



Guild Camp 2020

Earlier in Term 3, Student Guild members attended an exciting and unifying two-day leadership camp at Ern Halliday, located in Hillarys. The students enthusiastically participated in numerous challenging, fun-filled team-building activities, such as crate climbing, archery and problem solving games. The camp also encouraged students' development of the leadership skills that they will need in their important roles as Guild members. The students planned a variety of events and activities for the remainder of 2020. Despite the challenges this year has presented to our Guild members, they remain exceptionally positive and have demonstrated the resilience and optimism that make them such excellent role models. The Guild members are congratulated on their impeccable behaviour and support of each other during the camp.



Feeder School Transition Program

The transition from Year 10 to Year 11 for students from Yule Brook College and Cannington Community College has started. Students have had several visits from Mrs Earl (Careers Advisor) and other teachers who have told them about the courses on offer in 2021. Enrolments are being collected from both schools as well as from a number of students from other schools who want to make Sevenoaks their home for Year 11.

ATAR bound students from Yule Brook College are showing their commitment by attending classes after school once a week to help them build a set of skills that will support them through Year 11. Ariell Rose, a Program Coordinator, from

Sevenoaks has been visiting this group to share some strategies to help them prepare.

Plans are underway for teachers from Sevenoaks to visit students in Term Four to run sample classes. This provides an opportunity for Sevenoaks staff to work with the students and teachers at Yule Brook College and Cannington Community College to build strong connections and familiarity before students start Year 11.

A key part of the transition process are the Orientation Days late next term and we are looking forward to hosting all of our new Year 11 students for 2021 during this event.

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 Covid 19

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.

Important Community Survey

As you will be aware the Minister for Education and Training, the Hon Sue Ellery MLC, recently announced a community consultation to gather the views of the local community on the current structure of public schools in the Cannington and Maddington area. There have been three community forums and there is a fact sheet and online survey on the Department of Education website (education.wa.edu.au) We encourage the College community to complete this important survey by September 15. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the College so we may assist you to complete the survey and have your say. Please be assured that student outcomes are our priority and we will continue to provide the best quality education and support for our students at this time. If you require further information on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Principal Katie Edwards on 9356 4900.

From the Principal

Katie Edwards

We were delighted to welcome visiting Year 10 students from Yule Brook College and Cannington Community College to our annual Showcase Day earlier in the term. This important day on our school calendar provides helpful insights to prospective students, including into the courses available and the vast number of opportunities on offer here at Sevenoaks Senior College. The Year 10 transition to our senior College has also been aided with the introduction of a new initiative this year, which sees our teachers visiting our main feeder schools to run special classes for future ATAR students. This program is designed to

prepare students who are keen to pursue an ATAR pathway for the academic rigour of these courses, effectively providing them with a valuable 'head start' prior to their studies officially beginning next year. Sevenoaks staff also enjoyed meeting the parents of Year 10 students who will be starting at Sevenoaks next year during an Information Session held in early August.

We commend our many students whose effort and hard work was recently recognised with their earning of Achievement and Endeavour Awards based on their Semester One academic performance and application. It was also very pleasing to reward the large number of students who achieved 100 percent attendance for the first semester with a certificate and cafe voucher; continued attendance to every zone, every day, remains vital to student success.

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.



Next term, our Year 12 students who will return only for the first week, leaving the College on Friday 16 October after enjoying a lovely farewell breakfast. The Year 12 semester two examinations will begin in week 10 on Thursday 24 September and run until Friday, 2 October during the school holidays. We wish students all the very best with their semester examinations, as well as the WACE ATAR written examinations which start on November 2. Year 12 ATAR students are encouraged to maintain motivation in completing their assessments, tests, tasks and VET units of competency. Extra support is being offered by teachers, including revision seminars and lunchtime tutoring and we commend the many students who accessed the additional help sessions ahead of OLN Round 2 recently.

