FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PARENT PARTNERSHIP SEMINARS

Thanks so much to parents for participating in our most recent seminars. The Australian Federal Police had some very good messages for parents and educators about on line safety. Volunteer David Colville worked for Datacom, and urged us all to have protection software, to ensure our passwords are strong (I am hopeless at this) and use the parent controls on devices so that parents are in control of student’s life on the internet. Devices should be put away one hour before bedtime to ensure a proper night’s rest.

David was very positive about the tremendous benefits of sharing creative content on line, and urged parents to play on line with their children as this was a good way to share and communicate with them. He spoke about privacy issues, and copyright and how we can put restrictions on Facebook so that photos that we upload are safeguarded.

David warned us that cyberbullying can take place 24/7 and many students do not report being cyberbullied to their parents as they are worried that their technology will be taken away from them. Mental health and wellbeing is critical to contain cyberbullying and if parents listen, support and set a standard then their children are resilient. David told a story about a Year 8 teacher, who collected information on line about her class. All of the information she gathered was unsecured to the shock of her students, and no student was using any privacy settings.

Check out the ThinkUKnow website for further information:

www.thinkuknow.org.au
My thanks to Nick Stokes who spoke to Year 7 parents about the school wellbeing programs, and his teams intention to introduce Mindmatters to the community in 2017. Arthur Zigas spoke to Year 10 parents about the UAC system and the differences between UAC and the HSC. The UAC presentation is on the school website.

**PLAIN ENGLISH SPEAKING AWARD**

My congratulations to Tandee Wang who was runner up in the national Finals of the Plain English Speaking Award. His achievement was previously reported on the school website: [http://www.sths.nsw.edu.au/2-uncategorised/191-higher-school-certificate-changes](http://www.sths.nsw.edu.au/2-uncategorised/191-higher-school-certificate-changes)

**SPORT ACHIEVEMENTS**

My congratulations to our sportsmen who won 16 out of their 26 grand finals last week to once more become the Winter Boy’s Champion School of our network. I should like to thank all students for their commitment, and thank their coaches and our sports organiser, Connell Byrne, for his tireless efforts in ensuring that sport runs smoothly every week. We have also had success in the zone with a number of students going onto Combined High Schools meets.

**SRC AND PREFECT BODY**

We have recently held elections for our SRC body and I should like to congratulate the following students who will be in the following years in 2107:

- **Year 8:** Ilyas Bentaalla, Dean Casarotto, Daniel Jensen, Sebastian Wong and Rayan Zaioor.
- **Year 9:** Glenn Aao, George Kekatos, Tom McDougall, Eric Napper and Raj Taware.
- **Year 10:** Edward Akullhal, Lochie Bown, Jackson Fisher, Tyler Hagiwara, Ahmed Hijazi and Minsu Jung.
- **Year 11:** Leo Guo, Billy Harte, Alexander Ho, Jibreil Honeine, Ervin Liang, Jack McDougall, Hilton Nguyen, Syreus Phillip, Terence Qi, Louis Troulis and Roary Xu.
- **Year 12:** Captain - Pakajan Narendiran
  Vice Captain - Lawrance Huang
  Senior Prefects - Kaung Aung, Adam Sadek, James Trumble and Jordan Truong.
  Prefects - Elvis Cheng, Maazin Jaame, Dennis Lei, Owen Li, Braven Rathesh and Andrew Wong.

**SCHOOL CAPTAIN ELECT FOR 2017 - PAKAJAN NARENDIRAN**

Pakajan is a passionate cricket fan, and plays every Saturday in Western Sydney for the NSW Tamil’s Cricket Team. He first held a bat in his hand when he was five, and has not looked back since. Currently Captain of Sydney Tech’s First Grade Team, he has an enviable record of success.

Pakajan will be using his leadership skills to improve school facilities, increase student voice, and instigate some new student led school events. Pakajan likes the team spirit in his year, their easy humour and mateship, and the fact that as a group, Year 11 look out for each other.

Pakajan obtained his drivers’ license as soon as he could, and loves going on long road trips around Australia with his family, most recently to Perth and Tasmania. He has also travelled to America and Europe and is passionate about landscapes and the natural environment. He is not hooked on technology, so you won’t find him much on Facebook!

Congratulations to Pakajan from the Sydney Technical High School Community.
VICE CAPTAIN ELECT FOR 2017 - LAWRENCE HUANG

Lawrence Huang loves to play Basketball any time he can and is in the First Grade Basketball side. Lawrance’s brother, Ethan is an old boy of the school, class of 2013, currently studying law, and was a past SRC member.

Lawrance thinks that his cohort can be relied on to support each other through the stresses of high school and are a strong and effective friendship group, who have never bullied each other.

