



Sevenoaks Senior College

Parent Update

14 May 2007

Term 2 is underway and students have settled into their studies. We have another busy term ahead with Year 11 and Year 12 examinations, Structured Workplace Learning, semester one reports, parent report evening and our student Performance Night.

1. Staffing Arrangements

- Ms Erica McKnight has taken on the Student Service Coordinator role and Mr Craig Lynch is now Coordinator of College Operations. Most students are already aware that Mr Lynch manages subject changes and College timetabling.
- Mrs Joan Reimers has taken on the Retention and Participation Coordinators role for all Year 11 students. Mrs Reimers monitors student attendance and also follows up advocate concerns regarding Year 11 students. Parents may be contacted by Mrs Reimers if there is attendance/ late to class issues with their son or daughter.
- Mrs Josie Askwith has joined our staff and is working in the Student Services centre and also in the College Reception area each day. Welcome Josie.

2 Programs and Events

- At the end of last term a College Assembly was held to reward students with outstanding attendance records. Four gift vouchers (donated by the City of Canning) were presented across our four categories to those students with 100% attendance for a two week period, maintaining 90% for the rest of the term. At this assembly we also had the opportunity to congratulate our Student Guild 'Head Boy' Callan Tucker on his success in the ANZAC student tour selection process. Callan was one of fourteen students chosen out of hundreds to travel for seventeen days on the ANZAC student tour. Callan participated in a number of formal and tour associated ceremonies to commemorate the ANZACs, visited a number of the battlefields where ANZACs fought, toured a number of museums and visited a range of general historical sites in France, Belgium and Turkey. Recently Callan has returned from his travels and will be speaking at engagements to discuss this wonderful excursion. Sevenoaks staff will enjoy Callan's presentation at next weeks' staff meeting.
- The next **P&C meeting** will take place at 6.30pm in the College Board room on **Wednesday July 4 2007**. I urge any interested parent/guardian to come along, spend some time learning about the College and get involved in projects that support our students. We struggle for numbers, so please come and support our P&C who are so keen to help the College and students.
- **Student Guild Elections** took place on **28 March 2007**. Congratulations to the following students who were voted by their peers to the membership of the College Student Guild.

Year 11 representatives are:

Fletcher McEvoy (President)
Dylan Pereniki
Candace Pereniki
Kertisha Derschaw
Jamie Sullivan
Naomi Rees

Year 12 representatives are:

Callan Tucker (Head Boy)
Kirsten Thomson (Head Girl)
Casey Nash
Corin Masatora
Aysen Canbaz
Diana Wright
Kyall Rotumah
Mustafa Aksakal

Cannington Community College Education Support Representatives are:

Rosa Samawi
Damian Zanotti

- On **Tuesday 15 May** female students who have returned their permission forms will be given the first **Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccination** here at Sevenoaks. This vaccination is new and is available to female students aged 12 years up to female adults aged 26. Three doses of the vaccine are given over a four to six month period. HPV is the name for a group of viruses that cause skin warts, genital warts and some cancers. If you have returned your permission forms you need to be aware that the first injections will occur **TUESDAY 15 MAY**. Your teacher will let you know when and where you have to go and get your vaccination.

- All of our Aboriginal students will be attending an **Aboriginal School Based Traineeship** meeting on **Wednesday 16 May 2007 at 10.30am** in the Lecture Theatre.
- Year 12 students will sit the **GAT test** (General Aptitude Test) on **Thursday 14 June 2007**. Your English teacher will provide additional information about this test in the coming week.
- All Year 11 students participate in a unique **Learning Skills** program (not negotiable). This program is designed to provide students with essential skills to improve their interactions across all learning areas. Students 'graduate' if all work is completed otherwise they will continue with Learning Skills in semester two. A number of students have not been attending learning skills this semester. Each time a student does not attend a learning skills session a formal report is placed on the system. Formal reports impact on the privileges students enjoy at the College. If a Year 11 student does not complete Learning Skills in semester one, they will continue to work on their Learning Skills program in Semester two.
- Students will receive their **Semester One Reports** on **4 July 2007**. Parents are required to come to Sevenoaks to pick up their son or daughter's report. Teachers will be available on this night for **parent meetings between 3.00pm until 6.30pm**. A short parent survey will be conducted on this evening.

