FROM THE PRINCIPAL

GREG MCNAUGHT
Longstanding and much respected Deputy Greg McNaught announced that he will be retiring at the end of this term. Greg arrived from East Hills Boys in 2002, and has had a distinguished career at the school. Greg has led the way in terms of whole school technology systems like the school intranet, and is currently working on a new Tech website. Greg has supported many students during a long and illustrious career with the Department of Education, lasting 37 years. A quiet achiever, Greg is a great behind the scenes problem solver, and he will be missed by the staff and students. I will certainly miss his humour, efficiency and collegiality. On behalf of the school I wish him every success in his retirement.

SPORTS ASSEMBLY
Steve Hart, Fox Sports presenter and Channel Ten commentator gave the address at Sports Assembly last week which was very well attended by the community. Steve was humble, amusing and very down to earth, and certainly related to his audience!

Steve was asked to leave the school in Year 11 by the then Principal, and told his story of determination and guts to break into the very tough world of Sports commentating. Steve clearly did not understand the word ‘no’, and fought very hard to be in the position he is in today. He started off as a radio announcer in a small country town, moved to Adelaide, and then brought his wife and baby to Sydney without any certainty there was a job for him at Channel 10. Steve and his wife won ‘Funniest Home Video’, and that allowed him to take the risk of moving to Sydney. Channel 10 did offer him the opportunity to be on a couple of morning shows. His message to students was clear: you can do anything if you set your mind to it.
ZONE AWARDS
Our fine athletes were recognised at the Zone Sports Awards. We were the summer and winter boys champion school, and won the three major carnivals, swimming, athletics and cross country. This is a very impressive result, and continues our unrivalled domination of the Zone over many years. My thanks to Robert Devlin who has coordinated the Sports program for the last three years, and is stepping down from the portfolio. Connell Byrne has agreed to take up the challenge of this very large, diverse, and important part of school organisation.

SHADE SHELTER
In 2014, our formidable Careers Advisor Arthur Zigas applied for a grant from the Cancer Council to fund a shade cloth in the quad, an area that can get intensely hot in summer because of the concrete. The Shade shelter was finally officially launched last week with the CEO of the Cancer Council, and the CEO of Eftpos who funded the shade coming to cut the ribbon with the Deputy Mayor of Rockdale. Because Friday turned into a day of 43 degree temperatures, the official launch was very briefly mentioned on Channel 7 News that evening. The area beneath the cloth will be beautified in 2016 with seating and plants. Thanks very much to Arthur Zigas for his capacity to look out for grants that will support the school.

P&C
My thanks to outgoing president Angela Kim who has decided to step down as P&C President. Angela has worked tirelessly for the school in 2015, and with her team has participated in merit selection panels, selective high school panels, election BBQs and a huge number of events here at the school of great benefit to parents and students. I thank the 2015 P&C and welcome to our newly elected President, Arosha Ratnayake, and the team.

VOLUNTEERS LUNCH
The school is very fortunate that parents and community members support a school run canteen, thereby allowing all the profits to return to the school. Volunteers are rostered on to assist canteen staff throughout the year. As well, volunteers run the school uniform shop which is opened regularly. Volunteers support the school through scholarships, taking photographs, setting up BBQs and hosting special events such as the Professor Andrew Martin seminar. On Wednesday 25 November the school held a Volunteers lunch to thank everyone who participated in so many different ways in school life in 2015.

SUMMER ENSEMBLES
Congratulations to Shane Gamage, Emma Riley and the staff of CAPA led by Jo Wright, who produced another outstanding night of musical delight to commemorate the skills development of our choirs, orchestras, bands and ensembles over 2015. The evening showcased the talent that exists in the school from fine singing to ukeleles, and everything inbetween. It was a most enjoyable evening culminating in the obligatory Christmas Carols. Thanks to all participants and a thanks to the Sound and Lighting crew with Ian Coulston.