Lawrence enjoys travels with his family who believe that travel gives insight into the values and history of other cultures. His most recent trip was to Taiwan where he enjoyed the food and the heritage of the country. Although he likes to cook, he says that he does not get much of a chance, as his parents cook for him most of the time.

Lawrence likes the opportunities given to Tech students but thinks that there could be more extra curricular activities in 2017, and will be looking for more student input into activities.

Lawrence is interested in Business and in the machinations of Sydney real estate.

Congratulations to Lawrence from the Sydney Technical High School Community.

WOMEN IN ENGINEERING AWARDS

I am on the Advisory Board of UNSW Electrical Engineering faculty and I attended the Women in Engineering Awards recently at The Mint. Three very impressive women won awards for their contribution to the Engineering field but the most impressive was the achievement of Monique Alfris whose group ‘Pollinate Energy’ provides millions of impoverished Indians with electricity in their shanty towns by using clean energy technologies such as solar lanterns. Many people in India live in non permanent dwellings. For more information check out the Pollinate Energy website: https://pollinateenergy.org/

RU OK? DAY

The school celebrated RU OK? Day on Friday 26 August with a student led assembly. This day is a very important wellbeing initiative on the schools' calendar about the importance of that simple question: RU OK?????

Read the heartfelt speeches from Tyler Hagiwara of Year 8 and Jack McDougall of Year 10 at assembly. Link to the website: http://www.sths.nsw.edu.au/2-uncategorised/194-ru-ok-day

Our student led assembly was followed by a popular BBQ lunch very kindly supported by our parent community. Deputy Kirk Grinham stepped in to cook with our Interact students, who overcame a few issues relating to missing BBQ tongs!

Check out the website for further information about this important life saving program at: https://www.ruok.org.au/

BYOD SURVEY FOR PARENTS, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

The school is currently seeking your input into a very important survey relating to our Bring Your Own Device Policy. Our students in Years 7-9 now bring their own devices to school, and we want your input.

The link is here and it will be open until term’s end. All information is anonymous.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NRT2CTN

FAREWELL TO YEAR 12 2016

The last day of school for Year 12 is Friday 23 September. There are a few activities for Year 12 on the last day of school including a student breakfast followed by the farewell assembly and luncheon at Doltone House.

I should like to wish Year 12 every success as they move into their post school careers.

Jacqueline Lyons
Principal
SUBJECT SELECTION

Subject selections for Year 10 are currently being finalised. We are currently looking at numbers of students selecting each subject to determine which classes will run and which are not viable.

An information evening for parents of Year 8 students was held on Tuesday 30 August in the auditorium. Subject selections for Year 8 into Year 9 will need to be submitted by clicking on the link emailed to students by Friday 2 September. The class lists for each subject in both of these years will be finalised early in Term 4. Changes may be made during Term 4 only if there is room in the class students wish to enter.

VACCINATIONS DAY

Year 7 will have their final round of vaccinations on Monday 5 September. Arrangements for the day will be available to students via the Daily Notices. Students in Year 7 or Year 8 who have missed one of their vaccinations due to absence will have the opportunity to catch up on this day.

FINAL EXAMS FOR YEARS 7-10

Year 7 yearly exams will be held early in Term 4 - in Week 2. Exams for Years 8 and 9 will be conducted in Week 3. Year 10 yearly exams will be held in Week 4. All students should have begun to make study notes or revision notes as preparation for the exams.

YEAR 10 IN TERM 4

Year 10 students may wear senior uniform (white shirts) from the beginning of Term 4. This might be a good time to consider purchasing a Blazer for the senior years if you have not already done so.

YEAR 11 IN TERM 4

The Year 11 final assessment period will begin in Week 9 of Term 3, from Monday 12 to Friday 23 September. The timetable for the exams is currently being designed and will be distributed to students when it is finalised. These tasks conclude the preliminary courses for all students in Year 11. The beginning of Term 4 is the start of the HSC courses for these students. Official assessment tasks for the HSC will begin in Term 4.

Students need to complete a minimum of 10 units for the HSC. All Year 11 students are to enter their HSC subjects/units by clicking on the link emailed to them, by Monday 5 September. This needs to include any units being picked up. Changes to subjects will occur in Term 4, from the beginning of Week 3.

Year 11 students who drive to school or are a passenger in a car driven by another student, must see Mrs Wilson in Term 4 to collect the correct permission letter. These forms must be completed, signed by parents and returned as soon as possible.
YEAR 12 - HSC PREPARATION

Year 12 are preparing for the countdown to the HSC. Exams begin on Thursday 13 October and conclude on Friday 4 November. Students should take on board the valuable feedback provided from the recent Trial HSC examinations in order to make improvements. Year 12 have already had a meeting about the final days of school, the last day (breakfast, assembly, luncheon), the HSC days, misadventure, signing out and requirements for a safe conclusion to their school life.

