



Seven Hills High School

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Calendar

November

- 12th ESSA
P&C Meeting 7.30 pm in the Library
- 13th ESSA
- 14th 2015 School Leaders selection
Christmas Mufti Day
- 17th Orientation to Wyndham College
- 18th Orientation to Wyndham College
- 19th Year 7&8 AIME excursion
- 21st Showcase rehearsal
- 24th Showcase rehearsal
- 25th Showcase rehearsal
- 26th Showcase
Transition Day – Support 2015

December

- 1st 'Future Directions' Drama performance
Years 7&10
Streamwatch excursion
- 2nd Tree Planting Day
- 3rd Year 9 Food Technology Excursion to
Wyndham College
Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day and Evening
- 4th Year 10 Formal
- 5th Stage 4 Science Gifted and Talented Day
at UWS
- 10th Presentation Evening
Transition Day – Support 2015

From the Principal

As you can see from the calendar we have a busy month ahead of us with events including academic assessments, fund raising activities, transition days, environmental activities and the annual 'Showcase'. These occasions combine to enrich a student's education as they provide our students with opportunities to bring to the fore their skills in academia, citizenship and the creative and performing arts.

On the refurbishment front, renovations to the sound proof performance and recording space in Music have been completed, the student kitchen garden beds have been built and fruit trees planted and we are currently completing improvements to student access to computer technology with the purchase and installation of 30 new computers to complement our recent upgrades.

As Year 10 enter their final weeks at Seven Hills High School there are a number of important events still to come. A list of these and associated requirements will be provided to students later this week. One of the most significant of these occasions is the Year 10 Orientation to Wyndham College which is being held on Monday the 17th and Tuesday the 18th of November. This will be a wonderful opportunity for students to gain further insights into the workings of the College and is another valuable step in the transition to senior education.

As advertised our P&C is holding its monthly meeting tonight. Come along and have an input into your child's educational future.

Greg Johnstone

Debating

On Thursday the 9th of October, Jacob Arcaba, Aiden Schmid, Cameron Pike, Daide Chaker and Eleni Tabuanivalu attended Blacktown Boys High School for the annual Blacktown History Debating Competition.

We prepared for two rounds of debating over the course of the school holidays. Our first debate was against The Hills Sports High School where we argued that Australia's identity was forged at Gallipoli. Our second debate was against Blacktown Girls High School where we argued that the Australian landscape was not improved by European settlement. Our third and final debate was an impromptu debate in which we had half an hour to prepare for. We competed against Blacktown Boys High School and argued that the history curriculum is too focused on war and conflict.

Over the course of the day, we had the pleasure of meeting students in our area that had similar interests to us.

Thank you to Miss Rose and Miss Adams for preparing us for the debates and for transporting us to and from Blacktown Boys High School.

Daide Chaker

Digital Thumbprint

Earlier this term students from Years 7 and 9 participated in a program called Digital Thumbprint. The program is funded by Optus and was a fun, original and interactive workshop that focused on the advantages of a positive online presence and the facts to stay safe online.

Year 7 completed the Digital Insight component which brings to life the vital information students need to become discerning internet users through a series of fun activities that challenged them to consider the value of their information before signing up. It also explored encryption and the strength

of passwords they may already be using.

Year 9 completed the Digital Impact component that is designed to help students better identify the impact they have on others as well as empowering them with strategies for socialising online, including how to help friends who may fall victim to anti-social activity.

All students thoroughly engaged with the program and learnt some valuable lessons on how to actively stay safe online.

Mr Maclaren

William Rose Enrichment Program

This year a group of Year 9 students were involved in the William Rose Enrichment program. This program involved our students working with special needs students from William Rose to create art activities with Ms Brown and Ms Clemson at Seven Hills High School.

All students involved enjoyed socialising with their buddy to help William Rose students feel accepted in our school environment, chatting about their interests and enjoy making art together.

