

SEVEN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

A VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PATHWAYS SCHOOL

News



SEPTEMBER
2025

CALENDAR EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Monday 8 - Fri 12 Sep: RLSS Elevate Swimming Program
Year 7 and 8

Thursday 11 Sep: R U Ok? Day

Friday 12 Aug: Year 10 Vaccinations

Monday 15 Sep: Preliminary HSC Final Exam window opens

Wednesday 17 Sep: Vocational Innovation Centre
Year 12 students' graduation evening

Wednesday 17 Sep: Year 11 SLR Gym Program

Wednesday 24 Sep: Drama Performance

Wednesday 24 Sep: Year 11 SLR Gym Program

Friday 26 Sep: Last day of Term 3

Friday 26 Sep: Year 12 Reports distributed

OCTOBER

Monday 13: Staff Development Day

Tuesday 14: School resumes for all students

Friday 17: Year 7 Planetarium Incursion

Monday 20: Years 9 & 10 Semester 2 Elective Exams begin

Monday 27: Years 7 & 8 Semester 2 Exams begin

Monday 27: Primary Schools Engagement Innovation Cup
Grand Final

Friday 31: Year 11 reports distributed

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear parents/carers, students, and members of our school community,

As we approach the end of a very busy term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many activities that have celebrated creativity, learning, and fun throughout our school.

Last week, we enjoyed a wonderful Father's Day BBQ. It was fantastic to see so many students and their families come together. Happy Father's Day to all the amazing dads in our community – I hope you had a special day!



Book Week was another highlight, with students fully embracing the joy of reading and storytelling. We were privileged to host author Gabrielle Tozer, who engaged with students and led a creative writing workshop. The excitement of Book Week was further boosted by the enthusiastic participation of both students and staff in the cosplay dress-up and trivia competitions. A heartfelt thank you to our Teacher Librarian, Ms. Costello, for her dedication and excellent organisation that made this event such a success.

In Week 6, we celebrated National Skills Week with a variety of activities at our Vocational Innovation Centre (VIC). These events engaged our students and partner primary schools in vocational education opportunities. The week began with a visit from the Hon. Minister Whan, Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, along with Murat Dizdar, Secretary of the Department of Education. They toured the VIC, observed the Stage 6 VET Acute Care course, and participated in the Primary School Vocational Experience Day, including a hands-on drainage challenge with the students. Throughout the week, students from our school and local primary schools took part in programs showcasing the extensive VET training options available at the VIC. Please see the full reports in this newsletter. Many thanks to our dedicated VIC team—Mr Kerr, Mrs Matchett, Mr Grey, and Mr Jones—for organising these incredible opportunities.

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who completed their Trial HSC exams in Week 5. The finish line is in sight, and I wish you all the very best for your upcoming HSC exams.

A reminder to all parents and community members that our next P&C meeting will be held on November 12 at 6pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable holiday break, spending quality time with family and friends. Please remember that students will return to school on Tuesday, 14th October 2025.

Warm regards,
Matthew Saville



First Nations Students

Cultural Immersion Day at Kimberwalli

Our First Nations students recently participated in a cultural immersion day at Kimberwalli, the Western Sydney Aboriginal Centre for Excellence. This initiative aimed to deepen their cultural knowledge and experiences through hands-on activities and interactions with cultural practitioners.

In the commercial kitchens, students engaged in the preparation of traditional damper and sampled Johnny cakes with local honey, connecting with Indigenous culinary practices. The girls learned traditional dances from Jayde and Alkira Field, Gomeroi women renowned for sharing Indigenous dances and songs with young girls, ensuring the preservation of lore and practices. Meanwhile, the boys participated in storytelling sessions with Steve Trist, a Darug and Muruwari man, who imparted local Darug customs and taught them a traditional dance.

Jamie Eastwood, a Ngemba and Darug man and multidisciplinary artist, led a clapstick painting workshop. They combined traditional and non-traditional colours and imagery into the artworks, and the students took great pride in their creations.

