

SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL

Sea Horse News

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Exciting New Sport Options



At Swansea High School we have reviewed our current school sport structure in order to improve the sport program for 2017. As part of this development there will be changes to the structure of sport for Years 9 & 10. Year 7 & 8 sport programs will remain relatively unchanged.

Next year, Years 9 & 10 will be combined for sport and run together at the same time. This will provide students in these year groups greater opportunity to participate in a wider range of sports. The sport options available will vary from term to term and will range from fee paying activities to free sports. Each sport option will have a limit to the number of students that can be allocated, so students are encouraged to review the sport options and discuss it with parents before making a commitment to the term. Attached to this Seahorse newsletter is a list of the sport options available for Term 1, 2017. More information will be provided in the New Year.

**Merry Christmas, have a safe
happy holiday!**



From the Principal

Robyn Leggatt

We are now very near completing another great year at Swansea High. Year 10 students have undertaken their interviews where they look back on their learning and analyse their performance to set learning goals for 2017. I was very proud of the students as they arrived to participate dressed to impress and it didn't stop there as they were equally impressive at the interview process. The generosity of the community members who gave up their time to assist us is greatly appreciated.

Year 8 are undertaking their interviews this week and have been asked to reflect on their learning through the lens of the required employment skills of the future : Communication, Collaboration, Creativity and Critical Thinking. Students have been preparing for the interviews in their Library periods for the last term and this will provide a strong foundation as they move into the next phase of their lives where there is a good chance these skills will be put to good use sourcing part time work.

Thanks to our staff who are always willing to put their hand up to add another layer of support to our students and to our parents and carers who support the initiatives we introduce.

Best wishes to all our community for a safe, relaxing and enjoyable festive season and we will see you again in the new year!

Important Dates

December

13th - Didgeridoo Tour of Primary Schools

13th - PDHPE Assessment Task

14th - Annual Presentation Assembly 9:15 AM

15th - 2016 Year 12 Breakfast & Sign Out Day

16th - Last Day of Term 4

2017

January

27th - Staff Development Day

30th - Years 7 11 & 12 School Starts

31st - Years 8, 9 & 10 School Starts

February

27th to 1st March Year 7 Camp

May

29th - School Photos

2016

Annual Presentation Assembly

Please join us and celebrate the achievements of our students

14th December

9:15am

in the school hall



Faculty of Business and Creative Industries
Belmont Campus

Do you need skills for the future?

Do you need training in Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Medical, Bookkeeping, Information Technology or Retail?

A range of courses will be offered including full-time, part-time and flexible delivery options in our Personalised Learning Centre. Both day and evening classes are available.

Would you like to study some units for free?

Would you like some training in Business Administration, Accounts, Bookkeeping or Information Technology?

A range of fee free skillsets are available to eligible students who enrol by December 2016 and can be studied until May 2017. These taster courses are a great opportunity to try a new area of study.

Ring NOW to express your interest for skillsets or Semester 1, 2017 courses.

**INFORMATION/ENROLMENT SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2016 at 10AM, and
TUESDAY 24 JANUARY 2017 at 10.00AM**

2017 Classes commence 6 February 2017

For further information, please give us a call on 4979 6154 or check our website at www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au

Creative Art Students



Gwandalan Primary School recently held an art show and invited some of our creative students to contribute to the exhibition.

A wonderful variety of paintings, drawings and sculptures, from years 8 to 11, were on display and well received by everyone.



SHS Big Day Out

Our 2016 "Positive Behaviour for Learning Big Day Out" Excursion was held on Monday 28th November. Students who had achieved more than 85% attendance, zero behaviour referrals and zero overdue or outstanding tasks for the whole of 2016 were invited to attend as a reward for their excellent behaviour, application and attitudes towards their learning.

Approximately 1/3 of our students were invited to attend which is a fabulous achievement in itself.

Students attended Lambton Pool where they had unlimited use of the waterslides and water obstacle course and a BBQ lunch. We then returned to school for a movie in the hall and outdoor portable laser tag on the school oval.

Lots of smiles and laughs all round!



