



## BG&E Inaugural Scholarships

One thousand dedicated corporate, government and not-for-profit organisations have formally committed to the reconciliation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures through the Australian Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) program started in 2006. The RAP program provides a framework for organisation to advance reconciliation within their spheres of influence. BG&E are a Perth based global engineering company that have very generously included in their RAP a number of scholarships for Year 11 and 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students here at Sevenoaks Senior College.

Congratulations to Matthew Harris, Tenika Gazeley and Rebekah Delaney who are the inaugural recipients of a BG&E \$500 scholarship awarded to them in recognition of their impressive attendance record, strong work ethic and a focused commitment to their studies and career goals. BG&E have also provided to the College a single \$500 prize to be awarded to the highest academic achieving ATAR Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student at the completion of their Year 12 studies. Finally, BG&E have seen fit to provide a very generous scholarship to an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student who completes Year 12 and chooses tertiary studies at a recognised university or TAFE. The value of the scholarship is \$5000 (excluding GST) per annum for a maximum period of five consecutive, successful academic years.

The student who is awarded this prestigious scholarship will be studying in the engineering (or related fields), environmental science, commerce/business administration. A STEM related qualification may also be considered if the previous areas of study have not been selected. We are delighted to have formed a very strong and positive relationship with BG&E and we look forward to working with Simon Shaw (Executive Director BG&E) and his team as part of their reconciliation journey, who are pictured below with some of the Sevenoaks Aboriginal student dancers on Harmony Day.



## Follow the Dream News

Students from the *Follow the Dream* program recently attended a performance of the play *Bindjareb Pinjarra* by the Ilbijerri Theatre Company. The play is an historical account of the Pinjarra Massacre which occurred on October 28, 1834. Through the use of humour and a combination of both contemporary and historical themes, the audience were guided through some challenging and confronting aspects of the Australian context. One of the cast, Ian Wilkes, a Noongar actor and member of the theatre company, is an alumnus of the Sevenoaks *Follow the Dream* program, a point which proved particularly inspirational to our students watching the play as audience members. Attending students were also fortunate enough to meet Lisa Rodgers, the Director General of the Department of Education Western Australia, at the performance (pictured left).



## 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.

## 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.

# Studiosity

Sevenoaks Senior College students are reminded that they can now enjoy the benefits of a partnership with the Cannington Community Library; many students have already taken advantage of this opportunity. As members of the Community Library, our students can access the *Studiosity* service, which provides online tutoring for students studying ATAR courses. Online membership which allows students to use *Studiosity* can be accessed via the notices on Connect. We encourage all students to take advantage of this fantastic chance to work in close collaboration with such a well-resourced facility.

## 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.



## From the Principal

Dr Kath Partridge



This week was Reconciliation Week (May 27–June 3). Reconciliation Week focuses on strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-indigenous peoples for the benefit of all Australians. The vision of reconciliation in Australia is based on and measured in five dimensions: historical acceptance, race relations, equality and equity, institutional integrity and unity.

On May 29, at the swearing in of our new federal government, the Honourable Ken Wyatt, a Perth Noongar elder, was sworn in as the Minister for Indigenous Australians; this was an historical event as Ken Wyatt is the first ever Aboriginal man to take on this incredibly important role for his people and the people of Australia; fittingly, this occurred during Reconciliation Week. On July 2 Sevenoaks will celebrate NAIDOC Week where our entire community will participate in activities to acknowledge the achievements, history and culture of our Aboriginal students. This year's NAIDOC theme is VOICE, TREATY and TRUTH.

I am delighted to announce that Sevenoaks Senior College has been recognised for its advanced and innovative STEM practices, being named as one of the Western Australian Department of Education's STEM Pioneer Schools. Our College will benefit not only from additional funding, but teachers will also have access to high level professional development in the STEM area. Our College STEM program is already immersed with

Engineering and Science students working to develop and operate drones, robots, 3D printers in collaboration with Metals and Engineering students and staff accessing our outstanding Trade Training Centre facilities. We are very proud to be recognised and hopeful that our STEM engagement will continue to grow and provide our students with fantastic career opportunities.

