



From the Principals Desk

As we approach the end of the school year the calendar continues to be full of activities and events where our students have the opportunity to shine and prepare for future success. Congratulations to Deputy Principal, Nicole Sullivan, the staff and students on celebrating 40 years of excellence in public education. Our birthday event was held at the St Johns Bowling Club and showcased student performances by Evan Yako and the Year 9 Drumming Boys, Pacific Islander dancers, and solo acts by Alex Ancora Y11 and Tracey Luong Y11. Former students Chris Bowen, opposition Treasurer and Sera Yilmaz, Deputy Mayor of Fairfield City Council were in attendance and both fondly talked up the "mighty SJP". Celebrations will continue on Monday 17 December, beginning with a special whole school assembly, festival of fun activities and guided tours for the public. I was also proud to celebrate with parents and families the incoming 2019 Student Leadership Team. I congratulated our school Captains, Vice Captains, House and PR Executive Captains on behalf of the St Johns Park High School community, they are all outstanding role models who will serve our school community well over the next year. Thank you to our wonderful welfare team led by Ms Draper for organising another awesome incentive day at Wet n Wild, and to all 160 students for being rewarded for upholding the school's values "safe, respectful, learners".



Important Dates

- ◆ Monday 10 December—Year 10 EX-10-SION continues
- ◆ Monday 10 December—7R, 7O & 7P Swim School
- ◆ Tuesday 11 December—Year 9 Welfare day to Luna Park
- ◆ Wednesday 12 December—Year 9 Commerce & Year 10 Business Studies Market Day
- ◆ Wednesday 12 December—7P, 7Y, 7U, & 7JLS Swim School
- ◆ Thursday 13 December—8R, 8O & 8P Swim School
- ◆ Friday 14 December—Primary School Gala Day
- ◆ Friday 14 December—8B, 8Y & 8JLS Swim School
- ◆ Monday 17 December—Years 7—10 Reports issued
- ◆ Monday 17 December—40th Birthday celebrations
- ◆ Tuesday 18 December—Presentation Evening
- ◆ Wednesday 19 December—Last day for students

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Deputy Matters

Wellbeing at St Johns Park High School

We are so proud and privileged to work at St Johns Park High School. There are so many opportunities for our students to succeed in whatever interest, skill or passion they have. The school continued this year to develop the wellbeing of the 'whole student' both inside and outside of the classroom. We offer a range of programs and initiatives for students to connect thrive and succeed. Integral to this is our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) program that supports our long standing values of "Safe, Respectful, Learner". In 2019, this program is getting revitalised and we would like the support of the community to do so. We are conducting a survey to get feedback on targeted student behaviour. We would like to use this information to promote the use of common language around the school to maintain excellent student behaviour. Please click on the following link to complete the survey : [Parent and community survey](#)

Strategic Directions

We are committed to improvement and over the next 3 years we have developed 3 areas of focus for our school. These include:

1. Wellbeing for student success
2. Leadership for powerful learning
3. Leading and building a culture of innovation

To find out more about our school plan, please click the following link : [School plan 2018 - 2020](#)

40th Birthday Celebrations

Please join us as we celebrate 40 years of Educational Excellence at our 40th Birthday Celebrations Carnivale!

We welcome former teachers, past students, parents and the community to join in the celebrations. We will commence at 10.30am with an opening assembly including a range of student performances. We will have on show student art work, acoustic musicians and a trip down memory lane in our adult chill out zone, there will be faculty showcases, games, prizes, food stalls, gelato, photo booth, DJ and school tours. Tokens and commemorative gift packs will be available on the day for purchase from the front office. Please register your interest on the Facebook event page or call the school 9610-8035.



Mr Steven Moisisdis
Years 8 and 10



Mr Steven Daoud
Years 7 and 12



Ms Nicole Sullivan
Years 9 and 11
(Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday)



Ms Renee Carniato
Years 9 and 11
(Tuesday, Friday)

Student leadership camp 2018

House & Public Relations squad at Student Leadership Camp

30 students of St Johns Park High School Student Leadership House and Public Relations teams went to Wollongong Surf Leisure resort to take part in a Student Leadership camp on Wednesday 28 & Thursday 29 November.

House & PR students completed many effective collaboration exercises to build their managing and leadership capacities and used Design Thinking Principles to design their activities for 2019. We are excited about the upcoming year to see our amazing student leaders to flourish!

Thank you Lena Huynh and Helga Rehbaum for volunteering to share your valuable experience as graduates of 2018. A special thanks to the student camp preparation team Melissa Winfield, Annie Lam, Vu anh Thy Le, Myer Trang, Justin Lam, Kathleen Trieu and Marco Di Bella.

We would like to say a special thank you to Ms Le, Mrs Waesch, Mrs Cooper, Mr Ho & Ms Snewin for organising and delivering an enjoyable and productive Leadership camp.