With lots of smiles, laughter and creative flair the program will come to a close on Tuesday 11th November, as the Seven Hills High School students visit the William Rose School, to receive their participation awards and have lunch with their buddy.

Thank you to the following students for their active involvement and positive influence during this rewarding program: Emily Blue, Daide Chaker, Jemma Corsiatto, Alisha Cochran, Mathew Heron, Eliza Hogan, Darcy Issanchon, Ty Longford, Cameron Pike, Aidan Schmid, Lauren Stalker, Eleni Tabuanivalu, and Brianna Tucker.

Mrs Clemson and Ms Brown

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander News

The ATSI students are continuing to have a roll call on Tuesday morning which allows information about events and excursions to get to them easily. Students are also in the process of reviewing and reflecting on their goals which they set earlier in the year for their personal learning plans. Please remember to attend this roll call each week to stay up to date.

The Australian Indigenous Mentoring Programme has finished for Year 9 and 10 this year, however there will be a Year 7 & 8 day with the focus to excite the students about Maths & Science. This is happening on Wednesday 19th November. Notes were sent out to students on Tuesday so please return them with train fare by Monday the 17th November.

Two of our students have applied to attend a University of New South Wales Indigenous Science and Engineering Program. This is 3 day camp for Indigenous students aspiring to the sciences, engineering and mathematical areas. The success of their application is pending.

Ms Jordan

ESSA

The Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) test for Year 8 students state-wide will be held at various times during Week 6. It is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer.

The test contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including a simulated investigation. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the NSW *Science Years 7–10 Syllabus*.

Students will need to provide a set of headphones or ear buds for this test. Ones which plug into a computer, iPod or portable player are suitable.

Additional information for parents/carers is available from the ESSA internet pages at <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/7-12assessments/essa/index.php>.

For further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's Science teacher.

Dean Ward

Head Teacher Science

Careers News

As the end of the year quickly approaches there are a few courses that may interest some students to take a positive step towards future employment. Please visit the careers office to speak with me or parents can call me on 9624 3329.

- 1. Strengthen your skills ready for job hunting or a promotion with TAFEnow's short and sharp Skill Sets.** Sign up and complete your study by 31 December 2014, and if you're living or working in NSW, you will be eligible for the Government subsidised price of only \$267. Studying with TAFEnow means that you can study at your own pace, at a time and in a place that suits you. Full details at <http://tafenow.com.au/skillsets> or call us on 1300 8233 669.
- 2. Summer Photography Short Courses @ Ultimo - Sydney TAFE** is offering a summer series of short courses, in a range of photography disciplines, from black and white to Photoshop...
<http://sydneytafe.edu.au/newsevents/news/summer-photography-short-courses-ultimo>

4. Management Online. (Year 11-2015 only)

Please call 131 674 or visit nsi.edu.au

5. Whitecard 2015.

I am now taking the name of any student interested in completing this qualification in term 1, 2015. So if you child will be over 14 by the end of January 2015 then have them visit the careers office to place their name onto the list.

What are Skill Sets?

Skill Sets are single units of competency, or combinations of units of competency from an endorsed training package. They link to skills that industry needs in the workplace or to licencing or regulatory requirements that some trades and professions need. TAFE now formally recognises a Skill Set with a statement of attainment, which you will be issued with on completion.

Many skills sets form part of larger qualifications, so completing a Skill Set will give you credit towards that qualification, should you wish to do the full qualification at a later date.

FNSSS00001 - BAS - Agent Registration Skill Set

The BAS Agent Registration Skill Set is two compulsory units from the FNS10 Financial Services Training Package which meet the Tax Practitioners Board requirements for becoming a registered BAS agent. These units are usually done as part of a Certificate IV In Accounting.

ICASS00015 Skill set in Computing and application fundamentals

This course is for people working in tourism, travel and hospitality who already have good frontline customer service skills and wish to advance by progressing into customer service.

