



Semester 2, Term 3 2020

CALENDAR CHECK

Term 3

Week 2 to Week 5 – 20 Oct to 11 Nov 2020:
Year 12 HSC Exams

Week 3 – 29 Oct 2020
Vaccinations

Week 10 – 18 Dec 2020
Last day of school for 2020

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations to our SCHS learning community as we draw to the end of another term filled with lots of opportunities, and also curve balls, as we continue to navigate our way through 2020. I look forward to showcasing the many successes of our students and our school community this past term on the following pages. Leading our community through this new 'normal' has only be successful given the tremendous efforts of all our members including our teaching staff, teaching and non-teaching, administration staff, students and parents/carers.

This term we farewell our Deputy Principal, Mrs Karen Shepherd as she takes up the position of Principal, Galston High School. Mrs Shepherd has made an invaluable contribution to our school community. Her relentless focus on student growth and well being has ensured our students have had access to opportunities that allow them to engage effectively in their learning and most importantly ensuring they develop a love of learning. Mrs Shepherd has worked with, and had a positive impact on staff, teaching and non-teaching, students and our parent and local community. We wish her every success as she begins this new journey, she will be missed by us all.

We welcome our new Deputy Principal, Mr Rod Tuynman who commences Day 1, Term 4. Mr John Brady will act in a third Deputy Principal role assisting Mr Tuynman as he transitions to the routines and systems of our learning community.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT

As our newsletter goes to press, we take great pleasure in the recognition our students who have shown commitment to their learning this term demonstrating our values of participation, respect, innovation, drive and excellence. Students are acknowledged in front of their peers during an official assembly, students also receive a certificate. We are very proud of the growing number of students receiving our P.R.I.D.E awards. Congratulations to all our students.

We end the term celebrating the success of our Yr 12 students as they successfully complete 13 years of schooling. We wish them all every success as they begin their final preparations for their HSC examinations. We are so very proud of this particular group. Whilst they've had challenges no one would've ever have imagined in the lead up to this point, they have shown resilience and strength. We look forward to acknowledging their success at the formal graduation ceremony to be held on the 19th November 2020.

Yr 12, we ask that you *'make your perfect effort'* not only as you prepare for your exams, but as you prepare to begin your journey in wider life and society ...

"Keep all the ideals and values you have developed from attending a fully comprehensive public high school, for they will hold you in good stead. Maintain that commitment and spirit you have displayed throughout your time here, but keep that sense of fun, we will miss you, thank you for enriching the life of the school and in turn, we hope and trust that we have enriched yours."

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday

Mrs Julie Tegart

Principal, St Clair High School

This is an exciting time of the year for Year 12 as they begin the countdown to some key significant milestones in their education. The completion of their final examinations as secondary students marks the end of their time as high school students, and the graduation and formal are marquee events in the school calendar. Staff look forward to celebrating these milestones with Year 12 before they begin their final preparations for their external exams. They have been a terrific group of students and I wish them all the best as they study hard in the lead up to the examinations early next Term.

I would like to make special mention of our outgoing leadership team, Saele Ah Mann, Marc Maayo, Nyah Mason Whitiri, Bailee Schoenherr and Michael Nemeruck. I am delighted to say that they have done an absolutely fantastic job over the last 12 months, particularly during these hard times of Covid. On behalf of the whole school I thank them for their efforts and wish them every success for the future.

In addition, I would like to publicly acknowledge the work of the teaching staff. It is a privilege to be allocated a Year 12 class in your teaching load. The staff at SCHS have worked beyond expectations to show case their personal best to guide, teach and support all year students. I would also like to recognize Mr A Dowd; the Year 12 year adviser and Ms H Brennan; the Year 12 Assistant Year Adviser for the work and support of year 12.

It is with a sense of sadness that this will be my last newsletter I contribute to at St Clair High School. In Term 4, I will take up the position of Principal at Galston High School. My time at St Clair High School has been incredible, rewarding and has provided me with an opportunity to serve an amazing group of students. I have appreciated the opportunities that have been provided to me during the seven years I have been at St Clair High School. The staff are an amazing group of committed intelligent professionals that work beyond what is expected of them with a clear focus to improve student academic and wellbeing outcomes. I have valued the connections I have made with our families. Thank you St Clair and farewell.

Karen Shepherd

Deputy Principal

HSC Student Advice

We know our students and staff have worked hard for the HSC. The safety of our students and staff remains of utmost importance. This year extra arrangements are in place to ensure that any disruption due to COVID-19 will have minimal impact on HSC exams.

Our school has put in place a number of contingencies to help ensure exams run as smoothly as possible.

