

# sevenoaks newsletter

## Sea Trek Adventures

Teamwork, cooperation, friendship and fun were just some of the benefits of the recent week long Year 12 Outdoor Education Sea Trek. The expedition enabled students to develop and explore a variety of life skills; such as cooperation, meal planning, camp cooking, goal setting, commitment and leadership.

Sixteen students, accompanied by teachers Carolyn Whiting, Jayde



Kazimierczak and Instructor Laurie Adams, attended the camp in the Wilderness Heritage Area of Shark Bay. Students worked hard in the preceding five months to attain the skills and knowledge in preparation for the camp. They gained their Recreational Skipper's Ticket and completed practical sail and motor boat training each week for the five months.

Students set off on the 1700km road trip early on Sunday morning. The first port of call was Denham where students camped the night, heading off the next day for Big Lagoon.

Day 2 saw gale force winds and heavy rain hit our little camp. The experience helped students work together and bond as a group to feel more comfortable in



their surroundings. Tents had to be re-erected, a change to warm clothing and food shared. The weather tested the student's emotions and proved to be an unexpected challenge.

A long walk through the pindan dust saw the formation of the AC BOYZ who had great fun jumping off the cliffs, seeing an emus, dolphins and turtles close up. A highlight of night time activities was debriefing the day, working in journals, watching the stars and playing the "chocolate game".

It was a sad day when we had to leave, however we stopped at Shell Beach and the World Heritage listed Stromatolytes on the way home to observe the intricacies of the environment. We arrived home after seven days in the wilderness to hot showers and food without sand! *(Reported: Carolyn Whiting)*



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## ART GALLERY DESIGN WIN

Year 12 students, Jake Robins and Daniel Fahey, entered the Art Gallery of WA's Design Challenge competition with the design brief of creating an unique chair. Their entries were selected from hundreds to win the Secondary Student Category. The chairs were unveiled in a ceremony at the Art Gallery of WA in June.



Merv Alcock, Peter Lowe, Daniel & Jake at the opening ceremony.

Jake and Daniel made their chairs as part of the Materials Design and Technology course under the instruction of Mr Merv Alcock. Jake said his timber chair, titled *Barking Dog*, was dedicated to a beloved pet that died recently. Daniel's chair, named *Fired Up*, was made of plywood and pine. The aim of the competition was to encourage creativity, develop design skills and further the appreciation for the function and aesthetics of materials.



### VENUE HIRE


*All rooms at the College are available for hire to community groups, churches, sports groups etc.*

Lecture Theatre, Dance Studio,  
Gymnasium & Classrooms

*Competitive Prices*

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL Dr Kath Partridge



It is great to see our students back at College and already fully engaged in exciting term three curriculum programs. I am very envious of the Year 12 Outdoor Education students who participated in a brilliant camp experience at Shark Bay at the end of last term. Every time I see the excursion pictures on our College website I can't help remembering the wonderful school camp and excursion opportunities that I had as a child. As a College we are very pleased to be able to provide such beneficial experiences to our students; experiences that they will never forget.

With only nine weeks to go before our Year 12 students begin their TEE examinations (first exam is on November 2) I am very pleased with the attitude and approach that our students are exhibiting towards this very important time. At our recent College assembly I had the honour of presenting our semester one Achievement and Endeavour Certificates. I would like to once again congratulate all of the students recognised and I would like to make special mention to one Year 11 student, Elizabeth Angkola, who has excelled in

her studies being awarded 8 A grades for her semester one studies (also having 100% attendance record).

Congratulations also to Jake Robins and Daniel Fahey, who were both winners in the recent Western Australia Design Challenge 2009 competition. Both young men designed and created chairs which have been on display at the Art Gallery of Western Australia and are now on display in our College foyer.

Finally a note regarding Human Swine Influenza; we have recently placed a link to the Health Department of WA on our website. This site provides daily updates on the status of the influenza. Currently there is no requirement for voluntary exclusion for students and staff returning from countries or states previously of concern. School closures have ceased. Students, staff and visitors who have flu-like illness should not attend College and should consult their doctor for further advice (especially if they have chronic underlying medical problems). We are emphasising preventative hygiene practices with our students; for example, encouraging them to wash their hands regularly, cover their mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing and disposing of used tissues correctly.

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVER

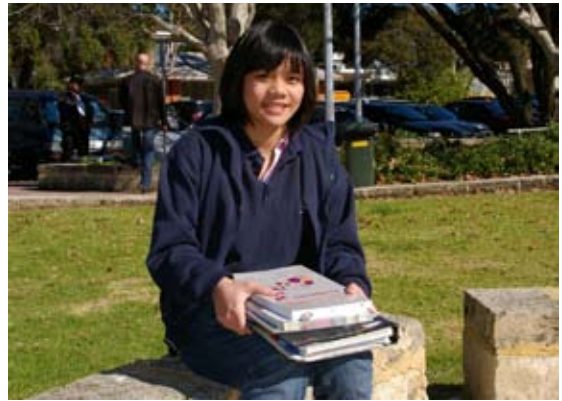
Elizabeth Angkola is a year 11 student who has excelled in her first semester at Sevenoaks. She has earned 8 A grades for her TEE subjects and Work Place Learning. Elizabeth also has a 100% attendance record, which is an excellent and exemplary result.

