



# Seven Hills High School

A member of the Nirimba Collegiate group of schools

December  
2020

## Upcoming Events

### December

16 Last day of school for students

17&18 School Development Days

### 2021

#### January

27 & 28 School Development Days

29 First day of school for Year 7, Year 11  
and Year 9 Peer Support Leaders

#### February

1 First day of school for Years 8, 9 & 10

Infrastructure preparations for senior classes returning in 2021 continue. The Senior Learning Centre, located in the library, consisting of individual and groups study areas, a computer charging station and collaborative work spaces is now complete.

Works currently under progress and due for completion Day 1 Term 1 2021 are the:

- refurbishment of a general learning space into a Visual Arts learning space
- reinstatement of the photography dark room
- refurbishment of an existing staff room into a visual arts project store room
- upgrade of kitchen facilities, including a new pantry and prep room
- construction of external storage facilities outside of the TAS wood and metal workshops to accommodate materials and students' major works.

Today, Friday 11 December, students received their Semester 2 Reports. I encourage parents wishing to discuss their child's reports with their classroom teacher to contact the school and organise a mutually suitable time to do so. The staff are always willing to discuss ways students can improve their results in the future.

## From the Principal

Over the last three days we have held end of year Presentation Day Ceremonies. To all our award winners, congratulations! I commend you on the positive manner with which you approached your studies and am sure your families recognise, as the staff do, the effort it took for you to achieve an award and the skills you displayed during the process.

To our outgoing Year 10 students and their families, thank you for your involvement in the school over the past four years and I wish you all the best for the future.

To our Year 11 2021, have a wonderful break and comeback ready to start a new phase in your education at our school. Uniform items will be added to The School Locker website during the holidays for you to order on line. Items will be delivered to school before Term 1 2021 commences.

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In staffing news we say farewell to Mrs Stace at the end of the year. We wish her all the best at her new school and thank her for her contribution to the Visual Arts faculty and the Wellbeing team.

Our students have been fortunate to be supported in their learning by an enthusiastic team of educationalists, support and administration staff and a network of committed industry, educational and community organisations. I am greatly indebted to the commitment they have shown to our students during the school year.

I would like to thank the Seven Hills High School P&C Association for their contribution to the school and, finally, the Seven Hills High School parents and community members, whose support of the students and staff in 2020 has been greatly appreciated.

## STEM

### AI For Good Challenge National Winners!

On Thursday 18 November, Microsoft and Education Changemakers came to Seven Hills High School to speak to Year 10 about the Challenge and the opportunities it can open up for those who enter.

Whilst at the school, they announced that Christine Douglas and Kyle Maffeo had beaten over 300 entries to win the national title for the Years 10 to 12 Division, for their Sensory 4 Sight concept, which will allow vision impaired people to access video games and develop social connections. Mrs Howell, Christine and Kyle's iSTEM teacher, was also named one of Microsoft's 'Teachers of the Year'.

Christine and Kyle not only received trophies, but each received a Surface Pro and the opportunity to be mentored by the Head of Accessibility at Microsoft, who is in Seattle USA.

I wish everyone a merry Christmas and hope that you enjoy the time that you will spend together over the festive season.

The staff and I look forward seeing many of you again in 2021.

Greg Johnstone

Principal

### School Leaders 2021

It is with great pleasure that I announce the school leaders for next year.

Captains: Kaitlyn Brush and Rachael Banks

Vice-Captains: Ziah Burns and Heath Williams

Prefect: Paige Williams

Student Representative Council

Year 11: Joshua Fernandez

Year10: Koby Barlow, Thomas North, Lucas Rodriguez

Year 9: Rihanna Ali, Alyssa Blas, Aneliese Bryen, Henrietta Laban, Ke Loh

Year 8: Declan Brace, Emily Flood, Ryan Mills Blaire Peregrino, Emily Randall, Aaqib Saad

Congratulations to these students on being selected for such important roles within the school.

Greg Johnstone

Principal



## iEntrepreneur

8A, along with Year 9 Commerce and iSTEM, were fortunate enough to participate in a whole day incursion run by Generation Entrepreneur.

The students were taken through the process of developing an idea/problem, researching this problem to collect data on its impact and how they might go about solving it.

