

SEVEN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

A VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PATHWAYS SCHOOL

News



MARCH
2025

CALENDAR EVENTS

MARCH

APRIL

Tuesday 11 Mar: Boys League Tag and Tackle Gala Day
Tuesday 11 Mar: Year 7 2026 Open Night

Wednesday 12 Mar: NAPLAN Testing window opens
Wednesday 12 Mar: Pulse Dance rehearsals
Wednesday 12 Mar: P&C Meeting

Thursday 13 Mar: Year 10 PASS wheelchair Basketball excursion
Thursday 13 Mar: KARI Western Sydney Wanderers excursion
Monday 17 Mar: iSTEM Climate project excursion

Tuesday Mar 18: Girls League Tag Gala Day
Tuesday Mar 18: Year 12 Financial and Business Services Excursion
Tuesday Mar 18: Year 10 Wyndham College Experience

Friday 21 Mar: Pulse dance performance

Monday 24 Mar: NAPLAN testing window closes

Tuesday 25 Mar: Year 10 Drama Excursion

Thursday 27 Mar: Year 10 Digital Media Excursion
Thursday 27 Mar: PASS Beach Volleyball Excursion

Friday 28 Mar: Wanderers 5-a-side Soccer competition

Tuesday 1 Apr: School Cross Country
Tuesday 1 Apr: SRC and Sport Leader Investiture Assembly

Thursday 3 Apr: Greening Australia Planting - STEM and Agriculture

Monday 7 Apr: Multicultural week starts
Monday 7 Apr: Multicultural Classroom activities
Monday 7 Apr: ANZAC Assembly

Tuesday 8 Apr: Multicultural Lunch

Wednesday 9 Apr: P&C Meeting - 6pm
Wednesday 9 Apr: Teachers Vs Students Sport

Thursday 10 Apr: Multicultural Assembly

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear parents/carers, students and members of our school community, It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to another new school year, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to each and every one of you. I hope you all enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating break, filled with memorable moments with family and friends.

This year promises to be an exciting one, filled with new opportunities for learning, growth, and community engagement. We are thrilled to welcome new students, parents/carers and staff members who bring fresh perspectives and energy to our school. As our student numbers increase so does our staff and it is with great pleasure to introduce the following teaching staff joining us this year:

Mr J. Currie – PDHPE

Ms D. Alexander – HSIE

Mr S. MacAulay – Science/HSIE

Ms L. Smith – CAPA

Mr J. Tween – English

Mr T. Huggett – LaST



I would also like to congratulate Ms S. Oskay who was successful in gaining a permanent position in our English faculty at the end of last year.

We have really hit the ground running, with lots of memorable activities and events already in these first 6 weeks.

It was a great day out at Mount Druitt Swimming Centre for our annual swimming carnival. It was fantastic to see all the students in attendance showing school spirit and pride in their sporting houses. The day was well organised and congratulations to all students, whether you swam competitively or just participated in the novelty events, you all got in and had a go. It would be great to see even more students participating next year. Thank you to the PDHPE faculty whose organisation is always meticulous which allows the day to run so smoothly with maximum enjoyment for all. Congratulations to Ellis who were 2025 Swimming Carnival House champions!

Last week our Year 7 students and staff headed up the freeway to Tea Gardens for three amazing days at The Great Aussie Bush Camp. Over the three days the students engaged in various team building activities and challenges. It was great to hear all students had a great time, made the most of the opportunities and really rose up to each challenge. Thank you also to the group of Year 9 Peer Support leaders who attended the camp to support our Year 7's. A special thank you to the staff who gave up their time to ensure amazing opportunities like this can go ahead.

Thank you to all our new parents and students who braved the weather for our Meet the Teachers BBQ on Tuesday. It was a great opportunity to get to know our amazing staff in an informal setting.

On Tuesday 11 March, we will be holding our Year 7 2026 Information Night at 5pm. This event will provide a valuable opportunity for families to explore our school, meet our dedicated staff, and learn about the exceptional programs and opportunities that await future students. We invite all families with students starting Year 7 in 2026 to attend and learn more about our school community.

Finally, a reminder that our next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 12 March at 6pm in the school library. This meeting is the Annual General Meeting (AGM), all are welcome.

I am excited to see what lies ahead for our students, the opportunities for them to thrive and look forward to celebrating their achievements throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support, and let's make this school year the best one yet!

