



2014 Presentation Ceremony

On Saturday November 15 our 2014 Year 12 students attended the Presentation Ceremony at Cannington Exhibition Centre. 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. The awards and their recipients are listed below.

Award	Award Recipient
Cultural Navigator	Rahila Haidari
Positive Image	Chelsea Griffiths
Citizenship	Ba Blu Poe
Caltex All Rounder	Siti (Lily) Noordin
Caltex All Rounder (ESC)	Aiden Clyde
Westscheme VET Award (ESC)	Brendon Jones
Aboriginal Achievement	Brett Woods
School Based Traineeship	Brett Woods
Westscheme Award for Excellence in VET	Sarah Campbell
Kertisha Dershaw Sports Award	Ba Blu Poe

Two College Excellence Awards were presented. Mr David Wood, Foundation College Principal, presented the Outstanding Achievement Award to Sarah Campbell and Professor Marnie O'Neill, Chair of the Board, presented the Dux Award to Siqi (Isabel) Zhang.



If you wish to order photos of the occasion please go to www.stevesphotography.com.au and in the client area, select Sevenoaks Graduation. When prompted for a password enter 151114.



Head Boy, Ba Blu Poe & Head Girl, Lily Noordin

Congratulations to all our graduating students!

Canning Skills Celebration

We have had an extremely successful year in our Canning Skills programs. This year students have completed their academic program and have also had the opportunity to be involved in a Health and Fitness program, Driver Education and an Art program. The young women in our program also learnt how to play netball.

At our end of year Presentation Ceremony followed by a celebration morning tea we recognised the following successes with our students:

Move On -

- 8 students graduated from Year 12 and earned their WACE Certificate
- 6 students completed Year 11

Fast Track -

- 34 students completed Certificate II in General Education for Adults
- 1 student completed Certificate I in General Education for Adults
- 7 students completed either the Reading and Writing or the Maths and Numeracy modules



Clontarf Football Academy

On Thursday October 23, the Sevenoaks Clontarf Academy held its annual awards evening. 70 students, family, friends and staff gathered in the lecture theatre to reflect on the 2014 year, which included recognising six Year 12 students who have graduated.

The entertainment was provided through our Academy young men performing traditional dance, supported

by a didgeridoo, and a 'Players Revue' DVD.

Brett Woods took home the most coveted award 'The Best All-Rounder' for 2014.

At the conclusion of the ceremony everyone enjoyed a light supper. It was a very well attended event.



From the Principal Dr Kath Partridge

As the College year draws to a close it is time to reflect on all of the wonderful achievements experienced this year. As many parents would be aware we recently celebrated the outstanding success of our Year 12 graduates at our Presentation Ceremony. 150 students from Sevenoaks Senior College and Cannington Education Support Centre participated in this event. Dignitaries, parents, teachers and friends were on hand to congratulate students who, having finished sitting their examinations and completed their studies, are now moving into the next phase of their life.

We have celebrated many occasions throughout the year including our fabulous Harmony Day festival involving our entire college community. This spectacular event recognises our cultural diversity and provides an opportunity for students to share their stories, food, dance and music with each other.

We have celebrated NAIDOC Week, and of course enjoyed our annual College Ball. This year students have also participated, in a number of health and wellbeing events including Fruit 'n' Veg Week and RU OK Day.

Our College volleyball, basketball, soccer, touch footy, hockey and AFL teams were involved in competitions this year and achieved some great results. Also the young men involved in our Clontarf Football Academy achieved some terrific results throughout their football season.

While all of this has been occurring, students have also been focused on completing their studies to the best of

their ability. Additional support has been available to students from teachers and Advocates particularly in the areas of career counselling, English as an Additional Language/Dialect (tutoring) and via our outstanding Follow the Dream program which supports many of our Aboriginal students.

As a Registered Training Organisation the College has continued to deliver and assess National training qualifications in the areas of Business, Information Technology and Hospitality as well as providing students with vocational education opportunities at our Trade Training Centre (automotive and metals and engineering) and at a number of state training institutions.

It has indeed been a very rewarding year with significant achievements to celebrate. I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe festive season and I am very much looking forward to another productive and rewarding year in 2015.

Health and Fitness Program

Canning Skills teachers, Youth Workers and Education Assistants worked together in Term 3 to plan, manage and deliver an eight week Health and Fitness program.