Once they had their solution, they needed to create a company name and logo, work out start-up costs and revenue stream and create a pitch to present, 'Shark Tank' style, to a panel consisting of members of staff. A winner from each group was announced by the panel.

Well done to the winning students. Each group presented well thought-out and researched solutions to the problems they identified.

## Library Matters

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Kaitlyn Brush for being awarded a Gold Medal in recognition of her meeting the challenge for 7 years. An amazing effort!

### Got Caught Reading

Our winning student, Riley, in our 'Got Caught Reading' competition, was awarded with a certificate, a book prize, some stationery and chocolates.

## Young Change Makers Environmental Impact Design Challenge

As part of the Self-Select program, 8A has recently been working on an Environmental Challenge to find a solution to one of following problems: food waste / overconsumption, greenhouse gases from food production, poor use of water resources and inefficient energy practices.

Students had to identify the problem, research their ideas by conducting interviews and secondary research and design and/or create a prototype of a solution.

Once again, there were several remarkable ideas, from installing timers on shower heads and taps to strategies for reducing food waste. It was wonderful seeing the students use some of the skills they developed from their iEntrepreneur incursion.

Carissa Howell

STEM Coordinator



### Christmas Display

We are wrapping up 2020 with a Christmas display in the library to encourage students to borrow their summer reads.

We have also held lunch time sessions for students to get crafty by turning an old book into a Christmas tree or angel. These sessions will continue into Week 10 and all are welcome to join the fun.

We have been fortunate to have a group of lovely students help us wrap up old books so they can be stacked into a Christmas tree. Meigan Tjiu from Year 10 put her artist flair to work and kindly stacked and decorated the 'book tree'. A big thank you to Meigan!

Finally, I would like to wish both students and staff a safe and joyous holiday break.

Cathy Costello

Teacher Librarian



# Sport

## Parramatta 9's Boys Rugby League Gala Day

Seven Hills High School fielded a senior and junior team in this year's Boys Parramatta 9's Rugby League Gala Day, held on Thursday 12 November. Students showed keen interest and great enthusiasm during weekly training sessions as this was a rare opportunity to compete in a sporting event this year.

We had a perfect start to the competition with our Junior team beating Rouse Hill Anglican College 24-20, followed by our Senior team winning their match against Arthur Phillips High School 10-8.

Our seniors put on a great show in the next two matches, led in particular by the efforts of Kynan Frary and Paris Tamatea. The team unfortunately lost both games and did not progress to the Semi Finals.

The Juniors maintained their winning form against Arthur Phillips High School in their second match, on the back of the outstanding performances of Calix Fa'avae and Simon Sisifa. They won the game 18-8 and made the Semi Finals.

The team made an impressive effort in the Semi Final but went down to Fairfield Patrician Brothers, who went on to win the competition. The Juniors finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, a wonderful achievement!

## Sports Council 2021

The following students have been selected as House Captains for next year.

Bradman House:	Ziah Burns and Jack Yeatman
Thorpe House:	Aiden O'Connell and Lamack Rangil
Ellis House:	Ethan Gibson-Foad and Raymond Takau
Freeman House:	April Gannon and Riley Green

Sports Council members are:

Tyleen Saipele,  
Rian O'Connell  
Izzabella Lipovic

All these students will form the Sports Council for 2021. Congratulations to the students on their selection and I look forward to working with them next year.

Katie Luscombe

Sports Council Coordinator



It was a fantastic day with all students involved proudly representing our school and displaying courage and camaraderie. Congratulations to both teams.

**Senior Team:** Ethan Gibson Foad, Kynan Frary, Lamack Rangil, Paris Tamatea, Bailey Thomas, Shannon Hill, Luke Fryer and Koby Barlow.

**Junior Team:** Sam Montarro, Joshua Conklin, Viliame Tuivaga, Harrisen Christensen, Abbas Beydoun, Joshua Hennessy, Calix Fa'avae, Simon Sisifa, Mitchel Norman, Walid Jeda, Romeo Atengco, Adam Beydoun, Angus Pearce, Kenan Kurtovic, Blake Dwyer and Maccole Rangil.