The exams have been scheduled and our school has arrangements in place for exams to proceed as planned. It is important that students review their timetable and plan well so they turn up for their exams on time, healthy and rested.

Any student with a pre-existing condition, that presents similarly to flu-like symptoms, should be planning now and speak to their doctor/GP. The GP can provide a medical certificate ahead of the exams to ensure they are not sent home.

If on the day of the exam your child feels unwell with flu-like symptoms, they should stay home and get tested. HSC students are prioritised for COVID-19 test results.

It's important to note that all students will be asked if they are well before entering exam rooms.

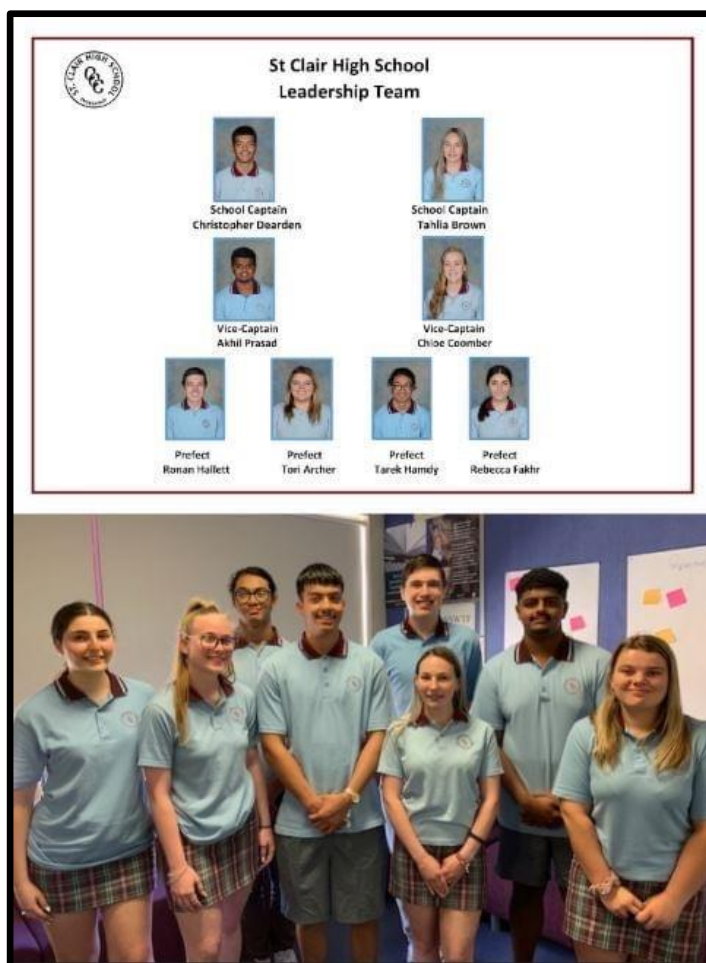
We want all our students to sit their exams but sometimes things happen. If your child is unwell and misses their exam, contact the school. Students who are unwell will be eligible for the [illness and misadventure](#) provision with NESA.

If there are any changes to exam arrangements we will communicate with HSC students through via school email and an established SCHS HSC COVID contact number 0474 168 820. This will be the **only source of communication** for these types of notifications. If in doubt, please call the school.

We wish all our students well in the upcoming exams.

LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2021

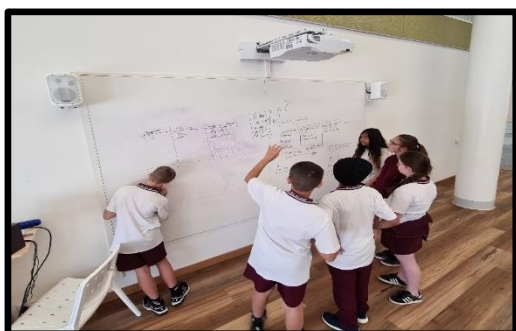
We are very proud to announce our 2021 SCHS Leadership team. The position of leader is one of great responsibility. We look forward to working with the team as they ensure student voice plays a crucial role in the St Clair High School learning community.



CLI

Contemporary Learning Innovations is a core subject in years 7 and 8 where students develop fundamental skills that are transferable across all subject areas. These skills include, research - in a range of formats, looking at key ways to achieve the best results which is an integral part of the REPOWER framework, writing such as the use of TEEEL in structured paragraphs, the use of technology, and collaboration to name a few. Each term is focused around an individual and group project where these skills are developed and put to the test.

This term in Year 7 CLI students evaluated our school values platform and developed methods to increase their effectiveness. This has involved, survey design, survey analysis and evaluation, which was then used by the students to design and create a variety of activities and resources including: events, games, videos & promotional material. Year 8 CLI having been developing an Amazing Race. This has involved students researching geographical locations, report writing and creating challenges.



