



Sevenoaks Senior College

Newsletter

MARCH 2015

Celebrating our Cultural Diversity

On March 18, the College promoted our multicultural diversity with a festival celebrating Harmony Day. Our theme this year was Everyone Belongs and involved more than 50 cultures represented at Sevenoaks.

The event commenced with an opening ceremony that recognised the traditional owners of our land and included native dancing by our Football Academy boys. Another highlight of the opening ceremony was the Chinese lion dance by the Ging Mo Academy. Students took part in the many diverse cultural activities that were on offer that included African drumming, Spanish flamenco dancing, didgeridoo

playing, henna tattooing, turban head wrapping, American rodeo mechanical bull riding, boomerang painting, tribal mask decorating and interacting with baby Australian farm animals.

Following the activities students, staff, their families and community groups enjoyed an international food buffet. Dishes were prepared by students, staff and their families and were enjoyed by all. The festival culminated in an international concert with student performances that entertained the College community.



Wayne Lyons Scholarship

The College is the benefactor of a major scholarship for students.

The Wayne Lyon Memorial Scholarship provides two students with a \$1000 scholarship each year. One scholarship is for a student who has an active interest in the environment in the Canning region and the second is for the continuance of education. These generous scholarships are available to Sevenoaks Senior College for 20 years. Recently the two recipients of this scholarship were introduced to Mrs Tracy Lyon who presented each student with their scholarship.

The successful scholarship winners are Jenny Dutosme and Alessandra Benesisto.

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Stay On Campus Program



Last year the College initiated a new student services program designed to encourage students to stay on campus during their breaks. Since the start of the year students have been engaged in many activities. These have included:

- Table Tennis Tournament
- Soccer Tournament
- Valentine's Day gifts and card making
- Board Games
- Multi-cultural activities for Harmony Day
- National anti-bullying event.

Throughout the rest of the year there will be further educational and fun events and activities for students to participate in during their free time.



New Uniforms

2015 will see a fresh, new look in the sports teams with brand new uniforms arriving ready for the sporting season. The uniforms were unveiled during an assembly with our Year 12 models strutting their stuff in the new attire. The new look will be used across the various Sevenoaks sporting teams such as AFL football, soccer, touch football, basketball, volleyball, netball and badminton.



From the Principal

Dr Kath Partridge

I hope you enjoy reading our term one newsletter. It certainly has been a big busy term! I am very pleased to report that students have started the year well and have settled into their senior studies. Once again Sevenoaks Senior College offers a range of learning programs designed to provide all students with opportunities to succeed. While students have been working hard on their tasks and classroom activities, they have also been participating in a number of extra-curricular activities.

Our annual Harmony Festival occurred on Wednesday 18 March. A fabulous day of multicultural fun and festivities was enjoyed by students, staff, family and community members. It was a great day as students shared their cultures with each other. Many students chose to wear their traditional cultural dress. The campus was alive with colour, dance and music with everyone happily participating in a variety of activities culminating in a delicious global food market and student concert.

Our Year 12 students stepped out in style when they attended the College Ball on Friday 6 March. The Novatel Langley provided an ideal setting for this formal event. The evening was a huge success with both students and staff having a lovely time.

Congratulations to our elected Year 11 and Year 12 Student Guild members. I am very confident that the elected students will provide strong leadership in the College. I am looking forward to working with the Guild this year and supporting them as an Advocate.

A reminder that our term one Parent Progress Report evening will take place on Wednesday 1 April. Parents and carers can pick up their child's report between 3.00pm and 6.00pm at the College reception. Teachers will be available to meet with parents and carers during this time. Our Annual General P&C meeting will take on this evening at 5.30pm in the College Boardroom. Please come along to this meeting and be a part of this important group. School holidays are almost upon us. I wish student and staff an enjoyable break which begins on Friday 3 April.



Traditional Dance

Five Clontarf students performed traditional Noongar dances for the AFL Indigenous All Star team on the 19th of February. The dance took place at Derbal Yerrigan to a crowd of 400.

