



## Award winners

Each semester there is a presentation of Achievement and Endeavour awards; Achievement awards are given to the student who receives the top grade in their course while Endeavour Awards are for the student who has worked hard to improve their grade in their course.

Many students worked hard in semester one and this was evident in the number of students who received Achievement Awards in more than one course. There were one hundred and fifteen students across Year 11 and 12 who received awards for their dedication and hard work.

Congratulations to the recipients of these awards for semester one!



## Showcasing Sevenoaks

Each year staff and students at Sevenoaks Senior College enjoy the opportunity to show Year 10 students from Cannington Community College and Yule Brook College what it is like to come to Sevenoaks in Year 11 and 12.

Making program choices for 2016 can be quite daunting with such a vast array of courses and certificates to choose from so Showcase Day is an opportunity for the Year 10 students to see what is on offer. It is also a great chance for these students to experience the Sevenoaks environment.

Many current Sevenoaks' students participate in the day as tour guides or helpers. Their perspectives on the school and what they enjoy about their courses provide a valuable insight.

Students enjoyed the activities such as coffee making and precision cutting in the home economics area, viewing samples through a microscope in science and visual displays or talks in various other areas. Students finished the day feeling well informed about their future choices.

The students who came along to the Showcase Day were excellent representatives for their current schools and Sevenoaks Senior College staff are looking forward to their return as Year 11s in 2016.



Cannington Community College students being shown around the home economics area by Sevenoaks students.

# Cultural Exchange Students

Sevenoaks Senior College is happy to welcome two cultural exchange students who will be studying here for the rest of 2015.

One student is Embjorg Lund who has come from the northern part of Norway. Perth was an area she had on her wish list to visit as she has a friend already living here and family that had lived here previously. Schooling in Norway is different as they do not wear uniforms and all books and education are free. Embjorg is looking forward to experiencing the Australian culture and has said that

winter in Norway is very cold!

The other student visiting is Maria Stoppani who comes to Sevenoaks from Milan in Italy. She was happy to visit any part of Australia and Perth was where an available exchange came up. Schools in Italy run from Monday to Saturday from 8am to 1pm, and students are placed in a fixed class where the teachers move to the student's classroom every hour. Maria is keen to learn about a new culture and way of life and is looking forward to improving her English.



## Real Life Networking

The Student Guild members have been involved in several fantastic opportunities to meet influential people and learn leadership skills. Four students were given the privilege of listening and asking questions of the 14th Dalai Lama. It was an amazing experience to hear words of wisdom from one of the world's leaders.

Six Year 12 students were selected to have a VIP lunch at Parliament House with Cannington's MLA, Mr Bill Johnston. Over a formal three course lunch students talked to Mr Johnston about politics and got an insight into what life is like as a sitting member of parliament.



## From the Principal

**Dr Kath Partridge**

Welcome to our term three newsletter. Firstly, congratulations to the many students who achieved outstanding semester one results. Our recent College Assembly provided the appropriate opportunity to recognise those students awarded Achievement and Endeavour certificates for their semester one studies.

I would like to thank the parents who took time to participate in our P&C get together that took place on the term two Parent Report evening. Your involvement and commitment to the College is very much appreciated. We are always looking for new members, so if you are interested in joining our P&C please give me a call.

Term three is a ten week term for all students to complete necessary course work and VET Units of Competency. Teachers have very clear expectations of what they require from each student and I have the very clear expectation that students will attend each zone ready to engage and work hard. For our Year 12's term three is a crucial time to complete course work before sitting final assessments and examinations.

