Parent Partnership Program – Term 4

How your child can stand out from the crowd

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Main points

• What do we mean by ‘standing out from the crowd?’

• Internal opportunities

• External opportunities
What do we mean by standing out from the crowd?
Definition (expr.) different than others, unique - Oxford Dictionary

to be very different and easy to notice - Macmillan Dictionary

to be much better than other similar things or people - Cambridge dictionary

ability to sell yourself, develop new skills and offer relevant experience - Hays Recruitment experts
... because the jobs market is changing

What we know:
- Emerging technologies
- Ageing population
- Globalisation

Learning for life is essential

Source:
Foundation for Young Australians, The New Basics, April 2016
Develop and demonstrate soft skills

These skills are ESSENTIAL

- Flexibility / adaptability
- Enthusiasm / positive attitude
- Teamwork
- Interpersonal / social skills
- Reliability
- Communication skills

Source: Department of Employment, Survey of Employers’ Recruitment Experiences, all regions surveyed, June 2015
Employers are also increasingly seeking workers with these transferable skills...

- Digital literacy
- Critical thinking
- Creativity
- Problem solving
- Financial literacy

Skills not easily replicated by artificial intelligence

Job advertisements requiring these skills have increased by over 200% since 2012

Source: Foundation for Young Australians, The New Basics, April 2016
What is digital literacy?

Wikipedia defines **Digital Literacy** as follows:

The ability to locate, organise, understand, evaluate, and analyse **information** using digital technology. It involves a working knowledge of current high-technology, and an understanding of how it can be used. Digitally literate people can communicate and work more efficiently, especially with those who possess the same knowledge and skills.

Research around digital literacy is concerned with wider aspects associated with learning how to effectively find, use, summarise, evaluate, create, and communicate information while using digital technologies, not just being literate at using a computer.

Digital literacy encompasses computer hardware, software (particularly those used most frequently by businesses), the **Internet**, mobiles, PDAs, and other **digital** devices. A person using these skills to interact with society may be called a **digital citizen**.

Source: Foundation for Young Australians, The New Basics, April 2016
Profile of the 2016 Co-op Scholar
Activities / Achievements in Yr 11 /12:

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Internal Opportunities
The Student Representative Council (SRC) is a group of peer elected members from all year groups who represent the views of the student body. The SRC facilitates leadership at STHS and provides meaningful leadership opportunities for students.

Elected representatives from each school year group participate in the democratic process, discover leadership, engage their peers in finding a voice, become more tolerant and cooperative members of society and develop a sense of responsibility, pride and loyalty to their school.
Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award has been successfully operating at our school since 1985, regularly producing Bronze, Silver and Gold awardees.

The award is one of the many extra-curricular choices available to every student of the school and consists of four areas: Skill, Community Service, Physical Recreation and Adventurous journeys. Each facet is designed to challenge students to get out of their comfort zone and try new things and meet new people.

The award is recognised in many countries and benefits students in the fact that they develop valuable leadership, teamwork and self-management skills which can be utilised in all aspects of their future lives.
The Wykeham Award was introduced at Sydney Tech in 2013. The Wykeham Award recognises and encourages student participation in a wide range of activities associated with the school. It ties in with the Board of Studies’ Record of Student Achievement (ROSA) given to students who leave school prior to the completion of the HSC.

This prestigious award is such that students receive credit for their overall involvement in both school life and out-of-school life, while still supporting the school merit awards system. It is most beneficial for students when applying for scholarships, cadetships or employment.
Interact

Interact is a group within the school which is dedicated to community service programs. It is overseen by a senior prefect from within the SRC, however membership is open to the whole school community. Interact encourages students to develop social justice skills, participate in community projects and provide opportunities for student’s to develop as leaders.

At STHS we have organised a variety of projects and activities including sponsoring a World Vision child, Worlds Greatest Shave and Bandaged Bear Day.
Other examples...

Prefect body
Sport
Work Experience
Environment team
Premier’s Volunteering Challenge
Library Monitors
Competitions – Debating
Public Speaking
Maths
Science

And lots more...
External Opportunities
When asked “do you have a LinkedIn profile” many of you confidentially say yes. But when I ask “so what do you do on LinkedIn”; well I usually get the responses “I occasionally update my profile” or “I read messages when I get them”.

LinkedIn is not just a mini website with a page all about you and the ability to check messages that people send you.

LinkedIn is a CRM (customer relationship manager) and when used correctly a major sales and customer acquisition tool.
The Emerging Entrepreneurs program has been designed to prepare students for the unprecedented change that is coming, with a focus on turning problems into opportunities and creating the next wave of entrepreneurs. Presented in 10 to 20 week programs, we’re striving for national accreditation and a mindset change across Australia.

- Damian Zammitt Co-founder theSPACE - Australasia

Bringing ideas to life, helping companies with cost-effective innovation strategies.

emergentrepreneurs.com.au
Found makes it easy to search and apply to jobs near you. Say goodbye to resumes and cover letters, simply build a profile and start searching for jobs. Find a job on your phone with Found - it’s Australia’s fastest jobs and careers app!

Want to find a new place to work? New jobs are uploaded daily, all you have to do is tap to apply.

BUILD A PROFILE

● Use our profile builder to create a profile that showcase your personality and experience.
● Create one profile and you’re done. No more resumes and cover letters.

APPLY FOR JOBS

● Follow and apply to jobs from some of Australia’s biggest companies.
● Set a discovery radius to make your job search suit you.
● Filter industries based on hashtags.
● Apply for jobs in a tap. It’s simple, quick and easy.

CHAT DIRECTLY WITH EMPLOYERS

● Don’t worry about email inboxes, employers chat with you directly in app.
● Organise, interview and start your new job and never write a resume, cover letter or job application.

Experience a personalised job search through Australia’s fastest growing jobs app. Your dream job could be just a tap away, so stop seeking and get Found!
What’s your child’s social media footprint?
In conclusion

• Ensure there is an intrinsic motivation for your child to stand out from the crowd

• Take advantage of the many opportunities available now to take on interesting things in and out of school

• The nature of work is in constant flux – need to be a step ahead to ensure longevity in the workforce