

# SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL

## Sea Horse News

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Oliver Baird who attended our awards ceremony earlier this term to receive the award as Dux for 2018. Oliver worked consistently throughout his years at Swansea High, always striving to achieve his personal best. He is now at Newcastle University studying law and politics. We wish you all the best for your future and extend our every confidence that you will continue to share your leadership qualities in the wider community.

## SRC Induction

Congratulations to the 2019 SRC members who were officially inducted during a formal assembly during Week 1. We look forward to your positive impact in the school. Thank you to parents and carers who attended the ceremony.

Also, thank you to Jack Crouch and Blake Blacklow for their sensational music performance.





## From the Principal - *Robyn Leggatt*

I had the pleasure of getting my nails done at the Jumpstart Retail Expo yesterday as they provided a variety of services at their pop up café Café Donne. It is great to see entrepreneurial skills at play! The price of a service was a donation of blankets, school supplies and toiletries to be given to our local EastLakes Community Centre and the Angel Charity. What a wonderful act of kindness by our students and staff. If you have any donations you would like to add to this gift from the school community please send them to school with your young person or drop them in. Spare blankets, doonas, warm clothes as well as toiletries and school supplies to support those in need in our community would be very welcome.

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June from 6 – 7pm we will be holding our parent information evening for Term 2. The meeting will be in the school Library and there will be finger food available. The topics to be covered on the night will be :

How can the school improve our communication with our parent community

How to help young your person achieve their best in their secondary education with a specific and separate presentation provided for parents of senior students.

If you would like to attend could you please let the office know for catering purposes.

We will also be discussing the re-formation of the school P&C at this meeting. Don't let this put you off coming as there will be no pressure to be included and no pressure to fund raise at all!

At Swansea High, the P&C is a body where you can ask questions, gain information and give feedback around the work we do. If we do not have a feedback mechanism it is hard to know where improvements are needed – so we need your voice.

Please come along and join us for an informative night and some nice food!

## Important Dates

### June

- 6th - Newcastle Knights Hunter Schools Premiership Finals
- 7th - Year 11 English Ext 1—Hand in Task
- 11th - Year 9 English Ext Task 3
- 12th - Year 12 Maths Standard 1 Assessment Task  
- HSC Maths Ext Assessment Task
- 14th - Year 12 Maths Standard 1 Assessment Task  
- Year 9 Jump Start English Task 3
- 19th - HSC Modern History Assessment Task  
- HSC Business Studies Assessment Task  
- Zone Athletics
- 20th - Project Rockit Digital Ambassador
- 25th - Year 11 Maths Standard Assessment Task
- 26th - Year 11 Maths Standard Assessment Task  
- Year 12 Advanced English Excursion
- 27th - Year 9 Food Technology incursion
- 28th - Year 11 Maths Advanced Assessment Task  
- HSC Engineering Studies Assessment Task

### July

- 2nd - Dreamnight Reshearsals Years 10 - 12
- 3rd - HSC English Ext Assessment Task  
- Dreamnight Rehearsals Years 10 - 12  
- Year 12 Maths Standard 2 Assessment Task  
- Year 11 Legal Studies Task 2  
- Uni Schools Visit Day - Year 12
- 4th - Dreamnight Year 10 - 12
- 26th - Year 11 English Ext 1 In Class Task
- 31st - Term 2 Achievement Assembly  
- Parent Teacher Night - Years 7– 10 from 4pm—7pm

### August

- 12th - HSC Legal Studies Task 4 due Week 4 Term 3
- 28th - Year 11 Industrial Technology Assessment Task

## Cosi Production

Year 11 Drama 2019 have pulled off one of the most complicated performances in Senior Drama history here at Swansea High, performing Louis Nowra's classic play 'Cosi' on the final Friday of the Term 1 holidays for an intimate audience of family and friends. The challenges were immense, from perfecting Nowra's naturalistic characterisation and dialogue to staging a dynamic ensemble piece in a black box theatrical space. However, this talented group took it all in their stride and rehearsed intensely for over 40 hours across the two weeks to ensure a polished final performance that truly captured the playwright's vision of a piece of theatre that masquerades as an examination of madness and sanity in a 1970s Australia dominated by chaos and social upheaval. A special thank you to Ms Elise Power and the English Faculty for the amazing support and assistance, and to Mr Peter Perry for his recording studio which helped add to the technological dynamic of the performance. A greater challenge now awaits this exceptionally talented group: 'Dreamnight of Mystery' on 4/7 @ 6pm. Be sure to pick up a ticket from the front office of the school or purchase online - \$8 adult, \$5 Child, \$20 Family.





## Athletics Carnival

On Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> April, we held our annual athletics carnival. Although the weather gods smiled upon us, with the rain holding off for the day, the tradesmen gods did not as our hall was out of action for the morning while the lights were replaced. This caused a bit of a back log in the high jump competition, but we got there in the end. Well done to all students on a successful carnival and a special congratulations to our zone representatives and age champions. An excellent team effort saw Kolora narrowly defeat Aldura to be the winning house for the day.

### Athletics

12	Zak McDougall	12	Stephanie Smith
13	Ty Leadbeatter	13	Emma Murphy
14	Billy Kealy	14	Amanda Young
15	Zayne Potts	15	Kaylee Dowsett
16	Tom March	16	Ally Boertje
17-19	Josh Payne	17-19	Amie Keywood

Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of May saw a sea of blue throughout Swansea High School, with students supporting Dolly's Dream. **Dolly's Dream** was set up in memory of Amy 'Dolly' Everett, aged 14, who took her own life after an extended period of bullying and cyberbullying in 2017. Swansea high School pulled together to raise over \$300 to donate to the foundation. This will go towards raising awareness of the devastating impacts of all forms of bullying, and developing programs to support young people and their families.



