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NEWSLETTER

From the Principals Desk

As we reach the end of term 3, its time to celebrate the achievements of another Year 12 cohort graduating from St Johns Park High School. The achievement of a Higher School Certificate is tremendously important, as this is the first big achievement that our students, and they should be very proud. Congratulations to all our wonderful teachers for their care and support, and the opportunities offered to our students to help them excel and realise their potential. Especially to our year advisors Ms Rebecca Smith, Mr Yogi Singh and deputy principals Ms Nicole Sullivan, Ms Renee Carniato, for their good humoured perseverance and wisdom. Thank you Year 12 2019 for so many fabulous memories, friendships and achievements that we will cherish and will be a part of your enduring legacy at St Johns Park. I never want you to see your gender, culture or postcode, as an obstacle, always aim high, care about your future and the world you live in. Your education will unlock opportunities and provide you with the tools to make better decisions and to problem solve the challenges ahead. Education is now more than ever a life-long journey, research shows you have greater career and pay prospects and is increasingly essential in a world of disruption, uncertainty and artificial intelligence. I am very proud of your achievements, and I am pleased that St Johns Park has contributed in a positive way to your learning and to your life.

Ms Effie Niarchos Principal



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Important Dates

- Monday 14 Oct - School resumes for all students
- Thursday 17 Oct - HSC commences
- Thursday 17 Oct - Student leadership camp
- Thursday 17 Oct - High Resolves - Year 9
- Thursday 17 Oct - Special Education Community Participation
- Friday 18 Oct - Student leadership camp
- Monday 21 Oct - High Resolves - Year 7
- Tuesday 22 Oct - Year 7 Gala day
- Wednesday 23 Oct - Year 8 Gala day
- Wednesday 23 Oct - Leadership induction ceremony
- Thursday 24 Oct - Special Education Community Participation
- Friday 25 Oct - High Resolves - Year 10
- Thursday 31 Oct - What's up west Youth conference
- Friday 1 Nov - What's up west Youth conference

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A Letter to Class of 2019 from the Deputy's Desk

Dear Year 12,

13 Years of schooling has ended with a plethora of great achievements and success. The hardships that you have faced at school be it with friends, family or work, has prepared you for the greater challenge ahead, and helped you to build a strong foundation for your next future step. Under the guidance of your family, friends, teachers, counsellors and office staff, you have attained this impressive milestone in your life with great honour and integrity.

Always remember that it is the effect that you have on others that is life's most valuable currency. Nurture your relationships with people, because failure and mistakes in life are inevitable and you will need a network of people to support you when times get tough.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank our community for their support of our young people. To the parents and carers – well done! You made it! Parenting is one of the toughest jobs in the world and you alone have raised Year 12 from infants to the young adults they are today. Take a moment to appreciate this achievement and celebrate alongside our students.

Thank you to our teaching and support staff. To Principal Ms Effie Niarchos, Deputy Principal to Year 12 Ms Nicole Sullivan, Mr Moisisdis and Mr Daoud. To the Year advisors Ms Rebecca Smith and Mr Yogi Singh. To our Head Teacher Careers and Senior Pathways Ms Jane Andrew and the transition team Mr Keryl Welch, Ms Margaret Drury, Mr Tommy Koutsonikolis. And to every staff member - Your support of Year 12 over the past 6 years has been invaluable.

Congratulations Year 12! Have courage, be creative, work hard, commit and never, never, never give up!

From Ms Renee Carniato

Deputy Principal



Mr Steven Moisisdis



Mr Steven Daoud



Ms Nicole Sullivan



Ms Renee Carniato



HOUSE & Public Relations Team

Farewelling our PR

Executive Melissa Winfield



Melissa, you are a gentle, warm and an amazing young woman who deeply cares about people. We will miss your incredibly thoughtful and giving actions that has provided support for all our PR members. Your creativity and diligence in achieving our goal will be dearly missed! Please stay in touch and take care!

