

Tech Talk December 2019

Sydney Technical High School



FROM THE RELIEVING PRINCIPAL

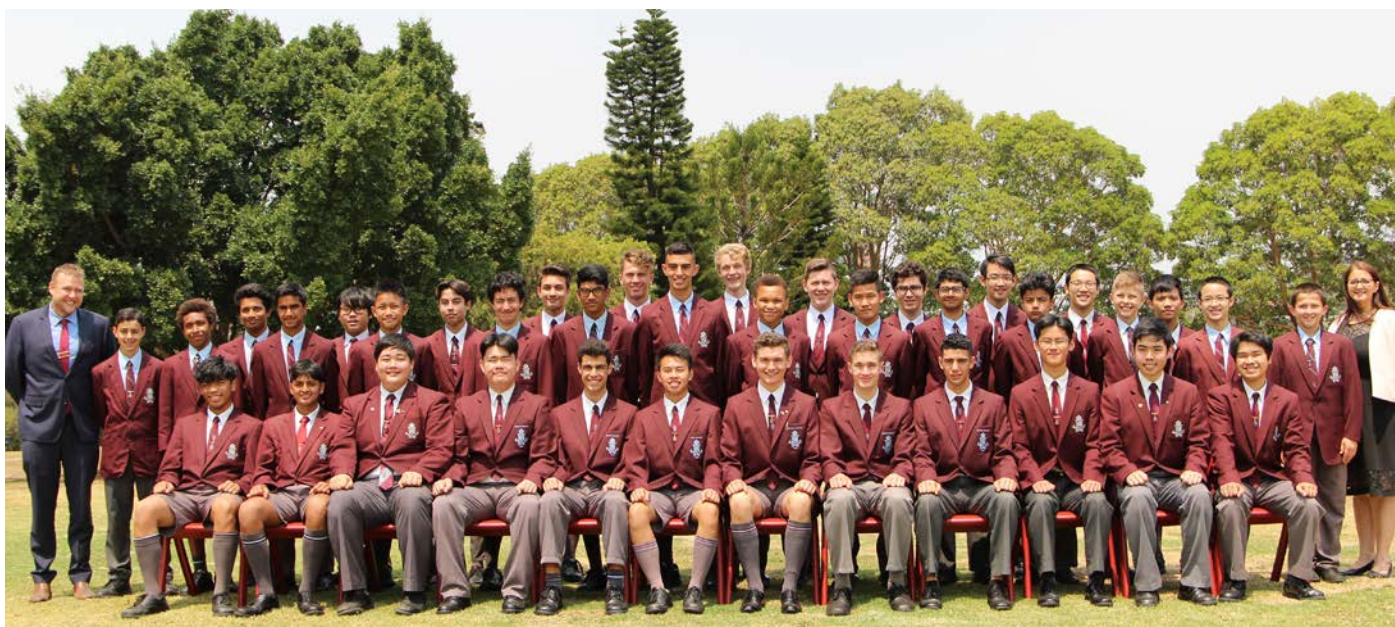


PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT

I am delighted to announce that a new Principal has been appointed to Sydney Tech. Steven So will join us from the beginning of the school year in 2020. He is currently employed at School Services working with Teacher Performance Management and Improvement. He has a wealth of experience and expertise in Gifted Education, having been Deputy Principal at Hurlstone Agricultural High School and Head Teacher at Moorebank High School. I look forward to welcoming him in the new year and introducing him to the school community.

SRC INDUCTION

Last week we held the induction of the newly elected SRC students. We had a whole school assembly, which parents were able to attend to share in the celebrations. Following the assembly was a morning tea and an opportunity for photographs. Congratulations to the whole SRC team who will be ably led by School Captain Eric Napper and Vice Captain Dylan Alima. We look forward to the team working together for the benefit of the student body, the school and the wider community as they learn and develop their leadership skills. Thank you to the SRC coordinators Ms Chork and Ms Tan for their organisation of the elections and the induction event.



