



Seven Hills High School

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Another Great Year Comes to an End

As 2017 draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their incredible efforts for the students of Seven Hills High School. The students of our school are extremely fortunate to be taught by such a dedicated group of professionals.

We have two staff leaving the school at the end of 2017 and I would like to thank Mr Zuliani and Mr Rumball, for their service to the students of Seven Hills High School and wish them all the best at their new schools.

Once again the Seven Hills Parents and Citizens Association have been an invaluable asset and I encourage all parents to spare one evening a month next year to come along to the P&C Meetings and contribute your views as part of this important group within the school community.

To our parents and carers, thank you for your support of your children and our school through your attendance at various school community events such as the Mother's Day and Father's Day Breakfasts, Meet the Teacher BBQ, Parent Teacher Evening, Celebration Assemblies, Presentation Day and the Year 10 Graduation.

Finally, well done to the students of Seven Hills High School, who have positively influenced the climate of the school through their membership of organisations: such as the Student Representative Council and the Sports Council; and through their participation in school events such as sports carnivals and competitions, Debating and Theatre Sports and the Creative and Performing Arts 'Showcase'.

Keep that level of commitment going as we continue on our 'ROAD to Success' in 2018.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Greg Johnstone

Principal

Deputy Principal's Reports

Once again, the year has gone quickly. It seems like yesterday the year was beginning, and now we are preparing to wish each other a relaxing and well-deserved break. It has been a pleasure to be a part of the development of all our students and in particular, to witness their positive contributions to school and community life. Much of their efforts stemmed from wanting to make a difference and a strong desire to give of themselves.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents of our students for your patience, guidance and support. Without your understanding and perseverance much of what we endeavour to achieve at school would not be possible. Thank you and I look forward to working with you in the continued partnership of your child's learning and development in 2018.

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P&C Meeting this Wednesday, 13th December.

All parents, carers and community members are welcome!

Important Dates

December

- 13th P&C Meeting 7.30pm in the library
- 15th Last day of Term 4 for students
- 18th – 19th School Development Days

January

- 29th School Development Day
- 30th Year 7 return
- 31st Swimming Carnival for all Years 7 -10

Year 7 have had a wonderful start to their secondary education. With such a change from their primary environments, they have taken on the transition with aplomb. Within and beyond the classroom, many students have been challenged and conquered boundaries both academic and personal. I am particular proud of this year group in the way they have lead the school in positive behaviour and application and epitomised the school's values of respect, organisation, application and determination, despite their new surroundings. As the students move into Year 8 next year, I have no doubt they will continue to grow and challenge themselves in all aspects of their learning.

I would like to thank the Year Adviser Mrs Luscombe, for her efforts throughout the year in supporting Year 7. Her energy, care and support of all students in Year 7 has ensured many success stories.

Year 9 students have experienced a challenging year. Not only were they to meet the demands of new curriculums in their electives, but also the expectations of their first year of study towards their Record of School Achievement (RoSA) credential. Many have shown strength in character and spirit

by accepting the challenges before them and utilising all available resources to achieve success. As students move into their final year at Seven Hills High School, I strongly encourage them to maintain their efforts and achieving the best they can academically and personally. Thank you to Year 9 Year Adviser, Mr Rumball, who has done a wonderful job in leading and mentoring the students academically, socially and emotionally.

Sadly, we farewell Mr Rumball at the conclusion of this year. The new Year Adviser for Year 10 will be announced in the first newsletter of 2018.

On a final note, I would like to congratulate all students for their achievements on Presentation Day. In addition to this, many of the student success stories can be attributed to by the involvement of our staff at an individual, faculty and whole school level. Developing a love for learning and engendering responsibility ensures all students have the capacity to succeed. I would like to thank the staff of Seven Hills High School for continuing this honourable responsibility and in advocating the wonders of public education.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the Seven Hills High School community a happy, safe and enjoyable holiday. Again, thank you all for your support this year and I look forward to working with you again in 2018.

David Erwin

2017, Where has the Time Gone?

We have had a year filled with change, much activity and new learning experiences, that has led our school community to achieve success for our students.

Firstly, I would like to begin by saying how privileged I feel to work with such a dedicated, enthusiastic and professional staff that continually develops programs and initiatives for the benefit of our students. The rapport between staff and students has developed into a partnership of respect and collegiality where there is a strong desire to move towards positive outcomes and striving to attain personal goals.

As the Deputy in charge of Years 8 and 10, I would like to take a little time to highlight the events that have taken place:

Year 8 students attended the Dubbo Zoo Camp, where they demonstrated the school's values of Respect, Organisation, Application and Determination. All participants interacted in a responsible and respectful way with members of the public and each other. This experience was tailored to provide students with a greater perspective of our world. It also promoted team building and collaboration skills.

