A very warm welcome and welcome back to 2017 for the Somerset Community. Over this week we had 200 new students begin their journey at the College and we certainly hope theirs will be as rewarding as ours. We started the year with a record enrolment of 1,510 from Pre-Prep to Year 12.

On behalf of the College Board, I thank you for your continuing support of Somerset as we enter our 35th year.

We welcomed the following new staff:

- Miss Heidy Barbera, Accounts Clerk
- Miss Holly Blyth, Receptionist
- Mr Damien Coleman, Head of Department – Business and Humanities
- Mrs Alison Conyngham, Junior School – Learning Support
- Mrs Anna D’Arcy, Assistant Head of Department – Performing Arts
- Mrs Vicki Goodsell, Educational Psychologist
- Mrs Katie Hodge, Senior School – Mathematics
- Miss Elena Kariolis, Junior School – Year 1
- Mrs Candice McKenna, Senior School – Humanities
- Mr Matt McLaughlin, Senior School – Science
- Mr Takunda Ndlovu, GAP Staff - Activities Assistant
- Mrs Natalie Nugent, Junior School – Year 5

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There have been a number of changes to responsibilities this year:

- **Mrs Julia Collette**, Administrator – Student Services
- **Mr Stuart Roberts**, Administrative Assistant – Performing Arts
- **Mr Stephen Walther**, IBDP Co-ordinator

**Class of 2016 Academic Results**

A complete summary of their outstanding results are available at www.somerset.qld.edu.au but the highlights are as follows:

**OP, Cohort of 118**

- 9 OP 1s, 8.33% of the
- OP 1 to 2, 21.3%
- OP 1 to 3, 26.9%
- OP 1 to 5, 38.9%
- OP 1 to 10, 76.9%
- OP 1 to 15, 93.5%
- A median OP of 7

**IB Diploma, Cohort of 13**

- 44; 43; 39; 35; 34; 32; 31; 29; 29; 28; 25
- An average of OP7 equivalent

This changes the key statistics for Year 12 Outcomes to:

- 11 OP 1 = 9.09%
- OP 1 to 3 = 26.45%
- OP 1 to 5 = 39.67%
- OP 1 to 10 = 78.51%
- OP 1 to 15 = 94.21%

**Tertiary Admission**

As part of the changes we made three years ago to find alternative pathways, we had 28 students complete an external Business Diploma. This enabled them to be given a rank score equivalent to an OP 9 for tertiary entrance purposes.

Therefore, nearly 90% of our students were treated as OP1 to 10 for tertiary entrance purposes. Likewise, with bonus points for other subjects (Languages and/or Maths C or Higher Level Maths), 19% of the cohort were treated as OP 1s for tertiary entrance purposes in Queensland.

The most common OP score over the past 20 years continues to be an OP1. There is only one other school that could claim this.

I look forward to meeting all parents at the Parents’ and Friends’ Celebration of the New School Year - Welcome to 2017 on Friday 3

**Mr Craig Bassingthwaighte**

Headmaster
Somerset IB Diploma Graduates - Ready for the World

Last year, 13 Somerset students were amongst the 16,100 students worldwide to complete their International Baccalaureate Diploma as a culmination of their secondary schooling studies.

These students have completed an internationally-recognised course that can be studied instead of the regional qualification (in our case the Queensland system, sometimes known as the “OP”, which ranks students in order to facilitate university admissions).

Generic - Diploma Programme
For Somerset students, undertaking the International Baccalaureate Diploma is not an unusual decision, as Somerset students have already experienced the International Baccalaureate (IB) philosophy and approach through the Primary Years Learning and Middle Years Learning Programmes. For them, undertaking the IB Diploma for their Senior studies simply meant a continuation within those educational philosophies. Our IB Diploma graduates from last year are all planning to study this year, and those studies are being undertaken all over the world – this is perhaps reflective of one element of the IB Diploma: its focus on international-mindedness. Of course, the IB Diploma is also a qualification that is recognised at universities throughout the world.

The IB Diploma’s emphasis on critical thinking and independent study will most certainly be of benefit to those students – many former students of the Diploma here at Somerset have contacted me over the years to tell me this very thing.