Kirk Grinham
Deputy Principal

Diane Wilson
Deputy Principal

Are you having trouble accessing our School Website???

If you are, you may need to clear your browser history. Follow these instructions.

Click on the little cog in the top right hand corner

Go to Browsing History

Click on ‘Internet Options’ second bottom on the list.

Click ‘Delete’. Click on ‘OK’.
OUTGOING YEAR ADVISER - JEFF DE ROOY
As the Year 12 Class of 2016 completes their final weeks of school at Tech, it is important that we recognise and congratulate their Year Adviser – Jeff De Rooy on his commitment to the academic and personal development of these boys, most of whom arrived here way back in 2011! Jeff De Rooy has been a valued member of the wellbeing team since 2015 after he took on the role as Year Adviser when Judy Lee left to start her new life as a mum. On behalf of the school community - the many students, staff and parents who have been put at ease with the knowledge that their sons have been working to always give their personal best, I would like to thank you, Jeff and Judy for your hard work and dedication to the wellbeing of these boys.

RELIEVING YEAR 10 ADVISER
On behalf of Year 10 parents and students I would also like to acknowledge and thank Nin Eath for her role in relieving Year 10 Adviser in Terms 2 and 3. Nin Eath has been a valued member of the wellbeing team during this time and has volunteered to be one of our action team leaders for the new Mind Matters Framework. Ellen Campbell will resume the position as relieving Year 10 Adviser from Term 4 to Term 1, 2017 when Leah Farr returns from maternity leave.

YEARLY EXAMS
It is that time of the Year when students are sitting their final round of exams. This can often be a stressful time of the year that can make some students more prone to panic attacks. Sites such as the Schools A-Z run by the Department of Education offer lots of advice to parents and students on how to deal with the stresses that come from sitting exams and studying. Further free resources can also be found on Andrew Fuller’s website which has some very useful tips on preparing for tests. Andrew is a clinical psychologist who works with many schools and specialises in the wellbeing of young people and their families.

Dates for yearly exams will run in Term 3 Week 9 for Year 11s and between Weeks 2-4 in Term 4 for Years 7-10.


MIND MATTERS AT SYDNEY TECH
Mind Matters is a mental health initiative for secondary schools that aims to improve the mental health and wellbeing of young people. At Sydney Tech we recognise that the mental health and wellbeing of students is crucial in a student’s learning and achievement at school. The MindMatters framework, will help us to build our own mental health strategy to suit the priorities of our school community. Mind Matters provides school staff with blended professional learning that includes online resources, face-to-
face events, webinars and support. All content has been informed by strong evidence in the area of school mental health and wellbeing. The use of Mind Matters’ comprehensive resources has mental health benefits for the entire school community – including students, families and school staff.

Mind Matters is based on the principle that the best mental health strategy is one that prevents issues from arising in the first place. For this reason Mind Matters helps schools promote positive mental health through the whole school community, and aims to prevent mental health difficulties in students by taking steps to improve relationships and resilience. Mind Matters provides staff with practical advice and guidance so that they can support students who may be struggling with mental health difficulties in a timely and appropriate way. Promotion, prevention and early intervention are central tenets of the Mind Matters’ approach.

A new Mind Matters Action Team has been established in 2016. It consists of representatives from the teaching staff and support staff and this will be further expanded to include two parents and three student representatives in Term 4. If you have an interest in this area and would like to be a part of the action team in making a difference for young people at Sydney Tech then please register your interest by emailing me at nicholas.stokes@det.nsw.edu.au. We will also be asking for your support as parents/caregivers to fill out a survey in the near future to gain community perspectives of how mental health and wellbeing is supported at Tech. Student surveys will also follow this to gain information about how students perceive their time at school and how they are/want to be supported in future.

We will be creating our priorities for 2017 and beyond in our next meeting, based on this data. The staff of Sydney Technical High School have recently taken part in a Mind Matters survey at the August Twilight Staff Professional Development session in order to obtain their feedback on how well Mental Health is being supported at Tech. This information will be used to help identify strengths and weaknesses in our current programs so that we can better support the school community in addressing Mental Health at Tech.

For more information, please visit http://www.mindmatters.edu.au

Nick Stokes
Head Teacher Wellbeing
Hi All

Spring is in the air and hope this will be the end to the cold weather for some time to come. For the Year 12 students the trials are done and day of reckoning is getting closer. I think the boys are handling it well with the parents becoming nervous wrecks as the day gets closer.

We wish both the students and parents all the best in the coming weeks of final preparation and also for the HSC exams.

**LAST MEETING**

We had a good turnout at our last meeting on Tuesday, 2 August 2016. A big thank you to all the parents who attended in spite of the cold and the rain.

The guest speaker for the evening was our Science Head Teacher Ms Debbie Noyes. Debbie has been the Science Head Teacher at STHC for the last eight years.

