WELCOME YEAR 7 2016, AND ALL NEW STUDENTS

A warm welcome to our 150 Year 7 students and their families. Our Year 7 students enter the school through the NSW High Performing Student’s Unit Selective High Schools Test, and are to be congratulated on their achievement. Our ‘newbies’ come from over 75 different public and primary schools, and live as far away from Tech as Prestons (beyond Liverpool) Toongabbie (beyond Parramatta) and the North Shore. Our top feeder Primary schools are Hurstville Public School, our nearest school, followed by Harcourt, Hurstville South and Campsie. Our boys have 22 different language backgrounds, and have already taken over the main quad to play handball. They are currently participating in a transition program that encourages them to get to know each other, their environment and some of their routines. Year 7 camp takes place on 17 February for three days, at Point Wolstonecraft, and the camp is a great opportunity for them to make new friends.

Year 7 will be very well looked after by their Year 9 Peer Support leaders who will mentor them over the coming weeks. Year 7 Adviser, Ms Wendy Mac, said that she was looking forward to getting to know the group, and their talents.

We hope that new students in other years enjoy their time at Tech and settle in well. Ms Jenny Haitidis is their mentor, and they have been assigned a buddy to help them find their way around school.

HSC RESULTS

Our HSC results were very impressive with 13 students on the NSW BOSTES All Rounders List. Top Achievers included Andrei Bluc who was 14th in Chemistry and Koshy Matthew who was 10th in Engineering Studies. The majority of HSC subjects studied were well above the State Mean for those subjects. Notable examples include 11.76 for Biology; 13.98 for Business Studies; 12.63 for Engineering Studies; 12.99 for Information Process and Technology; 11.56 for Modern History; and 15.51 for Personal Development, Health and Physical Education. Two students
had their Artworks included in Art Express, Connor Tan and Nam Kiet Nguyen, and Jesse Park and Patrick Hermawan had their musicology skills recognised as exemplary in the HSC Music course. Adley Phu was awarded a prestigious Co Op scholarship. As usual students performed very well in subjects they were passionate about and interested in, across a wide range of endeavours. We know from experience that motivation and effort increase according to genuine interest. An in depth analysis of the results will be prepared over the next few weeks, by our Executive, and shared with the community.

**STAFFING**

It is with great pleasure that I let you know that Kirk Grinham, previously our head Teacher Wellbeing at the school was successfully selected on merit to take up the position of Deputy Principal here at the school, vacant as a result of the retirement of Greg McNaught. Kirk has recently become a very prestigious White Ribbon Ambassador, and is to be congratulated on his support of the White Ribbon cause. Kirk is a great asset to the school, and brings extremely valuable skills, talent and experiences to the role of Deputy. Tech looks forward to working with him. I thank the five panel members for their support and hard work in the selection process.

We also welcome to the school Irene Chork who is replacing Linda Baker in Mathematics, and Andrea Gale, who is our second Japanese language teacher. Lachlan Drummond is replacing Kirk Grinham in History temporarily, and Nick Stokes is relieving Head Teacher Wellbeing, pending an appointment being made. Antoinette Johnstone is replacing Lee Roche. Connell Byrne is the Sports Organiser.

**YOUR INPUT TO TECH**

There are many ways that you can play a part in the school. The Parent Partnership Program is printed below. It moves into Year 10 this year, and the focus will be on careers and choosing senior curriculum well. I do hope to see you at the partnership meetings. We are very happy to alter the program to suit your interests and wishes. A very popular event in 2015 was a seminar run by the Australian Federal Police about cyber safety: many of the tips related well to both students and adults. As so many of our parents live very far away our meetings are organised so they can be attended on the way to work. They are generally concluded at 10am. The first P&C meeting of the year will be held in the school Common Room at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2 February. I do hope that you can attend. Arosha Ratnatyake, our P&C President, will be outlining the plans for the year. If you have any spare time our school canteen is school run. All the profits are ploughed back into the school, and the canteen managers are always looking for volunteers: just a few hours is all that is needed. Please phone Cheryl Fox, our canteen manager on 9587 5899, ext 122. Please feel free to phone the school and make an appointment to see me if you have any concerns about the education of your son.

