



## Follow the Dream BHP Tour

A very fortunate group of *Follow the Dream* students recently embarked on an exciting trip to Port Hedland to witness firsthand the massive scale of BHP operations. During their time at Port Hedland, students attended inspiring Career Forums and were encouraged by the motivational advice and role modelling of BHP's many successful Aboriginal employees. Students also toured Mooka and Nelson Point to gain insight to the impressive iron ore process. The trip was generously supported by Michael Bailey, the Rail General Manager, BHP Billiton

Iron Ore, who was so enamoured of the Sevenoaks *Follow the Dream* students whom he met during the *Women in Resources Awards* in March, that he offered to finance the Port Hedland trip. The College is sincerely grateful that such an opportunity was provided to our Aboriginal students and we are also incredibly thankful to Tracey Dhu, Specialist Rail Mainline Operations, whose tireless efficiency ensured the trip was organised and executed perfectly. The twelve lucky students who travelled to Port Hedland BHP are already capitalising on the opportunity awarded to them, including one student being assigned a mentor to pursue his interest in driving trains for the company as a trainee.



## Sevenoaks Got Talent

The Sevenoaks Got Talent fundraising event was once again an entertaining way to finish a very productive Term 3. Participants showed off an impressive range of talents in areas of dance, singing, musical performances and even comedy. The event proved to be a wonderful way to unite the College community and the talents of those who participated were met with rapturous applause by the audience. Gratitude is also extended to the 2017 Student Guild and the Dance troupe who organised and opened the production on the day. We are particularly pleased to announce that all profits, totalling \$400, were donated to the Shenton Park Dog Home and Samaritans.



## Artist Work



Successful artist and footballer Jermaine Miller-Lewis, who graduated from the College in 2013, has produced a beautiful painting to decorate the walls of the new Conference Room (pictured above). During his time at the College, Jermaine participated in Trade Training Centre, *Follow the Dream* and the Clontarf Academy programs. He has since gone on to enjoy much success on the sporting field, playing with the Hawks in Melbourne for the last two years. His artistic achievements are also impressive; Jermaine began creating Aboriginal artwork five years and he now showcases his pieces under the name Yellowbidi Dreaming Artwork. Jermaine has played for South Fremantle since returning to Perth and he also works for Richmond Wellbeing as a Community Engagement Officer.

## 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

As the academic year for our Year 12 students nears completion, our Year 11 students are very busy ensuring they have completed all of their assessments and VET units of competency and are ready for their examinations that begin on November 13. Many of our Year 11 students will also be involved in a two week block of Workplace Learning that begins on November 20. I would like to wish these students the best of luck as they venture into the work place. Of course our immediate thoughts are with our Year 12 ATAR students who will begin to sit their final WACE examinations on October 30.



I am confident that our students are well prepared and have developed the skills and knowledge to achieve very positive results. I wish our Year 12 ATAR students every success as you manage these important exams.

their Year 11 studies in 2018. We are very much looking forward to spending time with our feeder school students as they begin to learn about senior school courses and requirements.

I am looking forward to our Year 12 Presentation Ceremony to be held at the Astral Ballroom, Crown Entertainment Complex, on 4 November (10.30am- 12.30pm) where we can all celebrate the wonderful achievements of our Year 12 students. I hope to speak with parents and caregivers at this event which is a highlight of the College calendar.

We are currently taking enrolments for 2018 and I am pleased to say that our enrolment numbers are very strong. If you are thinking of enrolling a new student at our College please make an appointment with Mrs Fiona Thomson, the College Operations Coordinator, to complete the necessary documentation.

This term the Sevenoaks Senior College staff will spend two orientation days with our Year 10 transitioning feeder school students (Cannington Community College and Yule Brook College) on December 4 and 5. Students will have another opportunity to meet their teachers and familiarise themselves with the College community before they begin

I am pleased to let parents know that we will be circulating a final newsletter in early December and this bulletin will provide pictures from our Year 12 Presentation Ceremony along with the names of all of our Year 12 Award winners. I am available to meet and speak with parents so please feel free to contact the College if you would like to make an appointment.

