### SEVEN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

A VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PATHWAYS SCHOOL

News

MAY 2025 SEVEN HILLS

#### CALENDAR EVENTS

MAY	JUNE
Monday 12 May - Friday 23 May: Year 7 & 8 Semester 1 Exam window Monday 12 May: Year 11 White card course Tuesday 13 May: VIC Subject selection night Wednesday 14 May: P&C Meeting @ 6pm Wednesday 14 May: Blacktown Wanderers Five - Year 7 & 8 Monday 19 May - Friday 30 May: Year 9 & 10 Core Exam window Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May: Year 11 Financial Services virtual work placement Monday 27 May - Tuesday 3 June: National Reconciliation Week	<ul> <li>Wednesday 4 June: SLR Excursion</li> <li>Friday 6 June: Kimberwali Cultural Excursion</li> <li>Friday 6 June: Year 12 Biology Depth Study excursion</li> <li>Monday June 9: King's Birthday Public Holiday</li> <li>Wednesday 11 June: P&amp;C Meeting @ 6pm</li> <li>Wednesday 11 June: Opens Boys and Girls Futsal</li> <li>Competition</li> <li>Thursday 12 June: u16's Boys and Girls Futsal</li> <li>Competition</li> <li>Friday 13 June: u14's Boys and Girls Futsal Competition</li> <li>Monday 16 June - Wednesday 18 June: Year 9 camp</li> <li>Wednesday June 18: P&amp;C Meeting @ 6pm</li> <li>Wednesday June 18: Synergy Rehearsals</li> <li>Thursday 19 June Friday 20 June: Blacktown Zone</li> <li>Athletics Carnival</li> <li>Friday 20 June: Synergy Performance</li> </ul>
	Tuesday 24 June: Year 9 History Incursion Thursday 26 June: Grade Day Thursday 26 June: Sydney West Cross Country

# FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome back to Term 2, I hope all of our students, staff, and community had a restful break and the opportunity to unwind and spend time with family and friends.

At the end of last term, students and staff celebrated Multicultural Week, coming together to acknowledge and embrace the rich cultural diversity that makes our school and Australia unique.



Throughout the week, our students engaged in activities that highlighted the importance of inclusivity, respect, and understanding among all cultures. Students and staff enjoyed food from different nations at the Multicultural lunch, a big thanks to all the staff for their efforts in sourcing ingredients, cooking, and presenting an amazing selection of international cuisines.

Students and staff also had the opportunity to play off in a friendly game of Buroinjin. Buroinjin is a traditional Aboriginal running and passing ball game.

The week was finished off with a Multicultural Assembly, which was a beautiful celebration of cultural pride, talent, and diversity. It was fantastic to see so many staff and students wearing their traditional dress throughout the day.

This year ANZAC day fell during the school holidays, so we commemorated the day with an ANZAC assembly during the last week of term. Thank you to our HSIE faculty for their organisation and our SRC students who led the assembly beautifully. I would also like to acknowledge the respect shown by our students throughout the assembly.

Term 2 began for staff with two dedicated Staff Development Days. These days focused on High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE), an area that is increasingly vital in our educational landscape. Our staff engaged in professional learning sessions designed to enhance our understanding and strategies for supporting high-potential learners. Our year 10s have started their subject selection process this term. Last week they participated in Year 11 taster lessons as well as an information night for students and their parents. It was great to see so many students and their parents in attendance. This week we also hosted a Vocational Education and Training (VET) information evening at our Vocational Innovation Centre (VIC) to inform our students and parents of the amazing opportunities that are available to them through vocational education. It is an important decision our students are going to make, and it is important that it is a well-informed decision. This is only the start of the process, and our staff are here to support both our students and parents in making the right decision. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have further questions or require any other information.

We are currently in our Semester 1 exam period for our students in Years 7-10. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students good luck in their exams. Preparation is the key; make sure you are ready for your exams, you have all the required equipment, and most importantly, get a good night's sleep prior to each exam!

Finally, a reminder that our next P&C meeting is on Wednesday. 14 May at 6pm in the school library. We hope to see you there.

Warm regards, Matthew Saville



#### **Athletics Carnival**

#### Athletics Carnival Wrap-Up

Our recent school athletics carnival was a fantastic day filled with energy, enthusiasm, and great sportsmanship!

A huge thank you goes out to all staff for their hard work in organising the event both before and on the day – it wouldn't have been possible without your support.

We were proud to see such excellent behaviour from our students and a strong sense of friendly competition across all events. Zone representation results will be shared with students shortly.





## **Athletics Carnival**



#### **Inclusive Education**



#### Celebrations

On Friday, May 9th, we hosted a beautiful breakfast to celebrate the incredible mothers and special women in our lives. The event was a heartfelt success, filled with delicious food and meaningful connections.

A special thank you to the dedicated staff who worked tirelessly to organise and create such a wonderful experience. Your hard work and care made this celebration truly special for everyone who attended. We're grateful for all the love and support you bring to our school community!

