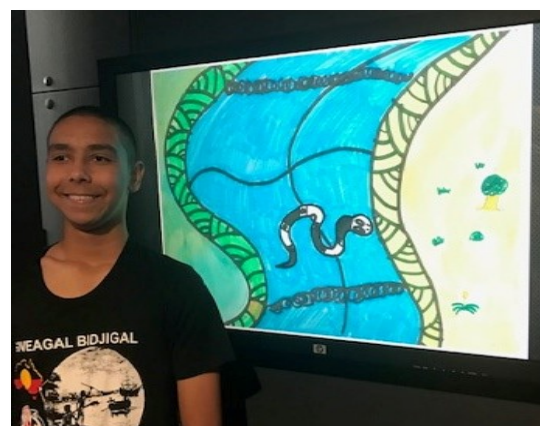
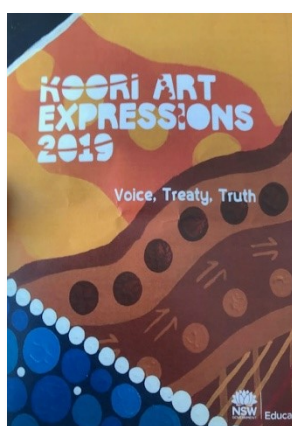
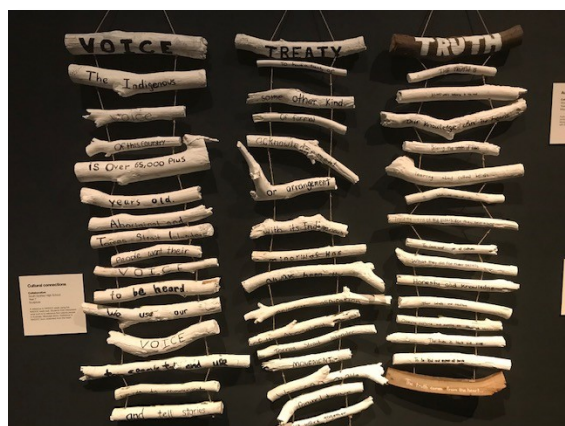


Principal's Report

Congratulations to:

- Our Year 12 students who completed their final clearance last Thursday. The Year 12 Formal on Wednesday night was enjoyed by all. Mr Davidson continues to be justifiably proud of this wonderful group of students, our 2019 cohort.
- The 2020 Leadership group who undertook leadership training at South Maroubra Surf Club. We look forward to their active involvement in the school in 2020.
- Our Year 9 students who have demonstrated exemplary behaviour during their end of year exams.
- Mr Spencer, Ms Dawson, Ms Maynard and Ms Rivett and our wonderful Year 9 students who returned from Camp tired but happy on Wednesday afternoon. We look forward to sharing some of their adventures with you in the next newsletter.
- The student led Remembrance Assembly held last week.
- Year 7 Visual Art students and Jayden Simms who have their art work on display at the Koori Art Exhibition at The Maritime Museum.



Family Interviews

Each year to support Year 7 students our family interviews provide a great opportunity for parents, families and carers to meet their Year Adviser and other vital staff members. It is invaluable opportunity for us to learn so much more about the skills and talents of our incoming 2020 Year 7 cohort. This year we had interviews with over 100 families and look forward to meeting them again on Orientation Day in Week 8.

CAPA showcase

I look forward to seeing a sell out crowd next Tuesday Night for the CAPA Showcase. It is a great opportunity to see the wide range of talented students we have at SSHS. We are also using this occasion to raise money for a local women's shelter by asking for a gold coin donation.

Student Numbers

If you know anyone else 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. 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.

Kind Regards

Janice Neilsen
Principal

Attention Students - Be safe

Please remember to enter the front of the school using the pedestrian gates. **No students should be entering through the carparks.**

Safe Drop-offs

Please be considerate of other users when dropping off or collecting students. Our front car park entrance is strictly “no stopping” and we thank you for not impeding access.

P & C News

The P&C AGM was held last Tuesday night, and the new executive committee for 2020 is:

President: Justine Jennings

Vice President: Vanessa Fawjul

Vice President: Abby Langley

Treasurer: Miriam Fouracre

Secretary: Maryam Roghani

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the three outgoing executive – Jo Boufous, Lisa Parkee and Whitney Harris, for all their hard work over the course of their time on the executive.

I would also like to acknowledge all the work that Terri Flynn does in ensuring that our second-hand uniform shop runs smoothly. The second-hand uniform shop is open on Friday afternoons and is located at the rear of the hall. Donations of second-hand uniforms can be dropped directly to the shop, or can be left at the front office.

