

# Education Week 2013

29<sup>th</sup> July - 2<sup>nd</sup> August ADVERTISING FEATURE



**SHOW RESULTS:** St Mary's College Gunnedah agricultural students were successful at the 2013 Sydney Royal Easter Show.

## A caring environment

ST MARY'S College Gunnedah is a Catholic co-educational secondary school serving the North West region.

The school provides a holistic Catholic education for its 370 students in a caring and stimulating environment that follows the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy, who founded the college in 1879.

The students' fundraising efforts for Project Compassion recently resulted in the school captains, Bonnie McCormack and Matt Jauja, handing Caritas Aus-

tralia's Brian Sullivan a cheque for \$4327. Many students progress to university studies because of St Mary's College's strong academic focus. Its active vocational education and training program has also provided students with a successful pathway into apprenticeships and traineeships.

In 2013 St Mary's College agricultural students exhibited two heifers in the Woolworths Trade Steer/Heifer competition at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Their hard work was rewarded with a

gold medal win, with Betty named the champion trade carcass.

The college's other entry, Daisy, was awarded a third-place bronze medal.

Cultural pursuits have always been a part of St Mary's. The college band and choir prove very popular with students and parents.

St Mary's also offers a comprehensive sporting program that provides students with opportunities to excel, as many have gone on to represent at CCC and state levels.



**TECHNOLOGY SAVVY:** Timbumburi Public School students have online learning tools at their fingertips.

## The best of both worlds

FAMILIES have been choosing Timbumburi Public School to educate their primary school-aged children for more than 100 years.

The school says it offers the best of both worlds – a small school with a big heart, just 10 minutes from Tamworth's services and facilities.

With about 130 students at the school, the staff have known many of them since they were babies and have been fortunate to be able to welcome generations of families back to the school.

Its sense of community involvement, it says, is unmatched by many other schools.

But you don't have to be born in the area to be part of the Timbumburi family.

The school welcomes students and families from a wide range of backgrounds and provides an inclusive, welcoming and friendly environment for all.

Timbumburi's unique size means students have the benefit of small class groups, as well as the chance to be involved in a wide range of opportunities in sports and culture and the expected academic activities.

As technology progresses, so too do the staff and students.

The staff constantly update their professional qualifications and study ways in which to improve teaching and learning.

The school has a class set of iPads, which each class uses regularly. This ensures students have access to the most up-to-date technology and are true 21st-century learners.

The students are part of the connected community and have online learning tools, such as Edmodo, and blogs at their fingertips through the wirelessly networked school. Each room has a number of laptops for students to use.

When making the choice about your child's schooling, why not consider a small school with a well-balanced curriculum and a history of strong, family friendly education?

For more information call Timbumburi Public School on 6767 0232 or visit the website [www.timbumburi-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.timbumburi-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

## Farrer has an enviable reputation

ESTABLISHED in 1939 in Tamworth, Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School has an enviable and well-deserved reputation as the sole selective public day and boarding agricultural high school for boys in Australia.

The campus is set on 191 hectares of prime agricultural land, with a further 341 hectares primarily used for its angus stud.

Academically, Farrer achieved some great results in the 2012 HSC, with its dux achieving the highest ATAR result in the Tamworth region.

Five other students achieved a Band 6 in industrial technology, and their projects were nominated for the Intech display in Sydney.

Farrer's destination survey for departed Year 12 students in 2012 indi-

cated 50 per cent of graduates were attending university.

Agriculturally, Farrer's annual on-site angus bull and white suffolk ram sales were very successful in 2012.

The bull sale grossed \$200,000, with the top price paid \$11,500.

The ram sale grossed \$75,000, with the top price paid \$4800.

Both of these events are organised by the students which gives them practical experience in all aspects of preparation, cataloguing and marketing.

Farrer aspires to uphold its fine traditions in maintaining the ongoing pursuit of excellence in all facets of school life, providing opportunities to develop each student academically and physically to their full potential.



**SURE TO SUCCEED:** Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School pursues excellence in all facets of school life.



## St Mary's College

**A Catholic Secondary School serving North-West NSW**



- Provides full secondary education in the Catholic and Mercy traditions
- Has a proud record for academic excellence
- Provides pathways to university and to vocational education and training
- Offers a broad range of sporting and extra-curricular opportunities

**Limited vacancies in most years for 2014**

Enquiries welcome by phoning **6742 2124** or emailing [reception@stmaryscollege.nsw.edu.au](mailto:reception@stmaryscollege.nsw.edu.au).

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**TIMBUMBURI PUBLIC SCHOOL**

*“Where everyone has a chance to shine”*

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## FARRER MEMORIAL AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

**Farrer is an all-boys Selective Government Public School for Day and Boarding students.**

- Academically, Farrer achieved some great results in the 2012 HSC, with our Dux achieving the highest ATAR result in the Tamworth region.
- Year 7 – 2015 applications will be available online early November at [www.farrer.nsw.edu.au](http://www.farrer.nsw.edu.au) follow the Selective Schools Link
- A limited number of positions for Years 8-11 available for 2014
- The Annual White Suffolk Ram sale will be held onsite on 11th September commencing 12.30pm with 60 superior rams on sale.

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