The College successfully applied for the *Healthway – Health Promoting School Grant* which funded the entire program. The program's aim was to provide opportunities for students to understand the need to develop personal, physical and nutritional health strategies.

Four different activities including yoga, nutrition, exercise challenge and workouts at the Cannington Leisureplex made up components of

the program. Every participant was given a pedometer to chart their steps. The Leisureplex sessions were run by a fitness instructor and included basketball and boxing. The exercise challenge involved students using exercise bikes and skipping ropes and the nutrition activities compared shop bought food to food made by the students.

Each group of students accumulated kilometres and the group who travelled the furthest by the end of the program received a free pass to the Leisureplex as well as a Hoyts cinema voucher. The two individuals who travelled the furthest also received a voucher for 'Bounce'.

Over the eight weeks, 46 students participated in the activities. Many students tried activities that they had not tried before and staff received encouraging feedback. Overall the majority of participants felt they had learnt something about health and fitness from the program.



College Health Awareness Events

The Student Services Team organised health promotion events throughout Term 3 to raise awareness of potential health issues that can impact on young adults.

The first event took place in Week 7, which was Fruit 'n' Veg Week. Students were provided with education and healthy options to build their own sandwiches and fruit kebabs. This afforded the students an opportunity to have a healthy lunch/recess and raise awareness about the importance of healthy eating.

The next event that took place was in Week 9, which was R U OK?

recognition day. This day was all about raising awareness of how starting a conversation with someone can change their life for the better by encouraging them to seek help if they need it. Students were encouraged to write positive messages on yellow balloons to share with their peers. Students also received a wristband, stickers and temporary R U OK? tattoo. It was a different but effective way to show young people that three words can change a person's life.

Our last event of the year involved blowing bubbles, a Headspace stall (the national youth mental health foundation

who help young people going through a tough time), writing positive messages on cut outs of people and students playing their favourite contemporary hits. This was to raise awareness of Mental Health Week.

The idea of students blowing bubbles and enjoying music was to set an uplifting atmosphere for the students and to see a smile across their faces, which we encountered more than once. Headspace were invited to provide students with information about the range of support services that young people can access if they need help.



Canning Show Awards

The 2014 Canning Show once again provided Sevenoaks students with a great opportunity to showcase their creativity and talent. Award winners from Photography, Woodwork and Metalwork classes included:

- Jessica Lutter – Most Points Award Winner in Youth Photography
- Alessandra Benesisto – Champion Award Winner in Youth Photography.
- Damien Marshall – First Prize in Portrait Enlargement Photography.
- Loriebelle Solver - Champion Award Winner in Photography.
- Adriana Bacani – Second prize in Portrait Photography.
- Elisha Blott – Third Prize in Portrait Photography.
- August John – Most Points and Champion Award Winner for Youth Industrial Arts
- Connor Bayley - First Prize in Furniture Woodwork
- Jordan Kasuas – Third Prize in Furniture Woodwork
- Enya Serna Rodriguez –Second Prize in Open Woodwork
- Samson Wah – Third Prize in Open Woodwork
- Blake Tranter – First Prize in Decorative Metalwork
- Adam Tranter – Second Prize in Decorative Metalwork
- Kenneth Opoku - Third Prize in Decorative Metalwork



Alessandra Benesisto



Loriebelle Solver

Award of Excellence

On September 17, Sevenoaks Senior College received an Award of Excellence in recognition of our commitment to the Keys for Life Program in helping our students become safe, responsible drivers. Our school offers students the opportunity to participate in the Keys for Life Program across a range of courses at the college including Canning Skills,

the Trade Training Centre and as part of the Health Course.

Keys for Life teaches students the rules, risks and responsibilities of driving, and students can sit their learner's permit test at school and be awarded a certificate that they can then take to the Licensing Centre and use to obtain their Learner's Permit.



Jess Lutter

Difference Differently

A group of eleven Year 11 students explored issues of diversity, identity and divergent beliefs in a weekly module offered at Sevenoaks under the guidance of Kate Ala'i, from Curtin University. The Difference Differently modules aim to develop intercultural recognition.

Lyndon Issacs, Hilman Isvandiar, Brayden Jones, Yakira Venagiam, Vito Yusuf, Carlos Taniwha, Patsy McGinty, Melissa Staniland, Najjyyah Abrar and Grace Ramos met weekly to view and

critique portrayals of diversity as a means of understanding the complexity of prejudice and belonging.