REGIONAL AWARDS CELEBRATION
The school was asked to host the Regional teaching Awards by our Director, Anne Ross. As usual our students made us proud to be part of such a wonderful school. Thanks to Nayeem Halim and his STO orchestra, Tandee Wang who was a host for the evening, our sound and lighting crew with Andrew Wang, and our committed SRC representatives who gave up their time to assist the smooth running of the evening. My thanks also to Diane Wilson.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH
Paul Graham, co ordinator of the ever popular Duke of Edinburgh program at the school, has been working for the program for over twenty five years. Along with Martin Riley who works alongside him, they were recognised at a special ceremony last week by His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret’d)and later attended a reception at Government House. This was an extremely prestigious event, and I should like to add my thanks to Paul and Martin for their dedication to offering our students opportunities outside the classroom of the highest calibre. Students on the Duke of Edinburgh camps learn many skills and we have students completing all levels. At some private schools, the scheme is run by a teacher who does not teach at all, but in our case, the allowance for the program is very small, despite all the associated work.

ALUMNI AND WHITE RIBBON
Jason Hou, School Captain 2015, was very keen to see Tech alumni events as part of the school calendar. The first event was a soccer match that took place in September, and our next was an Open Day that took place last week. Thanks to the organisation of Jacqui Thompson, in the front office, with Diane Wilson, the alumni data base was updated, and around 60 alumni from the 1950s to 2000 arrived at the school for breakfast and a tour. The school is looking for support with work experience placements and a senior seminar program about post school career options. A number of alumni then attended our White Ribbon assembly. Tandee Wang’s address to the school is elsewhere in Tech Talk. Tandee prepared an exceptionally well researched speech, and it was delivered brilliantly. Thanks to our SRC for the fine organisation of this event, and to Kirk Grinham. Pictures are elsewhere in Tech Talk of the day which is an important reminder of the values that we expect from our community.

HOLIDAYS
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A: 1800 hours

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Please READ as well. If you are in Year 12, read your set texts at least twice, and take notes. Ms Campbell has several suggestions for good books, and you can borrow from the Library.

We have had a great year. Jacqueline Lyons
Principal

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**STUDENT DRIVERS**

Students who are eligible to drive to school must complete a permission form to do so. There are specific requirements and responsibilities for drivers. There are also permission forms for passengers. Please ask your son to see Mrs Wilson to collect these forms.

**END OF YEAR REPORTS**

All students will receive their reports Wednesday 16 December. Year 11 reports were distributed earlier this term.

**HSC ASSESSMENT WEEK**

The first assessment week for Year 11, as part of their HSC courses, is in Week 9 (30 November - 4 December). All students have been issued with a booklet which outlines the rules and requirements of the HSC assessments. These rules are in line with Board of Studies requirements for the award of the Higher School Certificate. All students and their parents are urged to read this booklet so that they are aware of what to do in the event of illness or misadventure at the time of a task or absence prior to the assessment week.

**RETURN TO SCHOOL 2016**

Years 11, and 12 will commence school on Thursday 28 January 2016 at 8.45 am and Years 8, 9 and 10 on Friday 29 January 2016 at 8.45 am. The first day for each year group will begin with a whole school assembly in the auditorium.

We would like to wish students and their families a happy and safe holiday.

**WELLBEING REPORT**

**HEALTHY HOLIDAY HABITS**

As the long summer holiday approaches, the five week break can sometimes be both a blessing and a curse for students and their families. Without the frequent attendance at school from 8:45am each weekday, coupled with less homework and deadlines, students welcome the increased freedoms and opportunities to enjoy their favourite past times...a lot. In some instances, students can become almost nocturnal over this long break, staying up very late and then sleeping in even later. Moderation is the key here because when school resumes late January, students with such a disrupted sleep cycle can take a long time reversing their near-jetlag symptoms and re-adjust to a regular and healthy pattern of school – life – sleep.

The holidays and the warm summer weather are wonderful opportunities for students to leave their screens at home and take part in something new, fun and/or interactive – outside! Parents may find this a familiar issue when encouraging participation that does not involve a device that requires its battery being charged daily. Suggesting healthy alternatives can be met with ‘deaf ears’ by adolescents and sometimes it is the parent who must take charge and organise these events on their son’s behalf. Consider time at the beach, in a National Park, hiring a tennis court, finding new, fun and/or interactive – outside! Parents may find this a familiar issue when encouraging participation that does not involve a device that requires its battery being charged daily. Suggesting healthy alternatives can be met with ‘deaf ears’ by adolescents and sometimes it is the parent who must take charge and organise these events on their son’s behalf.