Like us on Facebook to keep up to date with what is happening at Swansea High School.

Sydney Tower Dining Experience

Hospitality students went on a road trip to Sydney Tower. Students were taken on a tour of Sydney Tower's Production Kitchen by the Head Chef who talked about hygiene, food contamination, deliver and storage requirements, Workplace Health and Safety in the hospitality industry and preparation of all the meals served at Sydney Tower..

After the tour with the Head Chef they indulged in a buffet lunch at 360 Dining Revolving Restaurant with an amazing view of the city.



Students could choose from a variety of interesting dishes such as emu sausages, 16-spiced kangaroo rump, pearl couscous, mixed dry fruit, fried onion and a mizkan vinaigrette, what a taste sensation! But most of all students enjoyed the desserts. A great day was had by all.

BANDWIDTH Competition



On the 7th November several music students travelled to Hunter School of Performing Arts to watch Bandwidth. Bandwidth is a band competition for up and coming high school bands to gain exposure and feedback from music industry experts. Swansea High School was lucky enough to have Ruby Cooke, Brooklyn and Cailyn Wilson's band 'Patina Fender' entered into this prestigious competition. Patina Fender had the difficult task of being the first band on stage to open the show. However, they played exceptionally well and received some very positive feedback from the judges. All the students who attended enjoyed listening and seeing live bands from other schools on stage. Swansea High hopes to enter two bands next year in this competition.

Overseas Cultural Student Exchange Opportunities

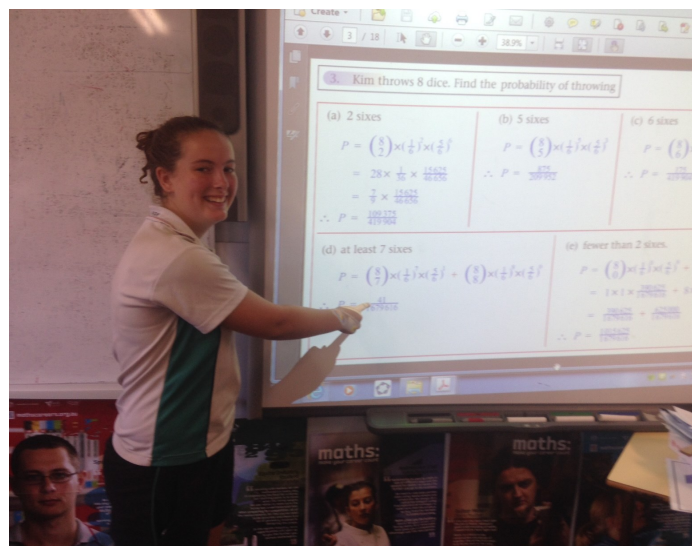
- Have you ever considered or wanted to travel? Why not combine it with learning. There are heaps of countries to choose from. If you want to experience something new, take the leap and join hundreds of young Aussies who head overseas every year.
- Swansea High School offers a range of overseas cultural Exchange programs. If you are interested see the Administration Office for more information.

Learning to Lead Day

On Friday 11th November 20 Year 9 and 10 students from Swansea High School along with 150 students from our Community of Schools attended the annual Learning To Lead Day. Swansea High School was chosen to host the day. There were a number of Sport Development Officers delivering Dance, Cricket, Football, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Golf and Netball. The students were given the opportunity to attend three different workshops during the day and will be able to deliver this to our feeder primary schools in Term 1 next year.

The feedback from the day was very positive both about our students who were participating and our school. Any student who is interested in the Premier's Sporting Challenge leadership program is encouraged to join, especially Year 8 students who will become our future leaders.

A group of 8 students will be attending the Leading With Change Camp to be held at Milson's Island Sport and Recreation Centre next week. This is an opportunity for those students to enhance their leadership and sport knowledge as well as a reward for being dedicated to the challenge.



Exceptional Algorithmic Thinker

Rachel is one of only 60 students from across Australia selected to participate in the DigIT program.

DigIT is an awesome program designed to introduce students with potential to algorithmic thinking, coding and other aspects of ICT, and to encourage the continuance of ICT studies in senior secondary school and at tertiary level.

