

Careers and Enterprise Excursion

The Year 12 ATAR Career and Enterprise students thoroughly enjoyed a recent excursion to the Career Development Centre in the Perth CBD to attend a special workshop. At Sevenoaks Senior College all students are very well supported by the Careers Coordinator who is always available to assist with advice about how to pursue suitable pathways and career aspirations; the Career Development Centre in Perth that students visited on the excursion also offers help to current students and most usefully can continue to assist them once they leave the College. The excursion provided a great opportunity for students to access information and guidance from the highly experienced advisors of the Career Development Centre.

Students particularly benefitted from a practical lesson on exactly how to best navigate the frequently updated centre website in order to locate important information and resources. Overall, the Careers and Enterprise excursion was appreciated as a very valuable learning experience by all of those who attended.



Clontarf Leadership and Employment Camp

The Clontarf Academy Leadership and Employment Camp of 2017 began with a partnership lunch held at the Clontarf Head Office during which students embraced the opportunity to listen to a number of guest speakers and alumni sharing information and advice based on their own successful experiences. The students then travelled to Cervantes for a day of mini sports club 'Olympics' which was followed by a well-deserved dinner at the Cervantes Sports Club. The second day of the camp was partly devoted to a goal setting and leadership session before students enthusiastically participated in a beach challenge and a 'foocket' (combination of football and cricket) carnival. Students also embraced the spirit of community by helping at Cervantes Primary School. The final day culminated in a reflection exercise and a school pledge. The Leadership and Employment Camp has certainly equipped Clontarf Academy Year 12 students with the skills required to perform to the best of their ability throughout the remainder of the year.



School Ball

On March 10 the annual Year 12 Sevenoaks Ball was once again held at the luxurious Novotel Langley in central Perth city. The 'Winter Wonderland' theme inspired a beautiful arrangement of white table centrepieces and decorations.

After indulging in a delicious buffet dinner, students converged on the dance floor to celebrate the exciting night. As always, the occasion allowed a unique chance for students and staff alike to dress in their finest attire and socialise in a more formal but still supportive, welcoming environment, typical of the Sevenoaks Senior College culture. We are proud of the impeccable appearance and behaviour of all students who attended the 2017 School Ball and hope the night remains memorable to them for years to come.



Calendar of Events – Term 2 – 2017

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 1	24 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY	25 ANZAC DAY	26 Start of Term 2 for students	27	28
May 2	1	2	3 Elevate Education	4	5
3	8	9	10 Elevate Education Memory Mnemonics (Yr 12)	11	12
4	15 Yr 12 EST	16 Yr 12 EST	17 Yr 12 EST	18 YR 12 EST	19 YR 12 EST
5	22	23	24	25	26
June 6	29 Year 12 Exams	30 Year 12 Exams	31 Year 12 Exams	1 Year 12 Exams	2 Year 12 Exams Year 11 Exams Year 11 WL
7	5 WESTERN AUSTRALIA DAY	6 Year 11 Exams Year 11 WL DEVELOPMENT DAY	7 Year 11 Exams Year 11 WL	8 Year 11 Exams Year 11 WL	9 Year 11 Exams Year 11 WL
8	12	13 College Board Meeting	14 Semester 2 Courses start Staff Meeting	15	16
9	19	20	21	22	23
10	26	27	28 Report Evening	29	30

School Holidays

8 April - 25 April

Term 2 commences on
Wednesday 26 April

Interim Report Parent Evening and P & C Meeting

29 March

Interim Report Parent Evening 3pm - 6pm
Please attend for teacher interviews

P & C Annual General Meeting 5pm



Harmony Day

Harmony Day is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the school year for Sevenoaks Senior College students and staff and in 2017 the event was certainly no exception. The day allows students to celebrate their rich and diverse cultural heritage. The theme 'Everyone Belongs' promotes qualities of acceptance, tolerance and unity within the school community. Given that Sevenoaks Senior College includes students from some 40 different cultural backgrounds, this theme is certainly an appropriate choice.

