

Principal's report

Congratulations to:

- Duke of Edinburgh students who completed their hike last week in the very hot conditions. Many thanks to Ms Mifsud, Mr Doyle and Ms Maynard for giving up their time to support the students in this important activity.
- All of our Year 12 students who are nearly at the end of their HSC exams. Exam supervisors have commented on the excellent behaviour displayed by our students whilst in the Hall. Many teachers are looking forward to attending the Year 12 formal on Wednesday 20th November and Mr Davidson continues to be very proud of the 2019 HSC cohort.
- To all the students who attended the SSCIM Camp. I was very impressed with the quality of the projects completed over the three days. Thank you to Ms de Paor for her overall organisation and general enthusiasm with enrichment activities for students at South Sydney High School.
- Our Year 11 students who participated in the HSC Strive For Success day this week, once again at the Maroubra Surf Club. The students participated in a series of workshops to support their transition into HSC course work. Mr Benischke was very impressed by the maturity and commitment shown by the students and we look forward to providing a strong mentoring program as they progress through their HSC studies.

Staffing

There have been a number of exciting staffing appointments occurring in different areas of the school. Ms Mattock was successful at interview for our Careers Advisor position, she will bring a wealth of experience to the school in Career Education and transition pathways. Mr Wiseman will continue in the second Deputy Principal position for 2020. We are also currently recruiting positions in the TAS and Science faculty.

Student Numbers

If you know anyone that is wishing to apply to come to South Sydney High School, please contact the school as soon as possible as we are currently working on the number of classes and the timetable for next year. If you are moving, please let us know as soon as possible so can accurately forecast our student numbers for 2020. We also ask if you are traveling and will be away the first few days of the 2020 school year please provide a note so we can count every student in the Department of Education auditing processes.

P&C News

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th November and once again, many thanks to our parents who make up our vibrant P&C. The following positions will be filled:

- **President**
- **Vice President**
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer**

Many thanks to our current P&C Executive who have collaboratively provided a much valued parent voice in school systems, programs and procedures.

Kind Regards

Janice Neilsen
Principal

Duke of Edinburgh Award qualifying hike

We would like to congratulate the twenty Year 9 and 10 students who completed their Duke of Edinburgh Award Qualifying Hike in the Royal National Park during week 3. The Bronze and Silver students hiked from Bundeena to camp at the beach side campsite in North Era, then the next day hiked to Otford along the spectacular coastal track. The Silver students completed a 3rd day hiking from Heathcote to Loftus. The students did a magnificent job, showing great perseverance and good spirits hiking carrying their packs with all their food and camping equipment. The students are now working towards completing the other sections of their award. Thanks to Ms Maynard, Mr Doyle and Ms Mifsud for the organisation, coordination and supervision of this hike.

Current Year 8 students who are interested in joining the program next year should listen out, we will be asking for expressions of interest for next year soon.



Austcorp Executive Leadership Forum

When business and schools collaborate to develop our future leaders the results can only be very good! Thank you to Austcorp Executive and United Way for being part of the South Sydney High family, helping us to better prepare our students for the world of work that awaits.

On the 24th October, twenty three students travelled to Austcorp House to hear CEO/Founder of this successful business speak about his journey from foster child to head one of the most successful HR firms in Sydney. He shared tips, encouragement, and gave essential advice, and his extraordinary team worked tirelessly for the benefit of our students. This day was inspirational!

Our great thanks to United Way for making this introduction. Our business and community contacts have given our students opportunities never before seen. We are a very special school to offer these to our students. Come join us!

Helen Stell

Opportunity Coordinator SSHS



Gifted & Extension opportunities & events

Gerric School Holiday Program, January, UNSW

Gerric, the Gifted Education program providers at the University of New South Wales run a series of workshop style extension summer courses that we encourage parents to consider for students who may benefit from extra challenge during the holiday period. Applications are now open for scholarships that UNSW are offering to eligible students. Please contact Ms de Paor, Gifted Co-ordinator if you would like your child given consideration for a scholarship and you feel your child's and family's circumstances might meet the following selection criteria. We can organise a statement of support from school in the case of eligible applicants.