In 2017, Year 8 students took the first step towards determining their individual learning paths by choosing their electives for 2018. All students were encouraged to identify their interests and recognise their strengths so that suitable choices were made to achieve personal success. It has been a pleasure to watch Year 8 investigate their options and responsibly map out their future learning journey.

Year 10 students experienced a challenging year. Not only did they need to meet the demands of the curriculum but they also had to ensure that the requirements, to attain a Record of School Achievement, were met. Year 10 accepted the challenges before them and utilised all available resources to strive for their personal best and achieved success. Now our Year 10 students prepare to either enter the workforce or undertake further study. The foundations laid, with the help

of a determined and motivated staff, will ensure that every student has the required skills to attain their true potential in 2018.

Many parents and students are aware of the special place in our calendar that the Year 10 formal holds. It took place, this year, at Oatlands House. As always, it was wonderful to see our students and staff celebrate this milestone together. Thanks go to Mr Jones and the formal committee for all their efforts in making the night a wonderful success.

On a final note, I would like to congratulate all students and staff for their achievements in 2017. By working together to develop a love for learning, greater responsibility for actions and promoting higher personal goals we all ensure that our school community grows and strengthens.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy, safe and relaxing holiday.

Again, thank you all for your support this year and I look forward to working with you in 2018.

Ana Macan

Victor Chang Science Award

On Tuesday 14th November, hundreds of students, family members and teachers gathered at the Blacktown Council for the presentation of the Victor Chang Science Awards.

The Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute - School Science Award has been developed to foster and encourage an interest in science among secondary school students, with the view to promoting careers in science as a viable and interesting career path. It is presented to students who excel at Science in schools across the Blacktown City area.

In 2017, Seven Hills High School had two recipients of the Victor Chang Award, Jai Angeloni and Kate Moseley.

We congratulate them on this outstanding achievement.

Daniel Way

Acting Head Teacher Science

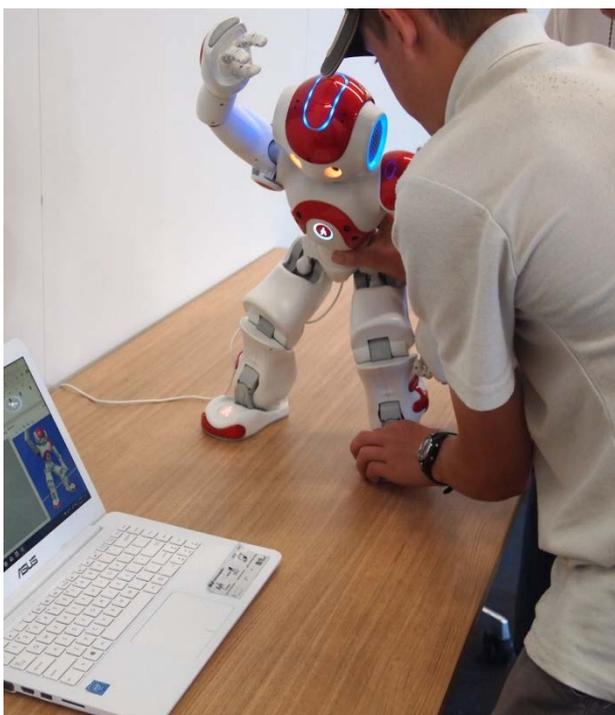


Everybody Dance NAO Competition

On the 28th November, Dylan Kent and Jack Laing competed in the NSW finals for the Everybody Dance NAO competition, which involved programming a virtual humanoid robot to dance.

The journey to the finals was not an easy one. First there were technical difficulties in accessing the program needed to code the robot, with the boys doing much of the coding at home, at night and over the weekend, and then there were difficulties in submitting the entry, but we persisted and made it into the finals.

During the finals, Jack and Dylan were given the opportunity to try their program out on a real NAO robot and modify the code as necessary. Whilst the boys had some of the best code on the day, neither time nor gravity was on their side and their robot kept falling down. They worked hard to rectify the balance issues, but they just did not have enough time to fix all the code. What they did complete, worked well and the boys ended up coming fourth overall.



It was a great experience for Jack and Dylan and they are already planning what they are going to do next year and how to overcome the obstacles they faced this year.

Carissa Howell

Mathematics / Robotics Teacher



Parramatta Eels Training

On Thursday 30th of November, students from Seven Hills High School were selected as a reward for their efforts, to attend a Parramatta Eels training session.

The students were able to watch the squad complete their training session, which consisted of sprints, drills, games and skills. Once the players had completed their session a number of them came and spoke with the students, asking them about school, the sports they played, what they enjoyed doing and answered any questions from the students.

The students were lucky enough to meet players like Kenny Edwards, Clint Gutherson and Corey Norman, just to name a few! They were also fortunate enough to have some photos with the players and to have them sign some of their jerseys and books.

