Welcome to the 2015 academic year. This year the goals are clear: improve NAPLAN results, reduce non-attendance, increase BOS accreditation of results and improve student behaviour to ensure the school is safe. We appreciate the support of parents/carers by ensuring that students are in uniform and have the correct equipment for classroom work. To encourage ongoing student support, we are offering incentives of free disco for students who attendance and are punctual, in uniform and follow instructions and have not been suspended. Through the year, each term different incentives will be offered. We all want school life to be rewarding and happy and each student to succeed. We do not believe it is appropriate that students represent the school or are rewarded if they fail to abide by the school’s code of conduct especially if they have been suspended.

In 2015 we have employed a Dance teacher, Mrs Spears, to provide professional expertise in a curriculum area which students highlighted as a high priority. I encourage all students to take the opportunity to enjoy the dance classes at lunchtime. Year 7 will also have Dance as a component of the CAPA curriculum.

This year has commenced smoothly yet there are still a number of students who are in holiday mode and finding it hard to get to school on time. As young adults, it is important that they realise that education is important and that commitment is required. If we are to improve each student’s NAPLAN result, we need to ensure that s/he is in class on time and ready to learn.

We look future to a productive year and will continue to provide each student with a vast array of opportunities and successes.

Cathy Anderson
Principal

Swimming Carnival 2015

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Sport/School uniform or house colours are to be worn. (No thongs or denim).

No coloured tops are to be worn in the pool (white is acceptable).

To ATTEND and PARTICIPATE in the Swimming Carnival you are required to RETURN the Swimming Carnival permission note to the PDHPE Faculty by THURSDAY 5th FEBRUARY (Week 2).

All sections are to be completed and signed.

FAILURE TO RETURN a completed permission note will lead to NO attendance or participation in the Swimming Carnival (Including NO ENTRY into Emerton Leisure Centre).

Students will be dismissed from the pool at 1.15pm and will be required to make their own way home.
Chifley College Mt Druitt Campus would like to invite parents and students to a display of students’ achievements. This will provide the opportunity to view students’ talents, the school’s progress and to meet the teachers.

WHEN: Tuesday 24th February
TIME: 4-6pm
WHERE: Chifley College Mt Druitt Campus, Stuart Rd Dharruk Ph. 96259750

We look forward to meeting with you
YEAR 7 VACCINATIONS

- Vaccinations for Year 7 students will be held in the school library in Week 8 of this term, on Friday the 20th of March.
- Year 7 students will be given consent forms during assembly in Week 3, which need to be returned to Ms Appleton in the TAS Faculty by the end of Week 6.
- Information about the vaccines is provided with the consent forms and further queries, including translations of consent forms into other languages, can be directed to the Western Sydney Public Health Unit on (02) 9840 3603.
- Vaccinations are free and given by trained nurses. This is a great opportunity to ensure the ongoing health and wellbeing of your child—please get involved!

Ms Appleton

Dear Parent/Guardian

Teams of specially trained registered nurses will be visiting your child’s school during Year 7 to offer free vaccinations against serious vaccine preventable diseases.

Vaccines include:
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine (2 doses)
- Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTPa) vaccine (1 dose)
- Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine (1 dose)

These vaccines are only provided free whilst your child is in Year 7.

What do you need to do?
- Read Year 7 Vaccination Information Kit
- Check your child’s vaccination records for varicella vaccine: all students should receive 1 dose unless the vaccine has been given before or your child has had the chickenpox disease
- Complete the Consent Form in BLOCK letters using a BLACK or BLUE pen
- Sign the Consent Form for each vaccine your child requires
- Return the signed Consent Form to your child’s return to school, as soon as possible
- Discuss the importance of vaccinations with your child
- Ensure your child has breakfast on the morning of vaccination

More questions?
Please contact Western Sydney Public Health Unit on 9840 3603 or visit [www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation) for further information and translated copies of the Year 7 Vaccination Information Kit.
Volunteering

In 2015 students have been given the opportunity to participate in the Premiers Volunteering Challenge. This exciting program will allow Year 9 and 10 students to attend placements on a Friday afternoon, once per fortnight. It will allow them to develop skills in work readiness, and complements the careers lessons being taught in school.

In 2015 students elected to either:

- Complete Premiers Volunteering Challenge
- Remain at school under DP supervision

Students must organise their own volunteering and may choose to participate in the following ways:

- Volunteering as a youth group leader
- Volunteering as a preschool assistant
- Volunteering as a classroom helper at a primary school
- Volunteering in a sporting club- assistant coach, helping in the canteen, setting up fields
- Volunteering in a church
- Volunteering at a school based activity- catering team, peer mentoring, Boys on The Move etc.
- Volunteering with the elderly
- Volunteering at home- assisting your family- lawn mowing, folding washing, babysitting
- Volunteering in a community group- Fire Brigade, St Johns Ambulance, Scouts
- Raise money for a specific charity
- School Leadership
- Gardening at our school and in the wider community
- Volunteering in the school canteen
- Other

For those students choosing to volunteer, paperwork can be collected from Miss Hooke. If this paperwork is not handed in, students must remain at school with the Deputy Principal during the volunteering period.
Careers

Careers lessons are designed to support the work experience program and to assist students to refine social research skills to explore their own values, attitudes and abilities, relate them to realistic career options, subject selections and to gain real work and life skills through a practical application of theoretical knowledge.