Jacqueline Lyons
Principal

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**PARENT PARTNERSHIP meetings**

School Common Room - 9am

**DATES FOR TERM 1**

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**NOTES SENT HOME**

Please look out for the following notes which have been sent or will be sent out in the first weeks of Term

- Swim Scheme Assessment Day - Year 7
- Scripture Confirmation Letters - Year 7
- Welcome BBQ - All new students to Tech
- Parent Partnership Meeting - Years 7-10
- Speech Day - Years 8-12
- Vaccination Packs - Year 7
- Swimming Carnival Letter - Whole School
Welcome back to a new year at Sydney Technical High School and welcome to our new students and their families.

Student Wellbeing is of paramount importance to us at Sydney Technical High School. If parents need to talk to someone about their son, you may contact either Deputy Principal, although it may be preferable to speak to the Deputy who handles your son’s year: Mr Grinham will monitor Years 8, 10 and 12, and Mrs Wilson Years 7, 9 and 11. Alternatively, you may contact the relieving Head Teacher Wellbeing, Mr Stokes or the appropriate Year Adviser. Year 7 – Ms Mac, Year 8 – Mr Gamage, Year 9 – Ms Sugowdz, Year 10 – Ms Farr, Year 11 – Ms Ryan, Year 12 – Mr de Rooy.

UNIFORM

STHS is a uniform school and our students should be proud to be seen in their uniform. Details about correct school uniform are listed in the school diary.

Regulation shoes are black leather and not joggers or any other type of footwear. This is a Work Health Safety regulation. The wearing of black sport shoes, joggers or boots has never been endorsed. Belts must be black or grey. All students must be in correct uniform each day - this includes ties being done up, shirts tucked in, long socks pulled up and hats removed inside school buildings. All students are permitted to wear the official school sports uniforms on Wednesdays, but must not wear a combination of school and sports uniforms.

Students not in correct uniform must see Mr Hewett, Head Teacher Administration, or a Deputy Principal before school with a note from home in order to obtain a uniform pass. If a student does not have the official pass, he will be automatically placed on Friday detention.

LATENESS AND LEAVING EARLY

Students who arrive late must sign in at the office to gain an entry slip. They need to bring a note from home explaining their lateness. Seniors who have non-timetabled first period lessons are to attend rollcall then go to the Library. They are not permitted to come late to school. All Year 12 students who have returned permission notes, may leave after their last timetabled class but must sign out at the front office. Students who do not have timetabled lessons during the day may not leave the school grounds, but may use the library for private study.

ILLNESS

Students who are ill during the day or who have an accident must report to the front office. They are not to phone parents. That is the duty of the office staff, who have very clear procedures to follow when students attend the school clinic. Parents will be phoned if the office staff and Deputy Principals believe that the student should be taken home or an ambulance is called. It is essential that the school has correct contact details. Have you changed phone or mobile phone numbers recently? Please let the school know. This is also important for notification of student absences.

PARKING

Parents who pick up their sons after school should do so at the back of the school in Ethel Street or in Botany Street. There is plenty of parking and very little traffic in those two streets. It is too busy and too dangerous to stop in Anderson Street since staff and senior students are leaving at
the same time. Please do not double-park, or park across driveways as it is both illegal and dangerous. The Anderson Street and Forest Road car parks are for staff only. Please be aware of Bus Zones and No Stopping Zones. **Illegal parking may result in a large fine.**

**STUDENTS DRIVING TO SCHOOL**
Senior students who drive to school are reminded of the following:

- There is no student parking in any of the school car parks, including the Anderson Street and Forest Road car parks. Cars are to be parked in the streets surrounding the school.
- Students are not to leave the school grounds during the school day, except at the conclusion of lessons for the day. Study periods must be conducted in the library.
- Drivers and their passengers are to lodge driver/passenger information forms with Mrs Wilson.
- Remember to drive safely and abide by the road rules which are there for your protection.