## Consortium Partnership Engines and BBQ

Further to the recent signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Sevenoaks Senior College and Cummins TEC Consortium partners, our Metals and Engineering and Automotive Trade Training students enjoyed a barbeque with industry representatives. The consortium is comprised of reputable companies such as 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. Over 70 guests attended the barbeque which provided ample opportunity for parents, current and future students, teachers, representatives from the Department of Education and Department of Training and Workforce Development and industry partners to mingle in an informal context. In particular, current students enjoyed talking to successful Sevenoaks graduates who are now employed as

apprentices with partner companies. Additionally, they benefited from the advice of Industry representatives who addressed guests in order to highlight the positive impact of the Technical Education for Communities (TEC) program on students.

The Trade Training Centre also recently welcomed delivery of four heavy diesel engines from Cummins South Pacific valued at some \$250 000 each (pictured below, left) in addition to some superior quality tool kits. Sevenoaks Senior College is one of only two schools in Western Australia to have established such an outstanding vocational program between the Trade Training Centre and such an extensive range of quality industry partners in the form of a consortium. We look forward to the continued success of our Trade Training Centre students through the wonderful opportunities that the consortium partnership has already provided.



## Healthy Eating Habits

Fruit & Veg Week is a national health promotion program that puts a positive focus on consuming enough fruit and vegetables and promoting healthy eating in schools. The initiative was embraced by our school community through the College café which established a healthy and affordable food combination available to students and staff. A wide selection of fresh fruit and vegetables was also made available throughout the week and Guild members organised a healthy sandwich/roll lunch option in the College foyer for a gold coin donation.

## First Aid Focus Program

A large group of students enthusiastically participated in a recent First Aid Focus High School Course, which involved role playing activities and practice of the recovery position, as well as hands-on exercises using CPR mannequins and even defibrillator training. The course teaches teenagers a number of useful practical skills required when faced with a real medical emergency. Students completed the 90 minute program feeling reassured that they could competently use the various first aid skills that they learned about if ever faced with a medical emergency.



## Clontarf Camp



Students from the Clontarf Academy enjoyed the opportunity to attend an “Incentive Camp” to Cervantes, designed to build stronger relationships, promote engagement in new experiences and teach essential life skills. During their time on camp, students dined at the Cervantes local sports club and participated in activities including sand boarding, snorkelling and fishing. A visit to the Pinnacles and Jurien Bay also proved to be highlights of the trip. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and have since returned to school re-energised and ready to finish the school year on a high note.

## Hospitality Mocktail Parties

The Year 12 Hospitality class showcased their exceptional skills in the hosting of three mocktail parties for guest teachers at the end of last term. Delicious gourmet canapés, both savoury and sweet, were expertly prepared and served to guests by our talented Hospitality students. The drinks options included a wide selection of non-alcoholic mocktails. The students impressed all of those in attendance at their parties and they certainly proved that they will be a strong asset to the Hospitality industry if they wish to pursue careers within this field.



## Canning Art Awards

Congratulations to two Sevenoaks students who were recently successful at this year’s Canning Art Awards presentation evening. Ciara Ierace was named First prize Winner of the Youth Photography Award and Michael Jordan First Prize Winner of the Youth Sculpture Award First Prize. The awards were also complemented with \$300 for each student. We commend Ciara (pictured below, fourth from right) and Michael (pictured below, middle) on these impressive achievements.



## R U Ok? Day

The annual R U Ok? Day helps to raise awareness about the importance of mental health and encourages students and staff to reach out to members of their community and ask them “Are you okay?”. At Sevenoaks, students participated in various activities designed to show empathy and compassion for each other. These included being photographed in friendship groups, taking ‘selfies’ with a number of silly dress ups and props, and writing each other kind messages on post it notes. Members of the Guild facilitated these activities with the guidance of a representative from the R U OK? Day initiative. They also distributed a number of stickers and free merchandise to students to bring attention to this very worthy cause.

## Career and Enterprise Mock Interviews

Year 12 Career and Enterprise students across all programs in SSC recently participated in a mock interview with a Recruitment Officer, giving them an opportunity to display their personal portfolios of achievements and involvement in the community and workplace. The interview also allowed the students to demonstrate their self-marketing skills which constitute a significant part of the Career and Enterprise course in Year 12. The experience also encouraged the development of students’ effective interview techniques and strategies which will help them to gain suitable employment after Year 12. We are proud of the students’ impressive personal presentation and their enthusiastic, professional approach to the mock interview process.