Coaches: Michael Jones and Jimmy Joseph

## Parramatta 9's Girls Rugby League Gala Day

Seven Hills High School fielded both a senior and junior team in this year's Girls Parramatta 9's Rugby League Gala Day (with the addition of some students from other schools), held on Thursday 19 November. The girls worked really hard at training leading up to the event and were excited to get onto the field.

A number of friendlies were played against Greystanes High School and Gilroy College. The junior girls put in a massive effort despite injuries and fought hard, with Teleah Cassar crossing for numerous tries. The senior girls put on some big hits in both attack and defence, with every player scoring at least once on the day.

A great team effort was put in by all girls, with all games played in good spirit.

Congratulations girls.

**Senior Team:** Nyjokiah-Lee Bell, Adriana Koni, Tyleen Saipele, Ciara Stockham and Veronika Vuki

**Junior Team:** Teleah Cassar, Maddison Henricksen, Leah Miles, Brooke Phillips and Precious Watts

Coaches: Corinne Dutt and Daniel Way



## Wellbeing

I would like to officially welcome Ms Katie Luscombe as the 2021 Year 7 Adviser. Ms Luscombe had her first event as Year Adviser on Tuesday 1 December when the school welcomed our 2021 Year 7 cohort for Orientation Day. The day ran a little differently to how it has in the past, however, with the assistance of Mr Way, Ms Jordan, Ms Kaur, several SLSO's and our Year 8 Peer Support leaders, the day was a success with students enjoying the activities and many parents providing positive feedback.

I would like to thank Mrs Stace and Mr Harper for the hard work they have given to supporting

their respective Year Groups. They will be a loss to the Wellbeing Team, but we are fortunate enough to have Ms Farrugia and Miss Kaur joining as the Year 8 Advisers and Mr Jones as the Year 11 Adviser for 2021.

Please stay safe over the holiday period and if any issues arise over this time, please ensure you / your child reach out to services such as a Head Space, Kids Helpline and Life Line. Other services can be found in the document 'Resources for Mental Health' on the School's Website.

Carissa Howell and the Wellbeing Team



# School Uniform

Parent and carers,

The junior uniform is available from Lowes at Seven Hills. The senior uniform is available on-line through The School Locker. The school sports shirt and wet weather jacket can be purchased through the front office. Please contact the school to order a new sports shirt or jacket for the beginning of next year.

Please ensure that when you are purchasing school shoes over the holiday period that they meet uniform guidelines.

 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 ✓

# Careers

## Endeavour Energy Program

Recently, 15 Year 10 students participated in a five day program at Endeavour Energy which led to an increase in student awareness of the electrical industry.

One of the most important skills they developed was interview technique. The students thoroughly enjoyed the program and feel better prepared to apply for a job and complete a job interview.

We are always grateful for our partnership with Endeavour Energy and their excellent delivery of the work experience program.



## ABCN – digital goals workshops

During Term 4, 12 Year 10 students attended five digital workshops with mentors from the Australian and Business Community Network (ABCN). These mentors assisted and coached our students to create and set both academic and financial goals. All students came away with valuable skills, the confidence to communicate well during a zoom meeting. It was a very successful workshop.

## The Helmsman Project –Girls Group

The Girl's group attended a three day camp in Term 1 and had two coaching sessions at school prior to the program ceasing due to restrictions. When the restrictions were lifted in Term 4 the girls enthusiastically picked up where they left off and completed a modified community project within school.



The students organised a Wellbeing Day with fun, grade based activities during Session 5. All activities were aimed at building a positive experience for the grade and promoting wellness. Students raised \$340 on the day for KIDS help line.

Congratulations to Makayla Baker, Sarah Carroll, Emily Fisk, April Gannon, Chloe Hart, Aprilia Mendoza, Megan McDevitt and Olivia Rogers.

Tonnie Slater

Careers Adviser



# Seven Hills High School is a 'Share Our Space' school

The school will be open from the first Monday until the last Friday of the holidays, including all public holidays.

Our school gates will open between 7am and 8am and close between 5pm and 6pm each day.

Parents/carers are expected to provide appropriate supervision for their child or children.

## Share Our Space!

Grounds open  
these holidays



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**Registrations start 2nd January 2021**

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