

# sevenoaks newsletter

## Sevenoaks farewells Year 12s

On the first Saturday of November, 127 Year 12 students attended their Presentation Ceremony at Curtin University.

College staff, family and friends witnessed the students graduate from one stage of their life and enter another. Many dignitaries attended the ceremony to present a number of prestigious awards.



*The Yr 12s celebrate after the ceremony*



*Canning Mayor, Joe Delle Donne presented Francisca Angkola with the Dux Award*

**Aboriginal Achievement Award: Jacob Ayres** Sharon Brown

**School Based Traineeship Prize:**

**Dywanna Abdul Kadir** David Wood, CEO, Curriculum Council

**Commitment to Excellence Award: Ben Ong** Dr Kath Partridge, College Principal

**Dux Award: Francisca Angkola** Mayor Joe Delle Donne, Canning

**Outstanding Achievement Prize: Kirsty Wagner** Mayor Olwen Searle, Gosnells

The winners of the eleven College awards were:

**Cultural Navigator: Hatice Demirkol**

Bill Johnston, MLA for Cannington

**Youth Minister's Positive Image Award:**

**Valentina Chionis** Sharon Brown, Chair of the College Board

**Citizenship Prize: Jamie Sullivan** David Price, District Director, Canning District Education

**Caltex All Rounder: Wayne Stanton** Senator Alan Eggleston

**Caltex All Rounder (Education Support): Adam Carlino** Andrew Wilson, Principal, CCEC

**SWL Prize (Education Support): John Hughes** Andrew Wilson

Congratulations to all of our Year 12 students!



*Gosnells Mayor, Olwen Searle, presented Kirsty Wagner with the Outstanding Achievement Prize*



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## NEW PROGRAM A SUCCESS

The Student Guild completed their "Changemakers" course this month. This was the first time that the Guild attempted this Curriculum Council endorsed program. It involved an overnight camp where the students learnt leadership skills, such as effective communication, teamwork and conflict resolution.

A large part of the program focused on teaching the students how to be active citizens. The Guild then had to select a charity that meant something to them and then organise fundraising events.



The 14 students selected Youth Focus, a charitable organisation that helps tackle youth depression and suicide. Last term the Guild students organised a dodgeball tournament, pizza lunch, free dress day and a bake sale.



*Nur Azman encourage friends to bake for Youth Focus*

Altogether the Guild raised \$400 and this was presented to Ms Amanda Moore, Youth Focus Business Manager (pictured left). The students considered the program a success. One of the Guild stated that they "learnt about teamwork and leadership and [helping charities] was an inspiring experience".

### ORIENTATION DAYS

**DECEMBER 3 & 4**

**9.15AM - 2PM**

**2009 ENROLLED STUDENTS WELCOME**

**MORE INFORMATION SENT VIA LETTER**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL *Dr Kath Partridge*



Congratulations to all of our Year 12 students who have now completed their education here with us at Sevenoaks Senior College. Currently a number of these students are sitting their Tertiary Entrance Examinations. On behalf of the College Board and staff I would like to wish these young men and women 'good luck' during this arduous time.

On Saturday November 1, 127 Year 12 and Cannington Education Support Centre students participated in our Presentation Ceremony at Curtin University. It was a wonderful occasion and I am sure that you can see by the photographs in this newsletter, that our students looked fantastic and received numerous accolades for their achievements. Many dignitaries attended this function and I am very grateful for their contribution to this important College event.

Year 11 students are still busily completing assignments and workplace learning hours ensuring that they are well placed to move into Year 12 with a strong academic record. The last official timetabled day for our Year 11 cohort is Wednesday November 19. Examinations begin for Year 11 students on Thursday 20 November at 8.50am; the first being English. Student need to ensure that they arrive on time and prepared for these important exams. Students already have their examination timetable; however, additional copies can be collected from the College reception area.

As this is the last College newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff and parents for the hard work, commitment and positive input invested in our students and their education; your influence should never been underestimated.

I wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season and I look forward to another brilliant year at Sevenoaks in 2009.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

On Wednesday evening, October 29, the College presented a production of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Our students, Luke Cross, Brendon Sutton, Sasha McMahon, Nur Azman, and staff, Ms Natasha Georgiou, Mrs Kath Murray, Mr Craig Lynch, Mr Fettes Falconer and Mr Greg Hurn starred in this comedy of manners. The design and managerial roles were covered by the Year 11 drama students, with Ms Stacey Thompson, the College drama teacher, directing.

Comments from the audience included:  
"Brilliant. I really enjoyed it. Entertaining. Professional."



"An afternoon well spent."

"An amazing, colourful production. The costumes, set and props gave this production a professional feel."

Many hours were invested in preparation for this event. We would like to acknowledge the support of students involved, the teaching staff, especially Stacey Thompson and Cannington Community College for the use of their venue.



## CANNING SHOW



Many of our students in photography, visual arts, design and technology and food production entered exhibits in the 2008 Canning Show and many of them won prizes.

Some of our students excelled and became champions in their field.

Tiana Rose was Champion for Industrial Arts and Ashleigh Osborne was Champion in Art. Mary Hoyer (Photography) and Tiana (Industrial Arts) attained the highest points in their categories (pictured above).

Our music students showcased their talents in a concert that was staged on the Friday evening.

Thomas Pak and Jasmine Kilinc made a positive impression on the Lion's Club in volunteering at the Show by manning the entrance gates.

Well done to all students and staff who made a contribution to this terrific local event.



### IMPORTANT COLLEGE DATES

**13 NOVEMBER 9:30AM:** FAST TRACK GRADUATION  
(PAUL & PHRED)

**19 NOVEMBER:** LAST DAY FOR TIMETABLED CLASSES

**20 NOVEMBER 10AM:** SANTA'S WORKSHOP HANDOVER

**20 - 28 NOVEMBER:** YR 11 EXAMS

**25 NOVEMBER 1:30PM:** CANNING SKILLS GRADUATION  
(ALISON, WAYNE & JO)

**12 DECEMBER:** YR 11 RESULTS POSTED TO HOME ADDRESS

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## TERM 1

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Jan 0				29 <i>Teacher School Development (No students)</i>	30 <i>Teacher School Development (No students)</i>
Feb 1	2 <b>Students commence</b>	3	4	5	6
2	9	10	11	12	13
3	16	17 SAST literacy data collection Year 12 (Advocacy)	18 Parent Information Evening (Yr 11 & 12 TEE students) Impact Leadership Conference	19	20
4	23	24 SAST literacy data collection Year 11 (Advocacy)	25	26 <b>Full Staff Meeting</b>	27
March 5	2 Public Holiday	3	4	5	6
6	9	10 <i>2009 Student Guild Elections</i>	11	12	13 SWL Employer Breakfast
7	16	17	18	19	20
8	23	24	25	26 <b>Full Staff Meeting Health Expo Day</b>	27
April 9	30 Yr 12 SWL Week Yr 11 Abseiling Camp	31 Yr 12 SWL Week	1 Yr 12 SWL Week <b>Interim Reports/ Parent Evening</b>	2 Yr 12 SWL Week	3 Yr 12 SWL Week
10	6	7	8	9 <i>Last day of Term College Ball Novatel Langley</i>	10 Public Holiday Start of school holidays