We have recently welcomed the Year 10 students from Yule Brook College and Cannington Community College to our Showcase Day. Showcase Day provides prospective students with an opportunity to learn about all of the various courses and programs on offer at the College. Our general courses, Trade Training Centre VET qualifications, additional VET courses and many others were presented with students actively participating in a variety of activities throughout the day. Our 2016 prospective Year 11 students will also participate in a two day Orientation Program later

in term four to further help them transition to the College. Feedback from the Year 10 students who attended was very positive; thank you to all of our wonderful Year 11 and Year 12 College guides who helped out on the day. Year 11 students who have not yet met the On-line Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) requirements will be provided with another opportunity to take the various assessments from August 31 until September 4 2015. Students will be notified as to when they need to attend the College library. Finally, Year 11 and 12 students will continue to receive career counselling this term. Mrs Earl will be meeting with Year 12 students to ensure university and TAFE applications are completed. A reminder that our Year 12 ATAR students will be sitting their school based examinations over the term three holidays starting Monday 30 September. Examinations will be conducted in the College Lecture Theatre.



## Sevenoaks' Got Talent

During the annual leadership camp, the Student Guild planned an event with the aim of unifying all students at Sevenoaks. They came up with the idea of a fun talent show. The Guild organised themselves into sub-committees and planned the entire event starting with a proposal to be approved by the Principal, advertising, talent scouting and creating and selling tickets to staff and students.

The event held on an afternoon after classes at the end of term sold over 100 tickets. Sevenoaks has a wide range of talent from blindfolded keyboard playing, ukulele playing, drumming, singing and contemporary dancing. More than 10 acts performed during the competition. Tendai Muchacha and his hip hop dance earned the highest points from a judging panel of teachers and students. Congratulations to all the students who performed and the College recognises the effort and organisation that the Student Guild put into making the event a success.

The event raised \$500 for the students' chosen charity; Foodbank WA.



## Foodbank Fundraising

During our Term Three College Assembly, Yakira Venagiam, representing the Student Guild handed over a cheque for \$500 to Lee-Anne Ashley from Foodbank WA. It was raised from the ticket sales of the Sevenoaks' Got Talent event.

The Student Guild selected Foodbank WA as their chosen charity for all the help that it gives to Sevenoaks and other schools around the State. Foodbank provides food to the College and we are very grateful for this help. They currently supply food to over 430 schools across the State. They run a successful School Breakfast Program that directly reaches over 17,000 children, serving over 55,700 breakfasts and 22,800 'emergency' meals per week. The \$500 raised will help Foodbank WA feed over 100 students for a week! This is a worthy charity that we at Sevenoaks recognise and support.



## School Based Trainee

### Brayden Jones

Year 12 student Brayden Jones was recently awarded the WA School Based Trainee Award which recognises the outstanding achievements of apprentices and trainees.

Brayden has been completing a traineeship at City Beach in which he was employed by City Beach one day per week. This has included completing his Certificate II in Retail and completing work booklets to help him document his experience. Brayden has successfully balanced his traineeship with his College work and is aiming to gain his WACE this year. His employer and manager are very impressed with his effort and confidence. They are definitely keen to keep him working for them.

Brayden says:

"Throughout my traineeship I worked in many areas of the City Beach store, learning so many different skills and experiencing what the retail industry is like. I now believe I have a lot of skills and confidence to take into the workforce later in life. I recommend to anyone considering taking on a traineeship to do so."

# Canning Art Award

Two Sevenoaks Photography students were winners at the recent Act - Belong - Commit Canning Art Award.

The awards celebrate artwork from the local artistic community and encourage originality and creativity in the pieces.

The two successful students were Jake Vitaljich and Royce Dine. Jake received first prize in the Youth Photography category for his photograph with the judges comments of "A thoughtful and imaginative composition. Technically well handled. Very Sharp." Royce was the winner of the City of Canning Resident of School Attendee Award of Excellence for his photograph titled "Christmas in summer".



## Former student running for Miss World

Nyima McNamara, a former Sevenoaks Senior College and Follow the Dream student, is an entrant in the Miss World Australia competition that will take place at the end of August.

from Sevenoaks in 2012 and her younger sister, Irene is a current Year 12 student.

Sevenoaks wishes Nyima all the best in the competition.

Nyima McNamara graduated

## Leading the way to the future with 3D Printing

The Trade Training Centre is leading the way in using current technologies to prepare students with skills for the 21st century. A recent demonstration of a 3D printer had the students marvelling at the potential uses within their course.

