



## DATTA State Conference Presentation

One of Sevenoaks' Automotive and Engineering teachers, Tim Triscari, recently delivered a highly informative and engaging presentation at the Design and Technology Teacher's Association (DATTA) State Conference at Edith Cowan University. In two, well-received 45 minute sessions Tim spoke about the plastics recycling centre that students are currently building in the Trade Training Centre. The project has been developed through close consultation with SIMS Metal Recycling and the Town of Victoria Park. Tim explained to his audience how construction of the portable plastics recycling centre in a large sea container, a workplace designed by Precious Plastic, is not only an environmentally conscious initiative which promotes sustainability but it can also be mapped very closely to the requirements of the Certificate II program in Engineering Pathways. The certificate's core units demand that students meet essential criteria, such as demonstrating the ability to follow safe work practices, report workplace hazards and accidents and follow emergency procedures, while elective components of the course include the use of power tools and performance of welding (pictured right). Through the plastics recycling centre project, students have been provided with relevant mock scenarios, as well as authentic documentation and practical experience which will certainly serve them well in the workplace. We are very proud of Tim's positive role in highlighting this impressive initiative and for representing the achievements of our Engineering students at DATTA's State Conference.



## NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week was celebrated by Sevenoaks Senior College in the final week of last term. Under the 2019 national theme of "Voice. Truth. Treaty.", inspired by the Uluru Statement from the Heart, NAIDOC Week this year centred on the importance of a unified approach in working toward inclusion of the indigenous voice. This focus is consistent with the desire for Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander representation in Parliament and the Australian Constitution, together with a truthful understanding of our First People's history which is over 65000 years old. In keeping with this theme, NAIDOC Week at Sevenoaks Senior College started with an official *Welcome to Country* delivered by Aboriginal teacher Kayleen Hayward, followed by a poignant speech by Vice Principal Katie Edwards. Matthew Harris, a Year 11 Student Guild member, acted in the role of MC. Students, staff, community representatives and family members were then invited to enjoy the performance of Aboriginal dancers from both Sevenoaks and Yule Brook College while Bevan Winmar played on the didgeridoo. A range of activities was also on offer, such as sampling of traditional foods, face painting, message stones, earring making, boomerang scratch art and braiding. NAIDOC Week 2019 at the College proved to be a significant and enjoyable event, focussed on fostering an appreciation of Indigenous culture through the promotion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voice within an atmosphere of reconciliation.



## 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. Online membership which allows students to use *Studiosity* can be accessed via the notices on Connect. 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



Term three started on a very positive note with a College Assembly to recognise the large number of talented students who achieved Achievement and Endeavour Awards based on their first semester academic performance and application. We congratulate the many students identified at our assembly, as well as all of the students who continue to work toward their individual goals. It was particularly pleasing to acknowledge the large number of students who achieved 100% attendance; continued attendance to every zone, every day, remains vitally important in these final weeks of term.

We were delighted to host the Year 10 students from Yule Brook College and Cannington Community College at our Showcase Day earlier in the term. This day is designed to inform the students who will be attending Sevenoaks as Year 11 students in 2020, about the courses and programs on offer here at the College. As always, Showcase Day provided a welcome opportunity for students to meet the teachers and staff and spend some time meeting new friends and enjoying the College facilities. We also enjoyed meeting the parents of the Year 10 students who will be attending Sevenoaks in 2020 at an Information Session held in early August. This session covered topics such as the courses and programs available at the College, student support services and student career opportunities.

Our Year 12 students will return only for the first week of term four, leaving the College on Friday 18 October after enjoying a lovely farewell breakfast. As

expected, students are currently very busy completing assessments, tests, tasks and VET units of competency. The Year 12 Semester Two examinations will begin in week 10 on Thursday 26 September and run through until 4 October during the school holidays. We wish students all the best with these school-based examinations, as well as the high-stakes WACE ATAR examinations which start on October 30 and conclude on November 19. The Year 12 ATAR students are encouraged to access the extra support offered by teachers in the lead up to their examinations, including revision seminars and lunchtime tutoring. The entire College community is looking forward to celebrating the achievements of the Year 12 students at the Sevenoaks' Presentation Ceremony to be held on Saturday November 9 at Crown.

