

# SEVEN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

A VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PATHWAYS SCHOOL

## News



SEPTEMBER  
2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

**Monday 2 Sept - Friday 13 Sept:** EPP Supply Chain Head Start program

**Wednesday 4 Sept - Friday 6 Sept:** Year 8 Camp

**Wednesday 4 Sept:** VALID 10 Science Testing

**Thursday 5 Sept:** VALID 10 Science Testing

**Wednesday 11 Sept:** P&C Meeting - School Library, 6pm

**Thursday 12 Sept:** R U OK Day

**Monday 23 Sept:** VIC - Graduation Evening

**Thursday 26 Sept:** Embrace Program Year 8

**Friday 27 Sept:** Year 12 Graduation Ceremony

### OCTOBER

**Monday 30 Sept - Friday 11 Oct:** School Holidays

**Friday 18 Oct:** Year 7 Vaccinations

**Monday 21 Oct - Friday 1 Nov:** Year 9 and 10 Semester 2 Examinations

**Friday 25 Oct:** Year 10 Vaccinations

**Monday 28 Oct - Friday Nov 1:** Years 7 and 8 Semester 2 Examinations

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# FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear parents/carers, students, and members of our school community,

As we pass the midpoint of Term 3, I am excited to share with you the latest updates from our school. As always, it has been a busy yet productive time with lots of amazing opportunities for our students.

Throughout this term we have been hosting our local primary schools for our Smooth Walking Primary School Transition Program. The initiative is designed to ease the transition for our incoming Year 7 2025 students and ensure a seamless and enjoyable start to their educational journey at Seven Hills High School. From my perspective, it has been fantastic to witness the program for the first time and I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting lots of our prospective Year 7 students as they participated in a broad range of subjects offered at Seven Hills High School.

On Friday of Week 5, our staff and students came together for the Youth off the Streets Sleepout. The event, aimed at raising awareness and funds for youth experiencing homelessness, saw our students and staff sleeping rough overnight in the school quadrangle. A huge thank you to everyone who participated, donated, and supported this incredible event. I would like to thank the following staff who coordinated and supervised the event; Mr Way, Mrs Thurlow, Mr Nguyen. Mr May, Ms Kaur, Mr Zhang and Ms Costello. The efforts of our students and staff are a testament to the strength and compassion of our school community. Together, we have taken a meaningful step towards creating a brighter future for all young people, regardless of their circumstances.

Last week, we celebrated School Support Recognition Week (formally SASS Recognition week) where we acknowledge the incredible work of our School Learning Support Officers (SLSO), Kitchen, Science, Library, Grounds and Office school administrative staff for the support they provide to students and staff at Seven Hills High School. We couldn't do what we do without these amazing staff!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our amazing School support staff for their commitment to supporting our students, teachers and the Seven Hills High School community.



On Wednesday of last week, we also celebrated all of the important males in our lives with a Father's Day BBQ held in the school hall. It was great to see so many fathers and their children in attendance, we certainly appreciated you all giving up your evenings to celebrate with us and I hope you all had a great Father's Day!

Congratulations to Year 12 students who have just completed their trial examinations. Additional congratulations to Year 12 students from Industrial Technology who have now completed their major practical works. As we celebrate these achievements, it's important to remember that the journey isn't over yet. The HSC examinations are just around the corner, and it's crucial to keep up the hard work. This time of year is incredibly busy, but staying focused and continuing to study diligently will ensure the best possible outcomes. We encourage all students to keep pushing forward and make the most of these final weeks. Your perseverance will pay off as you prepare to complete your Year 12 journey.

Finally, a reminder that the September P&C meeting is on this Wednesday, 11th September at 6pm in the school library.

Warmest regards,  
Matthew Saville



# Vocational Innovation Centre

## National Skills Week



Certificate II in Supply Chain Operations - Work Placement.

As part of the Supply Chain Certificate II course offered by TAFE NSW at the Vocational Innovation Centre, students like Riley and Ihaka are on a dedicated learning journey, developing valuable skills required in the workforce.

