



# New South Wales Secondary Deputy Principals Association Inc.

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Illawarra Branch

Newsletter June 2009

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Hi Folks,

I hope term 2 is treating you kindly and that all is well in your schools.

Thank you to those of you who have paid your yearly subscription as it is with these funds that we pay for our conference program.

Speaking of conferences, your hard working co-ordinators have been busy planning our conference for this term. I'm pleased to advise that it will be held on Friday June 26<sup>th</sup>, with the option of staying overnight on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>. The exciting part about this conference is that it will be held at Coolangatta Estate winery at Shoalhaven Heads.

We are planning to meet at 5pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June for a pre-dinner wine tasting, then perhaps a trivia quiz or similar after dinner. The cost of this conference will be covered by the local and state associations. You can of course attend for Friday program only if you wish. A word of warning, if you nominate to stay on the Thursday night and then change your mind and do not notify us by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June, we will be liable for your costs and we will invoice your school for the full amount.

With the roll out of the *Laptops for Learning* program, we have decided to make **technology** the theme of the conference. It is a very topical theme which we all are struggling to get our heads around at present. The first session will be presented by Dianne Marshall who is the leader of the DET Laptops for Learning program. With the imminent issue of laptops to our Year 9 students and staff we thought Dianne would be the perfect speaker to answer the many questions which are still unanswered.

Our second session will be targeted at the effective use of these laptops in the classroom. The exciting news here is that we have two presenters from the *Centre for Learning Innovation* who have some great suggestions about using laptops in classrooms as effective learning tools. I'm sure you will agree that this is a major challenge that we all face as educators and one which we will need to address with teachers back in our schools.

Our third session will be on using ERN as an administrative tool. Many of us are aware of it, but few have had training in how it works and how we can use

it to assist us with our administration and with the year 6 to year 7 transition process.

Don Wilkinson and I will be attending the state DP Association meeting in Sydney on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, so if there are things you wish Don or I to raise in that forum, please contact either of us.

State conference this year will be held at the Hunter Valley in Term 3 and you should have already received details of this event. For those attending the state conference, Don Wilkinson is looking at organising an Illawarra Association polo shirt for us. Further details will follow.

On the staffing front, congratulations to Lynette Lanham who was recently appointed DP at Dapto High. Lynette has previously served as head teacher welfare at Blaxland High. The appointment of a DP to Illawarra Sports High is now complete and Keiran Spillane from Ambarvale High has accepted the position. The ad. for the vacancy at Kiama High closed on 27<sup>th</sup> May.

My thanks to John Kennedy, Don Wilkinson, Kem Rakaposki, Steve Hodgson and particularly Di Trist for the organisation of the upcoming conference.

That's about it for now. Hope to catch up with you all at Coolangatta!

Take care!

Al McInnes  
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## NSW Deputy Principals Association- Fax Reply

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### Term 2 Conference Registration **Coolangatta Estate Winery** **Thursday 25th June 2009**

#### Program

5.30pm onwards	Registration for delegates staying overnight
6.00pm	Wine Tasting
7.00pm	Dinner and social activities

### **Friday 26rd June 2009**

#### Program

8.30 am - 9.00am	Coffee and Registration
9.00am – 10.30am	Laptops for Learning – Dianne Marshall
10.30am-11.00am	Morning Tea
11.00am-12.30pm	Centre for Learning Innovation - Richard Doel- Mackaway & Tal Greengard
12.30pm- 1.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm-1.40pm	State Congress Issues – Don Wilkinson
1.45pm-2.45pm	Using ERN – Cindy Suter Warilla High
2.45pm – 3.00pm	Evaluation.

#### Cost – included in your annual fee

- includes lunch, morning tea and venue costs (including accommodation)
- please return registration forms to Alan McInnes at Warilla High on the above fax number by **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**.

I will be attending the conference and I require accommodation at Coolangatta Estate for Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

I will be attending the conference on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June only

I understand that if I withdraw from the conference after Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June, or I fail to attend the conference after notifying my acceptance my school will be invoiced for the full costs incurred by the association

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

