

# LISMORE HIGH SCHOOL

## Why Lismore High ?

### An introduction to LHS from the Year 7 Student Adviser for 2006



**Welcome to Lismore High School . I will be the Year 7 Student Adviser for 2006 and, hopefully, will help your child all the way through to the end of their Year 12 and HSC.**

**I'd like to cover three things; who I am, what I would like to do and why LHS was such a good choice of school.**

#### **Who I am**

**2006 is my thirtieth year of teaching! Born in Sydney and growing up in Grafton, I attending a number of state schools between Bundeena Primary and Grafton High and had stints with the Patrician Brothers , Marist Brothers and Sisters of Mercy on the way.**

**After graduating from UNE, I taught for a while in Sydney before transferring to the Albury area and serving in a few schools there. I had ten years as a Social Science (HSIE)**

**teacher before transferring to Careers. I have been the Careers Adviser at LHS for the past 15 years.**

**I have been a Year Adviser on three other occasions as well as being the Coordinator of Welfare twice.**

## **STUDENT WELFARE**

**What I would like to do**

**As a Year Adviser, I would like to support your child through their schooling. That would include helping to iron out any problems fitting into LHS, problems with subjects and the impact of any problem from outside school.**

**This would be a big task to do alone but, luckily, there is a strong welfare system at LHS.**

**Formally, it comprises the Head teacher Welfare, Year Advisers, School Counsellors, School Executive and other support staff.**

**Informally, it also includes the Peer Support students and fellow students in their Roll Call Class. As a roll call teacher, I'd estimate 90% of problems are solved by Year 7 asking Year 8 kids "What do I do about this ?" in roll call !**

**Needless to say, the parents and caregivers of students are an important part of school welfare and I'd invite you to contact me on the school phone and fax numbers, mu mobile 0412433835 or the internet [billgoldie@hotmail.com](mailto:billgoldie@hotmail.com) if there are any issues I can help you with.**

**It is usually quite easy to help a student find a solution to a situation as most problems are quite straightforward. In the relatively rare situations where this is not the case, I look forward to working with you, with professional help, in trying to solve problems at School.**



## **Why LHS is such a good choice of School**

**Many staff members of LHS have “put their money where their mouth is” and sent their children to LHS bypassing their zoned public school and the private school system. About a third of LHS enrolments are from out of zone students.**

**Reasons for choosing LHS include ...**

- 1) LHS is large enough to offer a full range of subjects. In some schools courses such as Languages, Chemistry, Physics and extension Mathematics are not offered because of numbers.**
- 2) LHS has a fully qualified staff. Some staff have lectured at University, wrote textbooks, served on syllabus committees, marked HSC and SC exams and worked as consultants. The School spends about \$50,000 pa on inservice to keep skills up and keep teachers' teaching practice current.**
- 3) Student satisfaction. A recent survey of students found the overwhelming majority felt happy and safe at LHS and felt that they had a great working relationship with staff and fellow students**
- 4) Results. LHS is an average school that earns above average results. Academically, our students outperform the rest of the State in statewide literacy and numeracy tests, get above state results in the HSC and, subsequently, get into more University and TAFE courses than their cousins in metropolitan areas. Of the 145 students in Year 12 in 2005 eligible to apply to University only 5 to 10 students were not made an offer. While a third of NSW students go to University, over half of LHS students go.**

5) LHS has excellent relationships with other educational bodies such as SCU and TAFE. We have a very strong TVET component.

6) Value for Money. I calculated once that studying at LHS cost less than 4 cents per hour ! As a parent, I'm happy to save money on secondary education to pay for the eventual tertiary bills!

Selecting a secondary school in Lismore is a win-win situation. There are no "bad" schools in the area and all will give your child opportunities to shine and develop their talents. There are good choices and better choices.

**Bill Goldie**