



# Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2018

## Presentation Ceremony

The 2018 Year 12 Presentation Ceremony was held on Saturday 3 November at the Crown Entertainment Complex in the elegant Astral Ballroom. The occasion invited staff, guests and students' family and friends to formally recognise the achievements of 2018 Year 12 students.

The celebrated College Excellence Awards, which are comprised of the Outstanding Achievement Award and the Dux Award, were presented to Ronald Tun and Alice Stevens by Professor Marnie O'Neill. The recipients of

additional special awards were students who consistently demonstrated commendable qualities during their time at Sevenoaks, such as cultural sensitivity and leadership skills. The names of these special award winners and the specific titles of these honours are detailed below.

The 2018 Year 12 student cohort and the award winners are congratulated on reaching such a significant milestone, - the completion of some 13 years of formal schooling. We wish them all the very best for their future endeavours.



Dux Award Winner: Ronald Tun



Outstanding Achievement Award Winner: Alice Stevens

## Special Awards

Caltex All Rounder : Jia Ying Ku  
Citizenship Award : Neil Zuniega  
Positive Image Award : Fah Phetcharak  
Cultural Navigator Award : Makirah Miller-Lewis  
Cummins Trade Training Centre Award : Connor McDermott  
Aboriginal Achievement Award : Chloe Calyon  
School Based Traineeship Award: Chloe Calyon  
Kertisha Dershaw Sports Award : Rian Cuaresma  
Westscheme for Excellence in VET Award : Chris Bain  
Caltex All Rounder (Ed Support): Stacy Northcott  
Westscheme Award for Excellence in VET (Ed Support): Ewan Pentland



## 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.

## Fee Collection

College fees help us to fulfil our duty of providing a quality educational experience uniquely designed for each student here at Sevenoaks. Therefore, it is critical that fees are paid in a timely manner. If you are experiencing financial difficulty please contact the school to arrange a payment plan.



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

Another year of achievement and opportunity draws to a close here at Sevenoaks Senior College – and what a year it has been! As many parents would be aware we recently celebrated the outstanding success of our Year 12 students at our Presentation Ceremony held at the Crown Entertainment Complex. 210 students from Sevenoaks and Cannington Education Support Centre participated in this event along with many staff members who fulfilled various roles on the day. Dignitaries, parents, teachers and friends were on hand to congratulate our Year 12 students as they received their certificates and awards.

This year students at the College participated in a vast number of activities that promoted and developed active citizenship, cultural understandings, innovation and enterprise, leadership, respect, collaboration, team work and social skills. Our well known Harmony Day Festival, the Year 12 Ball, NAIDOC week celebrations, our Health and Wellbeing initiatives and Sevenoaks' Got Talent fundraiser, which provided students with opportunities to enjoy each others' company, learn about each other and grow as young people. Our College sporting teams (volleyball, soccer, netball, table tennis and AFL) all achieved some terrific results and individually, many students participated in organised community sports.

Sevenoaks staff have also worked incredibly hard to ensure every student has had the chance to reach their academic potential. The College has continued to provide additional supports to students through an experienced and well-established student support crew (tertiary trained Youth Workers, school nurse, school psychologist and teacher Advocates), a full-time Career Coordinator, an Aboriginal teacher, Clontarf Football

staff, Wirrapunda Foundation staff, EAL/D tutoring program, OLNA small class and seminar preparation program and our highly acclaimed Follow the Dream Aboriginal support program. Our enrolments for 2019 are very strong and we are very pleased with the increasing number of ATAR students who now seek Sevenoaks as a destination because of our broad range of courses and the quality of our teachers. Importantly, both Year 11 and Year 12 students will be given two opportunities in 2019 to meet the OLNA requirements for WACE achievement. Early next year we will conduct a Parent Evening, where the WACE requirements will once again be presented to parents and students.

2018 has been a terrific year and I hope that staff and students have some time to reflect on our busy year and enjoy the achievements that we have all accomplished. I would like to wish our hard working, dedicated and talented Vice Principal, David Proctor, a very enjoyable retirement and I thank him for his help and support over the past thirteen years. I hope everyone has a happy and peaceful holiday season. I am very much looking forward to another productive year here at Sevenoaks in 2019.

