



JUNE 2021

# SEVEN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL *NEWS*



**SEVEN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL  
PARENTS & CITIZENS  
ASSOCIATION MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 9TH JUNE  
6.30PM IN THE LIBRARY**

*All parents and community  
members are invited to attend.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| <b>10</b> | <b>Wellbeing Day</b>                                 | <i>June</i> |
| <b>22</b> | <b>Rewards Day</b>                                   |             |
| <b>25</b> | <b>Celebration Assemblies<br/>Last Day of Term 2</b> |             |
| <b>12</b> | <b>School Development<br/>Day - Pupil Free</b>       | <i>July</i> |
| <b>13</b> | <b>Term 3 - Students return</b>                      |             |

# LEARNING AT SHHS *Viking Life*

*On 27th May, Week 6, 8HSIEA had an opportunity to unbox Viking artefacts with our Deputy Principal, Ms B. O'Connor as a project activity at the end of their historical study on Vikings.*

*Through this activity, students developed a deeper appreciation of Viking society and lifestyle. They were particularly impressed by the Viking attire for different societal roles such as artisans, warriors, farmers and Viking women.*

*Dressing for these roles gave an understanding of the era.*

*The students' enthusiasm was seen through their involvement in the lesson and they are excitedly looking forward to a similar future experience.*

*8HSIEA wishes to thank Ms O'Connor for enhancing their learning experience and for taking the time to support them.*

**NITIKA SONI - HISTORY TEACHER**



## *Poet's that know it*

*In Week 5, 20th May, 7ENGB created their own poems as a final activity in their Poetry Unit. During the unit, students considered different styles of poetry which inspired their creations. During the lesson, the class visited different open areas of the school to motivate and support their creative thoughts.*

*The final product was a variety of poetic styles, including haiku, limerick, blackout poetry and acrostic. 7ENGB students are commended on embracing such a challenging task in such a confident manner.*

**NITIKA SONI - ENGLISH TEACHER**





# LEARNING AT SHHS Chinese

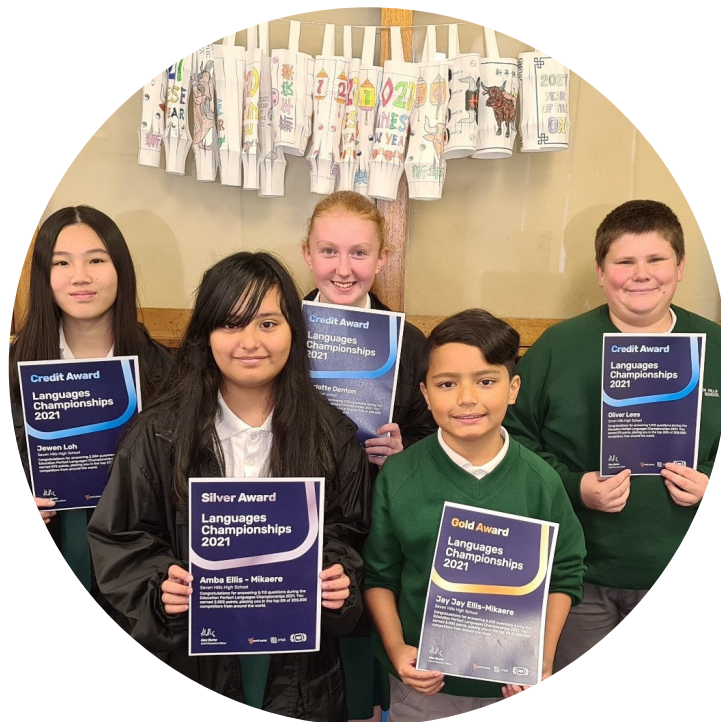
## STEM News

### HIGH ACHIEVERS

*Congratulations to the following students on the awards they achieved in the Education Perfect World Championships. These students performed extremely well and worked hard to realise these results.*

- **Jay Jay Ellis-Mikaere gained a Gold Award: placing him in the top 2% out of 208,000 students.**
- **Amba Ellis-Mikaere achieved a Silver Award: placing her in the top 5%**
- **Jewen Loh Credit: placed in the top 20%**
- **Oliver Lees Credit: placed in the top 20%**
- **Charlotte Denton Credit: placed in the top 20%**
- **Sierra Johnson Credit: placed in the top 20%**

**MARK HARPER - LANGUAGES TEACHER**



The students at Seven Hills High School are fortunate to have a number of opportunities to work with external organisations to develop skills such as creative and critical thinking, problem solving and team work skills.