## Swansea Slays NSW School Cup

Swansea High School participated in the netball gala day at the end of Term 1. Our 7/8 girls team formed some strong connections in preparation for East Lake Zone netball later in the year, while the 9/10 girls team showed some exceptional skills throughout their 5 games, missing out on progressing to regionals by 1 point on the final table. Even after one training session, the two 9/10 boys teams showed they knew how to control a netball court, and easily transferred their skills to a new context. One of our 9/10 boys teams managed to win their division, and are off to the regional competition to be held in Term 3. Congratulations everyone on a fantastic day. Thank you to Ella Garland, Chelsea Robertson and Olivia Stokes who umpired games on the day.







## Lest We Forget

Thank you to the Swansea High School students who took time out of their holidays to show support at the ANZAC Day March. It is an important time to reflect on those who dedicated so much to ensure that we have the freedoms and luxuries of today. As School Captains, Madison Le Marchant and Dimitri Rizk delivered a stirring address to commemorate the fallen, and those still defending Australian's today. Lest We Forget.

## All About Athletics

Thank you to our Year 9 PASS students who assisted at the Caves Beach athletics carnival on Friday of Week 1 this term. It was fantastic to see our students supporting our local feeder primary school's and even reflecting on the war cry battles of the houses some of them used to be in. As you can see, they take their job very seriously.



## Sunday Sophistication

Whilst most people were enjoying a sleep-in on Sunday morning our dedicated Year 12 English Extension 1 class were up before dawn to travel to Sydney for a study day. They joined over 1000 other Extension 1 students from across the state to attend lectures and consolidate the learning that is happening in class. As the venue was quite impressive they donned looks of sophistication for this class photo. The students are now embarking on their study of their final prescribed text, the classic absurdist play "Waiting For Godot" by Samuel Beckett.



# Girls Football Winning Streak

Round 3 of our girls footballing journey saw our first home game against Kurri Kurri High. In what was our most challenging game so far, the squad played with great skill, grace and commitment. Round 4 will see our girls play in the Quarter Finals at Lake Macquarie Regional Football Facility – Speers Point. A win here would see the girls compete with the final 4 schools of the Hunter Region.



## Careers Expo

The Newcastle Careers Expo on the 16th May was a huge success. Swansea High students from Years 10, 11 and 12 enjoyed talking to potential employers, Universities and Colleges. The Careers Expo is a great way to collect information and talk to people about planning your future. Keep an eye out for next year's excursion.





# Fast 5 Netball

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, Swansea High School entered 3 teams to compete in the first ever Fast 5 Netball competition held at the Wangi Netball Courts. The teams were made of Year 11 students, with many trialling netball for the first time. All teams were mixed which proved both exciting and highly entertaining, and there were some huge improvements over the day. Team 3 was our most successful, only narrowly missing out on the final and placing third overall.

Thank you to the players for conducting themselves and representing Swansea High School so well. The sportsmanship and fun you gave to each game was awesome! Thank you also to our umpires – Ally Boertje (Yr 10), Erin Baxter & Ella Garland (Yr 8). We couldn't of done it without you!



## SKILLbuild

Workskills group are working with a builder and the Yr12 Construction students as mentors. They are building a partitioned wall to install a digital technology room for the Art students and have completed an outdoor learning area for science.

## TAS

Yr11 Industrial Technology students are working on foundation skill design and furniture making. The project base includes a hall table/desk and wall cabinets.

Students are focussing on work, Health and Safety along with design and wood machining skills



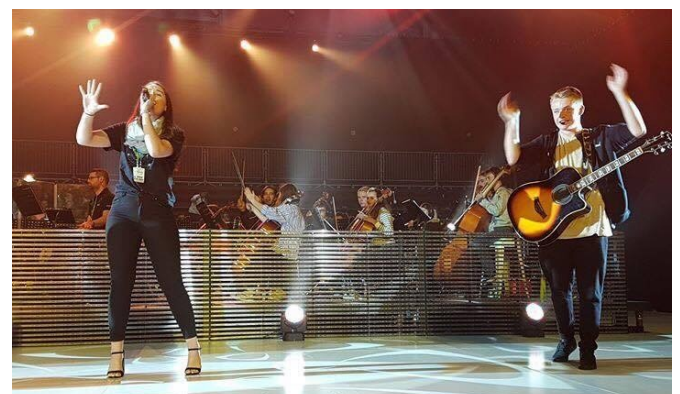
# Mathspace ROCKS!

A couple of quotes from Year 9 students on how Mathspace improves learning from their semester 1 assignments:

"Mathspace is head and shoulders over any other mathematics site. Mathspace is unique in that it allows students to go at their own pace, allowing students of all abilities to learn." - Jye Bugeja

"One of the greatest strengths Mathspace offers is its unique and supportive features. There are a number of different tools provided to enhance the learning opportunity and overall improvement of a student, promising great results and an amazing effect on the student's mathematical ability." - Claudia Hickey

So get in there and give it a go, you will notice improvement!



Well Done to Jack Crouch for being selected in the Starstruck Rock Band. This is his third year in the show.