



2019 Presentation Ceremony

On November 9, the Year 12 Presentation Ceremony was held in the elegant Astral Ballroom located within the Crown Entertainment Complex. This formal event allowed the entire Sevenoaks Senior College community, including special guest dignitaries and students' family and friends, to acknowledge the diverse achievements of the 2019 Year 12 students.

The highly prestigious College Excellence Awards, which are comprised of the Outstanding Achievement Award for the top VET/General student and the Dux Award for the highest performing ATAR student, were presented to Michelle Galvin and Smriti Singh by Dr Marnie O'Neill. A number of other special awards were also awarded to the students who have consistently demonstrated numerous admirable skills and personal traits during their time at Sevenoaks, such as cultural sensitivity and the capacity for strong leadership. The names of these special award winners and the specific titles of these honours are detailed below. A special feature focusing on the recipients of the special awards is also included within the foldout of this newsletter.

We extend our congratulations to the 2019 Year 12 student cohort on reaching such a significant milestone - the completion of some 13 years of formal schooling. We wish them the very best for their future endeavours.

Photos are available for purchase from Bliss Studios. Instructions on how to view the photos can be found on the College website.

Special College Awards:

Citizenship Award : Savannah Smith Watson
Caltex All Rounder : Son-Thai (Jack) Le
Positive Image Award : Shane Tido
Aboriginal Achievement Award: Rebekah Delaney
Cultural Navigator Award : Carols Fobizi
Cummins Trade Training Centre Award : Nicolas Chapman
BG&E ATAR Aboriginal Student Award: Rebekah Delaney
School Based Traineeship Award: Michaela Mort
Kertisha Dershaw Sports Award : Connor Whitely
AustralianSuper Award for Excellence in VET Award :
Michaela Mort
Caltex All Rounder (Ed Support): Nicholas Fuller
AustralianSuper Award for Excellence in VET (Ed Support):
Panthi Patel



Dux Award Winner: Smriti Singh
Highest Achieving ATAR student



Outstanding Achievement Award Winner:
Michelle Galvin
Highest Achieving VET/General Student

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.

P & C: New Members Welcome!

Do you think you can contribute?

The first P & C Annual General Meeting of 2020 will take place during Progress Report Evening on April 8, between 3:30 and 4:30. We encourage new members to join the P&C, where the best interests of your children are prioritised.

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 Principal

Dr Kath Partridge

As the end of 2019 nears, it is worth reflecting on the many events, achievements and opportunities provided to students here at Sevenoaks Senior College. We welcomed new Vice Principal, Ms Katie Edwards, to the College at the start of the year and she has brought with her many exceptional leadership and organisational skills which have benefitted the entire Sevenoaks community. As has been the case in previous years, a wide range of engaging activities have been on offer, all of them designed to promote meaningful participation in College life while fostering a cohesive community spirit.

2019 has also focussed on academic rigour through the implementation of numerous initiatives to support student progress and success. These include lunchtime tutoring and extra-help classes, ATAR Revision Seminars, small-group OLN preparation sessions and access to online practice tests. An Information Evening is scheduled for February 19 next year, where the WACE requirements will be explained to parents of ATAR students.

The College has continued to provide additional support to students' holistic health through an experienced group of experts, including tertiary trained Youth Workers, school nurse, school psychologist, a full-time Career Coordinator, an Aboriginal teacher, Clontarf Football staff, Wirrapunda Foundation staff and our highly acclaimed Follow the Dream Aboriginal support program. In 2019, teachers capitalised on numerous opportunities for professional growth and reflection by participating in fortnightly Try it out Tuesday meetings, College research and our Collegiate Observation program.

We proudly celebrated the outstanding success

of our Year 12 students at the recent Presentation Ceremony held at the Crown Entertainment Complex. Over 200 students from Sevenoaks and Cannington Education Support Centre attended this important event acknowledging the milestone of completing their formal schooling as well as their diverse individual achievements. The Presentation Ceremony was also attended by many special dignitaries, parents, teachers and friends who enjoyed the opportunity to collectively congratulate the Year 12 students as they received their certificates and awards. The Clontarf Academy Awards Night was also a well-attended, celebratory occasion which allowed staff and students' families, carers and friends to acknowledge the many achievements of Clontarf members.