JERSEY DAY

SCHS Staff proudly supporting Jersey Day. This is an important day that St Clair has embraced for a number of years giving our school community the opportunity to begin the conversation around the importance of organ donation.



NEVERREST

St Clair high school today took part in the 2020 @_neverrest challenge. Between students and staff, a total of 6790 Push-ups were donated to the cause for Cystic Fibrosis.



RUOK Day

Today we recognised and embraced the importance of R U OK day and how a conversation could change a life. While it was a wet day this didn't stop staff and students engaging in talks about the importance of good mental health and checking in on their friends. The day also included a fundraiser BBQ and a staff fitness challenge with all money raised going to support Children with cancer via the Great Cycle Challenge.



10 COMMERCE BUSINESS DAY

Over the last 5 weeks, students in 10COY have been working hard setting up their businesses for their Commerce assessment task. They formed groups and researched different products they wanted to market and sell at school. They thought of many great ideas and eventually decided on their final products. Each group then had to source their products and create a marketing campaign (posters, pre-order sales, surveys etc.)

The students set up their stalls for lunch time sales. A number of groups managed to sell out within the first half of lunch, showing how successful their choice of product was. Majority of the groups ended the day in surplus, but the main takeaway was that all groups had something to talk about. This was a great learning experience for all involved as discussion at the end of lunch focused on what the groups did well and where they thought improvement could be made in the future.

All profits from this event go to a charity of the student's choice. The groups and their business are as follows:

Christofle and Erin – Spotify song & picture in frame.
Martin, Esmerelda & Stephani - Hand sanitiser & face masks.
Paola, Taleish & Natasha – Scented candles.
Taylah, Angelina & Emily – Tie Dye.
Ieremia and Nihmaren – Photobooth.
Darcell, Ravina & Sophia – Flowers.
Christina, Zoe & Emma – Bandanas, scrunchies and face masks.
Adrian, Delson, Salim & Dylan – Mystery Bags.
Thomas, Tyson & Deniz – Car wash.



SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

The Social Justice Team raised \$305 with a fundraiser BBQ. COVID has stalled our fundraising this year, but we worked hard to ensure the safety of our team and customers run a successful fundraiser. A big congratulations to our team and a thank you to their families who are always so generous in donating items for our fundraisers.



CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Term 3 is proving to be another busy and productive time in the Creative and Performing Arts faculty. Congratulations to all our wonderful visual artists on the following projects.

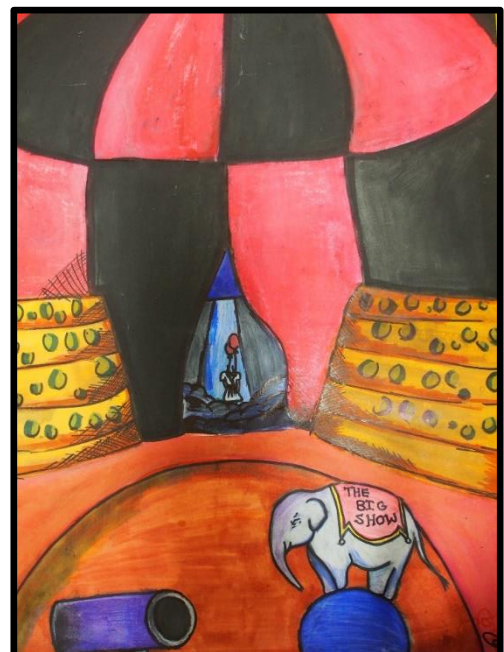
Operation Art 2020

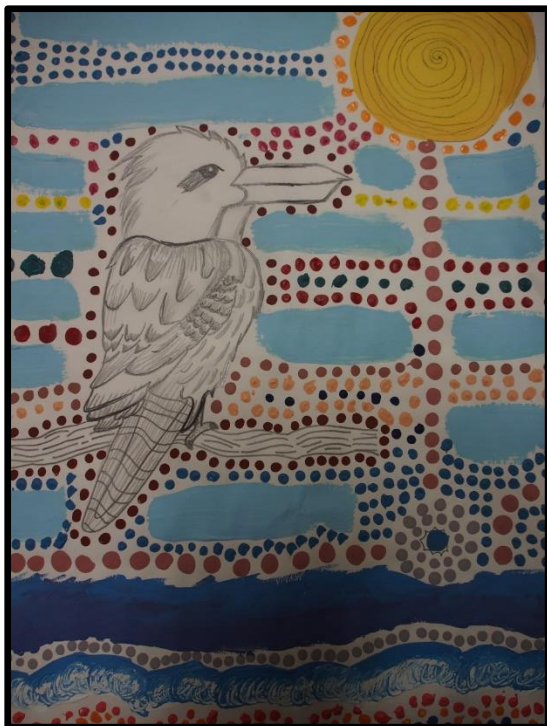
The Operation Art provides a forum for schools and students to demonstrate their Visual Arts skills and achievements. Operation Art is held at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park Homebush which is held in September 2020. Thousands of students and families attend the exhibition to view well over nine hundred entries that are selected from all over NSW Primary and Secondary schools.