The Careers program incorporates a range of experiences and activities to develop students knowledge and skills. Please ask about anything you may be interested in:

- Fast Forward - University link program with UWS
- Healthwise Careers Expo
- Indigenous Jobs Market
- iTrack - Online mentoring program
- LEAPS - Lawyer mentoring program for promising students
- SEEK - Cultural Awareness Program
- Try a Skill
- Volunteering
- Work Experience
- Year 11 Subject Selections
Chifley College Dance Group

***DANCE PROGRAM 2015***

Chifley College is proud to announce the commencement of a very exciting Dance Program. This program will engage students in extra curricula activates and students will have many opportunities to display their talents throughout the year.

The dance groups are open to all students, and if you would like to get involved please see Mrs Spears in the CAPA staff room to register your name.

A lot of extra time, hard work and energy has been put in to allow this Dance group to develop, all students already involved are very dedicated and are showing a huge amount of enthusiasm.

CHIFLEY COLLAGE
DANCE GROUP update

Chifley College Mount Druitt
DANCE TIMETABLE

MONDAY LUNCH
JAZZ PERFORMANCE TROUPE

TUESDAY LUNCH
HIP HOP CREW

WEDNESDAY LUNCH
HIP HOP CREW

FRIDAY LUNCH
ABORIGINAL DANCE

PLEASE MEET IN THE PERFORMANCE SPACE IN (KING BLOCK)
Welcome back to another fantastic year in the HSIE department. This year we welcome Ms Chaffy and Mr Blackman to our dynamic team.

We have been impressed with our students diligence and their effort in class. We would also like to congratulate students for coming prepared to class with all their equipment.

Year 7 and Year 9 are studying Geography this semester. Year 8 and Year 9 are studying History. Year 8 also study LOTE (Japanese and Chinese) with Mrs Crellin. We also have the electives of Japanese, Commerce and Society & Culture.

We have themed classroom in HSIE. I proud to display the efforts the teachers have taken to give our students engaging learning environments.

We have introduced a HSIE brainteaser that is posted every week in the noticeboard. The first student who gives me the correct answer wins a prize. Congratulations to Troy 7c who was the winner in Week 1 and Denis L 8I for solving the problem in week 2.

We have also introduced a HSIE student of the week. I would like to congratulate the following students:

Year 7: Caleb N
Year 8: Samantha R
Year 9: Graeme G
Year 10: Ryan W

Finally Chess Club will resume in the library Wednesday lunch times with Ms Meyer, Ms Coid and myself.

I am eagerly anticipating a productive and interesting year of learning in HSIE.

Mrs Haskett, Head Teacher HSIE
It is an exciting year for TAS in 2015. The students have their requirements lists, assessments and have started their project work.

**Students must have enclosed solid upper footwear to participate in practical classes.**

Student contributions are really important in our subject as they pay for the consumable items such as timber and groceries. These can be paid in instalments such as $20 per term or even $5 per week. Please contact Mrs Doyle if you have any problems with payments.

Finally if you are wanting to help your child get the best out of their practical course why not let them practise at home. Kids can start cooking the family meal in Year 7, having a go at making or fixing something with some hand tools is also fantastic. If you need any help with this please see your class teacher.
Who’s who of English

2015 has been off to a flying start in English, with some fantastic student work already completed! Read below to get to know the teachers in the English staffroom and learn about what they love about English at CCMDC!

Mr Harney is an especially busy teacher this year as he is teaching classes at Senior Campus as well as here at CCMDC. He loves making learning fun!

Ms Kavanagh is the Relieving Head Teacher of English and she is passionate about reading and helping students to grow into articulate, discerning citizens.

Ms Fulham is new to CCMDC and is enjoying getting to know all of her students. She is particularly passionate about using art in learning.

Ms Smith is an energetic English teacher who enjoys helping students to do their very best in her classes. She is very creative and loves using technology and film in learning!

Ms Dhillon is an experienced English teacher who is excited to return to CCMDC! She loves reading all kinds of books and enjoys encouraging this in her students.

Important assessment dates in English this term:

- **Week 8**: Year 7 in-class Role Model writing task; Year 8 Book Review drafts due; Year 9’s in-class Heroes & Villains exposition writing task; & Year 10 Feature Article drafts due
- **Week 10**: Year 8 Book Review & Year 10 Feature Article final assessments due

Notice: English film-viewing and publication permission notes are currently being distributed. Please sign and return to any English teacher ASAP!
Check out the **Chifley College Mount Druitt Website** for more calendar events, news and information.

Use the following URL to get up to date with CCMDC news, events and regular communication:

http://www.mtdruitt-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Or find us on facebook at:

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Chifley-College-Mt-Druitt-Campus/383851265049163