**SKATEBOARDS, ROLLERBLADES, MOBILES PHONES AND OTHER VALUABLES**
Students and parents are reminded that skateboards and rollerblades are banned from the school. It is also most unwise to bring valuable equipment to school. If students bring a mobile phone, it must be turned off inside buildings and may not be used during school hours – turn them off between 8.45 and 3.05. Wallets and valuables must never be left in unattended bags. If a student must bring a large amount of money to school, it should be left in the front office for safekeeping during the day.

**SUPERVISION BEFORE SCHOOL**
Supervision of students before school begins at 8.30am. There is a very low incidence of accidents in the playground before school, which reflects the nature of the student body and their level of maturity. The playgrounds present no obvious hazards in terrain or equipment, nor are they adjacent to any busy road.

Students should not be present in the school grounds before 8.30am. Parents remain responsible for their sons until 8.30am when staff supervision begins. From 8.30 until 8.45 the Principal and/or Deputy Principals and/or Head Teacher Administration will be available in the administration block to attend to any incidents which may occur. There are also senior classes before and after school and the library will be open for students undertaking research work.

The reliance of students on school buses as the main form of transport results in the majority arriving at school shortly before the commencement of lessons.

**PHOTOGRAPHS**
Occasionally staff take photos of individual students or groups of students for various school forums, such as the school website, Tech Talk, the annual Journal, the annual school report, school year photo, artwork and other internal purposes. No photos are ever taken for commercial purposes or for outside groups. Any individual photo taken, such as for the recently updated website, is always with the individual student’s permission. Any parent who does not wish his/her son to be photographed will need to put that request in writing and return it to the Deputy Principal, Mrs Wilson by 26 February. In such cases it will be the responsibility of the student to remove himself from any activity where photography may occur.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**
School Photographs will be taken on Monday 15 February in the auditorium. Information will be distributed through roll call. The preferred method of payment is online but payment to the photographers on the day will also be accepted. All students are to be photographed whether they are purchasing or not. The photos are used for student ID cards. The schedule for the day will be on noticeboards around the school.

**VACCINATIONS**
NSW Health provides vaccinations for school age children. Year 7 will be receiving the first round of vaccinations on Monday 8 February. Information and permission notes have been distributed to students. Permission Notes are to be returned to the front office by Friday 5 February.

Kirk Grinham  
Deputy Principal  
Diane Wilson  
Deputy Principal
The new school year has commenced and I would like to take the opportunity
to welcome you all. For the new students to our school, my name is Mr Zigas
and I am the Careers Adviser at Sydney Technical High School. My role
focuses on the world of work, providing careers education, equipping you
with the right tools to find the career you are
looking for and preparing your transition into
studies beyond school.

Although this may sound like something
way into the distant future for newly arrived
students in Year 7, the reality is that students
need career education from the onset to be
able to make informed decisions about what
they would like to do once they leave school.

**WORK EXPERIENCE - YEAR 10**

Year 10 students are reminded that work Experience is on Week 2, Term 2
(2-6 May 2016). It is vital that they start looking for work experience from
now. They are advised not
to leave this till the last
minute. I will be presenting
to all Year 10 students the
requirements for work
experience in the coming
weeks and electronic forms
will be downloaded from
Moodle in February. Stay
tuned.

**MENTORING - YEAR 12**

Year 12 students who have signed up to have a Teacher Mentor should
by now have established contact with their designated mentor. Students
who do not have a mentor and would like one
need to see me. I would like to remind Year 12
students and their parents that the Mentoring
Program at Sydney Technical High School is not
a tutoring service. It is another type of support
whereby Year 12s can discuss any difficulties
with their mentor. Their mentor’s role is to
keep them focused on their work and help them
with resilience.

Mr Zigas
Careers Adviser
Welcome back to all our returning students and their families and a warm welcome to our new Year 7 students and their parents. I hope you have all had a relaxing break, ready to start the 2016 school year. In the first week of Term 1 all of our new Year 7 students participated in two days of transition activities to help them settle into High School followed by a Peer Support session led by the new Year 9 student leaders.