They are applying their knowledge gained through participating in a week-long Work Placement at Foodbank at Glendenning. During their placement, they gain hands-on experience in workplace health and safety protocols, scanning procedures, effective communication with team members, and picking and packing orders. They are also learning about Foodbank's operations and its role as Australia's largest hunger relief charity, connecting surplus food and groceries to needy individuals.



The skills that Riley and Ihaka are acquiring through this experience are highly valuable within the Industry, particularly in the Transport and Logistics sector. Many organizations send their employees as volunteers to support Foodbank's mission, and our students are no exception. Seven Hills High School plays a role in contributing food donations to Foodbank, which in turn provides assistance to our Breakfast Club program, providing a nutritional breakfast for students at school.



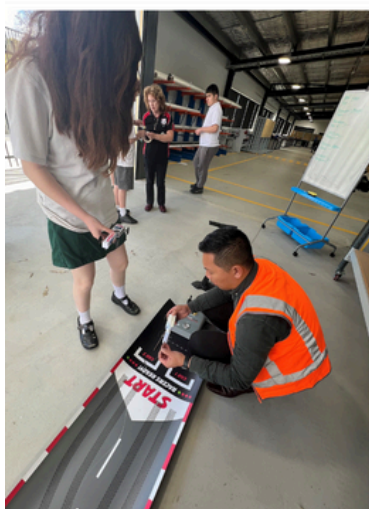
# Vocational Innovation Centre National Skills Week

In Week 5, we had an incredible time celebrating National Skills Week with a series of engaging events at our Vocational Innovation Centre.

Our students, alongside Vardys Road PS, showcased their teamwork by building working plumbing systems. 7A and 8A classes dove into hands-on lessons on circuits and Individual Support activities, while our Inclusive Education unit got creative by designing and racing paper F1 cars on the racetrack! Year 8 also explored various careers through the fun and informative 'What's My Line?' activity.

This term, some of our Year 10 students are also getting a taste of TAFE courses, exploring exciting pathways for their future.

A huge shoutout to Mrs Matchett, Mr Kerr, and Mr Jones for hosting these amazing lessons and making National Skills Week a success!



# Educational Pathways Program

## Head Start

Head Start is an EPP initiative where students engage in two weeks of both theory and 'hands-on' training in a chosen industry.

Our NECA Head Start group was lucky enough to complete their course at the Vocational Innovation Centre from 19th- 30th August.

The class completed three units of competency for the electrotechnology and telecommunications industry and visited a range of employers.

They enjoyed three days of excursions to CABAC, Kerfoot, Next DC – Artarmon Data Centre, Schneider Electric, Heyday and Multiplex at the Western Sydney Airport and Endeavour Energy – a great opportunity for them.

Congratulations to Caiden Cattanach and Kane Aston for their dedication and commitment to the program.



# Youth off the streets

On Friday, 23rd August, 42 students participated in the Youth Off The Streets Sleepout. The evening featured a powerful presentation and activities on youth homelessness, led by our school captain, Lucinda Landall, and Year 9 student, Matilda Ross.

For dinner, students enjoyed a choice of spaghetti bolognese, fried rice, and nachos, followed by brownies, ice cream, and fruit for dessert. We wrapped up the night with a movie before the students set up their sleeping bags in the school quad.

A big thank you to Alyssa Tepania and the Inspire Program for their generous donations.



# Book Week

During Book Week, Ms Costello held a Cos Play Event at the library. Students and staff dressed as their favourite book characters. Throughout the session, students participated in trivia and prizes were awarded to the best dressed students.



Benelli Mendoza, Mark Halder, Maya Bennett, William Milne





# Raising Awareness

Wear It Purple Day strives to foster supportive, safe, empowering and inclusive environments for rainbow young people. On Friday 30 August, Seven Hills High School encouraged students and staff to wear purple to show their support for the initiative.



Thursday 12 September.

R U OK? Inspire and empower everyone to meaningfully connect with the people around them and start a conversation with those in their world who may be struggling with life.

You don't need to be an expert to reach out - just a good friend and a great listener.