Debbie explained how the science subjects are organised at Tech with Physics, Chemistry and Biology coming under her purview. She also explained how the science excursions are organised to get hands on experience of the subject matter taught in class. The excursion to the Kennedy Space Centre and other interesting places in the USA organised biannually being the most popular.

Debbie is also very much involved in HSC marking and explained how modelling and scaffolding helps in obtaining additional marks for the exam. She also showed the parents present how to navigate the intranet and how to make use of the wealth of information available on the intranet.

The proposals of the committee who looked into the wearing of school uniform was presented. The wearing of blazers in Terms 2 and 3 for Year 7 in 2016 has been implemented with this being progressively extended to Years 7, 8 and 9 by 2018 for the juniors. For Year 10, blazers will be compulsory in Terms 2 and 3 in 2017 with this being progressively extended to years 10, 11 and 12 by 2018.

The funding request for the construction of a storage area for the geology samples came up for discussion and was again differed awaiting the outcome of the meeting between the principal and teachers of the science faculty with a view of reorganising existing storage.

The “Entertainment Book” fund raising initiative was discussed and all parents are encouraged to purchase these books full of great offers and discounts and in the process assist the school in raising much needed funds.

**WHS ISSUE**

Although the school has received communication from the Department of Education that the funding for replacing of the faulty power boards has been approved we have still not seen any movement on this. This may be due to the machinations of government moving at a snail’s pace. We will be monitoring this and hope to see this concluded before the end of the year.

The school has been requesting funding from various sources to upgrade the boys’ toilets for several years as they are in a very bad state of repair.
Although additional funding has not been received to date the school has managed to put aside sufficient funds to attempt this endeavour and approval has been requested from the DoE to commence work on this project.

Hope to see you all at our next meeting.

Arosha Ratnayake
P&C President

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
Energise Leadership Program – 19 August 2016

The University of Wollongong and St George Illawarra Dragons have joined forces to develop the ‘Energise Program’ for Year 11 students. Ten students from Sydney Tech were selected by their Year Adviser to participate in the ‘Energise Program’ which focused on inspiring students to set long-term education and career goals, discover pathways to achieve them, develop strong study skills, build resilience, overcome challenges and become confident leaders.

Congratulations to the following boys who attended the event with me: Andrew Castillo, Elvis Cheng, Sebastian Gutierrez-Hood, Navroop Ichhponani, Pakajan Narendiran, Braven Rathesh, Adam Sadek, James Trumble, Joshua Wong and Jia Hao Yu.
UNIVERSITIES

UNSW: Art and Design Open Day
Saturday 3 September - 9am-4pm
Paddington Campus - CNR Oxford Street and Greens Road, Paddington

As part of UNSW’s open day, the Paddington campus will also be open to showcase their range of facilities. Those who attend will be able to participate in a portfolio entry workshop, and speak to staff and students about course options.
https://www.artdesign.unsw.edu.au/whats-on/events/open-day-2016-unsw-art-design

A Practical Guide to University Preferences
If you’re preparing to submit your uni preferences, it’s likely you’ll have a few questions about choosing a course and institution. This article explores some of the questions that are probably on your mind.

The University of New England Early Entry Program
UNE’s Early Entry program allows Year 12 students to gain a place at UNE before ATARs are released. Selection for the program is based on an applicant’s ability to work and learn independently, as well as their overall potential for academic success.
http://www.une.edu.au/study/study-on-campus/get-early-entry/about

Academic Ranking of World Universities 2016
This ranking shows these Australian universities in the top 100:
40 University of Melbourne
55 University of Queensland
77 Australian National University
79 Monash University
82 University of Sydney
96 University of Western Australia
123 University of New South Wales

PRIVATE COLLEGES

JMC Information Session
Career opportunities in Animation, Film and TV, Music, Songwriting, Game Design, Entertainment Management, Audio Engineering and Digital Design.
Thursday 29 September 2016 - 6:00pm @ 561 Harris Street, Ultimo NSW 2007.
http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/events/information-sessions/jmc-academy-information-sessions
**AIT Workshops**

- **Game Design:** 24 September, 22 October, 19 November, 10 December, 9:30am - 4pm
- **Intro to Concept Art:** 24 September, 22 October, 19 November, 10 December, 9:30am - 4pm
- **Film Editing:** 24 September, 22 October, 19 November, 10 December, 9:30am - 4pm
- **Android App Development:** 24 September, 22 October, 19 November, 10 December, 9:30am - 4pm
- **3D Animation:** 24 September, 22 October, 19 November, 10 December, 9:30am - 4pm


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**APPRENTICESHIPS**

What it’s really like to do an apprenticeship. Find out exactly what is involved from real people who’ve recently completed apprenticeships. From cabinet making to business administration, we have close to 50 videos featuring Australian apprenticeship ambassadors on our YouTube channel.