2019 has been a terrific year at Sevenoaks Senior College and I urge staff and students to reflect on their own personal achievements and to set new goals for the forthcoming year. It is pleasing to note that our College enrolments for 2020 are strong and that vacancies in the Automotive and Metals and Engineering Courses within the Trade Training Centre are filling fast. I wish everyone a very safe, happy and peaceful holiday season.

Year 12 ATAR Revision Seminars



After formal classes finished at the beginning of the term, Year 12 ATAR students and their teachers remained focussed on thoroughly preparing for the high-stakes WACE examinations held throughout November. This involved the delivery of numerous subject-specific seminars which allowed for the important content to be revised. Sevenoaks alumni who graduated in 2018 were also asked back to the College to talk about their own experiences with current students during the seminars and to share their useful advice about how to best prepare for the high-pressure examinations. Students expressed that they found the revision seminars very beneficial to their studies.

Shout Out Guest Speakers

Sevenoaks students recently benefited from the 1 Country - 100 Cultures project, overseen by the Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia, which funds free *Shout Out* speaking engagements delivered to public schools. *Shout Out* seeks to redress the balance of young people's stories by presenting their experiences to audiences that may not usually have the chance to hear or access them.

Two guest speakers from refugee backgrounds delivered their engaging and thought-provoking perspective to our Year 12 ATAR students as way of complementing their study of Richard Flanagan's moving text *Notes on an Exodus* studied in English classes. The students unanimously reported that they found the *Shout Out* presentation to be extremely valuable, inspirational and educational.

Clontarf Academy Awards Night

The Annual Awards Night for the Clontarf Academy was held mid-term and provided a chance to formally recognise the many achievements of students. The successful event was very well attended by supportive teachers, family and friends. Several Clontarf Academy Alumni from previous years also attended the night and we appreciate their valuable time. Sevenoaks Senior College congratulates the members from the Academy for representing themselves so well and for delivering some heartfelt acceptance speeches.



Book Week 2019

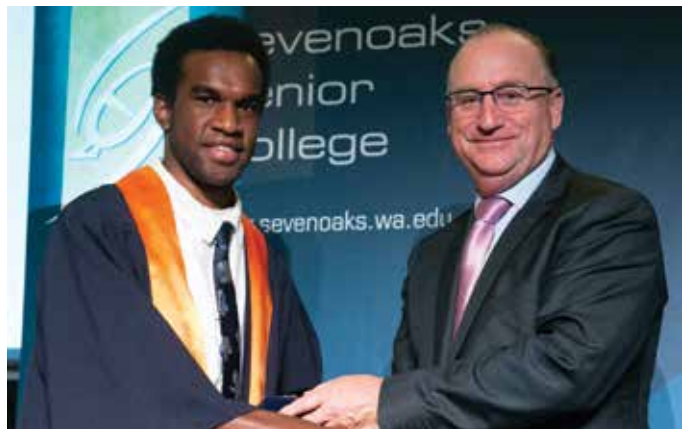
Sevenoaks Senior College celebrated Book Week this year with a fantastic character inspired dress-up event, in which both students and staff enthusiastically participated. Those who dressed up attended a special morning tea in the Library where a number of door prizes were on offer and the national winners of the Children's Book Council

of Australia (CBCA) Book Week were announced. Several entertaining book trailers produced by Year 12 Foundation English classes were showcased at the morning tea and all Advocate groups were invited to participate in our annual Book Week Quiz. Congratulations to the many students who so eagerly contributed to the spirit of Book Week which fosters a passion for reading that we wholeheartedly support here at College.





Savannah Smith Watson (above) won the Citizenship Award for being a consistently positive role model for students and participating frequently in community based activities. Savannah, whose poetry was recently published in the Primo Lux anthology, is looking forward to keeping busy busy with full time work commitments.



Shane Tido (above) won the Positive Image Award for his work in promoting a positive image of young people both within the College itself and the wider community. Shane hopes to attend Swinburne University to complete a double Bachelor degree in Aviation and Business.



2019 Year 12 Special College Award Winners

Connor Whitely (below) was the worthy recipient of the Kertisha Dershaw Sports Award in 2019 for his participation at a high level in both school and community sport. We wish Connor all the best as he now pursues further basketball studies and opportunities in the USA.



