



# SYLVAN LIGHTS

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## WHAT'S ON TERM 3 | WEEKS 4-10

Friday 17th August -  
Year 10 Mock Interviews

Monday 20th - Friday 24th August  
Work Placement Construction A &  
Hospitality

Monday 27th - Friday 31st August  
Work Placement - Construction B

Wednesday 5th September -  
P&C Meeting 7.30pm

Friday 14th September -  
Year 7 Taronga Zoo Excursion

Wednesday 19th September -  
Year 7 Vaccinations

Wed 19th - Friday 28th September-  
Year 11 Exams

Wednesday 26th September-  
Year 12 Graduation

## SRC Student Voice

by Ms Williams - Science



On Wednesday 8th of August students at Sylvania High supported the Children's Medical Research Institute by wearing jeans for genes and making a gold coin donation.

A total of \$510.00 was raised which is a great effort. Thank you to the students and staff for supporting this worthy cause.

## Our Staff

by T. Mortimer - HT Administration

Term 3 welcomes some new staff and sees some role changes of existing staff within the school. We welcome Ms Pharaoh to the English faculty, relieving for Ms Darrow. Ms Pharaoh has come from Lake Tuggeranong College in Canberra. Ms Czoch, also from the English faculty will relieve as Year 7 Adviser for the remainder of the year. Ms Manolaros is temporarily returning to the Visual Arts faculty whilst she relieves for Mr Stanley, and we welcome Ms Brink to the English faculty who will be teaching a variety of classes this term. Lastly, Ms Iuliano will relieve as International Student Coordinator this term.



# HSIE Faculty Focus

by Ms Taleb - HT HSIE

The HSIE Faculty is a dynamic, exciting department implementing quality teaching and learning experiences and activities to build leadership, critical and creative thinking skills in all students at SHS.

This has been facilitated by a number of extracurricular activities organised to engage and enhance students learning and the achievement of outcomes.

NAIDOC week activities have been organised for years 7 and 8 with cross curricula perspectives to enrich their knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal History, Culture and traditions. Students participated in a smoking ceremony, corroboree dance and the making of emu callers, clap sticks and coolamons.

Year 9 Commerce became business Moguls as part of their Investing module, investing in the ASX Schools Sharemarket game building their critical thinking, problem solving and communication skills.

Year 8 Geography students will become water testing experts when they collaborate with Botany Bay Education centre as part of their 'Water in the World' unit to assess the quality of the water in our very own Gawley Creek.

Year 10 History Students continued a long standing tradition attending the Miranda RSL Schools Modern History Symposium to experience 'Living History' stories of WWII veterans. Students enjoyed the opportunity to ask in depth questions and view authentic wartime memorabilia.

Mock Trial builds confidence in students and develops their communication and advocacy skills. Magistrates arbitrate trials, giving students the opportunity to test their analysis skills and develop the ability to respond and adjust to unforeseen circumstances. Students think critically; build resilience and the ability to adapt under pressure.

HSIE Hot Tip: Link- Watch 'War on Waste' and make a change.

Full Episodes can be found on ABC IVIEW

[https://youtu.be/-x2GDQysiNs?list=PLsPVodZ3LN6eoCyb\\_TvRjx13CWhZwIWYn](https://youtu.be/-x2GDQysiNs?list=PLsPVodZ3LN6eoCyb_TvRjx13CWhZwIWYn)



## ELES Study Skills

by S. Williams - HT T&L

Can I study while watching TV or be on social media?

Not everyone loves to start studying as soon as they get home from school. Some students drag their work out over the whole night doing work in front of the TV, or 'break up' their concentration by having their social media feed open on their computer or phone. Students can feel that they study more effectively with the TV on or with music playing but actually they are dividing their working memory between two tasks making their study inefficient. A much more effective way to approach home study each evening is to keep your school work and technology separate. Train yourself to have breaks from your distractions for the blocks of 20-30 minutes when you do schoolwork. If you keep using this method you will be amazed at how much work you get done and how productive you are during this time. Then at the end of that half hour period you have a proper break and really enjoy your free time.

You can find special software for blocking distractions on computers and phones in the Dealing with Distractions unit on [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au)

Our school's subscription details to this online study skills website for high school students are –

[www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au)

School username: sylvaniahs

School password: 17success

# The Three Rs

## Super Six and Reading

by Ms Chalvatzis - HT English

The Super Six is a set of comprehension strategies that are used to assist students with reading texts.

The Super Six is being used across all KLAs at Sylvania High School as part of our whole school Literacy initiative. The Super Six will help students create meaning from what they are reading and improve comprehension and inferential skills. The Super Six are: Connect, Predict, Monitor, Question, Visualise and Summarise. Try them at home using the prompts on the poster.

For more information on reading and Super Six:

[www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and.../comprehension-strategies-you-can](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and.../comprehension-strategies-you-can)

Click:

Homework and study

English

English tips

Reading

Comprehension at home

**1. CONNECT**  
What does the text remind you of?  
A personal experience; another text; something in the world?

**2. PREDICT**  
What do you think the text is about?  
Look at the titles; topic sentences; key words; graphics.

**3. MONITOR/CLARIFY**  
Do you understand what you have read?  
Re-read; slow down; use a dictionary, atlas, thesaurus; ask a teacher.

**4. QUESTION**  
What is the text about?  
Ask yourself who, what, where, when, why, how.

**5. VISUALISE**  
What do you picture in your mind as you read?  
Sketch or describe the images you see.

**6. SUMMARISE**  
What are the main ideas in the text?  
Retell the main ideas in your own words or as a diagram using a graphic organiser.

