SPEECH DAY

The school is very pleased indeed that so many parents and friends were able to make the time to celebrate student achievement with us at speech day. To enable us to accommodate everyone in the auditorium, Year 7 had swim school on that day. Our two guest speakers had very different experiences and careers, and showed how Tech students can do anything. Warren Tegg class of 1990 was our first speaker, he has extensive experience working with government on technology projects like the NBN roll out, and internet governance with Senator Stephen Conroy. Currently National Research Officer for the Australia Manufacturers Union, Warren completed his studies at The University of Sydney and in Barcelona.

Air Commodore Craig Heap CSC who graduated from Tech in 1982, was our second speaker, and has subsequently had a distinguished career in the RAAF as a pilot, flying instructor and Flight Commander. He told us that a highlight of his career to date was coordinating the international search team looking for the lost airplane MH370, which disappeared without trace over the South Indian Ocean on a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. He acknowledged that the operation had been a failure, but that the international team assembled were very highly skilled, and if anyone was going to find the plane, then it would have been that team. He was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) for this service.

We are extremely fortunate that our speech day award winners have financial support from the P&C, the community, Universities and ex students. We were pleased to welcome representatives from these groups to present special awards. My thanks to our speech day organisers, Trevor Trotman, Cheryl Feigen and Arthur Zigas who runs the swim scheme. My thanks also to Antonia Hayler, who took many photos of parents, guests and students, as future reminders of this event. (More photos of the event are on Page 12.)
PARENT PARTNERSHIPS
Many parents from Years 7-10 have joined us for our Term 1 meetings. Year 10 was addressed by Careers Adviser Arthur Zigas who talked about our work experience program, and the benefits of students obtaining their own work placements, and the expectations that the school has that students will seek experience in fields that require a tertiary qualification, not just work in retail outlets such as Target. Work experience is an opportunity for Year 10 to develop some idea of their future career plans. Our Year 9 topic was extra curricular life at the school, and I want to thank Shane Gamage; Paul Werner and Paul Graham for talking about their respective programs (The Music program; Social Justice initiatives; Duke of Edinburgh) which are very popular with students and develop the whole man. We also welcomed many Year 7 parents and went through our Stage 4 curriculum, and the school intranet and Facebook page. Year 8 parents shared a new topic presented by Deputy Kirk Grinham on ‘Growth Mindsets’, and this was very insightful about the importance of using every experience both positive and negative as an opportunity for personal growth. It is based on the work of Professor Carol Dweck, who has done extensive research into what makes some students more successful than others. Her work is an excellent addition to the research into gifted motivation from Professor Andrew Martin and The University of New South Wales. Both researchers pinpoint perseverance; effort and the ability to learn from experimentation and failure as key factors in reaching successful life goals.

BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE
The Department of Education in common with many other government departments is keen to utilise many different sources of data relating to schools to improve student outcomes. They have developed a special platform where schools can investigate different statistics to inform future planning. These include staffing information, results in NAPLAN and the HSC, attendance rates and so on. Currently our data sets are showing that we are a very inclusive school with outstanding equity programs and we do our best to enable all students to participate in school activities. The school has some limited funds available to parents who need financial assistance to ensure that their sons are not in any way disadvantaged. Please phone the school for further information.

THANKS
I thank Paul Copeland for his work as relieving Deputy Principal in place of Diane Wilson, and thank Allan Gowan who has been relieving for Paul. Allan Gowan has extensively revamped our Work Health Safety procedures, and the school is very grateful.

P&C BBQ
Thanks to the hard work of Arosha our P&C President, and his team of hard working committee members, Year 7 and new students had a welcome BBQ that was very successful. The P&C will be meeting on Tuesday 1 March in the Common Room at 7.30. Do come along and hear all about Tandee Wang’s trip to the Middle East.

Jacqueline Lyons
Principal
ASSESSMENTS AND REPORTS

Year 12 will have their next assessment period from Monday 21 March until Tuesday 29 March. Students and parents are reminded to read the assessment book carefully, which is located on the intranet under Year 12 Files. Any student who cannot arrive on time or is absent for a task, must phone Mr Grinham at the beginning of the day and provide a medical certificate upon return to school. Any student who is absent in the five days prior to the assessment week is also to supply a medical certificate.

