

ATAR Revision Seminars

During Week 3, Year 12 ATAR students returned to the College to attend important Revision Seminars designed to refocus them on the skills and knowledge required for the high-stakes WACE examinations in November. The subject-specific seminars allowed students to consolidate their understanding of important content covered during the year as part of their study of ATAR courses. 2019 Sevenoaks alumni came back to the College to generously share their own insights and experiences with current students. Attendees at the revision seminars reported that they found the sessions very helpful.



R U OK? Day

In September, students enthusiastically participated in lunchtime and recess activities designed to raise awareness about the importance of mental health during the annual R U OK? Day. The national event, which is marked by wearing bright yellow t-shirts, encourages students and staff to ask each other "Are you Okay?" and to continue the conversation as a way of demonstrating care and compassion toward those who may be experiencing personal challenges. Various activities engaged students in this important initiative, including writing each other kind messages on post-it notes and being photographed in friendship groups in our specially themed photo booth. The College is grateful to the Student Guild who helped to run these activities.

CBCA Book Week 2020



The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Book Week fosters a passion for reading that we support here at Sevenoaks Senior College. In 2020, the initiative's theme 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds' was celebrated with a dress-up day event. Students and staff enjoyed showcasing some of the literary characters featured in their favourite books.

A special morning tea in the Library was held for those who had dressed up. Door prizes were on offer and students and teachers participated in a challenging literary competition that was enjoyed by all. We are proud of the many students who enthusiastically participated in CBCA Book Week 2020.

Clontarf Academy Annual Awards Night

Recently, the many achievements of students from the Clontarf Academy were formally recognised at the Annual Awards Night. The well attended event provided teachers, family, friends, business partners and community members the chance to celebrate the 2020 successes of the Clontarf Academy. Attendees particularly enjoyed hearing the moving speeches of students. Sevenoaks Senior College congratulates the members from the Academy on their impressive achievements this year.



Calendar of Events – Term 1 – 2021

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jan	25	26	27	28 School Development Day No students	29 School Development Day No students
Feb 1	1 School starts for all students	2	3	4	5
2	8	9	10	11	12
3	15	16	17 Parent Information Evening (for ATAR students)	18	19 Year 12 Ball
4	22	23 Year 12 Student Guild Elections	24	25	26
March 5	1 Labour Day Holiday	2 OLNA	3 OLNA	4 OLNA	5 OLNA
6	8 OLNA	9	10	11	12
7	15	16 Year 11 Student Guild Elections Board Meeting	17 Harmony Day Festival	18	19
8	22	23	24	25	26
April 9	29	30	31 Progress Report Evening -3-6pm P&C AGM 3:30-4:30 pm	1	2 Good Friday

End of Year School Holidays

18 December 2020 - 31 January 2021
Term 1 school starts for students : Monday Feb 1 2021

End of Term One School Holidays

2 April - 18 April



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2020 Presentation Ceremony

On Saturday November 7, the 2020 Year 12 Presentation ceremony was held at Curtin University Stadium. This important occasion allowed students' family and friends, alongside College staff, to celebrate the impressive academic achievements of Year 12 students. The Outstanding Achievement Award and the Dux Award, were presented to Kiera Lee-Baker and Muneira Jibril respectively by our Board Chair and Deputy Chair, Dr Marnie O'Neill and Mr Grant Morgan. In addition to these celebrated Excellence Awards, several special awards were presented to students who consistently demonstrated admirable qualities during their senior schooling. The recipients of these special honours are as follows.

Citizenship Award : Sarah Osborne
Caltex All Rounder : Mohammad Saif Kaimkhani
Positive Image Award : John Sarana
Aboriginal Achievement Award: Haylie Raven
Cultural Navigator Award : Matthew Harris
Cummins Trade Training Centre Award : Nathan Baker
BG&E ATAR Aboriginal Student Award : Matthew Harris
School Based Traineeship Award : Regine Kaye Ramos
Kertisha Dershaw Sports Award : Christian Banagbanag
Caltex All Rounder (Ed Support): Katie Usher
ESC VET Endeavour Award 2020: Hugo Hendrawan
AustralianSuper Award for Excellence in VET: Regine Kaye Ramos



Dux Award Winner:
Highest Achieving ATAR student
Muneira Jibril



Outstanding Achievement Award Winner:
Highest Achieving VET/General Student
Kiera-Lee Baker

The 2020 Year 12 student cohort is commended on their resilience and determination to complete their formal schooling during what has been a challenging year. We congratulate them on reaching such a significant milestone and wish them all the very best for the future. Photos are available for purchase from Bliss Studios. Instructions on how to view the photos can be found on the College website.

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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 2021 will take place during Progress Report Evening on March 31 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/sevenoaksssenior>
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

Katie Edwards

While 2020 has been a year of challenges, it is well worth reflecting on the many instances of success that we have witnessed here at Sevenoaks Senior College. We are proud of the achievements of all of our students, but the resilience of the Year 12s in the face of uncertainty caused by the global pandemic is particularly noteworthy. Students have continued to apply themselves to their studies and the achievement of personal goals. The relative safety of Western Australia has enabled our Year 12 students to enjoy significant College milestones such as the School Ball, Sevenoaks' Got Talent and the Presentation Ceremony in 2020. Moreover, the restrictions imposed on some other parts of the country and internationally have highlighted just how important our school community is; indeed, many students have

a new appreciation of how Sevenoaks Senior College and its staff provides much more than an excellent education – it also provides opportunities for friendship, social connection and access to support networks.

