

sevenoaks newsletter

2012 Presentation Ceremony

On Saturday November 17th our 2012 Year 12 students attended the Presentation Ceremony at Curtin University. College staff, family and friends witnessed this special ceremony where the students celebrated their passage through school.

Ten special awards were presented to students who have demonstrated a range of qualities, proving their leadership in the College Community. The award recipients and dignitaries are listed below.

Award	Award Recipient	Presented by
Cultural Navigator	Enock Bigirimana	Dr Karen Read Principal, Sevenoaks Senior College
Positive Image	Jessica Cutting	Professor Marnie O'Neill Chair of the College Board
Citizenship	Ruby Tancred	Mr David Wood Foundation College Principal
Caltex All Rounder	Nhu Nguyen	Ms Eirllys Ingram Assistant Regional Executive Director, DoE
Caltex All Rounder (ESC)	Jack Zonca	Mr Andrew Wilson Principal, CC Education Support Centre
Vocational Education (ESC)	Ehlana Foster-Cardy	Mr Andrew Wilson Principal, CC Education Support Centre
Aboriginal Achievement	Nyima McNamara	Professor Marnie O'Neill Chair of the College Board
School Based Traineeship	Ronald Punch	Hon Bill Johnson, MLA Member for Cannington
Westscheme Award for Excellence in VET	Mohammad Rahmani	Hon Stephen Irons Federal Member of Parliament for Swan
Kertisha Dershaw Sports Award	Justine Kaupa	Mrs Irene McNamara

Two College Excellence Awards were presented. Mr Ron Mitchell, Deputy Mayor, City of Gosnells presented the Outstanding Achievement Award to Jessica Jones and Mr David Wood, Foundation College Principal presented the Dux Award to Nhu Nguyen

Congratulations to all our graduating students!



Foundation College Principal, Mr David Wood, presents Nhu Nguyen the Dux Award



City of Gosnells Deputy Mayor, Mr Ron Mitchell, presents Jessica Jones the Outstanding Achievement Award



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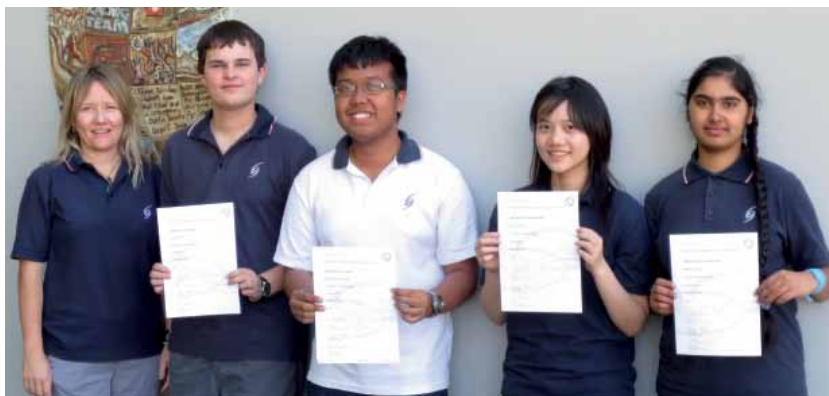
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The Australian Mathematics Competition 2012

Sevenoaks Senior College entered 16 students in the 34th Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC). The competition started in 1978 and is one of the largest of its kind in the world. More than 40 countries participate in the AMC each year and it is recognised as an international benchmark for mathematical performance.

Over 100 students share the prizes and around 50% of participants qualify to receive Certificates of High Distinction, Distinction or Credit. Certificates of Distinction were awarded to Nhu Nguyen, Al Jovyl Bautista, David Stout, Pauline Angkola, Sonakshi Nayyar and Certificates of Credit to Gurleen Singh, Yuting Xin, Christian Cereno, Jun Huang, Nathan Gane and Juan Oyarzun.



This is an excellent result for Sevenoaks Senior College.

Congratulations to all students who participated in this challenging competition.

Maths Teacher, Sue Leith, poses with the following Year 11 students: Nathan Gane, Christian Cereno, Pauline Angkola and Sonakshi Nayyar.

From the Principal *Karen Read*



As 2012 comes to a close, it is time to reflect on our achievements during the year. Our greatest achievement each year is presenting our graduating class to the College community as they exit to start the next phase of their life. There is a sense of great achievement on this occasion for the College staff, for the parents who sit in the audience and

importantly for the students who have worked so hard to complete their secondary education. We wish our students all the best in the future and we will look forward to hearing stories of their journey in the future.

We have celebrated many occasions during the year and three in particular help us in building a respectful and tolerant community: Harmony Day, NAIDOC Week and the College Ball enable all of our students to share their uniqueness. We have also had great success with our soccer program as well as the Clontarf Football Academy.

In addition, a wonderful range of excursions are conducted by teachers to support students' learning at activities which take place off-site.