Some Year 11 subjects will be completing assessment tasks during the remaining weeks of term. Students and parents are reminded to read the assessment book carefully, which is located on the intranet under Year 11 Files. Any student who cannot submit the task on time or is absent must phone Ms Wilson at the beginning of the day. The first formal assessment period for Year 11 is in Week 2 of Term 2.

Year 12 mid-year reports will be distributed early in Term 2. Letters will be sent home to inform parents of students who are causing concern due to their lack of preparation and progress.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SRE)

For those who wish to attend, SRE is offered once each term for Orthodox, Catholic, and Protestant groups:

**Term 1**
- Tuesday March 15
  - Year 7 - 8.55-10.15am
  - Year 8 - 10.20-11.35am
- Tuesday March 22
  - Year 10 - 8.55-10.00am
  - Year 9 - 10.20-11.35am

**Term 2**
- Tuesday June 7
  - Year 8 - 8.55-10.15am
  - Year 7 - 10.20-11.35am
- Tuesday June 14
  - Year 9 - 8.55-10.15am
  - Year 10 - 10.20-11.35am

**Term 3**
- Tuesday August 30
  - Year 7 - 8.55-10.15am
  - Year 8 - 10.20-11.35am
- Tuesday September 6
  - Year 10 - 8.55-10.15am
  - Year 9 - 10.2-11.35am

**Term 4**
- Tuesday November 15
  - Year 9 - 8.55-10.15am
  - Year 10 - 10.20-11.35am
- Tuesday November 22
  - Year 7 - 8.55-10.15am
  - Year 8 - 10.20-11.35am

Students have been allocated to SRE groups according to the religious affiliation stated on their enrolment forms. If any parent/carer would like to change the attendance/non attendance of their son please provide a written note to Mr Grinham prior to the first SRE session in Term 1.

Kirk Grinham  
Deputy Principal  

Diane Wilson  
Deputy Principal
WELLBEING
It has been a very busy start to 2016. The year commenced with a successful transition for our new Year 7 students with two days of activities to help settle them in to school and start building friendships. They attended a Peer Support session with our Year 9 Peer Support Leaders in the second week of school where they worked through a series of case studies which addressed issues on bullying, excessive gaming and time management. They were given the opportunity to ask questions or raise concerns about their experiences of starting High School. Over the next few weeks, Year 7 will be involved in further Peer Support lessons learning topics about: Respectful Relationships, How to be Cyber SMART, Bullying! No way, Communication skills and Problem Solving.

Our Senior Transition Coordinator Jenny Haitidis has also been working closely with those students joining us from other High Schools in Years 8-12 which has helped them transition successfully into TECH.

The Year 7 Adviser Wendy Mac reports a most enjoyable camp at Point Wolstencroft that saw so many boys challenge themselves and encourage each other to complete the activities offered to them on camp. These included the Giant Swing, High Ropes Course, Kayaking, Sailing, Abseiling and Team building activities. As an accompanying teacher on the camp it was great to meet the boys on a more personal level outside the normal routines of school. See photos on pages 14-17.

Next term we have the Year 11 Crossroads camp at Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Centre with two guest speakers organised for the night time activities. On the first night students will hear from Dr Prue Salter who will speak to the boys about effective study skills followed by Matt Hale who runs an entertaining comedy hypnotist show. A Year 9 Camp will be held later in the year which will be held at the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens.

WELLBEING ASSEMBLIES
Wellbeing Assemblies will continue three times a term and have proven to be a great platform for improving social, emotional and academic intelligence among our boys with a vast array of wellbeing topics covered each year. The calendar of topics operates around a rotating two-year agenda with some new topics this year which best reflect the current and ongoing wellbeing needs of our students.