**WHITE RIBBON DAY**

Tech has been a strong supporter of the White Ribbon Foundation for many years. Each year, we hold a special assembly that allows us to educate the school community about the ongoing issue of men’s violence towards women and things everyone can do to eliminate this. Every year, this assembly is the project of the new Year 12 SRC and in 2015, their efforts have been outstanding. Whether it be film making, speech writing, IT, media liaison, poster design, social media promotion or event management, the boys have displayed, once again, the virtues of Tech. The 2015 assembly specifically addressed the role that gender inequity plays as a direct cause of men’s violence against women. We know that not all men are violent, but we are also acutely aware that the majority of violence against women comes from men. We also know that not all violent abuse is physical. It can come in many other powerful forms such as financial, sexual, psychological or spiritual. Our motto in 2015 has therefore been: "The standard you walk past is the standard you accept" and this was communicated in a very inspirational manner through all our speakers from Vice Captain Tandee Wang, to official White Ribbon Ambassador and lawyer Tom Reeve through to the keynote by CEO of Diversity Council of Australia, Lisa Annese.

Kirk Grinham
Head Teacher Wellbeing
WORK EXPERIENCE IN 2016 – (2-6 MAY, 2016)

Year 9 students should be speaking with their parents about the type of work experience placement they would like to take on next year. The date has been set for Work Experience, Monday 2 May – Friday 6 May 2016 (Term 2, Week 2). The official documentation will be distributed in the first couple of weeks of the new school year. As all students from Tech aspire to get to university, the work experience job you seek must require tertiary qualifications. See me if you are unsure if your placement fits the criteria.

HSC-TO-UNIVERSITY PATHWAYS FOR TALENTED STUDENTS

The University of New England, the University of New South Wales, and Macquarie University have pathway programs that enable students to undertake first-year university courses while finishing their secondary schooling.

This program is open to students who have accelerated in at least one HSC course and achieved high-level results, or who have otherwise demonstrated outstanding academic achievement.

Applications will need the support of school principals, and are to be made via the universities.


UMAT 2016 REGISTRATIONS OPEN SOON

Registrations for UMAT 2016 open early December 2015 and close Friday 3 June 2016.

The test takes place nationally on Wednesday 27 July 2016.

UMAT is a test that is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level at the universities listed on the website.

https://umat.acer.edu.au

UNIVERSITY BRIDGING COURSES

Many universities offer bridging courses in a range of areas. These courses are designed to provide students with the necessary information to study certain courses and replace pre-requisites for certain courses. For example, bridging courses can be offered in science so that students can undertake a science degree without having studied science at high school. These courses are generally run in the lead up to first semester admissions.

For more information, check your desired course and university to see if bridging courses are available.

University of Newcastle: https://www.newcastle.edu.au/future-students/oonprep-bridging-courses/about-oonprep-bridging-courses

Macquarie University: https://web.science.mq.edu.au/bridging-courses/


University of New England: http://www.une.edu.au/study/study-options/landing/foundation-units

University of New South Wales: http://www.science.unsw.edu.au/future-students/bridging-courses

Australian National University: http://www.anu.edu.au/study/apply/preparatory-bridging-courses

University of Technology Sydney: http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/science/essential-information/bridging-courses


THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY: SYDNEY SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

Wednesday 13 January – Friday 15 January, University of Sydney, Camperdown campus.

Visit the university and attend hands-on laboratory sessions and interactive lectures to help solve a murder mystery. Attendees will be given a crime scene briefing and spend three days learning from professionals and utilising evidence to determine which suspect to take to trial.


JMC ACADEMY: HOW TO GET A JOB IN GAME AND SOUND PRODUCTION


HOUR OF CODE

Monday 7 December – Sunday 13 December

The Hour of Code is a one-hour introduction to computer science designed to demystify code and show that anyone can learn the basics. The hour of code can be completed at any time during the week and may be split up into multiple sessions.

https://hourofcode.com/au

GETTING A TAX FILE NUMBER: TIM’S TALE

For all students interested in gaining a tax file number check out this great resource.

May this Christmas bring joy and love to your heart and soul, and may you start the New Year on a beautiful note. Wishing you the best Christmas and a safe and happy New Year!

Mr Zigas
Careers

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**DEFENCE CAREERS AUSTRALIA: INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Parramatta – Health Careers: Wednesday 2 December, 6.30pm, 9 George Street

Parramatta – Defence Careers: Monday 7 December, 6.30pm, 9 George Street

Sutherland – Army Reserve Rifleman: Saturday 12 December, 9.30am, Sutherland Army Reserve Depot, 13 Rawson Avenue

https://www.facebook.com/DefenceJobsAustralia/timeline

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**SWIMMING PROGRAM**

Swimming instruction is part of the curriculum for all Year 7 boys at Sydney Technical High School. The scheme is a learn-to-swim program which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. All students in Year 7 attend this program with all students showing improvement in some aspect of swimming.