40th Birthday celebrations



St Johns Park High School *40th Birthday Celebrations!*



Join us as we celebrate 40 years of school excellence

Opening assembly with student performances, faculty displays, games, prizes, food stalls, gelato, photo booth, adult chill out zone, DJ and school tour

Tokens and commemorative gift pack available for purchase on the day at the front office

St Johns Park High School | 10:30 - 1pm | 17 December | RSVP essential - 9610 8035

Student leadership induction afternoon

Congratulations to our 2019 Student Leadership team



Australian Mathematics Competition 2018

The Australian Mathematics Competition was **held in the second week of Term 3**, jointly organised by the Maths Faculty and the University of Canberra. This competition is highly competitive and is highly sought after by students in more than 30 countries. 123 students from our school participated in this competition and were awarded the following certificates:

2	HIGH DISTINCTION	(Top 3% in the state)
4	DISTINCTION	(Top 20% in the state)
25	CREDIT	(Top 55% in the state)
77	PROFICIENCY	
15	PARTICIPATION	

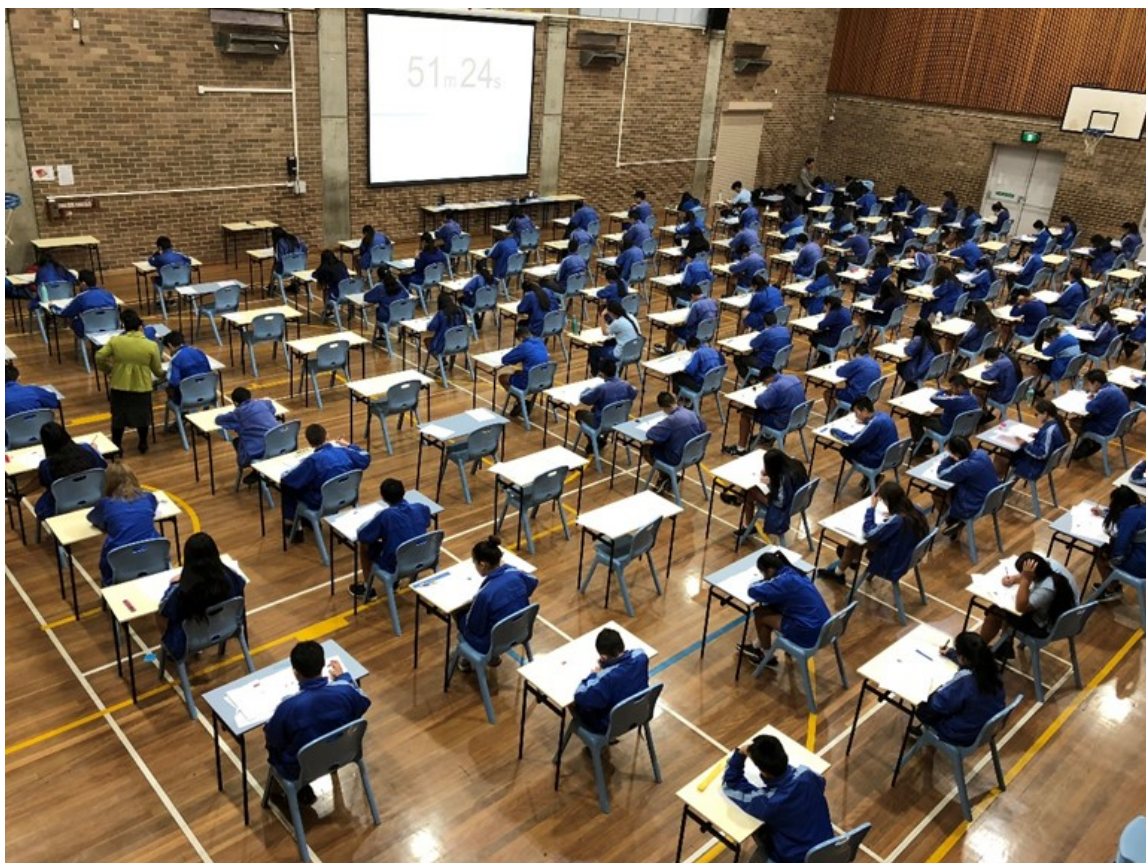
Congratulations to our Year 10 Students **Daniel Lin** and **David Trinh** who were placed amongst the top 3% in the state.

And to Year 8 student **Lyvia Nguyen**, Year 10 students **Sandra Ngo** and **Jayden Soumpholphakdy** and Year 11 student **Wilson Tran** for receiving a distinction.

David Trinh was also awarded the *Best In School Award* in this Mathematics Competition.

We would like to congratulate all students who have entered the Australian Mathematics Competition. This competition has proven to be very popular over the last 28 years which has attracted over 120 students every year. We hope that we will continue to enjoy the same enthusiasm from students in the coming years.

A big thank you to the Maths Staff, specially Mr Dang and Mr Ho, for organising the Maths Competition.



