



NAIDOC WEEK Celebrations

The Sevenoaks Senior College community united to celebrate the culture of Australia's first people during NAIDOC Week in the final week of Term 2. Kayleen Hayward delivered the official *Welcome to Country* and ex-student, Courtney Eades, was the inspiring guest speaker.

Under the 2018 national theme, *Because of her, we can*, NAIDOC Week this year centred on recognising the invaluable contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made – and continue to make – to our communities, our families, our rich history and to our nation. In keeping with this theme, the Sevenoaks NAIDOC Week celebrations saw our very first all-female Aboriginal dance group performing. The vibrant, entertaining performance was one of the highlights of the celebrations.

The whole College then participated in a range of engaging activities, such as traditional face painting, head-band making and sampling of traditional Aboriginal foods. Overall, NAIDOC Week 2018 proved to be an important and enjoyable occasion focussed on the appreciation of Aboriginal culture and achievements.



Guild Visit to Parliament House

In early June the Year 12 Student Guild members 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.

College App

The College App is now available to download from the App Store, Google Play Store and online. The app allows users to:

- Get the latest information from the College
- Keep up to date with the Events Calendar
- Ring the absentee line
- Access exam timetables
- Request a teacher meeting
- Plus much more



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

Welcome to term three, which provides students with the opportunity to re-focus on their school work after completion of their term two studies. By this stage students would have received their semester one report and have spoken with their classroom teacher about their progress. This term students need to ensure they continue to work hard, complete all of their tasks, tests and VET units of competency and attend every zone. I would also like to encourage students to arrive to their classes on time.

This term Advocate teachers will continue to make contact with parents and care givers. Can I request that parent's contact the College reception or their child's Advocate if they need to update their mobile phone numbers or contact details. It is important that we work together as a team to ensure every student has the best opportunity to meet their potential and aspire to achieve outstanding results.

Our Harmony and Diversity advocacy modules will continue to be delivered this term. These encourage students to discuss how social diversity and cultural difference can empower a community to prosper and grow as a caring, progressive, connected environment.

Importantly, Round 2 of the On-line Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) will occur in week 7 (27 -31 August). Students who have not yet achieved category three in reading, writing or numeracy will be notified of the time

they need to report to the College library to sit their next round of OLNA.

In week 6 of this term we will be celebrating Book Week. Our College library staff will provide students with interesting opportunities and competitions. Also this term our Year 12 Career and Enterprise students will participate in important mock employment interviews (3-7 September) that form part of their semester two course assessments.

Our annual 'Sevenoaks Got Talent' fund raising event will occur in the final week of term three (19 September); this is a great way to come together and enjoy the amazing talents of our students.

I am very happy to meet with parents and care givers who may need to speak with me. Simply make an appointment at the College reception on 9356 4900.

Perth Zoo Educational Excursion



At the end of last term, 36 Year 11 ATAR Human Biology students embarked on an educational excursion to Perth Zoo. After listening to an informative one-hour lecture delivered by experts explaining evolutionary trends, students spent time exploring exhibits with a particular focus on the monkeys and primates. They also enthusiastically participated in a range of active learning opportunities, such as the ordering of primate skulls based on characteristic features, from most to least primitive. The excursion highlighted significant similarities and differences between past and present primates, as well as genetic and physiological changes which have led to evolutionary adaptations. Staff at the zoo commented that the Sevenoaks students were among the most impressive group they had ever hosted on account of their impeccable behaviour and insightful questions and answers.



Taste of the Future Competition

Hospitality Group Training (HGT) is the Registered Training Organisation which oversees delivery of the Certificate II in Hospitality at Sevenoaks and which each year holds a cooking competition, called *Taste of the Future*, open to all Year 11 and Year 12 students throughout Western Australia. Earlier in 2018, Year 12 student Ralph Gayares entered the competition by submitting a beautifully crafted personal essay about why he aspires to be a chef. Ralph's written work explored the way that cooking reminds him of his family and their relationship with food traditions in the Philippines. It impressed the judges so much that Ralph was selected as one of seven finalists who were subsequently involved in a Masterchef-style competition.