Warm regards,
Matthew Saville

School Swimming Carnival

There was an incredible energy and spirit shown by all the participants in the school Swimming Carnival which took place in week 4.

From the first splash to the final lap, each swimmer demonstrated not only their impressive skills but also their dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship. It was inspiring to see everyone pushing themselves to their limits, cheering on their teammates, and making this event a true celebration of our collective effort.

Congratulations to all who competed, and a special shout-out to the students who will represent our school at the Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival—the hard work and determination truly paid off.



NAPLAN Testing

In 2025, NAPLAN will take place from **Wednesday 12 to Monday 24 March** at Seven Hills High School.

Students in Years 7 and 9 are expected to participate in 4 NAPLAN tests:

- writing
- reading
- conventions of language (spelling, grammar, and punctuation)
- numeracy.

Supporting your child

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills your child is already learning at school. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing. It is about assessing learning progress. The best approach for preparing your child for NAPLAN is to encourage your child to do the best they can on the day.

Students' digital skills

The digital skills needed to complete NAPLAN are skills students use in everyday classroom activities. Students do not need to be able to touch type. The online test is not about keyboard skills.

Public demonstration site

The public demonstration site is available for students, teachers and parents to get familiar with the types of questions, tools and functions used in the NAPLAN tests. It includes demonstration tests for each NAPLAN year level, test domain (writing, reading, conventions of language, and numeracy), and alternative tests for students with disability.

(<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>)

Disability adjustments

Adjustments are available for students with disability. The adjustments should reflect the normal support a student receives in classroom assessments. Contact your child's school to discuss possible adjustments. If adjustments are available for your child, you will need to sign a parent or carer consent form.

(<https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/naplan/naplan-adjustments>)

International Women's Day

On Friday 7th of March, a group of Seven Hills High School students came together to pack care packages filled with love and essential items for women in need, particularly those living in rural areas. As a school, we were able to put together 30 thoughtfully packed boxes, in support of the Happy Boxes Project.

A big thank you from Miss Frew goes out to all the families who generously contributed donations to make this project possible. Your support made a real difference!



Also on International Women's Day, 8 students had the opportunity to represent Seven Hills High School at Wyndham College for a special breakfast with Mrs. Howell and Ms. Cain.

During the event, students heard from two inspiring guest speakers: Farzana Farzana, a former refugee and advocate for migrant communities, and Juanita McMillan, a dedicated wellbeing counsellor. Both shared their personal stories of overcoming life challenges and the strength of being a woman.

It was an empowering experience for all involved, and a great way to celebrate the strength and resilience of women!





Student Achievements



Year 11 student Natasha Bosanac represented Sydney West Girls in Volleyball and competed in the 3-Day State Championships at Minto and Oran Park recently. She demonstrated exceptional skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Her team was highly successful and ultimately finished as silver medallists in the Championship Final.

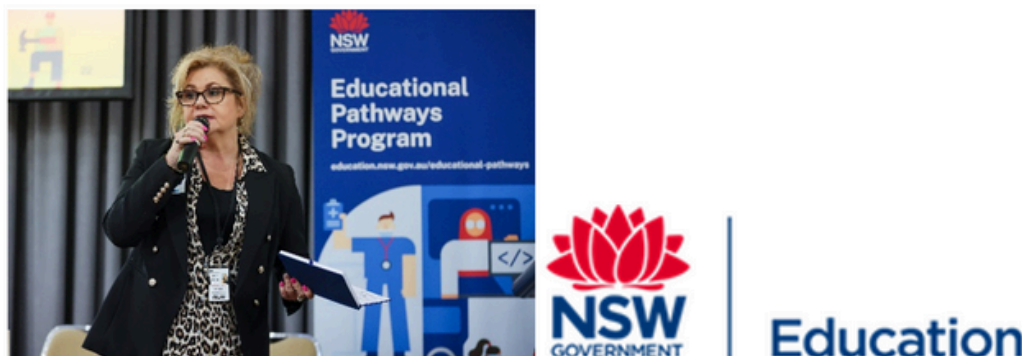
We congratulate Natasha on her achievements and look forward to seeing her continued growth and success in future competitions.



Year 9 student Zayden Rothwell recently competed in the NSW All Schools Triathlon at Penrith. Zayden represented SHHS admirably and was the 3rd department of Education student to finish and received a bronze medal.



School Based Apprenticeship & Traineeships



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SBATS is paid employment & training with flexible part-time arrangements. Students develop practical skills and can be “work ready” when they finish school. SBATS provides mentoring and assistance with employers, local communities & schools.