- Mrs Waesch & Mrs Cooper

Thank you for taking care of us since day one, I wish you all the best with your future path.

- Sunny Le

You've made me feel so welcomed and loved when I felt down, assuring me that you were always there for me with open ears as well as an open heart, making it so easy for me to just smile and enjoy my time with you! Being one of my biggest supporters in all aspects. I really appreciate it and hope to somewhat show others how it feels like to be treated like this.

- Annie Lam

I enjoyed every moment of working with you. I really appreciate the times we shared, I will always remember. It was nice to receive advice from you as it was like coming from an older sister. PR will miss you! Make sure to stay in touch when you leave us!

- Christina Thach

Even though I joined in term 2, you have always been super welcoming and nice to everyone. You are extremely dedicated and hard working at everything you do. Also, thank you for the dolphin I'll cherish it forever!

- Ngoc Nguyen

You are a dedicated, caring executive that would always find a way to complete the job. Whenever any one of us was sad, you always looked after us and that's what makes you awesome! Make sure you don't forget me and visit us after you graduate!

Krystal Huynh

I've only just joined PR and we haven't talked a lot but, I knew that you were a smart, enthusiastic and dedicated hard worker. You were a definition of a leader and a great role model. I hope someday we will have a group reunion and relive some old memories. I wish you the best in your future and hope you enjoy every second of life.

- Sojestta Buonhing

Melissa you are the best exec I will most likely ever have. You were always enthusiastic and kind. You are very dedicated and although it was awkward at first (mainly my fault) you were still accepting and cheerful. Thank you for everything Melissa!

- Melanie Kao

Melissa, thank you for always care about me since the first day I joined PR until now. Thank you for always listen to all of my difficulties, always give me critiques, advice so I can improve and finish my products better. I've learnt a lot from you Melissa, you are the kind, nice, caring sharing. enthusiastic and responsible exec. Personally, you're the best exec, always a part of our PR family and I will miss you so much when you leave. I wish you all the best, hope you achieve what you want to achieve and always be happy with the smile on your cheek. Thank you Melissa for everything! Love you Melissa! (P.s: sorry for my bad English!)

- Anh Thu Lam Nguyen





HOUSE & Public Relations Team

Koleap Lim: Before joining the PR team, I was told about the amazing, hardworking, and enthusiastic executive they have and I was thrilled to meet her in person. It was no doubt that you've shown yourself as a great leader, teammate, and a friend to all of us. I hope your leadership and creativity will strive through in your future and the PR team will miss you very much! I wish you all the best and can't wait to see you succeed in the future!

Farewelling our HOUSE Captains

Question: What do you feel you have developed or learnt about yourself during your time in HOUSE?

Justin Lam: During my time in the HOUSE, I developed my leadership skills, learnt how to meet deadlines, make good first impressions when meeting new people

John Nimo: During my time in HOUSE, I've improved my presentation skills, public speaking and confidence.

Daniel Nguyen: During my time in HOUSE, I have improved on speaking louder.

Kaitlyn Nguyen Huynh: Throughout the 3 to 4 years in HOUSE, I learnt to speak louder and built stronger relationships with peers.

Bronel Kaldy: During my time in HOUSE, I built strong relationships with new people and improved my presentation skills.

Marcelo Jong: During my time in HOUSE, further developed my confidence.





Year 12 Woodwork Major Work



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Senior Drama Performance Night

“The Dream Emporium” Delights and Dazzles a Dedicated Audience

On Wednesday, the 7th of August, Senior Drama put on a performance evening for parent, teachers, family and friends. The night was whimsically titled “The Dream Emporium” and it was entirely produced by Year 11 Drama. As a class they developed a theatre company called “Spontaneous Species”. This term’s preliminary assessment task was centred around Elements of Production.

