



Presentation Ceremony

The 2016 Year 12 Presentation Ceremony took place on Saturday 5 November in the luxurious Astral Ballroom located within the Crown Entertainment Complex. The occasion marked the formal acknowledgement of the achievements of our Year 12 students as we officially farewelled them, witnessed by College staff, invited guests and the students' own friends and family.



Two highly sought after College Excellence Awards are granted to the most worthy recipients annually; in 2016, the Outstanding Achievement Award was presented to Albert Luwi by Associate Professor Jan Gray and the Dux Award recipient was James Hall who was given the honour by Professor Marnie O'Neill. An additional ten special awards are also granted every year to carefully selected students who have consistently demonstrated a range of admirable qualities, such as leadership skills and community spirit. The special award recipients and the specific titles of their honours are listed below:

Award	Award Recipient
Cultural Navigator	Farzana Syed Abdel Ahmed
Positive Image	Caleb Fetterroll
Citizenship	Bianca Morgan
Caltex All Rounder	James Hall
Aboriginal Achievement	Shania-Lee Kickett
School Based Traineeship	Byron Hall
Westscheme Award for Excellence in Vet	Caleb Fetterroll
Kertisha Dershaw Sports Award	Albert Luwi
Caltex All Rounder (ESC)	Mary Jane Middlecoat
Westscheme Award for Excellence in Vet (ESC)	Michael Hughes
Cummins Trade Training Centre	Peter Pingault



Outstanding Award Winner: Albert Luwi



Dux Award Winner: James Hall

Sevenoaks Senior College is particularly proud of the efforts of the award winners and the entire graduating Year 12 student cohort for their effort and contributions during their time with us. We wish them all the best in pursuing their various ventures into the world of tertiary education, employment, travel or other exciting experiences.

Should you wish to view and order your photographs, please visit www.stevesphotography.com.au. Click on Client Area Graduation and enter password: 051116. Please note this gallery will not be on line indefinitely and you need to record your file numbers for future reference. Contact 0412 288 030 regarding any problems.

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 payments for your child.



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:



Option 3: You can pay by EFT: Electronic Funds Transfer

BSB: 066 134	Account: 10208973
Account Name:	Sevenoaks Senior College
Reference:	Please use your child's name

For other options, see College Website: www.Sevenoaks.wa.edu.au

Student Support

Sevenoaks Senior College offers student support services in the form of mental and physical health promotion and events (such as RUOK? Day and Mental Health Week), a College Psychologist, three Youth Workers, a College Nurse and the Advocate Teacher. We are also partners with Act-Belong-Commit, a comprehensive health promotion campaign that encourages individuals to take action to protect and promote their own mental wellbeing.

The following organisations can provide services for students:

MercyCare - Free counselling services
Phone: 9442 3444

Headspace - National Youth free mental health service clinics. Armadale centre-
Phone: 9393 0300

Youth Focus - Free, unlimited and professional individual and family counselling and other mental health services. Phone: 6266 4333

Samaritans - Confidential, free phone support. Phone: 1800 198 313

ASeTTS - Free counselling (interpreters can be provided) for humanitarian or refugee families who have experienced torture or trauma. Phone: 9227 2700



From the Principal

Dr Kath Partridge

Congratulations to all of our Year 12 students who have now completed their education with us at Sevenoaks Senior College. Currently a number of our students are sitting their WACE examinations. On behalf of the College Board and staff, I would like to wish all of these students the very best of luck.

On Saturday 5 November 140 Year 12 and Cannington Education Support Centre students participated in our Presentation Ceremony held at the Crown Astra Ballroom. It was a wonderful occasion and I am sure you can see by the photographs in this newsletter, that our students looked fantastic as they were presented to the audience of parents, dignitaries, staff and community members to receive their final certificates and awards. Many dignitaries attended this function and I am very grateful for their contribution to this important College event.

Our College, however, is still a very busy place with Year 11 students working hard to complete their assignments and VET units of competency, many are also preparing for examinations which will begin on Monday 14 November. A copy of the Year 11 examinations timetable is available on the College website (www.sevenoaks.wa.edu.au) and copies can also be collected from the College reception. Students need to ensure that they arrive on time and are prepared for these important exams.

A number of our Year 11 students will also be participating in a two week block of Workplace Learning from 21 November until 2 December. Successful completion of this work placement will ensure students are well placed to receive a good grade for this course as well as developing confidence, skills and knowledge about the world of work. All the best to those students involved with this two week placement.

As this is the last College newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the College Board, staff and parents for the hard work, commitment and positive involvement that has been invested into the education of our wonderful students.

I wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season and I look forward to another successful year in 2017.