Both the Aboriginal Achievement Award and the new BG&E ATAR Aboriginal Student Award went to Rebekah Delaney (above). During her time at Sevenoaks, Rebekah has demonstrated a committed work ethic and was the highest achieving Aboriginal student studying an ATAR course. Rebekah is pursuing a Bachelor of Science at the University of Western Australia.



The Caltex All Rounder Award recipient was Head Boy, Son-Thai (Jack) Le. Jack (above) showed outstanding commitment to his school studies and the wider College community during his time with us. Jack now intends to study for a Bachelor of Technology (Motor Sports) at Edith Cowan University.



Carols Fobizi (below) was the recipient of Cultural Navigator Award for her outstanding conduct and her active role in sharing her cultural knowledge and interests with members of the broader school community. Carols now hopes to complete a Bachelor of Science (Nursing) at Curtin University.



Michaela Mort (above) is commended for her efforts in securing both the School Based Traineeship Award and the Australian Super Award for Excellence in VET Award. Michaela demonstrated a very high level of commitment to her School Based Traineeship and achieved excellent results. Michaela intends to complete an OnTrack Enabling Course at Murdoch University.

Nicolas Chapman (above) was awarded the Cummins Trade Training Centre Award for his excellent results in the field of Metals and Engineering studies. Nicolas will now complete a TAFE Certificate II in Engineering (Heavy Fabrication).





R U OK? Day

Students keenly participated in the annual R U OK? Day in mid-September, an annual event which aims to raise awareness about mental health and the importance of offering other emotional support. Students and staff are encouraged to ask each other “Are you okay?” on this and every day, as a way of extending compassion and empathy to those who may be experiencing personal challenges. The Student Guild helped to organise numerous activities and staff also assisted in bringing attention to this worthy cause by wearing bright yellow t-shirts. The activities on R U OK? Day included taking selfies with props and writing positive mental health messages on post-it notes. Sevenoaks is a recognised Mentally Healthy School, which promotes the national Act-Belong-Commit message.

Career & Enterprise Mock Interviews

Over the course of one week in early September some 74 Year 12 Career and Enterprise students participated in a mock interview with a Recruitment Officer, Mr Gavan Ellis. This authentic experience, often regarded as the pinnacle of the course, is designed to provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate all their knowledge and skills acquired over the duration of the course, as well as engage in discussion of their community and workplace involvement. The interviews, which are video-recorded for future review, form an important part of the formal assessment requirements of the Career and Enterprise course and allow students to display their personal portfolios of achievements. The students are commended on their impeccable personal presentation and professional approach to the mock interviews.



Sevenoaks' Got Talent Fundraiser



The varied and impressive talents of Sevenoaks students were on full display during the annual *Sevenoaks' Got Talent* fundraising event held at the end of last term. Numerous dance, singing and musical performances entertained the enthusiastic audience of students and staff. The show promoted the positive spirit of the College in true Sevenoaks style and much fun was had by all. Congratulations to Carols Fobizi, Wendy Buhari and Yordanos Gebru who were named the overall winners with their fantastic dance routine. We thank the 2019 Student Guild for their organisation of such a positive event, which raised \$450 for Be My Koorda (Noongar for “Be my friend/brother”), a parent-run support group for Aboriginal families who have children with autism and/or other disabilities.

Calendar of Events – Term 1 – 2020

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jan/Feb	27	28	29	School Development Day 30 No students	School Development Day 31 No students
Feb 1	School starts for students 3	4	5	6	7
2	10	11	12	13	14
3	17	18	Parent Information Evening (for ATAR students) 19	20	Year 12 Ball Year 11 WPL Induction 21
4	24	Year 12 Student Guild Elections 25	Staff Meeting 26	27	28
March 5	Labour Day Holiday 2	OLNA 3	OLNA Year 12 - Elevate 4	OLNA 5	OLNA 6
6	OLNA 9	10	11	12	13
7	16	Year 11 Student Guild Elections Board Meeting 17	Harmony Day Festival 18	19	20
8	23	24	Staff Meeting 25	26	27
April 9	30	31	1	2	3
10	6	7	Progress Report Evening -3-6pm P&C AGM 3:30-4:30 pm 8	9	Good Friday 10

Student School Holidays

20 December 2019- 3 February 2020
School Starts for students : Monday Feb 3 2020

Board Meeting

17 March 2020