The Welcome to Country was provided by Kayleen Haywood, a representative of the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation which marked the beginning of the official Harmony Day festivities. Students were then entertained with a traditional Aboriginal dance performed by students from the Clontarf Academy, followed by a spectacular Chinese lion dance presented by the Ging Mo Academy. Numerous culturally-inspired activities followed, the most notable of which included Bollywood dancing workshops, African drumming, henna tattooing, umbrella, boomerang and tribal face painting, ukulele workshop, bucking bull and Australian baby animal farm. Students and staff were then treated to an impressive international food buffet, which included a range of appealing exotic dishes cooked by students, staff and their families.

The final entertainment of Harmony Day 2017 was an inspiring and celebratory music and dance presentation comprised of several compelling student performances.



Wayne Lyon Scholarship

The College is the fortunate benefactor of an annual major scholarship for students. The Wayne Lyon Memorial Scholarship provides two students with a \$1000 scholarship each year. One scholarship is granted to 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 for 2017 are Jasmine Helwig and Cassius Loo, pictured on the right with Mrs Tracy Lyon.

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/sevenoaksssenior>

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 credit card details to set up regular payments until your child's fees are paid in full. Acceptable credit cards are:



From the Principal

Dr Kath Partridge

Every year students at the College participate in Harmony Day, a time when we celebrate the diversity of our College population. Harmony Day is a special event for us because we have the opportunity to share the cultural experiences, knowledge, art, food and traditions that have helped to shape the lives of our wonderful students and staff. This year our festival was especially successful with all students participating in a variety of workshops and activities designed to share an aspect of a particular culture.

Student music and dance performances are always a highlight and this year was no different with many groups performing for us. Congratulations to all students, parents and staff that helped to make this event a highlight of the College calendar and a very special thank you to our Student Services Co-ordinator, Esther Marriott, who managed this large event.

I am looking forward to meeting and speaking with parents at the up-coming Interim Report night (3.00pm until 6.00pm, 29 March). I urge parents to come along to this event and take the opportunity to speak with classroom teachers about how their son or daughter is progressing and settling into the College. In term two both Year 11 and Year 12 students will be involved in sitting Externally Set Tasks and our ATAR students will also sit their first semester course examinations so it is important that parents have some knowledge about how their child is progressing at school.

The Interim Report evening also provides the perfect

occasion for our Parent and Citizens (P&C) group to catch up. Our first P&C meeting for the year will take place at 5.00pm in the College Boardroom located in the College reception area. We need members to join this important committee so please come along and catch up with me, enjoy some light refreshments, and learn a bit more about our College and what role the P&C plays here at Sevenoaks.

I have enjoyed hearing about the success of our College sporting teams and with the winter months ahead no doubt our talented Clontarf football players and our soccer stars will be out on the field kicking some goals. Well done to the students and staff who have got involved with our teams.

I wish students and staff a restful and happy holiday break which begins on April 7. Of course I am also looking forward to seeing every one back ready and focused for another important term of work which begins for students on Wednesday 26 April.

2017 Student Guild



Throughout Term One, the College has been carefully focussed on electing members to the 2017 Student Guild that will advocate for the best interests of the student population. After listening to nominees promote their individual leadership strengths through speeches delivered to their peers in the lecture theatre, representatives from Australian Electoral Commission generously helped the College population to follow a process of anonymous voting in private booths, after which the votes were counted and the successful candidates named.

The College is excited to announce that the Year 12 Student Guild for 2017 (pictured below right) will be led by Head Boy and Head Girl, Joshua Dutosme and Thahira Hill respectively. It will also include Cherry Banagbanag, Jean Davis, Gordon Chin, Macauley Cunningham, Julie Anne Vicente and Connor Whelan. The Year 12 Guild members will be greatly assisted to fulfil their duties with the help of Year 11 Guild members, similarly voted in by their peers and College staff members. The Year 11 Guild members have been recently named as Paolo Cuaresma, Alice Stevens, Timothy Fontanilla, Stella Penny, Blake Sadler, Cassius Loo, Nemika McGrath, Makira Miller-Lewis



The 2017 Guild is eager to deliver on their promises to students that they will responsibly lead the school through outstanding role modelling and initiatives that help all students realise their full potential within the supportive, dynamic and sociable Sevenoaks Senior College environment.

