



SYLVAN LIGHTS

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WHAT'S ON

TERM 3 | WEEKS 9-3

Wednesday 19th September -
Year 7 Vaccinations

Wednesday 19th September -
Year 12 Biology Excursion

Wed 19th - Fri 28th September
Year 11 Exams

Friday 21st September
Year 8 Activity Day

Wednesday 26th September
Year 12 Graduation

Thurs 18th October - Friday 9th Nov
HSC Exams

Wednesday 7th November -
P&C Meeting 7.30pm

2019 School Captaincy

by Mr C Brown - Principal



School Captains - Z. Psarros & I. Kyriazis

Vice Captains - L. Goschnik & S. Wax

Senior Leaders - K. Crisp & E. Yeo



Student Voice

by M. Bliss - (SRC member Year 8)

In the Student Representative Council we like to use our voice to serve everyone, of course that doesn't mean that the student body can't help too. We encourage all students to help with how to improve the school and develop it into the best it can be. If students have ideas on school improvement we encourage you to speak up. If you ever think that joining our SRC might be what you would like to do you should definitely apply. We, as the SRC, would like to make the school a welcoming and happy place for everyone. I think that our school is amazing but to make it even better you can come forward and help. If you think that this inspired you to take a leadership role in our school then please talk to someone who can help you make our school better. Use your voice in a positive way!

Supporting Learning

by S. Williams - HT Support & Learning

Often students try to study by rereading their class notes or highlighting passages from a textbook. Dr Prue Salter from ELES argues that this is not enough to properly prepare for an exam. Dr Salter guides students through making highly effective study notes. Good study notes make learning and remembering content easier and create a foundation for new learning as a course progresses.

You can find directions on creating highly effective study notes in the Summarising unit on www.studyskillshandbook.com.au

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

School username: sylvaniahs

School password: 17success

Faculty Spotlight

by Mr T Mortimer - HT Admin

Visual Arts have had a very busy term with the Year 12 cohort working incredibly hard to complete their Bodies of Work for the HSC. The due date was September 3rd with many students working right up until the 3pm deadline. The results speak for themselves with students producing work of such high quality, which are not only technically resolved, but are conceptually rigorous as well. The Visual Arts Showcase was held on 5 September and we had a great evening with many parents, friends and supporters of our students who witnessed the strong Visual Art tradition at our school. We wish all our students the very best in their examinations and are so grateful for all their dedication and hard work. We also want to thank the parents for all their understanding and unwavering care of their children during this very stressful time.



Beyond the Classroom

by Ms Noble - Dance Teacher

We are proud to announce that our Senior Dance company was selected to perform at the State Dance Festival in the Seymour Centre for an item choreographed by Ms C. Noble entitled 'Green Eyed Monster'.



The Three Rs

TEEL & Writing

by Ms Chalvatzis - HT English

Sylvania High School has been using TEEL as a whole school (7 - 12) Literacy initiative for three years. It's a great way for students to develop and maintain writing skills.

What is TEEL ?

TEEL is a way to structure an essay paragraph. It consists of 4 main components: Topic sentence, Explanation, Example and Link(to question).

Can TEEL be used in all subjects?

Yes. At Sylvania all faculties are experts in using TEEL to assist students with their writing.

How does TEEL help student writing?

TEEL provides students with a common language and structure to write paragraphs in a variety of subjects and for a variety of audiences. It ensures they cover essential content and are able to integrate analysis and textual evidence from texts in their responses. Most importantly it helps them answer the question!



Tell Them From Me Parent Survey

by Ms Garioch - HT Welfare

The 'Partners in Learning' parent survey is part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys on student engagement. The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parent and school.

The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights from the parent point of view at the school and system levels. The focus of this NSW survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

Communication between parents and staff, activities and practices at home, and parent views on the school's support of learning and behaviour help build an accurate and timely picture that schools can use for practical improvements.

Please use the following link to complete the survey

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/2wg9r>

Survey can be done on any mobile device. 22 Languages available.

Careers News

by Lynn James & Renae Walker

Taste of TAFE/TVET 2019

During the term Year 10 students participated in a Taste of TAFE day at the Gymea Campus. This event allowed students to experience the variety of vocational courses that TAFE offer across a number of campuses. TAFE offer numerous courses from short courses that run for a couple of days up to bachelor degrees. At each campus, TAFE provides career counselling services to assist students in helping them choose the correct course for a successful pathway leading to employment. For further information regarding TAFE courses please follow the link -

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au>

Students are able to commence their vocational qualifications by enrolling into a TVET subject during Year 11 & 12. There are many vocational subjects to choose from and this is a great opportunity for students who are interested in a vocational pathway.

Application packages for TVET subjects can be collected from the careers office. Applications need to be returned by 21 September 2018.

Further information on TVET subjects can be found at - <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/study/types-courses/tvet>



Tech Corner

by Mr C Brown - Principal



Our school is at the cutting edge when it comes to the use of video technology. In the last issue we showcased how the school has been exploring drone technologies and in this issue we look at the school's 360 degree Fly Camera. Just a little larger than a golf ball, the 360 degree Fly camera records in high definition and as the name suggests, it does so in a three dimensional arc of 360 degrees. When viewed through compatible browsers like Chrome and on social media platforms like YouTube, viewers take control of what they see in the video clip. Our student film crew, under the direction of Mr Smith, have proudly produced some remarkable work in our school's Visual Tour. Check it out in Our Web in this issue and don't forget to turn up the sound. Happy viewing!

Our Web

by Mr Brown - Principal

The Sylvania High website is acclaimed by the experts in communication as one of the best in the Department of Education. Few have embarked upon an interactive 360 degree virtual tour of every building and KLA but Sylvania High again leads the way. Take the tour at:

<https://sylvaniahigh.nsw.edu.au/visual-tour>

and you'll begin to understand why we were chosen as the flagship school to promote the Department of Education's International Students advertising campaign across Europe, Asia and South America with a 360 degree interactive advertisement. The ad will be published on our Facebook page when it is released and we are all very excited about this launch!



CoSAW News

By Ms S. Hodgson - English



Our Film Crew, consisting of Year 7 and Year 10 students have been busy leading 'Film Production and Editing' workshops with students from our local primary schools as part of our White Ribbon CoSAW project. During each workshop students have developed skills in sound editing, film production and digital editing and are well on the way to developing a video featuring a series of vox pop interviews with members of the feeder primary schools to be showcased later in the year in our whole school White Ribbon assembly. Thank you also to Ms Hodgson for all of your efforts in coordinating this worthwhile project.





Our Site

by Mr Brown - Principal

I am pleased to announce that our library will have reverse cycle air conditioning installed before this academic year is out. It will be a welcome addition for the comfort of our students and staff in our learning hub as Summer approaches.

Did you know?

School Terms 2019

- Term 1 Wednesday, 30 January 2019 - Friday, 12 April 2019
Year 7, 11, 12
Thursday 31st January Year 8, 9, 10
- Term 2 Monday, 29 April 2019 - Friday, 05 July 2019
- Term 3 Monday, 22 July 2019 - Friday, 27 September 2019
- Term 4 Monday, 14 October 2019 - Friday, 20 December 2019



In the October holidays 2017 the language class visited Japan and in the October holidays 2018 the language class will visit New Caledonia!!!!