Year 11 devoted a huge amount of effort towards producing this year’s performance night. Some stand out contributions include - Shaela Geason designed the professional ticket master style tickets, Dema Barakat and Nadia Artinian designed a very sleek theatre program, Donovan Thach and Kenji Leon created a seamless slide show to denote the set design, and, Fanar Monee and Jacky Huynh emerged as effective theatre directors. During the performance of the play, “The End of the Word with Formal to Follow”, Johara Binti-Hamid, Sahil Kumar and Hamid Coomb gave outstanding performances in their lead roles. They were supported by a fantastic year 11 ensemble who bravely performed with energy and enthusiasm.

Year 12 Drama also premiered their HSC Group Performances during the evening. Celine Huynh, Audesho Teyari, Danny Nguyen and Joshua MacKay wowed audiences with their moving Verbatim Theatre performance about human trafficking. Danyal Danyal, Eva Stojanova and Ana Loncar thrilled audiences with their frightening psychodrama entitled “Voices”. Melda Gol, Tommy Le, Vivienne Le, Edward Solaty, Tahia Soto and William Ha delighted audiences with their hilariously theatrical piece, “The Heist”.

All of the performances were highly entertaining but the real stars of the show were the patrons. The audience was fantastic! Senior Drama and Ms Mitchell would like to take this opportunity to thank the audience for their support. We would also like to thank Ms Niarchos, Mr Daoud, Ms Carniato, Ms Sullivan, Mr. DeCarli, Mr Liapis and Mr Rogers for all their support. We would particularly like to thank Mr Moisisdis for all his help in producing the show and for staying at school after the show to secure the school grounds and supervise the collection of students by their parents.

A great night was had by all, thank you for supporting Drama!



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Book Week Competition 2019!

To celebrate Book Week this year, 17th - 23rd August 2019, the library hosted a superhero themed competition!

To take part in this very exciting event, the students had to create their very own Graphic story around the theme

“Reading is my secret power”.

We had so many wonderful entries and it was a very difficult decision. Our judges Mrs Andrew, Mrs Suplat and Ms Lukajic decided the winners for our 2019 competition go to:

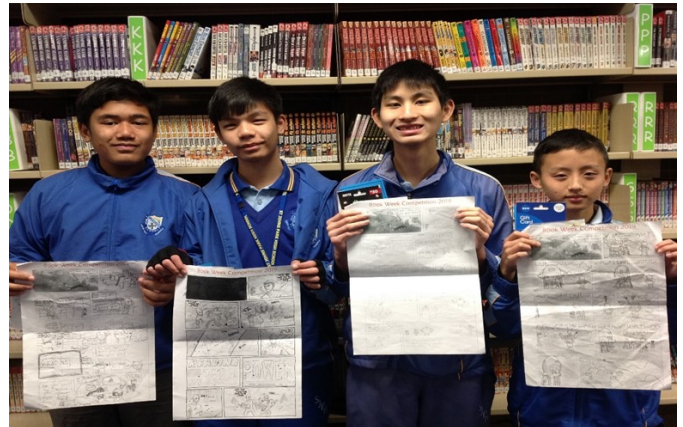
1st prize - Justin Vo Year 8 = \$50.00 voucher

2nd prize James Pham Year 11 = \$30.00 voucher

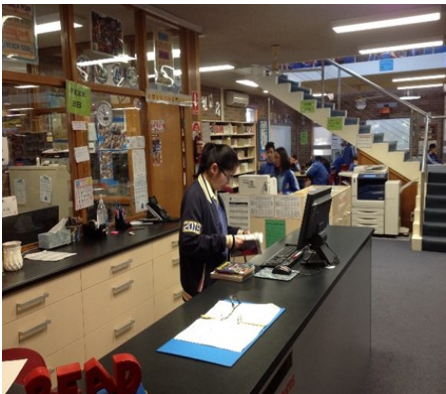
And Special mention to:

Sojestta Buonhing (Yr 10), Mohamed Al-Jadir (Yr7), Lamech Toomata (Yr7) who all received a canteen voucher for their wonderful efforts.

Congratulations to Justin Vo & James Pham



Farwell to Kim our Senior Library Representative



Thank you Kim for all your hard work as a Library Representative.