On Thursday June 21, Ralph and the other students from different schools competed at Belmont City College's Hospitality Trade Training Centre. Each student had to use bronze whaler, a type of shark, as their only protein of the dish. In the high-pressure hour and a half that he and his equally professional peers were given to prepare and plate the dish for the judges, Ralph cooked an adobo,

a classic Filipino recipe (pictured below, left). The judges of the competition included respected industry figures such as Don Hancey, WA Food Ambassador; Stephen Clarke of Clarke's, North Perth and Paul Beard, Executive Chef at Perth Arena (pictured below with Ralph)). They were all impressed by the outstanding standard of the students' culinary expertise and remarked that each student could gain an apprenticeship as a chef with ease.

Ralph's fish was cooked to perfection, which earned him the position of 4th runner up. He might have missed out on the grand prize of a fully-sponsored Chef Apprenticeship position with Hospitality Group Training, but Ralph won a valuable cash prize and the respect of many influential people in the industry where he now intends to pursue a career. The Sevenoaks College community is very proud of Ralph's impressive achievement.



Harry Perkins Institute



On Friday 3 August, the Year 12 ATAR Human Biology classes visited the BioDiscovery Centre located in the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research. The excursion allowed students to experience being molecular scientists for the day, which involved authentic practices to pipette, sample, load gels, use thermocyclers and other sophisticated equipment and to carry out a range of biotech techniques. Following a review of the processes of PCR to amplify DNA, students themselves enjoyed the opportunity to amplify the mutated BRAF gene which causes melanoma. This sample was then used to create a DNA profile using Gel Electrophoresis. The excursion also saw Sevenoaks students benefiting from the experiences of their guides, who were all young scientists themselves, and could therefore provide guidance and field questions effectively during the experiments. Overall, the excursion provided a fascinating insight to potential careers in the field of science.

OLNA: Round 2

Round 2 of the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) will take place in Week 7 of this term. Both Year 11 and 12 students who have not yet achieved Category 3 competency in reading, writing and numeracy will be required to complete the tests, which are held in the College Library. It is particularly important that Year 12 students who still need to demonstrate this standard apply themselves fully to this challenge, especially given that gaining a Category 3 in OLNA (or Band 8 in NAPLAN) is a requirement for achieving a West Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). Therefore, the upcoming Round 2, 2018 of OLNA will be the Year 12 students' final opportunity to demonstrate this minimum requirement.

There are numerous strategies that students can use at home to improve their reading, writing and numeracy skills, which will complement the hard work of teachers who consistently embed OLNA related tasks into assessment programs and learning activities, as well as offer extra classes and support throughout the year. A list of considerations and activities that students should practise at home to ensure that they are thoroughly prepared for Round 2 of OLNA are detailed on the right.

Top Tips for OLNA Preparation

Students should:

- Ensure that a quiet space is available in the home to aid focus and concentration
- Access the OLNA practice activities available on the College shared drive: Get Work
- Review the SCSA website for samples, marking keys and practice tests: <https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/olna/practice-and-example-tests>
- Use brain-training apps such as Lumosity, Peak, Elevate, Mathemagics, Brainscape etc.
- Read regularly at home. We recommend about 10-15 minutes per night prior to bed, preferably novels, short stories, magazines etc. (Not social media!)

Students involved in the OLNA are reminded that their attendance during the period of testing is critical and they are encouraged to use the full working time of 50-60 minutes per test to their full advantage. We wish them all the very best in demonstrating their reading, writing and literacy skills.

Results will be forwarded in the mail to each student involved as soon as they become available.

Notre Dame Psychology Symposium

30 Year 11 students recently spent the day exploring Notre Dame to attend a Psychology Symposium. They enjoyed experiencing university life alongside students from many other schools. Experts in the field of psychology presented on a wide range of topics relevant to the ATAR syllabus, including Intelligence, Social Psychology and Culture. Students' existing thoughts were challenged and extended as they were exposed to new perspectives and critical ways of thinking. The Psychology Symposium proved to be an inspiring, motivational learning opportunity which students thoroughly enjoyed.



Curtin English and Literature Conference



Year 12 ATAR English students recently attended the annual English and Literature Conference hosted by the School of Media, Culture and Creative Arts at Curtin University. The annual week-long conference has been running for three decades and attracts close to 7000 students from over 100 Western Australian schools. Students attended numerous lectures throughout the day which provided them with valuable advice about how to prepare for the upcoming WACE English examination in early November. The highly informative lectures were delivered by a range of highly esteemed academics, published authors, university professors and experienced teachers. 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 reported that the day complemented and consolidated the content of their school programs very effectively and was a valuable experience.