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL7B_uOpPnlI_Xmugg-8kMLaoX5Z_4tgb](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL7B_uOpPnlI_Xmugg-8kMLaoX5Z_4tgb)

[https://wacareercentre.wordpress.com/](https://wacareercentre.wordpress.com/)

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**OTHER NEWS**

**Managing Stress at School**


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**The future of the Australian workforce**


**Christmas Jobs**

If you are thinking of earning some cash over the Christmas period many organisations are conducting recruitment drives now. For example, Bonds stores are conducting interviews this month! Take a look at:


**Become a Psychologist Pathway**

The Australian Psychological Society has outlined the pathways to become a registered Psychologist. In short it takes a minimum of six years in education and training broken into undergraduate study, postgraduate study, internship and a registrar program.


**Maths Ad(d)s**

Maths Ad(d)s gathers together mathematical and statistical jobs that have recently appeared online across a broad spectrum of industries. The online booklet provides an overview of possible careers available to prospective university students after graduation if they include mathematics or statistics in their degrees.


**Careers in Sport**

This website is for anyone interested in a career in sport and fitness. There is information about recommended qualifications and pathways, along with a list of available positions and courses.

Australian Informatics Olympiad
Thursday 1 September
This national programming competition has two sections, one for students up to Year 10, and another for students up to Year 12. The top 25 students will be invited to a 10 day training school, with the possibility of going on to represent Australia in the International Olympiad in Informatics.
http://www.amt.edu.au/informatics/aio/

City and Beyond
A resource that aims to cover:
- Transitioning to university and adjusting to independent living
- Personal finance and managing your money
- Efficient time management and organisation
- Developing effective study techniques and habits
- Proper career preparation and advice

Become a CPA
To become a CPA, you first need an accredited degree in accounting, commerce or business. Further study is then required. Search accredited courses to see if your intended Bachelor degree is accredited by CPA Australia: https://www.cpaaustralia.com.au/ManageApplications/AccreditedCourse.mvc/SearchAccreditedCourses
New information sessions are coming soon to your capital city.

Careers that started in science
The scientists profiled have used their qualifications to catapult themselves into rewarding and diverse roles across the globe.
http://www.science.uq.edu.au/career-profiles

An Insider’s Guide to Life at Uni
Want to know what life is like on the other side?

Arthur Zigas
Careers Adviser

Intranet Access
The school’s file servers are now managed centrally by the Department of Education.

One of the unfortunate consequences of this is that the Department does not allow parental login to access the school resources.

We are currently working on some systems that will make the calendar and course information available to parents via a combination of secure login and public visibility. In the meantime we ask for your patience. If you need to access the Intranet to see the calendar or your son’s absences simply use his login details and you will have full access to all a student can see.

Thank you for your support in this matter

Martin Riley
Head Teacher Computing Studies
NEWS AROUND SCHOOL

Techfest 2016

Techfest is Sydney Tech’s annual short film festival. Students are challenged to create a film including a specific object – this year it was a toothbrush – and the school community votes for their favourites.

Congratulations to the winners of the Junior Prize, Leon Cao, Benjamin Fu and Jeremy Lee of Year 9 with their entry “Insert Title Here”, and the winners of the Senior Prize, Zac Diab, Daniel Chin, Leo Guo and Kevin He of Year 10 with their entry “RTB’s Toothbrush”.

Thank you to all students who entered:
Ilyas Bentaalla, Rafi Fahman, Evan Giannoulas, Daniel Jensen, Adam Nguyen, Hal Norved, Adam Robey, Ishmam Siddique, Curtis Tan, Jordan Ka Truong, and Paul Villavarayen

Nathan Brown
Academic Adviser Interviews

Sydney Tech - an academically selective school for boys
Plant a Tree Day
Year 12 Music Showcase and Art Exhibition

On Thursday 25 August the Music Showcase night was held in the Auditorium. It was an opportunity for the Year 12 Music Class of 2016 to perform some of their HSC repertoire before the daunting task of performing for the HSC examiners on 7 and 8 September. After the concert, the creativity continued in the Common Room with the Art Exhibition where the Year 12 Visual Arts students presented their work to the audience and were assessed for their internal HSC mark.

It has been an arduous journey to get to this final point for all the boys involved. The countless hours of practice and creation has culminated in some amazing artworks and some very impressive and challenging music programs.

I am a huge advocate for the arts and I truly believe that it has a significant impact on a person’s wellbeing and their overall development. There have been countless studies conducted on this topic and the research is undeniable that students who are involved in the arts have higher school motivation, engagement in class, self-esteem and life satisfaction. Couple this with the school’s recognition of RUOK? Day and the topic of wellbeing and mental health can never be undersold.