There are some new and returning faces to the Wellbeing team in 2016: Wendy Mac (Year 7 Adviser), Shane Gamage (Year 8 Adviser), Eugenie Sugowdz (Year 9 Adviser), Leah Farr (Year 10 Adviser), Julie Ryan (Year 11 Adviser) and Jeff De Rooy (Year 12 Adviser). Gai Primer will continue as the School’s Learning and Support Teacher (Mondays and Tuesdays) and our school counsellors in Term 1 will be shared between Rachel Berezovsky (Mondays and Fridays) and Sarah Coffey (Thursdays). Arthur Zigas continues in his role as Careers Adviser as well as program coordinator for the Student Mentor and Swimming schemes and Jenny Haitidis will be the transition coordinator for new students coming to Tech from other High Schools in Years 8–12. Kirk Grinham will continue working with the team in his new position as Deputy Principal (Years 8, 10 and 12) whilst Diane Wilson is the Deputy for (Years 7, 9 and 11). I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Kirk on his new appointment and thank him for his dedication and commitment in the role as Head Teacher Wellbeing at Tech. He has led a successful Wellbeing Team, implemented some great Wellbeing initiatives into the school and more importantly impacted many students’ lives at the school.

For our new parents, the Wellbeing Team is usually the first point of contact when contacting the school with issues about the wellbeing of your sons and are available to assist you should the need arise.

ATTENDANCE

Sydney Technical High School has high expectations of all of its students and this includes their attendance. The school must adhere to State and Federal legislature around this as it ensures all children, up to the age of 17, attend school. The demographics of the students at STHS mean that many are travelling long distances each day and rely on public transport that can sometimes be delayed. In these unforeseen instances, the school is always understanding. Where such understanding expires is when student absenteeism and/or lateness becomes too frequent. Students who know that their transport links are unreliable in allowing them to arrive on time to school every day are strongly encouraged to make alternative arrangements. This may mean walking and leaving home earlier. All students are allowed three instances of unexplained lateness to school every term before they will receive an after school detention.

Keeping an accurate and appropriate record of student attendance is a legal requirement of all schools. A student’s attendance record is also a valuable tool for potential universities and employers when ascertaining a person’s reliability and punctuality. STHS is aware of this and ensures that attendance is always printed on every semester report. DEC procedures states that parents will have seven days to explain their child’s absence (via SMS, letter etc.) before the absence will be recorded as unexplained. The school is no longer required to retrospectively amend a student’s
attendance record after the seven days have lapsed ie if a parent brings in a note with several dates from throughout the year all deemed “sick”. Should you have further questions around this, please contact the school. Full school attendance is a vital part of education and encourages active and responsible participation. We appreciate your support in this important issue.

Nick Stokes
Relieving Head Teacher Wellbeing

TRANSPORT -2016
APPLYING FOR SCHOOL OPAL CARD

Step 1: You MUST apply on line at home at the following website:

Step 2: Print, sign and date the completed application, then submit it to the school for endorsement.

Step 3: The school then sends the endorsed application to Transport for NSW. Once approved, the School Opal Card will be sent to the address provided on the application.

If you require any further assistance contact the following:
General Enquiries and Assistance: 131 500
Translator and Interpreter Service: 131 450
Year 7
Week 1
Welcome to all the newcomers and welcome back to all returning students and parents.

We also congratulate Kirk Grinham on his new role as the Deputy Principal of STHS and wish Mr Greg McNaught who was the Deputy Principal at STHS for over a decade, happy retirement.

The P&C committee comprising of new and old hands is ready to take on the task of assisting the school in enriching the experience of our sons at Sydney Technical High School. We are a group of friendly fun loving parents and would like a lot more of you to join us in assisting the STHS executive committee to enrich our sons’ experience at STHS.

