



## NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC celebrations at Sevenoaks Senior College took place in the final week of Term 2 and offered an opportunity for the whole school community to celebrate the culture of Australia's first people. An official Welcome to Country by Aboriginal Support Teacher, Kayleen Hayward and a whole school gathering marked the start of the occasion followed by an inspiring address by one of our successful Aboriginal ex-students. Next came traditional face painting, head-band making, didgeridoo performance and sampling of traditional foods.

As one of the three cross curriculum priorities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories underpin the study of all learning area programs. In English classes, for example, students study texts such as *The Rabbits*, *Samson and Delilah*, *Bran Nue Day*, *Requiem for a Beast*

and the writing of Stan Grant. During NAIDOC week, the College foyer was decorated with informative display boards, the library set up a special display of books by Aboriginal authors, students in science lessons examined the traditional methods of bush medicine, hospitality students cooked damper and kangaroo meatballs and Kayleen Hayward visited ATAR classes to teach students about the 1905 Act. Each of these activities provided an invaluable insight to Aboriginal culture and its central role within Australian identity.

Overall, NAIDOC Week proved to be a wonderful occasion to recognise Aboriginal culture and achievements and to teach the school community about important historical events and traditions related to Aboriginal culture.



## Showcase Day

Showcase Day 2017 provided a valuable opportunity for Sevenoaks students and teachers to give visiting Year 10 students an insight to life at the College. The Showcase Day served as an engaging and informative on-site transition which provided an overview of courses on offer next year. Visiting future students came from our main feeder schools, Cannington Community College and Yule Brook College. Current Sevenoaks Senior College students enjoyed welcoming the Year 10 students and many of them guided the visitors on a tour of the College grounds and shared their own experiences of the College. The many practical activities held during Showcase Day were designed to give visiting students a small sample of some of the learning opportunities that await them; these included observing food preparations skills in the hospitality kitchen (pictured left), operating the microscopes in the science laboratories and witnessing the applications of new software. As always, Showcase Day provided an exciting taste of life in our senior college and we look forward to many of the Year 10 students who participated joining our community next year.

## 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.



## 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.



Sevenoaks Senior College students are reminded that they can now enjoy the benefits of a partnership with the Cannington Community Library; well over 100 students have already taken advantage of this opportunity. As members of the Community Library, our students can access the YourTutor 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.

## From the Principal

Dr Kath Partridge

We were delighted to host our Year 10 Cannington Community College and Yule Brook College students at our annual Showcase Day at the start of this very busy 10 week term. Teachers at Sevenoaks spent time with our transitioning students helping them to learn about the College and the courses we offer as well as meet teachers and staff. A big thank you is extended to all of the students who acted as guides on Showcase Day whose help to ensure that this day is a success and that our visiting students enjoy their Sevenoaks experience is very much appreciated.

We were also very pleased to host a Year 10 Parent Information Evening in the College lecture theatre on Wednesday 2 August for the parents and guardians of students who will be attending Sevenoaks in 2018. This important session provided parents with information about the College, our courses, Western Australian Certificate of Education and Vocational Education and Training requirements as well as career and further studies and training opportunities for Sevenoaks students.

Importantly, many Year 11 and Year 12 students will once again be involved in completing the On-line Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) which will occur in week 8 of this term. Students who are required to sit these assessments will be notified prior to week 8. Also in week 8 students who have returned their meningococcal vaccination forms will be receiving their injections in the College lecture theatre.

A busy term three 'Stay on Campus' events calendar has been organised by Mrs Marriott, our Student Services Co-ordinator. This term there are many opportunities for students to have some fun with friends at our fantastic lunch time dance sessions, RUOK activities, Cookies and Cupcake morning teas, Fruit and Veg delicious lunches or by participating in our Year 12 Year Book friendship photos held on August 1. I hope students continue to get involved in some of these great events.

I am sure that I do not need to remind students, especially our Year 12 students, that working hard, completing homework, setting goals and meeting deadlines is incredibly important this term. Attendance is the key and students need to attend every zone.

I am available to speak and meet with parents and students so please feel free to make an appointment.

## Sevenoaks Leadership Strategy: Aspirant Teacher Program

The Sevenoaks Aspirant Teacher Program was initiated by the Principal, Dr Kath Partridge to allow for the professional growth and development of teachers who aspire to take on leadership roles. It was recognised that the quality teaching staff at the College represented a wide range of knowledge, skills and ambitions which extends beyond the classroom. Dr Partridge wished to nurture those qualities, ensuring that teachers had the support and opportunities to advance their professional development and career paths. This initiative is in accordance with the Department of Education West Australian School Leadership Strategy in order to maintain a pool of motivated and capable leaders within public schools in WA.