Tarni Eastwood, a proud Ngiyampaa and Curingai woman and artist specializing in hand-dyed raffia and cultural workshops, guided students in the art of weaving to create pieces of raffia jewellery. This workshop provided students with a deeper understanding of their cultural heritage and traditions.

Through these experiences, students not only developed practical skills but also enhanced the appreciation for their cultural identity and developed community connections.



First Nations Students

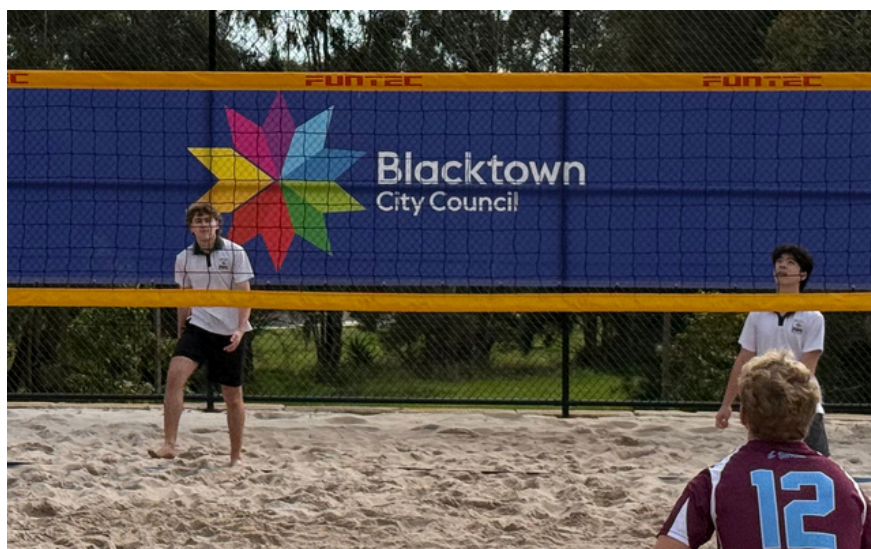


Sporting achievements

Beach Volleyball Success

Congratulations to Meir and Nikita, who represented the school in the Beach Volleyball competition and finished an impressive 5th out of 18 teams. The tournament ran with modified rules and plenty of tough competition, but the boys showed great determination throughout the day.

A big thank you also to Alys, who took on the role of referee and supported not only our team but others as well. Together, they demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and were excellent ambassadors for our school.



Class Highlights

Year 11 Entertainment & Screen & Media JMC Academy Visit

On Tuesday, August 20th, our Year 11 Entertainment and Screen & Media students visited JMC Academy for an exciting industry experience. Students had the opportunity to step into the world of professional production, creating their own lighting plots, designing sound effects, and operating state-of-the-art sound and lighting equipment.

The hands-on experience gave them valuable insight into industry practices while building practical skills that connect directly to their classroom learning. It was an inspiring day that showcased the creativity and technical expertise required to bring productions to life, whilst exploring post school pathways.

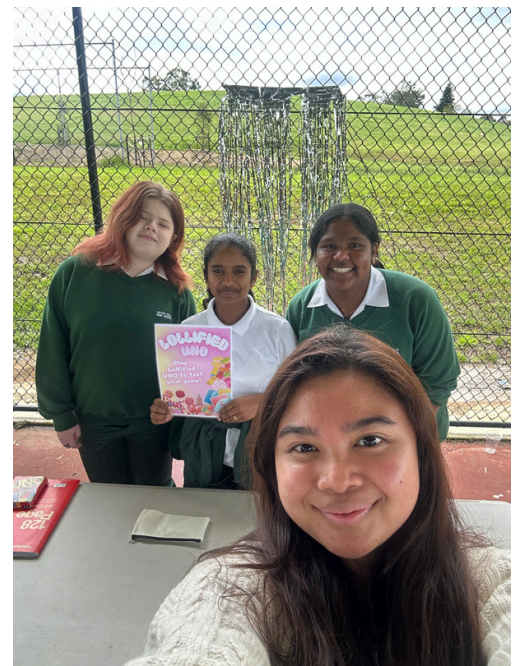


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Market Day

After months of planning and preparation, our Year 9 Commerce students proudly brought their learning to life with Market Day 2025 on Monday, August 25th, 2025. Market Day is a hands-on learning experience designed to put into practice what they have studied in Running a Business and Promoting and Selling. Since Term 2, every few lessons, students have been developing their business ideas, organising finances, designing marketing campaigns, and preparing to sell their products and services to the school community.

