



# The Strathfield Scene



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## Upcoming Events

### Term 3

Week 9 17/9

- Netball Knockout  
20<sup>th</sup> September
- Sydney Taronga Zoo visit  
20<sup>th</sup> September

Week 10 24/9

- Year 12 Graduation  
26<sup>th</sup> September

### Term 4

Week 1 15/10

- Topaz state library visit  
17<sup>th</sup> October

Week 2 22/10

- Linkages program  
26<sup>th</sup> October

Week 3 29/10

- Yr 10 Love Bites program  
31<sup>st</sup> October
- Yr 7 Sydney observatory  
2<sup>nd</sup> November

## Principal's Message

On the evening of Wednesday 26th September, we were joined by hundreds of community members to farewell our Year 12 students as they prepare to complete their HSC exams, leave school and enter the wider world.

Although this is always a rewarding and emotional time, this year was particularly special as our first Autism Support students graduated alongside their peers. The Autism Unit was created seven years ago and took in its first students in 2013 with one class, and I anticipate that in 2019 this will have grown to seven classes.

Students with Autism often have the same intellectual and academic potential as everyone else, but require a more specialised environment to help them achieve their potential. Members of this first graduating class are going off in many directions – to university, into training, to work, and into further study, and I am confident that each of them will have fulfilling and enriching experiences on their journey through life.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all members of the Class of 2018 on the achievement of completing high school, and remind them that, wherever life takes them, we will still be here to offer advice, support and assistance.

They are part of the Strathfield South family, and always will be.



*Simon Paterson*

# NSW Solar Car Champions

On the 1st of september six teams from Strathfield South High School competed in the University of NSW Sunsprint Solar Car Challenge. Five of our cars made it to the top 8 out of the 32 teams competing on the day which is an amazing achievement.

After much time and hard work going into the cars we were priviledged to take out 1st place in the NSW championships. The winning team consisted of Orlando, Anthea and David from year 7 and their senior team leader Helen. Mercurius also received a trophy for best video of the competition for his filming and editing efforts.

Our winning team of students will be competing with their hand built solar car in the Australian International model solar challenge in sydney in late november. We wish them the best of luck.



## Science Week - Forensic Workshop

In celebration of science week 2018 we held a forensic workshop where education interactive set up a mystery case where students participated in searching for clues and analysing evidence using scientific principles to solve the cases.





# International Students Experience Week

Strathfield South High School provides a long standing International Students program with a strong welfare and academic focus. At Strathfield South High School we understand the struggles International Students face in Australia, and our goal is to make their studies with us a positive experience.

With International Students coming from many countries all over the world, our International Students are an integral part of our school community and leadership programs. We recently had our annual international students experience week where a group of Chinese students paired up with one of our students and attended classes and regular school activities for a week.



## Archaeology Talk and Artefacts

The Associate Professor of Classical Archaeology from the University of Sydney visited us recently to speak with the students and introduce them to some real life artefacts. Students from the Hearing Support Unit and year 7 Topaz were excited to hear about archaeology and to handle some artefacts from her dig in Greece.





# SPORTS

## Sport Photos