Lifelong Learning

Sevenoaks Senior College staff subscribe to the philosophy that learning is a life-long pursuit, as demonstrated by the large number of them who have already completed additional study or who are currently in the process of upskilling and studying. Several staff members have completed extensive academic research to a doctoral level, the highest tertiary degree available. These include Dr Kathleen Partridge (Principal), Dr Jill Eagling (EALD teacher), Dr Jennet Hansen (Follow the Dream Program) and Dr George Sekulla (Vice Principal), who was recently awarded his doctoral degree from the University of Western Australia (right). Further to this, many staff members have also achieved their Honours or Masters degrees and numerous others are currently pursuing these qualifications. Not only is further formal learning and study professionally beneficial and personally rewarding to the staff themselves, it also sets a very positive model to Sevenoaks' students.



A number of opportunities also promote further learning and professional development within the College itself. The newest of these is the "Opt-in, Pop-in" initiative, which sees teachers voluntarily making their classrooms available to each other for observation and feedback purposes. The College Instructional Pathways team, who meet every fortnight with staff to discuss different pedagogical strategies during "Try it Out Tuesday" sessions, proposed that the "Opt-in, Pop-in" approach would make it easy for staff to visit each other's classes on an informal basis to glean useful teaching strategies suitable for application in their own classrooms. The initiative embodies that view that all teachers, no matter how experienced, can continually learn and grow from each other.

Showcase Day 2018

Visiting Year 10 students from our main feeder schools, Cannington Community College and Yule Brook College, were recently welcomed to the Sevenoaks Senior College for our annual Showcase Day. The day is designed to provide prospective future students with an insight to the subjects and opportunities on offer at the College, as well as experience its positive, young adult ethos and learning environment. Year 10 students enjoyed touring the College grounds and listening to the experiences shared by their Sevenoaks' student guides. A number of hands-on activities promoted participation from the visiting students' in the learning opportunities that await them, such as operating the microscopes in the science laboratories, developing barista skills on the coffee machines in the hospitality kitchens and experimenting with new software. Showcase Day certainly provided the students with an exciting, authentic taste of life at Sevenoaks; we look forward to many of them joining our College next year.



Calendar of Events – Term 4 – 2018

| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------|--|--|--|--|---|
| Oct 1 | 8 | 9 | Yr 12 ATAR Excursion: St Norbert 10 | 1 | 12 |
| 2 | 15 | 16 | Yr 12 ATAR Excursion: Canning College 17 | 18 | Year 12 Breakfast 19 |
| 3 | 22 | 23 | 24 | Yr 12 ATAR English Revision Seminar 9-12am 25 | 26 |
| Nov 4 | WACE EXAMS 29 | WACE EXAMS 30 | WACE EXAMS 31 | WACE EXAMS 1 | WACE EXAMS Presentation Ceremony Sat Nov 3 2 |
| 5 | WACE EXAMS 5 | WACE EXAMS 6 | WACE EXAMS 7 | WACE EXAMS 8 | WACE EXAMS 9 |
| 6 | WACE EXAMS Year 11 Exams 12 | WACE EXAMS Year 11 Exams 13 | WACE EXAMS Year 11 Exams 14 | WACE EXAMS Year 11 Exams 15 | WACE EXAMS Year 11 Exams 16 |
| 7 | Workplace Learning 19 | Workplace Learning 20 | Workplace Learning 21 | Workplace Learning 22 | Workplace Learning 23 |
| 8 | Yr 11 Exam Reviews Workplace Learning 26 | Yr 11 Exam Reviews Workplace Learning 27 | Yr 11 Exam Reviews Workplace Learning 28 | Yr 11 Exam Reviews Workplace Learning 29 | Yr 11 Exam Reviews Workplace Learning 30 |
| Dec 9 | Year 10 Orientation 3 | Year 10 Orientation 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 10 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | School Development Day 14 |

WACE Examinations
OCT 29 - NOV 16

Year 12 Sem 2 Examinations
during Term 3 Holidays
Wed 26 September to Wed 3 October