



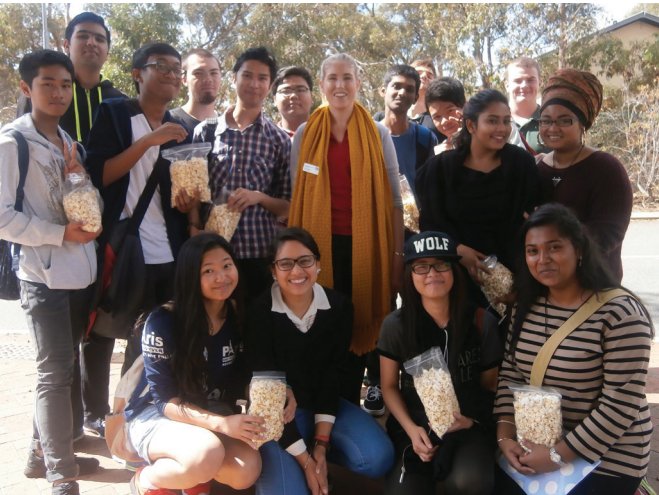
Integrated Science Excursion



As part of the Year 12 Integrated Science Unit 3 program students complete a study of ecology. Three classes attended the 15 March excursion to the Canning River Eco Education Centre (CREEC) which allowed students to observe the practical implications of these studies in ecology. This involved visiting the Kent Street Weir to compare the living (biotic) and non-living (abiotic) factors of the ecosystem and analyse how the weir has impacted upon the natural environment.

This opportunity provided students with a truly authentic learning experience, as the upstream side of the river was experiencing an algal bloom - one of the greatest negative effects of human impact which causes extensive problems including fish kill. Students measured the abiotic factors using probes (temperature, pH and salinity), turbidity tubes and phosphate test kits to identify differences in the ecosystems.

The excursion encouraged students to have a great time outdoors, actively involved in hands-on, real life science.



On the first week of the April school holidays Year 12 ATAR students were treated to a unique opportunity to experience university life during an excursion to ECU Joondalup, Murdoch, Curtin and UWA campuses.

Those who participated were provided with some personal insights delivered by university representatives and then guided through a variety of faculties including the Engineering, Health, Nursing, Business and Science Departments. Students were also invited to sample the Market Day food stalls at Murdoch as well as conduct an experiment at ECU's science lab. The excursion required the students to negotiate public transport to the universities in order to engage their sense of time and orientation.

The ATAR students were grateful for the chance to take part in such an authentic and meaningful encounter of university life; they are eagerly looking forward to joining the various university environments next year upon graduating from Sevenoaks Senior College.



Soccer Competition

Sevenoaks College has been represented by three senior teams in the 2016 Champion Schools Football (Soccer) competition throughout term two.

The first match for the Sevenoaks/Cannington girls soccer team unfortunately ended in defeat at the hands of Rehoboth College in the Round Robin Phase of the competition, while the Sevenoaks A boys team was too strong for the college B team. The Round Robin group competitions, which the boys A and B team are still involved in, will continue throughout June, after which time the Knockouts will take place, followed by the Finals and the Grand Finals in September.

All participants have demonstrated a consistently positive attitude and an impressive degree of resilience. It was also very pleasing to see such a large number of students and staff attending the matches as spectators and offering their support to the players. We look forward to continued involvement in the interschool soccer competition and wish the boys in the Sevenoaks A and B teams the best of luck for upcoming matches.

Calendar of Events – Term 3 – 2016

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July 1	18 Staff Development Day No students	19 Start of Term 3 for students	20	21	22
2	25	26	27	28 Showcase Day	29
Aug 3	1	2	3	4	5
4	8	9	10 Staff Meeting	11	12
5	15	16	17	18	19
6	22	23 TAFE Information session Yr 12 : AGs 1-20	24 Elevate Education - The Finishing Line (Yr 12)	25	26
Sept 7	29 OLNA	30 OLNA TAFE Information session Yr 12 : AGs 21-41	31 OLNA Elevate Education (Yr 11)	1 OLNA	2 OLNA
8	5	6	7 Staff Meeting	8	9
9	12	13	14	15	16
10	19	20	21	22	23

Year 12 Semester 2 Exams

Exams will take place in the school holidays.

