A busy time at Chevalier College

Springtime 2014 at Chevalier College is certainly a time for new growth and new activity.

Two building projects are now underway and they are due for completion in December.

The biggest project is the construction of a new Trade Skills Centre, which is being completed with money received under a grant from the Federal Government.

The scheme that gives rise to these grants is aimed at addressing shortages in skilled tradespeople, and the two trades that have been identified for the Chevalier Centre are Primary Industries and Construction.

The Centre will permit students from Chevalier and elsewhere in the region to undertake study towards achieving the necessary competencies in these trades and to equip them to move on to become fully qualified in their chosen trades.

Chevalier College is offering students who are not currently at Chev the opportunity to apply for a scholarship to enter the College as a full-time student to study Primary Industries as part of the first intake into the new Centre.

The other project is the refurbishment of the Visual Arts and T&AS (Technology and Applied Studies) buildings.

With the ever higher demands for safe working conditions for students and staff, the decision was made to get the existing workshops and develop state of the art facilities for students undertaking subjects that involve woodwork, design and metalwork.

The rebuilt Visual Arts Centre will have a studio dedicated to Year 12 students for completion of their major works for the Higher School Certificate.

In a more traditional vein, Spring brings the Athletics season and, one of Chev's grand events, the Presentation Ball.

Held at the end of August the Ball is a descendant of the old Debantie Ball and has altered with the community's changing sensibilities.

The event is still a great one, perhaps greater than ever, with students being instructed in the formal dancing and intricacies of etiquette suitable to such an occasion.

Each year, the students are presented to a guest of honour.

This year, John Dooley, a distinguished veterinary surgeon and a past Chevalier College Captain, Dux and Captain of the First XV Rugby Team (Class of 1970) will address the 'presenerees' at this special event.

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