

SEVEN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

A VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PATHWAYS SCHOOL

NEWS



JUNE 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

Wednesday 7 - Thursday 8 June: Zone Athletics Carnival

Monday 12 June: Public Holiday

Tuesday 13 - Thursday 15 June: Synergy Dance Competition

Wednesday 14 June: P&C Association Meeting - 6pm in the school Library

Wednesday 14 - Friday 16 June: Year 8 Camp - Tea Tree Gardens

Friday 23 June: Grade Day

Wednesday 28 June: Celebration Assembly - Semester 1

Thursday 29 June: Rewards Day

Friday 30 June: Last Day of Term 2
Years 7 - 10 reports distributed

JULY

Monday 17 July: Staff Development Day

Tuesday 18 July: Students return to school

Tuesday 18 - Wednesday 19 July: Year 10 subject selection interviews

Tuesday 25 - Wednesday 26 July: Year 9 Camp - Collaroy Centre

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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Options, opportunities and personal growth

As you may be aware, Seven Hills High School will soon expand with the opening of a newly built facility – the Vocational Innovation Centre (VIC). The development is not just a building, it represents the direction we are taking to provide different learning opportunities and pathways for our students. This up-to-date specialist facility will provide our students with access to apprenticeships, traineeships and trade qualifications, and higher education.



From Term 3, Seven Hills High School will deliver Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses on campus in the VIC.

They will include:

- Individual Support (Ageing)
- Electrotechnology
- Drainage (pre-plumbing course)
- Business Services
- Financial Services
- Entertainment (Live Production and Technical Services)

We are looking forward to offering Supply Chain (Logistics) and Sport Coaching in 2024.

What does this mean for our students?

Our students will have more choice when mapping out their learning pathways. Students who choose to study one of these VET courses will complete industry standard courses alongside their other Year 11 and 12 subjects.

Why was this facility built?

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

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

Every staff member at Seven Hills High School is dedicated to improving our 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.

In this newsletter, you will be introduced to some key people supporting the delivery of our VET courses.

Ana Macan

Skills and Pathways **TEAM**

Deputy Principal

I have been given the opportunity to lead an innovative and creative team in the development of Skills and Pathways. This allows students to explore options and study patterns in order to successfully navigate their senior schooling years with purpose and a sense of direction. The Vocational Innovation Centre is a purpose-built facility to support students in their vocational education journey.



Throughout my years of teaching vocational education, I have seen students grow into valued members of the community. It is always satisfying to see students making the most of their learning experiences and continue to succeed beyond school.

I am looking forward to the exciting times ahead as we collaborate with industry and the wider community.

Andrew Kerr

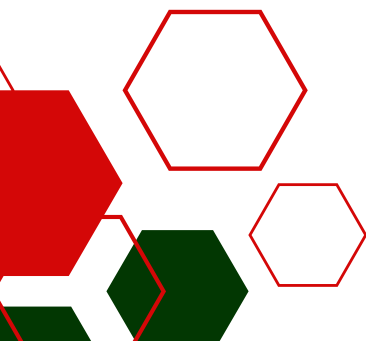


Careers Transition Adviser

A **Careers Adviser** provides information, guidance and advice to help students explore their education and career options. They liaise with parents, teachers, employers, community agencies and training providers.

The **Transition Adviser** for the Collegiate assists students to engage in activities and programs that prepare them for successful transition to further education, training or employment. They collaborate with local community, industry organisations and government agencies to deliver innovative and engaging programs that meet the needs and aspirations of students.

Tonnie Slater



Skills and Pathways **TEAM**

Head Teacher VET

As Head Teacher of Vocational Education and Training, I lead a team of staff to provide educational experiences that are interesting, relevant, and useful in supporting students to meet their individual potential.

Courses are structured to industry standards and provide students with first hand experience in the workplace, giving them the right skills for employment. The courses currently delivered by staff at Seven Hills High School include Business Services, Entertainment Industry and Financial Services.