As part of the mentoring partnership with the Aware Group, staff from the company have been coming out fortnightly to work with both 8D and Year 10 iSTEM on their classroom projects. The Year 10 class has started working with The William Rose School to create a product that will allow education to become more accessible for students with disabilities.

We had our first visit to the school on Friday 21st May and will visit the school on a fortnightly basis until the end of Term 3. These visits allow our students to better understand how the disabilities affect the students, how they might be able to improve accessibility for them and to build relationships with them.

The students in iSTEM enjoyed their first visit, already thinking of what they do with the William Rose students and they are looking forward to regular visits.

Seven Hills High School have also been lucky enough to develop a relationship with the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) as a result of our Mentoring Program with the Aware Group. UTS will be running an incursion on Monday 21st June for all Year 10 students and then in Term 3, working with all Year 7 PBL classes.

Year 9iSTEM is working with the CSIRO and the Blacktown City Council to develop a solution to a 21st Century problem that is affecting the local community. Students will work with mentors, gain industry experience and show case their solutions at a community event later in the year.

The Robotics and Coding Clubs are back up and running every Tuesday lunch time in Lab 4. Please come along if you have an interest in coding, designing, building or problem solving.

CARISSA HOWELL - STEM COORDINATOR





# Reconciliation

## ASSEMBLY

*Each year National Reconciliation Week celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.*

*National Reconciliation Week reflects on two significant anniversaries in Australia's reconciliation journey—the successful 1967 referendum and the historic Mabo land rights decision.*

*A formal assembly acknowledged the theme of Reconciliation Week for 2021, 'More than a word. Reconciliation takes action', which urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action.*

*Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.*



*At Seven Hills High School we encourage all students from different backgrounds to learn more about our diverse history and so all students were invited to be a part of our Reconciliation Week lunchtime activities, of art and crafts and outdoor indigenous games.*

*We also got together to try emu, kangaroo and crocodile sausages and learned some local indigenous language, to help celebrate and build on the respectful relationships shared by all our students and staff.*

**JOANNA JORDAN - ABORIGINAL EDUCATION  
PROGRAM COORDINATOR**



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## Seven Hills High School VET school to open in 2023

Students at a Western Sydney high school are set to benefit from a new VET facility expected to open in 2023 — featuring allied health, business and trade courses.

**Jake McCallum** NewsLocal State Political Reporter [Follow](#)

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(L TO R) Alyssa Blashear, Jorja McManus, Angus Pearce, Rihanna Ali, Henrietta Laban and Kaitlyn Brush of Seven Hills High School. Picture: Jake McCallum

**The Daily Telegraph sent out their roving political reporter, Jake McCallum, to cover the exciting news about the VET Facility to be constructed at the school during 2022.**

**Jake interviewed some of our students who are investigating the VET courses that will be on offer from next year and those linked to the new build in 2023.**

**Jorja McManus, Kaitlyn Brush, Alyssa Blas, Rihanna Ali, Henrietta Laban and Angus Pearce spoke with confidence and enthusiasm about the impact that these new opportunities will have on their senior schooling and possible career paths.**

**MS BETH O'CONNOR - DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**



# Student Leadership

*As part of the school's goal of continuing to increase student voice, a number of SRC members are undergoing training to facilitate Focus Groups. The aim is to again have student led focus groups to obtain feedback from students on a range of topics affecting the school. The feedback will then be acted upon to provide the most positive impact to the students.*

