

SEVEN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

A VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PATHWAYS SCHOOL

News



**NOVEMBER
2023**

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Monday 6 - Friday 16 November: Years 7-9 Check-in Assessment

Wednesday 8 November: Nirimba Collegiate Year 12 Formal

Friday 10 November: Year 7 Vaccinations (2nd dose HPV)

Tuesday 14 November: Year 7 Lifesaving Excursion

Wednesday 15 - Thursday 16: Year 7 Swim School

Wednesday 15 November: P&C Meeting

Tuesday 21 November: Year 11, 2024 Orientation/Senior Preparation Day

Tuesday 28 November: Year 7, 2024 Orientation Day

Wednesday 29 November: Vocational Education Centre - 2024 Orientation Day

DECEMBER

Wednesday 6 December: Showcase Performance

Friday 8 December: Year 10 Graduation Ceremony

Monday 11 December: Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 12 December: Presentation Day

Wednesday 13 December: Rewards Day

Friday 15 December: Last Day of Term 4

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WELCOME TO OUR

Vocational Innovation Centre

It is an absolute pleasure to inform the community that the Vocational Innovation Centre is open! Seven Hills High School is excited by the prospects that the new facility provides to teaching and learning.

The development is not just a building with industry standard facilities, it represents the direction Seven Hills High School is taking to provide new experiences, and innovative curriculum pathways for students. Now available to staff and students, this up-to-date specialist facility will enable students to gain skills that will support them in acquiring apprenticeships, traineeships and trade qualifications, as well as pathways to higher education.



At Seven Hills High School, we are committed to providing the new Vocational Education and Training (VET) curriculum as part of the NSW Government Vocational High Schools Program. The courses delivered focus on developing hands-on experience, obtaining workplace skills and acquiring technical knowledge.

Our objective is to promote independence, resilience and a love for learning. All of this can only be achieved by the school community working together, that is, the parents and guardians, the students themselves, as well as the staff of the school.

We are dedicated to striving for quality and expanding on the future prospects of our students so that they achieve their desired goals. We recognise every child is unique and tailor experiences that build on individual strengths and self-confidence. Working with our industry partners enables us to deliver quality outcomes within our local network so that we create a strong community where all individuals contribute constructively to society.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their support during the construction of the building and look forward to sharing our success stories with you as the new curriculum grows and programs are implemented across different faculties in the school.

Ana Macan

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What courses do you offer?

TAFE NSW will deliver the following Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses on campus in the VIC:

-  **Individual Support (Ageing)**
-  **Drainage (Pre-Plumbing Course)**
-  **Electrotechnology**
-  **Supply Chain Operations**

Seven Hills High School will deliver the following Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses on campus in the VIC:

-  **Sports Coaching**
-  **Business Services**
-  **Financial Services**
-  **Entertainment (Live Production and Technical Services)**

Where is the entrance to the Vocational Innovative Centre (VIC)?

Staff and students will be able to access the VIC from the Johnson Avenue gates.

When will the whole upgrade be finished?

Drainage works within the Johnson Avenue road reserve are expected to take place later in the year. A works notification will be published for the school and local community with more information about these works in due course.

What does the VIC mean for students?

Students will have more choice when mapping out their learning pathways. Those who choose to study one of the VET courses will achieve industry standard qualifications alongside their other Year 11 and 12 subjects.

Why was this facility built?

The facility was built so that students have more opportunities and can participate in practical, hands-on learning experiences.

Will VET courses impact the current curriculum offered at Seven Hills High School?

Every staff member at Seven Hills High School is dedicated to improving students' learning outcomes. The VET courses will be added to our school's existing course offerings and curriculum. We are focused on implementing a range of programs that are relevant, meaningful and engaging for all of our students.

MEET SOME OF OUR TEAM

Careers Adviser

During High School, careers advisers guide students to identify career options and help them achieve their preferred pathway.

Careers advisers help students explore their education and career options. They liaise with parents, teachers, employers, community agencies, as well as education and training providers to deliver career education programs and activities for groups of students or individuals.