Exams commence : Wednesday 28th September

Exams conclude : Tuesday 4th October

Semester 1 Report Night

29th June
3pm - 6pm
Please attend for report collection and teacher interviews



Sevenoaks Senior College

Newsletter

JUNE 2016

Anzac Day 2016

The Sevenoaks College community recognises and appreciates the enormous sacrifices and strong patriotic spirit associated with the ANZACs and was particularly proud to be represented by James Hall (Head Boy) and Mary Macdonald (Head Girl) at the City of Canning ANZAC service.



The solemn, respectful occasion was held at the new City of Canning War Memorial and Civic Amphitheatre. The service involved representatives from many facets of the larger community, including political and public figures as well as local organisations and schools. James and Mary laid a wreath at the war memorial recognising 100 years of ANZAC Day commemorations.

Lest We Forget.

Workplace Learning Deadly Induction

On Tuesday 05 April 2016, Aboriginal students were invited to attend a session titled "Deadly Induction" involving a range of entertaining and engaging guest speakers who shared positive stories of workplace learning and the value of employment.

Kayleen Hayward provided the "Welcome to Country" and then two ex-students, Trevor Armstrong and Jasmyn Yavu-Kama, shared their own experiences of workplace learning with our current students who will soon embark on the same journey.

Both guest speakers are now in paid employment and were able to powerfully impart the importance and value of working. Students were also provided with the perspective of two employers who explained what to expect in the workplace and what specific qualities employers are seeking. The event continued with a discussion about types of work programs and available support agencies.



Vince Casey from SMYL discussed support offered to students both during their schooling as they work to achieve Aboriginal School Based Traineeships as well as post-college. Students also gained invaluable advice from Kayleen Hayward about some of the obstacles that they may face, such as getting to work experience promptly, and how potential problems can be effectively resolved.

The induction was a resounding success. The session was very well-attended and the audience members reported that they found all of the discussions and real-life scenarios that were covered to be interesting, motivational and informative.

University Open Days

These days are opportunities for parents and students to visit the university campuses, talk to the relevant staff representing various faculties of study and gain a meaningful insight into campus life. The open days serve as a very valuable experience that will contribute significantly to the students' preparation for their university applications in August and September.

Please refer to the dates, venues and times listed below as a guide or seek advice from the Careers Co-ordinator, Brenda Earl, for more information.

Sunday 17 July	ECU Joondalup	10am-3pm
Sunday 24 July	MURDOCH	10am-4pm
Sunday 31 July	CURTIN	10am-4pm

Sunday 14 August	ECU Mount Lawley	10am-3pm
Sunday 14 August	UWA	10am-4pm
Sunday 21 August	University of Notre Dame	10am-3pm

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Paying your child's fees and charges

Here are some options to help you make the decision on 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 payments for your child.



Alternatively, you can contact the College to make a payment and also register your credit card details to set up regular payments until your child's fees are paid in full. Acceptable credit cards are:



Option 3: You can pay by EFT: Electronic Funds Transfer

BSB: 066 134 Account: 10208973
Account Name: Sevenoaks Senior College
Reference: Please use your child's name

For other options, see College Website: www.Sevenoaks.wa.edu.au

Wayne Lyon Scholarship

The College is the benefactor of a major scholarship for students. The Wayne Lyon Memorial Scholarship provides two students with a \$1000 scholarship each year. One scholarship is for a student who has an active interest in the environment in the Canning region and the second is for the continuance of education.

These generous scholarships are available to Sevenoaks Senior College students for 20 years. Recently, the two recipients of this scholarship were introduced to Mrs Tracy Lyon who presented each student with their scholarship.

The successful scholarship winners are Gobezie Adanew and Mary Macdonald.



ParentNight Barbeque

For the second consecutive year, the Certificate II English as an Additional Language (EAL) students hosted a barbeque for those parents who attended the Progress Report Evening. Like last year when the event was first successfully launched, parents, teachers and students enjoyed dining on an authentic Australian barbeque buffet as well as sampling some of the delicious international offerings provided by students who wanted to share food from their home countries.