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NETWORK AWARDS

The 2019 Metropolitan South Operational Directorate Network Awards Night for the Georges River, Kogarah, Canterbury and Marrickville networks was held last week. This is an annual event that acknowledges and celebrates the fine contributions members of our school communities make for our students, our schools and to public education.

Congratulations to our very deserving award recipients Gandhi Gunasekaran in the School Administrative and Support Staff category, Warren Mak in the Parent or Community Member category and Sydney Technical High School in the Community of Schools category for our work and collaboration as part of the Kogarah Cluster (St George Girls High School, Kogarah High School, Moorefield Girls High School, James Cook Boys High School and Blakehurst High School).



SBS NATIONAL LANGUAGES COMPETITION



Congratulations to one of our graduating Year 12 students, Nehal Nafcy.

He was awarded winner of the 2019 SBS National Languages competition.

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY'S BLUEPRINT COMPETITION

Two groups of Year 10 Commerce students entered the Western Sydney University's Blueprint Competition – a business design idea competition that comprised of a written submission and then if successful, students would proceed to pitch their idea. We had a successful group who were invited to pitch their business idea. They were in the top five teams out of the 40 teams that entered. The group is called Sustain Ink. Sustain Ink's creators are Ambrose Konstantinidis, Geoffrey Zhen, Arthur Paneras and Lucas Ma and their product is printer ink that uses natural dyes found from fruit and vegetable waste from leading supermarkets and grocers. The boys presented their pitch last Friday evening to a panel and were announced as the winners. They won a \$5000 JB HI FI voucher and also \$5000 for the school. Congratulations on their creativity and business acumen.



PEER SUPPORT

All of our Year 8 students have undergone leadership training this term and 60 students have been selected to be Peer Support Leaders for 2020. These students were announced at a year meeting last week and presented with their badges. Congratulations to these students and we wish them all the best as they take on this leadership role.

P&C THANKS

Thank you to the P&C and our community for the amazing Staff Appreciation luncheon they put on for us this month. The gesture was well appreciated by staff and the food was a wonderful multicultural feast. A special thank you to Vice President Irina Konstantinidis for coordinating this fabulous event.

See photos on Page 13.

SUMMER ENSEMBLES 2019

An amazing showcase of talent was on display at the Summer Ensembles on Monday 2 December. A fantastic representation of the depth of musical talent in our students that we can't get to see day to day. I am very proud of not only the talent of our students but the improvement in skill and confidence that they gain through their involvement in the music ensembles program. I am sure that you as parents are equally proud. Thank you for your support and encouragement of them in pursuing their interest and their passion. Congratulations to all students who performed.

Thank you to the tutors for their work each week with the students, and also Glenn Gao and Jason Zhu who were MCs on the evening.

Thank you to the P&C for their support of the evening, for selling refreshments at interval and for their wonderful initiative in running a raffle and sourcing the prizes from local businesses as well as families. A list of the businesses who donated for the hampers can be found on Page 15.

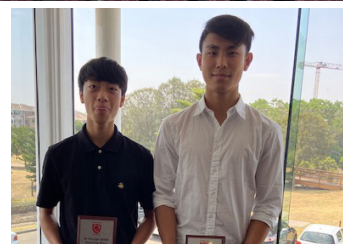
Our two music teachers, Julie Ryan and Shane Gamage, not only coordinate the music ensembles program in the school but they also lead some of the ensembles themselves. Their passion for music drives their leadership of the program and we are very proud of what they accomplish each year. Julie and Shane have also been well supported by their fellow Creative Arts faculty members, Tina Blake, Annette Falconer and Dawn Nelson, who have had a lot of input into the organisation of this evening as well as the relieving Head Teacher of the Faculty, Mel Tan.

Thanks also to the Sound and Lighting Team ably led by Ian Coulston and to Paul Werner who was working backstage. The evening was a great success due to everyone's hard work and creativity.

