they do not claim it.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY ITEMS NOT CLAIMED BY THE END OF TERM 2 WILL BE DONATED TO CHARITY.

North West Expo

The Broome Residential College will have a stall at the North West Expo on the 3rd and 4th of May. If you are in Broome over this weekend please stop at by at the Broome Recreation and Aquatics Centre and say hello to Karli and the team who will be running the stall.

The College Will Re-open For Term 2 On Monday The 28th April 2008.



ATTENTION PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

STUDENT HEALTH NOTICE

Due to incidents of mumps and ongoing health concerns for some of our students, we ask that all families ensure students have had a full check up at your local health clinic or doctor over the school break. This check up should include up to date immunisations.

If you have not already done so, please make sure that your child's health record form is complete and up to date, and immunisation records are sent through to the college before the commencement of term 2.

We also request that any health issues be treated prior to sending students back to the College for term 2.