

Trade Training Centre

After a long wait the Trade Training Centre has commenced delivering Certificate II Programs for Automotive and Metals & Engineering students attending Sevenoaks Senior College. In partnership with Polytechnics we are able to offer students an exciting new pathway into these industries.

We continue to develop strong links with our Industry Partners and deliver an industry specific curriculum that focusses on strong work ethics and prepares the students for the workforce. The students are able to experience rich Work Place Learning opportunities that could lead into apprenticeships or full time employment. Our workshops are equipped with the latest tools and machinery needed in the delivery of these courses and offer a workshop environment equivalent to what you would expect to see in the work sector.

Placements are limited as these programs are becoming very popular with students but contact the school on 9356 4900 to organise an interview and get your name on the waiting list. We have students transitioning into the workforce throughout the year and are able to take new enrolments as positions become available.



We are also about to embark onto a new phase for this program. Term Two will see a number of Year 10 students accessing the centre on Friday to participate in an Industry Taster Program. This will give the students an insight into both industries and will enable them to make more informed decisions about their pathway for Year 11.

WANTED: We are always looking for small engines or lawn mowers to be used in our delivery of rich learning experiences. If you have any lying around the TTC would greatly appreciate them.

Maintaining One of the Premier School Networks in WA

Since it opened in 2001, Sevenoaks SC has had one of the Department of Education's largest and most innovative school computer networks. Students have had ready access to a reliable and complex network in most learning situations.

In 2011, the College received a substantial grant from the Federal Government as part of the National Secondary Schools Computer Fund (NSSCF) to upgrade the College's network so that there was one computer available for each student enrolled. The funding provided the opportunity for the College to make further advances in the quality and size of its computer network.

The College's IT technicians, David Anning and David Van den Berghe coordinated the planning, purchasing and installation of 384 computers to the College network. Decisions on what computers were to be purchased and where they were to be installed were based on providing every student with access not only to a computer but one that would be connected to the College's extensive and elaborate network. 268 desktop and 116 laptop computers were purchased. The Department of Education also provided considerable support to enable the expansion of the College's cabled and wireless networks to be able to support this many machines.

Sevenoaks now has over 550 computers connected to the College network. This provides students with the opportunity to access a high quality network in all classrooms.

The Federal Government funding also allowed for the purchase of 6 interactive white boards. These were installed at the end of the holidays and the College now has 9 rooms with access to interactive whiteboards. Staff have participated in a full day and then a second 1 hour workshop on using the whiteboards to improve learning outcomes for students.

Follow the Dream

Follow the Dream is a voluntary program for high achieving Aboriginal secondary school students. The program provides in and after school tuition and individualised mentoring, support and case management to assist and support these students to continue achieving excellent outcomes at school, complete Year 12 and obtain university entry. The program also includes high achieving and motivated students undertaking vocational education and training (VET) school pathways. The program operates at 25 public schools throughout Western Australia and services approximately 600 students. Sevenoaks Senior College has been fortunate enough to host the Follow the Dream Program over the past 9 years with 67 Aboriginal students graduating with a Year 12 certificate. The program at Sevenoaks has an outstanding track record, with students receiving numerous awards, scholarships, leadership opportunities both state and interstate and many are currently at university, TAFE, or in training and employment. With this strong 100 % secondary graduation rate of Aboriginal students the program proves that with the proper support and encouragement Aboriginal students can achieve their dreams.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERMS 1 & 2 - 2012

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mar 7	12	13 WPL Meeting	14	15 Harmony Day	16 Full Payment of Leavers' Jackets due
8	19 WPL Week Year 11 & 12	20 WPL Week Year 11 & 12	21 WPL Week Year 11 & 12	22 WPL Week Year 11 & 12 Staff Meeting	23 WPL Week Year 11 & 12
9	26 WPL Week Year 12	27 WPL Week Year 12	28 WPL Week Year 12	29 WPL Week Yr 12 Parent Evening Progress Reports Issued	30 WPL Week Year 12
Apr 10	2	3	4	5 End of Term 1	6 Good Friday
Apr 1	23 School Development Day No students	24 School Development Day No students	25 ANZAC Day	26 Start of Term 2	27
May 2	30	1	2	3	4 Careers Expo
3	7 WPL Week Year 11 & 12	8 WPL Week Year 11 & 12	9 WPL Week Year 11 & 12	10 WPL Week Year 11 & 12 Murdoch Uni Presentation	11 WPL Week Year 11 & 12
4	14	15	16	17 Staff Meeting	18
5	21	22	23	24	25
Jun 6	28	29	30	31 Year 11/12 Exams	1 Year 11/12 Exams
7	4 Foundation Day	5 Year 11/12 Exams	6 Year 11/12 Exams	7 Year 11/12 Exams	8 Year 11/12 Exams
8	11	12	13	14 Staff Meeting	15
9	18	19	20	21 ECU University Presentation	22
10	25	26	27	28 Curtin University Presentation Semester 1 Report Night	29
Jul 11	NAIDOC 2	NAIDOC 3	NAIDOC 4	NAIDOC 5 Showcase Day	NAIDOC 6 End of Term 2



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2011 Student Success

2011 was a successful year for Sevenoaks Senior College with 18 students achieving an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of greater than 71. Certificates of Excellence were received by Kristen Seaman, Crystal Sullivan, Shannen Woods and Ellie Orton.