We have retained sessions around organisation and establishing relationships for juniors, two different sessions on stress management and leadership, note taking, research skills, falling behind and catching up, avoiding distractions, conflict resolution, time management, self-worth/self-respect, belonging, academic procrastination, and technology for wellbeing. We have continued with Brainstorm Productions who provide their enjoyable plays to Years 7-10 as well as FreshEd’s presentation about hygiene and self-care, Jonathan Beninca’s session on risk taking, RUOK? Day and an Old Boy’s Forum for our senior students. Our Careers Adviser also has a session planned for Year 10 work experience and Year 11 Scholarships. The Wellbeing Team work tirelessly around developing this agenda so as to provide meaningful and engaging sessions for all students as a vehicle for allowing pastoral care to better assist academic performance at STHS.
The NSW Department of Education has a very useful website for parents and students to access which contains information about many relevant issues at high school including: wellbeing, homework and study, transition, technology etc. It is also available as an App from the AppStore.

The website is: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au

Nick Stokes
Relieving Head Teacher Wellbeing
Hi All

Already one month has passed in the school year and we are all set for our next P&C meeting. Hope all the newcomers have settled into their new environments and returning boys settled into the new classes and timetables. It has been a busy four weeks for the P&C with the 1st meeting of the year and the Newcomers Welcome BBQ keeping the committee on their toes.

**FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR**

Our first meeting of the year held on 2 February 2016 was well attended. We welcomed the new Deputy Principal Mr Kirk Grinham who was our guest speaker for the evening. Kirk updated us on the Way Forward at Sydney Tech in 2016. He also detailed the changes to the academic and administration staff that has taken place. Ms Lyons updated us on the Bomb Scare and congratulated the boys on how they handled themselves during the crisis. It was pleasing to know that all the drills that were done came to good effect with the whole school evacuated in four minutes. She also congratulated Kirk on being appointed a White Ribbon Ambassador for his work behind the scene in promoting awareness of the White Ribbon program. Ms Lyons was also very pleased with the HSC results obtained in 2015 with 13 students being recognised in the NSW BOSTES All-Rounder List. A full analysis of the HSC results will be presented at a later meeting.

**WELCOME BBQ**

We had our P&C Welcome BBQ for all new comers on Thursday, 11 February. This was well attended and hope plenty of new networks, friendships etc were created. I am sure that all who attended enjoyed the sumptuous meal of sausage and caramelized onion with drinks to wash it all down. The weather gods were kind to us this year with the threatened storms not eventuating. A big thank you to the committee who worked tirelessly to make this event a success and was seen cooking up a storm on the day.

**NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 1 March at 7.30pm in the Common room. Tandee Wang our Vice Captain for 2016 will be our guest speaker. Tandee was selected to participate in a UN Youth trip to Dubai, Jordan and Israel as part of a group of 10 selected from all over Australia. He will enlighten us on his experience and the insights he gained by seeing things first hand in one of the hot spots in the world. I am sure this will be a
very engaging speech and will be of interest to all parents with teenage kids who are grappling with issues of the Middle East on a daily basis. We will also be discussing several funding requests.

**CONTACTING THE P&C**

The email for contacting the P&C is: sydtechparents@gmail.com

Please send your suggestions, queries etc to this email. The agenda and the minutes of previous meetings can also be accessed by logging on to the Moodle and visiting the P&C page.

The new website is up and running although facing some teething issues. We are hoping to soon have the facility to upload the agenda for upcoming meetings on the P&C sub tab under the “About STHS” tab.

Please ensure that all check out the official STHC Facebook page. We are looking for more likes. Please be aware that there are several unofficial Facebook sites claiming to be the STHC site. The official site can be identified by the school emblem as the profile picture and the foundation stone as the background.

Hope to see you all at our next meeting. As the saying goes, “A school is a building with four walls. With tomorrow inside”. So let us all join to make a brighter tomorrow.

**Arosha Ratnayake**  
P&C President
HOW SUCCESSFUL WERE OUR YEAR 12 STUDENTS IN GAINING UNIVERSITY DEGREES?

Sydney Tech had another great year with students gaining impressive ATAR results. Almost 100 students received an ATAR of 90+ last year and almost 100% of students are commencing a university course this year. Congratulations to all the students who put in such hard work to make this happen. More in depth analysis will be made available in the next edition of Tech Talk.

