

sevenoaks newsletter

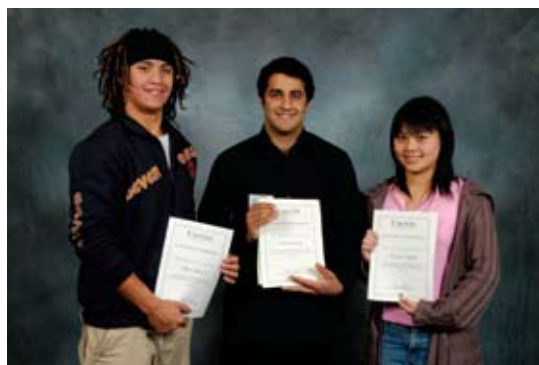
Expanding our Students' Opportunities

Sevenoaks Senior College is a Registered Training Organisation and offers National Qualifications in Business, Information Technology and Hospitality.

As well as the above, the College works closely with TAFEWA and private training organisations to offer students the opportunity to complete partial/full certificates in highly sought after areas such as Applied Fashion Design and Technology and Teacher's Assistant.



Students studying the Cert. III Teacher's Assistant Course



Wayne Stanton, Sunil Pandey & Francisca Angkola at Curtin University Ceremony.

This year Curtin University's Business School provided three of our TEE students the experience of studying and completing the Business Information Systems 100 unit.

Congratulations to Francisca Angkola, Sunil Pandey and Wayne Stanton who were awarded Certificates of Completion of this Business unit. Sevenoaks has been involved with Curtin University for a number of years and appreciates the access provided to our students.



Ashley James and Aida Noordin with their Jeans for Genes entries



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STUDENT GUILD CAMP

Last month the newly elected Student Guild went on an inaugural camp to Bickley Outdoor Recreation Camp. All fourteen students are participating in the Changemakers program involves them completing fundraising activities for a charity of their choice. The program requires that they learn about enterprise skills, leadership, effective communication and problem-solving.



On the first day the students took part in an urban orienteering course in the City. This involved rollerblading, tandem-bike riding and puzzle solving. They then went inside the West Coast Eagles' Club Rooms and met Matthew Pridis, who spoke to them about "leadership". After camping in the rain the students' learnt how to trust each other with a



high ropes course. The Guild also went to visit the Association for the Blind and donated money raised the previous day.

Below are some comments by the students about their experience:

"The camp provided me with future leadership and community based skills." Naomi Rees

"The camp was one of the best that I have gone on." Blake Bailey

"It gave us the opportunity to get to know each other. I learnt about teamwork and leadership. Going to a charity was an inspiring experience." Tiffany Taggart



FROM THE PRINCIPAL *Dr Kath Partridge*

Parent Report Evening for Semester One will occur on **Wednesday 2 July from 3.00pm until 6.00pm**. Parents can collect their child's report from the College reception area and then spend time speaking with their son or daughter's teachers. Please come along to this important event; take this opportunity to find out how your child is progressing and how we, as a team, can work together to help improve your son or daughter's outcomes. The Semester One report details subject results (to date), Community Service hours achieved (for Year 11 students) and attendance rate.

Most parents are now very familiar with our MGM messaging service that provides immediate information about student attendance. Parents are text messaged twice a day to alert them if their child is not at College. This service ensures that parents are kept fully informed about their child's whereabouts. If you know your son or daughter will not be attending the College for one reason or another please ring 9356 4900 and tell Sarah Proctor or Lisa Gee. Most importantly, please help us with student attendance. There is a direct correlation between student achievement, connection with their environment and their attendance. The more the student is here at College, the greater the opportunity of he/she being successful with their studies.

Congratulations to all students who have recently participated in two very successful weeks of Structured Workplace Learning. Students have received terrific support and I would like to thank all of the very helpful and generous business and industry groups who have provided placements for our students.

