



Presentation Ceremony

On Saturday 4 November Year 12 students attended their Presentation Ceremony held in the elegant Astral Ballroom, located within the Crown Entertainment Complex. The impressive achievements of 2017 Year 12 students were formally acknowledged by the large number of College staff, invited guests and the students' own friends and family who attended.

The prestigious College Excellence Awards, comprised of the Outstanding Achievement Award and the Dux Award, were awarded to Shealie Mullins and Aquila Bashir respectively. These students proudly accepted their awards from Doctor Marnie O'Neill.

Ten other students were the recipients of additional special awards which are issued annually to students who have consistently demonstrated a range of admirable traits during their time at the College, such as leadership skills and cultural sensitivity. The titles of these honours and the winners are detailed below.

The 2017 Year 12 student cohort are congratulated on their efforts and the community spirit they have demonstrated during their schooling at the College. They leave us with our best wishes for their future endeavours. Photos from the Presentation Ceremony can be purchased at: <http://stevesphotography.photographyorder.com>

Award	Award Recipient
Cultural Navigator Award	Nisha Sathvara
Positive Image Award	Julie-Anne Vicente
Citizenship Award	Zane Harper
Caltex All Rounder	Macauley Cunningham
Aboriginal Achievement Award	Blake Little
School Based Traineeship Award	Blake Little
Westscheme Award for Excellence in Vet Vocational Education and Training	Shealie Mullins
Kertisha Dershaw Sports Award	Damien Bennell
Caltex All Rounder (ESC) Education Support	Bradly Adamson
Westscheme Award for Excellence in VET (ESC) Vocational Education and Training	Nadia Stevens
Cummins Trade Training Centre Award	David Takiwa



Dux Award Winner: Aquila Bashir



Outstanding Achievement Award Winner: Shealie Mullins

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.



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.



Sevenoaks Senior College students are reminded that they can now enjoy the benefits of a partnership with the Cannington Community Library; well over 100 students have already taken advantage of this opportunity. As members of the Community Library, our students can access the YourTutor 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.



From the Principal

Dr Kath Partridge

Another year of achievement, learning and personal development is almost over at Sevenoaks Senior College. What a busy and rewarding year it has been! We recently celebrated the outstanding success of our Year 12 students at the prestigious Presentation Ceremony. 212 students along with dignitaries, parents, teachers and friends acknowledged our Year 12 students as they received their certificates and awards. Throughout the year students enjoyed activities such as our Harmony Day festival, the Year 12 Ball, NAIDOC celebrations, RUOK Day, United Nations excursion to Parliament House, Healthy Lunch promotions, Stay on Campus events and our

popular Sevenoaks' Got Talent. Our talented sporting teams (soccer, AFL, netball and basketball) achieved terrific results; with men's soccer and basketball achieving their best ever results!

Academically, our students have engaged in a wide range of programs and courses from Physics, Chemistry, English Literature, Psychology, Specialist Maths and Engineering to Vocational Education and Training qualifications at our 4.5 million dollar Automotive and Metals and Engineering Trade Training Centre. Teachers, advocates and staff have worked incredibly hard to ensure every student has had the chance to reach their potential. Additional support has been available through a support network that includes teacher Advocates, youth workers, a Career Coordinator, an Aboriginal teacher, Clontarf Football staff, Wirrpanda Foundation Deadly Sista Girlz staff, EALD staff and our Follow the

Dream Aboriginal support program.

We are still very busy as the term draws to a close. A large group of Year 11 students will be involved in a two week Workplace Learning placement from November 20 until December 1. Good luck to all of the students heading out into the world of work. I am really looking forward to hosting the Year 10 students from Yule Brook College and Cannington Community College as they participate in our orientation program on December 4 and 5. This is an opportunity for our teachers to get to know the students they will be teaching next year. Our program also aims to inform our incoming students about our courses and how the College operates.

2017 has been another busy and rewarding year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy, safe and peaceful holiday season. I am very much looking forward to another year, leading this dynamic and progressive College.