ZONE SPORT AWARDS

The St George Zone Secondary School Sports Association Award Presentation was held last Friday at the Georges River Sailing Club. Congratulations to all students who received awards, including zone age champions in swimming, cross country and athletics. Tyler Hagiwara, Marc Mardini, Edward Sun, Jenson Tang and Patrick Xia received Zone Sporting Blues for their contributions and achievements across a variety of sports. Mitchell Heaney, Eugene Waetford, Edwin Cho, Wilson Sun and Peter Kathestides were acknowledged for breaking Zone Carnival records. The school was also very successful, being awarded both Summer and Winter Champion School as well as Champion School for all three Zone Carnivals of swimming, cross country and athletics. Thank you to Mr Werner for his organisation of sport at Sydney Tech and to Mr Kemp for his assistance with the awards presentation.

Diane Wilson
Relieving Principal



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 4 - 2019

December

- 3 Year 7, 2020 Orientation Day
- 3 Uniform Shop open for Year 7 Orientation Day
Vera's Cottage, 10:30-12
- 3 SRE - Year 9 Period 1, Year 10 Period 2
- 4 Years 8-11, 2020 Orientation Day
- 5 Year 9 Commerce Market Day
- 6 Sports Awards Assembly
- 9-13 Year 7 Swim School
- 9-11 Year 9 Camp
- 10 Uniform Shop, Vera's Cottage 10:30-12
- 11-13 Year 10 PASS Camp
- 11 Volunteers Luncheon
- 16 Year 10 Excursion to Luna Park
- 17 HSC Results available
- 18 Year 12 Celebration Morning Tea
- 20 School Closes for 2019

Running Group is on every Wednesday Morning

Anime Club every Monday at Lunchtime

SALT Christian Group Meeting - Fridays at Lunchtime

This calendar is a general guide. Sometimes event dates change unexpectedly. For a full up to date list of school activities please refer to our calendar at any time through the Schoolstream app.

TERM DATES - 202

Term 1

Staff Return	28.1.20
Years 7, 11 and 12	29.1.20
Years 8, 9 and 10	30.1.20

Term 2

Staff Return	27.4.20
Students Return	28.4.20

Term 3

Staff Return	20.7.20
Students Return	21.7.20

Term 4

Staff and Students Return	12.10.20
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SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP DATES

Term 4

3 December
- Year 7 Orientation Day
10 December



School Stream
Download the
School Stream App
for your phone

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT



Students are to attend school until the final day of Term 4, Wednesday 18 December 2019, with all classes being taught meaningful lessons. Spot roll checks will identify fractional truants and parents will be informed. Please ensure that your son continues to attend school prepared to engage in lessons and that he wears correct school uniform each day.

STUDENT DRIVERS

Students who are eligible to drive to school must complete a permission form to do so. There are specific requirements and responsibilities for drivers. There are also permission forms for passengers. Please ask your son to see Ms Burgess to collect these forms.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

Years 7-10 Semester 2 reports will be published and distributed in Week 9 and 10. As a reminder, all reports from 2018 are archived and available online through the Sentral Portal. Please note that these final 2019 reports will be the last time that hard (paper) copies are printed and provided to students and their families by the school. From 2020 all reports will be emailed to parents and then archived online as well. Please ensure that your contact details are always kept up to date in order to receive important school information.

HSC ASSESSMENT WEEK

The first assessment week for Year 11, as part of their HSC courses, is in Week 9 and 10 (Monday 9 December – Wednesday 18 December inclusive). All students have been issued with a booklet, which outlines the rules and requirements of the HSC assessments. These rules are in line with NESA requirements for the award of the Higher School Certificate. All students and their parents are urged to read this booklet so that they are aware of what to do in the event of illness or misadventure at the time of a task or absence prior to the assessment week. The booklet is also available on the school intranet in Year Files.