3. Student Attendance during Exams and SWL

- Please note that between May 21 and June 8 there will be some disruption to normal timetable because of the exams and Structured Workplace Learning (SWL).

Monday June 4 is the **Foundation Day public holiday**. No students attend College on this day.

Y12 Students:

Week 5, 21 May → 25 May: Y12 students involved with SWL attend pre-organised work placements, all other students are expected to attend classes as per normal.

Week 6, 28 May → 1 June: Y12 SWL and examination period. Timetable is suspended for all Y12 students and they are not expected to attend College if not involved in exams. From Monday to Thursday, teachers will be available to assist students with exam preparation or to help with work needing completion and the library will be open. However, due to teacher professional development the library will not be available on Friday June 1.

Y11 Students:

Industry Access Program and Canning Skills students need to consult with their teachers for details specific to these programs during this period.

Week 6, Monday 28 May → Thursday 31 May: Y11 students involved with SWL attend pre-organised work placements, all other Y11 students expected to attend classes as per normal.

Week 6, Friday 1 June: Y11 Exams commence, Y11 SWL continues. Timetable suspended for all students, only those doing exams that day are to attend College. Library not available as teachers will be involved with Professional Development.

Week 7, Tuesday 5 June → Friday 8 June: Y11 SWL and examination period. Timetable is suspended for all Y11 students and they are not expected to attend College if not involved in exams. Teachers will be available to assist students with exam preparation or to help with work needing completion and the library will be open.

It is strongly recommended that students not involved in exams use this time to ensure that they have completed all work that is due.

4. Student Services and Activities

- **Year 12 leaver jumpers** will be available in **week 7**. Only those students who have ordered and paid for their jumper can expect to receive one. We do have a terrific supply of zip up (\$45.00) and fleece lined rugby jumpers (\$33.00) for Year 11 and any Year 12 students who missed the Leaver order. Students are required to wear the College uniform and these winter jumpers and the only ones acceptable on the campus.
- Sevenoaks currently has **seven sporting teams** involved in various competitions. Our triumphant **AFL** side has won both of their matches defeating Kalamunda by 9 points and Forrestfield by 96 points. They have a 'must win' game against Como Senior High School (at Como Senior High School) on Wednesday (16 May 2007) at 4.00pm.
- Our **Rugby Union** side has had mixed fortune defeating Mzenod College (47-15) however, they lost to both Kelmscott Senior High School and Forrestfield Senior High School. Their next 'must win' game is on Tuesday (May 15 2007) against Mzenod College at Thornlie Senior High School.
- Our **Soccer teams** (men's and women's) both have matches this week. The girls team play on Tuesday May 15 (2007) and the boys play at Sevenoaks today (Monday 14 2007).
- The College **Volleyball teams** (men's and women's) will be competing in a one day carnival on Thursday 17 May 2007 at Lords Recreation Centre.
- The College **Netball team** has been training and having team meetings for their big meet on Tuesday 22 May 2007. Students will travel to the Fremantle Netball Courts for this one day carnival. Good luck to all students and College staff involved and thanks to those parents and staff, who attend the games, drive the buses and support our students.

5. Information Technology

- The College has recently been having a few difficulties with our intranet service to students who are trying to access WebCt outside of Sevenoaks. WebCt is now up and running and students should have external access to their curriculum and other links.

6. Community and Business Partnerships

- During the term one holiday I had the wonderful experience of attending the **WA 2007 Youth Awards** at the Burswood Ballroom. This year our students were **FINALISTS** in three categories (the only school or College to boast such representation). Our Kanidjoogoo program was a finalist in the **Citizenship** Group category. Kanidjoogoo – which is Noongar language for 'standing friendly' – is a program developed to increase cultural knowledge and respect by integrating students with older people from diverse Aboriginal communities. Members of this group spend many hours visiting residents at Windsor Park Nursing Home and these visits are helping to develop stronger community connections and cultural awareness. Kayleen Hayward, our Aboriginal teacher, coordinates this voluntary activity.
- Dianna Wright, a Year 12 student and Guild member, was a finalist in the **Environment** category. Dianna is a highly motivated student, involved in many aspects of the Sustainable Schools initiative and Millennium Kids Inc. Dianna has participated in a number of key environmental conferences and projects and is an excellent role model for the College.
- Shannon Whitfield was a finalist in the **Inspiration** category. Shannon is a TEE student who works tirelessly to achieve in his subjects. Shannon has overcome enormous medical and personal hurdles to keep on track to complete his studies and hopefully gain entrance to university.