The event proved to be another wonderful opportunity for the school community to unite and celebrate the diversity and multicultural nature of the college as well as to discuss academic achievement, in keeping with the purpose of the evening to report on student progress in specific subjects.

Once again, the EAL barbeque resulted in a very pleasing turn out. Over 30% of the students at Sevenoaks come from non-English speaking backgrounds and the event provided a relaxed and enjoyable environment for teachers, students and their parents to interact.



Ukelele Lessons

Sevenoaks Senior College students were excited to be given the chance to play the ukulele when Ms Karen Wallis, a new EAL/D teaching staff member in 2016, showcased her unique musical ability using the instrument during a demonstration and practice session on Harmony Day.

As a result of enthusiastic student interest, Ms Wallis now runs a regular Wednesday lunchtime lesson. Those who are keen to learn more or to receive specialised, personal guidance from Ms Wallis are encouraged to attend the free lessons held at the beginning of Wednesday lunchtimes at the front of the school.

Please note that places are limited and that future plans include more experienced students coaching those who join at a later date.



2016 Guild Camp



The annual Guild Camp was held late in term one at Manjedal Scout Camp near Byford. The purpose of the camp was to allow the newly elected Year 11 and 12 Student Guild members to bond as a group and to develop strong leadership and team working skills.

The students were required to face their fears by tackling the challenging high ropes, flying fox and commando course. A range of trust-based activities that took place within the natural bush environment and the daily task of food preparation also encouraged students to recognise the importance of collaborative efforts when working towards a common goal.

As in previous years, the Guild Camp was very successful and provided those students who attended with a highly valuable and enjoyable learning experience.



Extra homework help in 2016 for students – no travel, no appointments.

Next time your child gets stuck during homework or study, don't let it turn into an argument. You have free access to a huge network of expert teachers and tutors, online, on-demand, with the school's YourTutor service.

Connect to a live expert 3pm-10pm for real-time help with maths, English, the sciences and more. Or your child can upload a draft assignment any time and get personal expert feedback, to help them make it their own best work.

We are continuing to provide access to YourTutor throughout 2016 to help with after-hours study, for confidence, support for parents, and learning improvement with the support of Curtin University.

The YourTutor service is currently open 7 days a week, including Saturdays (12pm-9pm AEST), to help our students with all their after-hours homework questions.

Students can receive their activation code from the College Library

Unlock your child's account now at yourtutor.com.au/start



From the Principal

Dr Kath Partridge



We are midway through term 2 and ATAR students are busy studying for their upcoming examinations. Foundation and General Year 12 students have completed compulsory Externally Set Tasks set by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA). Our semester one report evening is on June 29. Parents and carers are invited to the College to collect reports from 3.00 pm until 6.00 pm. Teachers will be available to meet with parents and carers to discuss students' progress in each course. I urge you to come along.

I am delighted that so many Year 11 and Year 12 students have taken the opportunity to attend our Wednesday afternoon University Pathways as well as Elevate study support sessions. These sessions are very useful for ATAR students seeking to develop effective study and examination skills.

Students have received their OLNA results with some students yet to achieve stage 3 in writing, reading and numeracy. They will have another opportunity to sit the OLNA in September and teachers will be working hard to support them.

At the end of this year our Year 12 students will receive either the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) or the Western Australian Statement of Achievement (WASSA). The requirements for the WACE are on the College website. For those students who do not meet all of the requirements

of the WACE, the WASSA will be provided to show their progress. The WASSA is issued to all Year 12 students at the completion of their secondary schooling. It is a formal record of courses completed and grades achieved. Advocate teachers will be able to tell Year 12 students if they are on track for a WACE as well as a WASSA.

This term, our sporting teams are enjoying mixed success with both the boys and girls soccer teams putting in spirited performances on the pitch. Our AFL team has made it to the finals and we are very hopeful that they can bring home the trophy. We are very proud of all of our students who are enjoying the opportunity to participate and challenge themselves.

I am available and happy to meet and speak with parents and care givers most days so please feel free to make an appointment to see me.