3. Northern Sydney TAFE are now offering a TVET - Events

ICASS00016 Skill set in Computing Fundamentals

This Skills Set will provide you with the knowledge and skills required to use basic information and communication technology and application software to work in any industry. You will learn how to use a computer operating system and hardware and operate application software.

ICASS00019 - Skill set for hardware technicians

This Skill Set will provide you with the knowledge and skills required to perform a range of tasks that are undertaken by a network technician. You will learn how to install and configure operating systems, run standard diagnostic tests, connect internal hardware and maintain equipment.

The Wood Turning Mentoring Program

A group of six Year 10 students participated in the Wood Turners Mentoring program in Term 3. For the first time we had students attending on two days, a Tuesday and a Thursday. The students develop specific skills as they are instructed with one-on-one tutoring. All students successfully completed the program.

We would like to once again express our appreciation to the Western Sydney Wood Turning Club for allowing our students to partner with their members in this very valuable program.

Ms Slater

Careers Adviser

School Uniform

A reminder to students and parents about the expectation that all student attend school in full school uniform.

Aside from the Work, health and safety issues around correct footwear, our community expects all students to Parents are required to provide their child with an explanatory note to be provided to the uniform coordinator if they are not able to wear the correct uniform to school on a particular day day.

Below are the list of clothing and footwear that can be worn in line with the uniform

Boys

- Plain black leather / leather like shoes with black shoelaces
- White socks
- Plain grey shorts or trousers (no denim or patterns)
- Plain white or SHHS polo or shirt (not other writing or logo)
- SHHS jumper, jacket, year 10 jersey or Met West jacket

Options:

- Plain white undergarment
- Small necklace, earrings and bracelets
- Plain black, green or white scarf in winter

Girls

- Plain black covered shoes with black shoelaces
- White socks or plain black/flesh coloured stockings
- Plain green skirt or trousers (no denim or patterns)
- Plain white or SHHS polo or shirt (not other writing or logo)
- SHHS jumper, jacket, year 10 jersey or Met West jacket

Options:

- Plain white undergarment
- Small necklace, earrings and bracelets allowed
- Plain black, green or white scarf in winter
- White waistband (no buckles or belts)

present themselves in a standard fitting our high expectations.

- White or black plain headbands

Note:

- PE shirt to be worn only during PE/sport lesson
- No costume jewellery (beads, hoop or dangling earrings, bangles, studded wristbands)
- No bandanas
- No leggings or bicycle shorts under skirts.

 leather jogger ✓	 ballet flat with strap ✗
 leather jogger ✓	 canvas slip-on ✗
 Mary Jane with T-Bar strap ✓	 Canvas lace-up ✗
 leather jogger ✓	 ballet flat ✗
 leather lace up ✓	 leather jogger ✓

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**Seven Hills High School
Proudly Presents**

Showcase

Wednesday 26th November

Seven Hills High School Hall

**Cost: \$7:50
or \$25 family of 4
Show starts at 7.00pm**

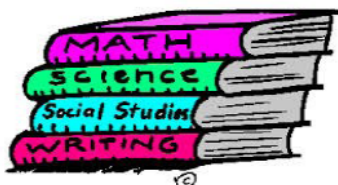
*Open displays open at 6.15pm
in the Library*

Poster designed by Alisha Cochran Yr 9

Free HOMEWORK Help

WHAAAAT?

- Access to computers, internet and stationary
- One on One and group homework support from a Friendly Youth Worker
- Snacks provided



For more information
or to book in please
call Sherie or Danya on
96881084

WHERE?

**Mondays 3:15pm -
4:30pm**

***Karabi Neighbour-
hood Cottage***

29 Aleta Way,

Seven Hills,

2147

WHOOOOO?

All school children from K-12 who
would like a quiet supportive envi-
ronment to study or complete
homework

COME ALONG THIS MONDAY!!!



Karabi

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