

# SEVEN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

A VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PATHWAYS SCHOOL

## NEWS



MAY 2023

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAY

- 3 May: Years 7-10 Parent/Teacher Night
- 5 May: Year 7 and 10 Vaccinations
- 5 May: Zone Cross Country
- 8 - 19 May: Years 7 and 8 Examinations
- 10 May: Year 11 2024 Open Night - 6pm in the Hall  
P&C Association Meeting - 6pm in the school Library
- 12 May: Mother's Day Breakfast
- 15 - 28 May: Years 9 and 10 Examinations
- 24 May: Senior Open Night
- 29 May: Year 11 Reports Distributed
- 31 May: Years 11 and 12 Parent/Teacher Night

### JUNE

- 14 June: P&C Association Meeting - 6pm in the school Library
- 14 - 16 June: Year 8 Camp
- 23 June: Grade Day
- 28 June: Celebration Assembly - Semester 1
- 29 June: Rewards Day
- 30 June: Last Day of Term 2  
Years 7 - 10 reports distributed

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# FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

*And we hit the road running...*

Welcome to Term 2!

I hope everyone has had a relaxing and enjoyable break and that you are looking forward to a term where we build on our knowledge and skills, evaluate our progress, as well as continue the journey towards reaching our goals.

Term 2 started with a School Development Day which was held on April 24. The focus for all NSW government schools was Aboriginal Education. At Seven Hills High School, staff extended their knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and worked together to develop strategies that would improve outcomes for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The school evaluated current practices in creating Personalised Learning Pathways and identified initiatives that could be incorporated to make them more meaningful so that the supports provided are targeted and relevant. The day was an excellent opportunity to learn, share and connect. It also reinforced the commitment of staff to implement changes so that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students have access to high-quality learning experiences.



By the time this newsletter reaches you, you may be aware that the formal examination period will be starting for many of our students in Week 3. If your child is in Years 7 – 10, and has not received the schedule, it can be accessed on the [school website here](#). A reminder that assessment is not just an examination where knowledge is rated, it is also a tool used to measure student understanding and provides staff with information to plan for the next stages in the learning process.

Finally, in this edition of the newsletter you will find an explanation of the school's Merit Scheme as well as an outline of events to recognise and celebrate student achievement.

Students who display responsibility for learning, active participation in Sport, demonstrate ROAD values and exhibit school citizenship are recognised through the Merit Scheme. Their effort, responsibility for actions and willingness to participate in initiatives is commended. Academic performance is highly valued, however, 'Being the best person you can be' and 'Putting in your best effort' are just as admirable.

I look forward to celebrating and sharing all our students' success stories with you throughout the year.

# ROAD

## Respect



## Organisation



## Application



## Determination



# Seven Hills High School

## Student Expectations 'The ROAD to success'



### Respect yourself, others and your environment

- Always speak to you peers and teachers politely. Accept differences and listen to other points of view.
- Say 'NO' to abuse, aggression, violence, bullying and swearing.
- Keep your school clean and safe.
- Be proud of your school and its students and staff.

### Be organised and prepared to learn

- Be punctual to school and class.
- Strive for perfect attendance.
- Bring the correct equipment for each of your lessons.
- Always wear your uniform correctly.

### Be positive in your application to school activities

- Be diligent and work hard.
- Follow your teachers' requests without argument.
- Be conscientious in your work and learning.
- Contribute constructively as a team member.
- Further your learning at every opportunity.

### Be determined to achieve in all you do

- Complete all your work and activities to the very best of your ability.
- Aim to improve upon all that you do.
- Be proud of successes and the success of others.
- Strive for quality in all that you do.

# Celebrating **SUCCESS**

A definition of **achievement**: a thing done successfully with effort, skill, or courage

A definition of **success**: the accomplishment of an aim or purpose

By acknowledging success and achievement we assist in building an individual's self-esteem, motivation and confidence.

At Seven Hills High School we acknowledge, reward and celebrate positive behaviour for learning through the school's Merit Scheme. The process is multi-layered and endeavours to recognise effort and accomplishments at key milestone phases.

Within the classroom, student success is acknowledged through the awarding of recognition slips. Students are encouraged to submit the staff portion to their Year Advisers so that they are acknowledged and rewarded in front of their peers. Recognition slips and any positive incidents entered on Sentral are integrated into the merit point scheme.

The Wellbeing Team acknowledges student success through a variety of ways including:

## 1. Acknowledging individual achievement in Year Meetings

**2. Year Adviser Lunches:** At the end of each term students who achieve 100% attendance (term based), wear the correct school uniform and demonstrate respectful behaviours within the learning environment are invited to enjoy a lunch with the Wellbeing Team.

**3. Rewards Day:** This is a semester based event where students who have met the specific selection criteria are invited to attend an offsite school excursion. The criteria is:

- Continued engagement at school by displaying an attendance rate of 90% or above and arriving to school on time
- Demonstrated pride in school uniform with no uniform infractions
- Applied themselves with diligence in completing work and assessments, with no work incomplete or overdue
- Showed respect and responsibility within the school environment with no negative Sentral entries

**4. Celebration Assemblies** are held at the end of each semester and are class based. They are an opportunity to acknowledge academic achievement as well as significant improvement in application within the learning environment. Extra-curricular contributions and attendance are also acknowledged.

**5. Presentation Day** is an annual formal assembly which recognises achievement over the year. This includes: academic success, sporting age champions, contribution to school and community citizenship as well as Merit Scheme awards.



# Merit SCHEME

The current Merit Scheme at Seven Hills High School is structured to reward all students who demonstrate our ROAD values. It encourages students to strive to achieve their best across all aspects of school life so that they can be eligible for the highest awards.

The Seven Hills High School Merit Scheme is divided into two categories:

## Achievement and Participation.

Within each category there are three subgroups:

1. Academic
2. Sporting
3. Creative and Performing Arts and Citizenship

Points are allocated to students for meeting levels of achievement in different activities across the school. They include: submitting an assignment on time, participating in a competition, representing the school, etc. Students accrue points and when they accumulate 20 points in one category they receive a Merit Certificate. If they receive Merit Certificates in two different areas then they are awarded a Certificate of Excellence. So too, if a student achieves Merit Certificates in all three areas within a category they will receive the Principal's Award.

If a student receives a Principal's award for Participation every year, they are awarded a Medal of Distinction on graduating.

When a student receives a Principal's Award for Achievement every year, they receive the Medal of High Distinction upon graduation.

Whilst quite structured, our Merit Scheme is also flexible to meet the needs of our students and wider school community.

For further information regarding the Merit Scheme, please contact the school.



## Seven Hills High School Achievement Merit Scheme

Accumulate  
20 Points in  
the Academic  
Category



Accumulate  
20 Points in  
the Sporting  
Category



Achieve a Merit  
Award in two  
categories of  
Achievement to  
earn a Certificate  
of Excellence

Achieve a Merit  
Award across all  
three categories  
to earn the  
Principal's  
Award

Achieve a  
Principal's Award  
for Achievement  
every year to  
earn the Medal of  
High Distinction  
in Year 10

Accumulate  
20 Points in  
the PAC  
Category



## Seven Hills High School Participation Merit Scheme

Accumulate  
20 Points in  
the Academic  
Category



Accumulate  
20 Points in  
the Sporting  
Category



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Distinction in Year  
10

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