Cedric Anderson, Dean Cooper, Shannon Issacs, David Narkle and Xavier Dhurkkay performed traditional dances such as the Spirit, Emu, Kangaroo, Honey bee and Numbi dance.

Clontarf Camps

2015 has kicked off with two camps for the students in the Clontarf Academy. In week 2 the Year 12 boys went on a leadership camp to Busselton. 12 students were involved in this camp which focused on the students' goals for the year, especially with completing WACE. Some of the highlights for the students

were the beach games and crabbing in Mandurah. In week 3 it was the Year 11s turn with an induction camp. The 12 students ventured out to Yanchep this time to learn what it is to be a Sevenoaks and Clontarf student. The highlights for these students were the beach games and meeting the AFL Indigenous All-Star team.



Ball

On March 6 the annual Sevenoaks Ball was held at the Novotel Langley in Perth. This year's theme was 'Venetian Masquerade' and the students lived up to this style with amazing dresses, dashing tuxes and delicate

masks. The ballroom was glimmering with the Venetian glass candelabras, which gave the room an air of opulence. The night was outstanding and well enjoyed by all.



New Staff

Shannon Helbig

I teach English as an Additional Language (EALD) – what used to be called ESL. Before coming to Sevenoaks I worked in the Intensive English Centre (IEC) at Cyril Jackson Senior Campus for 3 years and also taught in London for a year. I have travelled extensively through Asia, Africa and Europe. I love exploring new places, meeting new people and learning about different ways of life. I also love living in my hometown Perth, and I feel very lucky to now be working alongside the amazing, supportive staff at Sevenoaks SC. I really enjoy teaching EALD as my students all come from different cultures so we all learn from each other and I get to help them make sense of the English language and Australian culture.

Julia Rydel

I am an English, History and Politics teacher but I have spent most of the last 10 years teaching English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D). I first discovered my passion for teaching when I went back

to Poland, where I was born, in order to get to know my relatives, culture and master the art of walking on ice-glazed roads in -25°C temperatures! I initially taught at private language schools and then at business schools and universities in Poland, the UK and France.

Since returning to Perth, my most recent experience has been teaching EAL/D and English at Cyril Jackson Senior Campus and Central TAFE. When I'm not-teaching, I'm either trying to entertain my 5-year-old daughter, riding my bike or at yoga. I am thrilled this year has brought me the opportunity to be a part of the vibrant, multicultural community of Sevenoaks SC.

Leanne Bondin

I am an English and Art teacher with 17 years' experience teaching in a variety of settings including Queensland and overseas in England. Most recently, I worked at Mercy College and prior to that at Prendiville Catholic College teaching English exclusively for a number of years. I am very excited about continuing my teaching career here at Sevenoaks and I have so far thoroughly enjoyed working with such welcoming, supportive colleagues and a most impressive group of students. I look forward to helping all of my students foster a lasting passion for reading and writing, as

well as assist them to fulfil their true academic potential in English.

Esther Marriott

I am a teacher of English, both ATAR and General with classes in Years 11 and 12. I am also a mum of two teenagers and I love cooking and travelling. Before coming to Sevenoaks I taught at St Brigid's College in Lesmurdie for

several years. It is always so rewarding as an English teacher, to see your students sit down quietly to read and enjoy a good book!! Reading is key to success in English.

Abena Quarm

I recently achieved my qualification from Curtin University and I am very excited to be taking Science classes at Sevenoaks Senior College. My educational background is also biology and environmental science. Engaging students to learn and partnering with them to achieve their life's ambitions is my passion so I am very excited to be a part of the Sevenoaks Senior College community.



Back row: Shannon Helbig, Julia Rydel, Leanne Bondin
Front Row: Abena Quarm, Esther Marriott

Welcome also to our gardener, Chris Su Wei and the Cafe staff Maria Ma and Sabita Rijal.

Maths Competition



Have Sum Fun is a mathematics competition run by the Mathematical Association of WA. On Friday 13th March Year 11s Karl Regala, Anbee Toh and Year 12s Zuyu Shang, Terry Zhao and Lyndon Issacs represented the College in a night of high drama and excitement. Almost 40 teams competed against each other and despite being short one member, our team of students competed strongly and did our school proud, coming 8th in the South of the River division.