IB Diploma graduates are genuine “all-rounders”. They study six subjects including a rich and literary English course, a second language, at least one Science, Mathematics, Humanities, and the option of subjects in the Visual and Performing Arts. They also undertake a detailed independent essay, as well as reflect upon their commitments to Creativity, Action and Service. A critical thinking (or metacognition) course completes their study. As you can see, what the IB Diploma offers is a truly interdisciplinary appeal. I have seen this curriculum take students beyond their expectations and beyond their perceived limits: a student who once considered himself a “Maths guy” becomes a life-long reader of literature; an “artsy girl” discovered a love of Chemistry; and another student who discovered a passion for Languages.

In the post-results discussions that inevitably happen at schools, it is well to remember that some of our new Alumni have begun their first steps into the outside world without necessarily having achieved an OP score.

If you have any questions about the IB Diploma Programme, please feel free to contact me at swalther@somerset.qld.edu.au.

Mr Stephen Walther
IB Diploma Co-ordinator
Somerset Times

Up, Up and Away

Monday saw the Performing Arts Department sign-on occur, with large numbers of students registering their interest in the many varied opportunities. Rehearsals in all the areas, both junior and senior, are now under way, with all ensembles, bands and choirs rehearsing busily for their first engagements.

If students have not yet found their way to rehearsals, a full list of rehearsal times for the junior and senior groups appears in the Student Diary.

If uncertainty exists regarding the larger groups and their rehearsal times, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant staff member for direction. The larger groups’ directors this year are:

Senior Concert Band, Girls’ Choir, Men’s Chorus, Show Choir – Mrs Sue Roberts
Jazz Band, Junior Concert Band – Mrs Anne Rowe
Chamber Orchestra – Mr Ryaed Owens
Senior School Orchestra – Ms Catherine Lee
Melodic Mynas, Cool Cats Choir, Junior Chorale – Ms Melissa Black
JSO 1 and JSO 2 – Mrs Helen Moffatt

An avenue also available for communication is through our Performing Arts Captains, David Harris and Daiana Yoon. Queries from students and parents are welcome through this avenue as well. Please feel free to contact them through pacaptains@somerset.qld.edu.au.

Questions regarding the various ensembles (brass, recorder, flute, saxophone, clarinet, percussion) or any other general questions can be directed to Mrs Sue Roberts.

Junior School Ensembles – A Special Welcome

Melodic Mynas – Years 3 to 4
Ms Black would like to invite all students to attend Melodic Mynas Choir on Wednesday afternoon at 2.50pm in the Junior Music Room. There are a lot of students already enrolled but the more the merrier! Rehearsals are already underway so come join in the fun!

Junior School Concert Band
Mrs Rowe is looking forward to welcoming back players from last year and welcoming new players to the Junior Concert Band at its first rehearsal on Monday Afternoon, 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Mrs Rowe will be there waiting for everyone with cookies in hand.

JSO 1 String Orchestra
Mrs Moffatt would like to invite all older string students in the Junior School to join the JSO 1 String Orchestra. Rehearsals are on a Wednesday morning at 7.45am in the Lepp Building.

Cool Cats – Years 1 and 2
Any students in Years 1 and 2 who love singing are invited to join the Cool Cats this term. They meet on Friday morning at 7.30am in the Junior Music Room. Ms Black will be waiting to welcome everyone. Come along next week and be prepared to have some fun!

Junior Chorale – Years 5 and 6
Ms Black would like to invite all students to attend Junior Chorale on a Wednesday lunchtime at 12.30pm in the Junior Music Room. There are sectionals on a Wednesday morning on rotation with Altos and Sopranos. It’s a great place to be!

JSO 2 String Orchestra
Mrs Moffatt would like to inform all string students in Years 3 and 4 that they are most welcome to join the JSO 2 String Orchestra. Rehearsals are on a Monday lunchtime at 12.30pm in the Lepp Building. So come and join last year’s members to make music.

Junior Recorder Ensemble
Mrs Little would love to have as many students as who would like to join her on a Tuesday morning for the Junior Recorder Ensemble at 8.15am in the Lepp Building. Any students have learnt some recorder are most welcome.