**SUPER SIX**

# Well Being

## Staying Safe Online

by Ms Garioch - HT Welfare



The Australian Government's Office of eSafety Commissioner has developed a website that provides Educators and Parents with the tools to manage and gain information around 'Staying safe' online for Adolescents. For Information about Staying Safe including Digital legacy, Is 'sharanting a good idea?', Online basics, Balancing time online, digital reputation, e-security, online gaming, photos, video and social media, protecting personal information, privacy and social networking.

Please click on the following link to the iParent page on the eSafety commissioner website

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/staying-safe>

To find out more Information about 'Parenting The Fortnite Addiction' please click on the following link

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/30/well/family/parenting-the-fortnite-addict.html>

Southern Smiles

Good oral hygiene is important to your child's overall health and their self esteem.

At Southern Smiles dental clinic in Miranda, we pride ourselves on the special attention we give to children's dentistry. We aim to ensure their experience with us is FUN! The waiting area is ambient with soothing music to relax to, a television for viewing and magazines to read. We also have a dedicated children's area with books, tablet with games and toys for the little kids! Our staff go above and beyond to ensure that they give children the extra caring they need to feel happy, safe and secure whether they are 2 years old or a teenager

To ensure our young patients maintain good oral hygiene, we accept all health fund rebates and Medicare CDBS approved payments (gap free) for check up and cleans.

For more details and information, please visit our website at [www.ssmirandadental.com.au](http://www.ssmirandadental.com.au) or contact us on (02) 9542 7331

Suite 4, 50-52 Urunga Parade Miranda NSW 2228.

# Careers News

by Lynn James & Renae Walker

Nursing

A nursing career is one which is very challenging but rewarding. There are many different pathways, qualifications and opportunities in the profession. Some students are suited to completing a Diploma of Nursing, while others complete a Bachelor of Nursing and beyond. Recently several of our Year 12 students attended a Nursing information morning at the University of Wollongong. The students experienced the simulated labs and participated in the care required for patients with a variety of symptoms. For more information on Nursing and other health related careers as well as future employment prospects please click on the link below.

<https://joboutlook.gov.au/occupation.aspx?code=2544>



# Tech Corner

by Mr Pike - Information Software & Technology

Drones are becoming increasingly common for aerial surveys, photography and other uses and are in a rapidly evolving field where companies and manufacturers are striving to find ever more innovative applications. Sylvania High teachers are currently learning to operate the school's DJI Mavic Pro in order to create more opportunities for student learning and interaction with this technology. Check out our first aerial shots of the school in the attached video.

To see the drone footage, download the Academy Live app to your phone or tablet from the links below, then hover your camera over the school logo.

[Academy Live for Android from the Google Play Store](#)

[Academy Live for Apple from the App Store](#)



# CoSAW News

By M. Chalvatzis - HT English

As part of our school's ongoing collaboration and commitment to our local primary schools, our English faculty was recently successful at winning the English Stage 3-4 Programming and Assessment Project Grant. The grant will be used to implement a literacy project across Stage 3 and 4 with our partner Community of Schools Across the Waters (CoSAW). The aim of the project is to increase staff capacity in programming and teaching English in an effective way across the Stage 3 and 4 student transition point. Observation and mapping of student achievement in 2018 and beyond will allow the project leaders to track student engagement and outcomes in the transition from primary to secondary settings. We look forward to working with our Community of Schools. Mrs Kranidiotis will be one of the project leaders.



Community of Schools Across the Waters



CoSAW



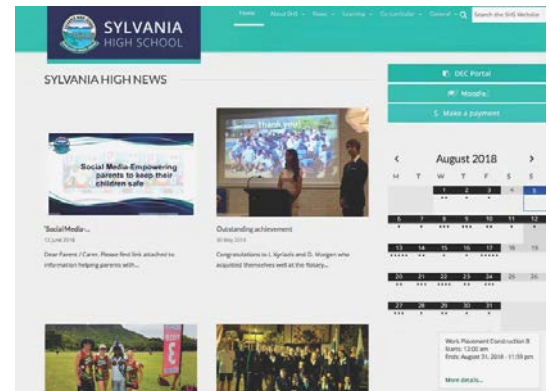
# Our Web

by Mr Brown - Principal

Communication with our community is critical and you've told us it's the most important feature of our newsletter. The school's home page: <https://sylvaniahigh.nsw.edu.au/> has a live calendar with student events and many assessment tasks. If you'd prefer the convenience of getting the calendar updates on your phone, follow these simple steps:

1. Go to [goo.gl/LafvBP](https://goo.gl/LafvBP)
2. For iPhone the process is Settings -> Accounts & Passwords -> Add Account -> Other -> 'Add Subscribed Calendar' then enter in the above URL where it says Server. Leave settings as default and press save. (The process is similar for Android)

Now you'll get automatic calendar updates and always know what's happening at the school.



# Our Site

by Mr Brown - Principal

After 11 years and many frustrating bureaucratic journeys the refurbished girls toilets are finally a reality. The new amenities were opened on Monday August 6 to a throng of excited young women. Our appreciation to the P&C and all parents who contributed to the building fund for this project and the Department of Education for co-funding and management. The panoramic photo says it all!



# Did you know?

- The school uniform shop is open on Tuesdays from 8.15am-10.15am & 12.30pm - 2.30pm. Shop Convenor - 9522 7282 (during shop hours)
- Sylvania High were the Regional Lawn Bowls Champions 2018.