*On Tuesday 18th May, two of our Year 11 students from our Leadership Group (Heath Williams – Vice Captain, Paige Williams – Prefect) were invited to the Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School Prefect Network Afternoon Tea. Approximately 10 schools and over 50 students attended the event. Heath and Paige spent the afternoon networking with other schools, gaining an insight on how other Leadership Groups work.*



*Paige and Heath came away from the event with a number of ideas to implement at Seven Hills High School and they look forward to the next opportunity to work with the Prefect Network.*

**MRS CARISSA HOWELL -  
LEADERSHIP COORDINATOR**



The SRC, along with the Wellbeing Team, have been busy planning a Wellbeing Day to be held on Thursday 10th June. The day will include stalls from organisations such as the Blacktown PCYC and the Blacktown Area Community Centre to promote Mental Health supports and finish with each Year Group spending some time with ex-Parramatta player David Gower as he presents information on the Forge Wellbeing app and the importance of positive wellbeing. Students are permitted to wear Mufti on the day and are asked to bring a gold coin donation to raise money for Youth Mental Health organisations.

On Tuesday students who continually met our School Expectations throughout the past two terms were given an invite to our Rewards Day, which will be held on Tuesday 22nd June. The day allows us to congratulate those students who consistently strive to be the best student that they can be. Students will need to get their notes in quickly, as spots always fill up fast.

CARISSA HOWELL  
HEAD TEACHER WELLBEING

# CAREERS

## Stepping towards SENIOR YEARS



### SENIOR SUBJECT INFORMATION NIGHT - 19th MAY

Many of our Year 10 students and their parents braved the cold and wet to come out and hear what Seven Hills High School has to offer its incoming Year 11 cohort for 2022. Faculties set up displays and expert teachers were on hand to answer any questions about senior courses.

### TASTER DAY at WYNDHAM COLLEGE - YEAR 10 - MONDAY 24th MAY

Year 10 students attended a whole day at Wyndham College to 'sample' six Year 11 subjects. The students met in the College hall and had a short presentation from the Principal, Karen Smith. An individualised timetable was distributed to each student for the day. The taster lessons were very valuable as students were able to experience the subjects to assist them in their decision making process.

The students were commended on their behaviour and mature approach to their senior studies. A BBQ lunch was provided for students on the day by a Year 11 Hospitality class. A big thank you to Jo Andrew (rel CDP) for her organisation of the day and the teachers at Wyndham College for their engaging lessons.

### ABCN INCURSION

18th May | Selected students



*The partnership that Seven Hills High School enjoys with ABCN continued this term with an on line mentor program. This was held for 2 hours in the 4Cs room where students were guided by their mentor in how to set goals and think about their future skills in the workforce. The Year 10 students who attended enjoyed the program and found it valuable.*

**TONNIE SLATER - CAREERS ADVISOR**





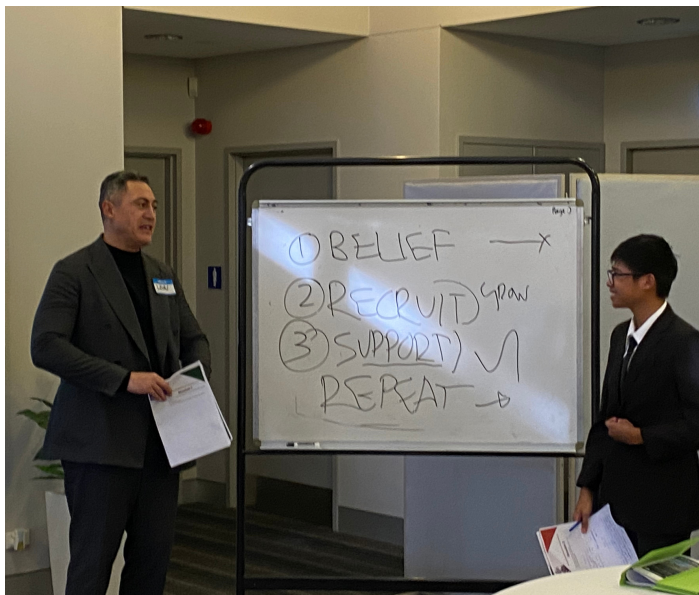
The Year 11 cohort was invited to attend a one day conference led by Development Coach Leon Naufahu at TradeWynnds Function room on June 1st.