As always, I am available to meet with parents and students. Please feel free to make an appointment at the College reception.



## 2019 Showcase Day

The Year 10 students from our main feeder schools, Cannington Community College and Yule Brook College, recently visited Sevenoaks to participate in our annual Showcase Day. Visiting students were provided with useful insights into the young-adult environment fostered here at the College, as well as learning about the various courses and opportunities on offer. Numerous practical and engaging activities invited hands-on participation from the Year 10 students during the on-site transition day. These activities included developing barista skills on the coffee machines in the hospitality kitchens, operating the microscopes in the science laboratories and experimenting with new software. Showcase Day 2019 was very well received by attending students who enjoyed listening to the experiences shared by their Sevenoaks' student guides and touring the College grounds. We look forward to welcoming the visiting Year 10 students into our community next year.



## Parliament House Lunch and Tour

The Year 12 Student Guild members recently travelled to Parliament House for a guest lunch and special guided tour. The students were hosted by our local member of parliament, the Honourable Bill Johnston MLA, Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; and Industrial Relations. They were very privileged to be able to personally speak with Minister Johnston who has generously hosted our Guild members for their annual visit over the course of many years. Students appreciated the opportunity to visit Parliament House and they found their visit to be very interesting.



Sevenoaks' teachers are once again immersed in several forms of reflective practice designed to help improve the quality of course delivery and pedagogy at the College. One way this is achieved is through participation in college evidence-based research as part of Curtin University School Improvement Programme, which includes three survey components: the Schools Organisational Climate (SOCS), the Classroom Climate Questionnaire (CCQ) and the What's Happening in this Schools (WHITS). Each of these surveys provides invaluable data regarding students' perceptions of social connectedness and academic engagement. This information assists teachers to target specific areas in the classroom and to ensure that their instructional strategies best suit students' learning needs.

Teachers also participate in a Collegial Classroom Observation process, which forms part of the Sevenoaks Quality Teaching Model. Together with the more informal Opt In-Pop In initiative (pictured right) and regular Try it out Tuesday sessions, this process allows teachers to provide helpful feedback to each other, to model a range of strategies and to collaborate in a positive, supportive school climate. Teachers also work together regularly throughout the year in order to moderate the work of students, ensuring that student assessment and the marks awarded to them are fair, valid and consistent across courses. Time is frequently allocated to group moderation at staff meetings and professional development days.

## Professional Teaching Practice





## ATAR University Visit

Earlier in the year, a group of ATAR students (pictured right) visited both Edith Cowan University in Joondalup and Murdoch University during their holidays to experience a taste of tertiary education. The students visited the nursing faculty as well as engineering, motorsports, occupational therapy and the screen production studios. The excursion was enjoyed by all of those who attended and many came away with a clearer direction of the future study they now wish to pursue.



## Sister Kate's Fundraiser

Led by the Student Guild, the College recently held a fundraiser for Sister Kate's located in Queens Park, a former Home for children of Aboriginal descent which opened its doors in 1933 under the guidance of Sister Katherine Mary Clutterbuck, an Anglican nun well-known throughout Perth for her humanitarian work caring for children in need. Sister Kate's provided support for many young people who would go on to achieve success in a variety of fields, including the late Graham "Polly" Farmer who lived at the home from the time he was 18 months old; his important legacy lives on in the Graham "Polly" Farmer Foundation which founded the highly successful *Follow the Dream* Program on offer here at Sevenoaks and in numerous other locations. The group who resided at Sister Kate's between 1934 and 1953 later formed a corporation to establish an aged care facility on the grounds where many of them have returned to live. As part of the fundraiser, the Student Guild operated a sausage sizzle while students were entertained by performers on our new courtyard stage. Over \$250 was raised for Sister Kate's and much fun was had by all.



## Hospitality Mocktail Party

Under the expert guidance of teacher and chef, Brent Armstrong, the Sevenoaks' Hospitality students once again showcased their impressive culinary skills during two mocktail functions hosted early this term, which contributed to the assessment requirements of the certificate course. A selection of delicious finger food and an array of non-alcoholic beverages were served during the events, which were attended by 100 delighted customers, comprised of both staff and students. Participating students are commended on the high quality of the food and drinks on offer during the functions.



