



Cosgrove High School

each for all

Students are good sports

AT Cosgrove High School we have a number of students who have excelled in their sporting disciplines this year.

Some have represented Tasmania, and others have performed with distinction in state championships.

Danielle McConnell now holds many state records for hammer throw in both under-age and open events. She is the under-16s champion in the Pacific and is ranked eighth in Australia.

At the recent national table tennis titles held in Tasmania, Jennifer Sweeney was ranked No. 7 in Australia for under-15 girls. At this event she won two bronze medals. She has been ranked No. 1 in Tasmania in the under-13, under-15 and under-18 age divisions.

Troy Higgins has represented Tasmania at the past four national table tennis championships and was runner-up at this year's

state under-18 titles.

Amy Palmer competed this year in the figure-skating artistic event at the state championships. She was ranked second in her age group.

Sam Payne won a state title in under-13 karate this year and represented Tasmania at the Australian championships in Adelaide.

Michael Frost and Daniel Annetts recently represented Tasmania in the under-16 division at the Australian rugby union championships in Sydney.

They played in the first Tasmanian team to score more than two tries against the indigenous Australian team.

In November last year two Cosgrove students, Mathew Nowicki and Jameson Negri, represented Australia in international futsal competitions in Brazil and the United States.

Cosgrove High School is



STRONG PERFORMER: Cosgrove High's Danielle McConnell holds many state records in hammer throw and is currently ranked eighth in Australia.

proud of the achievements of our students out in the community and having a go. these students. It's great to see all

School Talk

We ask staff and students about banning energy drinks for Under 18s.



Andrew Harrison: I think if they did ban them the age should only be 16 and there should be more information about the negative side effects of the drinks.



Danielle Denehey: I think it's a bad idea because only some people drink them irresponsibly and ruin it for everyone.



Heather Bessell: I think retailers and parents have a responsibility to limit the access to younger people because of the health risks. If a law is needed then it's a good idea.



Rohan Hunter: I think people should be able to drink them in their free time but they shouldn't be allowed at schools.



Sam Schultz: I don't really have an opinion; I don't drink them so it doesn't bother me.

Building for the school's future

STUDENTS involved in the trade skills program at Cosgrove High have been busy building a barbecue area next to the canteen.

Separate groups of students have worked on it, with a new group starting each term.

The first group of students built a brick barbecue, along with supports for seats.

Applied technology teacher Gilbert Griffiths constructed the wooden bench tops attached to the seats.

The second and third groups worked on landscaping the sur-

rounding area to make it flat and safer.

This year the school has received a grant from the Federal Government to build a new Languages Centre.

The extension will cater for English, French, German and other languages as well as being suitable for child studies classes.

The plans have been prepared and surveying work has been undertaken.

Apart from the new building, there will be an extension to the sheltered walkway so it reaches the existing block.



Mr Yongy Wong

Goodbye Mr Wong

LONG-serving teacher Mr Yongy Wong is about to retire, having taught at Cosgrove High School for 35 years. Mr Wong is a wonderful maths teacher and he will be greatly missed, especially for his popular birthday surprises.

On behalf of Cosgrove High, we wish Mr Wong a wonderful retirement and rewarding future.

Rewards of hard work for volunteers

STUDENTS Chris Polson and Liam Conway have undertaken community service work at Guide Dogs Tasmania in Hobart over the last two months.

Their role was to help out in any way they could, which included tasks like

the preparation of show bags for the Royal Hobart Show and processing raffle tickets for the raffle draw by splitting tickets.

They also helped supply businesses around Hobart with fundraising. On the chocolate run,

they replenished the boxes of chocolate that Guide Dogs Tasmania placed throughout the city.

It was enjoyable work and a good example of community service work often undertaken by Cosgrove High Students.

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