Many students have enjoyed participating in the sports on offer this term. Our men's and women's soccer teams and the Sevenoaks AFL team have been involved in after school competition and our Wirrapunda Deadly Sista Girlz AFL team, made up of Yule Brook College and Sevenoaks students, have also enjoyed playing games against other teams.

The 2018 Sevenoaks Senior College Annual report is available on our College website and a hard copy can be collected from the College reception area. I am available to meet with parents and students. Please feel free to make an appointment at the College reception.

# Student Achievements

## Environmental Clean-Up Action

Akesha Murrhy-Jones, in Year 11, is a keen and capable scuba diver who was recently part of a volunteer dive group that helped clean up Fremantle Harbour in early May. Tonnes of rubbish from Perth's waterways were retrieved in the process, including such unexpected items as batteries, tyres, commercial waste and power tools. Akesha was part of a clean-up crew comprised of nearly 200 divers and 100 volunteers on land.

The clean-up effort formed part of an annual event going back six years, with previous clean-ups in Hillarys Marina, the Swan River around Fremantle and the fishing boat harbour. The initiative has so far helped recover 26.2 tonnes of rubbish from Perth waterways. We are very proud of Akesha's involvement in such an important effort to improve our environment. She is pictured left (in the front, middle) with some of the other clean-up team participants.



## First Robotics Competition

Year 11 student Inderjit Kumar (pictured below front, fourth from left) has been a participant in Curtin University's STEM Outreach project, titled the First Robotics Competition (FRC) since late 2018. The mission of the program is essentially to enable high school students to be mentored by university engineering students with the ultimate goal of educating the next generation of scientists and engineers. The FRC Project consists of two teams selected from 50 passionate and committed high school students from a variety of schools.

Under the guidance of Curtin engineering students they are challenged to design and build a robot for a national competition, which was held in Sydney in March. Inderjit was privileged enough to attend the Sydney event and although the team didn't progress to the highly prestigious World Finals held in Houston, he still found the experience an extremely valuable and enjoyable one. We congratulate Inderjit on the many hours of hard work that he has contributed to this exciting STEM project and we look forward to following his future achievements in the field of Engineering.



## ANZAC Day 2019

Sevenoaks' Head Girl, Wendy Buhari, and Head Boy, Jack Le, proudly represented the College at the City of Canning's ANZAC Day service. Wendy and Jack laid a memorial wreath in honour of the sombre occasion. The Sevenoaks Senior College community feels privileged to be represented at this national day of remembrance which commemorates the Australians and New Zealanders who have served and died in World War 1.



## Hospitality Pop Up Restaurants

VET Hospitality students have operated a number of pop up restaurants in the College foyer during recess and lunchtimes throughout the second term. The aim of the pop up restaurants is to provide a realistic environment for the Hospitality students to hone their service and food preparation skills. During the VET course students are required to complete 12 service periods, which at Sevenoaks Senior College includes breakfasts, afternoon teas and pop up restaurants and culminates in a mocktail party where fruit-based drinks will be served in third term hosted by the Year 12 students, during which students are formally assessed.

During these service periods the participating students fulfil the requirements of numerous competencies from a number of the VET Hospitality units, including demonstrating the ability to work effectively with others, prepare and serve non-alcoholic beverages, prepare appetisers and salads, use hospitality skills effectively, interact with customers, use hygiene practices for food safety and show social and cultural sensitivity. Student and staff customers of the pop up restaurants have thoroughly enjoyed sampling the many delicious offerings provided by the Hospitality classes and have been extremely impressed by their professionalism and high standards.