Scholarship Selection Criteria

Applicants' parents will have socioeconomic hardship as demonstrated by Centrelink documentation ('Part B' of their tax statement) Applicants will provide

- A written statement outlining why they would like to attend the Junior Scientia or Scientia Challenge Program
- A recommendation letter of support from a school or community leader

Written evidence of meeting the academic selection criteria for the programs (e.g. test results or Opportunity Class placement)

Additionally, special consideration may be given to scholarship applicants who are:

- Rural and remote students
- Twice-exceptional
- Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
- English language learners

Any unsuccessful applicants will be considered for Equity Advanced Placement. This is a chance to register early, before the main round opens, to guarantee a place in the desired workshop. Eligibility criteria are as above, minus financial hardship (i.e. an equity placement does not depend on financial status).

Stage 4 Enrichment Recognition, Friday 22nd November 2019

On 22nd November at 10am we look forward to recognising the achievement of students who have maintained their placement in an Enrichment Stream class in Years 7 and 8. Students from both Enrichment Classes will also be receiving special awards as voted upon by their teachers:

Most Improved Student (Enrichment) Award & Spirit of Enrichment Award. We will also share some highlights of this year's SSCIM Camp and the projects completed. The event will conclude with a morning tea for parents, carer's and members of our school community.

Junior SSCIM camp

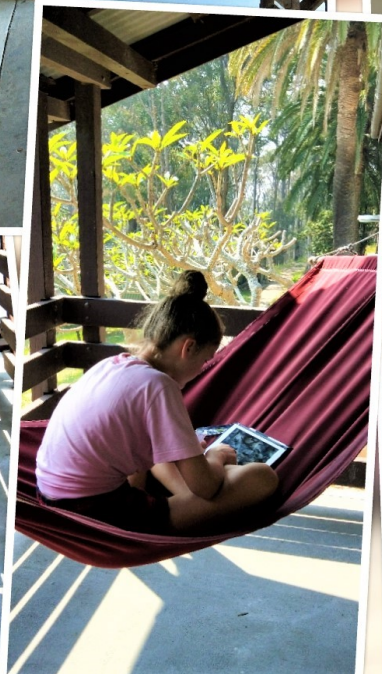
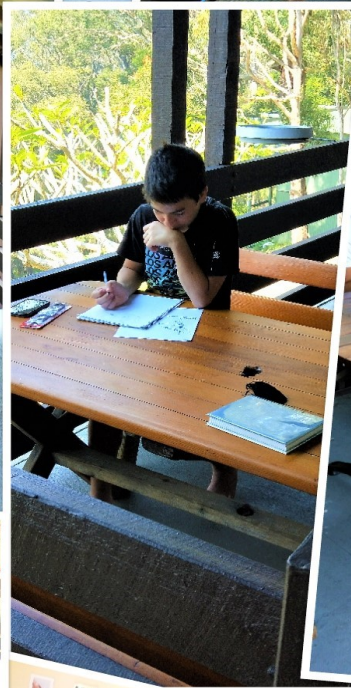
As I write this report on Junior SSCIM Camp 2019 those who came on this wonderful three-day adventure in project based learning are finalising their projects, packing up their rooms & getting ready to leave this special place. Those who are ready to go (we'll be getting the private ferry soon) are making the most of their last opportunity to photograph the amazing wildlife in this beautifully located spot overlooking the magnificent bays of Pittwater.

A sulphur crested cockatoo couple have been enjoying spending time in our company. Yesterday a large goanna visited us and we discovered that a few of the wallabies who make an appearance at dawn and dusk have joeys snugly secured in their pouches.

Myself, Ms Cann and Mr Armanios have been extremely impressed with the enthusiasm with which students have completed such an array of inspiring projects including a guide book to local wildlife, pressed wildflower inspired art, photography, sketching and music. We celebrated Halloween last night with Tim Tams & toasted marshmallows around the campfire. For the first time at a SSCIM Camp we were joined by a group of international students who all had projects of their own to complete. As most of them are Italian they treated us to their culinary skills last night and we had a true Italian feast. This wonderful annual experience would not be possible without the support of our school principal Ms Neilsen, the school executive and the staff who cover lessons for those of us who are away. Our wonderful students and the parents who encourage them and make it possible for them to avail of this special opportunity really inspire us to continue to make this a very special annual event on the South Sydney High School calendar.

