



The Strathfield Scene



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Upcoming Events

Term 3

Week 6 26/8

● SASS Appreciation Week

● Year 9 Zoo Excursion
30 August

Week 7 2/9

● Flag Football Gala Day
2 September

● Year 8 ASPIRE Activity Day
4 September

● PCYC Youth Program
6 September

Week 8 9/9

● R U OK Day
12 September

● Futsal Zone Gala Day
13 September

Week 9 16/9

● Senior Fundraising Car Wash
17 September

● Barista Training Course
20 September

Week 10 23/9

● Year 12 Graduation Ceremony
25 September

Principal's Message

I feel very privileged to have been given the opportunity to relieve as Principal this term while Mr Paterson has been seconded as relieving Director, Educational Leadership.

SSHS has had a very busy, but extremely successful, term with so many opportunities for our students and staff:

- Recreational sport grand finals for season 2
- Middle School students engaged in a presentation on Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyle presented by TEAM
- Hosted a two day tour for staff and students from China
- U16s girls qualifying for the Western Sydney Girls Final Day
- Stage 5 Subject Selections
- Year 10 Debaters participated in the Zone Final against Concord High School and were runners up
- Our community celebrated EID
- Year 9 and 10 students participated in the AFL Bachar Houli Cup where our boys made the grand final and came second
- Year 9 History excursion to the State Theatre where the students not only enjoyed a real theatrical experience but for most, it was their very first time at the theatre
- HSC Trails during weeks 4 and 5
- Stage 4 Macbeth excursion to the Opera House, a fantastic experience for some of our students who have never been to the Opera house
- Middle School Co-Design session with 50 of our students participating in the Youth Empowerment project
- SASS Recognition Week
- HSC Drama students showcased their Drama Performance to the NESA panel. Many of our junior students were privileged to sit and observe the outstanding performances that our senior students have worked on all year #proudmoment
- Extensive Professional Learning for our staff, as we too never stop learning

It doesn't end here for our SSHS family. We have a lot more in store for our amazing students, as we still have the following:

It saddens me that in less than four weeks we farewell our Class of 2019 as they near the end of their school journey. Ms Merhi and Mr Philippou are working tirelessly ensuring that all goes well with their cohort who they have nurtured and watched grow over the last 6 years. In saying this, Year 12 have the rest of their HSC subject content to get through and Visual Arts students have their HSC Body of Work Exhibition, showcasing their Artwork. There's the Year 12 fundraising annual carwash, Senior Day picnic and then it's time to focus on and prepare for the HSC examinations in October.

On behalf of the staff, fellow students, parents and the wider community we wish all our Year 12 students "CLASS OF 2019" all the very best for the upcoming examinations and with the journey they are about to embark on as they leave school and enter the wider world.

Maria Leiva

UNSW ASPIRE Program

Congratulations to our 30 new Year 7 students who have been successful in being selected to be a part of the UNSW ASPIRE Program.

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 their area of interest.
- Attending excursions to specified locations that they have never been to or seen before.
- Meeting new people and making new friends.



SASS Appreciation Week Morning Tea

During week 6 of this term, the NSW Department of Education celebrates, SASS Appreciation week, showing our respectation for our School Administrative and Support Staff. The SAS Staff are the backbone of our school, they are instrumental in providing the high quality education and opportunities that our students are able to enjoy. The team is led by the incomparable Sue Williams, who's contributions to the leadership and management of the school are second to none.

The school hosted a Morning Tea on the morning of the 27 August for our SAS Staff to show our appreciation



Year 10 – PCYC: Fit to Learn Program

This program is designed to engage young people into the education system, allowing them to further develop intellectual and social skills. It aims to encourage participants to explore their strengths in building respectful relationships within the school environment whilst also developing emotional intelligence skills preparing them for future employment.

It is an intensive 8-week program where ten selected students will have the opportunity to work closely with NSW Police and PCYC community members to enhance their potential and explore a range of options related school and beyond.

The program will have a focus on:

- An 8 week ongoing Barista Training course/qualification
- Working closely with Police Bank to look at Financial Support and Budgeting Techniques.
- Methods to Build Resilience
- Goal Setting
- Improving Communication Skills
- Peers and Peer Pressure
- Mental Wellness
- The Law and Consequences of Actions
- Five Strategies of Anger Management



Year 7 - Western Sydney University: Aim Higher

Aim Higher was a dynamic, hard hitting 45 minute high energy interactive performance that used humour, music, multi-media and popular culture to engage, inspire and inform our Year 7 students about the many different progression routes into tertiary education.

For the past five years Gibber have been working in partnership with Western Sydney University to inspire young people across NSW to broaden their education horizons and consider Higher Education as a realistic option open to everyone.

The program coordinators were able to dispel any misconceptions or negative attitudes towards learning beyond the compulsory education period and raise awareness of the specific routes into University.



2019 Athletics Carnival