If you haven't seen it yet, please check out our Mother's Day video on our school facebook page.

#### Mother's Day Video



### **Class Highlights**

**Creative Careers in Action!** 

On Friday 2nd May, Mrs Matchett and Mr Gray accompanied our Year 11 Screen and Media and Year 11 Entertainment students to the Creative Careers Expo at Campbelltown Arts Centre for an exciting day of inspiration and exploration.

Students engaged with industry professionals, tertiary education representatives, and further education providers, gaining valuable insights into a wide range of creative career pathways.

They also participated in a variety of hands-on workshops led by talented artists, musicians, and actors, and attended panel discussions that highlighted the diverse opportunities available in the fields of media and entertainment.

The day was an incredible opportunity for our students to build connections, ask questions, and envision their futures in the creative industries.

With the knowledge and experience gained, these young creatives are well on their way to turning passion into profession.

The future is certainly bright for this dynamic group of students!





### **Stage 6 Open Nights**

Seven Hills High School Stage 6 Open Night

On Tuesday, May 6th, our Year 10 students embarked on the decision-making process for their subject selections in preparation for their upcoming HSC pathway.

The week began with a day dedicated to experiencing various subjects, allowing students to gain a better understanding of each course and its requirements. Following this, an information night was held on Wednesday, May 7th, for both students and their families. During this session, important information was presented regarding HSC requirements and the subjects available to students. After the presentation, families had the opportunity to visit faculty displays and converse with teaching staff to gain deeper insights into the subjects of interest.

Overall, it was a successful night that aimed to help students make more informed decisions. We extend our gratitude to all the families who attended and to the staff members who made themselves available for the students.



#### **Stage 6 Open Nights**

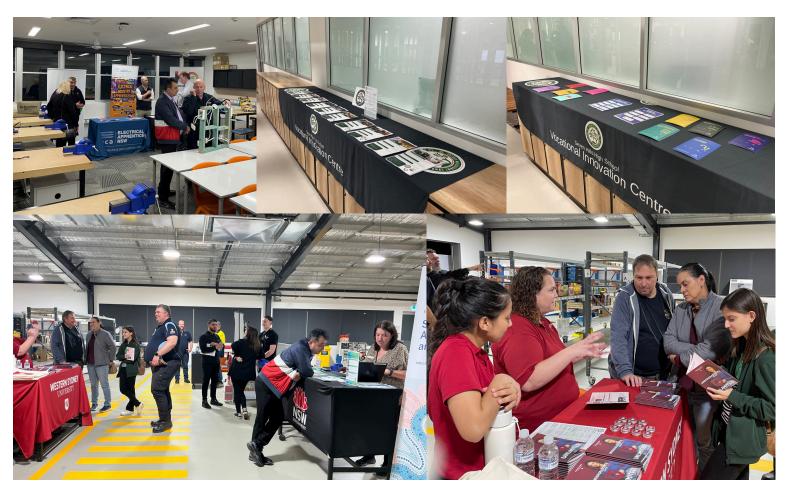
Vocational Innovation Centre Open Night

With the growth in vocational education offerings, an information evening was held at the Vocational Innovation Centre. This event provided students and their families with the opportunity to visit the centre and explore the various programs available through both TAFE NSW and the Vocational Innovation Centre (VIC).

After a brief information session outlining the subjects and programs offered at the VIC, guests were invited to speak with staff, industry experts, and representatives from universities and TAFE. This allowed them to gather insights and information about vocational education pathways and career opportunities.

It was wonderful to see students from numerous schools across the Greater Western Sydney Area visiting the VIC to explore possibilities for their vocational futures.

Thank you to the students and their families, VIC staff, industry experts, and university and TAFE representatives for making the evening such a success.



#### **Vocational Innovation Centre**

Aviation Certificate I Course officially launched!

We were thrilled to officially launch the Aviation Certificate I at the Vocational Innovation Centre (VIC)—a game-changing opportunity designed to provide Year 10 students across Western Sydney with essential skills, hands-on experience, and direct pathways into aviation careers!

This initiative was made possible through a strong collaboration between Western Sydney International Airport (WSI Airport), the Department of Education, TAFE NSW, and the Vocational Innovation Centre, is set to empower students with industry knowledge and real-world opportunities, including future employment possibilities at the new Western Sydney International Airport.

Fifteen Year 10 students from 7 different schools across Western Sydney began the course delivered by Rebecca Lil, TAFE NSW at the VIC on Friday, 2nd May. The course runs 1 day per week for 20 weeks and will include completing the units of competency as part of the nationally recognised qualification and being involved in industry engagement activities. This course will provide amazing experiences and opportunities for these students, including being associated with the new WSI Airport and all it has to offer.

Thanks to everyone who attended and made it such a special occasion for the students.

Thanks to all those who contributed to get this project "off the ground" to provide wonderful opportunities for the young people of Western Sydney.