Deadly Sista Girlz Program

Sevenoaks Senior College has recently established a partnership with the Wirrpanda Foundation to support all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander female students at the College. The *Deadly Sista Girlz* Program aims to build pride and focus in these students through its delivery of support by strong Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander role models and mentors who offer a safe environment in which personal challenges can be discussed.

Each student participant is encouraged to engage in positive social interactions with their fellow “sistagirls” in this caring and culturally sensitive environment, thereby building their self-esteem and confidence, as well as fostering personal pride in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identity. The *Deadly Sista Girlz* program also includes five weeks of AFL football training offered to all girls at the College. We are very grateful for the support that this program and its representatives are offering so many of our female students.



Year 12 Farewell Breakfast



The important milestone of Year 12 students completing their formal classes at the College was acknowledged in Week 2 with a lovely Farewell Breakfast event. The day was a very busy one, beginning at 5.30am for some staff who are always eager to assist with the decorating of the café and the cooking of the breakfast. Gratitude is especially extended to Jeannette and Rachel in the cafe for their catering of the delicious, culturally-diverse assortment of food on offer. The farewell breakfast was another example of the vibrant, positive Sevenoaks spirit in action and served to mark a very significant occasion for our 2017 students who are excited to embark on life outside of high school.



Retiring Teachers

Two of our long standing staff members, Kath Murray and Cally Nelson, will soon be leaving us to embark on their well-deserved retirement after decades of serving the teaching profession as exemplary educators. Both Kath (below right) and Cally (below left) have worked as English teachers at College for many years and they have also fulfilled Level 3 Leadership roles; Kath, as the school’s current Program Coordinator for Teaching and Learning, and Cally in the capacity of Program Coordinator Student Outcomes and Student Services.

Kath Murray, an inaugural staff member of Sevenoaks is highly regarded for her faultless diplomacy, wonderful humour and her consistent value of the wellbeing of students above anything else. Cally Nelson’s comprehensive professional knowledge and ability to expertly cater for the individual needs of students, as well as her sociability and warm nature, are respected by the entire College community. Although Kath and Cally will be missed by students and staff alike, we wish them the very best of luck for an exciting future that they assure us will be filled with various pursuits including travel, reading and quality time spent with grandchildren. We thank them sincerely for their invaluable contributions to the College and to the teaching profession as a whole.



English Extension Classes

Year 12 students Bich Lien Vu and Aquila Bashir (pictured right), have participated throughout the year in a series of specially designed English tutorials for students across Western Australia who received outstanding Year 11 English results. Working with a specialist English tutor and other students from metropolitan and country schools across the state, Aquila and Bich explored key issues related to the ATAR English course. They described the experience as “very interesting, fun and helpful”, both expressing that the exposure to a range of different ideas helped them write better quality assessment responses that had more depth. The girls recently prepared for their WACE English exam through collaboration with some of the other students they met as part of the program and we are confident that their hard work will be rewarded once their results are released in December.



Hospitality Work Placement

Sevenoaks Senior College is constantly developing stronger links with industry through the work experience opportunities on offer as part of the Workplace Learning program. The initiative aims to provide students with authentic, ‘real life’ experience within operational contexts that foster the development of valuable work place skills in areas such as customer service, cash handling, team work and time management. Workplace Learning also helps maintain the currency of teaching staff by enabling their consistent insight to the hospitality industry. Students can even use a part time job as a component of their required work experience. For every 55 hours of work experience or paid part time employment they complete students will receive a ‘C’ grade pass which contributes to their graduation requirements. Students have been participating in the Workplace Learning program within a variety of reputable establishments such as Dome, Miss Maud, Crown and Yolanda’s Café. Students find their Workplace Learning experiences both extremely valuable and enjoyable.