Clontarf Cup Win

On Wednesday 17 August the Clontarf Sevenoaks Senior College team were involved in the annual football Clontarf Cup game. Despite the particularly cold, wet-weather conditions, the boys enthusiastically applied themselves to the task of winning the game decisively. Of the three qualifying games played, all were won convincingly, ensuring a place competing in the grand final against Clontarf.



The Sevenoaks Senior College team immediately dominated the competition which resulted in a comprehensive victory of 41 to 0. The College is particularly proud of the players' efforts and extend

congratulations to all the boys who played to such a high standard. The victory is even more appreciated and deserved given that it is the first time Sevenoaks Senior College has secured the cup win – we hope to retain it for many years to come.

Alumni Achievements

Taylor Brunet

Former Sevenoaks Senior College student, Taylor Brunet, is congratulated on her successful placement within a newly established Aboriginal police cadet program specially created to encourage more young indigenous people to become police officers. The first WA Aboriginal cadet program of its kind allows a carefully selected group of ten students aged 16 to 24 to complete both a certificate course as well as on-the-job police training over a two year period.



The cadet program has so far provided Taylor with an authentic insight into life as a police officer and the College is also particularly proud to watch Taylor in her role as the public face of the program which has seen her featured in several media and promotional stories.

Trevor Armstrong

Sevenoaks Senior College offers congratulations to Trevor Armstrong, an ex-student who successfully completed the Follow the Dream program in 2010. Trevor was recently selected to visit China as part of the Seeds for the Future cultural and technical exchange program. We are delighted at Trevor's success in achieving this wonderful opportunity as one of only ten young ambassadors who represented Australia in the global program and who was selected on the basis of very stringent criteria. Trevor is currently studying cyber forensics at Murdoch University.



We wish Trevor all the best as he completes his degree and embarks on a career in the information technology field.

Canning Arts Award

Congratulations to Muhammad Newman in Year 12 who recently won a City of Canning Resident Award for his submission of a beautifully crafted wooden chair in the Canning Arts Awards competition. Muhammad received the accolade in recognition of his vision and talent in enriching the cultural landscape within the City of Canning. The award included \$700 in prize money.



Basketball Clinics

Students enjoyed the chance to receive some expert coaching during a recent basketball clinic delivered by professional players from the Perth Wildcats and Lynx teams. Thirty excited participants took part in the session, held in the College gym, where they practised a variety of ball skills.



Mocktail Party

The Year 12 Hospitality class hosted a series of lovely mocktail parties for guest teachers in late term three. Food and drinks were efficiently prepared and served by our talented Hospitality students. The food dishes included a selection of gourmet hot options as well as cold canapés and some delicious sweet treats, while drinks included a wide selection of non-alcoholic favourites. The parties were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and the Hospitality students certainly proved that they have mastered the impressive skills required to pursue careers within the industry.



First Aid Focus Program



A sizable group of 70 Year 11 and 12 students recently participated in a First Aid Focus High School Course which aims to equip teenagers with the practical first aid skills required when faced with a real medical emergency. The course involved role playing activities and practice of the recovery position, as well as hands-on exercises using CPR mannequins and even defibrillator training. All the student participants left the program feeling confident that they could use these skills if ever faced with an emergency medical situation.

Hospitality Excursion

In early August the Year 12 Hospitality students visited Bentley TAFE Pines Restaurant to indulge in a delicious three course lunch. The excursion allowed students to independently select and order dishes they wished to sample and they were waited on and served by the Bentley TAFE students. This experience gave our Sevenoaks Senior College students an insight into the service and food industry as well as showcasing the specific skills that would be expected of them if they choose to further their studies at Bentley upon graduation. After lunch, students enjoyed an interesting walking tour of the TAFE campus to observe the great facilities on offer. The excursion proved to be a valuable, hands-on learning experience for students.



Deadly Dreaming offered an opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to network with organisations who are offering real opportunities for study, work and training after high school. *Deadly Dreaming*, hosted by Murdoch University was delivered in a fun and engaging way that allowed students to interact with the various organisations and leave the event having created lasting relationships that will greatly benefit them in their future endeavours.



“Try it out Tuesday”

Sevenoaks Senior College teachers are committed to ongoing professional development opportunities and they regularly participate in activities designed to enhance and improve educational outcomes for students. One such activity is “*Try it out Tuesday*”, a fortnightly teaching and learning strategies exchange session which allows teachers to share and discuss information about different pedagogical techniques.

The “*Teach Like a Champion*” reference text written by Doug Lemov often provides a starting point for discussion of research-based strategies in relation to supporting learning in teachers’ individual contexts and wide application to different learning areas. Teachers can trial the particular strategies highlighted at the “*Try it out Tuesday*” session and then reflect on their effectiveness at the next meeting, including discussion of possible modifications or adaptations that may be necessary to improve positive outcomes for students.

