

Clarence High School

Designing the future together



Prefect's voice counts

EVERY voice counted at the Celebrating Democracy Week event in Canberra, including Lewis Kingston's.

The Clarence High School prefect was stunned to learn that he had won an all expenses paid trip to the ACT after entering the Every Voice Counts competition.

He and three other Tasmanian delegates met in Canberra to attend the official opening of Democracy Week.

Federal Education Minister Julie Bishop launched the event and welcomed them to the three-day jam-packed program.

The Every Voice Counts student forum was a once in a lifetime opportunity for Grade 10 and Year 11 students from across Australia to gain an insight into the democratic process.

The theme of the forum was Being a Responsible Citizen and students participated in a behind-the-scenes tour of Parliament House and Question Time in the House of Representatives.

"The forum was invaluable; I recommend it to anyone," Lewis said.

Students' good work

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SKI THRILLS AND SPILLS

JOSH COX

CAN you imagine taking 42 students interstate and being responsible for them as they head off in every direction possible exploring Melbourne?

Then travelling six hours on a bus to Mt Hotham while trying to keep them occupied, making sure each of them has ski gear, then keeping track of that gear for a week and finally being responsible for them for five days as they snowboard and ski the slopes?

This is what Clarence teacher Phil Mollineax has been doing for eight years along with Phil Young, Greg Jarvis and Angela Muskett.

Students are provided with three-course meals, great accommodation, a five-day lift pass which is their key to the mountain, lessons every day and most of all, an experience they will cherish for their whole life.

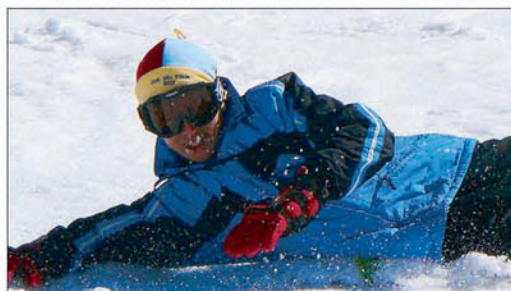
For Callum Crawford and many others, night skiing was unforgettable.



TAKING IT SERIOUSLY: Zoey Keleher at Mt Hotham ski fields.



OLD PRO: Callum Crawford.



ON THE SKIDS: Tom Hamlett after a spill.

"It was awesome," Callum said.

The 2007 trip was a first for another school to join Clarence's trip.

Former Clarence teacher Jonathon Welch came along with three keen students from Cosgrove High School creating strong friendships from the start.

The experience is so fantastic that some students who were in Grade 9 last year were lucky enough to go again this year as Grade 10s.

These students, being more advanced snowboarders and skiers, showed great leadership

helping some of the struggling first-timers. Everybody on the trip got an introduction to

skiing or snowboarding, and were inspired to take part in future trips.

By the end of the week students' skills had improved out of sight, with everybody managing to challenge themselves on different levels of tracks.

Some even attempted black slopes strictly reserved for the advanced.

Everybody had a good time. Memories were made that will last forever, friendships blossomed and others were strengthened.

Talent on the rise

SAMUEL ECCLES and SAM TALBOT

THERE are a number of sports stars among the students at Clarence High School.

Jeremy Edwards has been selected for the last three years in the Tasmanian hockey squads.

This year in Melbourne he was selected for the Under-16 Australian team which will compete in South Africa in August next year.

Kurt Mackey is another talented hockey player.

He has been selected for the Under-15 team competing in the Australian Hockey League contest in Perth, WA.

Samuel Eccles has recently returned from the Under-14 national soccer competition in Coffs Harbour, NSW.

Outstanding footballer Jackson Cracknell once again made the state squad and played fantastically in Queensland.

Bonnie Nicholls made the state Under-15 Judo team for the first time this year. She excelled in the national competition in Melbourne and was presented with medals for first and third place.

Julian to stand in shoes of fallen diggers

OLIVIA PRICE

A SECOND Clarence High School student has won the prestigious Frank McDonald Prize.

Julian Cook will join five other Tasmanian Grade 9 students who will be following in the footsteps of the Anzacs.

Next April he will travel to

Turkey to take part in the dawn service at Gallipoli and later tour the World War I battlefields of northern France and Belgium.

The prize also includes a Perpetual Shield which is on display at Clarence High until 2008 when it passes to the next winners.

The trophy is made of fine Tasmanian timber, its grain

resembling the terrain of Anzac Cove.

Former Clarence High student Kesherie Gurung was one of the three inaugural prizewinners in 2004 for her essay on how Anzac Day commemorations have changed over time.

This year's topic was the impact of the Anzac experience on Australia.

Winning the prize has already had an impact on Julian.

He has had to face the test of many public appearances and interviews.

"This will be the experience of a lifetime and I look forward to finding out more about what actually happened over there all those years ago," Julian said.



ENTHUSIASTIC: Julian Cook.



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