



The Strathfield Scene



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Upcoming Events

Term 2

Week 1 26/4

- Anzac Day
25th April
- School Returns
26th April
- Anzac Day Assembly
27th April

Week 2 1/5

- Yr 10 Maritime Excursion
2nd May
- **Family Fair Day**
4 May



Week 3 8/5

- Notre Dame Presentation
8th May
- Naplan examinations
9-11th May

Week 4 15/5

- ISCIENCE excursion USYD
17th May

Week 5 22/5

- Athletics Carnival
25th May

Principal's Message

In 2016, the government announced the introduction of new minimum standards in literacy and numeracy which students will need to meet in order to be awarded an HSC.

Students will have a number of opportunities to reach the minimum standard starting with Year 9 NAPLAN, which will take place this term. If a student does not meet the minimum standard in Year 9, they will have two opportunities each year in Years 10, 11 and 12 to sit an online test and meet the standards. They will then have a further 5 years after they finish their Year 12 subjects to meet the standards and gain an HSC.

The minimum standard is Band 8 in Year 9 NAPLAN – this should not be a cause of concern, as the expected standard for a Year 9 student is Band 6. It is anticipated that most students in New South Wales will not achieve the minimum standards in Year 9, and no pressure should be placed on students to do this. NAPLAN is simply the first opportunity they will have to prequalify for the minimum standards.

Based on our school's results, practically all students will meet minimum standards by the time they complete Year 12, and this is exactly as it should be.

As always, the school will continue to provide appropriate support to all of our students to help each of them reach their potential. If you have any questions about the minimum standards, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Mr S. Paterson



Water Is Life Mural

Each Tuesday afternoon Strathfield South High Students have swapped their sport time for the opportunity to help the community by beautifying a local section of fence along the highway.

To achieve this brightly coloured underwater mural the students worked collaboratively with local residents, Strathfield Council and Sydney Water. They were also supported in their efforts by university student volunteers as they painted the 'Water is Life' themed mural. Their mural has transformed what was once a graffiti ridden section of fencing into a bright, clean, and vibrant visual space.



2017 SSHS Open Night

On Wednesday the 1st March, our school held our annual Open Night for prospective students and their families and carers. Each faculty prepared a display area for our visitors to investigate everything that we have to offer at Strathfield South High School and to view work by our current students.

Thank you to all of the teachers who provided support for this event and also to our SRC and hospitality students who assisted with the school tours and catering.

Thank you also to those who visited our school and we hope to see you join our school community in 2018.



Youth & Legal Services Program

Strathfield South High School students are participating in a learning program with Marrickville Legal Centre. Our students will participate and learn about different aspects of the law over the next three terms of 2017. We have 45 of our students participating in this program. The students come from yr10 and our senior cohort.

Throughout the year our students will learn essential information regarding their rights and responsibilities under the law and where they can go for assistance if they need it. The first session explored the area of employment law where students investigated their rights and responsibilities regarding the world of work, whilst analysing the best possible avenues to gain successful and meaningful employment.



Zone Swimming Carnival

On 8th March we sent a strong team of 7 students to the zone swimming carnival to compete with students from other schools in our area. Julie Song, Dante Liu, Jordan Liu, Caitlen Liu, Joshua Seo, David Lee and Jafer Naim represented our school proudly and competed fiercely for the chance to progress further to the regional competition.

Congratulations to everyone on their performances and a special mention to Dante Liu and Joshua Seo for their selection into the Bankstown Zone swimming team to compete at the Sydney South West swimming carnival.



Biology Excursion

Senior Biology students went on a field trip visiting Sydney Olympic Park to conduct surveys and experiments on an ecosystem.

Students used specialised equipment to measure abiotic factors and measured populations of crabs and various native plants. The students took particular interest in tasting a salt excreting leaf!



Careers for Women in Sport – Intl Women's Day

International Women's Day was on Tuesday 7th of March. As part of Strathfield South High School's support and celebrations of this day, 25 of our students attended a breakfast presentation at Sydney Olympic Park. At this event they were able to explore the many career paths in the sporting world that women have available to them.

This event was organised by the Australian College of Physical Education in partnership with Sport NSW and Sydney Olympic Park Business Association. Our Strathfield South High School students were fortunate to meet and converse with a range of celebrity athletes across sports such as, Netball, AFL, Soccer, Rugby League and Rugby Union.



SPORTS



Sport Photos