Whilst our students did not win their various categories, their achievement is significant. Staff and students are very proud of these achievements and we applauded these students for their commitment to their studies, the community and our College.

- **Performance night** will occur on **Wednesday the July 4 at 7:30pm** in the College gymnasium. Tickets go on sale in Week 8, 9 and 10 and can be purchased at the Student Services centre (and at the door on the night). This year's theme is **Risk!** Please come along and witness the talent of our students.

7. Student of the Week – Term One

- Weekly two teachers each nominate a student that they feel deserves recognition for their achievements at our College. These achievements are not mandated and may take a number of forms including academic performance, helping or caring for others, initiating an activity or event or having a terrific attendance record or attitude to their studies. The teachers can nominate a student for a variety of reasons. A certificate and a letter is sent home to parents in recognition of this Student of the Week achievement and the student has their photograph on display in the College foyer, their name is also placed on our College television and on all of our 400 computer monitors. Congratulations to our Students of the Week.

Brendan Macpherson	Mathew Cole
Jamie Stuhr	Daniel Boyle
Wayne Fraser	Wade Williamson
Fletcher McEvoy	Rebecca Banks
Natasha Hodgson	Megan Hancock
Kirsty Wagner	Tiffany Taggart
Ruth Round	Ashley James
Shane Petty	Arnie Suyatna
Eden Gray	Jamine Uy
Ashley Leppinus	Teagan Curthoys
Rebecca Smulder	Cassandra wills
Amaneal WoldeseLassie	Phillip Kusuma
Brett Ugle	Aysen Canbaz
Min-min Patriana	Yapad Meas
Louise Royal	Sejla Pervis
Eric Goodman	Samantha Barker
Elizabeth Ford	Zac Gane
Sherwin Harwood	

8. Share Sevenoaks!

We work hard at Sevenoaks to promote our College. *'Share Sevenoaks!'* is our promotional motto, a reminder that it is important to tell people about all of the great things that happen here at our dynamic senior campus. Please help us *'Share Sevenoaks!'* by telling people and prospective students about our programs, resources, events and our talented and professional staff. Included with this Parent Update are two information brochures for you pass onto other parents or students to help promote our College. Very soon 2008 Enrolments will open and we are looking to increase our student numbers. Thank you for helping us *'Share Sevenoaks!'*



DR KATH PARTRIDGE
PRINCIPAL

14 May 2007

TERM TWO SEVENOAKS SENIOR COLLEGE

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
April 1	23	24	25 <i>ANZAC DAY</i>	26	27
April/ May 2	30	1	2 HPV Vaccination program Lecture – all girls in gym	3	4
3	7	8	9 Year 12 TEE students Ace Tutoring 10.30 – 11.30am	10	11
4	14	15 HPV Vaccinations	16 Year 12 Non-TEE Ace Tutoring 10.30am Aboriginal School Based Traineeship meeting in lecture theatre 10.30am	17 Full Staff Meeting 2.30pm Anaphylaxis Talk	18
5	21	22	23 Y12 SWL Week	24	25
May/ June 6	28	29	30 Y12 Semester 1 Exams Y11 & Y12 SWL	31	1 Launch Youth Affairs School Community Project 3.00pm CAFE
7	4 <i>Foundation Day Holiday</i>	5	6 Yr 11 Semester 1 Exams Y11 SWL Week	7	8 Exams Finish
8	11	12	13 College Assembly	14 Full Staff Meeting Curriculum Update GAT TEST for Y12 Students	15
9	18	19 HPV Vaccinations	20	21	22
10	25	26	27	28	29
July 11	2	3	Parent Evening to Collect Sem 1 Reports Performance Night /gym	5	6