Mrs Sue Roberts
Director of Music
**Keep Us in the Loop**

Well done to Lucas Stokes. Lucas (in Year 11 Veivers) is currently in Los Angeles completing an International Acting Master Class, for which he was offered a scholarship place.

He is currently involved in classes given by actors, casting directors and authors as well as doing studio readings, auditions and Showcase rehearsals. This is a fantastic opportunity for Lucas. He won't be back until next week, so if you see him around make sure you find out what he has been up to.

During the year, many of our students, both in the Senior and Junior school, achieve excellent results in examinations run by the various examination boards and also participate in a variety of eisteddfods and competitions. We would like to acknowledge these students formally through Somerset Times, but it is impossible for us to know absolutely everything that happens. Please drop me a line when a student has produced a noteworthy performance and it will duly published. It is necessary for the relevant documentation to be sent through so as to ensure we have the details correct. Please forward any news regarding achievements to my email sroberts@somerset.qld.edu.au.

Mrs Sue Roberts  
Director of Music

**Who’s who? Welcome to Staff**

Welcome to Mrs Anna D’Arcy and Mr Ryaed Owens, who join the Performing Arts Department in 2017.

We would like to welcome Mrs Anna D’Arcy to the Performing Arts this year. Mrs D’Arcy has been appointed as our inaugural Assistant Head of Performing Arts and will be working closely with all things dramatic. As well as teaching, Mrs D’Arcy will be involved in the House Plays, Musical and Drama Festival. We look forward to working with Mrs D’Arcy and I am sure all will give her a warm Somerset welcome.

We would also like to welcome Mr Ryaed Owens to the Performing Arts this year. Mr Owens is replacing Mr Mario Keczan who is on a year’s leave. Mr Owens will be involved in teaching classroom music to Years 6 to 8, as well as working with some of our ensembles and using his outstanding piano skills in the area of accompanying. We are sure all will give him a wonderful Somerset welcome.

Mrs Sue Roberts  
Director of Music
Somerset had 38 swimmers attend the Queensland State Swimming Titles in December held in Brisbane. The Somerset Swim Club had 36 individual swimmers, and both Bianca Crisp (TSS Aquatic) and Toby Wilson (Miami Swimming Club) were also competing. In addition, the Somerset Swim Club had 11 relay teams compete.

The relay events were on the first day of the week-long meet, with the Somerset Swim Club winning the prestigious Open Men 4 x 50m Relay in a new record time. The team was made up of Jeremy Badre, James Roberts, Regan Leong and CJ Licuanan. In addition to this, the Girls’ 12 and Under A Relay team were second in the 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay (Millie Entwistle, Jade Sneesby, Jorja Otto and Adele Phillips) and were third in the 4 x 50m Medley Relay (Mia Collins, Millie Entwistle, Ellena Perry and Adele Phillips). From the 11 teams that Somerset entered, 8 of those teams placed in the top ten. This helped Somerset Swim Club finish third in the points score following the Relay day.

Somerset’s individual results produced 21 finalists with ten of these winning medals. Medalists were:

- Anarnya Berlowitz – 3rd 17-18 Year Girls 100m Breaststroke, 3rd 17-18 Year Girls 200m Breaststroke
- Connor Borkowski – 3rd 14 Year Boys 400m Freestyle
- Conor Brown – 2nd 14 Year Multiclass 100m Backstroke, 2nd 14 Year Multiclass 200m IM, 3rd 14 Year Multiclass 100m Freestyle, 3rd 14 Year Multiclass 100m Breaststroke, 3rd 14 Year Multiclass 50m Freestyle
- Olivia Collins – 2nd 13 Year Girls 100m Butterfly
- Cameron Donovan – 2nd 12 Year Boys 200m Breaststroke, 3rd 12 Year Boys 100m Breaststroke
- Sebastian Du Preez – 1st 12 Year Boys Multiclass 100m Breaststroke
- Regan Leong – 3rd Open Men 100m Butterfly
- Ellena Perry – 1st 12 Year Girls 800m Freestyle
- James Roberts – 1st Open Men 50m Freestyle and 2nd Open Men 100m Freestyle
- Leon Shirayama – 3rd 15 Year Boys 100m Butterfly

Other finalists included Toby Wilson, Bianca Crisp, Jeremy Badre, Riley Clout, Millie Entwistle, Freya Jetson, CJ Licuanan, Ashaya Morgan, Hugh Munro, Brooke Otto and Adele Phillips.