Wishing you all the very best.

Ms Lukajic & Mrs Suplat





Special Education Class of 2019



Dear Year 12,

You have all grown and learned so much since starting with us in Year 7. We are proud of you and all you have achieved. It's finally time for you to graduate! While we will miss you and all of the fun times we have shared over the years, we're confident that you will continue with even more successes.

Good luck in your next adventures,
The Special Education Faculty



We wish you the very best



So many memories!

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Ms Mitchell's Farewell to her Year 12 Drama Class

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to my wonderful year 12 Drama class. When we first began the course in 2017, during the Ex-ten-sion program, I was a little worried that the class wouldn't be able to be fulfil their potential. They were a bit lethargic, a bit shy and a bit disorganised. However, over the course of 2018, during their Preliminary year of Drama, they proved to be outstanding producers, directors and actors. As they transitioned into Year 12 Drama they began to feel the weight of their High School Certificate as it settled heavily on their fragile shoulders. Tears were shed, eyes were rolled in frustration, students were often found lying on the floor gripped in the claws of an existential crisis and the word's "Quy put your phone away" were hurled across the room numerous times.

As the days flew by and the dreaded month of August stealthily approached, I began to despair! Our practical exams were merely weeks away. I was beginning to lose precious sleep. I was lying awake night silently wondering - will year 12 ever finish their Group Performances?

Just as I approached the pinnacle of my anxiety threshold - Senior Performance Night arrived. As the lights illuminated the MPC, year 12 burst on to the stage. They were clearly driven by energy, enthusiasm and extreme quantities of panic and stress. I was delighted to see their outstanding Group Performances. Sitting behind the lighting desk, holding my chin in my hands, I wept tears of pride and yes, deep relief. My amazing students had finally realised their dramatic potential and become accomplished actors, playwrights and directors.

It has been such an enriching experience to work with my talented year 12 students. I am truly sad to see them leave because they have bought so much humour, joy and high order problem solving opportunities, to my simple little life.

May love, light and laughter be your constant companions. I miss you already.

Your servant,
Ms Mitchell.





Drama Class of 2019



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Farwell to our Graduating Class of 2019

To our Class of 2019 from:

HSIE & Languages

HSIE & Languages would like to farewell the class of 2019. We all hope that you have enjoyed your journey at St Johns Park High School and also hope that you all leave us with fond memories of your high school years. We have appreciated your sense of humour, perseverance and involvement in all our subjects. We wish you every success in your HSC Examination and wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

To our Class of 2019 from:

TAS Home Economics

The TAS Home Economics staff wish the all the graduating students of 2019 the very best for all their future endeavours and pathways. The Hospitality classes have worked well, and we will remember and appreciate the smiling faces and customer service we have regularly witnessed as you completed your service periods in our school café. Those that participated in the SeaWorld Resort Hotel school program can be very proud of the way they conducted themselves bringing prestige to our school – the only participating high school from New South Wales. We hope you remember your time here, as we will remember you!





Thank You to our Year 12 SRC Team



***Thank you to our Year 12 SRC Team! We will miss your leadership and teamwork. All the best for your exams and your future careers.
- With Love, Miss Le and the SRC Team!***



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Best Wishes to Class of 2019

To Class Of 2019 from School Administration Staff

Let's take a step back in time to Orientation Day, December 2013 when most of you ventured through the gates and Front Office of St Johns Park High School for the first time. With nervous faces and little legs, this was your first introduction to High School. Now it's October 2019 and you will be wandering out the gates with confidence - and much longer legs, as you finish your last years of schooling .

The School Administration Staff have loved getting to know each and every one of you. It has been a pleasure to watch you grow from timid pre-teens to mature young men and women who we are proud to have helped along the way.

Some things the office ladies would like you to remember long after you are gone; remember to use your manners always, take your hat off when in doors and don't forget your ID wherever you are!