Mrs Kath Murray, Program Coordinator Teaching and Learning, was asked to develop an Aspirant Teacher Program. Twelve teachers from a range of learning areas expressed interest and have actively pursued the opportunities for professional development. Once teachers have identified a career aspiration, a support plan is mapped out, including targeted professional learning, work shadowing, further education courses to enhance qualifications and visits to other schools. Pictured on the right are two aspirant teachers, Lisa Clarke and Kirstie Cusens, showcasing their certificates from a Strength Based Leadership workshop that they recently attended together.



## Canning Skills Big Picture Community Day and Car Wash



Community Day is a special weekly event in the Canning Skills program during which students create useful items or engage in activities to help the wider community. The initiative has enabled students to help others who are less fortunate, such as those currently living on the streets. Earlier in the year, Canning Skills students made bags which were donated directly to disadvantaged members of society at a soup kitchen lunch held on the river in Burswood.

Additionally, the Canning Skills *Big Picture* students have enthusiastically participated in a regular car wash for staff on the College grounds (pictured left) on their Friday Community Days in order to raise more funds for the homeless. The car wash service has been a great success and over \$150 has so far been raised to assist in the purchase of plastic ponchos, flannels, clothes, candles, hair brushes, hair ties, water bottles, sunglasses, non-perishable food, pillows, blankets and bags. Canning Skills students continue to make very welcome valuable contributions to the wider community through these regular weekly activities and we congratulate them on this wonderful initiative.

Year 12 English ATAR students were fortunate enough to attend the annual English and Literature Conference hosted by the School of Media, Culture and Creative Arts at Curtin University on the last day of Term 2. The annual conference has been running for some 30 years and is attended by students across the state as a valuable preparation opportunity for the English WACE examination in November. Students were treated to some highly informative and engaging lectures delivered by a range of esteemed academics including published authors and university professors. The topics of lectures included Dystopian Narratives, Close Analysis and Short Answers and Persuasive and Interpretive Writing, all of which relate closely to students' classroom studies. Students and staff alike found the experience very valuable in consolidating the content of their school programs as well as offering advice about the important English WACE examination.

## English and EALD Excursions



The Year 12 ATAR EAL/D students also enjoyed a recent excursion to see *The Arrival* at the Spare Parts Puppet Theatre at UWA, pictured above. The day also involved a visit to the State Library to look at ATAR resources and collections followed by a tour of the State Gallery.

## Masculinity Workshop

Thirty of our male students recently benefited from participating in a masculinity workshop which was conducted by Tomorrow Architects, as seen on the ABC program 'Man Up', and delivered by Tom Bell who previously produced the Hamish and Andy Show.



The Reach Foundation designed the program in order to deconstruct various aspects of masculinity in a way that doesn't shame young men for living according to a stereotype. Rather, the program works to facilitate an honest conversation amongst young men and their peers about whether the masculine stereotypes that they are measured against and aspiring to, are really working for them. The Foundation believes that male youth needs to celebrate what it means to be a man in many different forms. The workshop allowed for both boys and men alike to experience and consider other ways to "be a man" that they can feel proud of. It involved students participating in various engaging activities such as 'step up to line' and 'your life in 60 seconds'. The versions of manhood examined at the workshop encourage students to develop the strength and freedom to live in an effective and healthy way.

## Pathways to Year 12

Students often struggle with the demands of Year 11 ATAR courses, especially the extra study and homework demands. The *Pathways to Year 12* program, which operates every Wednesday afternoon, provides students with a range of revision, study and organisational strategies to help them fulfil their potential. They also receive important information regarding the expectations related to moving into Year 12 ATAR programs.

Some of the topics covered this year in *Pathways to Year 12* have included memory improvement techniques, note-taking strategies, revision planning, plagiarism, study timetable management and organisation for examinations. In Semester 2 the emphasis is on further developing students' academic skills now that they understand more about the demands of exams and ATAR level courses. Students are required to bring a "study stack" to each session, comprised of their course outline and all notes, assessments and information provided on a specific topic in one of their courses. Using these materials, they are assisted to apply the particular study techniques they have learned to create an effective revision resource.

The skills taught in Year 11 are not repeated in Year 12 so attendance and active participation in *Pathways to Year 12* is vital. All students benefit from learning and practising the skills and strategies from this course – it is designed to improve even the top students' performance.



## Loud and Clear Program

The City of Canning began their Loud and Clear Program with our Student Guild young leaders during Advocacy in Term 2. The program teaches our young adults effective public speaking skills and allows them the confidence to model these skills to their peers. This year, the focus was on the topic "My past, present and future". The Guild students were very engaged in this initiative and enthusiastically participated in three more sessions before presenting a speech to their fellow Guild members and City of Canning Councillors on Friday 28 July on their individual and varied chosen topics of concern. The culmination of the students' hard work and mastery of public speaking skills was evident in their final speeches. We congratulate the Guild members on their impressive endeavours into the intimidating world of public speaking and we are also very grateful to the City of Canning for assisting our students over the past few months as young leaders in the community through the Loud and Clear Program.