Students dressed for a professional interview and developed their understanding around the importance of a positive mindset, impression management, goal setting, motivation and resilience.

## GENERAL CAPABILITIES FOR LIFE Conference



The students concluded the day by working on their personalised General Capabilities Reports wherein they reflected on the skills and attributes being developed in their work across senior courses and added evidence to validate their self assessment.



## Can you help?

### BUSINESS & INDUSTRY MENTORS

***Team Aspire are looking to build partnerships with people working in the local community who would be willing to provide students with insights into the work they do, and employ-ability skills relevant to their workplace.***

**Contact us on 9624 3329**

**BETH O'CONNOR, TONNIE SLATER & LEON NAUFAHU**

# UNIFORM

## Why is it important?

### BELONGING & CONNECTEDNESS

The uniform helps each student identify with the school as a group and should be worn with pride.

### SAFETY & SECURITY

Uniforms also make it much easier for staff to identify any person on school premises who should not have access.

### PREPARATION FOR WORKING & LIVING

Workplaces and venues have dress codes. Understanding what is acceptable standards of dress and grooming is important for their life ahead.

### PROFILE OF THE SCHOOL IN THE COMMUNITY

The community at large tends to judge a school by its dress standards; hence it is necessary for Seven Hills High School to uphold its uniform policy.

Students, teachers, parents and carers, as well as members of our local community helped develop our school uniform to make sure it:

- meets the requirements of occupational health and safety, anti-discrimination and equal opportunity legislation
- includes items that are affordable, comfortable and made from easy-care and easy-wear fabrics
- is appropriate for the full range of school activities
- is suitable for all body shapes.

Students must provide a note from parents or caregivers and carry a valid, dated note from their roll call teacher if out of school uniform.

## JUNIOR UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

### BOYS

- White shirt or white polo shirt.
- During winter a white long sleeved top is acceptable for extra warmth to be worn underneath school pullover. A white, green or black scarf is acceptable in winter.
- College grey trousers.
- College grey shorts.
- Bottle green pullover or jacket.
- Black fleece-lined jacket. CAN BE ORDERED FROM SCHOOL OFFICE FOR \$40.00
- White socks covering the ankles.
- Black, enclosed leather, lace – up school design shoes. Shoes made of canvas are unacceptable.
- Hat - school colours (black, white, bottle green)

### GIRLS


- White school blouse or white polo shirt.
- During winter a white long sleeved top is acceptable for extra warmth to be worn underneath school pullover. A white, green or black scarf is acceptable in winter.
- Tailored bottle green trousers
- Tailored bottle green shorts.
- Bottle green skirt (with inverted pleats).
- Bottle green pullover or jacket.
- Black fleece-lined jacket. CAN BE ORDERED FROM SCHOOL OFFICE FOR \$40.00
- White socks covering the ankles.
- Black tights may be worn during winter.
- Black, enclosed leather, lace – up school design shoes. Shoes made of canvas and ballet slipper design shoes are unacceptable.
- Hat - school colours (black, white, bottle green)



*At Seven Hills High*

# EVERY DAY COUNTS

*because...*



When you miss just...	That equals...	Which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Yr12 that is equal to...
1 day each fortnight	20 days a year	nearly 1 1/2 years of school	finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days a year	nearly 2 1/2 years of school	finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days a year	over 5 years of learning	finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days a year	nearly 8 years of learning	finishing Year 4

**TIME IS PRECIOUS, DON'T WASTE IT.**

**Our space  
is your  
space**



**Share  
our  
space**

300+ schools are  
open all holidays.



## **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 8am and 5pm each day.

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