Denison College of Secondary Education

Denison College is a multi-campus secondary college consisting of the Bathurst High and Kelso High Campuses. We are the largest provider of secondary education in Bathurst, with a combined teaching staff of 136 and student numbers of around 1800 in 2015. Since its establishment in 2008, the College staff has expanded to include the College Principal, four Head Teachers, a Technology Learning Team, two Vocational Education Co-ordinators and an Executive Assistant to support the College Principal.

Denison College is committed to improving outcomes for students through enhanced teaching quality. College staff provide professional leadership and collaborate with campus executive teams to ensure the highest possible quality of curriculum delivery and to improve access to a wide variety of pathways for students, including the School Within a School Program – an award winning alternative education program for Year 10 students.

Denison College delivers a broad shared senior curriculum across both campuses and TAFE. We offer over 90 courses for study in the senior years and students can access courses at both campuses. Through Future Directions activities, students are given comprehensive support when selecting their courses and in adjusting their pattern of study.

Our online learning site, aims to enhance student learning through the use of technology. Since 2011 Denison College has collaborated with centres for excellence and virtual faculties to support the delivery of curriculum throughout western NSW. We are currently leading the development of a Bring Your Own Device initiative across 6 secondary schools in the Orange and Bathurst regions.

Campus programs supported by Denison College include Girri Girri Sports Academy which provides support and guidance for ATSI students and the iLearn/iexplore Year 6-7 transition programs in conjunction with our fourteen partner primary schools. There is a focus on expanding our range of regular enrichment activities for students in Years 7-10, so that all students have the opportunity to identify and extend upon their specific area of interest or skill.

Key Events:

In addition to the daily operations of the campuses, the college also runs a number of significant events each year. These include:

**High Achievers Reception** – Held in February, the reception, usually hosted at Charles Sturt University, is a celebration of the outstanding success of students in Years 10, 11 and 12.

**Central West HSC Seminar Day** – Held in June, this event caters to the needs of over 200 HSC students from schools across the Central West. Expert speakers and HSC markers join local teachers in delivering a range of subject based seminars covering key HSC subjects.

**Future Directions** – Run over August-September, staff from the College lead an extended support process to guide Year 10 students and their parents through the complex process of career planning and subject selection.