Principal’s Report

Congratulations to:

- all the Year 9 students who participated so positively in the Raise Mentoring program this year. The mentors spoke very highly of the maturity and engagement shown by our students at the recent graduation ceremony.
- all the students involved in the Business Partnership meeting and the excellent organisation by Ms Stell.
- all students and teachers who participated in the Year 12 Talent Quest on Wednesday. It was an outstanding event organised by Year 12 and Mr Davidson.
- all the Year 8 students that participated in the Year 8 Gala Day, great sportsmanship was shown by all.
- Year 12 for their excellent behaviour during their final week at South Sydney High School.

NAPLAN results have arrived!

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Farewell Year 12

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who attended the Graduation Ceremony last night and many thanks to Mr Benischke and Ms Maynard for the overall organisation of this significant event. Under the guidance of Ms Jennings, our hard working P&C and Ms Eade provided a delicious supper, graduation cake and decorations in the Hall and it was a lovely to see wonderful group of students so well supported by family, extended family members and friends. I would like to publicly acknowledge, Mr Davidson and the care and support he has shown his students as Year Adviser. On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish Year 12 all the very best as they prepare for their HSC exams.

Year 10 Formal – not a school sanctioned event

This is a reminder that South Sydney High School does not endorse the Year 10 formal. This is not a school sanctioned event and therefore no teachers will be attending this event.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be the AGM and will take place on Tuesday 12th November, at 7.00 pm in the Staff Common Room.

Reflections

I would like to congratulate our wonderful student body for the way in which they have conducted themselves this term. We are a school of high achievers in all walks of life - classroom, sporting field, playground and in the community, all working towards achieving their personal best. Keep up the great work South Sydney!

Have a safe and happy holiday – I look forward to seeing you bright and refreshed for Term 4.

Janice Neilsen
Principal
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**Gifted and Talented Team Welcome a New Member**

Mr Malcolm Wagg and Ms Aine de Paor who have been running the SSCIM & Gifted, Talented & Enrichment programs at South Sydney for many years are delighted to welcome Ms Katherine Allanson from our school’s Science Department to join our team. Ms Allanson brings lots of enthusiasm and her expertise in Science to our school’s gifted programs and initiatives. We look forward to working together to enhance the scope and reach of the programs offered to our students who wish to challenge themselves in areas of interest and aptitude.

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**Public Speaking Invitational, Years 7, 8, South Sydney:** This will be an event run in term 4 (date tbc) by our school’s Head of English, Ms Michelle Hasing and Ms de Paor (Gifted & Talented) primarily designed to enhance the capacity of our own public speakers at South Sydney HS. We will invite local schools to join us in a morning workshop designed to hone student skills in this important skill. After morning tea we will then begin the competitive component of the day designed for novice and experienced speakers with competitions being run for students of different levels of experience.

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Film in a Day

‘Quiet on set! Action’, said the director while the crew, eagerly in place to begin filming the next scene of their short film, began to move. They were following the plan set out in their storyboard and script. No, we are not in Hollywood!

This is a snapshot of the morning that the Enrichment initiative, ‘Film in a Day’ took place at South Sydney High School. Startime Studios worked with our students to create film locations around the school as filming got underway to create a series of short films to be shown at CAPA night at the end of the year (Year 7, 8 films).

Many of the short films are also being submitted for the Reelise Short Film Festival that promotes positive use of digital social media as contributing to student mental health and wellbeing.

Our School Principal Ms Janice Neilsen joined us at the conclusion of a busy day as many of the films were being finalised and edited. Ms Neilsen was particularly moved by a film made by some of our Year 7 students entitled, ‘Friends Maybe?’

Short film making is proving a popular pursuit at South Sydney HS and we look forward perhaps early next year to providing a Pop Up Outdoor Short Film Festival event featuring short films created by our talented students.

Aine de Paor
Gifted, Talented & Enrichment Co-ordinator

Lunchtime Theatre

Well done to our Year 10 Drama students who shared the work they have been engaged in this term in staging scenes from the play, ‘The Stones’ in the Drama Room at lunchtime on Tuesday 24th September. The short film, ‘Friends?’ by our Year 7 students was also shown to the audience of students who attended this lunch time entertainment.

Happy Holidays

Have a happy and safe holiday.

School resumes for students in Years 7 - 11 on

Monday 14th October 2019
Good Luck

Good luck to our Year 12 students as you finish your preparations for the HSC examinations.

Year 12 Graduation

What a wonderful evening shared by parents, carers, teachers and our fabulous Year 12 class of 2019. Mr Benischke and his team did us proud and we celebrated yet another milestone in the lives of our students.

A very special thank you to the amazing Mr Davidson for his hard work, dedication and support as Year 12 Adviser.
Goodbye Year 12!

The conclusion of Term 3 signifies the end of formal lessons for Year 12 before their Higher School Certificate examination period. The library holds copies of study guides and previous year’s exam workbooks with sample answers and responses. These texts are extremely useful for revision and practice, especially those subjects with a new syllabus. This collection is available for loan and are now located in the senior study for easy access.

Students can also have a look at some texts on study skills, such as, *If you want to blitz your year 12 exams* by Alexandra Smith or access an eBook or audiobook any time using their student logins. Listening to an audiobook, such as, *The mindful teen: powerful skills to help you handle stress one moment at a time* by Dzung could relieve some nervous tension. The eBook, *Mindfulness for teen worry: quick and easy strategies to let go of anxiety, worry, and stress* by Bernstein, may also be beneficial to alleviate study and exam angst.

Do not forget to utilise your local libraries. Lionel Bowen Library Maroubra are hosting two events of HSC Feed on Thursdays October 24 and 31, 5:30-6:30pm. This involves joining students at the library for a study break and a chance to unwind, stretch, eat and regroup over some pizza, fruit and other snacks. A free Maths, Chemistry and Physics tutor is available three Fridays, 5-7pm. Please check their website to reserve your spot - https://www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/library/library-events/library-calendar/events/home/lucky-is-back!-popular-q-and-a-sessions-for-hsc-students.

Eastgardens Library are holding sessions of HSC Rescue with a quiet study space from 3-5pm Wednesdays to Fridays and Study Assist (Tutoring) Thursdays, 2-3pm. They will also be providing pizza as well as back and neck massages and relaxation tips.

It has been a pleasure to get to know you Year 12. Thank you for being a great introduction to South Sydney High School for me. All the very best for the coming exams and all of your future endeavours.

Julie Maddocks
Teacher Librarian