



# The Strathfield Scene



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## Upcoming Events

### Term 1

#### Week 3 12/2

- Senior Biology Excursion  
15<sup>th</sup> February
- Luna New Year  
16<sup>th</sup> February

#### Week 4 19/2

- School Photo Day  
21<sup>st</sup> February
- Swimming Carnival  
23<sup>rd</sup> February

#### Week 5 26/2

- Senior Science Excursion  
26<sup>th</sup> February
- HSC USYD Excursion  
1<sup>st</sup> March

#### Week 6 5/3

- SSHS Open Day  
7<sup>th</sup> March

#### Week 7 12/3

- **Family Fair Day**  
**14<sup>th</sup> March**



## Principal's Message

Welcome to 2018!

The year has seen a strong start for SSHS, following on from great HSC and university entrance results at the end of last year. Indeed, although our university entrance averages are always above the national average, 2017 saw our highest proportion ever of students entering university straight from their HSC results.

Many of you may have seen the school's name mentioned in the Sydney Morning Herald in December as one of the schools 'punching above their weight' in terms of value-adding for student results, something that highlights the commitment and talent of our teachers. Innovative structures such as the senior compressed curriculum, learning support and the Middle School will see continued growth and success in these areas.

Enrolments for 2018 are higher than they have been for a number of years with almost 120 Year 7 students across mainstream and support classes, and there have been healthy increases in numbers in Years 8 to 11 as well.

These are all very positive signs for the school and place us in a great position of achievement and growth, but the best way to maximise this positivity to ensure strong relationships between the school and its community. I encourage you to get to know your child's Year Advisers, make contact and ask questions – parents have the right to know what is going on at school and it is only when we work closely together that we can achieve the best results for our students.

My best wishes to you all for a happy and successful year,

*Mr S. Paterson*



# Year 9 & 10 Green Light Day Initiative

In NSW, more than 500,000 people are employed in transport and logistics. Freight volumes are expected to double in the next twenty years and the demand for skilled transport and logistics workers is increasing, as our population and freight volumes grow.

Twenty Year 9 and 10 students from Strathfield South were selected to be a part of the Green Light Day Initiative, where they were able to get a first-hand look at some of the roles and potential job opportunities around, logistics managers, freight loaders, forklift operators, and train and truck drivers.

Students received practical career advice from people working in the industry and from TAFE NSW, and had the opportunity for an onsite visit at Sydney Intermodal Terminal in Chullora (Pacific National).

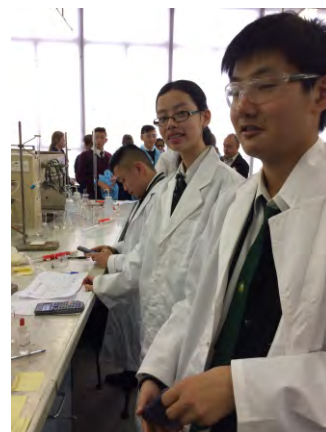
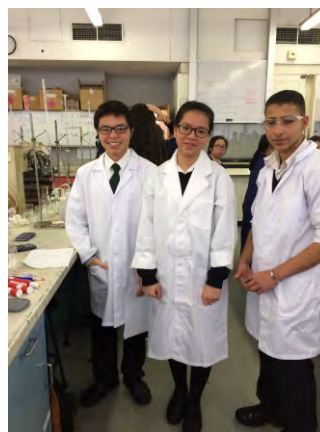


## NSW Chemistry Titration Competitions 2017

A talented group of HSC Chemistry students travelled to Sydney University to participate in the annual Titration Competitions organised by the Royal Australian Chemistry Institute, back in June 2017.

On the day they all performed to perfection and achieved a rank of 34 out of 100 teams, which was a fantastic result considering they were competing against many prestigious selective and private schools. The results were based on each team's performance rather than individual student's results. Analysis of the overall results showed that two of our students Tommy Tran and Adam Huynh had achieved scores in the top ten, which was an incredible achievement!

Well done to all of our participating students!



## Yr 7-Sydney Observatory

On Friday the 3rd of November, Year 7 ASPIRE students were invited to visit the Sydney Observatory in Millers Point, Sydney. The excursion allowed students the opportunity to participate in a 90 minutes astronomy workshop, where students were able to explore and learn about the life cycle of stars and journey through space and time in a digital planetarium.

Students also had the opportunity to use and play with lenses and mirrors to understand the workings of telescopes and the nature of light. resilience, aspiration, identity and personal growth.



## UTS – Summer School

A select group of current Year 11 students will get the opportunity to take part in a two-week Summer School experience on a UTS campus during the January school holidays. They will get to choose a faculty of their personal preference and engage in the intensive program, concluding with a graduation ceremony to reward their efforts. Faculty areas for selection include: Media and Communications, Science, Design, Business, Health and Engineering/IT.



## Year 9 Fast Forward University Day

Friday the 27th of November marked the inaugural Fast Forward Workshop for our current year 9 students. Over the next three years they will be heavily involved with Western Sydney University as the program provides high school students with opportunities to increase their awareness of university and further study beyond high school as well as attempting to help raise their educational aspirations.

The day allowed the students to see more of the University Campus and learn about what tertiary education has to offer. They participated in a range of workshops, including sessions on Effective Habits for Teens and Matching Interests and Personalities to Career Pathways.

Overall, it was a highly engaging and interactive day that the students thoroughly enjoyed. We wish these students the best of luck on their educational journey and with the right balance of guidance and opportunity these students will have every possibility at succeeding in the future.



# SPORTS



## Sport Photos

