



2018 Harmony Day



Harmony Day at Sevenoaks Senior College was a significant day of celebration which allowed Sevenoaks students and staff to share their richly diverse cultural heritage. The theme for 2018 was "Everyone Belongs" which embodies the shared values of the College community, including acceptance, tolerance and unity. Sevenoaks is represented by students from some 40 different cultural backgrounds, which consequently means that Harmony Day is always one of the most important occasions on the College calendar.

Mrs Kayleen Hayward delivered the Welcome to Country and Mr Phil Walley-Stack and Warren Penny performed on the didgeridoo whilst our young Aboriginal men danced

on stage. A range of festival events took place including Indonesian gamelan playing, Turkish belly and Bollywood dancing, African drumming, henna tattooing, Asian umbrella painting, Australian farm animals, boomerang and tribal face painting.

Harmony Day culminated in an impressive international food buffet, catered for by staff, students and their families, which allowed students and staff to sample new and exotic cuisines. Throughout the festival multicultural inspired music and dance, which involved a range of student performances highlighted another wonderful and unifying Harmony Day.



Uniform Packages

Sevenoaks Senior College Uniform packages are now available for purchase from the administration office for \$120. The package includes a white summer shirt, blue summer shirt and College jacket.



Studiosity

Sevenoaks Senior College students are reminded that they can now enjoy the benefits of a partnership with the Cannington Community Library; many students have already taken advantage of this opportunity. As members of the Community Library, our students can access the *Studiosity* service, which provides online tutoring for students studying ATAR courses. Parent permission forms to join Cannington Community Library are available from the College library if required. We encourage all students to take advantage of this fantastic chance to work in close collaboration with such a well-resourced facility.

Paying your child's fees and charges

Here are some options to help you make the decision about how to pay your child's fees & charges:

Option 1: Qkr! app

This is our preferred method of making payments to the College. App can be downloaded on your Android or i-phone. Register, find school, register your child and make payment(s).



Option 2: bpoint

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/sevenoakssenior>

Log on to the above website to make payment for your child.



Option 3: credit card

Alternatively, you can contact the College to make a payment and also register your Visa or Mastercard credit card details to set up regular payments until your child's fees are paid in full.



From the Principal

Dr Kath Partridge

There never seems to be enough weeks in term one and this year is no different. I am pleased with the way our students have settled into their senior studies completing a number of important assignments, tasks, tests and OLNAs. I am sure that on Wednesday 28 March at our term one Parent Progress Report event, teachers will enjoy sharing information with parents about how their son or daughter is performing. I urge all parents to come to collect their child's report (3.00pm until 6.00pm).

On this same evening our first P&C meeting will take place in the College Boardroom at 5.00pm. It would be lovely to meet new parents at this Annual General meeting where we will elect our P&C office bearers for 2018.

The term one calendar has been action packed! Our Year 12 students enjoyed the annual College Ball at the Novotel Langley on February 23. The "Secret Garden" themed event was very well attended with students and staff enjoying the opportunity to spend time together. The College Ball is always an important event and this year our students danced and laughed the night away ensuring many wonderful memories for years to come.

Our Harmony Day celebrations occurred on March 21 with the entire College community coming together to enjoy the fabulous multicultural activities, delicious food

stalls and colourful music and dance. It was a great day to share with students, community members and parents with a number of students wearing their traditional cultural dress.

Congratulations to our elected Year 11 and Year 12 Student Guild members. The up-coming Guild Camp is the ideal opportunity for members to get to know each other and to continue to develop their leadership, team work and communications skills.

School holidays are just around the corner. I wish students and staff an enjoyable break which begins on Friday 13 April. College will resume on Tuesday May 1.

Clontarf Academy Engagement Program

A number of engagement sessions have provided a fun and enjoyable start to the year for Clontarf Academy students. In particular, early morning sessions held at the beach have been well attended and popular with students. The annual Clontarf Leadership Camp in Dongara was also a highlight of the first term. The camp provided students with a chance to set clear personal and educational goals and aspirations for the future in a supportive, focussed environment. An exciting upcoming opportunity to train at a WAFL oval and attend dinner together prior to their participation in the Clontarf Football Carnival is also being eagerly anticipated by the students. We wish them all the best for their performance at the carnival in week 10 of this term.



Coffee Making Course

The staff at Sevenoaks have been enjoying a range of expertly produced coffees provided by Year 12 students studying Hospitality. The barista skills of students are honed to industry standard as part of their coffee making course and this has involved staff regularly sampling the end product to ensure that this high quality is maintained. Both staff and students have benefited from this authentic learning experience and the Hospitality classes are commended on their impressive professional skills.



Sevenoaks College Ball

Sevenoaks students dined, danced and socialised the night away at the 2018 College Ball held on Friday 23 February at the Novotel Langley Hotel. The theme of this year's ball was the "Secret Garden" and the beautiful floral table centrepieces and decorations certainly helped set the tone of this lovely evening. Students are commended on their impeccable behaviour, their glamorous attire and the positivity that they brought to the evening.