Australian Mathematics Competition 2018



Congratulations Year 7 and 8 students

Congratulations Year 9 students



Congratulations Year 10 and 11 students

Student wellbeing - Eyecare program

The school is pleased to announce that the Student Eyecare Program will be running this in Term 1, 2019. An optometrist will be onsite during school hours to provide students with a free comprehensive eye examination that is covered through Medicare Australia. 1 in 6 students have eye conditions that go undetected. This is due to the high level of visual demand on their eyes from books, laptops, tablets and smartphones. Every student will receive a full report about their eye health and a prescription will be provided if glasses are required. The prescription can be taken to any optical store to get the glasses made. Don't let your child miss out on this worthwhile health program!

Free Eye Tests

Covered through Medicare



Haven't had your eyes tested in a while?

According to the **Optometry Association of Australia**, every person should get their eyes checked at least once every two years.

Full eye tests will be conducted at **St Johns Park High School in Term 1, 2019.**

At least **1 in every 6** students have vision issues that go undetected.

All students are given a detailed report at the end of their eye tests.

Find out if your child's eyes are in good condition!

Don't miss out



Would a \$1,000 scholarship help with your studies?

FACS Scholarships

Will you be studying in Year 10, 11 or 12 in 2019?

You may be eligible if:

- you are living in or waiting for social housing
- you receive another type of housing help from FACS
- you are living in out-of-home care.

**Applications are open from
17 December 2018 to 18 January 2019.**



Find out more at
www.facs.nsw.gov.au/facs-scholarships

Careers Corner

YEAR 12 Students:

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION:

Macquarie University – Explore Your Options Week

13 to 22 December

At Macquarie, we give your students more than a week to explore their options. Throughout this time we're showcasing what's on offer when they study at Macquarie. Chat one-on-one with our team about our flexible courses and pathways to uni, visit our campus and check out our facilities. Register below or futurestudents@mq.edu.au <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/events/explore-your-options-week>

UOW College Australia – Preference us on UAC

Are your students worried about their ATAR? UOW College can provide your students with an alternative path to the University of Wollongong (UOW). Some of our courses are available as UAC preferences for students with ATAR's less than the required bachelor entry at UOW. Find out more. Contact Annika at annika@uow.edu.au

<https://www.uowcollege.edu.au/getin-getahead/>

US & UK Uni Basics - Free Webinar

8 December

Help your students understand the basics of applying to US and UK universities in this free webinar from Crimson Education. The webinar will include application timelines, how to fund an overseas education and the academic benchmarks. Students can register at this link:

<https://event.on24.com/wcc/r/1868686/AD452F3B90229DB99ABD3673D71F11D5>

TAFE

TAFE NSW InfoFest

21 to 25 January

Register now to visit your local TAFE Campus. Talk to teachers, get involved and see how TAFE NSW can help you launch your career. Register at:

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



TAFE Talks –The first in a series of live events for Parents & Caregivers

11 December. 1.00pm

Join us for a Facebook live event and join the discussion on how you can help guide and prepare your son or daughter for their future career. Meet our degree specialist and hear how we can get your teen employed and qualified faster with real world learning and skills. Register your interest at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/315866895694555/>

Free 2 week Pre-Apprenticeship Courses

Apprenticeships R Us alongside My Trade Start is running free two week pre-apprenticeship courses for the Automotive and Construction industry. NSW Government funded for individuals aged 15-24. Spots for the end of the year are filling quickly. Contact 02 9891 6900 or visit:

<https://www.apprus.com.au/>

Careers Corner

COLLEGES

Become an Interior Designer- Sydney Design School Info Session

10 December. 6.00pm

10 January. 6.00pm

Level 2, 40 Oxley Street, St Leonards

Now enrolling for January 2019. Love interiors? Make it your career. Join us for a free Info Session and find out how you can turn your passion into an exciting career. Study day or evening, on campus or online and be mentored by professional designers in a real studio environment. Register online:

<https://bit.ly/2A3wROg>



Applications open for GenTech Coding Bootcamp

Next intake from 25 March

Coder Academy is bringing back its junior coding bootcamp to Sydney. This bootcamp is 1 year long, & runs Mon - Weds full time. Students will obtain a higher ed Diploma of IT upon course completion, which can be used to go straight into industry or transition into another higher ed program. Applications open now.

<https://coderacademy.edu.au/gentech>

Year 11 & 12 students:

HSC in the Holidays Kickstart January Seminars, UTS and Macquarie University,

22 to 24 January

HSC in the Holidays are running subject-specific seminars this summer to give Year 11 & 12 students insight into the HSC process. Run by HSC Markers, these sessions give details and strategies about a subject's syllabus and its marking process. They are being held at UTS and Macquarie Uni from January 22-24 2019. For more info or to book try 1300 677 336 or:

<https://www.hscintheholidays.com.au>

ALL Students:

Skillsroad is launching the first ever 360° Virtual Workplace for young people

At Skillsroad we have made it our mission to transform students' perception of career pathways and to provide them with meaningful tools that they will love to use. Take your students on a journey through some of Australia's most sought-after industries and let them explore content that is engaging, informative and authentic all at the same time. Head to:

<http://360.skillsroad.com.au/>

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