2019 YEAR 12 HSC RESULTS

Year 12 will receive both their HSC results and ATAR on Tuesday 17 December. We look forward to celebrating with them at the Year 12 Morning Tea on Wednesday 18 December at 10.45am in the passive area.

RETURN TO SCHOOL 2020

Years 11, and 12 will commence school on Wednesday 29 January 2020 at 8:45am and Years 8, 9 and 10 on Thursday 30 January 2020 at 8:45am. The incoming Year 7 will begin on Wednesday 29 January 2020 at 9:30am. The first day for each year group will begin with a whole school assembly in the auditorium. Students will then go to classrooms to be issued with their new timetables and school diaries.

We would like to wish students and their families a happy, restful and safe holiday.

Kirk Grinham
Deputy Principal

Mel Burgess
Relieving Deputy Principal

LIBRARY REPORT



NEWS FROM THE CHARLES KINGSFORD SMITH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Learning how to research a subject effectively is an important skill. In an age where so much information is so readily available, knowing how to navigate the internet, use specialist databases and find relevant books and journal articles will ensure that everyone has the tools they need to become a life-long learner. Life-long learning is something we in The Charles Kingsford Smith Memorial Library are keen to promote.

For Year 9, that meant breaking down a question into areas that needed more research and then forming a list of keywords. For Year 11, it meant understanding when to leave Google and turn to some of the more academically rigorous databases. In Year 7, it meant signing up for membership to the State Library in order to receive access to journals, books and academic journals from around the world then researching using these sources.

INTRASCHOOL CHESS

IntraSchool Chess ran a tournament led by Year 10 student Hadi Adou-Ghaida throughout Terms 3 and 4. The quarterfinal, semifinal and final matches have played out this term with Mark Ureta, Eric Lin, Naman Mehta and Sree Koneru earning spots in the semifinal.

Tech's new IntraSchool Chess Champion will be crowned on Tuesday 26 November.



MOvember

Our library has promoted MOvember with a cute display drawing attention to No Shave November/Movember initiatives, which seek to raise awareness and funds for men's health issues such as suicide prevention, testicular and prostate cancer and mental health. Men pledge not to shave and to grow moustaches in support of others dealing with these issues.

DÉCOR

We added 16 new framed book page art pictures along the back wall celebrating reading and books such as Alice in Wonderland, Peter Pan and the Harry Potter series. We also hung the colourful paper cranes display, created and donated by students at St George Girls HS in memory of Ryan Wang, to show their support and share in our grief. Find it along our back wall, hanging high to remind us to live every day to the fullest.

TESTING

The library has been a testing centre of late with Year 8 boys taking VALID, a Science test done online, and Year 10s sitting for HSC Minimum Standards Testing.

HSC EXAMS

Term 4 saw Year 12s coming and going as they popped in to study for HSC exams. We wish them well in the future! Our Year 11s moved up to start their HSC coursework and are coming in regularly for study periods. They are reminded that they are to sign in and out using their school ID in the library for each study session.

DISTANCE EDUCATION

Courses not taught at Tech are offered to students through Distance Education. We have students doing Studies of Religion, General Maths, English as a Second Language (EAL/D), Mandarin and Music this term with students finishing HSC courses in Japanese Extension and Studies of Religion with their recent exams.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING LIBRARY

Besides student support, we've been adding books and journals to our school's collection of academic resources for staff. New texts on growth mindset, visible learning, assessments/feedback on visible learning (John Hattie), the changing teen brain due to technology, boys' education and the gifted learner are now available. The texts will help our staff to stay up to date with professional learning while providing the latest research on these topics.

YEAR 7 BREAKOUT ROOM AND SCAVENGER HUNT

In Week 9 when Year 7 students head to swim school every day for half the day, the library will be hosting each roll call group to review information literacy skills such as how to research, cite references, locate books in the library in both fiction and nonfiction sections and understand other useful research skills

by completing a seven-part Breakout activity online. Students will work in pairs to finish each section and will receive a code for each done correctly. They must complete all sections to "break out" of the library. Year 7 students will also be doing a scavenger hunt to remind themselves where things are in the library and how to find information here. They will also sign up to the State Library to receive access to online books, journals and magazines.

