



The Strathfield Scene



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Upcoming Events

Term 2

Week 4 21/5

- Police Cyber Safety Talk
21st May
- Australian History Comp
23rd May
- The Tempest Seymour Ctr
24th May

Week 5 28/5

- Zone Cross Country
28th May

Week 6 4/6

- Skills Careers Excursion
4th June
- Iftar Night - 5pm
6th June

Week 7 11/6

- Western Sydney U Day
14th June

Week 8 18/6

- HSC Drama to NIDA
20th June
- ANSTO Visit - HSC Science
21th June

Principal's Message

Hearing Support Anniversary

One of the strong features of our school is its Support Unit, which caters to students with Hearing Impairment and Autism. Providing quality education and opportunities to all students is one of the most important foundations of Public Education, and something we are very proud to support here at Strathfield South High School.

On Tuesday 22nd of May, it will be 40 years since the first 14 hearing impaired students joined our school community. These 14 students came from a school for the deaf at Croydon Park, and it was a progressive, almost experimental, idea for the time to include students with a disability into a mainstream setting. It proved to be a huge success.

Over the past 40 years, students from our Hearing Support Unit have become Student Leaders, attended university, own their own businesses, and work in a wide variety of successful careers. We focus on each student to see their own potential and to develop the skills they need to be competitive, contributing, valued members of society. We are proud of the work we do with these students, and of the amazing achievements they make at school, and after they have moved on.

On the morning of the anniversary, current members of our Hearing Support classes will meet with the original students during a commemorative tree planting ceremony at the school. It will be a wonderful celebration of empowerment and overcoming disability across generations.

This year will see our first class of Autism Support students complete their HSC, and I look forward to following their exciting journey over the years to come.

The school remains strongly committed to the success of all students, and the achievements of those who graduate from here are truly something to be proud of.

Simon Paterson

Western Sydney University Fast Forward Program

Friday the 2nd of March marked the beginning of Strathfield South's Fast Forward journey for 2018 as they welcomed our year 12 students to their Parramatta Campus. 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 our seniors the opportunity to see more of the campus and learn about what tertiary education has to offer. Students participated in a range of workshops, including sessions on Effective Habits for Teens and matching interests and personalities to potential career pathways. There were also opportunities to meet Western Sydney University students and staff who gave an insight into life at university by sharing their knowledge and experience.



Careers Presentations

Throughout the term, both the Careers and Transition team provided a range of opportunities for our students to explore and gain the necessary information regarding a list of different external agencies ranging from Universities to specified employers.

This term our students were able to engage in presentations from The Australian Catholic University, The University of Technology Sydney, Sydney University, Marrickville Legal Team, Gibber and Masters Builders.



University of Sydney Year 12 O-Week

On Thursday 1st of March 2018, our students attended the University of Sydney Campus to experience the whirlwind O-week atmosphere and many exciting activities throughout the day. The day had a focus on increasing student motivation and confidence in accessing university after school. The students were not only able to explore the range of faculties presented throughout the day's festivities, but also, they participated in a HSC Examination Prep academic workshop that will come in handy come crunch time at the conclusion of the academic year.



UNSW AFTRS Excursion Year 8

The University of New South Wales presented our year 8 students with an opportunity to attend the Australian Film Television and Radio School to participate in a literacy and drama based program. On the day, the select group of students engaged in a storytelling and sound effects workshops where they were required to write a script and record correlating sounds to illustrate the story and bring it to life for a specified audience.



SPORTS



Sport Photos

Cross Country