Lesley Mingare is your schools SBAT Engagement Officer. Lesley is a proud Gomilaroi woman who has a previous trade background of Hairdressing including her own business and facilitating Cert II & III in Hairdressing\Barbering.

Lesley has spent 18yrs years in previous roles networking with local communities, employers, schools and other stakeholders to assist people of all ages into employment opportunities and career pathways.

Lesley most recently worked with Training Services who are the regulatory body for Apprenticeships & Traineeships. Lesley is most passionate for assisting our young people into creating a career path for themselves and creating their future.

You can get in touch with Lesley via email & phone – 0488 146 896

Lesley.mingare2@det.nsw.edu.au or speak with your Careers Advisor to find out when Lesley is next visiting your school.

Canteen

Our new canteen operator Healthy Kids Cucina Canteen has the option of purchasing over the counter or pre-ordering online. Information on how to setup your child for online ordering is below.

Students will need to collect their orders from the canteen window before school for breakfast items or at lunchtime for all other menu items.



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Step 3 Find our school
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children
When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Search for our school name



If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Canteen



Add your children's details in Student Profiles

Select 'Add student profile'

Add each child's details

Manage each child's details in Student Profiles

Order meals

Select a menu from our canteen

Tap the green tick to view your receipt or to cancel an order

Select a date for a child and order a meal

Tap 'Repeat order' to copy all paid orders from one week to the next

Tap to change the child you are ordering for

Tap to change the date you are ordering for

Tap 'Checkout' then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet

At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

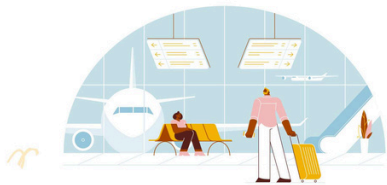
Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.

Vocational Innovation Centre



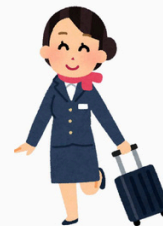
AVIATION COURSE FOR YR 10 STARTS MAY 2025

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN ABOUT WORKING AT AN AIRPORT?



WHEN WILL THE COURSE RUN?

The course will run at the Vocational Innovation Centre (VIC) at Seven Hills High School on Fridays (1 day pw) from 9am-3pm. Terms 2 & 3 in 2025.



START DATE: 02/05/2025

END DATE: 26/09/2025

ELIGIBILITY: YEAR 10 in 2025

ARE YOU?

- motivated
- organised
- a team-player
- good with people



IF YOU HAVE THESE SKILLS AND WANT TO GAIN NEW SKILLS THAT ARE NEEDED TO WORK IN THE AVIATION INDUSTRY

Then this course is for you!

WHAT WILL I GAIN?

- A Nationally Recognised Qualification - Certificate I in Aviation
- Delivered by TAFE NSW
- Gain skills needed in the workforce!
- Experience jobs in action through excursions to workplaces
- Can lead to interest in other related courses like Certificate II in Aviation and Certificate II in Supply Chain and more



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

- Aircraft safety procedures
- Aviation work health and safety procedures
- How to Work effectively in the aviation industry
- Use of communication systems
- Follow security procedures when working with passengers and personnel AND MORE!!!

HOW TO APPLY

CONTACT YOUR CAREER ADVISER TODAY!

ENROLMENT THROUGH EVET OR CONTACT AT SEVEN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL: ANDREW KERR or TONNIE SLATER for more details
SCHOOL NUMBER: 9624 3329 or tonnie.slater1@det.nsw.edu.au

Vocational Innovation Centre

Over the past few weeks, our Vocational Engagement Officer, Carolyn Stanton, has been visiting former Vocational Innovation Centre students to catch up on their journeys after school. It's been wonderful to hear the success stories of our students. Some have gone straight into apprenticeships, while others are pursuing further studies. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and look forward to seeing even more success in the future!

In other exciting news from the VIC, the Manufacturing and Engineering VET class recently had a visit from Kevin Howard of MIGAS, a Group Training Organisation (GTO) that employs Apprentices and Trainees.

Kevin spoke to the Year 11 class about careers options, career pathways, employers' expectations, and essential skills. Students were sharing their career aspirations. The students excelled at the brain teasers, mini skill challenges and the Virtual Reality goggles showcasing "a day in the life of an apprentice".

Kevin will be back to see the students later throughout the course to continue his visits and provide further insights.