TTC BBQ

The Trade Training Centre had an open afternoon for past and present students and parents on February 17. 50 people turned up to the event (mostly the new students and their families). Tours were held for individual

groups and staff presented to the families, detailing the changes to the certificate courses and what is expected from a Trade Training student. A 39 Ford Ute was also a highlight of the event.



2015 Student Guild

The 2015 elections had many outstanding candidates and we would like to thank all students who nominated. The votes have been counted and the Student Guild members for 2015 have officially started in their roles as leaders of the school. This year's Guild is led by Head Boy, Lyndon Issacs and Head Girl, Jenny Dutosme. They are supported by fellow Year 12 students; Joy Abogado, Alex

Benesisto, Damien Manu, Patsy McGinty, Melissa Staniland, Yakira Venagiam and Vito Yusuf. Providing voices for the Year 11 students are Danai See, Cherokee Smith, Eunice Robless, Mary MacDonald, Farzana Syed Abdul Ahmed, Lalitha Ail, Rituja Ganguli and Chloe Dodds. A retreat will take place on April 23-25.



Workplace Learning

Workplace Learning (WPL) is a Department of Education endorsed program which enables students to experience the workplace environment in their chosen area of interest. The program operates one day per week and the work hours a student accumulates is recognised as units (subject equivalent) toward graduation. Sevenoaks Senior College has an outstanding reputation in Perth as a senior secondary campus that values an holistic and culturally inclusive approach to learning and draws on the potential each person has to contribute to community life. This is reflected in the reports and feedback WPL students received during and after their placements in 2014:

- "She did an amazing job...I would hire her tomorrow..." Hall and Prior Aged Care

- "Just the way she can adapt to any task...she'll jump in and try new things." Bentley Primary School
- "I can apply all my knowledge to the tasks I was given..." student at John Hughes Group
- "Fantastic presence, independent and showed real initiative..." Brookman House
- "Nothing was too much trouble for him..." Power Fitness
- "Great attitude and reliability..." Administration and Accounts - Melbourne Hotel

There are many positive placement stories about how successful WPL can be as a mutually beneficial experience for both students and employers. For more information contact the College on 9356 4900.



Calendar of Events - Term 2 - 2015

| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------|---|------------------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| April 1 | 20 School Development Day No Students | 21 Start of Term 2 for students | 22 Year 11/ 12 Uni Pathways (Murdoch) | 23 Guild Camp | 24 Guild Camp |
| May 2 | 27 ANZAC Day No Students | 28 | 29 Year 11/ 12 Uni Pathways (Elevate) | 30 | 1 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Year 11/ 12 Uni Pathways - Elevate (UWA) Memory Mnemonics | 7 | 8 |
| 4 | 11 | 12 | 13 Staff Meeting | 14 | 15 Career Expo Year 12 ATAR |
| 5 | 18 | 19 | 20 Year 11/12 Uni Pathways | 21 | 22 |
| 6 | 25 Year 12 Exams | 26 Year 12 Exams | 27 Year 12 Exams Year 11 Uni Pathways | 28 Year 12 Exams | 29 Year 12 Exams Year 11 Exams |
| June 7 | 1 Western Australia Day No Students | 2 Year 11 Exams | 3 Year 11 Exams | 4 Year 11 Exams | 5 Year 11 Exams |
| 8 | 8 | 9 College Board Meeting | 10 Staff Meeting | 11 | 12 |
| 9 | 15 | 16 | 17 First Day Semester 2 Year 11/12 Uni Pathways (ECU) | 18 | 19 |
| 10 | 22 | 23 | 24 Report Evening P&C Meeting | 25 | 26 |
| July 11 | 29 | 30 | 1 Year 11/12 Uni Pathways (Scaling Process) | 2 | 3 End of term |

P&C Meeting

24th June
After the Report Evening
Remember to add the date to your diary

Semester 1 Report Night

24th June
3pm - 6pm
Please attend for report collection and teacher interviews