



2020 Student Guild

The 2020 Student Guild has played an integral role in helping students to stay connected and positive this year. The Guild members include Kate Germino (Head Girl), Saif Kaimkhani (Head Boy), Matthew Harris, Sarah Osborne, Christian Banagbanag, John Sarana, Ryan Haynes, Alisha Hussain, Mick Malaluan, Bismillah Moqaddam, Tegan Smith and Aron Biju. A number of new exciting initiatives have been introduced by the Guild in Term Two, including a Chess Club and an Anime Club, celebrating everything about Japanese anime and manga. Both of these clubs meet weekly and have proved to be very popular with students.



The Guild also developed and facilitated an exciting online Advocacy Tournament based on general knowledge and questions about Sevenoaks Senior College. The tournament was run using Kahoot! and it fostered some healthy competition between all of the Advocate groups in the College. Future events planned by the Guild include a scavenger hunt, spelling bee and "minute to win it" games. The entire Sevenoaks' community is extremely appreciative of the innovation and commitment the 2020 Guild members have shown so far this year, particularly when faced with some challenging circumstances.



National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week, which took place between 27 May and 3 June, provided a wonderful opportunity for the College community to reflect on the importance of the theme "*In this together*", a sentiment which particularly resonates with us all at this time. National Reconciliation Week encourages all Australians to consider the role they individually and collectively play when it comes to building relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures and futures. This important week was marked in the College foyer with several lunchtime activities, such as writing notes of reflection, braiding using the colours of the Aboriginal flag, and some fabulous didgeridoo playing by past and current students including Malakye Hedlam-Hansen, Trae Miller, Kiezer Bin-Omar and Xavier Dhurkkay. Thank you to the numerous staff and students who helped unite members of the College to mark this very important event; we are proudly all "in this together"!

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.

Information about coronavirus

Please be assured that we are doing all we can to stay informed and respond to official advice as it becomes available. The health and safety of our College community is a priority at this time. We encourage students, parents and staff to make sure sources of information are reliable. Go to the Department of Health website: health.wa.gov.au for regular updates and frequently asked questions.

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.



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. Please refer to the different options available to pay College fees listed above.

From the Acting Principal

Katie Edwards

Term Two has so far been a very productive one; while concerns about Covid-19 at the end of last term presented numerous challenges for Sevenoaks' students and staff – indeed, for the global community at large – we are very pleased to have been able to resume teaching and learning with some sense of normality here at the College from the beginning of this term. Students and teachers alike are pleased that contact sport and smaller excursions have recommenced in recent weeks. Attendance is back on track and most students are engaging very well with their courses. We are very proud of the resilience displayed by our students over recent months and we encourage them to continue to make the most of every situation that is presented to them.



Some assessment outlines have undergone modifications in line with those approved by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA). The postponed Externally Set Tasks (ESTs) will now take place in Week 9 of this term and the ATAR exams remain scheduled for November. We commend the Year 11 and 12 ATAR students on their earnest approach to completing Semester One course exams throughout Weeks 6 and 7 of the term. A number of OLNA sessions are available for students who still require extra support to attain the minimum literacy and numeracy standard for WACE; the details of these sessions have been provided to students via Advocacy and are detailed on posters throughout the College.

Thomson has taken over as the acting Vice Principal and we also thank her for her hard work in this position. Natasha Georgiou has been acting in the position of Program Coordinator: College Operations and Esther Marriott has been the acting Student Services Coordinator since Week 5. They will remain in these roles for the duration of the term. The College is grateful for the excellent leadership and professionalism of each of these staff members.

Reports will be sent home late this term. The Semester One Report Evening, scheduled for the last Wednesday of term, has been cancelled due to current Covid-19 guidelines. Advocate and classroom teachers will provide support to students and contact caregivers via phone or email to discuss any concerns about individual student progress where necessary. I am also available to meet with students or parents. Please contact the front office if you wish to make an appointment.

We thank the school's former Vice Principal, David Proctor, for stepping back into this role at the start of the term while I continue to act as the Principal in Dr Kath Partridge's absence. Since week 5 of the term, Fiona

Jordan Thorsager Scholarship Winner

We congratulate Telia Donovan, the winner of a new \$1000 scholarship introduced in 2020. Telia has proved herself to be a very worthy recipient of this generous scholarship, evidenced by her outstanding attendance and commitment to her studies. The scholarship honours the memory of Jordan Thorsager, a former student of Sevenoaks who attended the College in 2012 and 2013. Jordan tragically passed away in a traffic accident at the start of 2019. He is remembered as a friendly, capable and sport-loving person who was respected and admired by all who had the privilege of knowing him. We thank Jordan's family for their generosity in providing this scholarship.



Learning from Home

At the end of last term, Sevenoaks teachers worked tirelessly to prepare both digital and hard copy materials to support student learning from home. These resources were made available on Connect or sent to homes as work packages. In fact, the College embarked on its biggest ever mail-out in late March (pictured below). The resources prepared by teachers ensured that students without online access were well-catered for, including those who continued to work from home when the College reopened this term. The home work packages for the *Follow the Dream* students (pictured, right) contained literacy, numeracy and Noongar language booklets. Teachers were careful to make sure that the process of learning from home remained equitable for all students, regardless of whether they used digital or hard copy materials.



The online mode of teaching which many students participated in from home provided a great number of professional learning opportunities for teachers, who rapidly upskilled in their use of technological tools such as WebEx, Zoom, Screen-cast-Omatic, HoverCam and Kahoots. Teachers enjoyed learning about the capability of other ways to deliver content and engage students. Professional development around how to use these technologies is ongoing and many teachers are continuing to implement these tools in their classrooms, even now that face-to-face teaching has resumed. We commend Sevenoaks' students and staff on the adaptability and flexibility they have shown in teaching and learning under quite different and sometimes challenging circumstances this year.

Good Hygiene

Students and staff are required to exercise good hygiene and all classrooms are equipped with hand sanitiser and cleaning products to enable this. Students are encouraged to clean their hands before they enter classrooms and when they leave, as well as to regularly and thoroughly wash their hands throughout the day. Extra cleaning, particularly in high touch areas, is occurring throughout the day at the College. A number of informative posters have been placed throughout the College as a visible guide of good hygiene practices. We also remind students that they should not be sharing food, drinks or cutlery.

Calendar of Events – Term 3 – 2020

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July 1	20 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY	21	22	23	24
2	27	28 Year 10 Showcase Day	29	30	31
August 3	3	4	5 Year 10 Parent Information Evening 6:00-7:00	6	7
4	10	11 Year 12 Year Book photos	12 Staff Meeting	13	14
5	17	18	19	20	21
6	24 Book Week	25	26	27	28
Sept 7	31 OLNA	1 OLNA	2 OLNA Staff Meeting	3 OLNA	4 OLNA
8	7	8	9	10 RUOK? Day	11
9	14	15 Sports Reward Lunch	16 Sevenoaks Got Talent	17	18
10	21	22 Mental Health Week Activities	23	24 Year 12 Exams	25 Year 12 Exams

School Holidays:
26 September - 11 October

Semester Two ATAR Exams:
24 September - 9 October

The Report Evening scheduled for Wednesday, Week 10, Term 2 has been cancelled due to current Covid-19 guidelines.