The event took place during Lunch 1 and Lunch 2 in the Basketball COLA. Students and staff swapped their cash for tokens at the central Token Stall, and from there, the fun began. Stalls were filled with creativity and variety, offering fruit salad, spiders (ice cream and soft drink), cookies, lemonade and brownies, lolly bags, donuts, and a range of pastries including cupcakes and croissants. For entertainment, there was a photobooth, soccer ball games, and a karaoke stall complete with fairy floss and drinks. The turnout was fantastic, with large crowds gathering across both lunch breaks. Profits from the day will go towards future Commerce excursions and activities, making the learning even more engaging and practical. It was a day that highlighted student teamwork, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit.



Class Highlights



Inclusive Education

Inclusive Education Multi-Sport Day

On the 8th of September, a group of students from our Inclusive Education program took part in the Multi-Sport Day at Fred Catterson Reserve and Hills Basketball Association.

Alongside students from seven other schools in our region, they had the chance to experience eight different sports – including pickleball, netball, boccia, touch football, soccer, AFL, and golf.

For many, it was their first time trying some of these activities, and it was wonderful to see students discovering new skills and even new favourite sports they hadn't known about until they attended the event!



Inclusive Education



National Skills Week

In Week 6, Seven Hills High School and The Vocational Innovation Centre proudly celebrated National Skills Week with a wide variety of engaging activities. Students participated in exciting challenges such as "What's My Line," drainage projects, and creating aluminium key chains, while others experienced hands-on learning in the Health Services space.

On Monday, we played host to Bert Oldfield Public School, when students participated in a Vocational Experience Day where they learned how to make podcasts, record TV news reports, build robots, mix music, and create a plumbing system in the sandpit. It was an honour to have a visit from the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, Minister Steve Whan, and Secretary of the NSW Department of Education, Murat Dizdar, who joined in with the students when they were creating their plumbing system.



These events provided valuable opportunities for students to explore diverse career paths, learn about post-school pathway options, and develop essential skills for their future workplaces. National Skills Week truly inspired our students to envision and prepare for their futures.



National Skills Week



Vocational Innovation Centre

Innovation Cup Challenge

This term marked the exciting start of the inaugural Innovation Cup Challenge, with Year 6 students from Quakers Hill Public School, Lynwood Park Public School, Doonside Public School, Marayong Public School, Bert Oldfield Public School and Metella Road Public School teaming up to compete in their school rounds.

The Innovation Cup is a giant board game that puts students' problem-solving, collaboration, creative thinking, and social skills to the test, as they race against the clock to complete a series of engaging challenges and earn points. The winning teams from each school will return in Term 4 to face off in a new set of challenges, battling to claim the title of Innovation Cup 2025 champions.

We can't wait to see the creativity and teamwork on display!



Vocational Innovation Centre



Book Week

Book Week 2025 - 'Book an Adventure'

This year's Book Week at Seven Hills High School was a celebration of imagination and storytelling, held in the school library under the theme 'Book an Adventure'. The highlight of the day was a visit from the fabulous author Gabrielle Tozer, who captivated students with an engaging presentation about her writing journey. Her session was met with enthusiasm, with many students lining up afterwards for autographs. Three lucky students even walked away with a signed copy of one of her popular books as part of a special giveaway. Following the presentation, selected students participated in a creative writing workshop led by Gabrielle, where she generously shared her insights and tips on the writing process, leaving students feeling inspired and empowered to tell their own stories.

The day concluded with a fun CosPlay and Trivia event, where students dressed as their favourite book characters and competed to show off their literary knowledge. Prizes were awarded for best dressed and to the trivia champions, bringing the perfect end to a fun-filled and unforgettable Book Week 2025.



Book Week