Seven Hills High School would like to thank the players and coaching staff from the Parramatta Eels for having us at their facilities and for allowing us to observe their training session.



Brenton Fahey

Stage 5 Camp - Broken Bay Sports and Recreation Camp

In Week 7 this term, a group of Year 9 and 10 students attended the Broken Bay Sports and Recreation Camp. Mr Rumball, Mr Jones and Miss Zadravec accompanied the students as they engaged in a range of challenging and interesting activities.

Below is an article written by two of our students who attended; Deearna and Elizabeth.

On the first day of camp after arriving, we got to experience the high ropes course and the flying fox. Mr Jones was petrified as he ascended the course. We then divided into boys and girls and the boys got to swim at the beach while we were packing our overnight bags for our camping trip. Once we completed the 10 minute hike (while the teachers drove in a buggy) we set up our tents. We experienced difficulties with friends as we tried to build our tents but we all came together to prepare our meals over a fire. We cooked meatballs, pasta and baked potatoes and got to eat it an hour later due to trouble with our fire. We washed all our equipment and were in our tents ready for bed, when we heard Rebecca scream and cry because she got bitten by a bull ant.

The next morning we all woke up early and made toasted cheese sandwiches, packed up our tents and headed back to the lodges. We joined the boys at the beach and we got to use the surf skis.

After lunch we went on a steep hike to reach our abseiling destination. We all put our harnesses on and climbed down the cliff. We went back to camp and divided into boys and girls again this time the boys were heading off for their camping trip. We got some free time before we went night fishing. We caught 3threefish, a jellyfish, a finger and a duck! (no animals were seriously harmed in this process).

Once it got dark we snuck into the dining hall and we got a fruit platter to eat while Miss Zadravec told us horror stories in the dark gazebo.

We all headed off to bed and Miss Zadravec went to make a phone call. She was gone for a while, so we became worried and sent Nikita to find her. All of a sudden there was a loud rattling at the back door and we all screamed! It was Miss Zadravec successfully scaring us all.

The next day we all packed our bags and went for a swim in the pool, followed by archery. We had lunch then got on the ferry to head home.

It was challenging, exciting, fun and was a great bonding experience for all of us.

Deearna Hyde & Elizabeth Murray



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Young Men's Group

The "Young Men's Group" is a program involving Seven Hills High Schools young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The group was created in Term 3 and ran once a week into Term 4. The aim was to increase cultural knowledge and integrate this with life skills. The male students chosen were from Years 7 to 10. As a group students discussed and created a team goal, which was inclusive of all participants. Embracing Aboriginality was a key element to this program and included discussion about identity, pride, acknowledgement, education and what it means to respect their Indigenous Australian backgrounds. Each student participating was asked to follow the agreed Young Men's Group Rules.

The boys were initially given some ideas on various goals and activities focusing on teamwork, positive behaviour, and being well respected young men at school, home and in their communities. After discussion students decided upon a cultural activity; Didgeridoo history, design and painting or traditionally known as the Yidaki.

A huge part of this program was the punctuality of the boys attending each session. Regular attendance from the students enabled them to form positive relationships with each another. This was strongly enhanced by our year 10 students, who are role models for our younger students at Seven Hills High School.

Presentation Day - A community celebration!

Last Friday we celebrated our 2017 student achievements in leadership, sport, citizenship, creative arts, performing arts and academic success. Our School Captains, Kate and Jai, led the proceedings and are commended on their flawless hosting of the event. A big thank you goes to the skilful Brodie Vaiciurgis and Lleyton Coleman who coordinated the technology for the assembly.

Support for our students was overwhelming with hundreds of family, friends and special guests coming together from across the community to celebrate 2017 with staff and students.



By having these students participate in this program, we hope that they will positively influence others in Seven Hills High School and throughout their communities over time.

Nat Barnes and Lazarus Brown

Presentation Day - A community celebration! Cont'd

A special thank you to MP Michelle Rowland –Member for Greenway, Ms Renai Diamond – Principal of Seven Hills Public School, Ms Kate Pugh – Principal of Seven Hills North Public School, Ms Karen Smith – Principal of Wyndham College, Ms Bethany O'Connor – Acting Collegiate Deputy Principal, Ms Laretta Claus – Principal of Quakers Hill High School, Lieutenant Commander Sinkainathan Vinoharan, Ms Cathy Swadling – P & C Vice President, Ms Alarna Power - Seven Hills High School 2016 School Captain, Councillor Kevin Gillies and President of Blacktown Rotary, Mr Russell Ashley. We acknowledge your ongoing support and assistance presenting awards on the day.

Exhilarating performances by Deshae Dunn, Jesse Togiola Luapo and Ramt Trinidad were highlights of the morning, showcasing the many wonderful opportunities for talented students at SHHS.