# Sevenoaks Senior College & Cummins TEC Consortium Partnership

After many months of consultation and review the final Memorandum of Understanding between Sevenoaks Senior College and Cummins TEC Consortium partners has been finalised and signed. The partners involved in this industry relationship primarily support our Metals and Engineering and Automotive Trade Training students with work placements, apprenticeships, industry specific mentoring and on site workshop support. This partnership with Cummins South Pacific and other industry members is unique to Sevenoaks Senior College as a public school entity with the only other Cummins consortium relationship in Western Australia existing with Clontarf College.



Partners in the consortium are; Cummins South Pacific, Komatsu Australia Limited, Heavy Vehicle Industry Australia, CJD Trucks, Westram Services, Centurion, Automotive Holding Group, GKR Transport and the Utilities Engineering, Electrical Automotive Training Council. Past and present students are already benefiting from this relationship with apprenticeships and work placements happening this year.

## The Sevenoaks College Board

From the inception of Sevenoaks Senior College a Board of education, business, industry, community and school representatives have helped to inform, guide and work with the school administration in a collaborative and supportive partnership. The Board worked under a Memorandum of Understanding and the first Board chair was Lyndon Rowe, now Chairman of Synergy Energy. Our second Board chair was Sharon Brown, an ICT executive and our current board chair who has been in this position for two terms is Dr Marnie O'Neill, former Dean of Education at the University of Western Australia.



Sevenoaks Senior College is an Independent Public School and as such the role of the Board is integral to the operations of the school. Primarily, the Board endorses the school's Delivery and Performance Agreement with the Director General of Education, Ms Sharyn O'Neill. It also endorses the College annual report, reviews and endorses the school budget and business plan, is involved in reviewing school performance, is informed of processes to determine satisfaction levels of parents, staff and students with reports presented in the College Annual Report and participates in the independent review of the College. The College Board receives relevant monthly financial reports; the results of any school audits and reviews; advice on school performance and student improvement targets and a copy of the independent school review.

The Sevenoaks Senior College Board (pictured above) meets every term with the term four Board meeting being an open meeting that any interested parent may attend. Our current board membership includes; Dr Marnie O'Neill (Chair, Education), Fred Chaney OA (Community), Associate Professor Jan Gray (Education), Professor Marion Kickett (Education), Dr Umneea Khan (Education), Brooke Chapman (Education), Grant Morgan (Industry), Paul Jackson (Industry), Kath Murray (College), Fili Manu (Parent), Dr Kath Partridge (Principal, College), Tona Lewis and Dave Proctor (ex officio members – College).

## Award Winners

Congratulations to the numerous winners of the Achievement and Endeavour Awards. Their efforts were recently celebrated at year level assemblies where they received their certificates. Students with an excellent record of attendance also received cafe vouchers to recognise their commitment. Some of the worthy recipients are pictured on the right.



# Calendar of Events – Term 4 – 2017

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct <b>1</b>	9 First Day Term 4 All students	10	11 Pathway to Yr 12: Elevate Education	12	13
<b>2</b>	16	17	18	19	20 Year 12 Breakfast Last Day Year 12
<b>3</b>	23	24	25	26	27
Nov <b>4</b>	30 WACE EXAMS	31 WACE EXAMS	1 WACE EXAMS Staff Meeting	2 WACE EXAMS	3 WACE EXAMS Presentation Ceremony Sat 4 Nov
<b>5</b>	6 WACE EXAMS	7 WACE EXAMS	8 WACE EXAMS	9 WACE EXAMS	10 WACE EXAMS
<b>6</b>	13 Year 11 Exams WACE EXAMS	14 Year 11 Exams WACE EXAMS	15 Year 11 Exams WACE EXAMS	16 Year 11 Exams WACE EXAMS	17 Year 11 Exams WACE EXAMS Last Day Year 11
<b>7</b>	20 Workplace Learning	21 Workplace Learning Board Meeting	22 Workplace Learning	23 Workplace Learning	24 Workplace Learning
Dec <b>8</b>	27 Workplace Learning	28 Workplace Learning	29 Workplace Learning	30 Workplace Learning	1 Workplace Learning
<b>9</b>	4 Year 10 Orientation	5 Year 10 Orientation	6	7	8
<b>10</b>	11	12	13	14	15 School Development Day

## School Holidays

23 September to 8 October

All students recommence classes on 9th October

## YEAR 12 ATAR SEMESTER 2 EXAMS

Friday 22 September to Wednesday 4 October