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

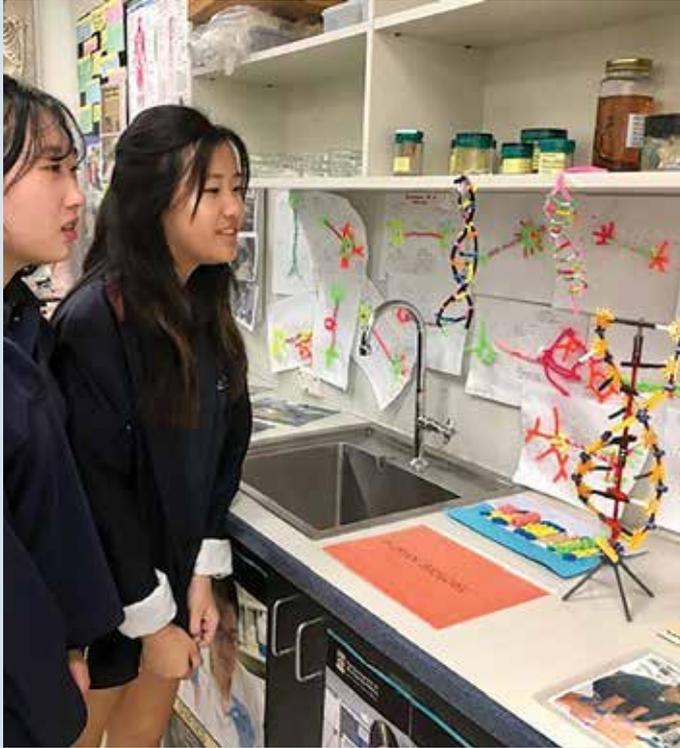
Music Excursion

Music students from both Year 11 and 12 classes recently participated in an exciting excursion to Crank Recording Studios, located in Northbridge. The excursion provided the students with a fascinating real world, authentic experience of the music industry. Additionally, the visit to the recording studios helped attendees achieve particular units of competency required as part of their courses. The students thoroughly enjoyed this immersive, interesting excursion.



Showcase Day 2020

Earlier in the term we were pleased to host Year 10 students from our main feeder schools, Cannington Community College and Yule Brook College, as part of our 2020 Showcase Day. Visiting students were welcomed to our young-adult environment by College representatives from Year 11 and 12 who enjoyed their role as guides and provided useful insights into the opportunities on offer here at Sevenoaks. Visiting Year 10 students learned about the various pathways and courses available at Sevenoaks, including new offerings in 2021 such as the ATAR Literature course. Various engaging activities invited their hands-on participation, 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 2020 was very well received by attending students and their accompanying teachers. We very much look forward to the current Year 10 students joining our College community next year.



Book Week 2020



Mid-term 3 students and staff participated in 2020 Book Week, based on the theme Curious Creatures and Wild Minds, with an entertaining, character-inspired dress up day event in recognition of the joy that reading can foster. Participants were invited to a special morning tea in the Library where a number of prizes were on offer and the shortlist of the Children's Book Council of Australia were announced. Additionally, all Advocate groups in the College competed in our annual Book Week Quiz to test their knowledge of literature. We commend the efforts of students in these Book Week activities. Their enthusiastic involvement demonstrated an appreciation of literature and an understanding of its enduring importance.

Hospitality Mocktail Functions

Sevenoaks' Hospitality students demonstrated their outstanding culinary skills during two mocktail functions this term, which contributed to the assessment requirements of the certificate course. A wide array of delicious hors d'oeuvres and a selection of non-alcoholic beverages were served during the events, which conformed strictly to Covid-19 regulations. Participating students are commended on their friendly, professional demeanour and the excellent quality of food and drinks on offer.



Volleyball Competition

On Friday the 28th of August, four College volleyball teams played at Bendat Stadium as part of the senior school volleyball competition, involving 25 different teams. Our teams were split into different pools and competed for points in a round robin event. Our students once again displayed outstanding skills and enthusiasm. It was a pleasure to see all of our student participants having so much fun and positively helping each other out to elevate the team morale. Three of our four teams qualified for the final, with our Black Division Girls and White Division Boys both winning their Grand Finals. We commend all involved on their impressive achievements and sportsmanship.



Trade Training Centre News

As part of the Trade Training Centre's career education and goal setting processes, small groups of students have recently enjoyed visits to the variety of Consortium Partners associated with the College, including GKR, Thermo King, UWF, Simcraft and AHG. The excursions typically involve students touring the facilities at these companies and exposure to a wide range of employment opportunities available in both the Metals and Automotive Industry. The College is extremely grateful to our Consortium Partners for providing the outstanding educational opportunities these excursions have proved to be.