## Year 12 Farewell Breakfast

The end of formal classes for Year 12s was celebrated with an enjoyable, high spirited Farewell Breakfast event. Teachers and the café staff catered for the breakfast and students enthusiastically devoured the delicious, culturally-diverse assortment of food on offer. The farewell breakfast was a significant occasion for our Year 12 students, officially marking the end of their time on campus.



## Surfing Lessons



Year 12 General Physical Education students took part in a number of surfing lessons delivered by Go Surf Perth at Leighton beach in Fremantle. Despite having to endure difficult conditions on several days due to the wild and windy weather, the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and a few of them demonstrated excellent surfing skills.

## Reflections on a Wonderful Career

It is with mixed emotions that we say farewell to Vice Principal David Proctor (pictured below, right) at the end of this term as he embarks on his well-deserved retirement. David has worked for the Department of Education for forty one years in a variety of roles including as a Chemistry and Physics teacher, Head of Science, Deputy Principal and now as Vice Principal. David is also a published author of high quality Chemistry revision guides that have been used by school students throughout Western Australia. David has enriched the lives of country students as well as metropolitan, serving a lengthy teaching post in Katanning in rural W.A. Amongst the most memorable of experiences during this time is when it snowed while he was on yard duty! David is an inaugural staff member of Sevenoaks, beginning as a Chemistry and Physics teacher in 2001, before being merit selected to the position of Student Services Coordinator in 2004 and College Operations Coordinator in 2005. He has served the students and the community of Sevenoaks Senior College as Vice Principal since 2006. In fact, David's connection to the local area dates back to 1925 when his father started his own education at Cannington Primary School, which is now the site of Carousel. In reflecting on his impressive career, David appreciates that life as an educator is "never boring, never dull" and he has particularly enjoyed working with students "who are individuals", explaining that "individually they have a lot of character and charisma". Some of David's fondest and most rewarding moments are when former students recognise him, sometimes decades after they have finished school, and thank him for his role in their education. We wish David all the best for a wonderful retirement and thank him sincerely for his valuable contributions to Sevenoaks College and education in Western Australia.



## Poetry Slam

Sevenoaks students recently participated in a highly entertaining and engaging poetry slam. The event featured Kai Schweizer, winner of the 2017 WA Poetry Slam Final, who performed two very powerful poems and discussed slam poetry with students. Over 30 students attended the session during their lunchtime and several delivered their own original poems, including Savannah Smith-Watson, Leah Fitzgerald, Jennifer Tyrie and Chaz Sealey. The students' performances were incredibly moving and it was inspiring to see our students openly sharing their thoughts on issues of concern to them. The student performers are all members of the Year 11 General Literature class, which is a new and popular course offered at the College this year. The course is particularly well suited to students who are interested in studying and producing their own creative writing and can be studied as an alternative to General English or a supplement to the ATAR English course.



# Act, Belong, Commit

As part of the Act, Belong, Commit initiative, Sevenoaks celebrated Fruit & Veg Week during September. The event is part of a national health promotion program which aims to focus on the importance of consuming fruit and vegetables daily. In addition to a sandwich making and apple coring station, organised by the Student Services team, the College café also offered a healthy and affordable food combination special to students and staff.



## R U OK? Day

In September, students enthusiastically participated in the annual R U OK? Day, which aims to raise awareness about the importance of mental health and offering emotional support to others. The event encourages students and staff to ask each other "Are you Okay?" as a way of extending compassion and empathy to those who may be experiencing personal challenges. Students engaged in various activities on the day, such as taking polaroid selfies dressed with props and writing positive mental health messages on post-it notes. The Student Guild helped to run these activities and staff also assisted in bringing attention to this worthy cause by wearing bright yellow t-shirts.



## Canning Art Awards Competition Winners

Congratulations to Christina Zeal Vum for winning the Youth Photography Award and Harold Panganiban for winning the 3D Sculpture Award in this year's Canning Art Awards held in August. The City of Canning's annual Act-Belong-Commit Canning Art Awards exhibition features artworks from over 180 artists from across Perth and includes both adult and youth categories. Well done to Christina and Harold on their impressive achievements.