As you prepare to sit your HSC exams and contemplate life beyond the school gates remind yourselves of how amazing you are, take your opportunities with both hands and be the very best that you can possibly be.

Much love,
The Office Ladies

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Nursing Graduation Ceremony 2 September 2019

It was with great honour that I was invited to attend the Nursing Graduation Ceremony at the newly opened Thomas & Rachel Moore Education Centre at Liverpool Hospital for two outstanding Year 12 students, Raksmei Sovan and Julia Ngoc An Nguyen. These students successfully completed a Certificate III in Health Services Assistance as part of their heavy academic study pattern.

They attended the course at Fairfield Hospital every Tuesday afternoon, proving their dedication to their senior study pattern by catching up on all schoolwork missed every Tuesday. The Nursing Educator spoke highly of both Raksmei and Julia. They completed the mandatory 80 Clinical hours during the school holiday breaks over the two years.

I would like to wish them the best in their future post school plans and am positive they will make invaluable contributions to our society.





Creating Chances: Boundless

During term 3, selected students in years 9, 10 and 11 took part in the Boundless Creating Chances project. This project works with local schools in partnership with Sport Australia and South West Sydney Local Health District with the aim to lead young Australians to more active lifestyles.

Students were trained by Creating Chances and South West Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) in leadership, coaching, game design and advocacy which took place at Fairfield Youth Centre. Following the training students were involved in coaching students from year 8 in preparation for the upcoming Zone Gala Day.

During the Term 3 school holidays the coaches will be attending the 'Boundless Game changers Camp' which is targeted at young people who have been identified as young leaders within their school who want to further develop their leadership skills and lead a positive change in their life and their community using sport. They will engage in a range of fun camp activities including outdoor adventure challenges, multi-sport games, leadership workshops and more.

Well done to these students!





UNIVERSITY WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS

Hospitality Students - Post school employment opportunities:

We have in the CBD in the QVB 2 positions available, one for 1 apprentice chef and 1 for an apprentice pastry chef or maybe an apprentice very focused on pastry and desserts. Public transport for this site is great so opens up surrounding areas for those interested.

If anyone has students who are keen on these opportunities, please send their resumes to myself, Daniel Hanwright at daniel@htn.com.au <<mailto:daniel@htn.com.au>> and to my colleague in recruiting, Angus Patton at Angus@htn.com.au <<mailto:Angus@htn.com.au>> for further information and to apply.

UNIVERSITY HSC WORKSHOPS

Event Name : **Focused HSC Workshops at Macquarie University in the October Holidays for Year 12 students**

Date : **30th Sep 2019**

Time : **9am**

Venue : **Macquarie University**

Cost : **190**

Contact : **Alex McPhee** : info@inspired.edu.au

Event Description :

Macquarie University are hosting InspirED's in-depth, subject-specific workshops for HSC students in the October holidays. Improve your knowledge, skills and confidence with personalised assistance from expert teachers and markers. Workshops run 9-5pm across 19 subjects. Find out more at <https://inspired.edu.au> or call 1300 677 33

Event Name : **Campus Tour - Campbelltown Campus**

Date : **4th Oct 2019**

Time : **4:00pm - 5:00pm**

Venue : **Western Sydney University, Campbelltown campus**

Cost : **FREE**

Contact : **Monique Foster** : forschools@westernsydney.edu.au

Event Description :

Come and explore all Western Sydney University has to offer. On the first Friday of each month we open our doors to prospective students, their family and the general public. Take one of our guided Campus Tours and see what life at Western is really like.

You'll take a tour of our lecture theatres and teaching facilities, stroll through our campus libraries, take in our various food outlets and have the opportunity to learn more about the various degrees on offer, course selection, living on campus and university life.

Each month provides a new opportunity to explore a different campus.