All three Year 12 English ATAR classes 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 attracts close to 7000 students from over 100 Western Australian schools and has been running for over thirty years. Students listened to several lectures throughout the day which were designed to provide them with valuable advice about how to prepare for the upcoming WACE ATAR English examination in 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 Responding: Writing Essays, Comprehending Section: Analysis and Short Answers and Persuasive and Interpretive Writing, all of which closely relate to students' ATAR English studies. Students and teachers equally reported that the conference helped to consolidate and extend upon classroom learning.

## English Curtin Conference





# Sporting News

## Girls Soccer

The Girls Soccer team (right) played their first two games resulting in an impressive 5-2 win and also a 1-1 draw against Frederick Irwin Anglican College and St Brigid's College. We are very proud of our the team for their progress and are looking to reward them with a friendly game against the reigning champions, South Coast Baptist College, at the end of this term.



## Boys Soccer

In the Boys Soccer (left), our B team drew one game and lost four, while the A team won an impressive four games, making it a very successful year for our Sevenoaks soccer teams. The teams are congratulated on the exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship exhibited by all players.

## Badminton

The badminton team was comprised of an enthusiastic group of committed students who consistently supported each other and displayed great sportsmanship. All of the Sevenoaks doubles pairs achieved success, with the majority winning 3 out of 4 games. Unfortunately, only the top ranked team who secured a 4 from 4 win progressed in the competition. Overall, our students performed extremely well against impressive opposition which included multiple state players.



## Photography Award Winner

Congratulations to Year 11 student Isabel Ridley-Clissold who was recently named the winner of the Youth Photography Award in the 2019 Canning Art Awards. Isabel was awarded with a generous cash prize of \$300 and received another \$150 when she sold her beautiful work entitled "Blue Abyss". Isabel is pictured below being presented with the award by Phil Martin from Stockland Riverton, who sponsored the award and also purchased Isabel's photograph for the centre.



## Human Biology Excursion: Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research

The Year 12 ATAR Human Biology classes visited the BioDiscovery Centre located in the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research for an informative and engaging excursion. Students experienced the role of molecular scientists for the day through the use of thermocyclers and other sophisticated equipment used to carry out a range of biotech techniques. Students particularly enjoyed the opportunity to amplify the mutated BRAF gene which causes melanoma after firstly completing a review of the processes of PCR to amplify DNA. The students were guided throughout the excursion by a group of young scientists who provided valuable insights and answers to questions during the experiments. The excursion provided an interesting, authentic experience for students and generated much interest in potential science careers.

# Calendar of Events – Term 4 – 2019

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
October 1	14	15	16 Yr 12 Pathways: St Norbert's Exam Venue Visit	17	18 Year 12 Breakfast
2	21	22	23 Yr 12 Pathways - Canning College Exam Venue Visit	24 Yr 12 ATAR English Revison Seminar (9am-12)	25
3	28	29	30 ATAR WACE Exams Commence	31	1
November 4	4	5	6 Staff Meeting	7	8 Yr 12 Presentation Ceremony - Sat 9th (10:30-12:30)
5	11 Year 11 Exams	12 Year 11 Exams	13 Year 11 Exams	14 Year 11 Exams	15 Year 11 Exams
6	18 Yr 11 Block ADWPL placements start: Weeks 6-7	19 ATAR WACE Exams conclude Board Meeting	20	21	22
7	25	26	27	28	29 Yr 11 Block ADWPL placements finish
Dec 8	2	3	4 Staff Meeting	5	6
9	9 Year 10 Orientation	10 Year 10 Orientation	11	12	13
10	16	17	18	19	20 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

## Year 12 Semester 2 Exams:

Thursday 26 September - 4 October (school holidays)

## Year 11 Semester 2 Exams:

Monday 11 November - 14 November

## Year 12 ATAR WACE EXAMS

Wednesday 30 October- Tuesday 19 November

## Open College Board Meeting

19 November 9:30 am