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Spare the pom poms

IN THE absence of pom poms, cheerleaders and Olivia Newton-John, Dominic College can still muster so much school spirit we could put Rydell to shame any day.

Whether it's a school fair or concert, Dominic students are ready to put their best foot forward and make it memorable.

Being part of Dominic College influences students' attitudes in day-to-day life.

Our college motto, "Live By The Truth", encourages us to be true to others and ourselves for the good of the college and those we come into contact with every day.

The school spirit can be attributed to the friendliness of both staff and students and the commitment each person makes to the college.

No matter what the occasion, students can always be relied upon to bring out a sense of colour, action and so much hype,

you'd think you were lost in the Spice Girls' boardroom.

Senior students, especially in their last few weeks, tend to get behind the college in every way possible to make the last year of their time at Dominic as memorable and enjoyable as they can.

So, what is the Dominic definition of school spirit? Is it the ferocious battle between houses on campus or the ongoing battle between schools off campus?

Is school spirit personified by only those who participate in athletic pursuits, or by those who lead the way in academic fields?

School spirit is all these things. School spirit is the pride we, as students, teachers and Old Scholars, take in our college and ourselves, because we are leaders and we make up the fibre of what truly is Dominic College.

Who needs pom-poms anyway?



HELPING HAND: Peer support leaders Melanie Street and Leah Ralph play with kinder students Peter O'Keefe, Brad Tuffin and Kaitlyn Pailthorpe.

Supporting each other

THE Dominic College Peer Support Program is a program designed to welcome Year Sevens to the college.

They form friendships with Year Tens in an effective program for uniting all students on the secondary campus.

The program involves a group of about 30 Year Ten students,

all properly trained, taking small groups of Year Seven students for one period a week.

The sessions involve discussing topics and icebreaker and trust games.

The program runs all of first term and, by the end, close friendships have formed and the Year Sevens feel they can talk to

and trust other members of the group, including the Year Ten leaders.

Peer support has been further enhanced by the introduction of vertically streamed pastoral home groups. The idea of these classes, which meet morning and afternoon, is to mix age groups and build support and trust.

Memorial window

A MEMORIAL window will be unveiled and blessed in the College Chapel at 6.30 pm today to mark the anniversary of the death of Brother Peter Dezani.

A reunion and BBQ will follow the unveiling. Come along and reminisce with friends, pay tribute to this wonderful man and toast the future.

Good works

DOMINIC College's ongoing commitment to community service and the spirit of the school is greatly enhanced by the Vinnies group and its dedication to service activities.

The college invited isolated, elderly members of the community to attend luncheons, as part of the "Eating with Friends" program. Delicious meals were prepared and served by Food Studies students at two luncheons arranged by Vinnies.

Other activities in which the group has participated include visiting residents of Oakdale Lodge, selling buttons for the Menzies Foundation and charity drives for St Vincent de Paul.

That's entertainment

DOMINIC College recently held its annual concert, with performers from Kindergarten through to Year 10. More than 800 people attended and witnessed such acts as *Hungry Caterpillar* and *Wheels on the Bus* performed by the primary students.

Secondary acts included *Men in Black*, *Grease* and the school rock bands, Ludakris and Shifted.

Production team

YEAR 10B English class produced this School Page.

Shining stars of school

DOMINIC College students have excelled throughout the year in a range of academic and sporting fields.

Many students have shone in various areas.

These include: Michael Lampard with his singing ability; Rhea Hadjuk the winner of "Be Seen Be Heard", which was a statewide competition run by The Mercury; and Ben Martin who stood out in poetry.

Alex Batt won the Titration Award and Michael Ford excelled in Chemistry and Science.

The following students have all received awards and recognition for their sporting achievements and represented the state: Danijela Baltic and Lauren Jones in soccer; Stuart Smith in hockey; Shonel Rainbird in netball; Patrick Lyden in cross country; Scott Hansen in football; Joel Davie in basketball and Claire Treweek in touch football.

Melanie Street has been an outstanding achiever in high jump and recently received a Pierre de Coubertin Award.

Dominic College was well represented at the recent U16 National Water Polo Championships in Queensland. One third of the team was made up of Dominic students. They were John Campbell (captain/centre-back), Tim Golding (wingman), Justin O'Brien (goalkeeper), Luke Evans and Sam Walker (reserves).

John, Tim and Justin have been selected in the Australian squad of 36, from which a team of 15 will be chosen to play in either America or Europe early next year.



SPORTING CHANCE: John Campbell, Tim Golding and Justin O'Brien have been selected for the Australian water polo squad.

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