At the same time, students have engaged diligently with their studies completing their courses through a range of assessments and exams. Students preparing for University have received career counselling as well as access to a weekly program to prepare them for University. Others have engaged in industry level training through the Trade Training Centre whilst many have been engaged in the Certificate level courses offered at the College. Some have been out on work placement whilst others have attended TAFE one day a week. Our Aboriginal students have received great support through the Follow the Dream program, whilst our English as a Second Language students have been well supported through the new International Centre. We have presented many opportunities for students to 'Find their Future' here at Sevenoaks and we are pleased with the outcomes we have achieved.

I take this opportunity to wish all families a safe and happy festive season with my best wishes for the new year.

Trade Training Centre Official Opening



Senator Mark Bishop with Te Karawa Kahaki

The Trade Training Centre was formally opened in October by Senator Mark Bishop, representing the Federal Government. The project was initiated in 2008 by the then Principal Dr Kath Partridge who with the College Board, developed the TTC concept. A consortium of schools – Cannington Community College, Southern River College and Yule Brook College – with Sevenoaks as the lead school were successful in the application to the Federal Government for funding.

Our students commenced programs in the Trade Training Centre at the beginning of 2012. The inaugural students, year 11 & 12, enrolled into one of two certificate courses: Certificate II Automotive Vehicle Servicing (30 students) and Certificate II Engineering (22 students).

In the Metals and Fabrication centre, students are being given wonderful access to industry standard welders, guillotines and other metal fabrication equipment. In the automotive centre students are performing

practical tasks such as engine servicing, brake checking and skimming, tyre fitting and balancing. This is just to name a few of the skills the students are learning to prepare them for their future in each of these industries.

In addition a year 10 preparation program was implemented in term 4 last year for potential students. These students formed the basis of the first intake of students this year. During 2012 this model has continued with year 10 students from our consortium schools completing units of competency from Certificate I courses, developing their foundation skills and understandings in preparation for the Certificate II courses. For 2013 we already have enrolled 30 students in Certificate II Automotive and 20 students in Certificate II Metals & Fabrication; a total of 50 students.

Our aim is to steadily build this to 100 students over the next few years. We are taking enrolments now for these excellent courses and are able to enroll students from the age of 16-18 years for the 2013 College year.

We will continue to work with industry to ensure that the pathways for all of these students are readily available. So far, we have had great support from AHG Automotive group, Westrac, the Engineering and Automotive Training Council and Polytechnic West. We look forward to strengthening these relationships into the future.

We would also like to thank the many people who have contributed to the development of this project whilst acknowledging the efforts today of the people who are bringing the TTC to life – the teachers who have worked so hard to ensure that the workshops are delivering at industry standard and importantly, the students engaged in these courses who are 'Finding their Future' here at Sevenoaks.



Senator Mark Bishop with Consortium Principals

Trade Training Centre - Year 10 Transition Program



The collective Year 10 group that attends the Trade Training Centre on a Friday has been engaging in a variety of activities. The focus has been on the development of skills needed when they enter industry or when they enrol with us next year. The students with Tim Triscari's Metals and Engineering class have been undertaking fabrication tasks such as a steel dice, fold-up barbeques, model planes and model motorbikes. They have also had the opportunity to participate in some of the larger projects, such as a tandem trailer being made. All the time they are experiencing different forms of fabrication and welding.

In the Automotive group, Rob Wood has had the students learning valuable skills on the cars and motorbikes in the workshop. It is not unusual to have a group of students pull an engine down and have it back together running by the end of class. Rob's students even got to demonstrate their safety skills recently when an engine accidentally caught fire. Their maturity and quick thinking had the problem solved and the engine running again with little fuss.



Sevenoaks Senior College student leaps into the limelight

Sevenoaks Senior College is extremely proud of Year 11 student, Jermaine Miller Lewis who has in a short time become somewhat of a star!

His stardom in football involved him being selected for the South Fremantle development program through the U14's program, where in one game he kicked 11 goals and assisted in four others. In September 2011, Jermaine vice-captained the U15 WA Schoolboy team at a national tournament held in Canberra, and was presented with an All-Australian jumper for being among the best 22 players at the State Schoolboys Carnival. This year, Jermaine was selected to the Western Australian State Talent Academy (U16s) and in July played for WA at the State Championships. He has also captained the WA U15 Indigenous side and the Flying Boomerangs U15 team when they travelled and played in Fiji. Jermaine's football career has also seen



him visiting South Africa, Queensland and Sydney. But sport is not the only area in which Jermaine excels. He is also a talented artist and prides himself on being one of the youngest Noongar/Yamitji Artists from Western Australia. His paintings capture the Aboriginal Dreamtimes and his culture which he is very proud of. His paintings explore and combine the Nyoongar and Yamitji cultural

kinship symbols. Jermaine's dad was an exceptional painter but did not actually teach Jermaine formally. He intrinsically picked up this incredible talent with the intention to follow in his dad's footsteps. His mum reintroduced him to painting to reconnect him to his land, spirituality, culture and identity as a young Aboriginal man. He commenced his painting journey in April this year and in this short time his attention to detail has enabled him to sell his paintings to prospective buyers for thousands of dollars. Jermaine hopes to inspire other young Aboriginal students to get involved in art and to also be proud of their cultural heritage. Jermaine spends time off from football painting to help him relax, and draw inner strength, peace and self-determination from within. This makes him a well-balanced young man and an excellent role model to the Aboriginal community.