Congratulations to all of our award recipients and thank you to our School Leaders for their speeches and assistance on the day.

Joanne Andrew

Head Teacher Mathematics



8A Enrichment

This term in Mathematics 8A completed a project on Surface Area. The project required them to utilise many skills, including, creative thinking, design, planning, communicating, teamwork and mathematical reasoning.

Firstly, they developed the mathematical skills to create a rectangular prism with a surface area of 200cm^2 to 800cm^2 . As a team, they then designed and engineered a parachute to support their prism to successfully drop an egg from the library landing.

Four out six of the eggs survived and overall the students enjoyed the project based approach to learning.

Well done 8A!

Ms Andrew



Our Year 10 Formal

The Year 10 Formal took place on the 5th of December at Oatlands House. Magical and overwhelming, it showed teenagers turning into young adults. Year 10 arrived at the venue with gorgeous dresses and handsome suits; a few showed up in old fashioned cars that most didn't even know still existed. Some parents were more excited than the graduating class and took hundreds of photos including the grade photo, which made us feel like celebrities. Congratulations to Kyra Goldstraw and Ramt Trinidad who were voted by the teachers as best dressed.

We were greeted by waiters with drinks in fancy wine glasses and taken inside to the elegant room. Inside we saw many tables with high class cutlery and meals, which included an entrée that everyone thought was a main because to how big it was. The photo booth was set up in the corner of the room with props to use, and was very popular amongst the students. A couple of hours later the music started and the dancing began. Everybody was very energetic, dancing and screaming the lyrics to their favourite songs. The school captains and our year adviser, Mr Jones, made very touching speeches that made everyone emotional.

Congratulations to Year 10 and we wish you all the best for next year. We would also like to thank all the teachers who organised and attended this event, which made the night even more special.

By Candice Reeves and Crizelle and Ranzelle Delgado

Mathematics 2017

As 2017 draws to a close, I wanted to say well done to our students who achieved first place in Mathematics this semester, Kate Moseley – Year 10, Amneh Chaker Year 9, Kyle Cavanagh – Year 8 and Rachel Pilbeam – Year 7. These students worked hard and are commended for their efforts.

The school continues to support your child with Mathletics and it is available to all our students over the holiday break. We encourage our students to be organised and to come prepared and ready to learn next year. Please take a moment to buy the correct equipment (while it's on sale in January), including, a casio fx-82AU PLUS II scientific calculator.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing holiday.

Joanne Andrew

Head Teacher Mathematics



School Swimming Carnival 2018

Venue:	Waves Fitness and Aquatic Centre, Mileham Ave, Baulkham Hills		
Date of Excursion:	Wednesday, 31 st January, 2018		
Departure Time:	Leave school at 9:30 am (after roll call)	Return Time:	Return to school at approximately 3:00 pm.
Depart from:	Seven Hills High School		
Return to:	Seven Hills High School		
Transport:	Bus		
Cost:	\$ 12.00 Parents attending need to pay the cost of pool entry.	Payment Due by:	Tuesday, 30 th January, 2018

Students are advised:

- to wear house colours to gain points for their house – school uniform is not compulsory, but appropriate clothing should be worn. (Shoes are required travelling to and from the venue, however at the pool thongs may be worn.)
- to use adequate sun protection eg. 50+ broad spectrum sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses.
- to bring warm clothes may be needed in case of cold weather.
- to bring money for drinks and food or bring their own lunch for the day.
- to behave appropriately at all times.
- to attend the carnival as no supervision is available at school as all staff will be involved in managing the event.

Please complete the permission slip and return it with the money to the front office by Tuesday 30th January 2018.

A copy of the permission note has been provided to students and will be available on the school website and phone app. Payments can be made online through the school's website. Instructions on how this can be done are on the next page of the newsletter.

Jimmy Joseph

Sport Organiser

Making Online Payments

Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting [\\$ Make a payment](#)

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called 'Other' which covers items not covered in the previous headings. Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the [\\$ Make a payment](#) you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is an option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number. These are optional fields and are not used at our school so please leave these blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

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It's time for your annual skin check!

Exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays can cause skin damage, which can lead to skin cancer. The risks are higher during the warmer months & that's why it's important to have regular skin checks with an accredited skin cancer doctor.

KRMC's Skin Cancer Clinic is run by Dr. Sameer Abedi, Dr. Arevik Gazarjan & Dr. Kalpana Loganath and they are able to perform excisions of moles that appear to be of concern and to send them for laboratory analysis via our on-site Pathology department. Follow-up treatment and referrals to specialists can be arranged.

For more information and to make an appointment at KRMC's Skin Cancer Clinic, please call Reception on 8822 3000. Please note that charges may apply.

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