OLNA Preparation

AS part of the graduation requirements in qualifying for a Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) students are required to achieve a Band 8 in NAPLAN or a Category 3 in the Online Literacy and Numeracy assessment (OLNA) which is held twice every year for students in Years 10-12. Students at Sevenoaks receive considerable support in preparing for this process and the guidance of staff this year extended beyond the classroom to a number of specially designed 'Achieving OLNA' modules, delivered numerous times a week during students' free zones and after school in the lead up to the March session of OLNA. The modules targeted specific skills relevant to the reading, writing and numeracy demands on students, such as skimming, scanning and prediction, writing for a specified audience and purpose, and completing timed numeracy challenges whereby students completed multiple choice questions to receive timely feedback.



The modules were well attended and the results of the March OLNA will be forwarded in the mail as soon as they become available. Students who are yet to achieve Category 3 are strongly encouraged to seek the invaluable assistance from teachers when extra support will again be offered prior to the September session of OLNA.

Student Guild

Our newly elected Guild members have embraced their role as leaders of the College through their enthusiastic participation in College life and their modelling of high standards. The Year 12 Guild members include Neil Zuniega (Head Boy), Nalinie See (Head Girl), Ashleigh

Saringer, Alice Stevens, Jia Ying Ku and Paolo Cuaresma. Year 11 Guild elections were held during week 7 and the successful nominees include Yong Kee Yawm, Shane Tido, Carols Fobizi, Wendy Buhari, Ghathfan Riawan and Kurt Tuiza.



We congratulate all of these students on being selected for the important role of representing the entire student body as Guild members. The Guild has already organised a wide range of successful fundraising activities and Stay on Campus events. They will soon attend a special two night camp which includes an exciting program designed to help them bond and further develop their leadership skills.

Basketball Achievement



Congratulations to Year 12 student Grace Dawes (pictured above) who recently represented the state in a national basketball competition in Sydney. This is an amazing achievement for Grace, who only started playing the sport quite recently.

Wayne Lyon Scholarships

The Wayne Lyon Memorial Scholarship provides two students with a \$1000 scholarship each year. One scholarship is for a student who demonstrates an active interest in the environment in the Canning region and the second is to support the education of a student. 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 Kirrilly Edgill and Jia Ying Ku. We congratulate these worthy recipients.



University Pathways

The current cohort of Year 12 ATAR students enjoyed listening to the valuable advice of past 2017 students shared during a University Pathways session held early in the first term. The ex-students generously provided a range of helpful information and recommendations about how to succeed in ATAR courses based on their own recent experiences. This advice included subject-specific guidance about how to study efficiently and revise important course content, the importance of time management and achieving a healthy, balanced approach to their studies. The College is very grateful to the large number of 2017 graduates who attended this open session to share their useful insights and perspectives.



Canning Skills Big Picture News

As part of the 'Leaving to Learn Opportunities', students belonging to Advocate Groups 39 and 40 within the Canning Skills Big Picture program have enjoyed regular fortnightly excursions. So far, students have visited the Shenton Park Dog Refuge, Perth Zoo, Fremantle Prison and Perth Mint. These outings have provided students with valuable insights to the functional operations at each of these establishments and the opportunity to engage with the wider community. Some Canning Skills students have also been enjoying cooking their own healthy and delicious lunches as well as visiting the Leisureplex on a weekly basis for sporting activities. It has been a very busy start to 2018 for the students in the Canning Skills Big Picture program who continue to be exposed to a range of exciting educational experiences.



One of our *Canning Skills Big Picture* students, Kirrilly Edgill, completed her Workplace Learning placement at the Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence in late 2017. Kirrilly was asked to participate in the Silent Memorial March held on November 17, an event which honours the homicide victims of domestic and family violence. Kirrilly was given the opportunity to lay a rose (bottom right) and hold a banner alongside the Honourable Simone McGurk, Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services. Kirrilly was introduced to the Minister at the end of the march and made such a positive impression that an offer of the chance to complete a work-placement in the Minister's office was extended to Kirrilly. The College wishes Kirrilly all the best in pursuing this exciting opportunity in coming months.

Stay on Campus Program

The College has been alive with activity and energy during the first term, largely thanks to the *Stay on Campus Program*. This program involves a number of exciting and engaging events designed to encourage students to remain on the school site during their breaks. These activities included Valentine's Day card and cookie decorating (pictured right), table tennis and chess competitions, Bollywood dance classes and activities relating to the National Day of Action against Bullying.



Calendar of Events – Term 2 – 2018

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 May	School Development Day - No students 30	1	Yr 12 Pathways: Elevate Education 2	2	3
2	7	8	Yr 12 EST Yr 11 Pathways Elevate Education 9	Yr 12 Externally Set Task 10	Yr 12 Externally Set Task 11
3	Yr 12 Externally Set Task 14	Yr 12 Externally Set Task 15	16	17	Careers Expo (Yr 12 ATAR) 18
4	21	Board Meeting 22	23	24	25
5 June	Year 12 Exams 28	Year 12 Exams 29	Year 12 Exams 30	Year 12 Exams 31	Year 12 Exams Year 11 Exams 1
6	Western Australia Day 4	Year 11 Exams School Dev't Day No students 5	Year 11 Exams 6	Year 11 Exams 7	Year 11 Exams 8
7	11	12	Semester 2 Courses Commence 13	14	15
8	18	19	20	21	22
9	25	26	Semester 1 Reports Parent Evening 27	28	29

Interim Report Parent Evening

3:00-6:00pm

and

P & C Annual AGM

5:00 pm

Wednesday March 28

Term 1 Board Meeting

27 March

9:30-11:30 am