



The Strathfield Scene



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Upcoming Events

Term 4

Week 5 12/11

- Police & Justice museum
12th November
- Barista training course
15th November
- UTS summer school
15th November

Week 6 19/9

- USYD Spectacular
20th November
- Schools Spectacular
23rd November

Week 7 26/11

- ANSTO - Physics & Chem
27th November
- Business studies excursion
30th November

Week 8 3/12

- Yr 7 Orientation day
4th December

Week 9 10/12

- Wet & Wild Excursion
14th December

Week 10 17/12

- Last week of school

Principal's Message

2018 has been a year of great success for Strathfield South High School. Our NAPLAN results in Year 9 show record growth, proof that our commitment to the Middle School was the right decision. At the other end of the school spectrum, this year has seen a larger number of HSC students gain early entry into university than ever before. The Department of Education regards us as "Excelling" in our ability to add value to student learning and achievement. We are strong, and strength is growing.

The success of our Special Education faculty has seen the Support Unit continue to grow significantly and gain new facilities, and Deputy Principal Support Peter Kerr has recently received a prestigious Network Award for his commitment to the education of students with disabilities.

Our sporting teams and extra-curricular groups have shown high achievement once again, with our students competing at State level in Oztag, AFL and Athletics; and our Solar Car teams about to compete in the National finals after winning the NSW championships. Meanwhile, highly successful community partnerships such as our Technology for Seniors, the Helmsman Project, and Early Childhood Learning programs have continued to great effect and benefit.

This is just a snapshot of achievement over the 2018 school year – to list everything would be to take over the whole newsletter!

It must be stated that none of these achievements would have been possible without the incredibly dedicated staff I am proud to lead – their professionalism and commitment ensures our ongoing growth and success. I am also grateful to you – our wonderful community – who have reached out in so many positive ways to support the school and its vision.

I wish you all a peaceful end to 2018 and happy, prosperous and successful 2019. There's lots more to come and I look forward to sharing it with you.

My best wishes to you all,

Simon Paterson

Year 7 ASPIRE Initiation Day

Congratulations to our new UNSW ASPIRE students who have been successful in gaining entry into the ongoing Careers Program, over the next 6 years.

Signing up for ASPIRE means:

- Experiencing an interactive tour of the Kensington Campus as a prospective university student
- Participating in a range of activities to highlight the difference between school and university
- Meeting current university students and ASPIRE Ambassadors and discussing the range of courses available and what the life of a university student involves
- Exploring the extensive range of student clubs and societies that you can join
- Interactive in-school workshops with ASPIRE staff and Ambassadors
- Visiting different workplaces and engaging in a range of work experience opportunities related to your area of interest
- Going to excursions to places you have never been or seen before
- Meeting new people and making new friends



Year 9 UNSW: CSI Careers Investigation Program

The CSI initiative was designed to give students an extensive look at a range of faculties within the University of NSW. Students had the opportunity to spend their day participating in a range of hands on interactive activities aimed at promoting students interests and helping to open up their opinions and ideas regarding life as a potential university student.

Students were able to explore and interact with specific staff members and ASPIRE ambassadors within the Law faculty, Engineering faculty, Arts faculty, Health faculty and Science faculty. Activities were designed to show students the details involved in the range of courses, along with promoting tertiary education and how each student has the opportunity and ability to achieve and succeed in higher education.



Year 10 Careers in Transport & Logistics Program

In NSW, more than 500,000 people - almost 14 per cent of the workforce - 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.

On the 9th of August 2018, fifteen year 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/truck drivers.

Students received practical career advice from employees currently working within the industry and were able to discuss career pathways with representatives from TAFE NSW. Students were invited to attend the Transport for NSW training facility in Petersham for an onsite visit. Here students spent the day learning about the specific roles and responsibilities within the company as well as participating in a range of interactive train simulation activities where students were able to carry out the duties of a train driver.



Western Sydney University: Fast Forward Program

Our current year 9 students were invited to attend the Welcome to Western night at the Bankstown Campus in Milperra. Over the next four years students in the program 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.

We wish the 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.



Year 9 Food Technology Halloween Scaretacular