JOBJUMP

You may have visited the school intranet site lately and noticed a post relating to a website called JobJump. This year, I have subscribed to an exciting new online careers resource that will assist students, staff and parents to simplify the process of planning future careers for our boys. Click on the link for a video tour of all the features available to you, including instructions on how to log in - JobJump tour - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4WnXGFU-6To.

As a parent (no matter what year group your child belongs to) you should register your details so that you are kept up to date with events, course information, what jobs pay, ATAR cut offs for courses, what it’s like to work in many different jobs and much, much more. There is a feature which allows you to select jobs and industries that appeal to you and you will receive emails as soon as information breaks. To register you need:
1. The website: www.jobjump.com.au
2. Type in our school name in the search bar (top right of the web page)
3. Use your email address (use an email account you access regularly)
4. School password JobJump will ask you to enter: (the password is found on our intranet page)
5. Continue the registration process which takes a couple of minutes and you are done!

If you require assistance ask your child to assist you with the registration process or contact the school and ask to be transferred to the Careers Adviser.

THINKING ABOUT STUDYING AT A UNIVERSITY IN THE USA? VISIT THE US COLLEGE FAIR

When: 10 March 2016
Time: 5-7pm
Location: Redlands Hall, Redlands School, Cremorne

The fair will have information on US undergraduate degrees, scholarships and application details. The universities in attendance will include University of Colorado, University of South Carolina, Fairleigh Dickinson University Foothill and De Anza Colleges.

**UAC INFO NIGHT - 31 MARCH 2016**

UAC have been invited once again to enlighten us with their engaging presentation on everything you need to know when dealing with the Universities Admissions Centre this year. This is an essential event for all Year 11 and 12 students and their parents. This should not be missed. Have all your burning questions answered on the night. Staff are also welcome to attend. A flyer similar to the image shown will be sent soon.

When: Thursday 31 March 2016  
Time: 6-7pm  
Location: STHS Auditorium

**UNSW YEAR 12 MEDICINE INFORMATION EVENING**

When: 24 March 2016  
Time: 6-8pm  
Location: Sir John Clancy Auditorium - UNSW Kensington

During the evening information will be provided on the UNSW Medicine degree, regarding application, admissions and tips for the UMAT exam. Registrations open 29 February at 5pm. ACER the organisation delivering the UMAT exam are present to answer any questions you may have. This is a very worthwhile event for any students interested in applying for Medicine.

https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/year-12-medicine-information-evening

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**CADETSHIPS IN BUSINESS IN AND TECHNOLOGY IN SYDNEY**

I recently was invited to dinner with a team from the Commonwealth Bank who look after the Home Loan portfolio. One interesting fact that blew me away was that those 11 people I spent the night with look after one quarter of Australia’s entire wealth. My point is that I had a chat to a number of those people and one particular person provided me with valuable insight into how he transitioned from school to work and climbed the ranks. He was successful in gaining a cadetship once he finished high school as an accountant and by the age of 25 he was established, earning great money and had lots of doors open for him. He credited his success to the cadetship that was offered to him after Year 12 because he was in the workforce learning a plethora of work related skills which allowed him to stand out compared to graduates completing the same degree. Look out for cadetship programs that are being advertised now and in the coming months! Here’s one example below:

Applications for the Business Cadetships Program run by Professional Cadetships Australia open on 7 March and close on 11 May. Year 12 students apply online at www.businesscadetships.com.au

Under the Program, UBS will continue to offer cadetship opportunities across the firm. Information on the Program is provided on our website.

Applications for the Engineering & Technology Cadetships (ETCAD) Program will open on 26 April. The 2016 Program provides Year 12 students with the opportunity to apply for a Technology Cadetship at Westpac. On completion of their cadetship, Technology Cadets are well-placed to pursue a career in IT and in business. This year Rolls-Royce will not be offering Engineering Cadetships.

Information on the ETCAD Program may be found at www.etcad.com.au

Applications close on 17 June.
YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE -
2-6 MAY 2016

Students and parents have now been informed about the processes required in organising the work experience program and successfully completing it. Here are a couple of work experience opportunities to consider:

Defence Work Experience Opportunities
There are numerous work experience programs listed for all aspects of the Defence Force. They will provide an opportunity to get a taste of the job as well as learn more about the ADF and Public Service.
https://defencecareers.nga.net.au/cp/index.cfm?event=jobs.listJobs&audientypecode=defenceworkexp

Work Experience in Surveying
Secondary school students who are potentially interested in a career in surveying can submit their details to this online form. A Life Without Limits will then attempt to put them in touch with an appropriate company for work experience.