Elizabeth attributes her success to attending all classes, asking for help from her teachers, getting assignments in on time and doing revision. She is often in the library studying during her free zones and typically continues her study in the evenings.

Elizabeth who came with her family to Perth from Indonesia in 2006, enjoys watching movies and playing on her Nintendo Wii, as well as having a tutoring job in her spare time.

After graduating, Elizabeth would like to study mathematics at University.

Congratulations Elizabeth, we are all very proud of you!



## PRESENTATION CEREMONY

**Saturday October 31**

**Curtin University:  
Elizabeth Jolley Lecture Theatre**

**Students rehearse at 12pm  
Ceremony commences at 2pm**

## INNOVATIVE VET PARTNERSHIPS - SBT: A PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

Over the last nine years Sevenoaks has developed close relationships with employers and Registered Training Organisations (eg. TAFE) within our Vocational Educational Training (VET) and Work Place Learning programs. School Based Traineeships (SBT) are part of the VET program. Currently we have 17 students out on SBTs of which 12 are Aboriginal students.

Justin Kickett is one of our many successful students who is completing an Aboriginal SBT Certificate II in Horticulture at Bunnings. He is doing well in his training as testified by his supervisor, Judith, who commented that Justin is: "...*always enthusiastic and always willing to please*".

The key to Justin's success in juggling the Clontarf Football Academy, his College studies and the SBT is: "...*being organised, punctual, always attending and communicating with teachers, coaches and supervisors*". Justin's dream career is to join the AFL. Justin is a fantastic role model and certainly deserves every success.

Students usually start SBTs in year 11 and currently we have trainees in industries such as Business,

Horticulture, Transport, Community Services, Retail, Hairdressing, Aquaculture, Construction, Sports and Recreation. Students are at the workplace or TAFE for 1 to 2 days per week and the rest of the time they are at College studying towards graduation.

Only students who demonstrate commitment, positive work ethic and a proven record of attendance are accepted into the highly regarded program. Any queries regarding SBT should be directed to our VET Coordinator, Gary Hicklin on 9356 4974.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## TERM 3

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
July 1	20 <i>Pupil Free Day</i>	21 Students Commence	22	23	24
2	27	28 <i>Assembly</i>	29 <b>Showcase Day</b>	30	31 <i>Yr 11 Biology Excursion</i>
August 3	3 <b>Yr 11 &amp; 12 SWL Week</b>	4 <b>Yr 11 &amp; 12 SWL Week</b> <i>ECU Uni Visit (2nd Half of Advocacy)</i>	5 <b>Yr 11 &amp; 12 SWL Week</b> <i>Yr 10 Parent Evening</i>	6 <b>Yr 11 &amp; 12 SWL Week</b>	7 <b>Yr 11 &amp; 12 SWL Week</b> <i>Yr 12 Geography Excursion to Northam</i>
4	10 <b>Yr 11 SWL Week</b>	11 <b>Yr 11 SWL Week</b> <i>Murdoch Uni (2nd Half of Advocacy)</i>	12 <b>Yr 11 SWL Week</b>	13 <b>Yr 11 SWL Week</b> <i>Full Staff Meeting</i>	14 <b>Yr 11 SWL Week</b>
5	17	18 <i>Yr 11 Politics Excursion</i>	19	20 <b>Yr 11 &amp; 12 Industry Access Excursion</b>	21
6	24 <i>Yr 12 Outdoor Ed Kayaking Camp on Avon River</i>	25 <b>PISA Testing for Year 11</b> <i>Yr 12 Outdoor Ed Kayaking Camp on Avon River</i>	26	27	28
Sept 7	31	1	2	3	4 <b>TAFE Applications open</b>
8	7	8 <i>LEASA (Curtin Uni) Surveys</i> <b>Yr 12 TAFE talks</b> <i>Yr 11 Politics Excursion</i>	9 <i>LEASA (Curtin Uni) Surveys</i>	10 <b>Full Staff Meeting</b>	11
9	14 <i>LEASA (Curtin Uni) Surveys</i>	15 <i>LEASA (Curtin Uni) Surveys</i> <b>Yr 12 TAFE talks</b>	16 <i>Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Mountain Biking Camp - Dwellingup</i>	17 <i>Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Mountain Biking Camp - Dwellingup</i> <b>Yr 11 Politics Excursion</b>	18 <i>Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Mountain Biking Camp - Dwellingup</i>
10	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Last day of Term</i> <b>Exams Commence Monday 5/10</b>