Overall, Somerset finished 12th out of more than 100 swimming clubs and had three individual State Champions. This is the Club’s best result to date and Somerset is now verging on becoming one of the strongest Clubs, not only in the State, but as Queensland swimming dominates the National Swimming titles, in the Nation as well.

Congratulations Team Somerset and a big thank you to the squad coaches, Graeme McDonald, Ashley Callus and Taylor Durso in preparing our swimmers for this event.

Mr Forrest Butcher
Head Coach - Swimming
Welcome back to our Spartan sporting community for 2017. This year will be an exciting one with our world-class sporting facilities and top programmes.

**Tenyka Chapman, Athletics**
In December, Tenyka competed at the 2016 Australian All Schools Athletics Championships at the AIS in Canberra and placed 7th in the Under 16 3,000m Walk in a time of 16:05.47.

**Rylee Burns, Athletics**
Last week, Rylee competed at the Sally Pearson Shield at QSAC and jumped 11.06m in the Triple Jump to qualify for this term's National titles.

**Katherine Plume and Jade Mansell, Rowing**
Over the holidays, at the Grafton Head of the Clarence Regatta, Jade and Katie took out 1st place in the Under 17 Double Scull and were awarded the perpetual trophy.

**Somerset Sport Policy**
All policies and procedures are outlined in the Senior School Sport page of Schoolbox, under “Sport Policy and Dates”. All students and parents are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these.

**Regional Swimming Nominations**
All those students who wish to qualify for the South Coast Swim Trials must see Mr Lunniss for paperwork. (Qualification is through the APS Carnival and paper nominations for other events)

**Winter Sports Sign-ups**
Rugby, Netball, Soccer, Hockey, Tennis and Volleyball are available. All students have been sent an email with a link to select their sport. If you make an error or change your mind, you must go to the Sports Department.

**Swimming Practices**
Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7.30am. Meet Mr Butcher at the pool.

**Cross Country Practices**
Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7.00am. Meet Ms McKenna and Ms Oppermann at the Track.

**Student Injuries**
If your son or daughter is injured at school sport, it must be recorded at the time by the College Nurse/medical person present if parents wish to apply through the College insurance policy. If delayed signs or symptoms arise over the weekend, students must notify the College Nurse on Monday morning.

**This Week**
Friday 27 January
12.50pm: Sports Assembly
1.15pm: House Swimming Trials

**Next Week**
Tuesday 31 January
Hinterland Trials: Softball (19 Years), Tennis (Boys and Girls 19 Years), Rugby Union (18 Years)
Friday 3 February
12.50pm: Sports Assembly
1.15pm: House Swimming (100m Races)
These students have completed an internationally-recognised course that can be studied instead of the regional qualification (in our case the Queensland system, sometimes known as the “OP”, which ranks students in order to facilitate university admissions).
**Senior Sports News - Week 1 Cont.**

**Swimming Season Dates**

Friday 3 February: Somerset House Swimming 100m Events (1.30pm to 3.00pm)
Monday 13 February: Somerset Inter-House Swimming Carnival (11am to 4.00pm)
Wednesday 15 February: APS Swimming Carnival (9.30am to 2.30pm) at Somerset
Monday 27 February and Wednesday 1 March: South Coast Swimming Trials (4.30pm to 9.00pm) at Southport

All sporting details are posted on Schoolbox.

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January sparks the “Summer of Australian Tennis” with the start of the Brisbane International. A tournament which boasts many of the top 10 players in the world. Having qualified some months beforehand were Jack Newman, Luke Shirley, Oliver Yang, Luke Buker and Hamish Kennedy for the Brisbane International Schools Challenge State Final. The team had qualified for the Orange Ball competition (for those in Year 5 and below) by winning the regional qualifying event on the Gold Coast.

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The BI Schools Challenge offers a unique opportunity for the qualifying teams to play on the courts alongside the top end of touring professional tennis players. Leading into the event, Luke Shirley suffered a wrist injury which ruled him out of the competition, making way for Year 3 student Hamish Kennedy to compete for the team.