Through funds raised by the P&C levy last year we managed to assist the school in many ways including funding the purchase of school books, purchase of sport and gym equipment, computers for the boys, the new digital notice board etc. We have also committed funds to build a covered walkway between buildings, so that the teachers and boys can get around school protected from the elements.

The P&C also participates and assists the school in hiring of new teachers, selection of head teachers, new enrolments etc. The P&C is also involved in special events such as Speech Day. So there is no excuse not to join in and have your voice heard as we all try to do our best to give the best to our children, the most valued treasures of our lives.

**MEETINGS**

The P&C meets every first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the common room, during the school term. We normally have a guest speaker for the evening who will impart and share their knowledge on a topic that matters to our kids. Please bring your suggestion with reference to guest speakers and topics to our meetings.

We also have the principal and the deputies presenting their reports at our meetings where they will update the P&C of the work done in the past month and also the work planned for the future.

There is also time set aside under “Any other business” where the parents attending are given an opportunity to raise matters concerning the activities of STHS.

Our first meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 2 February 2016.

**WELCOMING NEWCOMERS**

Our first event of the year will be the Newcomers Welcome BBQ which will be held on Thursday, 11 February at 6pm. This will be held under the shade sail or in the canteen covered area depending on the weather. This is your chance to meet the school executive, head teachers, new parents and of course the P&C committee in an informal setting. So all new comers and parents please mark this days in your diaries, calendars, phone reminders, Email reminders etc. We hope all of you will be able to make it.

**P&C ON THE INTRANET/EMAIL**

The P & C Intranet page can be accessed by logging onto the moodle where the minutes of last meetings and the agenda for the next meeting can be accessed. You can also post your comments, suggestions, questions etc. which can be discussed at our meetings.
You can also contact the P&C on email sydtechparents@gmail.com
I will be remiss in my duties if I fail to thank Angela Kim for the excellent job done as P&C President in 2015 and also for agreeing to help the school in her new role as Vice president.

So as the school motto says “Manners Mayketh Man” and let’s all work together in moulding the future leaders of Australia.

Arosha Ratnayake
P&C President 2016

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.

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
After an enjoyable and restorative summer break, it is time to return to the intensity of life @ Tech. Welcome to all returning and new students and may your 2016 be full of creative energy.

Congratulations are due to all students and teachers whose hard work and intellect yielded such wonderful 2015 HSC results in Visual Arts, Music and LOTE. Most notable among these are Charlton Wong and Ethan Yew, who topped the school in Japanese and Japanese Extension, Jesse Park and Jason Wu in Music 1, Nicholas Huang in Music 2 and Extension Music. Excellent results in externally delivered courses were achieved by Nam Kiet Nguyen in Vietnamese Continuers, Simon Latham in Modern Greek Beginners, Benny Cordeschi in Italian Beginners, Duc Thinh Duong in French Continuers and Antonio Gorgijovski and Adrian Novak in Macedonian Continuers.

Year 12 Visual Art students Nam Kiet Nguyen and Connor Tan who not only topped the school in Visual Arts but were selected for Artexpress, the annual exemplar exhibition of HSC Art making, with Connor’s work, displayed at Wagga Wagga Regional Gallery (and above) and Nam Kiet’s work (pictured below) exhibited at Hazelhurst Regional Gallery.

Most students in Languages, Music and Visual Arts achieved their highest or second highest HSC result in these subjects and should be justifiably proud of their sustained commitment to learning.

Also, late last year, an exhibition of Year 9 and Year 10 work was held in the Visual Arts precinct. This was timed well to coincide with our Year 7 Orientation Day and parents, as can be seen in the photos, enjoyed viewing the Year 9 landscape paintings based on their Kurnell fieldtrip and the Year 10 still life paintings,
ceramics, drawings and digital works based on their Food Photography unit.

One of our talented Year 11 Art students completed an extension course at the National Art School late in 2015. In the Studio Practice discipline, Raymond Yuan achieved a high distinction in painting. Congratulations to Raymond, who will no doubt build on this excellent result for his Year 12 Visual Arts course. Congratulations to all students involved in these outstanding creative and intellectual achievements.