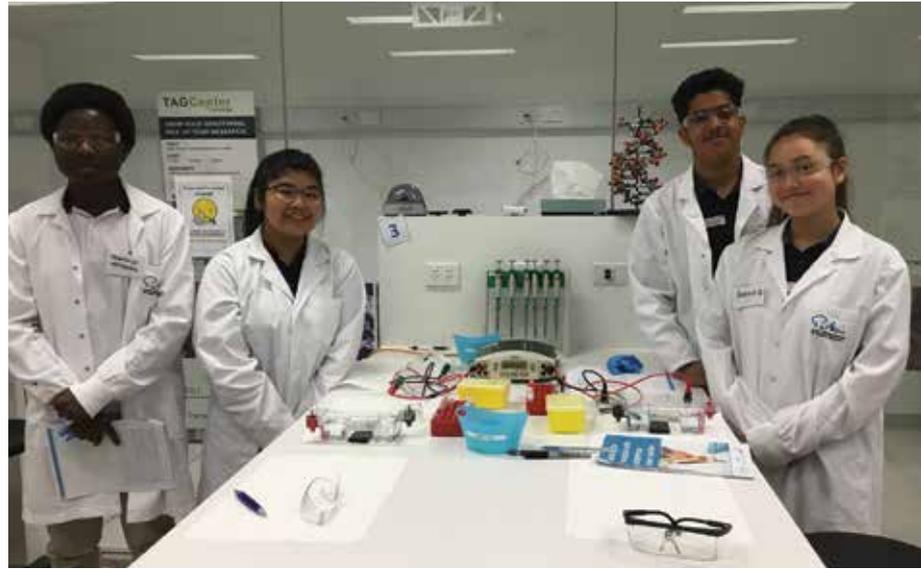
The College also extends its congratulations to Trade Training Centre alumni, Caleb Fetteroll, who has now completed his apprenticeship with Razorback and officially qualified as a boilermaker tradesman. The term of Caleb's apprenticeship was reduced on account of his impressive skills and he has accepted the role of Razorback's newest tradesman. Caleb is described by Razorback as "a highly skilled and motivated young man who came to Razorback with an already impressive skillset and attitude with his teen years spent completing a number of fabrication projects while still at school". Many of these projects were completed as part of Caleb's

involvement in the Trade Training Centre at Sevenoaks Senior College, an experience that has obviously equipped him with the specialised skills needed to succeed in his chosen industry. Razorback also reports that the company is "excited about the value he [Caleb] will add to our workshop and leadership for years to come". Sevenoaks Senior College community is very proud of Caleb's impressive achievement and we wish him every success in his exciting new role at Razorback. Caleb is pictured below, middle.



The Year 12 ATAR Human Biology classes recently visited the BioDiscovery Centre at the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research. The Sevenoaks students were guided throughout the excursion by a group of young scientists who provided valuable insights and answers to questions during the experiments. During the enlightening educational excursion, students also played the role of molecular scientists themselves, whereby they used thermocyclers and other sophisticated equipment to complete a range of complex biotech techniques. Students 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 excursion allowed good Human Biology students to make meaningful connections between their school studies and potential careers in the field of science.

Science Excursion: Harry Perkins Institute



NAIDOC Week 2020



In keeping with the national theme "Always Was, Always Will Be", NAIDOC Week 2020 was celebrated by Sevenoaks Senior College at the end of last term. Despite the challenges of social distancing, the event was recognised by students and staff as a very important opportunity to come together as a community and recognise the importance of learning about Aboriginal histories and stories.

A range of different activities were enjoyed during NAIDOC Week 2020, including didgeridoo playing, sampling of traditional foods, beading and braiding. Aboriginal teacher Kayleen Hayward also generously shared her extensive knowledge of Aboriginal history and cultures with students during classroom visits. The week was enjoyed by all who participated and we thank the many staff and students who assisted it to run so smoothly.

Science Week



Science Week was celebrated during Week 5 at the College with numerous engaging and informative activities related to the 2020 theme Deep Blue: innovations for the future of our oceans. Many classes viewed the film or trailer for Blue, an insightful documentary that explores the impact of plastics on our oceans and marine life. The Science Department and the student Guild also organised a number of competitions designed to bring attention to the need to promote sustainable oceans, including creation of ocean art sculptures from waste, a 'dress to impress' competition using plastics as the primary material for designs, an Advocacy Kahoot quiz testing student knowledge of plastics as well as a 'guess the length of fishing line' and singing bowl competition. Prizes were on offer for winners of the competitions and students embraced the activities with enthusiasm and interest.

Calendar of Events – Term 4 – 2020

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
October 1	12 Term 4 starts	13	14	15	16 Year 12 Breakfast Last Day Year 12s
2	19	20	21	22	23
3	26	27	28	29	30
November 4	2 WACE Exams start	3	4	5	6 Year 12 Presentation Ceremony (Sat 7 November)
5	9	10	11	12	13
6	16 Year 11 Exams	17 Year 11 Exams	18 Year 11 Exam	19 Year 11 Exams	20 Year 11 Exams Last Day for Year 11s WACE Exams finish
7	23	24	25	26	27
December 8	30 Year 11 ATAR Review Seminars	1 Year 11 ATAR Review Seminars	2 Year 11 ATAR Review Seminars	3	4
9	7 Year 10 Orientation	8 Year 10 Orientation	9	10	11
10	14	15	16	17	18 School Development Day

SEMESTER 2 EXAMS:

Start: Thursday 24 September
End: Friday 2 October

WACE EXAMS:

Start: Monday 2 November
End: Friday 20 November