Arriving early on Day 4 of the tournament, the Somerset Team started slowly, losing by three games against their first opponents in the pool for the Round Robin format. The nerves were soon cast away and their true abilities came to the fore, comfortably winning each of their remaining matches. As a result of the comprehensive victories and some other results going their way, Somerset College finished top of their pool, allowing them to playoff for first and second place.

With possibility of rain looming, the team took the court to play Brookfield for the title. Despite some very long matches, Brookfield proved too strong and took the title. Somerset College in second place for the State title. Oliver Yang was nominated as the best sportsperson at the event and drew praise from the parents of those whom he played. Congratulations to Jack, Luke, Oliver, Luke and Hamish for representing Somerset College with such success.

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Mr Jay Deacon
Head Coach - Tennis
**Somerset National Champions**

It is estimated that around 7,000 teams participated in the primary open qualifying stages throughout Australia. This included over 200 teams from 35 schools on the Gold Coast, and nearly 1,000 teams from around Queensland.

It is quite the rarity to see a school represent Queensland in more than one of the four sections at the Australian Schools Teams Chess Championships. However, Somerset College was the sole Queensland representative team in three of the sections: primary open, primary girls and secondary girls. However, an even greater phenomenon is for a school to place in all three of these sections.

On 1 December, shortly after the Christmas holidays began, 12 Somerset College students (although Anneliese McConnell and I had technically graduated) journeyed across the country to the city of Perth to compete in the most prestigious school chess competition in Australia. The primary open team of Oliver Yang, Eason Wang, Jason Li and Charlie Liu had managed to scrape into the competition narrowly qualifying in the state championships. Meanwhile, the primary girls (Lyanna Chan, Jennifer Yeung, Melody Yang and Sophia Ahern) had come third the year before and with an even stronger team looked to place even higher this year.

The tournament consists of five rounds completed over two days. Players have an hour aside with ten additional seconds given for each move. Consequently, each game will normally last for over an hour with some games taking over three hours to reach a result. It is astounding to think that students as young as nine, such as Sophia Ahern, are able to use their brains to recognise patterns and foresee moves for several hours a day.

As always, the final round is always the most exciting and tense part of the weekend. Leading into the last games, the primary boys were coming first, however, they were matched to play Kaleen Primary School from the ACT who were placed second behind them. The secondary girls team was tied second and were playing off against Abbotsleigh from New South Wales for the second place trophy. Meanwhile, the primary girls needed to have a strong finish to secure their position in second place.

As the clocks ticked down and pieces were captured one by one, the coaches became more and more anxious regarding the final outcome for all three teams. After the primary girls convincingly won their final round, it was clear that they had unquestionably secured second place, one place above their standing the previous year. Following a draw in the final round for the secondary girls team, Somerset was drawn with Abbotsleigh for total rounds won, individual rounds won and their result in their match against each other. In order to separate them, the arbiters had to utilise the fourth tier of count back and unfortunately, Somerset was placed third by the narrowest of margins.

Nevertheless, the primary boys, who never cease to amaze us, became the new national champions after Charlie Liu and Jason Li defeated their opponents in the final round. This was an incredible effort considering they had placed sixth the year before.

Following my final time wearing the Somerset uniform and representing this wonderful College, I cannot express how proud I am of all the students that competed, particularly the maturity and sportsmanship displayed by the younger students. I thoroughly enjoyed my week in Perth where the group bonded over trips to the zoo, local movie theatre and city to watch the Christmas lights. All of this could not have been possible without the time and effort invested by Mr Graeme Gardiner and the enthusiasm and passion shown by Mr Shaun Curtis, Mr Michael Darcy and Mr Doug Williams, which inspire all of us each and every day. It saddens me that I may not be there to witness the future success for chess at Somerset, especially the growing support for girls chess, but I know that with the help of these incredible coaches that there is more trophies to come.

The four girls in the secondary team were Elizabeth Kay, Anneliese McConnell, Mayuri Yamaguchi and Talia Varcoe.