We recently celebrated the successes of our 2020 Year 12 students at the Presentation Ceremony held at Curtin Stadium. This important event was attended by over 200 students from Sevenoaks and Cannington Education Support Centre, as well as their caregivers, family and special dignitaries. The diverse individual achievements of students were acknowledged at the event, which saw students receive their certificates and awards. The Clontarf Academy Awards Night was also an enjoyable and well-attended occasion which allowed Sevenoaks staff and students' families, carers and friends to formally acknowledge the many achievements of Clontarf members.

In 2020, the College has continued to focus on the holistic health of students through such initiatives as the Being a Young Adult Advocacy program, a Wellness Expo and the

provision of an experienced group of experts, including Youth Workers, a school nurse, a school psychologist, a full-time Career Coordinator, an Aboriginal teacher, Wirrapunda Foundation staff and our highly acclaimed Follow the Dream Aboriginal support program. Students have participated enthusiastically in the many opportunities and activities on offer at the College throughout 2020, such as NAIDOC Week celebrations, Book Week and R U Okay? Day. Teachers have also extended their professional knowledge considerably throughout the year. During the brief period when students were required to work from home, teachers focussed on extending their ICT skills and developing other methods of delivering course content so that no students were disadvantaged.

I encourage students and staff to reflect on their own personal achievements and successes in 2020. We are hopeful that 2021 will see a return to normality, both internationally and at a local level. We certainly look forward to a productive and rewarding year here at Sevenoaks Senior College. I wish everyone a very safe, happy and peaceful holiday season.



Sarah Osborne (above) won the Citizenship Award for being a consistently positive role model for students and participating frequently in community based activities. Sarah is looking forward to studying a Bachelor BioMedical Science at Curtin University.



John Sarana (above) won the Positive Image Award for his work promoting a positive image of young people within the College itself and the wider community. John will be studying for a Bachelor Science Nursing at Edith Cowan University in 2021.

2020 Year 12 Special College Award Winners



Christian Banagbanag (below) was the worthy recipient of the Kertisha Dershaw Sports Award in 2020 for his participation at a high level in both school and community sport. We wish Christian all the best as he now pursues a double degree in Bachelor Criminology and Bachelor Science at Murdoch University.



The Caltex All Rounder Award recipient was Head Boy, Mohammad Saif Kaimkhani (above) who showed outstanding commitment to his school studies and the wider College community during his time with us. Saif now intends to study a Bachelor Science/Master Professional Engineering-Direct Pathway at the University of Western Australia.

The Cultural Navigator Award and the BG&E ATAR Aboriginal Student Award went to Matthew Harris (above). During his time at Sevenoaks, Matthew has demonstrated a committed work ethic and was the highest achieving Aboriginal student studying an ATAR course. Matthew is pursuing a Bachelor Arts at the University of Western Australia.



Haylie Raven (below) was the recipient of the Aboriginal Achievement Award for her consistently excellent results and committed work ethic in a general program. Haylie now hopes to secure full time employment.



Nathan Baker (above) was awarded the Cummins Trade Training Centre Award for his excellent results in the automotive field. Nathan will now complete a TAFE Certificate II Pre-Apprenticeship in Heavy Vehicle Servicing.



Regine Kaye Ramos (above) is commended for her efforts in securing both the School Based Traineeship Award and the AustralianSuper Award for Excellence in VET Award. Regine demonstrated a high level of commitment to her School Based Traineeship and achieved excellent results. She will complete an On-Track Enabling course at Murdoch University.



Wellness Expo

For the first time ever, Sevenoaks Senior College hosted a Wellbeing Expo at the end of last term. The Wellbeing Expo was designed to draw attention to the importance of physical, mental and emotional health. The week-long event was a huge success, with many students participating in the varied activities on offer, including making a healthy smoothie using pedal power, practising self-care at the manicure pampering station, preparing a nutritious breakfast bowl, making an aromatherapy bag and creating crafts. Students also learnt about the many services available that will support them to maintain good health, with personal trainers from Leisureplex delivering high-energy exercise classes



and organisations such as Headspace and MercyCare overseeing engaging lunchtime activities. Representatives from the City of Gosnells and City of Canning youth teams, along with Helping Minds, Mission Australia and The Freedom Centre, also visited the College to talk with students about the importance of holistic health and wellbeing. Overall, the Wellness Expo proved to be a huge success.

Sevenoaks' Got Talent Fundraiser

The impressive natural talents of our students were showcased during the annual fundraising event Sevenoaks' Got Talent late last term. Numerous performances displayed the students' dancing, singing, and musical abilities. As always, the event proved to be very entertaining and was enjoyed by all who attended, including a representative from Chatime, the official sponsor of the event. The Student Guild are thanked for organising the successful event, which raised a significant donation for the Wheelchairs for Kids charity.



Year 12 Farewell Breakfast

The Year 12s celebrated the end of their formal classes with a delicious farewell breakfast event catered for by teachers and Hospitality staff. Students appreciated the impressive selection of food on offer at the breakfast, as well as the

opportunity to connect with their peers and teachers in a relaxed, high-spirited environment. The farewell breakfast was a significant occasion for our Year 12 students, marking the official end of their time on campus.