**WHEN:** Week 10 (7-11 December) Periods 1 and 2 and back to school for periods 3 and 4.

**WHERE:** Carss Park pool under the instruction of qualified teachers

**COST:** $50

Permission notes and money is due now.

Thank you

Arthur Zigas
Swimming Coordinator

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**P&C REPORT**

Happy end of the year to you all!! It’s awesome to see that everyone has survived the year in great spirits.

**NOVEMBER AGM**

Prior to our regular meeting on 3 November we had our AGM. All the positions had been declared open and I am happy to announce the appointment of a new P&C President for 2016, Arosha Ratnayake. As a pending Year 12 mum for 2016, I have decided to take a sideway step and take an important support role as one of the Vice Presidents. Our other committee members include Rajesh Thiharie as the second Vice President, Epi Manu as Treasurer, Zabidul Islam as Assistant Treasurer, Marta Gonzalez-Valdes as Secretary, Emily Luu as Assistant Secretary and Warren Mak and Jennifer Lee as our special sitting members. I’d like to thank these wonderful parents for their commitments into 2016 and look forward to working with them over the next year. I would also like to thank my current committee for their great dedication and hard work throughout 2015.

**NOVEMBER MEETING**

At our regular meeting in November, we were “introduced” to our new electronic sign board at the front of the school. It was proudly donated to the school from P&C funds and brightly lit the driveway as we entered for our meeting. Please keep an eye out as the sign will be filled with lots of valuable information about what’s going on around the school.

P&C have also decided to be a partial sponsor for Tandee Wang (Vice Captain elect 2016) who will be embarking on a study excursion with UN Youth to study Islamophobia in the Middle East in January 2016. We are very proud of Tandee and eagerly await his return so that he can impart all of his newly acquired knowledge to the rest of our boys.

**DECEMBER MEETING**

Our next P&C Meeting will be on Tuesday, 1 December, 2015 at 7:30pm in the Common Room. This meeting will be our end of year get together with nibbles and drinks and also our last meeting for the year. Please come along and help us celebrate the end to a fantastic year and help us farewell Greg McNaught at his last P&C Meeting before his retirement.

**P&C INTRANET AND EMAIL**

For up-to-date information on what we are doing and our future agendas, please log onto the STHS home page where our agendas are updated every month. You can also access the P&C intranet page by logging into Moodle and posting your questions, concerns and any other issues for all parents to discuss. For a more personal approach, you can email us on sydtechparents@gmail.com

Thank you again to all our parents and helpers for a wonderfully productive year. Without your generous help in the canteen, clothing pool, meetings and all those other places that parents silently lend a hand, the school cannot function in the great capacity that it does each year. Your tireless efforts are invaluable and we look forward to more parents lending a helping hand next year and beyond.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season and all the very best for a prosperous new year for you and your families! Hope to see you all at our December meeting.

Angela Kim
P&C President 2015
NEWS AROUND SCHOOL

Year 7 History Excursion to Nicholson Museum

On Monday 23 November 7P and 7T embarked on an excursion to the Nicholson Museum at the University of Sydney as a part of their History studies.

We had roll call, boarded our buses and arrived at Sydney University at about 10am. We were then split into three groups, and we were shown around the museum by different education guides who were all archaeologists or post-graduate History scholars. For the first session, my group had a look at life in Ancient Greece which included observing artefacts, the people and life of the Greeks and many more. There was also a Lego display of Pompeii and its history during the ancient times. We also had the opportunity to get some hands-on experience in sketching, coding and analysing artefacts - just as the archaeologists do.

After the first session, we had lunch with the other groups on the picturesque lawns in front of the Great Hall. After lunch we went back inside the museum and looked at further artefacts from the Etruscans. Our final session involved exploring Ancient Egypt. We had a look at Ancient Egyptian sarcophagi, mummies and explored the processes of mummification. In the end we had some free time to explore some other displays and artefacts around the museum.

We had a really fun and educational day at the museum. We would like to thank Mr Grinham, Mr Devlin and Ms Taleb for organising this excursion and would recommend a visit to the Nicholson Museum for anyone interested in the mysteries of civilisations from the past.

