

sevenoaks newsletter

2007 Student Success

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We are very proud that so many of our 2007 Year 12 students achieved outstanding results. Sevenoaks Senior College's graduation rate was 99.28%. This is a tremendous result for both students and staff.

Our top student, Jenna Pugh, achieved 97.8 and is studying Veterinary Science at Murdoch University. In fact, many of our students have transitioned into a variety of university programs including Engineering, Politics and Law, Forensic Science, Marine Science, Nursing, Teaching (seven students), Sport and Exercise, Media, Civil and Construction, Arts and Business. We are also delighted to have our first WAAPA (Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts) enrolment.

Silvia Ryanto (pictured below) won the Principal's Excellence Award for the University of Western Australia and is studying a double degree in Arts and Science. Sejla Perviz (pictured right) won the Australian Defence Force, \$500 Year 12 Leadership Award.



Whilst over forty students have accessed university I would like to acknowledge the increasing number of students who are taking up apprenticeships, studying at TAFE and moving into small business and industry.

New Programs

We are absolutely delighted to be participating in two new Vocational, Education and Training (VET) programs this year.

Mrs Sherryl Smith is overseeing and coordinating our new Certificate III Teacher Assistant delivered at Central TAFE each Friday and Mrs Lynnelle Wilton is overseeing and coordinating Certificate II in Fashion Design at Bentley TAFE each Wednesday.

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Approximately forty students will participate in these programs that really do open so many doors and provide excellent learning opportunities in very specific areas. At the moment there are a couple of places still available in each program.

I have been involved with both TAFE campuses in the development of these programs and I cannot speak highly enough of the excellent relations between TAFE staff and our college. I can't wait to see our first group attend their first session on Wednesday. Good luck to all involved in these new pioneering endeavours!

STAFF UPDATE

Welcome to new staff members, Ms Carolyn Whiting (pictured below), who is our new Student Service Coordinator, Health and Outdoor Education teacher. Mrs Sandra London (pictured below right) is our new Business and Information Technology teacher and Ms Stacey Thompson (pictured top right) is our new Drama teacher.



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I am delighted to welcome these new staff members to Sevenoaks Senior College and I wish them a very happy and fulfilling year.

Mr David Proctor is the College Vice Principal and this year Mr Craig Lynch takes over College Operations.

Mrs Kath Murray is the College Teaching and Learning Coordinator, Ariell Rose continues as Student Outcomes Coordinator and for term one this year, Ms Bev Smith will take on the role of Vocational and Enterprise Coordinator as well as continuing to manage our Structured Workplace Learning program.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL *Dr Kath Partridge*



Already the College is a buzz with excitement; so much happening so quickly!

Year 11 and Year 12 students who are running for our College Guild are busy organising their campaign and gathering support for their nomination. Representing the student body is certainly a privilege and I know that Sevenoaks staff enjoy hearing the opinions and views of this representative group. Good luck to all of the students who contest the election on March 12.

Next week we will spend time recognising those students who achieved particularly well in 2007. Our current Year 12 students will receive Achievement and Endeavour Awards at the College assembly. I am delighted to see so many students share these prestigious awards and I look forward to presenting the certificates next week.

Student attendance in 2007 improved considerably and this, in part, was due to a greater College focus

on our attendance targets. It is imperative that all students attend every class. Skipping class greatly affects a student's capacity to achieve academically as well as interfering with their ability to build classroom and College relationships. When students have a free zone they should focus on studying in the College library.

This year we will continue our Attendance Reward Program. Attendance Reward Prizes are presented to those students who have achieved 100% attendance over a two week period and have maintained a 90% attendance for the rest of the term. No doubt a number of students will be in the draw for the four \$100.00 gift vouchers. Remember 'attend and achieve!'

A number of sporting teams will be representing the College this year. Already there are plans to fire up our rugby union program (a joint venture with Thornlie SHS). Also this year we hope to have both men's and women's soccer teams, basketball, netball and of course AFL!

HARMONY DAY 2008

At Sevenoaks we have over 50 different nationalities represented within the College. We have been celebrating Harmony Day, which celebrates our multiculturalism, since 2001. Over the years the event has grown into a fantastic day with a “carnival like” atmosphere. It is one of the highlights of the College calendar.

This year our theme is “Connect 4 Harmony” and it will be held on Wednesday the 19th of March between 10.20 and 1.20. The students will participate in four selected workshops which will highlight different cultures and traditions from around the globe. This will be followed by an international food fair and concert.

We encourage all students to come to College dressed in their national costume for the day. If parents or relatives wish to participate on the day either by providing food, dance or music please contact the Harmony Day Coordinator, Natasha Georgiou, on 9356 4918.



UNIFORMS

Most students have presented at College in the correct Sevenoaks uniform. We currently have a reasonable stock of white and blue polo shirts (\$25.00) and we also have an order being filled for more size 18 shirts. All students should be wearing the College shirt, with either blue or black shorts or pants.

Year 12 students who would like a 'Leavers Jumper' must complete an order form and pay their \$66.00 to Lisa Gee or Sarah Proctor in the College Reception area. We are hoping to get an early order away so that the jumpers arrive by the time the cooler weather comes around.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

A number of students have been chosen to participate in the Impact Leadership Conference that is taking place on Monday February 18 at the Burswood Dome.



Congratulations to the following students:

Fletcher McEvoy, Jamie Sullivan, Naomi Rees, Jian Xue, Wayne Stanton, Shannon Whitfield, Joe-lene Kinsella, John Overthrow, Sara Bailey, Ashlee Stevens, Rhiannon Ieraci, Navo Farro, Catherine Murray, Brendan Sutton and Daniel Levenson.

If students or parents have any questions regarding this conference they should speak with Ms Whiting, our new Student Services Coordinator.

PARENT EVENING

Parents and guardians of Year 11 and Year 12 students who are involved in a TEE pathway are invited to our first 'Parent Evening' to learn about and discuss strategies to support their son and daughter in their studies.

The Vice Principal, Mr Dave Proctor will be running this very informative session along with Mrs Brenda Earl who will speak to parents about alternative pathways to assist student's accessing tertiary institutions.

This one hour parent session will be held in the College Lecture Theatre on Wednesday 20 February at 7.30pm.

STUDENT GUILD ELECTIONS

Wednesday March 12
From 10.20am in the Foyer

Nomination forms are now available from the Student Services.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Jan Week 0	AUSTRALIA DAY	29	30	31 School Development Day	1 School Development Day
Feb Week 1	4 Students Commence	5	6 SA Spelling Test Z3/4	7	8
2	11	12	13	14	15
3	18 Impact Leadership Conference Student Guild	19	20 Parent Information Evening (for TEE Students) College Assembly	21	22
4	25	26	27 Yr 11 Tourism Field Trip	28 Full Staff Meeting	29
March 5	3 LABOUR DAY	4	5	6	7
6	10	11	12 Student Guild Elections	13	14 SWL Employer Breakfast 7.30 – 9.00 Sevenoaks
7	17	18 Board Meeting	19 Harmony Day	20	21 GOOD FRIDAY
8	24 EASTER MONDAY	25	26	27 Full Staff Meeting	28
April 9	31	1	2 Y12 SWL Week Interim Reports/ Parent Evening	3	4 Careers Expo
10	7	8	9	10 College Ball Novatel Langley	11