## Parliament House Visits

Guild members recently enjoyed two separate excursions to Parliament House. Firstly, four Year 12 students who participated in the United Nations Young Leaders Program talked with pride to other participants about how they had successfully established a charity drive to help The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. In partnership with other schools and in keeping with the new initiative for the 2017 Sustainable Development Goals for Young Leaders, students from Sevenoaks delivered their report to Parliament focussing on achieving their goals of No Poverty, Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions and Partnerships for the Goals.



## Pathways to Year 12

A group of ex-students from 2016 returned to the school at the beginning of Term 3 to generously impart their words of wisdom to current Year 11 ATAR students as part of the *Pathways to Year 12* program. The various topics that the guest speakers addressed included healthy work habits, study hints, university life, time management, organisational approaches and subject specific advice. The guest presenters and their respective areas of university study included Gowdame Lakshmanan Dharmaraj (Curtin: Human Biology Preclinical), Karl Regala (Curtin: Pharmacy), Anbee Toh (UWA: Medical Science), Angelo Zuniega (UWA: Physiology), Ankita Mehta (Murdoch; Nursing) and Christy Philip (Enrolled Nursing). The Year 11s found the advice - offered by students who had so recently shared the same experiences as them - to be absolutely invaluable, as evidenced by their extensive note-taking and questions. We are particularly grateful to these ex-students for their continued assistance and support of our current students and we are also very proud of their achievements.



The planned initiatives to achieve these goals will be communicated throughout the year to the College community during Advocacy by our Student Guild members.

In early September the Year 12 Student Guild members again travelled to Parliament House for a special tour and a guest lunch. They were hosted by our local member of parliament, the Honourable Bill Johnston MLA, Minister for Mines and Petroleum, Commerce and Industrial Relations, Electoral Affairs and Asian Engagement. Students learned a great deal from their visit to the state parliament and they were also very privileged to speak personally with Minister Johnston who has kindly hosted our Guild members for a number of years.

## Science Excursion



As part of National Science Week celebrations, students were invited to participate in a "Name That Item" competition in the Library, open to individuals, pairs or groups of students who were required to correctly name and identify the use of a number of items commonly used in our Science labs. A display of Science themed books from the Library - from Science Facts to Science Fiction - was also established in order to stimulate the mind and the imaginations of students. Furthermore, a Science Careers board located outside the front office detailed the various possible career students of Science may continue pursuing. Also during Science Week, eight lucky Year 11 female students were invited to the Innovators' Tea Party at The Flux in St Georges Terrace. This was an event designed to promote girls' involvement in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) careers. The afternoon was conducted as a speed networking session, with the students rotating between female mentors who currently work in STEM-related professions. Each of the mentors delivered engaging and informative talks about their chosen professions (pictured above) which gave the students an opportunity to discuss career options and discover potential careers that they previously knew little about. The event was enjoyed by all who attended.

## English Excursion

A group of Year 12 English students attended Notre Dame University to participate in the Courage to Care exhibition. Courage to Care is a travelling exhibition that educates Australians about racism, bigotry and bullying, and promotes respect for diversity.



The students viewed and discussed a range of stories about individuals who have made a difference in times of adversity.

# Calendar of Events – Term 1 – 2018

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jan/Feb <b>1</b>	School Development Day 29	School Development Day 30	First Day for students 8:45-2:40 31	1	2
<b>2</b>	5	6	7	8	9
<b>3</b>	12	13	14	15	16
<b>4</b>	19	Yr 12 Guild Elections 20	Staff Meeting 21	22	Year 12 Ball 23
March <b>5</b>	26	27	28	1	2
<b>6</b>	Labour Day Holiday 5	OLNA 6	OLNA 7	OLNA 8	OLNA 9
<b>7</b>	12	Year 11 Guild Elections 13	Staff Meeting 14	15	16
<b>8</b>	19	20	Harmony Day 21	22	23
<b>9</b>	26	College Board Meeting 27	Interim Report Evening P&C AGM 28	29	Easter Good Friday 30
April <b>10</b>	Easter Monday 2	Easter Tuesday 3	4	Guild Camp 5	Guild Camp (to Sat 7 April) 6
<b>11</b>	9	10	11	12	13

**Year 11 ATAR Examination Reviews**

**Monday 27 November - Wed 29 November**

**Year 12 WACE EXAMS**

**Monday 30 November - Friday 6 November**