This opportunity was an incredibly valuable chance to explore difference and ask the questions they might not have been able to otherwise ask.

It is planned that these school leaders will participate in assisting Advocates who will be sharing module information with their Advocacy groups in 2015.



Adriana Bacani



Mrs Linda Lynch accepting the Award of Excellence



Touch Rugby Carnival

Recently our school participated in a Touch carnival at Manning against over thirty schools from all over the metropolitan area.

Our boys' team started the day slowly but improved each game and finished off strongly. This steady growth resulted in Sevenoaks Senior College winning the last three games as team work and skills.

Our girls' team faced a number of skillful

teams coming up against schools with Specialist Programs in Touch Football who had played together for many years. Despite giving their best all day and maintaining a high level of enthusiasm our girls' team were unable to win a game this year.

The Most Valuable Players Award for the day went to Brayden Jones and Jess Lutter.



Mocktails Service

The Year 11 Hospitality students were delighted to entertain staff during our Mocktails service. Students spent several weeks trialling many non-alcoholic fruit mocktails and canape recipes in order to fulfil requirements for their VET Hospitality Certificate. The shortlisted food and drinks were served to some very eager staff members.

Staff provided feedback to students who then decided how to adjust their menu to meet the needs of their customers. This proved to be a difficult decision as feedback on all items was very positive. Students noted that many

guests sipped and tasted their drinks with several mocktails and returned for second tastings of their favourites.

Whilst reading the comments on the service, it was apparent there was some friendly student rivalry about who produced the best mocktails and canapés.

The highlight was the opportunity for students to showcase their presentation and service skills. They entertained with enthusiasm and looked very professional in their chef's jackets.



Finding Your Future

Jamine Uy (*pictured bottom left*), a 2007 Sevenoaks graduate, is reaching her dream of becoming one of the first, if not the only, legal practitioner qualified as both an Archaeologist and Palaeontologist. Jamine would love to be able to protect historical sites from development. Completing a Commerce degree, she is now currently studying Postgraduate Law at Murdoch.

After spending quite a few years at university, Jamine visited the College's *Pathways to University* students to talk about what to expect when entering tertiary studies. She believes that university teaches you to become independent and responsible. "Your teachers will only be there to teach. They are not there to remind you what you need to do. They won't ask you if you need any help, you're the one who needs to speak up. They teach you to become accountable for your mistakes".

She warned the students that they need to think of university as professional

employment; lecturers as employers and classmates as fellow employees.

Jamine's time at Sevenoaks taught her how to be independent. Study Skills classes taught her how her personal learning style influenced her studies.

Workplace Learning was also an incredible experience as it gave her the knowledge and experience of what it's like to be in an office. "You appreciate the standards that they demand in a professional field;" this is what really stuck with Jamine right until now.

She recommends students to abide by the principle CROP - Commit, Respect, Organise, Prioritise. "University takes a lot of commitment; respect your teachers, yourself, and your family; be organised and keep a diary; and, know what tasks you need to prioritise."

Jamine concludes that, "with discipline comes a lot of rewards in things you do. Like a CROP you can reap the benefits and rewards."



Calendar of Events - Term 1 - 2015

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
February 1	2 School Commences for students	3	4	5	6
2	9	10	11	12	13
3	16	17 Yr 12 Student Guild Elections	18 Information evening for parents of ATAR students Yr 12 Pathways to Uni - Time Management	19 Chinese New Year	20
4	23	24	25	26	27
March 5	2 Labour Day Public Holiday	3	4	5	6 Yr 12 Ball (Novotel Langley, 7pm)
6	9 Yr 12 Guild Leadership Conference	10	11	12	13
7	16	17 Yr 11 Student Guild Elections St. Patrick's Day College Board Meeting	18 Harmony Day Festival	19 National Close the Gap Day	20
8	23	24	25	26 Guild Camp	27 Guild Camp
April 9	30	31	1 Parent Evening - Progress Reports P&C Meeting	2 End of Term	3 Good Friday Public Holiday

2015 Leavers Jackets

\$99 - please order and pay by December 18.



Yr 12 Venetian Carnivale Ball

**Novotel Langley Hotel -
6 March 2015**

Tickets - \$95 each
Please pay in full by February 6 at the Front Office