Female Aboriginal students from the Follow the Dream program celebrated International Women's Day on Wednesday 8 March by attending an event held at the Kent Street Weir and organised collaboratively by Richmond Wellbeing, City of Canning, City of Gosnells, Langford Aboriginal Association, Christine Ross Consultancy and the Australian Army. This year's inspirational theme was 'Be Bold for Change'. Students heard a number of motivational personal stories of achievement delivered by the likes of highly successful Aboriginal women including Rishelle Hume, Angela Ryder, Tammy Solonec, Tonia Sambo and Irene Ross. The excursion was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended, pictured on the right meeting Mr Paul Ng, Mayor of City of Canning.

Follow the Dream Excursion



From Refugee to University Graduate

Three teachers from Sevenoaks recently attended the Murdoch University Graduation Ceremony of past student Isaie Iyamuremye. We are very proud of the achievements of all of our students, but Isaie is particularly exceptional. As a refugee from the Democratic Republic of Congo, he arrived in Australia in 2009, determined to gain an excellent education and use his skills to benefit his new country. Isaie enrolled at Sevenoaks in 2011 and faced the challenge of learning English and supporting himself, all while completing Year 12 at ATAR level. Through hard work and determination, he gained entry to university and graduated in 2016 with a Bachelor degree in Extractive Metallurgy. Even though he is no longer a student of the College, Isaie still keeps in touch with his teachers, particularly his science teacher, Paul Knapton, who mentored him through each step of his journey. It was certainly a proud moment to see this amazing young man achieve his goals and excel in his role as a highly qualified Australian citizen.

Stay On Campus Program

The Stay on Campus Program has continued to provide a range of entertaining activities during lunchtimes throughout Term One which encourage students to remain on the College site during their breaks. The most popular of these activities included the energetic hip-hop dance class, the fast-paced badminton competition and the delicious decorating of cookies activity.



We congratulate the many students who participated so enthusiastically in the numerous activities on offer and we look forward to helping students enjoy the College community spirit and social opportunities that result from staying on the campus for the entire duration of the day for the remainder of the school year.

Integrated Science Excursion



Three Year 12 Integrated Science classes recently visited the Canning River Eco Education Centre (CREEC) as part of their studies into ecology. The excursion involved making comparative observations between the living (biotic) and non-living (abiotic) factors of the ecosystem. Students were required to analyse how the Kent Street

Weir has impacted upon the natural environment and to observe the practical implications of their studies in ecology. The visit also provided students with an opportunity to measure the abiotic factors using probes (temperature, pH and salinity), turbidity tubes and phosphate test kits to identify differences in the ecosystems. The Integrated Science excursion was thoroughly enjoyed by students who appreciated the chance to become actively involved in hands-on, authentic science within an outdoor environment.



Cannington Community Library Partnership

Sevenoaks Senior College students are privileged to enjoy the benefits of a wonderful new partnership recently formed with the Cannington Community Library, located in walking proximity to the College just beside to the Leisureplex on Sevenoaks Street. The partnership entitles students to become special student members of the Community Library.

As members of the Community Library, our students can borrow up to eight items, use the quiet study area, access the internet and the full collection of resources available and even use the YourTutor service which provides online tutoring for students studying WACE courses. The Community Library even regularly offers free, social English conversation classes which may be of interest to some students or their parents.

Parent permission forms to join Cannington Community Library have been sent to the homes of all students and more are available from the College library if required. Over eighty students have already returned their forms and are now enjoying the benefits of their membership. We encourage all other students to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to work in close collaboration with such a well-resourced facility.

The YourTutor service is currently available via student membership with Canning Community Library. Connect to a live expert for real-time help or upload a draft assignment any time and get personal expert feedback. Please consult Canning Community Library for more information about how to access YourTutor.