3D printing has revolutionised most of the manufacturing sectors. The most obvious one is in medical technology. The addition of Computer

Aided Drawing(CAD) and Computer Numerically Controlled (CNC) machines to the Trade Training courses in 2016 will help make students more competitive when heading into the workforce.

The Year 12 Trade Training students were the willing participants at the demonstration and were amazed by the possibilities a 3D printer offered. The printer will be a fantastic course tool in 2016.



# Canning Skills Update

The Canning Skills Programs have been busy with a variety of activities such as a visit to the Perth Hills Discovery Centre for an Aboriginal cultural experience. Students had a wonderful day exploring aspects of Indigenous culture and traditions, tool making, bush food and care of the land. This was part of the courses offered that include Aboriginal and Intercultural Studies.

A visit to the Art Gallery of WA to participate in an Indigenous Art Tour and Workshop was another activity recently completed. This also included a workshop using a medium of sand

and glue to explore symbolism and perspectives demonstrated by many Aboriginal artists.

A Health Promotion Day also took place which included guest speakers from AADS (Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug Service), Headspace and Mission Australia. A highlight was Scooby from Ricochet Circus who had a selection of apparatus for the students to try like plate spinning, diablo, hula hoops and a unicycle! In attendance was also a couple of local police officers keen to build a positive partnership with the college.



## Report Night Barbeque a Big Success!

During Parent Night in Term 2 the Certificate II English as an Additional Language (EAL) students held the first ever EAL Barbecue.

For many of the EAL students and parents, it was the first chance to experience an authentic Australian barbeque. The EAL students did an amazing job preparing and cooking meat, veggies and fruit while having a chat and dancing the afternoon away. Some students added a much welcome multicultural flavour by bringing in dishes

from their home country to share with others.

Approximately 100 EAL students and parents attended the barbecue. This was a fantastic opportunity for parents, teachers and students to mingle and discuss academic performance in a more relaxed environment. With over 30% of the Sevenoaks' student population originating from non-English speaking backgrounds, we hope the EAL barbecue becomes an annual celebration that enriches our College community.



# Calendar of Events - Term 4 - 2015

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>October</b> <b>1</b>	<b>12</b> First Day of Term 4 for Students	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Year 11/ 12 Uni Pathways Exam Venue Visit	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Year 11/ 12 Uni Pathways Exam Venue Visit	<b>22</b> Year 12 Presentation Ceremony Rehearsal	<b>23</b> Last Day Year 12 Breakfast and Presentation Ceremony Rehearsal
<b>3</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Year 11 Uni Pathways	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>November</b> <b>4</b>	<b>2</b> WACE EXAMS	<b>3</b> WACE EXAMS	<b>4</b> WACE EXAMS Staff Meeting	<b>5</b> WACE EXAMS	<b>6</b> WACE EXAMS Presentation Ceremony Sat 7th November
<b>5</b>	<b>9</b> WACE EXAMS	<b>10</b> WACE EXAMS	<b>11</b> WACE EXAMS Year 11 Pathways	<b>12</b> WACE EXAMS	<b>13</b> WACE EXAMS Canning Skills Graduation
<b>6</b>	<b>16</b> Year 11 Exams	<b>17</b> Year 11 Exams College Board Meeting	<b>18</b> Year 11 Exams	<b>19</b> Year 11 Exams	<b>20</b> Year 11 Exams Last Day for Year 11 Students
<b>7</b>	<b>23</b> Year 11 Workplace Learning - all week	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> School development day Year 11 Reports posted
<b>December</b> <b>8</b>	<b>30</b> Year 11 Workplace Learning - all week	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Staff Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>7</b> Year 10 Orientation	<b>8</b> Year 10 Orientation	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Year 11/12 Uni Pathways	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> School Development Day

## WACE EXAMS

Do not forget that the WACE Exams start the second of November.

All the best to the students sitting the examinations.

## School Year Start 2016

The first day back for students in 2016 will be the 1st of February.