VOLUNTEERING

Red Cross Volunteer Opportunities

The Red Cross has a variety of volunteering opportunities available from child minding to community day volunteers and more. If none of the current opportunities are of interest there is also the option to register interest for future opportunities.

Arthur Zigas
Careers
NEWS AROUND SCHOOL

The Earth and Environmental Science (E&ES) Summer School run by the Australian Science Innovations was held at Australian National University from 6-22 January earlier this year. It was an intensive two week course that covered the equivalent of a first year university course in this discipline. There, I met 20 other students in Years 10, 11 and 12 who were all thoroughly interested in E&ES, full of questions and the desire to learn as much as possible in a short time frame. In the end, our tutors commended us for being awesome students, and believed that our teamwork, both in and out of class, was what separated us from the students in the other disciplines of Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

As part of the summer school program, I attended lectures and tutorials by our tutors on most days (including weekends, except on the free day), with a few guest lectures by Brian Schmidt (Vice-Chancellor of ANU), Emeritus Professor Tony Eggleton, and Professor Mike Roderick. There were also numerous practical classes where we identified different rocks and minerals, as well as field trips to the National Rock Garden, Geoscience Australia, Mt Stromlo Observatory, Black Mountain Tower, Sullivan’s Creek and several rock cuttings around Canberra. Our tutors were more than fun – they had different ways of teaching, from the traditional lecture style to playdough modelling to the plate tectonic dance. Overall, it was a highly educational and valuable experience, and is something that has changed me forever.

I would like to thank the school and Ms Lyons for generously sponsoring me to go to summer school, as well as Ms Engel for organising the Science Olympiads. Unfortunately, I didn’t make it to the team of four to represent Australia in the International Earth Science Olympiad later this year, however, it was definitely still an amazing and rewarding opportunity, and I encourage everyone to participate in the entrance exams, better known as the Science Olympiads, later this year, as it truly is a wonderful eye-opener and experience that will challenge and stimulate you to think outside the square and beyond.

Jordan Ka Truong
Year 11
Sydney Tech - an academically selective school for boys
Year 7 Camp

Sydney Tech - an academically selective school for boys
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Sydney Tech has a new website.

**ONLINE PAYMENTS:**
To make online payments just click on the ‘online payment’ link in the top right hand corner of the HOME page above the SEARCH box. Payments are quick, easy and convenient, with the added bonus of no processing fee.

**TECH TALK:**
To locate Tech Talk on the website, click on NEWS on the home page, then click on PUBLICATIONS and Tech Talk will be downloaded there along with other publications relating to the school.

We also have a school Facebook page. If we are unable to use our Alert SMS Message System, important communication will be available on Facebook. https://www.facebook.com/sydneytechnicalhighschool/?fref=ts
Rockdale City Council has informed the school that the Council’s Parking Officers will be enforcing parking restrictions on a rotational roster system throughout the school year. Please take note of the following signs and associated fines.

Also do not drive on to school grounds when dropping off or picking up your son.

![School Zone Parking Offences](image)

- **Increased penalties for School Zones. Current as at 1 July 2015**

  - **NO STOPPING**
    - Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must **NOT STOP your vehicle** at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.
    - **Maximum Penalty**
      - $425 + 2 Demerit Points
    - **Penalty**
      - $177 + 2 Demerit Points
  
  - **BUS ZONE**
    - Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.
    - **Penalty**
      - $319 + 2 Demerit Points

- **DOUBLE PARKING**
  - You are **NOT PERMITTED** to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.
  - **Penalty**
    - $319 + 2 Demerit Points

- STOP in a **NO STOPPING** zone: $319 + 2 Demerit Points, or STOP on or near a Children’s or Pedestrian Crossing: $425 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: $177 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit: $531

Please Note: fines subject to change without notice. Current to 30 June 2016. These penalties apply to offences in school zones during posted school hours.
All OPAL Card enquiries should be referred to Transport NSW - School Student Transport Scheme. If you have lost your card, moved house or you need to change your transport details/provider, please use this helpful link:

apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts

As much as we would like to help, we are not able to deal with these enquiries at school.