At Sevenoaks he recently won an Aboriginal school based placement at Frasers Restaurant and his dream is to open an Indigenous Restaurant one day.

2012 Canning Show

The 2012 Canning Show was held on Saturday 2nd November and Sunday 3rd November. Students from Sevenoaks Art, Photography and Woodwork classes exhibited their work.

The very high standard of this work was recognised with several students receiving awards.

Ellie Hoyer won 1st Prize in the 13-17 years Painting and Drawing Section and also Overall Champion for the same section.



Enock Bigirimana won the Most Points Award and Champion Industrial Arts Award for the chair he created in Woodwork.



Rebecca Davis received the Champion Photography Award in the youth section.

Congratulations to these three talented students!

Presentation Ceremony Photographs

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Fast Track General Graduation



On Thursday 15th November, we celebrated the graduation of seventeen students from the Fast Track General Program. These students have achieved the Certificate II in General Education for Adults as well as a selection of other Endorsed Programs such as Keys For Life, Basic First Aid and Resuscitation and Workplace Learning.

These students are to be congratulated for their efforts in completing this competency based course. The CGEA II will now open up many opportunities for these successful students; some are planning to further their studies at Sevenoaks Senior College in 2013, with others gaining a place at TAFE, alternative educational facilities or employment.

We wish them well in their future endeavours.

Clontarf Annual Awards Afternoon

On Wednesday 14th November the Clontarf Academy held its annual awards afternoon. The Ceremony took place in the lecture theatre in front of about 60 people. In between formalities the crowd was entertained by the Pigram family, and



Andrew receiving his Award from Robyn from the Water Corporation

at the conclusion of the ceremony all the guests enjoyed some light refreshments in the cafeteria.

The awards were as follows:

Most Improved - Emmanuel Krakouer
Academic Award (Yr 11) - Andrew Yarran
Academic Award (Yr 12) - Ashley Fitzgerald
Employment Award (Yr 11) - David Borsic
Employment Award (Yr 12) - Travis Rodney
Clontarf Spirit Award - Jayden Helwig
Clontarf Spirit award - Henry Councillor
Best 'All Rounder' Award - Ronald Punch



Emmanuel receiving his Award from Dr Karen Read, Principal, Sevenoaks Senior College

Canning Skills Program - Fast Track Flexi and Move On



2012 has been a very busy year. Throughout the year students have had the opportunity to be involved in our Healthy Lifestyles, sport and cooking programs. We've also offered Keys for Life (a driver education program) as well as a Senior First Aid certificate through Royal Life Saving.

We had 29 students successfully complete the Fast Track Flexi and/or Move On programs with us this year and we have 8 students who enrolled mid year returning to complete their programs with us. Two of our girls also completed Aboriginal School Based Traineeships.

This year for the first time we began a program called Mentoring the Mentors. Students completed some training as mentors and then we went to Bentley Primary School to help

the students in a Year 1 and Year 5/6 class. Students who took part in this program really enjoyed working with the younger students, gaining some skills themselves along the way.

Our Aboriginal girls have been involved in a year long program working with two ladies from Millennium Kids and sponsored through the Public Transport Authority and developed a book on travelling safely on our trains. Once the book was published the girls then went into primary school classes and ran mini workshops by sharing it with students.

The last major activity for this year was our Art Fusion program where students were encouraged to research and produce a painting based on their identity. Completed paintings were put on display at our end of year celebration.



Calendar of Events Term 1- 2013

31 January and 1 February are school development days.

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Feb 1	4 Start of Term 1 Assembly	5	6	7	8 Last day for payment of Ball tickets
2	11	12 Year 12 Guild Election	13	14	15
3	18	19	20 Information Evening for parents of students doing exam courses	21	22
Mar 4	25	26	27	28	1
5	4 Labour Day Public Holiday	5	6	7	8 College Ball Novotel Langley
6	11	12 Year 11 Guild Election	13	14	15
7	18	19	20	21	22
8	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday Public Holiday
Apr 9	1 Easter Monday Public Holiday	2 Easter Tuesday Public Holiday	3	4	5
10	8	9	10	11 Parent Evening Progress reports issued	12
11	15	16	17	18	19 End of Term 1

2013 Leavers Jackets

\$94 - pay by 30 November to collect jacket in Term 1,
pay in Term 1 to collect jacket in Term 2.



Year 12 Hollywood Red Carpet Ball Novotel Langley Hotel - 8 March 2013



Tickets - \$95 each

Pay \$30 per ticket to
secure your spot.

Pay in full by 8 February

See Sarah in Admin for tickets and permission slips