Gina Walker



Head Teacher Secondary Studies

As the Head Teacher of Secondary Studies I work with students in Years 11 and 12 to support their journey through senior school and then onto further education or into the workforce. During Supported Study Sessions, students engage in activities in developing an awareness of critical and creative thinking, self-management, research strategies and organisation skills.

The Vocational Innovation Centre provides the resources to deliver educational outcomes in different ways. Primary school visits, competitions and collaborative experiences will be undertaken in this environment with an aim to provide students with skills that are essential for employment.

Penny Matchett

Student Support Officer

As a Student Support Officer my role is to encourage students and provide opportunities so that they can achieve individual success. This year, Seven Hills High School is introducing a Coaching and Mentoring program for our Year 11 students in collaboration with the University of Sydney Coaching Psychology Unit.

The program comprises of eight structured sessions held over Terms 2 and 3. As the coach, it is my role to stimulate and scaffold group conversations. The key component of the program is for our students to view situations from another perspective, share their knowledge and expand their skills and 'toolkit' of strategies to help them to adapt to challenging situations.

Leon Naufahu



Subject Selection **PROCESS**

Year 11, 2024

Students in the Nirimba Collegiate select subjects from the broadest range of courses on offer in NSW. To support students with their choices, a comprehensive subject selection process is delivered across the Collegiate. We encourage our students to participate in each step of the process, and to gather as much information as possible so that they can make informed choices.

Dates to remember:

TERM 2

Weeks 7- 8: Senior Subject Survey – Closes Tuesday 13 June

This online survey will provide information to create the curriculum structures for our four collegiate schools - this includes the subjects that each school will offer for Year 11, 2024.

Week 9 - 10: Students prepare for their Subject Selection Interview

Students should take the time to reflect on information provided at Open Nights, read the information available in the Senior Course Guide, speak with Careers teachers, parents and subject teachers so that they are prepared to make their stage 6 selections. There will be no changes to final selections.

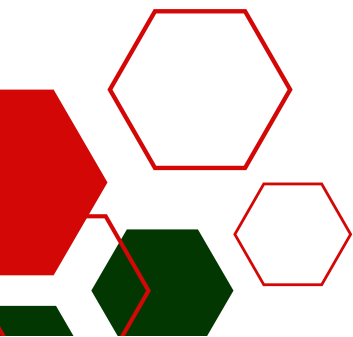
TERM 3

Weeks 1 - 3: Subject Selection Interviews

Careers teachers will notify students the date of their interview. Students will meet with a member of the Collegiate Careers Team to discuss their career planning and subject choices. Parents are invited to attend the interview.

Week 6 – Friday 25 August 2023: Year 11, 2024 subject selection is closed

Any students who have missed interviews must complete their subject selections with their careers teacher. No changes can be made subject selections after this date.





Artist impression of the VET facilities

Seven Hills High School: VET Upgrade

Project update | May 2023

Project overview

Seven Hills High School is being upgraded to provide a new Vocational Innovation Centre. These specialist vocational education and training (VET) facilities will provide students with the skills, support and access to trades and vocational pathways that will enable them to succeed in the 21st century.

The new Vocational Innovation Centre will primarily focus on the following industry areas:

- Construction (Electrotechnology and Plumbing)
- Human Services
- Supply Chain (Logistics)
- Business and Financial Services

Progress summary

Construction to deliver the new Vocational Innovation Centre is nearing completion. The external structure is now finished, and external cladding works are underway. Works have started on the internal fit out of the facility and the finishing of all walls, floors, and ceilings. Furniture, fixtures, and equipment are being ordered for the final fit out of the facility.

Next steps

The next steps for the final stage of construction at Seven Hills High School include:

- Finishing the cladding of the external facade
- Finishing the internal fit out of the facility
- Preparing the driveway, footpath, and carpark for the pouring of the concrete
- Landscaping works
- Installing furniture, fixtures, and equipment to prepare for the opening of the facility

More information

For more information about this project use the QR code or visit schoolinfrastructure.nsw.edu.au and search for Seven Hills High School VET upgrade.