INSTAGRAM

The library's Instagram account @sydneytechlibrary is growing daily. Follow us for updates on what's happening in the library, contests, promotions and information on new books and resources.

Our library has a new Instagram page so follow @sydneytechlibrary for news, photos, promotions and more!

Elizabeth Greaves
Relieving Librarian



WELLBEING REPORT



PEER SUPPORT

On 31 October and 1 November all of Year 8 students undertook the two day training course in Peer Support learning. Sydney Tech has been a long term affiliate member of the Peer Support Foundation of Australia and each year this program is offered to the entire grade so that they can learn important skills in the areas of leadership, resilience, communication, problem solving and team work. The interest in becoming a peer leader appears to be growing each year so the expectations and standards are set very high for those who are selected. Commiserations to those boys who applied and missed out this year – this does not mean that we consider you an unsuitable leader and strongly encourage you to seek other leadership opportunities within the school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Pamela Stergiou, our Junior Transition Coordinator for her role in organising the students, staff and resources for the two day Peer Support Training this year which is a huge job to coordinate and oversee.

Peer Leaders at Tech play an important role in the transition of incoming Year 7 students. Their first official duties will begin on Tuesday 3 December at Orientation Day, where our new Peer leaders will meet their small group of Year 6 students and run a series of peer led activities after the welcome assembly. Peer leaders will also make an effort to introduced the Year 6 boys to other incoming students and provide them with a tour of the school in order to help maximise their transition experience into High School in 2020. Peer Support will continue until the end of Term 2 in 2020 and will be run during the wellbeing assembly time slot so that the students will not miss out on any classes. Peer Leaders work in pairs with five Year 7 students and assist them settling into life at Tech. Across their time together, they will look to build positive relationships with other students and their school. They will cover a range of topics such as establishing relationships and making friends, conflict resolution, anti bullying lessons, successful communication, getting organised, preparing for exams as well as regular debriefing sessions where general questions about high school life can be asked.

I would like to thank all of Year 8 for their participation and enthusiasm in the two day peer support training and congratulate the 60 successful leaders who were chosen this year. These boys now have an important role ahead of them. Thank you also to our 12 teacher trainers this year who deserve a special mention as well – Mr Harroothunian, Ms Chork/Mr M Davis, Ms Johnston, Mr Gamage, Ms Garrett, Ms Hu, Ms Benyamin, Ms Cleary, Mr Voulalas/Ms Zois and Ms Steel. I would also like to extend my appreciation to the rest of the staff for being so accommodating around rooming rearrangements as well as taking lessons and other duties for our teacher trainers.

WHITE RIBBON WALK

Tech has been a long time vocal supporter for the White Ribbon Day Foundation for many years now educating young men of Sydney Tech into helping put an end to violence in the community. This year our school participated in the Georges River Council (GRC) Kogarah cluster White Ribbon Day walk on Friday 22 November 2019 with other local schools and community groups from around the St George area to show our support that we are a school who are committed to stand up and speak out against any form of domestic violence in our society. A huge thanks goes to Mr Cheung for coordinating this event and to the Interact boys who proudly represented the school on the day.

TERM 4 - WELLBEING ASSEMBLIES

On Friday 8 November, the school held its final Wellbeing Assembly for the year. Our Year 7s were presented with a study skills workshop which gave students some meaningful ways to use feedback when receiving back their end of year exams. It is often common for students to just focus on the mark itself rather than use this as a learning opportunity to improve future results. Year 8 students had a year assembly which involved certificates and various awards presented to them by their Year Adviser, Ms Steel, for outstanding achievements in academic and extra curricula activities. Year 9 were given a presentation from Ms Sugowdz about the expectations and requirements for students when going into Year 10. Year 10 students participated in the 'All My Own Work' online modules and finally our Year 11 students heard a presentation from Mr Mouzakis about University and Scholarship opportunities available to them when they leave school.