## United Nations Association of Australia

Sevenoaks Senior College was proudly represented by Kate O'Neill, Patrick Bayer and Vincent Abi-Abi at the recent United Nations Association of Australia Parliament House Student Leadership Program on March 28. The conference focused on citizenship including local to global, leadership and management skills related to the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (Global Goals). Through a workshop activity, students applied the design process, with mentorship from industry leaders, to develop a Global Goals initiative for implementation at Sevenoaks. The video of their Parliamentary speech can be watched on YouTube under the title "Sevenoaks Senior College Global Goal Plans 2019". The students plan to create a job search support network for students who are finding it difficult to gain casual employment. The initiative aims to teach students how to write effective resumes and be confident and prepared at interviews. There are also future plans to establish business mentors for students.

## Student Guild Camp

The elected Year 11 and 12 student Guild members attended an action-packed two-day leadership camp at Ern Halliday in Hillarys late last term. Students enjoyed participating in a number of challenging, adrenaline-filled team-building activities, such as the underground tunnelling and crate climbing. The camp also involved the more serious role of students learning how to hone their leadership skills and planning events and activities to coordinate throughout the remainder of 2019.

This year, there was much music generated by the group and the students bonded closely in a happy, relaxed atmosphere. The Guild members are congratulated on their enthusiastic and focused participation during the camp and we look forward to seeing them fulfil their leadership goals in coming months.



## Sporting News

The Girls Basketball team (left) has also participated in a series of games throughout first and second term. They showed a huge improvement from the first game to last, with some fantastic basketball being played towards the end of the competition. The girls have formed a cohesive and supportive unit.

The Boys Basketball team has played some fantastic matches throughout (below) the term. The team has progressed to the knockout round finals for the second time only in Sevenoaks history, that will begin on the 18th June. To progress to the finals they played their most impressive match yet and convincingly defeated their opponents. The team is an amazing group of boys who have constantly supported, motivated and encouraged each other throughout the season.



In mid-May, Sevenoaks Senior College was represented by two teams at the 2019 Champion Schools Volleyball Competition, held at Bendat Stadium at Perry Lakes. After many weeks of enthusiastic practice and anticipation, the teams were very well prepared for the challenging day, which involved competing in a round robin in their division and then playing in the finals of the competition. Their commitment culminated in both teams winning all of their games in the round robin to secure a place in the Grand Finals. Both teams played in the Gold Division with the girls' team crowned Champions and the boys team Runners-up. The Sevenoaks students' tireless support and encouragement of each other throughout the competition was admirable, as was their notable sportsmanship throughout the tournament. The volleyball teams are now hard at work for the next tournament in August.



## Wildcats Visit

As part of the College's *Stay on Campus* Program, a Wildcats basketball clinic was arranged for early in the term. Damien Martin, Captain, and Greg Hire from the 2019 Premiership winning NBL team visited Sevenoaks to run some basketball drills and games for interested students. A mixture of students, both male and female, joined in the fun and enjoyed challenging the professionals to goal shoot-outs and defensive blocking. We sincerely thank Damien and Greg for taking time out of their busy schedules to engage with our students and staff.



# Calendar of Events – Term 3 – 2019

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July 1	22 PD Day No students	23	24	25	26
2	29	30	31	1 Year 10 Showcase Day	2
August 3	5	6	7 Year 10 Parent Evening	8	9
4	12	13	14 Staff Meeting	15	16 Skills Expo Yr 12 students (non-ATAR)
5	19 Book Week	20	21	22	23
6	26	27	28 Yr 12 Pathways to Uni - Elevate: Finishing Line	29	30
Sept 7	2 OLNA	3 OLNA	4 OLNA	5 OLNA	6 OLNA
8	9	10 Board Meeting	11 Staff Meeting	12	13 R U OK? Day
9	16	17	18 Sevenoaks Got Talent Show	19	20
July 10	23	24	25	26 Year 12 Exams	27 Year 12 Exams

## P & C: New Members Welcome!

In Week 10, the P&C Annual General Meeting will take place at 3:30-4:00pm during Parent Report Evening.

Do you think you can contribute?

We encourage new members to join the P & C, where the best interests of your children are prioritised.

## Year 12 ATAR EXAMS

Wednesday 25 September- Thursday 3 October

## School Holidays

28 September to October 13 October