Wool4School Design Competition

Wool4School is an annual student design competition for budding fashion designers, open to all Australian school students from years 7 to 12. The competition invites students to design an outfit appropriate for their favourite musician to wear on stage, using a minimum of 80% Australian Merino wool. Sevenoaks Senior College participated in the competition for the first time in 2017 and we are pleased to report two of our students, Dilara Oz and Elena Phimphan (pictured right), were named as finalists. Our talented Art teacher, Lynnelle Wilton, was also named as teacher finalist. In keeping with the brief, Elena designed an outfit appropriate to popular musician Katy Perry, while Dilara was inspired by Rhianna’s fashion sense. By showcasing wool as a versatile and fashionable material, the Wool4School competition encourages students’ innovative thinking and creative design, in keeping with The Woolmark Company’s tradition of fostering the education of future generations.



Sevenoaks and Curtin Partnership Wins Award

We are proud to announce that Sevenoaks has been acknowledged in the 2017 Curtin University Innovation Awards as being a key contributor to the project that won the Education Innovation Award. The Curtin University team, led by Associate Professor Jill Aldridge, has worked with Sevenoaks teachers and students for fourteen years in a research project to analyse the connection between students' perceptions of the learning environment in classrooms and their engagement and achievement. Program Coordinator, Teaching and Learning, Kath Murray, attended the awards celebration and is pictured right with Associate Professor Jill Aldridge holding the award, which recognised the educational value and commercial potential of the project.



English ATAR Revision Seminar

Year 12 ATAR English students recently attended a specially designed Revision Seminar on Thursday 26th October, one week prior to their WACE examination. The seminar included a range of collaborative and small group approaches as well as an opportunity to listen to and ask questions of the high achieving English students from 2016, who generously shared their 'top tips' as guest speakers. The seminar was comprised of short, engaging sessions and together with the students' own independent revision and study, consolidated the learning that has taken place within classes throughout the year and allowed students to feel confident and well prepared as they faced the WACE examination.

2018 UWA Fairway Program

The 2018 UWA Fairway Program will provide current Year 11 students with interesting insights to university life at the same time as complementing their studies at school during their final year at the College. The Fairway Program



offers students a range of fun activities and workshops, advice in applying for university courses, online tutoring as well as opportunities to make new friends and meet inspiring student mentors. Pictured left are the successful applicants to the 2018 Fairway Program.

Congratulations to Sevenoaks *Follow the Dream* students, Makirah Miller Lewis and Chloe Calyon, who each won a \$2700 Sara Halvedene Scholarship late last term. The scholarship fund, established by the Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation, is designed to assist secondary school students by allowing them to participate in opportunities which will enhance their education, leadership skills and personal development. The scholarships recognise high achievement and also help motivate those students selected to continue their good work. Makirah (pictured right) and Chloe (pictured left) submitted a high quality proposal seeking financial assistance to fund a trip to an International Netball Festival held in Lautoka, Fiji in December. As part of the cultural and humanitarian tour, the students hope to encourage participation of indigenous netball players, build positive relationships and develop the skills to mentor and coach others. Louise Teio Yarran and Shakirra Ugle have also been selected to play in the netball festival and we wish the students every success for their upcoming trip.

Aviation Careers Day



Several interested students recently attended an Aviation Careers Day at the Perth Domestic airport which allowed them to experience what it would like to work in the industry. Pictured above are some of the students who attended this valuable excursion.

Scholarship Winners



Calendar of Events – Term 1 – 2018

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jan/Feb 1	School Development Day 29	School Development Day 30	First Day for students 8:45-2:40 31	1	2
2	5	6	7	8	9
3	12	13	14	15	16
4	19	Yr 12 Guild Elections 20	Staff Meeting 21	22	Year 12 Ball 23
March 5	26	27	28	1	2
6	Labour Day Holiday 5	OLNA 6	OLNA 7	OLNA 8	OLNA 9
7	12	Year 11 Guild Elections 13	Staff Meeting 14	15	16
8	19	20	Harmony Day 21	22	23
9	26	College Board Meeting 27	Interim Report Evening P & C AGM 28	29	Easter Friday 30
April 10	Easter Monday 2	Easter Tuesday 3	4	Guild Camp 5	Guild Camp (to Sat 7 April) 6
11	9	10	11	12	13

Student School Holidays

15 December 2017 - 31 January

Open Board Meeting

21 November 3-5pm

Parents welcome