Rachel will participate in two residential camps with a mentoring program over a six-month period.

This is a huge opportunity for Rachel. She'll be a great ambassador for our school and community.

Yr 9 Baking & Decorations

Year 9 Food Tech have had lots of fun in the kitchen. They have been busy designing, baking and decorating birthday cakes recently.



State Drama Performance



A dramatic congratulations to our resident star performer, Jason Dizon, who represented Swansea High School with distinction at the NSW Public Schools, State Drama Festival 2016. Jason played a leading role in the State Drama Ensemble piece (created entirely by students) titled, 'No Place Like Home' an expressionist, mask piece that explores the issue of homelessness in our contemporary society. Jason has done us all proud, representing our little school on one of the country's biggest stages.

Special Thank You to Our Sponsors for our Annual Presentation Day

Aust. Defence Force Long Tan Youth Awards

Belmont Golf Club

Blacksmiths Hardware

Black Swan Waterfront Motel

Caves Beach Cosmetic Surgery

Yasmin Catley MP Member for Swansea

**Delta Club of Swansea/Caves Beach
Eckersley's Art & Craft**

Pat Conroy MP Member for Shortland

Kevin Hincks, OAM, Patron

Lions Club of Swansea

Mai Thai Restaurant

Marks Point Sports Club

Pelican RSL Club

Phil Skamperle Manufacturing Jewellers

Rotary Club of Belmont

Swansea High P&C Association

Swansea RSL Club

Swansea RSL Sub-Branch

Swansea Surf Shop

Swansea Workers Club



2017 Sport Options

Yr 9 & 10, Term 1

Surfing - \$10 per week.

Learn to surf or simply go surfing with Newcastle Surf School. Enjoy being out on the water with your mates. Bring your board, swimmers, towel and sunscreen. Payment of \$90 for the term is required before commencing surfing.

Ice Skating - \$8 per week + \$30/term for bus

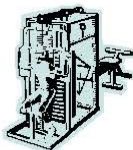
Catch the bus to Warners Bay and get ready to have fun on the ice. Great way to keep coool in summer! Socks are required

Ten Pin Bowling - \$5 per week + \$30/term for bus

Catch the bus to Warners Bay Ten Pin and play one game of ten pin with your friends. Socks are required.

Caves Beach Gym- \$4 per week

Walk to the local gym and improve your fitness by participating in a range of weights, cardio and CrossFit activities.



Tennis - \$3 per week

Walk to Caves Tennis courts and play doubles or singles with other students or even the teachers! Bring your own racquet.



Swansea Skate Park - FREE

Bring your skateboard or scooter and ride to Swansea Skate park to skate the ramps and half bowl. Must have a helmet.



Note: A standards approved helmet must be worn at all times

Starstruck Dance Group - FREE

This sport is for students who are interested in performing at Starstruck for Dance.

Beach Activities – FREE

Walk to Caves Beach and play a range of sports on the beach including cricket, soccer, touch or even sand castle competitions.

Note: Swimming is not included as part of this sport

Summer Sports – FREE

Participate in an organised competition in a range of sports including :- volleyball, basketball, soccer, touch football, netball

Walking – FREE Walk around the Caves community and discover the local area.

Students must be willing to participate in their selected sport for the ENTIRE TERM. Sport choices will NOT be changed during the term. Please select your sport carefully, taking the price into consideration. Please note that the venue cost is weekly paid to the venue. ALL bus payments must be finalised by Week 3. Students who do not have their venue money on the day and/or full sport uniform will attend sport detention.

Sports detention

Students who are unwilling to follow the school's sports policies and procedures are allocated a sports detention as a consequence. Sports detention runs during sport time and students are given work to do as a consequence for poor behaviour at sport. Sports detentions may only be issued by the sports coordinator or a member of the school executive. Parents/caregivers will generally be contacted when a student is allocated a sports detention. Further consequences may be issued for serious offences at sport or for persistent misbehaviour which results in several sports detentions during any given school term.