

Principal's Report – Governing Council
9-12-19

Since our last meeting I have received the new VET in Schools Policy and believe this was forwarded on to you. I have now received a Power Point Presentation that you can have a look at and that basically outlines how the policy will be phased in from 2020 on.

This fits in nicely with our intention to grow Agriculture and develop strategic partnerships with local business in the Fleurieu Region.

Tanya Wilson and I met with Tim Hutchinson from TAFE SA, Lisa Bennier, Business Manager of Wine Grape Council of South Australia and Liann Jaensch, Executive Officer of Langhorne Creek Grape and Wine Incorporated, two weeks ago.

We discussed the development of a week long Work Experience Program in Viticulture (similar to the Barossa - see attached) that would have TAFE accreditation. We also discussed the VET opportunities in line with a similar program on Forestry in the South East that fits in with the new VET Policy and goes from Year 8-12 as a real career pathway choice. Tim has gone away and worked as a basic draft and is working in collaboration with Tanya. Lisa and Liann are negotiating with employer/vineyard operators on being involved in the Work Experience Program.

This is all in the very early stages but the opportunities for community / employer / TAFE / School Partnerships in Career Pathways and Development is exciting. Hopefully we can report back more on progress in early 2020.

All end of year concerts and graduations have been awesome. The students are certainly displaying many skills and confidence in their performances and presentations. This year we produced the inaugural R-6 Magazine, to join the 7-12 Campus in celebrating the abundance of student achievements with a keepsake for students. An electronic copy will be sent to all families on the last day of school and archived on the school website. I hope you enjoy perusing the magazines as much as I have.

I thank you for your dedication to Eastern Fleurieu School as a Governing Council. Our focus on providing students with the best possible educational opportunities and outcomes was evident throughout 2019. I am looking forward to working together with you again next year.

Have a safe break.

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Principal

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