

Event Background

The 'Duval to Duval' Community fundraising event has been developed by the Duval College Senior Common room as part of the College's 50th anniversary celebrations in 2009. The event features a 10 km fun run/mountain bike ride/community walk from Armidale's Mount Duval commencing at the Kirby Research Station and concluding at UNE's Duval College for a BBQ Lunch. The event is scheduled to start at 10 am, Sunday 30th August and will raise funds for the Armidale Hospital.



The 'Duval to Duval' organising committee is comprised of senior University staff, Duval College student leaders, staff from Duval High School and members of the Armidale business community. It is envisaged that the fundraiser will be Armidale's major community fundraising event in 2009 and it is planned to hold the event on a bi-annual basis in future years.



Duval High School will also be a major partner in the 'Duval to Duval' event. The school community (which features 680 students from Year 7 to Year 11) has agreed to participate in a 4 km fun run/walk commencing at 10:30am Friday 28th August, 2009. The school event will commence from Duval High School (Crest Rd Armidale) and will finish at UNE's Duval College for a BBQ lunch and Duval College tour.

We are pleased that the 'Duval to Duval' community fundraising event is supported by UNE Chancellor Dr Richard Torbay, in his capacity as State member for Northern Tablelands and Speaker of the New South Wales Legislative Assembly.

Our target is that up to 1,000 members of the Armidale community will participate in the Duval to Duval event on Sunday 30th August. The Armidale Hospital has been chosen by the organising committee to be the beneficiary of the community fundraiser with the aim of raising \$50,000 to acquire a Neo-Natal Resuscitation Unit for the Hospital (valued at \$30,000) and other equipment to support the hospital staff.

Participants will be charged an entry fee and it will be expected that each team (4 persons) will work to raise an additional \$100 with individuals encouraged to raise a further \$20 over and above their entry fee. The organising committee will also conduct competitions to reward those who raise the most amount of money in a team or as an individual.