The STHS Performing Ensembles commence rehearsals for the year in Week 2. All current band members should bring their instruments for normal rehearsal times beginning Monday 3 February, except for Stage Band, which begins in Week 4. Mrs Ryan and Mr Gamage will coordinate the program again this year. Information about Ensemble Fees will be given to students in coming rehearsals. Invoices for these mandatory fees will be posted to parents later this term.

The school’s Performing Ensembles Program includes Beginner Band, Intermediate and Concert Band, Stage Band, Orchestra, Strings and Choir (all can be seen performing at Summer Ensembles and Musicale concerts, as in the photo below).

YEAR 7 MUSICIANS – There are two ways new students can join the Performing Ensembles.

1. Any experienced Year 7 student interested in auditioning for a position in an ensemble, should see Mrs Ryan or Mr Gamage in Week 3 (beginning Monday 8 February) in the Creative Arts staffroom, with details of their expertise and instrument. They can then audition, with a view to starting in Week 5, after Year 7 Camp.

2. An instrumental beginners program will operate in Term 2. Information about this will be issued to all Year 7 students later this term.

We look forward to a wonderful year of musical production, artistic creation and cultural exchange.

Jo Wright  
Head Teacher Creative Arts/LOTE
I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all students back to Sydney Tech for 2016. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday and that you return refreshed and motivated for the year ahead, the final year of a thirteen year school career. I am sure this year will pose its challenges and trials, but I am also confident it will be a rewarding and fulfilling experience.

In 2016 year 12 will be completing the stage 6 HSC course in their chosen subjects during the first three terms, with each term containing an assessment period. Year 12 will then sit the HSC exams during term four. I would like to stress that the HSC is not a sprint but rather a marathon. The key to performing at one’s ability level is SUSTAINED DILIGENCE throughout the year. Working hard for only two weeks here and two weeks there will only lead to under performance.

There is no doubt that this year will bring stress and at times the feeling of being overwhelmed. To help in managing stress levels I would like to encourage year 12 to approach this year with the mindset of having to complete four 10 weeks blocks of hard work, each followed by two weeks of recharging, as opposed to 12 months of unrelenting hard work. In addition, when feeling stressed or overwhelmed please do not hesitate to seek extra assistance. Classroom teachers, mentors, the school counsellors, year adviser, deputys and the principal will always be willing to support you where possible.

Finally, I would like to remind year 12 of the practical suggestions I have previously made to assist them in performing at their highest possible level:

1. **Be organised:**
   a. The course work for each subject must be well organised. I suggest using folders and loose leaf paper.
   b. Use a diary for homework and assessment tasks.
   c. Begin revising for examinations two week in advance.
   d. Attend all lessons.

2. **Establish routines:**
   a. Establish a homework/study routine eg from 5-7pm Mon-Fri.
   b. At the end of each week summarise the content covered in each subject. Use the syllabus as a guide.

3. **Set goals:**
   a. You should always begin with the end in mind.
   b. Set year 12 goals, career goals and general life goals.

4. **Maintain a healthy body:**
   a. A healthy body equals a healthy mind.
   b. Exercise regularly.
   c. Get plenty of sleep, 8 hours minimum.

Warm regards

Jeff de Rooy
Year 12 Adviser
NEWS AROUND SCHOOL

Year 7 orientation day 2015
featherdale
wildlife
park
Duke of Ed
Year 12 Breakfast
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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. (Top right hand corner of the HOME page.)

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.
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.
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.

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NORMAL PRICE

**SCHOOL BLAZERS**

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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.

**A UNIQUE AND LASTING RECORD OF YOUR SUPPORT**

In our Centenary Garden we are planning to include a GARDEN WALL where we will be using these engraved name bricks. Please write the name and year of finishing Sydney Technical High School in the space provided. You may choose to have additional brick facings for fathers or other members of the family who have attended the school.

**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.

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

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**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.

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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.
**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**FEBRUARY**

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