YEAR 9 CAMP

Our Year 9 students this term are heading off to camp in Week 9 at Broken Bay Sport & Recreation Centre which is located on the Hawkesbury River North of Sydney. Students can expect a fun three days of outdoor learning and educational experiences to improve student wellbeing. Many of the boys will be challenged during their stay to step outside their comfort zone to complete some of the outdoor activities that have been organised for them. Having been a regular supervising teacher on many camps in the past, it is always wonderful to see our boys encourage each other along and work collaboratively together in activity groups to complete tasks that that have been set for them by the camp instructors. The activities chosen by the boys this year will consist of: raft building, high ropes, surf skis, archery, rock climbing and a camp cookout. By the end of the three days our boys will be extremely tired and appreciative of their own beds. Taking 150 boys away for two nights is no mean feat and I must thank the relieving Year 9 Adviser, Ms Steele in advance along with the six accompanying teachers (Ms Irvine, Mr Gamage, Mr Bromwich, Ms Johnston, Ms Eath and Ms McNamara) for stepping forward to make this an enjoyable and what should be a most memorable experience for our Year 9 boys.

As this is the final tech talk for the year, I would like to welcome Mr Mitch Davis to the wellbeing team, who will be taking up the Year 7 Adviser role for 2020. Mitch has relieved at different times this year for our Year 8 cohort when Ms Steel was on leave and the experience he gained here will ensure the success of the new incoming Year 7 boys next year.

HEALTHY HOLIDAY HABITS

As the long summer holiday approaches, the five week break can sometimes be both a blessing and a curse for students and their families. Without the frequent attendance at school from 8:45am each weekday, coupled with less homework and deadlines, students welcome the increased freedoms and opportunities to enjoy their favourite past times. In some instances, students can become almost nocturnal over this long break, staying up very late and then sleeping in even later. Moderation is the key here because when school resumes late January, students with such a disrupted sleep cycle can take a long time reversing their near jetlag symptoms and readjust to a regular and healthy pattern of school – life – sleep.

The holidays and the warm summer weather are wonderful opportunities for students to leave their screens at home and take part in something new, fun and/or interactive – outside! Parents may find this a familiar issue when encouraging participation that does not involve a device that requires its battery being charged daily. Suggesting healthy alternatives can be met with 'deaf ears' by adolescents and sometimes it is the parent who must take charge and organise these events on their son's behalf. Consider time at the beach, in a National Park, hiring a tennis court, finding out what's on through the youth departments of your local council. There may be art camps, basketball camps, soccer or cricket clinics. While some of these cost money, many others don't or the cost may be spread across a group. That's where involving your son's friends too becomes important.

The holidays are a vital time for rest and recuperation. They are times to recharge the 'human' batteries ahead of what will be another busy year at Tech in 2020.

Nick Stokes
Wellbeing Head Teacher

CAREERS REPORT



Asking students what career path they would like to pursue is fraught with danger as existing roles may not exist in the future and many future jobs do not yet exist. A number of roles that are commonplace today (cloud architect, data scientist or app developer) were virtually unheard of 15 years ago.

Recently, Dr Brad Tucker, an astrophysicist from ANU, came to our school and presented to some interested physics students. Aside from what he is working on, he spoke about future developments in his field and some new jobs that will exist in the near future - these being space law and space medicine.

Brad was one of the mentors and role models that the students were able to listen to this year. With more Alumni contacting us and wishing to be involved, the students will have a greater opportunity to discuss their career choice with people already in their desired profession and to also discuss the future of that profession.



With all this uncertainty, how do we equip students to be prepared for the future?

The Future of Employment and Skills Research Centre at the University of Adelaide foresees 'skills' as being the key to future work success.

What skills are employers looking for?