I would like to thank the Year 12 teachers for all the work they do. It is more than just the face-to-face teaching as they spend many hours working with their students in their own time. It is this kind of commitment that brings out the best in the boys and their influence cannot be measured. Thank you to Tina Blake (VA) and Shane Gamage (Music).

I would like to thank the audience who came on Thursday. If you were here, you will know what a wonderful evening it was. We all left richer for being here and were privileged to be allowed this rare insight into who the students are.

Lastly, I would like to thank the students for committing to their chosen subject. It is a brave thing to put yourself on display both musically and visually and have your work open to public scrutiny. Thank you for your courage and for sharing a small piece of yourselves with us.

It is nights like this that make Tech shine, and shine it did. Good luck boys.

Julie Ryan
Relieving Head Teacher Creative Arts and LOTE
Year 12 Music Students

Year 12 Art Students
EXCURSIONS/CLASS ACTIVITIES

In class with Ms Noyes

DARLING HARBOUR

Sydney Tech - an academically selective school for boys
In an era of lacklustre politicians and revolving door Prime Ministerships youth disenchantment with politics was non-existent when the 175 inspirational, amazing individuals sacrificed two weeks of their holidays to be part of the YMCA Youth Parliament 2016 program. The YMCA Youth Parliament program was an experience like no other, giving a voice to youth to enact change within their communities. Youth parliament provided a platform to focus on policies rather than politics, with participants being allocated different committees to formulate a bill which would be debated and tabled in parliament during a Sitting Week on the second camp. 

Youth Parliament was separated into two camps, with a training camp during the Term 1 holidays and residential camp during the Term 2 holidays. Training camp was a short five day camp to socialise with other participants. It was a great time to form friendships whilst practicing to debate in a parliamentary fashion with a government and opposition. Residential camp in Term 2 break was the highlight of the program. We had an opportunity to debate in NSW State Parliament during Sitting Week as a Youth representative MP. State Parliament was a combination of both Debating and UN Evatt, and was essentially the most fulfilling public speaking program I have ever experienced. Improvements in speaking confidence and style was evident from everyone who participated with many being able to speak “off the cuff” with no notes by the end of the program.

Being a city kid all my life with only basic knowledge of rural issues I was outside my comfort zone as part of the Rural and Regional Affairs Committee. My misgivings were unfounded when I met and worked with the most dedicated people of the program. Coming from some of the most remote areas of NSW it was enlightening to gain an insight into the fundamental issues plaguing rural communities, focused around the lack of opportunity, in particular educational opportunities afforded to rural and regional youth, with many turning to substance and alcohol abuse.

The opportunity to meet and work with people from all walks of life was the most fulfilling aspect of Youth Parliament. Although there was a high selective school turn out from James Ruse and North Sydney Girls, Youth Parliament was a level playing field with no school yard hierarchy between year groups or schools. Considering we live in an era where youth are more disillusioned with politics than ever before the motivation from all participants to identify and advocate for change on various issues from transport to domestic violence amazed me. The Youth Parliament community was perhaps the best group of people I could ever meet and work with. The friendships I formed in the two weeks are ones which I will remember for the rest of my life.

The Youth Parliament Program is one which I would encourage all Techies to participate in. As the leaders of tomorrow rather than complaining of the faults within society, it is up to us to enact solutions and make a difference. Youth Parliament was an experience which empowered youth to make a difference and
advocate for solutions to the pressing issues within our communities. Not only is there an opportunity to speak in Parliament as a Youth MP. Youth Parliament offers a chance to work with some of the most inspiring and motivated students from all over NSW. There was also an opportunity to meet Premier Mike Baird along with His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd). As well, during the sitting week, various MPs enabled our bills and ideas to be presented to people in power.

I encourage Techies to look further into this program especially those in or going into Year 10, feel free to approach me with regard to YP. It was only two weeks over two term breaks yet it was a life-changing experience, one which I will surely be part of in 2017.

Elvis Cheng
Year 11

Tuesday 9 August saw Tech’s Year 11 Ancient History class embark on an expedition to Macquarie University. A small class passionate and eager to explore the wonders of the ancient world residing in the respected university always promised to be an exciting and intellectually stimulating affair. Upon arrival, after a walk down Wally’s Way, we were given the choice of receiving an introductory presentation on Tutankhamun (the topic that we had only recently rounded off with an assessment) or the cities of Vesuvius; a prelude to our first topic of the all important HSC year. Being the inquisitive creatures that the class has proven to be; we favoured the exploration of unknown territories to the heavily trodden and...memorised.

After the presentation on Vesuvius we gained access to a small yet fascinating exhibition of artefacts from some of the major ancient cultures, mainly Egyptian and Roman. The display cases were adorned with many a pot, as well as mummified heads, Greco-Roman coins and models of Tutankhamun’s funerary boat. We then were given a chance to engage in a bit of historical investigation as we were challenged to discern meaning from a miscellaneous grouping of millennia old artefacts. The results challenged our perceptions of the change of technology over time and the scale of the invention of many of the items integral to life today.