Brendan Miu and Adrian Lozancic
Year 7
alumni day

TECH SPORTS PRIZE GIVING
STHS
YEAR 9
VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION
THURSDAY 3/12 and FRIDAY 4/12
RECESS, LUNCH and AFTER SCHOOL ‘TIL 4pm
C Block Foyer and Room 34

STHS
YEAR 10
VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION
THURSDAY 3/12 and FRIDAY 4/12
RECESS, LUNCH and AFTER SCHOOL ‘TIL 4pm
C Block Foyer and Room 34
The woman pictured here is a character called Imperator Furiosa. She is the main character of Mad Max Fury Road, a film set in a post-apocalyptic world where women are enslaved as machines for breeding. Spoiler alert, she goes on to save them and save herself. Sounds like a typical action movie right?

You’d think so, except this simple combination of a strong female lead, liberating other women from sexual slavery seemed to be so feminist, it threatened to have some men lose every inch of manhood just by watching.

Could it be possible that a woman is the lead of an action movie? How could it be possible that that woman wasn’t completely dependent on men? And how could men everywhere possibly withstand the emasculation of this totally “weak man” being helped by a woman?

Immediately men’s rights activists, congregating on websites like “Return of Kings” reacted in fury. How dare such a movie lure “masculine heterosexual men” through the temptation of explosion and violence, and, out of all unimaginable grand deceptions, introduce a heroine!

In an all-boy’s school, it is easy to get sucked into a culture of hyper-masculinity. Perhaps your peers, your teachers, and your parents have certain expectations of you – that you become a “real man”, that you “man up” and that you stop acting like “a little girl”. That’s just normal right? Shouldn’t we, as men, be expected to be tough and courageous?

Of course, there’s something deeply disturbing about that idea. Because if “to be a man” means to be tough and strong, and to be “a little girl” or “to be a pussy” – which are code-words of “woman”, is the opposite of being a man – then doesn’t that logic mean that being a girl is the opposite of being courageous and tough?

That is dangerous, because it actively contributes to a social culture where women are discouraged from being strong and competent. I’m going to assume you think that’s a bad thing – but if you don’t, all I can say is that there was a 50% chance you could’ve been born a woman, and the fact that by pure fate you weren’t born one, does not entitle you to anything.

The culture created by hyper-masculinity, however, creates REAL structures which oppress women. One simple example, till 1966, the male idea that women belonged in the domestic world, meant women were banned from the public service upon marriage.

Those structures still exist today. It’s called male privilege. You have it, I have it. It no longer looks like banning women from work post-marriage, but it’s still there. It looks like:

• Gender pay gap – where a woman doing the same job as a man gets paid 17% less
• It looks like positions in high power dominated by men – Tony Abbott’s cabinet featured one woman out of 19 people; which we pleasantly learnt was doubled in the next year to a grand total of two women.
• But it also looks like what we’re talking about today – violence against women. Because while it is true that men also suffer from violence by women, the violence against women by the hands of men is hugely disproportionate – it is way higher and far more widespread.
• And that’s problematic. Not just because it is disadvantageous for women currently, but because these kinds of systems actually tend to keep themselves alive.

• So when men typically make more money than their female counterparts – even if they do the same job and have the same experience, guess who ends up staying home when children come along – the one who makes less money right? – Just so happens that turns out to be a woman.
• Or when parliament is filled largely by men, I guess it’s just unfortunate those men make it legally impossible for large numbers of women to potentially join them in their leadership role.
• Or, at its most extreme, where women, through physical oppression in the form of domestic violence, are put in positions where they cannot assert any power for themselves.

These structures create an imbalance on the “playing field” which is against women. Keeping that imbalance may involve banning married women from working, but at its most extreme – it looks like domestic violence. Asserting male authority and control in a way that totally screws over the capacity of women for a meaningful life.

For many, though, these systems which privilege men and their safety, and their rights, over women – begin when boys are taught values of hyper-masculinity. Where they are taught that to be a man means to assert dominance and to be powerful. To fail to be so – no longer makes you a man, otherwise known as a woman.

That’s dangerous, because masculinity is the double-edged sword – it damages men as much as it does women.

It means that if you want to have kids – and stay home to raise them, you will feel there is something fundamentally wrong with that; it means when you want to talk about “such womanly feelings”, you are socially pressured not to – because that kind of talk is for women; but it also means that when men themselves claim themselves to experience domestic violence, people don’t believe them.