## Mental Health Week

The theme of WA Mental Health Week for this year is 'Mental health starts where we live, learn, work and play'. Sevenoaks Senior College is an official Mentally Healthy School and we have a partnership with Act, Belong, Commit. The aim for Mental Health Week is to encourage our students to look out for one another, promote mental health discussion and continue to raise awareness of mental health issues by reducing the stigma of seeking help. The Student Services team ran various activities, such as quizzes and the mental health pledge wall. We also benefited from visits by representatives of Headspace and the City of Canning Brightstep team. Informative displays were put up around the College. Many of our students engaged with these activities and learnt about where they can get help when they are feeling anxious or sad.



## Film Production

The expert services of a Rhythm Content, a professional film production agency, were recently used to produce a short video to promote the College's Trade Training automotive, metals and engineering programs. The agency enlisted a number of our students to star within the film, which will be shared via YouTube and our website in coming months. The film will showcase the Trade Training Centre's state-of-the-art workshop equipment and use of 3D printing technology, drones, electric vehicles and student-made choppers. The College is very excited about this new opportunity and we are hopeful that students will eagerly 'share' the film across their social networks, particularly given that a number of prizes will be on offer for doing so. Sevenoaks students and staff thoroughly enjoyed their time working on the set of the film production and look forward to viewing the final product soon.



## BHP Visit



Taryn Strautins from BHP's corporate team recently visited Sevenoaks Senior College and spent time with the Follow the Dream students to hear about their achievements and aspirations. She enjoyed a tour of the College and gained an insight to the amazing programs that Follow the Dream students are involved in. As a way of demonstrating their appreciation of the support provided by BHP, Year 12 students Chloe Calyon and Monica Martin painted and gifted a beautiful artwork to BHP which will be displayed in their Perth offices. BHP is proud of their commitment to education and their ability to provide opportunities through their Social Investment Portfolio, as evidenced by their sponsorship of the Follow the Dream Program at Sevenoaks.

## Sevenoaks' Got Talent

Sevenoaks students showed off their varied and impressive skills during the annual Sevenoaks' Got Talent fundraising event held at the end of last term. A number of dance, singing, musical and comedy performances kept audiences thoroughly entertained. As always, the event promoted the best of the Sevenoaks' community spirit. The objective of fostering student belonging was achieved and much fun was had by all. The Sevenoaks dance troupe were the overall winners with their hip hop dance routine. The 2018 Student Guild are thanked for organising the successful event, which raised \$450 for World Vision's Rohingya Appeal.



## Career and Enterprise Mock Interviews

At the end of Term 3, Year 12 Career and Enterprise students participated in a mock interview with a Recruitment Officer. This authentic experience is designed to provide students with the opportunity to discuss their involvement in the community and workplace. Despite their nerves, students expressed appreciation for this opportunity which encourages their development of interview techniques, subsequently assisting them to gain suitable employment. The students' impeccable personal presentation and professional approach to the mock interview process is commendable.

# Calendar of Events – Term 1 – 2019

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jan/Feb	28	29	30	School Development Day No students	School Development Day No students
1	School commences for students 4	5	6	7	8
2	11	12	13	14	15
3	18	19	Parent Information Evening (for ATAR students) 20	21	Year 12 Ball Year 11 WPL Induction 22
4	25	Year 12 Student Guild Elections 26	Staff Meeting 27	28	Year 12 WPL Induction 29
March 5	Labour Day Holiday 4	OLNA 5	OLNA Year 12 - Elevate 6	OLNA 7	OLNA 8
6	OLNA 11	12	13	14	15
7	18	Year 11 Student Guild Elections 19	Harmony Day Festival 20	21	22
8	25	Yr 12 Student Guild Leadership Conference Board Meeting 26	Staff Meeting 27	28	29
April 9	1	2	3	4	Student Guild Leadership Camp (Fri-Sun) 5
10	8	9	Progress Report Evening -3-6pm P&C AGM 5:00pm 10	11	12

## Student School Holidays

15 December 2018 - 1 February 2019  
School Commences for students : Monday Feb 4 2019

## Board Meeting

26 March 2019