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/student-life/events/campus-tours.html>

Event Name : **Focused HSC Workshops at UTS in the October Holidays for Year 12 students**

Date : **5th Oct 2019**

Time : **10am**

Venue : **UTS**

Cost : **190**

Contact : **Alex McPhee** : info@inspired.edu.au

Event Description :

UTS are hosting InspirED's in-depth, subject-specific workshops for HSC students in the October holidays. Improve your knowledge, skills and confidence with personalised assistance from expert teachers and markers. Workshops run 9-5pm across 19 subjects. Find out more at <https://inspired.edu.au> or call 1300 677 33



UNIVERSITY WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS

Event Name : **Focused HSC Workshops at Macquarie University in the October Holidays for Year 12 students**

Date : **8th Oct 2019**

Time : **10am**

Venue : **University of Wollongong**

Cost : **190**

Contact : **Alex McPhee** : info@inspired.edu.au

Event Description :

The University of Wollongong are hosting InspirED's in-depth, subject-specific workshops for HSC students in the October holidays. Improve your knowledge, skills and confidence with personalised assistance from expert teachers and markers. Workshops run 9-5pm across 19 subjects. Find out more at <https://inspired.edu.au> or call 1300 677 33

Event Name : **Visual Arts Portfolio and Workshops Day 2019**

Date : **12th Oct 2019**

Time : **10am-1pm**

Venue : **Oriental Room S204, Quadrangle Building, The University of Sydney, Camperdown NSW**

Cost : **FREE**

Contact : **Pavel Grozdoc** : pavel.grozdoc@sydney.edu.au

Event Description :

Sydney College of the Arts at the University of Sydney will hold a Portfolio and Workshops Day on Saturday 12 October 2019, from 10am to 1pm, to assist you with preparing your portfolio and application to study our three-year Bachelor of Visual Arts and our four-year Bachelor of Visual Arts and Bachelor of Advanced Studies. The Portfolio and Workshops Day is a fantastic opportunity for you to meet with our academic staff and receive feedback on your portfolio and visual arts practice. You can also choose to submit your portfolio for admission on the day. During the Portfolio and Workshops Day, we will also be holding a number of workshops on the visual arts, delivered by our leading contemporary artists and academic portfolio reviewers.

Registrations: Students are required to RSVP as places are limited: sca2019.eventbrite.com.au

Event Name : **UTS Bachelor of Accounting - Rd 2 closing date**

Date : **18th Oct 2019**

Time : **Before midnight**

Cost : **FREE**

Contact : **Carin Alberts** : carin.alberts@uts.edu.au

Event Description :

Please note the early closing date for Round 2 applications for BAcc 2020 is Friday 18 October. Online applications at www.bachelorofaccounting.com

For more information, please contact carin.alberts@uts.edu.au



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ATTENTION CLASS OF 2019

Event Name : **Teacher Education Personal Statement Workshop**

Date : **12th Oct 2019**

Time : **10am-1pm**

Venue : **Level 3, Education Building (A35), the University of Sydney, Camperdown Campus, NSW 2006**

Cost : **FREE**

Contact : **Pavel Grozdoc** : pavel.grozdoc@sydney.edu.au

Event Description :

Taking effect from 2018, we require a personal statement with all applications to the University of Sydney's teacher education degrees (excluding early childhood). The Sydney School of Education and Social Work will hold a Teacher Education Personal Statement Workshop to assist students with preparing their personal statement. This workshop is a fantastic opportunity for students to meet with our academic staff and to learn more about the personal statement process and suggestions for what to include in their statement. Attending our workshop will also give students the opportunity to find out more about the education degrees offered at Sydney.

Students are required to RSVP for the workshop as places are limited.

sydneyteaching.eventbrite.com.au

PRIVATE COLLEGE HSC WORKSHOPS

Event Name : **AIE Industry Experience Day**

Date : **2nd Oct 2019**

Time : **10am - 3pm**

Venue : **Level 4, 33 Mountain St, Ultimo, Sydney**

Cost : **FREE**

Contact : **Jessica Bull** : jessicabu@aie.edu.au

Event Description :

AIE's Industry Experience Days are a great opportunity for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to learn about the local and international game development, 3D animation and visual effects industries. Students will get the opportunity to learn about the different pathways to get into the industry, what should be in a portfolio and will be able to get creative in practical workshops using industry-standard 3D animation and game development tools.

