Swan Hill College Calendar 2016

JUNE 17 Pupil free day - staff PD
JUNE 19-24 Geelong Work Experience Camp for year 10 and 11 students
JUNE 23-24 School Production
JUNE 24 Last day of term 2:15pm finish
JULY 12-15 Year 7 Camp 1
JULY 14 State Cross Country
JULY 18 Careers Info night 6pm
JULY 18-22 Year 8-12 Clontarf, MDAS Health Checks
JULY 19-22 Year 7 Camp 2
JULY 25-29 Year 8-12 Clontarf, MDAS Health Checks
JULY 26-29 Year 7 Clontarf Grampians Camp
JULY 27 Careers Year 12’s TIS Tour and "Where to Next" workshops
JULY 28 LMR soccer, netball, basketball and badminton

Swan Hill Clontarf shines

The Swan Hill Academy was fortunate to visit and present to company members of Broadpectrum. Seven of our boys from Years 8-12 delivered an exceptional presentation to approximately 25 people and had them fully captivated from the start with their personal stories.

The morning began with company General Manager, Mr Neil Birchnell, giving an overview of the business. Then one by one, the Clontarf boys introduced themselves and gave a spiel about their family, employment, interests and what lies ahead for the future. It was very nerve wracking for the boys. However, they spoke with such confidence and pride, and at the completion of the presentation they received a standing ovation. Jesse Edwards commented, “I was a little nervous but once I started I was fine. It was great to talk to them and find out about their jobs as well.”

The boys also showed a power-point presentation about Clontarf, which had all members watching with great interest. Following the presentation, the group mixed with the company members whilst enjoying a magnificent morning tea.

Mr Birchnell stated, “All of the Clontarf lads should be proud of what they just did. They spoke with passion and their personal stories gave a great touch to the room and added to the atmosphere”. In later conversations, Mr Birchnell commented, “It (the presentation) has left a lasting impression on a number of our staff who attended this morning. So much so, that a number of them have asked if they could attend this year’s graduation ceremony?”

The previous night, we were special guests of another partner in Caltex, watching the Caltex Socceroos take on Greece in a friendly soccer match at Etihad stadium.

None of the boys or staff had watched a live game of soccer before. Sean Atkinson was really surprised with the game. “I did not realise how much running they do. I don’t like how they pretend to get injured though. It ruined the game.”

Huge thanks to both Broadpectrum and Caltex for the opportunity they gave the boys in Melbourne. It was a great learning and life experience for them to be part of.

Danny Fraser – Clontarf Manager