

# SEVEN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

A VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PATHWAYS SCHOOL

## News



**JUNE  
2025**



## CALENDAR EVENTS

### JUNE

**Wednesday 11 June:** P&C Meeting @ 6pm  
**Wednesday 11 June:** Opens Boys and Girls Futsal Competition

**Thursday 12 June:** u16's Boys and Girls Futsal Competition

**Friday 13 June:** u14's Boys and Girls Futsal Competition

**Monday 16 June - Wednesday 18 June:** Year 9 camp

**Wednesday June 18:** Synergy Rehearsals and performance

**Thursday 19 June - Friday 20 June:** Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival

**Friday 20 June:** Synergy Performance

**Tuesday 24 June:** Year 9 History Incursion  
**Tuesday 24 June:** Year 12 Day Out

**Tuesday 24 June - Wednesday 25 June:** SLR Sports Trainer Course

**Thursday 26 June:** Sydney West Cross Country

**Monday 30 June:** Rewards Day

### JULY

**Tuesday 1 July:** NAIDOC Assembly  
**Tuesday 1 July - Thursday 3 July:** Year 9 and 10 iSTEM Macquarie Uni Program

**Wednesday 2 July:** Celebration Assembly

**Friday 4 July:** Grade Day  
**Friday 4 July:** Last Day of Term 2

**Tuesday 22 July:** First Day of Term 3

**Wednesday 23 July:** VIC Apprenticeship and Traineeship Information Night

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 10 Macquarie University Program

**Monday 28 July - Wednesday 30 July:** Year 10 Camp

# FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

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

As we pass the midpoint of Term Two, I want to extend my congratulations to all students for their hard work and dedication in completing their Semester 1 exams.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to our First Nations students, parents, and community members who joined us for our recent First Nations Community BBQ.

Your presence and participation made the event a wonderful occasion to celebrate our diverse cultures and strengthen our community bonds. Thank you to local Elder, Uncle Danny Eastwood, who welcomed everyone with a traditional smoking ceremony and the shared stories with us through his Acknowledgement of Country. Thank you also to our amazing students for leading the ceremony and performing during the event.

We observed National Reconciliation Week from May 27 to June 3, during this time we acknowledged the importance of building respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians. The week serves as a reminder of our commitment to reconciliation and understanding.

Our school is currently implementing our school's Reconciliation Action Plan - a journey focused on shaping a better future through healing, understanding, and unity. This involves acknowledging and embracing the rich history of our land and fostering respect, knowledge, and pride in the cultures and contributions of our First Nations peoples.

If you would like to be involved - whether by guiding us through this process or by sharing your knowledge, culture, and experiences - we warmly invite you to contact the school via email, [sevenhills-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sevenhills-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au).

As we move into the winter months, I want to encourage all students to continue wearing their school uniform with pride. Even though it's winter, maintaining our uniform standards promotes a sense of belonging and unity within our school community.





Finally, I would like to invite all parents and carers to our next Parents and Citizens (P&C) meeting on June 11 at 6 PM in the school library. This is a great opportunity to engage with the school community, share your thoughts, and contribute to the betterment of our school environment.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and commitment to our school.

Warm regards,  
Matthew Saville



Preparing the leaves  
for the smoking  
ceremony



Student performers  
with Uncle Danny  
Eastwood



# KARI mentoring Program

Our First Nations students continue to engage in the KARI Mentoring Program with Wyndham and Kenny during Session 1 on Mondays of Week B in the library. Through activities such as yarning, outdoor games, and exploring the history of Indigenous tools, students are developing a deeper understanding of each other and their culture.

All First Nations students are invited to attend, see Ms Jordan for permission notes.





# Inclusive Education

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, Seven Hills High School students weathered the rain and attended the Western Sydney Wanderers All Abilities Gala Day. Students participated in a variety of hands-on football activities throughout the day to build their skills and developed strong team chemistry with their peers.





# Celebrations

On Tuesday 27 May, SHHS held the National Reconciliation Week Community BBQ. National Reconciliation Week, is observed annually from May 27 to June 3. It is a crucial time for Australians to acknowledge and celebrate the shared history, cultures, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It also provides an opportunity to explore how individuals can contribute to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

The 2025 National Reconciliation Week theme, Bridging Now to Next, reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future. It calls on all Australians to step forward together, to look ahead and continue the push forward as past lessons guide us.

The afternoon began with a traditional Smoking Ceremony led by local elder, and renown artist, Uncle Danny Eastwood. Our First Nations students performed a stirring cultural dance about men and women spearing and netting eels in ancient waterways, taking only what was needed and giving thanks for every gift.

We also remembered Uncle Wes Marne, who sadly passed last year, with one of his poignant poems, Indigenous Ones, read by Mikayla Auld. Principal, Matthew Saville addressed the attendees and extended an invitation for families and community to join us in creating our school's Reconciliation Action Plan by sharing their culture, knowledge and perspectives. The evening was concluded with a barbecue and an opportunity for staff, students and community to mingle and build stronger connections.

Dancers: Matt Mackay, Mikayla Auld, Dexter Giudice, Kierah Hazelton, Jack De Beer, Jaylah Turner-Martin





# Class Highlights

## Year 11 Food Technology

On Thursday, June 5, the Year 11 Food Technology students had the chance to sharpen their barista skills as part of their training for 2026. The new team crafted and delivered morning coffees to teachers, giving them a taste of what's to come. These students are preparing to take over the Year 12 café next year, where they'll serve coffee and food items to the staff on a Tuesday morning.

A big thank you to Daniel from Pathways Community Care Inc. and the Educational Pathways Program for supporting this initiative and helping students build real-world skills.





# Vocational Innovation Centre

## More International Guests Visit the VIC

On Tuesday, June 3rd, we welcomed Deana Goodwine, the Director of Workforce Development for Sylacauga City Schools in Alabama, USA. She was in Australia to investigate the operations of vocational education in schools and TAFE. It was a great opportunity to share information on a common theme and to compare and contrast different delivery methods of vocational education.

Then, on Friday, June 6th, we once again hosted a group of Korean principals at the Vocational Innovation Centre at Seven Hills High School. The principals were on a study tour to explore how we deliver vocational education at our institution. Following the same format as our previous visit, Matt Saville, and Andrew Kerr gave a brief presentation introducing them to some of the unique programs we offer. Penny Matchett presented our Primary School Engagement program, while W. Leon Naufahu provided an overview of Developmental Coaching.

This week has proven to be a wonderful opportunity to showcase our delivery styles and the programs available at the Vocational Innovation Centre, allowing us to compare our offerings with those from around the world.





# Vocational Innovation Centre

## Join Us APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINEESHIP INFORMATION NIGHT



Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025

6:00PM - 7:30PM

Vocational Innovation Centre, Johnson Avenue, Seven Hills

Pedestrian gate access near Gate 1. Street parking only

**For Students and  
Parents/Carers in  
Years 10-12**



PANEL PRESENTATION – QUESTIONS & ANSWERS –  
TALK ONE ON ONE WITH EXPERTS



Meet with Direct Employment and Group  
Training Organisations



What is an Apprenticeship, Traineeship and  
School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SBAT)



Who is involved with an Apprenticeship  
or Traineeship



How to get an Apprenticeship or Traineeship



Apply for positions to start now or in 2026  
Bring your resumé



**Registration via  
the QR code is  
required to attend**