The College is extremely proud of the students who achieved outstanding results and the overall performance of the Year 12 cohort. Other awards were received by our students from a range of educational providers and other organisations.

Award/Scholarship	Award/Scholarship Winner	Value
Curtin Principal's Award	Samuel Gebrehiwot	\$1000
Curtin Principal's Award	Kristen Seaman	\$1000
UWA Excellence Award	Tricia Jakwa	\$500
ECU Excellence Scholarship	Adil Raise	\$4000 for 4 years
Curtin Star Award	Samuel Gebrehiwot	\$2000 for 4 years
Curtin Charles Watson Scholarship	Kristen Seaman	\$2000 for 4 years
Central Institute of Technology VET in Schools Scholarship	Michael Le Page	\$1000
ADF Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award	Adil Raise	\$500

2011 Year 11 Achievers



During our recent College Assembly those Year 12 students who received Academic Excellence and Endeavour Awards at the end of their Year 11 studies were recognised. Congratulations to all those students who received a Certificate. Keep up the good work in 2012.



Attendance - All Day Every Day

We are rather pleased with the many students who have a 100% attendance record so far this year. Students who attend all of their classes will be successful with their studies. Please ensure that your child is here all day, every day which will help them be successful with their studies. More than 75 students achieved 100% attendance.



Head Boy and Head Girl

The Head Boy and Head Girl for 2012 have been selected. Ruby Tancred and Thomas Bushara will lead the student guild and be the student body representatives for official College functions. We congratulate both students on this wonderful honour and achievement and look forward to their leadership throughout the year.



Year 12 Masquerade Ball



On February 24 The Novotel Langley Hotel was the venue for the highly successful Year 12 Masquerade Ball.

It was a night of splendor and dancing with many students embracing the Masquerade theme. The dance floor was a hive of activity throughout the night and a delicious buffet was enjoyed by all. The ladies were gorgeous in their gowns while the gents were dashing in their suits.

A very special thank you goes to the Ball Committee who worked hard to create the Ball invitations and make the table decorations which looked very special on the night. Thank you in particular to Kirstie Cusens and her team who worked hard to make the night such a success.



Young Parent Program

With a generous seeding grant of \$25,000 from the National Australia Bank Schools First program, Sevenoaks Senior College has formed a partnership with Canning Coalition, Communicare and Brookman House Parenting WA to develop a program aimed at providing educational opportunities for school-age parents. Canning Coalition is a community-based organisation that develops creative solutions to successful pathways and supports young people to transition into further education training or employment. Brookman House Parenting is a community organisation that offers facilities and staff to run programs on child development for teenage parents. Communicare is an organisation that provides a wide range of community services to disadvantaged groups.

With the support and expertise of our partners, the school is establishing an education centre with a crèche for young parents from 15 to 19 years old. The Parents in Education program will be run at the centre and provide educational opportunities for young mothers and fathers who cease education because of parenthood or pregnancy. The program will be tailored to suit the needs and goals of the students and would be highly flexible in terms of timetable, courses, delivery methods and timelines for completion.

Students will gain access to support agencies that will provide work experience and enhance their future employment pathways. A major goal is to improve parenting skills and information for the young parents. The contact person at Sevenoaks is Youth Worker, Brooke Chapman, who can be contacted on 9356 4913.

The first meeting of young parents took place on March 13th at Brookman House.



Clontarf Program Update



It has been a successful start to the Clontarf Program at Sevenoaks for 2012. We have 30 boys at an average attendance of 81%.

Training has started with an average of 22 boys on the track for every session. In the 3 games we have played so far we have won two. Other activities have included a Leadership Camp, Induction Camp and an employment visit to Water Corp which were all fantastic.

2012 Student Guild

Congratulations to the 2012 Student Guild.

Year 12 - Head Boy: Thomas Bushara, Head Girl: Ruby Tancred, Other members: Nhu Nguyen, Jordan Thorsager, Tianna-Mae Green, Jessica Jones and Saik Jumnong.

Year 11 - Sherelle Bowron, Christian Solatorio, Andrew Yarran, Stephen Zaw-Win, Duretti Said, Kaytlin Bourke and Monique Tancred.