Strategies are primarily centred on learning and include specific literacy strategies designed to improve students’ reading and writing. Teachers have also covered strategies for assessment and feedback, questioning techniques and encouraging students to “code switch” their language to more appropriate academic writing. “*Try it out Tuesday*” has provided a welcome opportunity for teachers to extend their skills, remain well-informed about current educational theories and share their professional knowledge with colleagues.



Library Week

Library Week runs simultaneously with the National Book Week in August and the theme for 2016 was Australia: Story Country. Sevenoaks Senior College celebrated Library Week with the a range of engaging activities including an inter-Advocacy competition testing the students’ knowledge of Australian fiction authors, experiments with robotics and electronics in the Library at lunchtimes and a competition in which participants were asked to guess the number of books on offer for borrowing in the Library.

Students were also invited to offer useful feedback about how they use the current Library services, what they find most beneficial and even to offer recommendations for improvements. The top two readers in the College, based on their impressive borrowing history, were identified as Casey Cuming (Year 12) and Tyler Littler (Year 11) both of Advocacy Group 26. These students are commended on their wide reading and were rewarded with a special book buying excursion.

Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research

On August 15 the Year 12 Human Biology students enjoyed an interesting excursion to the BioDiscovery Centre located in the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research which allowed them to role play as molecular scientists for the day.



On arriving at the BioDiscovery laboratory, the students were firstly required to change into lab coats and safety glasses after which time they enjoyed the opportunity to pipette, sample, load gels, use thermocyclers and other sophisticated equipment to carry out a range of biotech techniques. After learning about the process of PCR to amplify DNA, students themselves practised the learned skill by amplifying the mutated BRAF gene which causes melanoma. This sample was then used to create a DNA profile using Gel Electrophoresis.

Each student group was assigned a young research scientist to provide guidance during the experiments. This partnership provided an ideal chance for our students to ask some useful questions about life as a research scientist and potential careers within the field of science. Also included in the excursion was a guided tour of some of the facilities on Level 7, where a number of experienced molecular scientists were working. Overall, the excursion provided an insightful taste of life as a real scientist and many students found it to be an extremely valuable learning opportunity.

Geography Excursion

The urban studies fieldwork excursion is the highlight of the Year 12 ATAR Geography course: Planning Sustainable Places. The excursion involves examining the patterns and processes of the internal morphology of Perth, or more simply, studying human settlements. Students travelled to various suburbs of Perth during the excursion in order to conduct their studies. These included venturing to East Perth to examine urban redevelopment, to Northbridge which is the most dynamic zone of the city, West Perth which was once the most prosperous residential area of Perth and Kings Park, where students enjoyed a breathtaking bird's eye view of the CBD and South Perth. The field trip allowed students to gain a more accurate understanding of the way that geography studies work in a practical sense.



R U Ok? Day



“R U OK? Day” is a day dedicated to fostering mental wellbeing by reminding people of the importance of asking friends, family and colleagues the question, “Are you okay?” in a sincere, meaningful way in order to generate conversation and remain connected with the world. The key messages conveyed to students on this day include the belief that we are stronger when unified and it is important to trust our instincts in checking on the welfare of others who may be experiencing challenges. Sevenoaks Senior College attempts to brighten the students’ day with cheerful, yellow balloons and positive messages shared amongst students.

Skills West Expo

34 enthusiastic Sevenoaks Senior College students attended this year’s Skills West Expo at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on Friday 12 August. The Expo involved numerous opportunities and activities that allowed attendees to sample a taste of different trades, speak to industry experts about training pathways, observe the work of highly skilled trades or simply browse information about different occupations. Students gained an abundance of resource material and knowledge to assist them to now independently research potential courses and qualifications at TAFE colleges, universities and other specialist educational institutions that may be of interest to them.



Calendar of Events – Term 1 – 2017

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Feb 1	School Development Day 30	School Development Day 31	School commences for students 1	2	3
2	6	7	8	9	10
3	13	14	Information Evening for parents of ATAR students 15	16	17
4	20	21	Staff Meeting 22	23	24
March 5	27	28	1	2	3
6	LABOUR DAY 6	OLNA 7	OLNA 8	OLNA 9	OLNA College Ball 10
7	13	Board Meeting 14	Staff Meeting 15	16	17
8	20	21	Harmony Day 22	23	24
9	27	28	Interim Report Parent Evening P&C Meeting 29	30	31
April 10	3	4	5	6	7

Interim Report Parent Evening and P&C Meeting

29 March 3pm-6pm
Interim Report Parent Evening

P & C AGM 5pm

2017 Leavers Jackets

Cost: \$105

Please order and pay at the front office