Careers advisers:

- Assist students identify abilities, skills and interests through a range of careers resources and learning opportunities.
- Help students, parents and carers understand how the curriculum, subject selection, HSC, further education and training, as well as employment impact on career decisions.
- Provide opportunities for students to learn about careers and career pathways by providing workplace learning opportunities.

Daniel Moss



Industry Liaison Officer

As Industry Liaison Officer (ILO) my role is to establish and maintain local partnerships and engagement with business and industry to support enhanced outcomes for students undertaking vocational/VET courses and across all learning areas. I will work closely with the Deputy Principal to establish a local industry Advisory Committee to build partnerships and opportunities for students and schools.

My background is working with young people, business and industry across the employment, education, and training sectors. My career has included roles with Commonwealth Employment Service and Ai Group before transitioning into the not-for-profit sector working at Macarthur Workplace Learning, Sarina Russo Apprenticeships and now currently aligned with Schools Industry Partnership as the dedicated Industry Liaison Officer.

I am experienced and passionate about working with young people to support their goals and assisting them to find their career pathway and gain valuable skills and experiences while encouraging lifelong learning.

Janelle Henson

Transition Adviser

The Transition Adviser for the Nirimba Collegiate and the Vocational Innovation Centre assists students to understand the Vocational Education Training (VET) Pathways for the courses delivered within the VIC. They will support students to engage in activities and programs that prepare them for successful transition to further education, employment or training. The Transition Adviser collaborates with local community, industry organisations and government agencies to deliver innovative and engaging programs that meet the needs and aspirations of students. They will also work closely with the Collegiate Careers Team and the Industry liaison Officer.

Tonnie Slater



To meet more of our Skills and Pathways team, please refer back to our June, 2023 Newsletter:
sevenhills-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/newsletter.html

A LOOK BACK AT OUR CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday, 1 August: Mark Barraket - R/Deputy Secretary, Education and Skills Reform visits Seven Hills High School.

We had the privilege of hosting Mark Barraket - R/Deputy Secretary, Education and Skills Reform, Joanne Gardener - Director of Educational Leadership, Quakers Hill Network and the Pathways and Transition team at Seven Hills High School.

Our team spent the morning outlining the history of our school, showcasing the various opportunities and programs available to students, and sharing our journey towards delivering Vocational Education and Training courses. It was also a proud moment to provide a tour of the, then, soon to be completed Vocational Innovation Centre (VIC).

The school sees the building as representing the direction we are taking to provide different learning opportunities and pathways for our students.

We were very appreciative of the visit and look forward to welcoming Mark back in the future.



Wednesday, 18 October: Student and Family BBQ.

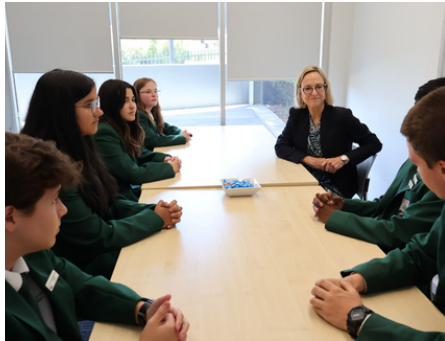
It was an exciting day when the Vocational Innovation Centre (VIC) opened for learning! To celebrate, we held a welcome BBQ for all current students undertaking Vocational Education Training Courses at Seven Hills High School, and their families.



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Monday, 23 October: Julie Kennedy - R/Executive Director visits Seven Hills High School.

Seven Hills High School was privileged to receive a visit from Julie Kennedy, Relieving Executive Director. Our Student Representative Council welcomed Julie and we were able to showcase the various opportunities and programs available at Seven Hills High School including the newly opened Vocational Innovation Centre.



Thursday, 2 October: Deputy Premier and Minister for Education and Early Learning, Prue Car, and the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, Steve Wahn officially open our Vocational Innovation Centre.

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They toured the industry standard facilities and were able to interact with students undertaking the courses of Individual Support (Ageing) and Electrotechnology.

It was a pleasure to share the journey that the school undertook to get to this point, as well as the future directions it will be driving to ensure students gain skills that will support them in acquiring apprenticeships, traineeships and trade qualifications, as well as pathways to higher education.