According to LinkedIn – the top five skills required in 2019 are:

- Creativity
- Persuasion
- Collaboration
- Adaptability
- Time Management

PISA, the organisation that conducts International Student Assessment has identified the 4Cs.

These being:

- Creativity
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Curiosity

Careers, next year, will concentrate on building the skills of students that are transferrable. That is skills that all jobs require.

Wishing everyone a happy festive season.

Jerry Mouzakis
Relieving Careers Adviser

Max Potential

Max Potential is an innovative leadership development program that has been running in partnership with ClubsNSW since 2003. As one of Australia's longest running youth development programs, Max Potential connects high school students with local community and business leaders who are trained as coaches.

This year, students: Han Bao, Glenn Gao, Rohit Ghosh, Bilal Ibrahim and Emmanuel Takla were chosen for their potential in improving their leadership skills. Over 22 weeks these boys engaged in one on one coaching, experiential workshops and delivered a community service project to make a tangible difference in their local community.

The boys found this opportunity very interesting and useful. Here are what some had to say:

Bilal Ibrahim: "For my CSP I coordinated both a school and neighbourhood drive for children's clothes and toys, raising awareness for the importance to donate to those who aren't as privileged as we are. It really made me understand the importance of giving back to the community, of which I was able to learn so many life skills and lessons."

Glenn Gao: "Max potential has given the opportunity for me to lead a project and develop my skills in communication, teamwork and leadership. I've explored my own values and applied them to real life scenarios throughout the program."

My community service project was to certify students with CPR and provide a safer community overall. With an aspiration in the field of medicine and having regularly maintained a first aid/CPR certificate myself, I realised the importance of having this essential skill that can prove life saving at times. I worked closely with the Red Cross, the school and parents, who allowed 17 students to become certified with CPR. They returned to the community with the necessary skill set to be able to save a person's life, and the project also allowed me to develop my own self such as organisation and communication."

Rohit Ghosh: "For my CSP I organised a STEM workshop where students at Sydney Tech can learn how to program and where they can take that skill in the future. With this, I was able to create a more positive environment around my school group TechSoc and exercise my project management skills."

We would also like to say thank you to all the teachers, parents, mentors and the school for supporting us during the program.

Emmanuel Takla
Year 11



Excellence in Mathematics

Congratulations to the following students who achieved at the top of their Mathematics courses in their Term 4 examinations. Letters of commendation have been sent home to these students and they have received a bronze merit award from the Mathematics Faculty.

Year 7: Timothy Cai, Salih Mujala, Sean Van Ummersen, Michael Hazali, Ethan Hendra, Harry Jones, Zubair Khan, Adam Liang, Russell Liauw, Aidan Tang and Apporva Yadav

Year 8: Mark Ureta, Stefan Ilic, Phoenix Liu, Tahmid Wasim, Bolin Wang, Jack Yang, Ghassan Adra, Fahim Chowdhury, Shen Chi Tan and Gene Truong

Year 9: Nicholas Chatterton, Ethan Chung, Timothy Benjamin, Pavith Gunasekara, Safaïet Khan, Tyrone Lee, Enoch Teoh, Dominick Widjaja, Dylan Budiharto and Jeremy Komonen

Year 10: Justin Chin, Tony Li, Huy Nguyen, Raymond Pan, Wesley Wong, Mahdi Alawie, Eric Lee, Clinton Ho, Arvin Kwok, Eric Lin, Nathan Liu, Pranit Sarker, Muhamed Tafech and Adrian Pasha

Year 11: Advanced Mathematics

Shaun Thach, William Zamany, Jason Lim, Jason Cho, Alvin Joseph, Matthew Lam, Christian Karalis, Andrew Tran, Nathan Choon, Glenn Gao, Daniel Yu and Carlos Tse

Extension 1 Mathematics: Shaun Thach, Zihao Zhou, Richard Sun, Alfred Dao, Matthew Lam, Jason Cho, Nathan Hartono, Alvin Joseph, Phi Nguyen, Aaron Cuta, Andrew Tran, William Zamany, Mohan Das and Christian Karalis

Keep up the fantastic work, boys!