Special mention needs to be made of James and Stephanie Kay, who were not competing, but gave wonderful support to the younger members of the teams. In fact, there was a warm family feeling around the group, with several parents and grandparents involved. The movie ‘Queen of Katwe’ went on general release the day that we arrived in Perth, and the entire group went along to watch. Set in the slums of Kampala, Uganda, the story was of a mother’s struggle to bring up her young family, and her daughter’s rise from illiteracy to an international chess master. It was a very moving true story, and was the first chess movie to get the chess details absolutely spot on. Many in our group were quite emotional.

**Australian Open**

It was Queensland’s turn to host both the Australian Open and Australian Minor Championships for adults and juniors, and these were held at Churchie (Anglican Church Grammar School) in the school holidays. James Kay performed well above his rating in the Open, which bodes well for the future.

**Australian Junior Championships**

It was also Queensland’s turn to host the Australian Junior Championships, and these were also held at Churchie, immediately after the Australian Open. There was a record number of entrants (316).

Students in Years 1 to 6 may elect to enrol in co-curricular chess in groups of one, two or three. Senior students may enrol in the after-school group. In each case, enrolment is via My Somerset Community. The free lunchtime club, located in the chess room, which is upstairs in the Knowledge and Information Precinct, is open every day for students of all ages, from Year 1 and up. For those students who wish to extend themselves, there are regular opportunities throughout the year.
Somerset National Champions Cont.

Oliver Yang came agonisingly close to becoming Australian Under 12 Champion. He tied for first with a very strong junior from Melbourne, having defeated that player in the regular round. The rapid tie-break went 1-1, the lightning tie-break 1-1 again, and unfortunately Oliver lost the Armageddon play off. The pressure to make good moves for an entire game with only four minutes thinking time is hard to imagine. The class Oliver showed in accepting this defeat was impressive. He also came second in the lightning competition, whilst his sister Melody won the girls under 10 problem solving competition, and came second in the lightning.

All the other Somerset students who participated gave a very good account of themselves. These were Kabilan Manuneedhi, Mayuri Yamaguchi, Jennifer Yeung, Lyanna Chan, Nikita Rubis, Jason Li, Eason Wang, Anson Qu, Kenny Ming, Ben Atia, Rafael Atia, Edward Zhang, Melody Yang, Jack Walker and Sophia Ahern.

Term One Inter-School Competitions
Secondary: Wednesday 22 February at Somerset College, The Great Hall
Primary: Wednesday 8 March at Caningeraba State School

Important Upcoming Dates
Gold Coast Tin Cup Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 February at King’s Christian College (venue to be confirmed)
Junior Masters Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 March (venue to be confirmed)
Doeberl Cup at the Australian National University in Canberra at Easter. Gardiner Chess is once again taking a group to Australia’s premier weekend tournament. To participate please contact Mr Gardiner.

Captains of Chess
Congratulations and best of luck to our Captains of Chess for 2017, Kevin Song and Talia Varcoe.

Opportunities for Chess at Somerset
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Mr Graeme Gardiner
Gardiner Chess
Somerset Success at Queensland Championships

Lachlan Munro and Declan Thew starred for Somerset College recently at the Queensland Rowing Championships, which were held at Wyaralong on the last weekend of the school holidays.

The duo claimed a gold medal in the Men’s Under 17 Double Scull, with a dominant performance in their first regatta as a crew and Declan's first regatta racing over the 2,000m distance.

In the Women's Under 19 Double Scull, Katherine Plume and Jade Mansell rowed amazingly against strong opposition to claim the bronze medal and also rowed well in the Quad Scull with Brieanna Bischof and Hannah Neumann to claim fourth in the Quad Scull event.

Blake Mills made a successful transition from coxswain to rower, teaming with Aidan McKeon to claim a bronze medal in the Men’s Under 19 Pair. The pair held second place for the majority of the race before another crew collided with them in the last few metres of the race, costing them the silver medal.

Some of the other strong performances were Lorenz Muhl Bauer and Ryan McClure gaining 5th place in the Men’s Under 19 Double. They also combined with Lachlan Munro and Aidan McKeon to secure 5th place in the Quad Scull event.

In all, 14 students competed at the Championships with some strong performances and just rewards for their hard training through the school holidays. The group will continue to prepare for the New South Wales and Australian Championships, which will be held in Penrith in February and March respectively.

Mr Andrew Butler
Head Coach - Rowing