The sessions are run by industry professionals who have worked on some blockbuster games and films. Everything is provided for you to participate in the hands-on workshops and you will be using the same software that is used in the industry.

If you are thinking about a career in the games or film industry then we highly recommend registering for the free event.

https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/industry-experience-day/

Event Name : **Sydney Design School Info Session**

Date : **3rd Oct 2019**

Time : **1pm**

Venue : **2/40 Oxley St, St Leonards, 2065**

Cost : **FREE**

Contact : **Bella Taylor** : **02 9437 1902**

Event Description :

There's no better place to study than with Australia's innovators in interior design education. You'll be taught to world class standards by practising professionals in small, friendly classes. Kick start your creative career, come in and explore our studios!

Come to our Info Session, register online today <https://bit.ly/2A3wROg>

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR CLASS OF 2019

Event Name : **SAE SYDNEY STUDY FOR A DAY | OCT 19 2019 | 9:00AM - 4:00PM**

Date : **19th Oct 2019**

Time : **9:00AM - 4:00PM**

Venue : **SAE SYDNEY CAMPUS**

Cost : **35**

Contact : **Mariana Botter** : m.botter@sae.edu

Event Description :

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN STUDYING ANIMATION, AUDIO, GRAPHIC DESIGN, FILM, OR GAMES?

Come and study with us for a day, and find out what student life is like at SAE! Learn from our industry-experienced academic staff, and get hands-on training with actual coursework from our degree programs. These workshops are a fantastic way to experiment with the creative media fields and can provide great insight for those who are still unsure of their study plans.

Our lecturers will introduce you to technical skills in your discipline of choice, and provide insight into careers in your chosen field.

Due to the tertiary level of the workshop content, this event is open to anyone aged 15yrs and above (Year 10 and over).

SAE STUDY FOR A DAY DETAILS

Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019

Time: 9AM - 4PM

Where: SAE Sydney - 39 Regent St, Chippendale NSW 2008

Phone: (02) 8241 5200

Email: sydney@sae.edu

Cost: \$35 (Includes materials and lunch)

TICKETS can be purchased here: <https://bit.ly/2PkFzAH>

Tickets for this event are non-transferable and non-refundable. Participants can attend ONE workshop only.

Attendees must be 15 years of age or over to participate.

Event Name : **Sydney Design School Info Session**

Date : **23rd Oct 2019**

Time : **6pm**

Venue : **2/40 Oxley St, St Leonards, 2065**

Cost : **FREE**

Contact : **Bella Taylor** : **02 9437 1902**

Event Description :

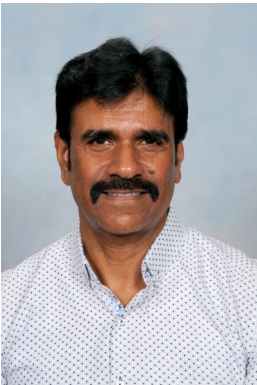
Find out more about studying our world class interior design courses at our next free Info Session. Get accredited with Australia's most innovative interior design school. Be mentored by practising Interior Designers and learn the real world skills you'll need for an exciting new career.

Register online today <https://bit.ly/2A3wROg>

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Excerpts from the Year advisors Graduation Speech



It's over, YOUR 13 YEARS OF SCHOOLING IS OVER. After 13 years, you have finally made it to graduation. Sure there is still the biggest hurdle the HSC Exams to do.... But for right now, it's time to celebrate!

You all have completed this part of the journey with great achievements and beautiful memories.

Being tough with you at times does not mean that we disliked you, it is to prepare you for the greater challenges that lie ahead and to nurture you to build a strong foundation for the next level of your lives.

Under our leadership and guidance you have attained this impressive milestone in your lives with great honour and wisdom.