Justine Jennings
P&C President

Gifted, Talented and Enrichment news

Enrichment Recognition

On Friday 22nd November our 7Y and 8Y classes, parents and members of our school community gathered in our school library to celebrate and recognise the achievement of students in these classes who have maintained class membership. Students also shared some of the enrichment work they completed this year on SSCIM Camp. In particular thanks go to Henry and Drew (Year 7) who performed musical pieces they had learnt (Drew) and composed (Henry) while on SSCIM Camp. Congratulations too go to Riley who spoke about how the beauty of the natural bush surrounds at SSCIM Camp inspired the portfolio of drawings of nature that he completed (photos below). While all of the students who joined in the Enrichment Recognition morning are to be commended special congratulations go to the class members deemed worthy of our 'Spirit of Enrichment' and 'Most Improved (Enrichment)' awards. These awards are voted on by their teachers who usually have difficult decisions to make when deciding on worthy recipients. This year's award winners are listed below:

Drew Kelso (7Y), Luisa Prochnow (8Y), Spirit of Enrichment

Luisa closed the event with a speech she prepared for our recent public speaking competition on the topic of 'What we may become' offering a very apt sentiment to conclude this special date in our South Sydney Gifted and Enrichment calendar.



Enrichment Mentors (year 7, 8 South Sydney 2020)

As we finalise our South Sydney Enrichment Program for our year 6 students from our local schools we have decided to trial an exciting new initiative in 2020 in relation to this program. In term one of 2020 we are now taking applications from students who would like to work as mentors on this exciting program alongside the primary students. This will involve year 8 students on rotation (two per week) assisting Ms de Paor and working alongside the primary students as leaders and mentors each week. Applications are now open and we have already had a lot of interest from students wishing to nominate a Wednesday when something they themselves may feel drawn towards will be the focus. Next year's program will include workshop days devoted to robotics, brain science, Shakespeare, medieval history, public speaking and short film making.

Public Speaking Invitational, Wednesday 13 November

As any school year draws to a close there are always many conflicting demands on the time and energies of staff and students. However even though numbers of our own students participating were small and we had only one school, Matraville Sports High School who decided to join us on the day, our 13th November Public Speaking event was a wonderful success. The morning session was spent by students from both schools participating in active experiential workshop activities as they worked together through a series of challenges designed to improve their speaking skills. Feedback sessions offered participants opportunities to constructively criticise the matter, method and manner of their own short speech making as well as that of peers. Finally the prepared speech competition took place in a supportive and encouraging atmosphere where once again participants were not only required to offer their speeches but were encouraged to critically appraise their own work and that of other competitors.



Congratulations to the overall winner, Luisa of year 8 at South Sydney with Hugo also of Year 8 and Matraville Sports High School Year 7 student, Amelia, close second place winners.

The success of this final enrichment workshop day for the year is something that we hope to build on in the years ahead when we hope it will be a regular feature of our school calendar. This has been a great year for Public Speaking at South Sydney.

Aine de Paor

Enrichment Co-ordinator

School Closure Term 4

Please note that the last day of school for students and staff is Wednesday 18th December 2019.

Opportunity news

Boys to men! The Opportunity Team would like to thank Dress for Work of Metro Assist, Bankstown for teaching our Year 10 boys how to present themselves in the 21st Century world of work! In honour of Movember we are caring for our boys in a very special way.



Career One on One Day @ Austcorp follow up visit.

In March, we were lucky to have five Year 11 (now Year 12) students to have their own HR specialist to help them with career pathways and have them mentored about their future. On the 18th November, we again went to Austcorp Executive to make sure that the students were on track. Conversations and strategies have been put in place now that will encourage and support these students achieve their dreams.

Thank you David Harrison CEO and founder of this fantastic HR Company for your time, staff and expertise in supporting our students at South Sydney High. Thanks again to United Way Australia for making this most valuable introduction!

Helen Stell

Opportunity Coordinator



CAPA Showcase

Another exciting event awaits us next Tuesday night, showcasing work by Years 7 and 8 Music, Visual Arts and Drama students.

The event is free but we request that you reserve numbered seats on [Trybooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com) to ensure a place as there is a limited number of seats available due to space restrictions. Information on the availability of any tickets at the door will be communicated to students on the day of the event. We ask the audience to be seated by 6 pm as entry will be restricted to breaks between acts. If you have reserved a seat and can no longer attend please release / return your tickets on Trybooking so that others may attend.

Seat reservation is now open - <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=578291&>

