

# SEVEN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

A VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PATHWAYS SCHOOL

## News



**DECEMBER  
2023**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER

- Wednesday 6 December:** Showcase Performance
- Friday 8 December:** Year 10 Celebration of Learning Assembly
- Monday 11 December:** Celebration Assemblies
- Tuesday 12 December:** Presentation Day
- Wednesday 13 December:** Rewards Day
- Friday 15 December:** Last Day of Term 4

### JANUARY/FEBRUARY

- Tuesday 30 January:** Staff Development Day
- Wednesday 31 January:** Staff Development Day
- Thursday 1 February:** School resumes for all Year 7, Year 11 and Year 12 students
- Friday 2 February:** School resumes for Years 8 - 10

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# What a year!

2023. An exciting year where new pathways were constructed and much success attained and celebrated.

As I write this article, I reflect on what the year has entailed. It is that phase of school life where we consider what we have achieved, how successful we have been and what we have to do to ensure further growth for ourselves, the school and ultimately the community.

This year has seen the school investigate new directions, be creative and relevant in the delivery of programs, address the diverse needs of our students and continue to attain high standards of achievement.



There have been key changes made within our school, some have been obvious such as the outside environment of the school, while others have been more subtle, such as faculties driving change from within so that meaningful and engaging experiences promoted greater student learning. Students took an active role in accessing opportunities that promoted personal growth and developed their leadership capabilities while parents strengthened their connection with the school so that an authentic and open relationship was created that focused on supporting student growth and respected cultural diversity.

2023 was the year of change and progression. The key priorities included:

1. Improving communication between the school and the community through updating the school website and school newsletter, streamlining procedures by utilising emails and text messages more effectively and renewing the schools' Facebook page so that it was engaging and informative.
2. Delivering new and innovative programs that engaged students including: the Future Space program, Haka Warriors and enrichment activities
3. Providing opportunities for continued staff growth through Professional Learning opportunities
4. Developing the leadership skills of students by promoting student voice and providing them with the tools to develop, coordinate and share knowledge with others on social issues and promote fundraising initiatives
5. Building school pride through celebrating the extensive achievements of our students
6. Introducing additional pathways to learning through the Vocational Innovation Centre that extend learning options for all our students where their strengths are utilised and interest is engaged.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the students who acted as leaders for the many programs we deliver. They volunteered for the positions because they wanted to make a difference. In all situations, they were positive role models, demonstrated our school's ROAD values, and displayed empathy and consideration to all members of the community. Their passion for sharing experiences, willingness to support others and determination to succeed, encapsulate the true meaning of being a leader.

I would like to thank our teaching, administrative and support staff for a productive year of teaching and learning. We are so fortunate to have such diverse, talented, enthusiastic and committed people at Seven Hills High School. I would like to publicly acknowledge their sustained and considerable dedication to our students' welfare and education.

Thank you to the P and C. They are committed to ensuring the best for our students and give willingly of their time and energy so that everyone benefits from their initiatives. Our school is certainly richer for their contributions.

To our parents and carers, thank you for supporting the school throughout the year. Without your assistance we can never achieve optimum outcomes for your child.

As you may all be aware, Mr Matthew Saville will be taking on the position of Principal in 2024. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for their support during my time as Relieving Principal. The journey has been a wonderful learning experience where I have grown as a leader. I am grateful for the support provided during the year and look forward to working with you all again in 2024 as Deputy Principal.

In closing, I would like to wish parents, caregivers, students and friends of the community, compliments of the season and a relaxing and safe holiday.

All the very best.  
Ana Macan



# A LOOK BACK AT 2023

## Swimming Carnival

Seven Hills High School held its first whole school carnival in 3 years. The day was a huge success and all who participated made it such a memorable event.



## Harmony Week

Harmony week is dedicated to promoting unity, respect, and inclusivity amongst people of different cultures, religions, and backgrounds. As part of our celebrations, we held an assembly to showcase the beautiful diversity of cultures that make up our school community, and a multicultural lunch where each faculty prepared delicious food to share from Asia, North and South America, Africa and the Middle East, Europe and Australia and Pasifika.





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## *Athletics Carnival*

Our Athletics Carnival included a variety of athletic and novelty events. Students participated enthusiastically and to the best of their ability. The day was a great success and a reflection of everyone's hard work and dedication.



## *Grade Day*

Seven Hills High School held its annual Grade Day in June this year. Each year group dressed in a different theme and students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of fun activities. The day focused on building critical and creative thinking skills, problem solving and teamwork.





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## NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by Australians all over the country and overseas. As part of the celebrations this year, Seven Hills High School held a formal assembly led by our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who also shared a cultural performance with the school. This was followed by a lunch where our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families had the opportunity to strengthen their connection with the school. Students in all years had the opportunity to participate in NAIDOC activities throughout the week.



## Haka Warriors

The Haka Warrior program inspires young people to build stronger connections with their culture and embrace the values of self-worth, respect, resilience, and leadership. This year, our students were given the opportunity to perform at Ken Rosewell Arena, Sydney Olympic Park. We were so proud of them! Their performance reflected their growth as individuals and as a united team.





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## *Youth off the Streets*

In the last week of Term 3, our Student Representative Council conducted a fundraising event for Father Chris Riley's 'Youth Off the Streets' Program. The evening included a presentation on youth homelessness as well as fun activities and movies. We had 32 students, and 6 teachers attend the sleepout and raised over \$600 for the Youth off the Streets Program.



## *Year 12 Nirimba Collegiate Formal*

Seven Hills High School staff attended the Nirimba Collegiate Year 12 Formal where both past and present students were celebrated. It was a momentous occasion that marked the end of a significant chapter in their lives and the beginning of a new and exciting journey.



# PREPARING FOR 2024

## *Equipment List*

Organisation is crucial to academic success. Seven Hills High School encourages students to arrive at school prepared to learn with the necessary equipment/supplies for each subject area. Below you will find a link of required books and equipment for each subject:

**Equipment List**

## *Uniform*

We care about our students and their image in the community. The way students present themselves conveys a strong message about our school. Refer to the link for details about our school uniform: **School Uniform**.

## *School Student Travel 2024*

School travel applications are now open. Refer to the link for further details:

**Location and Transport**

**We'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.**

We look forward to welcoming students back in Term 1, 2024.