For most of you, life at St Johns Park High School was learning with fun, engaging and rewarding. As you leave us, expect some challenges awaiting for you. I strongly believe your resilience and the manner in which you have conducted yourselves over the years, together with the knowledge and skills we have taught you, you will surely overcome them. Tonight I am honoured to say we are proud of your many achievements over the years of your various accomplishments in both the academic excellence and extra curricula activities. Your brilliant achievements in academic discourse and sports are indeed acknowledged.

Before I bid farewell to my class of 2019 students, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all St Johns Park High School teaching and non-teaching Staff who had made a world of difference in your lives. A special thank you our Principal Ms Niarchos who was also the first Deputy Principal to this graduating class, I would also like to thank for the guidance and ongoing support received from the senior executives especially Ms Sullivan and Ms Carniato.

To Ms Draper our Head Teacher Welfare, Thank you for your endurance and never ending support that both of us have received during our 6 years as Year Advisors.

To Ms Baldi thank you for stepping up in the absence of Mrs Smith. I greatly appreciate your expertise and competence that you have demonstrated.

Finally To my companion and partner in crime, Mrs Smith I truly couldn't have endured without your wonderful organisational skills, dedication and commitment that you have displayed during these 6 years. You always delivered 110%. Please accept my heartfelt thanks.

To each and every Parent and Carer, thank you for providing constant encouragement and unwavering support during your child's 6 years of high school.

To the graduating class of 2019... There is no secret to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and willing to learn from mistakes.

Wish you all the best of luck. Thank you all.

Mr Yogi Singh



Excerpts from the Year advisors Graduation Speech



I would like to start by thanking Yogi, who has been my Year advisor partner from the beginning. He has always been very supportive and always says 'Yes Dear' whenever I ask him to do something. He is the nicest, kindest person you could ever meet. So Thank you for always being there and putting up with me.

Thank You to Daniella Baldi for stepping up and holding the fort when my family needed me. A massive thank you to the following superstars, Ms Jane Andrew for guiding the students with sound advice, knowledge and experience to support the students with life after school, Ms Donna Draper for always allowing us to have open and honest conversations and providing wisdom along the way. Ms Niarchos who was their first Deputy and has always been very supportive. Next Mrs Sullivan stepped in who always went above and beyond to support the students and help them whenever they needed it. Along with Mrs Carniato these five

women have worked hard to support the students, myself and Yogi. So thank you for always offering support, guidance and excellent advice, it has been an honour working with you all.

Year 12, there have been many memories created along the way while some memories are great, some not so great, funny, sad and everything in between. From being the First Year group to attend Wet n wild, we survived Year 7 day. Kienan breaking his ankle at the Year 8 picnic in the park. Playing Touch football on the Beach at Year 10 Picnic day and getting pelted with flour bombs under attack at year 11 Camp, or the time I decided to play basketball with Shane and he stopped dead in his tracks as he left me flying over his leg hitting the pavement. I still have the scar on my hand and knee.

I will miss you all, from my hugs from the girls and Aprim, the boys towering over me and Milos always trying to find my biceps. The hellos in the quad and me constantly nagging you to be in class and studying instead of what is on your phones. I will miss seeing the boys playing soccer in the cage, the basketball games and fierce handball matches. Thank you for always keeping me on my toes.

I will leave you with a Quote from Sylvester Stallone.

*No one will hit you **harder** than life **itself**. It doesn't **matter** how hard you hit back. It's about how **much** you can **take**, and keep **fighting**, how much you can suffer and **keep** moving **forward**. That's **how** you win.*

Play hard, love harder

Thank you

Ms Rebecca Smith





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Congratulations and farewell to my wonderful Year 12 class of 2019. It has been a joy to teach you all. It has been a challenging 2 years as we faced a new curriculum, new program and my crazy lesson activities! May you forever remember your amazing TED talks in Year 11, Podcast making, escape room and pancakes in Year 12. Along with so many more memories and great laughs! I wish you all the very best for the future. Oh the places you'll go!

Ms Carniato

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