16th June 2014

Dear Parents

Thank you for your enrolment enquiry. Please find enclosed an application form as requested.

Yanco Agricultural High School is a very unique school and offers an agricultural based education. The process to be offered a position is very competitive but do not let this deter you as the school will always have opportunities for quality students that fit with the school’s ethos. Students who can prove isolation from education and/or interest in agriculture will be given priority.

Please be aware of the following:

1. Closing date for applications is 30th July. Late applications may risk not being considered.
2. Application form must be fully completed. Isolation is an important consideration so the top of page 4 should be accurately completed.
3. The bottom of page 3 and the remainder of page 4 are also necessary to complete. Please do not hesitate to add an additional page if there is insufficient space.

**Applications may not be considered if pages 3 and 4 are incomplete.**

4. It is essential to include a copy of reports from the end of 2013 and Semester 1 2014.
5. Students who sat the NAPLAN test in 2013 are required to include a copy of their results. Students who sat the NAPLAN test in 2014 are required to bring a copy with them to the interview as the results will most likely not be available by 30th July.
6. It is essential to include a small photograph of your child for identification purposes.
7. You may attach additional support material if you wish. Generally, all applicants receive an interview.

In addition, I request that all student applicants include a **hand written** (their own) statement of no more than one page, very clearly indicating the following:

(a) Why they wish to enrol at Yanco Agricultural High School.
(b) What aspects of the school they would like to become involved in and why.
(c) What their strengths are and why I should offer them a position at the school in 2015.
I would like to remind all applicants that this is an agricultural high school, hence interest in this area is preferred. Another common interest in the school is sport and the willingness to participate.

Areas of growth are music and visual arts. At Yanco you can become anything you wish. In 2009 a Year 10 boy was selected into the Australian Ballet as a possible lead dancer and our top Year 12 student entered veterinary science at Charles Sturt University.

Our 2010 Year 12 students - 55% followed into tertiary education, 40% gained apprenticeships or traineeships - all of their first choice.

Year 12 2011 - 71% were successful in obtaining their first choice course at a tertiary institution. University courses studied include education, agricultural science, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, nursing, environmental science, medical imaging, communication, justice and science. 18% of the group attained apprenticeships/traineeships and are studying at TAFE.

The 2012 Year 12 cohort - 71% are attending University and 29% are at TAFE or have undertaken apprenticeships or traineeships. 51% of students are working or studying in the agricultural sector. University courses selected include veterinary science, education, paramedics, medical science, agricultural business, agricultural science or law, engineering, psychology, arts, marine studies, nutrition, science and equine studies. One Year 12 student topped the state in a HSC examination and another was second.

In 2013 students achieved Band 6 results in many subjects, including both Music students, with nearly 60% of students successfully entering tertiary studies across a range of subjects including animal science, education, agricultural business management, nursing, occupational therapy, speech pathology, agricultural science, engineering, bio-science, bio-technology, parks and heritage, strategic communications, museum and conservation, psychology, science and aviation.

Prospective families should access our school website and view school newsletters and annual school reports to have a concept of what the school offers. It is recommended this be essential reading prior to interview.

The opportunities in this school are second to none and I look forward to reading your application. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact the Acting School Administration Manager, Mrs Sue Morris, on 02 69511500 during office hours (9.00 am to 4.00 pm).

Yours faithfully

[Signature]

Daryl Finch
Principal