And don’t fool yourself to believe that the “masculine heterosexual men” roaming the internet, and supposedly speaking for you, will be there when that happens.

We all know it is wrong to hit a woman – or anybody for that matter; especially someone we love. But for many of us, it isn’t clear how sexism in our everyday lives – calling each other “pussies” for being weak, actually contributes to a broader issue where masculinity is associated with strength, but exclusively with men; and anything “non-masculine” is associated with weakness, and exclusively left for those non-men known as women.

That’s the start of a long journey of oppression that stops women from accessing the same opportunities as men.

I misled you a bit at the start of my speech by saying that Mad Max Fury Road was just about a strong woman helping other women. Because the movie’s depiction of masculinity and the ways it enslaved women, wasn’t just about them – it was also about how that same masculinity enslaved men too – consuming the society’s “war boys”, desperately searching for identity in a world where they are only taught violence.

For sexists watching the film, the first inch of manhood was clocked when the movie turned out to be about a heroine, another one when they realized she was strong and independent and yet another when that woman was dependent on by a man. The rest withered away with the realization that the masculinity which failed to destroy these particular women, succeeded in destroying some of the film’s men.

But the strength of men is not mutually exclusive to the strength of women. You, as a male, are not emasculated or diminished because women get the same rights as you, get the same opportunities as you, and get to live in their homes safe in the knowledge of their safety. In fact, it is often more destructive to you, when you don’t see that.

White Ribbon is about realising that fact – that your being a man is not contingent on being violent or oppressive. And as women slowly get the rights they are entitled to as equal humans, your understanding and acceptance of that, may be the only way to save your manhood.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Any payments can still be made via our online payment system located on the STHS website.

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.

New to STHS Online Payment

Announcing the arrival of online credit card payment for school fees, excursions and any other student payments. Simply log onto www.sths.nsw.edu.au and select online payment from the menu on the left hand side. It’s quick, easy and convenient, with the added bonus of no processing fee!

PAYMENTS AT SCHOOL ARE TO BE MADE IN SCHOOL HOURS ONLY

No payments will be taken after the bell has gone at the end of the day.
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.

Attention Parents
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.

School Attendance
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.

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.

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 Wednesday 3 December 2016.
Come along and grab a bargain. If you have any donations of used uniform items, please send them to the Office.

Choosypix Photography
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

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.
SYDNEY TECH HIGH SCHOOL

SPECIAL SALES

DAYS x 3

AT LOWES STORE - HURSTVILLE
Tuesday 8th – Wednesday 9th – Thursday 10th
December 2015

RECEIVE 15% DISCOUNT
Off the regular price on all uniform items for
Sydney Technical High School

PLUS
BONUS EZY-WAY 5% DISCOUNT
additional for Lowes Ezy-Way customers

OR 5% REWARDS
Lowes Rewards Card holders receive in-store Gift Vouchers
to the value of 5% of their purchase

PLUS
Lowes will pay your school annual 5% rebate on every
uniform purchased in-store.
YOUR NAME WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY

Please shade bubble to indicate your selection of engraved brick facing or garden bench.

**ENGRAVED BRICK FACING**
Your donation of $40 or more entitles YOU to have your name engraved into a BRICK FACING as a lasting record of your valued support. The paver will be permanently installed in the Centenary Garden.

**GARDEN BENCH**
Your donation of $300 or more entitles YOU to have your name and school details engraved onto a plaque and attached to a GARDEN BENCH as a lasting record of your valued support. The GARDEN BENCH will be permanently placed in the Centenary Garden.

**Payment Options.** This form must be included with payment.
1. Pay by cash at the school office.
2. Pay by cheque (payable to Sydney Technical High School) and post to:
   STHS Centenary Garden
   686 Forest Road
   Bexley NSW 2207
3. Pay by credit card (Visa or Mastercard) and post to the address above or fax to (02) 9553 8315 or scan and email to sydneytech-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.
4. Pay by credit card (Visa or Mastercard) by phone (02) 9587 5899.

Name on Card
Card number
Expiry date
Signature

**Engraving details:** Please print clearly in block letters. Each square represents one letter, number, space or punctuation mark. (34 max)

Garden Bench Option 1
Garden Bench Option 2

**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 McConnnachie Paddocks, 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.

**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)

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

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