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REGION	2011 NSW SRC REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES
HUNTER/CENTRAL COAST	Flynn Merewether High School
HUNTER/CENTRAL COAST	Piero Gosford High School
ILLAWARRA/SOUTH EAST	Jess Smiths Hill High School
ILLAWARRA/SOUTH EAST	Justin Wollongong High of Performing Arts
NEW ENGLAND	Nathan Inverell High School
NORTH COAST	Amelia Maclean High School
NORTH COAST	Lowana Kyogle High School
NORTHERN SYDNEY	Edward Lee North Sydney Boys High School
NORTHERN SYDNEY	Roanize Northern Beaches Sec College, Manly
RIVERINA	Matthew Corowa High School
RIVERINA	Courtney Koorringal High School
SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY	Isabella Wisniewska Elderslie High School
SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY	Andrew Bonnyrigg High School
SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY	Jonathan Sefton High School
SYDNEY	Harriet Fort Street High School
SYDNEY	Tahlia Port Hacking High School
WESTERN NSW	Ellie Bourke High School
WESTERN NSW	Amelia Dennison College, Kelso Campus
WESTERN SYDNEY	Bianca Penrith High School
WESTERN SYDNEY	Marcus Baulkham Hills High School
Aboriginal student leader	Montanna Mount View High school
Aboriginal student leader	Mervyn Condobolin High school

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The 2011 NSW SRC is the Department of Education and Communities' peak student leadership consultative and decision making forum and represents secondary students in NSW government secondary schools. The group consists of 22 members elected from regions across NSW and includes two Aboriginal student leaders.

The term of office commenced in November 2010 with two days of training followed by the inaugural 2011 NSW SRC meeting held at NSW Parliament House, Sydney. Subsequent meetings were held in March, June and August 2011. The NSW SRC completes its term of office on 23 November, 2011.

The 2011 NSW SRC has worked primarily on resolutions passed at the Student Forum held at the 2010 State SRC Conference.

Actions of the 2011 NSW Student Representative Council

The following resolutions were passed at the 2010 State SRC Conference.

Resolution 1: That the 2011 NSW SRC encourage the effective use of existing departmental resources to promote cyber safety for secondary students at home and at school.

The NSW SRC has:

- participated in a forum with senior officers including the Director-General of Education to discuss the best ways to take action on this resolution
- decided after consulting with departmental representatives from Digital Citizenship to broaden the notion of cyber safety to 'digital citizenship'
- discussed ways to promote digital citizenship and viewed departmental resources
- proposed that a 'pop up' appears on the student portal warning students about cyber safety and that stickers be put on all student laptops with a similar message
- written to the Deputy Director-General, Schools to propose the above ideas and will continue to work with DER NSW until the end of their term of office.



Resolution 2: That the 2011 NSW SRC encourages the completion of electricity audits in all NSW schools in order to reduce energy usage.

The NSW SRC has:

- encouraged each member to complete an energy audit within their own school and region
- received physical evidence of completed energy audits within schools
- shared the benefits of performing a school energy audit with SRCs in regions
- arranged for an email to be sent out to regional contact persons for student leadership to encourage student participation in school energy audits.

Other Actions taken by the 2011 NSW SRC

BIG NEWS!! The NSW SRC has won the 2011 Learning for Sustainability-Corporate Award of Excellence for its ongoing efforts in running *Enviro Inspiro!* and *Green Day!*



The 2011 NSW SRC has:

- promoted *Green Day* 2011 with SRCs and at the 2011 Learning for Sustainability Video Conference Festival. *Green Day* will be held in September 2011.
- contributed designs for Education Week 2011 bandanas. The NSW SRC winning design was a key feature of Education Week 2011
- modernised the NSW SRC logo
- designed a 'What makes school a place where students want to be?' activity that was used with student participants at the 2011 State SRC Conference
- prepared a response to the review of school counselling services. Comments included that school counsellors in schools do a good job; students may sometimes be reluctant to seek help; and school counsellors ideally should be visible to students on a daily basis to encourage informal student interactions.

ENVIRO INSPIRO! 2011

The 2011 NSW SRC conducted *Enviro Inspiro!*, the student-led school environment competition. The Office of Environment and Heritage provided funding to support this competition. NSW SRC members participated in the *Enviro Inspiro!* judging panel. The standard of entries was high. The winning entries were showcased at the 2011 State SRC Conference. The winning schools and their entries are:

- 1st place - Menai High School
- 2nd place - Chatswood High School
- 3rd place - St George Girls High School



CONSULTATIONS WITH 2011 NSW SRC:

Forum of students with senior Department of Education and Training officers

In November 2010, the 2011 NSW SRC met with senior officers of the Department.

The following officers from the Department participated:

- Michael Coutts-Trotter, former Director-General of Education and Training
- Paul Lennox, Manager, Student Behaviour and Attendance
- Daisy Kokkalis, representing the NSW Secondary Principals Council.

Two forums per year will continue to be held between the NSW SRC and senior officers of the Department, one at the commencement of the NSW SRC term of office, the other at the completion of the term of office.

Other consultations with 2011 NSW SRC

- Representatives from the Digital Education Revolution and Student Welfare Directorate on cyber safety and digital citizenship
- the Youth Action Policy Association
- The Manager, Parliamentary Education and Community Relations, on the history of the NSW Parliament
- Representatives from the Office of Environment and Heritage, and the Department's Sustainable Schools area on sustainability education
- A representative from Anti-Poverty Week
- The Director, Corporate Marketing and the R/Director, Student Welfare.



2011 NSW SRC LIAISON ROLES

NSW SRC members liaise with departmental officers or key government or non-government youth groups or agencies. Liaison roles include:

- *State SRC Conference Action Team*
- *NSW Youth Advisory Council (NSW YAC)*
- *NSW Commission for Children and Young People's Reference Group*
- *NSW Student Equity Advisory Team (SEAT).*