Please do not park across any private driveways or school driveways, in our surrounding streets, when dropping your children at school or collecting them from school.

Also do not drive into any of our school carparks to stop or park.
How to Bully Proof Children Seminar

In acknowledgement of National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, Interrelate and Kogarah Community Services are inviting you to attend a free seminar “How to Bully Proof Children.”

This seminar will give parents ideas for discussing bullying with their children and provide practical strategies to prevent & manage bullying.

Date: Wednesday 23\textsuperscript{rd} March 2016
Time: 9:30am – 12:00pm
Venue: Kogarah Community Hub
49 English Street Kogarah
Cost: Free

Bookings or enquiries 9587 6622
info@kogarahcommunity.org.au
www.kogarahcommunity.org.au
THINK YOU KNOW...

▷ HOW YOUNG PEOPLE USE TECHNOLOGY?

▷ HOW TO HELP THEM OVERCOME CHALLENGES ONLINE?

▷ HOW TO REPORT IF THINGS GO WRONG?

ThinkUKnow Australia is a cyber safety education program that educates parents, carers and teachers about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology.

THURSDAY 7 APRIL 2016
7.00PM - 8.30PM
HURSTVILLE LIBRARY

Bookings essential go to www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au/lmg or go to www.thinkuknow.org.au to find out more.
THE GENIUS WITHIN
UNLOCKING POTENTIAL IN YOUNG PEOPLE

An evening with
ANDREW FULLER

Monday 7th March 2016
Caringbah High School Hall
85 Willarong Rd, Caringbah NSW 2229
6:00pm registration for a 6:15 start, finishing at 8:30pm.

Cost: FREE but bookings are essential and spaces are limited.
For more information: email cue@ssc.nsw.gov.au

Topics covered will include:
Young people are more intelligent, informed and aware than any previous generation. To capitalise on this, we can help them to develop the skills necessary to build and express their genius.

- Building concentration and memory power
- Creative problem solving and ingenuity
- Planning and anticipation skills
- Sequencing and listening skills
- Increasing motivation and pleasure in learning
- Building self-esteem and dealing with set backs
- Developing a mindset for success
- Overcoming anxiety and developing confidence
- Making learning fun

Andrew has also co-authored a series of programs for the promotion of resilience and emotional intelligence used in over 3500 schools in Britain and Australia called THE HEART MASTERS. He is a Fellow at the University of Melbourne.

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Author of
UNLOCKING YOUR CHILD’S GENIUS
LIFE: A GUIDE, TRICKY KIDS (Finch)
HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED AT SCHOOL (Inyahead Press)
TRICKY PEOPLE, RAISING REAL PEOPLE (ACER)
FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING (ACER)
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Message from the School Administration Office

Just a reminder that the School Office is open for payments and enquiries during school hours – 8.15am – 3.05pm.

Payments by students should only be made before school, between Period 1 and 2, at Recess and at Lunch. Payments will not be taken after the bell has gone at the end of the day.

Payments can also be made via our online payment system located on the STHS website. (Top right hand corner of the HOME page.)

STHS SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is run by volunteers. The Second Hand Uniform Shop is located in Vera’s Cottage.

During the school terms, the Second Hand Uniform Shop is open on the Second Tuesday of each calendar month, from 10.30am - 12 noon.

The next date for the clothing pool this year will be on Tuesday 8 March 2016.

Come along and grab a bargain. If you have any donations of used uniform items, please send them to the Office.

Sick Bay and your Son

If you receive a phone call from the office informing you that your son is unwell and in sick bay, you must attend to this promptly and collect your son as soon as possible.

Your son cannot be left in sick bay for lengthy periods of time.

Change of Mobile Phone Numbers and Addresses

If you have changed your mobile phone number or address, please contact the school immediately so that we can update our records.
**Attention Parents: School Attendance and Leave**

Parents are required to explain their children’s absences from school promptly **within seven school days** to the school.