Lastly, we viewed some ancient texts with the most awe-inspiring being an actual sliver from Homer’s famous Iliad. This concluded a fine day of intrigue in a relaxed environment that many of us wanted to take in as it would probably be the home of the next chapter in our lives.

Sebastian Gutierrez-Hood
Year 11
Year 7 Geography

Year 9 Geography
year 10 at Luna Park

year 11 - Royal National Park
Sports Camps Australia
SCA Junior Soccer & Futsal Sports Camps
Guest Coaches Former Australian Socceroos: Paul Wade & John Doyle

Inner West Soccer
Location: Yatama Park
Alfred St, Clempton Park
Dates: 28-30 Sept 2016
Cost: $245
Time: 9.00am-3.00pm

Epping Soccer
Location: Epping Boys High
213 Vimiera Rd, Marsfield
Dates: 3-5 Oct 2016
Cost: $245
Time: 9.00am-3.00pm

Cronulla Soccer
Location: Tonkin Oval
1 Tonkin St, Cronulla
Dates: 5-7 Oct 2016
Cost: $245
Time: 9.00am-3.00pm

Kellyville Soccer
Location: Bernie Mullaney
Marella Ave, Kellyville
Dates: 5-7 Oct 2016
Cost: $245
Time: 9.00am-3.00pm

Inner West Futsal
Location: Riverwood Community
Cnr, 151 Belmore Rd, Riverwood
Dates: 28-30 Sept 2016
Cost: $245
Time: 9.00am-3.00pm

Camps cater for girls and boys aged 6 to 16 years
All skill levels welcome - beginner to advanced
Sibling Discount Available!

Book your camp today!
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Emerging Man

A RITE OF PASSAGE CAMP FOR BOYS AND THEIR FATHERS

Helping your boy create his own best version of a Great Man.

WHY DO WE NEED A RITE OF PASSAGE?

At adolescence a boy goes through many physical, psychological and social changes. There are distinct differences between boy psychology and man psychology, but the shift from Boy to Man does not happen automatically.

The boy needs to be guided into manhood by a community of elders within a structured training and ceremony, such as Emerging Man. Unfortunately this is hard to find in our modern society but it is as important today as it has always been, if not more.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BOY AND MAN PSYCHOLOGY

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<td>Takes power</td>
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<td>Centre of the universe</td>
<td>Part of the whole</td>
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<td>Indestructible</td>
<td>Knows his mortality</td>
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<td>Ruled by emotions</td>
<td>Emotionally mature</td>
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<td>Not responsible for his actions</td>
<td>Takes responsibility</td>
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<td>Wants a mother</td>
<td>Seeks mutual relationship with women</td>
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A boy who goes through a Rite of Passage, is less likely to adopt an unhealthy path, e.g. gangs, drugs, crime, violence, abusive relationships.

THE PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Build confident, resilient and self aware young men.
- Improve father/son relationships
- Nurture the unique gifts and talents of young men
- Increase self esteem.
- Learn and be inspired by the stories and wisdom of their elders and peers.
- Create respectful and responsible young men who make a positive contribution to society.
- Safely guide boys to understand and let go of boyhood to become great young men.
- Provide boys and men with a fun, adventurous and challenging weekend within nature.

WHAT ABOUT THE MOTHERS?

The Mother plays a crucial role in the boys' Rite of Passage and your involvement is integral to the program's success. There will be an orientation evening prior to the camp for the whole family, and mothers will be required to attend the separation day and the return day and will be supported by our female counsellors.

WHEN?

Friday 28th to Sunday 30th October

WHERE?

Camp Coutts Scout camp, Waterfall

How Much?

$495 per pair (limited concessions available upon request)

OUR BEAUTIFUL LOCATION

Camp Coutts Scout
Camp, Waterfall

WHAT TO EXPECT AT EMERGING MAN?

- A two night bush camp in bunk room accommodation
- A deep experience of self discovery for boys, aged 13 to 16, and their fathers or another suitable significant male companion.
- The program follows the tried and tested formula of a Rite of Passage:
  1. Separation
  2. Transformation
  3. Reintegration
- A safe, judgement free and respectful space where the boys can share and hear stories from their peers and their elders.
- The boys will be encouraged to explore and express their unique gifts and talents
- They will be challenged to face their fears
- Encouragement to let go of boyish behaviours that will no longer serve the man they wish to become.
- The program is facilitated by a team of skilled and qualified youth counsellors, youth workers and mentors.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT:

Nic Tovey: Nic.Tovey@3Bridges.org.au
Callum Lafort: Callum.Lafort@3Bridges.org.au