Sevenoaks continues to provide diverse learning experiences ensuring that as a College we cater for every young person on campus. The scope and variety of programs is immense. The Certificate II in Fashion Design at Bentley TAFE, Certificate III in Teacher Assistant at Mt Lawley TAFE, Certificate II in Beauty at Mt Lawley TAFE, Certificate I and II in Automotive at Carlisle TAFE, Certificate I in Building and Construction at Thornlie TAFE ensure that students with a vocational alignment to relevant industry areas access suitable programs. The TAFE studies undertaken as part of a student's College program also count towards their WACE graduation. In 2009 Sevenoaks will also offer Certificate III in Business (currently we offer Certificates I and II) and Certificate II Animal Companion Studies. If you would like to discuss any of these programs or if you would like to receive a **2009 Find Your Future** Sevenoaks subject and program information book, please contact Lisa Gee on 9356 4900.

With winter now upon us, students need to be wearing the official College jumper. At the moment a variety of other logos, colours and styles are worn. We have in stock ready for purchase: blue College Zip Up tops \$50.00 and Rugby Fleece tops \$33.00.

NOTIFICATION OF AGM – PARENTS & CITIZENS COMMITTEE

The P&C AGM will be held on July 2 2008 at 6.00pm in the College Board Room. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be provided.

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

Community Service

In 2007 Community Service was introduced into schools with the completion of 20 hours a requirement of the WA Certificate of Education (for students finishing Year 12 in 2009).

Students can complete the 20 hours in a number of ways, either participating in school-organised activities (e.g. Harmony Day) or parent-organised activities (e.g. volunteer at animal refuge).



Members of the Student Guild at the Association for the Blind & Guide Dogs WA

Community Service activities that students do in their own time can also contribute to the 20 hours, if the

activities have been approved by the school beforehand. For more information please contact Linda Lynch on 93564982 or linda.lynnch@det.wa.edu.au. Linda is the Community Service Coordinator for the College.



Victoria Callaghan & Tamara Austin at the Sheraton Hotel

Structured Workplace Learning

SWL students have recently completed two weeks investigating the world of work in a variety of settings including charity organisations. The feedback from employers was overwhelmingly positive with a number of students offered employment.

COLLEGE SPORTS

Third Place in the State

Year 11 student, Lou-Ann Anderson recently finished third in the state for the over-17 girls category of the Cross Country Champion Schools Competition at Perry Lakes.

She completed the 4 km course in 15min, 45sec, less than a minute behind the winner.

Lou-Ann is a member of the Willetton Athletics Club and only joined Sevenoaks in May after her family emigrated from South Africa.



Congratulations to Lou-Ann!

Congratulations to our Sporting Teams

The College now has competitive teams in the following sports: AFL (boys), soccer (boys & girls), basketball (boys & girls), volleyball (boys & girls), rugby (boys), netball (girls), cross country and orienteering.

We have had some very successful games against other city schools and students have really enjoyed participating and being active. Parents are most welcome to come along to our games.



SHOWCASE DAY

Thursday July 31
11:30am to 2:30pm

An opportunity to see and hear about our 2009 College Programs.

Come to the Front Office to *sign in* and a guide will take you on a tour of the campus.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 3

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	21 School Development Day No students attend	22	23 College Assembly	24 Yr 12 Photo Day Year Book	25
Aug 2	28	29	30 Murdoch Uni Talk Zone 3 (Mrs Earl)	31 Showcase Day	1
3	4 Y12 SWL WEEK	5 Y12 SWL WEEK	6 Y12 SWL WEEK Curtin Uni Talk Zone 3 (Mrs Earl)	7 Y12 SWL WEEK	8 Y12 SWL WEEK
4	11	12	13 Yr 11 Tourism Field Trip - Mandurah TISC Zone 3 (Mrs Earl)	14 Full Staff Meeting	15
5	18 Y11 SWL WEEK	19 Y11 SWL WEEK	20 Y11 SWL WEEK Yr 12 Tourism - Zoo TAFE Talk Zone 3 (Mrs Earl)	21 Y11 SWL WEEK	22 Y11 SWL WEEK
6	25	26	27 TAFE Talk Zone 3 (Mrs Earl)	28	29
Sep 7	1	2 Board Meeting	3	4	5
8	8 Learning Environment surveys	9 Learning Environment surveys	10 Learning Environment surveys	11 Full Staff Meeting Learning Environment surveys	12 Learning Environment surveys
9	15 Learning Environment surveys	16 Learning Environment surveys	17	18	19
10	22 Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Camp	23 Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Camp	24 Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Camp Last day for TAFE applications	25 Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Camp	26 Last day for TISC applications