Pamela Stergiou
Mathematics Faculty

Australian Mathematics Competition

In August this year, 582 Tech students across Years 7-11 participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition. We would like to congratulate the following students, in particular, who achieved High Distinctions.

Year 7: Russell Liauw, Williamson Wong, Anthony You and Raymond Tran

Year 8: Ghassan Adra

Year 10: Raymond Pan

Year 11: William Zamany

Excellent work, boys!

Students at Sydney Tech were awarded the following certificates:

High Distinction 7

Distinction	146
Credit	283
Proficiency	137
Participation	9

Congratulations to all of the participants.
Keep up the great work!

Mathematics Faculty



SCHOOL NOTICES

IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION

A student in our school is currently receiving treatment which results in a lowered immune system. This means that the student is more prone to getting ill from infections. As the student is not contagious but has a chronic illness, it is important that he participates actively in the day to day school program without any major limitations. A major concern is that if this student develops measles, chicken pox, whooping cough or influenza, he could become seriously ill. It is important that we prevent this situation from occurring.

If your child has or may have measles or chicken pox, it is important that you:

1. Do not send them to school
2. Notify the School Principal as soon as possible.
3. Take them to your GP or medical centre to confirm diagnosis if possible.

OFFICE HOURS AND PAYMENTS

The School Office is open from 8:15am-3:15pm for enquiries.

Payments by students should only be made before school, between Period 1 and 2, at Recess and at Lunch. Payments will not be taken after the bell has gone at the end of lunch.

Payments over the phone or at the front office can only be made from 8:15am-1:45pm.

Payments on Line can be made using the link in your emailed

statement or via the STHS website (see below). If you would like an account statement sent to you please contact the office.

Website Payments -To make online payments, click on the 'online payment' link in the top right hand corner of the HOME page above the SEARCH box.

CHANGE OF MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES

If you have changed your mobile phone number, email or mailing address, please contact the school immediately so that we can update our records.

ATTENTION PARENTS -SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE

If your child is absent from school, an explanation must be provided to the school **within seven school days** from the first day of any period of absence.

It is Departmental Policy that if your son needs to leave the school early for an appointment, then a letter must be brought to the school and it must be signed by one of the Deputy Principals before the start of the school day for leave to be granted.

If you reply to an SMS about your son's absence, please note his name, class and reason for the absence on the SMS.

SICK BAY AND YOUR SON

If you receive a phone call from the office informing you that your son is unwell and in sick bay, you must attend to this promptly and collect your son as soon as possible.

Your son cannot be left in sick bay for lengthy periods of time.

SCHOOL SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is located in Vera's Cottage. The Second Hand Uniform Shop is run by volunteers. **Volunteers are needed - please contact the office with your name and phone number.**

During the school terms, the Second Hand Uniform Shop is usually open on the Second Tuesday of each calendar month, from 10:30am till noon.

The Uniform shop will next be open on **Tuesday 3 December to coincide with Orientation Day as well as Tuesday 10 December 2019.**

Come along and grab a bargain. If you have any donations of used uniform items, please send them to the Office.

VISITORS TO SCHOOL

Please be aware that it is a legal requirement for ALL visitors on school grounds during school hours to report to the School Administration Office for sign in and sign out.

This includes parents and caregivers.

Thank you to the following businesses who donated for the Summer Ensemble Raffles

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Angels Touch
Big W
Blissful Scents
Estetica Cosmetic Clinic
Flora's Hair Creations
Fruit World - Roselands
Giftsakes
GlimCo
Global Education Academy
Heavenly Bites Sydney
Just Cuts - Roselands
Laser Clinics Australia
Lumira
Nut Roasters
Sans Souci Learning Centre
Shave and Blade Barber Shop - Oatley
Sheshwarz Beauty
Sweets Palace
Sydney Trapeze School
Zanyas Cafe**