



The Strathfield Scene



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Upcoming Events

Term 1

Week 1 28/1

- Senior Drama Excursion
31st January

Week 2 4/2

- Chinese New Year
5th February



- Zone Trials
5th February
- Commerce - Downing Ctr
6th - 7th February

Week 3 11/2

- Chinese International Visit
11th - 15th February

Week 4 18/2

- School Photo Day
21st February
- School Swimming Carnival
22nd February

Week 5 25/2

- Young humanitarian conf
26th February

Week 6 4/3

- Year 7 Vaccinations
6th March

Principal's Message

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to a new year of learning and achievement as we celebrate the start of 2019 and the arrival of the lunar year of the pig.

The 2018 school year ended with the strongest HSC results the school has gained, seeing us rise 88 places in the state rankings. The top ATAR was 99.50, with a number of other students gaining scores of over 90. It is also very pleasing to report that Band 5 or 6 results were gained in 92% of courses, and almost 10% of candidates gained scholarships to attend university. These amazing results are a testament to the commitment of our teachers and their ability to inspire students to strive towards high achievement, as well as the effectiveness of our Compressed Curriculum in Years 11 and 12. This combination of professionalism and innovative structures clearly continues to serve our students well.

Over the holidays, several major works were undertaken, the most obvious are the murals that grace the public face of the school – these were based on geometric patterns found in the flags of the countries that our families come from. I wanted a distinctive, welcoming public face to the school and I think the murals really lift the façade and identify our uniqueness.

Other improvements include re-ceiling the Library, top dressing and seeding the oval, and the installation of a large number of solar panels which will be used to power air-conditioning in our hottest learning spaces. Air-conditioning units will be installed during the course of this term.

I hope that the new year has started on a positive note for all of you and I look forward to reporting on future success gained by our school and its students over the course of the next four terms.

My best wishes to you all for 2019.

Simon Paterson

Galmatic Automotive Education Program for Girls

The Galmatic Program is aimed at giving young women an interactive and educational experience with reference to servicing an automobile. The workshop is a fun way to provide students with necessary skills for the following:

- What is under your hood and what do you need to know to be safe on the road
- Where and how to change and monitor your cars oil
- What is coolant and how do you know there is enough in your radiator
- What is a jack, where is your spare tyre and how do you change a tyre
- Who do you call if your car breaks down or if you need a mobile tyre change

The program had 15 successful participants who can now say they have the confidence and ability to be in control of their car and their safety when on the road. Well done girls.



Year 9 UNSW: CSI Careers Investigation Program

Year 9 Science students participated in project-based learning on the topic of 'The Impacts on Ecosystems'. Students represented their ideas using a combination of 3D models, posters and websites to deliver an engaging and educational presentation about their environment and the cause of damage.



In the Spotlight - Shining Stars Dance performance

Four of our Year 10 students generously volunteered their time supporting students needing mobility assistance from Chalmers Road who were performing at 'Shining Stars'; a dance education program for students with disabilities at the Seymour Centre .

Demi, Aydah, Motya and Aisha demonstrated dedication and maturity during the course of the four day workshops where they developed a combined ensemble dance piece. All four students developed important life skills, whilst having fun and representing the school in a positive manner.



Symphonia Jubilate Primo

Symphonia Jubilate is a symphony orchestra made up of students predominantly from primary and secondary schools in the Strathfield education area. Founded in 2013 by Tracy Burjan and Luke Wallace, the orchestra aims to provide students with an opportunity to rehearse learn and perform quality orchestral music from a diverse range of musical styles, as well as to foster a new level of music appreciation and skill. 5 of our students (Mohammed Ali Hammoud in Yr 11, Nicholas Kong in Yr 11, Danielle Vang in Yr 11, Arum Jeon in Yr 9, Felice Felice in Yr 9) at Strathfield South High School have been taking parts of the Symphonia Jubilate and making a great commitment and contribution by going out to rehearsals on a regular basis.



Starting the year with a new, warm and fresh school mural
“Many cultures, common values, one school”