Thank you to all students who nominated for the Student Guild.



Year 11 Student Services

The Year 11 Student Guild election has stimulated some healthy competition with a number of students nominating to represent their year. The election, conducted in early March, will add a further six students to those Year 12s who have already taken on the mantle of leading their school. The elected group will join with the Year 12s in a leadership camp at the beginning of Term Two.

In addition 20 of our young women will participate in a leadership program to be hosted by Sevenoaks. The program, conducted in liaison with the Immigration and Citizenship Social Cohesion program and the Muslim Women's Support Centre, will include a further 80 young women from 4 other schools. This project will be run by leaders who have undergone leadership training and aims to build on team awareness, leadership and enhancing understanding of cultural diversity. It is a most worthy undertaking and our students will benefit from the wealth of experience this event will provide.

Wayne Lyon Scholarship



Mrs Tracy Lyon presented the first Wayne Lyon Scholarships at the College Assembly.

Leanne Ward, former Year 12 student, was the first recipient of the Wayne Swan Scholarship in recognition of her passion for the environment.

Nhu Nguyen and Ruby Tancred, current Year 12 students, also received scholarships for their commitment to sustainability. Congratulations to all three girls.



Sport at Sevenoaks

Any students interested in representing the school in a sporting team this year can become involved with the following activities.

AFL

Clontarf Football Academy is training on Tuesday mornings at 8 am at Coker Park. All students are invited to train under the expertise of Garth Taylor, (ex- AFL player) and Brad Cox and further develop skills from all facets of the game. Students unable to train at that time should see Mr Lynch to register their interest for the fixtures that start in term two.

Volleyball

Boys and girls teams are now busy training on Thursdays at 3pm in the Gym in preparation for a tournament in Term 2. Interest is at a high level and students skills are coming along well each week.

Soccer

Mr Rochowczyk our specialist Soccer coach has had his hands full with large numbers of students in his Soccer unit. Early next term we will be fielding a boys and girls team that will be involved in the round robin soccer fixtures. The standard of soccer being played at the moment is very high and Mr Rochowczyk will announce a squad in the next few weeks.

Other possible activities later in the year include touch football, cross country and table tennis.

All students are encouraged to participate and be part of a team.

ESL Centre

The international centre at Sevenoaks is a recent innovation. It is an area designated for our students who have migrated to this country from overseas, as well as some international students and it is where the EAL/D (English as an Additional Language/Dialect) classes are taught. It is situated in the Enterprise building and it consists of two main classrooms and an office which have been completely refurbished. The latter area is



ideal for meeting parents, who are encouraged to visit us and discuss any issues they may have in relation to their child's education. There is also an area which has been equipped with comfortable lounges and a television, where students can indulge in quiet activities, such as silent reading or watching a documentary. Our students from overseas are welcome to use the facilities for private study and for extra help when they need it. Please feel free to contact either of the two language teachers, Jill Eagling and Tatiana Butakova, if you would like more information on this exciting project.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Karen Read



Welcome back to the 2012 school year! A very special welcome to all of our new students and your families! In particular we welcome students who have transitioned from Cannington Community College and Yule Brook College.

I am very pleased to inform our community that the College has started well and we are pleased with the attitude and performance of students. They look terrific in their College shirts and have responded well to their studies. 2012 promises to be an exciting year with many exciting programs.

First, is a University preparation program for students studying stage 2/3 courses in year 12. Approximately 40 students participate in an additional session each week to support them with their studies as they prepare for University or further education in 2013. Ms Rose and Mrs Earl are coordinating this program to ensure that all students get the skills required to be a highly successful student and to make good decisions for 2013. All students are encouraged to aim high and believe in themselves to achieve their goals.

Second, the Trade Training Centre commenced full operation with 44 students enrolled into either the automotive program or the metals and fabrication program. This is a wonderful opportunity for these students to gain industry standard qualifications

whilst studying at school. Students who complete the two year course will achieve a Certificate 11 which will have a pathway to an apprenticeship.

Next, in 2011 we were selected as an Aboriginal Innovative School. This year we will be focussing on maintaining high quality programs for our Aboriginal students. Already we have established a mentoring and work readiness program for students to support them with their transition into work. The mentoring program will involve students from Sevenoaks Senior College mentoring young children at Bentley Primary School. This is an exciting initiative and will help students develop a range of skills required for their transition to further education, training or work.

Another initiative which we are focussing on is a program for Young Parents. This is a result of funding from NAB Schools First from whom we received \$25,000. This program will commence mid-March and we hope to be able to support young parents whilst providing educational opportunities for them.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the students who attended the College Ball. Not only did they look sensational but their behaviour was outstanding. A great night was had by all. Special thanks go to Ms Cusens and Sarah Proctor for their organization and all of the staff who attended on the night to make it a great success!