

Deputy Principal District Reports : June 2004

Wollongong / Shellharbour

- Dps want a voice on regional committees
- Compliance training for when Principals are not in school
- Want more qualitative feedback after merit interviews and greater consistency.
- Perhaps a letter to staffing who can give Principals or chairpersons a list of what would be considered good feedback.

Issue re criteria in adverts for jobs for DP's eg sport or choir; ads are not consistent.

Port Macquarie

- Feedback on applications for jobs inconsistent
- New leave passes not working terribly well and require a lot of work in some instances
- Insufficient training for many DP's
- All DP's need DET emails or DET documents sent to them as well as Principals
- IS there any truth to the rumour that compulsory LOTE is about to disappear?
- Can you now buy a demountable?

Orange Dubbo

- Many activities occurring over the year
- Regional networks have been set up

Uralla

- Lack of Professional Development

Sutherland

- Michelle Nicholson – Resilience workshop from Health sector gave a very good workshop
- Workshops on 7-10 Syllabuses have been very positive
- Sutherland starting to share new programs
- Leaves passes often not being used
- Duty of care at sport eg. Walking students to sport and supervision.

SW Sydney

- PASSE Conferences always good
- Would like to formalise regional meetings and hold them more often

Western Sydney

- No formal structure for meetings at a regional level for DP's

Tweed

- N Coast conference good

- They have regional funding and support for DP's
- Many students with mental health problems
- Disengagement of students esp. boys
- Motivating experienced entrenched teachers and head teachers.
- Curriculum challenges to engage all students
- Regional model needs to be developed so all Dp's in any region can have consistent training
- No consistent support from SEAS

St George, Port Jackson Bondi

- Successful conference held in April
- 2nd one in June
- Issues for DP's included overwork
- Lack of compliance training
- Degree of difficulty of some courses affecting students willingness to remain at school and hence retention rates are affected.

Central Coast

- No one has received the CD Rom re teachers having difficulties
- DP's not being trained sufficiently in mandatory policies
- Welfare survey received favourable comments

Regional Director wants DP's to be involved in PD