P: 1300 327 434

Sydney Tech - an academically selective school for boys
# HIGH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 13—18 years (Or younger if in high school)**

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<td><strong>INDOOR SOCCER AT PFA</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Wet weather alternative</strong></td>
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<td><strong>CIRCUS SKILLS AT HOMEBUSH</strong></td>
<td><strong>POWERHOUSE MUSEUM</strong></td>
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**NEW BOOKING AND PAYMENT SYSTEM:**

GO TO THE CITY OF SYDNEY COUNCIL WEBSITE FOLLOW THE:

COMMUNITY/YOUTH/SCHOOL HOLIDAYS LINKS TO BOOK ONLINE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT 8512 8771

Youth Services has several convenient pick up and drop off locations for the School Holiday Program:

Sydney, Erskineville, Redfern, and Ultimo
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability Notification for Parents and Carers

From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.


Privacy Protection

The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students’ personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth Australian Education Regulation 2013, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed to by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department’s website at http://education.gov.au/notices.

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact Nick Stokes, Head Teacher Wellbeing.
A joint statement from

The NSW Public Education Alliance

A fair, just and prosperous nation for all our children

We, the undersigned organisations, are committed to ensuring that every Australian child has an equal opportunity to realise their full potential in life through the provision of a well-resourced, high quality education.

We believe, therefore, that it is imperative for current and future Commonwealth governments to join with all state and territory governments to fully fund the Gonski needs-based school funding model.

Gonski is designed to lift all schools to a national minimum resource standard and provide extra funding for individual students in need of greater support.

If fully funded, Gonski will establish a new, higher benchmark for government investment in Australian schooling, and help build the foundations for a fair, just and prosperous nation for generations to come.

We believe such a great cause warrants the full support of all political parties and candidates for election to parliament.

Lila Mularczyk
President
NSW Secondary Principals’ Council

Geoff Scott
President
NSW Primary Principals’ Association

Maurie Mulheron
President
NSW Teachers Federation

Jason Vials
President
Federation of P&C NSW

Cheryl McBride
Chairperson
Public School Principals Forum
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 13 September 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.

If you send an sms about your son’s absence, please put his name, class and reason for absence.

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.
Lily Street Bridge replacement
6 Month Road Closure

Our works will impact the local area from Monday
Here's what you need to know.

What we’re doing
As part of the ongoing construction of the Lily Street Allawah overbridge we will be closing down Lily St Bridge for a seven month period to allow for the installation of integral members of the new bridge.

Access to the Lily Street Bridge via cars on the south bound lane will be blocked at the Durham Street intersection and all traffic north bound will be completely blocked at Railway Pde.

Pedestrian access will be limited to the station overpass for access between Railway Pde and Lily Street.

We understand that this work will have an impact on you and your neighbours. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

How this affects you
Work will take place from Monday 11 April 2016 – Wednesday 30 November 2016.

Road closures
Planned road closures will include Lily Street Bridge between Railway Pde & Roberts Lane, from 11 April 2016 – 30 November 2016. To eliminate vehicle congestion, Lily Street will also be closed at Durham Street to southbound traffic. Local detours will be sign posted and traffic controllers will be on duty to direct motorist.

Noise
These works may create additional noise during the day and night of the weekend. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause. Equipment may be delivered to the worksite outside of this time. Due to travel restrictions on large vehicles, some of these deliveries may need to take place at night.

Light
Due to working at night additional lights will be in place to undertake these works. Due care will be taken to minimise light spill when undertaking works outside daylight hours.

Traffic and parking
Heavy vehicles will be using local streets to access parts of the rail corridor. Primary access points with traffic control will be at Carlton Parade, Railway Parade and Station Lane.

Station Access
Access to Allawah Station will be maintained at all times during these works. Pedestrians will be directed via sign posts and message boards on the temporary routes.

Buses
Buses will be diverted around the local detour route also with several key bus stops affected. Please direct questions regarding the relocation of stops and effects to your service to the service provider.

Avoid slips and falls when travelling around the network. Slow down and mind your step on platforms, and when boarding and alighting from trains.
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.

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**SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES**

**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

- **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

- **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

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.
BUILDING FUND

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 2016 are to upgrade 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.

LIBRARY FUND

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:  ..........................................................

Security Code:  ..........................................................

Expiry Date:  ..........................................................

Cardholder’s Name:  ..........................................................

Signature  ..........................................................

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

Payments can also be paid by telephone on (02) 9587 5899.
All donations over $2 are tax deductible.
**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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<td>Old Boys v Year 12s Soccer Match</td>
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<td>Year 12 Breakfast, Graduation Assembly and Luncheon</td>
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This calendar is a general guide. Sometimes event dates change unexpectedly. For a full up to date list of school activities please refer daily to the school calendar via the school intranet.