An explanation for absence must be provided to the school **within seven school days** from the first day of any period of absence.

It is Departmental Policy that if your son needs to leave the school early for an appointment, then a letter must be brought to the school and it must be signed by one of the Deputy Principals before the start of the school day for leave to be granted.

Please be aware that it is a legal requirement that ALL visitors on school grounds during school hours report to the School Administration Office for sign-in and sign-out. This includes parents and caregivers.

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**LINKING TECH WITH OLD BOYS IN PROFESSIONAL OCCUPATIONS**

[Visit Sydney Tech LinkedIn page](http://www.linkedin.com/company/sydney-technical-high-school)
Tech High, established in 1911, was originally located in a building in Mary Ann Street, Ultimo, and known as Ultimo Central Technical School. The Official Opening of the new school buildings on McConnachies Paddock, Forest Road, was performed on 2 August 1958. Our school buildings are always in need of upgrading and renovation. The priority areas for our Building Fund in 2014-2015 are to upgrade staff and student toilets. Currently our bathrooms do not meet environmental standards, waste water and electricity. Your contribution to the fund will enhance student and staff well-being and contribute to an improved school environment. There are various amounts you can donate or you can suggest your own amount. All donations over $2 are tax deductible.

The school has established a school Library fund. This fund is designed to enhance student learning and improve access to up to date resources from a range of different media. Our school Library is in constant use by students and teachers for research, private study and building general knowledge.

Currently, our school library is undergoing refurbishment so that both the environment and literature available are up to date and suitable for 21st century learning.

Your contribution to the fund will enhance our ability to provide inspiring and essential reading for our students. All donations over $2 are tax deductible.

Yes I would like to contribute to the Sydney Technical High School   [ ] Building Fund   [ ] Library Fund

[ ] $130.00
[ ] $250.00
[ ] $500.00
[ ] $750.00
[ ] ........... (write amount you wish to donate)

I wish to pay by   [ ] Cheque (enclosed)   [ ] Parent Online Payment (POP)

OR debit my credit card   [ ] Visa   [ ] Mastercard

Card No:  [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

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Cardholder’s Name: ........................................................................................................ (please print)

Signature ............................................................................................................ Student’s Name: ..............................................................................................

Payments can also be paid by telephone on (02) 9587 5899.

All donations over $2 are tax deductible.
ADVERTISING

Join our team – we’re hiring!
August 9 is Census night and the Australian Bureau of Statistics is looking for 2,500 motivated and community minded Area Supervisors to join our team across Australia.

Area Supervisors:
• Are temporary casual jobs, with flexible working hours
• Will recruit, train and lead a small team of field staff to help deliver the 2016 Census
• Will earn $34.76 per hour (inclusive of 25% loading).

Applications open 1 February 2016. Apply online at abs.gov.au/careers
Make a difference in your community and help shape its future.

If you have a special occasion coming up, contact Choosypix Photography.
Antonia Hayler is the Managing Director of the company and is one of our volunteer parents at the school.
Choosypix specialises in Weddings, Christenings, Birthdays, Family occasions, School Formals and Sports events.

Contact Antonia:
Mob: 0410 584 066
Email: choosypix@yahoo.com.au
SCHOOL CALENDAR

MARCH

1  Zone Swimming Carnival - Day 1
1  P&C Meeting, 7.30 in the Common Room
4  Zone Swimming Carnival - Day 2
8  Uniform Shop open, 10.30-12 noon
8  International Women’s Day
15 SRE: Year 7 - Period 1, Year 8 - Period 2
15 Sydney East Regional Swimming Carnival
17 CHS Knockout Basketball
18 Interact On Course Fundraiser/Mufti Day
18 Beginner Band 2016 Launch
22 SRE: Year 10 - Period 1, Year 9 - Period 2
25 Good Friday
28 Easter Monday
31 School Cross Country
31 UAC Information Night

APRIL

4  CHS Swimming
4  P&C Meeting, 7.30 in the Common Room
7  SRC Afternoon Tea
8  Anzac Ceremony

For a full list of school activities please check the calendar on the school intranet.