Parents attending our Enrichment Recognition Morning tea at 10am on Friday 22nd November will enjoy an insight into our 2019 SSCIM Camp when we hope to share many of the projects completed during this year's camp.

Aine de Paor , Gifted & Enrichment Co-ordinator



South Sydney public speaking invitational

Partly in response to parent advocacy for more opportunities to enhance student public speaking skills Ms de Paor, Enrichment, Gifted Co-ordinator and Ms Hasking, Head Teacher English are organising a day devoted to developing these skills in interested Year 7 and 8 students.

The rationale behind this event:

A desire to foster in students the skill and confidence that the ability to express personal, and powerful ideas to an audience brings.

The day will involve a morning workshop in public speaking skill development that will be followed by a late morning / afternoon competition. There will be a focus on making this day engaging and enjoyable for participants while building student skill and interest in public speaking with a particular focus on novice speakers.

Where an 'advanced' speaker may have had previous experience speaking in high level competitions previously and seeks to participate for fun and skill, the 'novice' speaker is someone who has had minimal to no previous experience in any competition.

The competition will involve a prepared speech (STUDENTS NEED TO HAVE WORKED ON THEIR SPEECH PRIOR TO THIS EVENT & TO BRING ANY PALM CARDS REQUIRED WITH THEM) followed by an impromptu (1-2 minute) speech

Rules and Guidelines

Speaking times, **Prepared Speech:** 2 - 3 minutes

Speeches should be within 30 seconds of the assigned time.

Speaking Times, **Impromptu Speech:** 1 - 2 minutes

There will be 2 topics which they can then choose to write a speech on in the given time.

10 minutes preparation, 1-minute speaking

Years 7-9:

* ***"What we may be"***

* ***"Words without thoughts"***

Structure of the Day

- 9.30am – 9.50am: Students arrive and register (Common Room Courtyard)
- 9.30am – 10.00am: All participants head to the Drama Room and our Principal, Ms Neilsen welcomes participants
- 10.00am – 11.00am: Skill development Workshop
- 11.00am – 11.20am: Morning Tea
- 11.20am – 1.20pm: Competition (prepared & some/all impromptu speeches)
- 1.20pm – 2.20pm: Remaining impromptu/adjudication & prize giving
- 2.20pm: Event concludes & visitors depart

(All of these times are approximate and will depend on number of participants etc.)

Active play on the school oval

Active sport is encouraged on our school oval. A reminder that all games and interactions must be **non-contact** at all times.

Thank you for playing

- touch not tackle
- continuous non-contact rugby, not scrums or lineouts.

Mr Wood or the Deputy Principals can clarify any queries.



Year 9 Commerce Spark excursion

Year 9 Commerce students found their spark at the Spark Festival 2019, Australia's largest event for start-ups, investors, entrepreneurs and innovators. Our students participated in innovation and problem solving workshops where they could experience the benefits of innovative thinking. Our students had a blast!



P & C news

2019 AGM and November meeting

Our AGM is being held on Tuesday 19th November at 7pm in the Staff Common Room. This is followed by a general meeting. All office bearer positions are declared vacant and are therefore available for election. The officer bearer positions are: President, Vice President (2), Treasurer & Secretary

The NSW P&C Federation has fact sheets available on their website www.pandc.org.au/faqs/, explaining the role of P&C, as well as outlining the roles and responsibilities of each of these above positions.

I also have hard copies if anyone would like a copy. (NB – You must already be a current financial member of our P&C in order to be eligible to either stand or vote for a position at the AGM).

Justine Jennings, P&C President



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Position Available Defence School Mentor South Coogee Public School

A Defence School Mentor (DSM) provides assistance and support to the children of Australian Defence Force members as they move from school to school and during times of parental absence.

The DSM would develop and implement a range of resources and activities to assist these children and their families to integrate into the school community and to increase their ability to cope with the military lifestyle.

This is a contract position until end of the school year 2020.

The continuation of the position beyond this date is dependent on funding from the Australian Department of Defence.

The DSM is an employee of South Coogee Public School and is responsible to the school principal or nominee for everyday activities.

Interested applicants may obtain a copy of the DSM role description and selection criteria from the school office. Please email sthcoogee-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au for an application package.

For information relating to this position please contact Marion Walsh-Gay on (02) 9349 4000.

Applications close on Monday 25 November at 3pm.