The following students were selected for this year Operation Art 2020. Only four students are selected from years 7-10 which is a great honour to be selected from our school. Congratulations to Sophie Adams, Samantha Tumangday (Year 8) Hayley Beekman, Darlene Faamausili Paese (Year 7). We would like to congratulate all our exhibiting artists and thank you for being part of this unique project – it is always a wonderful opportunity to recognise the many achievements and talents of our students and a huge honour for them to exhibit their artworks. Well done and Congratulations.

Doris Rainsford and Maria Blyberg
(Visual Arts Teachers).

Artworks selected for Operation Art 2020





Nagoya Sister City Art Exchange in Japan 2020

The City Art Exchange exhibition will feature outstanding artwork from NSW Public Educational Schools. The artworks selected will be exhibited in Nagoya, Japan. Museum of Nagoya. Over 130 artwork are sent to Dianne Reichelt in Dubbo from the Nagoya Exchange only 80 artworks are selected from NSW Public Schools. Two artworks from each school which was a very hard task for the team. These artworks are generously donated by the year 7 and Year 8 students to hang at the Children's hospital in Japan.

These artworks were inspired by the Aboriginal Unit and Circus Unit where the student had to study an Australian Animal that were inspired by signs and symbols to tell a story. The students used a variety of mixed media to enhance their artworks.

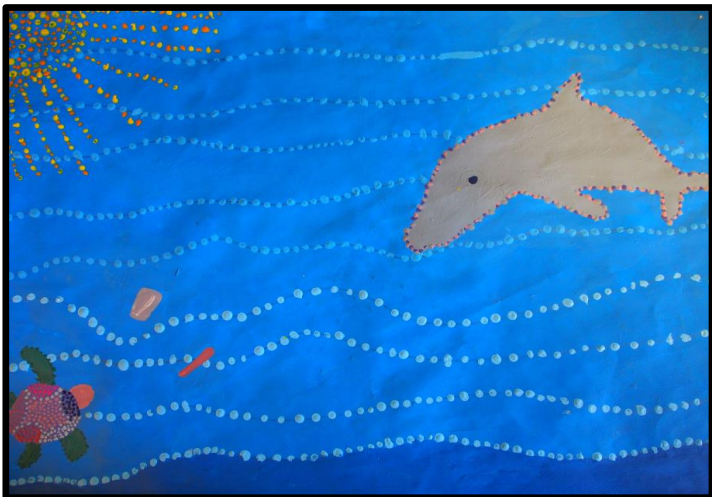
We are so proud of the three Year 7's students Zara Dardmal, Brooke Daniels and Layla Leoni and Year 8 Johbe Reid. It is such an honour for the students to be pre-selected and also to be given the opportunity to exhibit their artworks permanently in Japan and become an International artist's were their artworks will become a part of the permanent collection for the Nagoya Sister City Art Exchange. Congratulations to Zara Dardmal, Brooke Daniels and Layla Leoni (Year 7). Year 8 Johbe Reid

Miss Rainsford and Mrs Blyberg (Visual Art Teachers)

Circus Unit Year 8 Johbe Reid



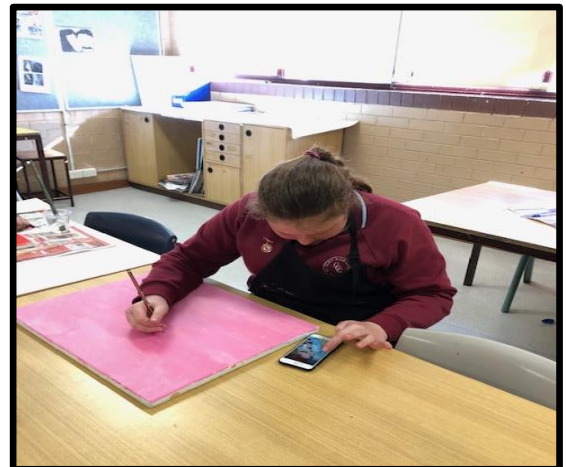
Year 7 Aboriginal Artworks Zara Dardmal, Brooke Daniels and Lavla Leoni



Art Club

Art Club runs every Monday afternoon from 2:40pm to 3:40pm. This group gives students the opportunity to develop their art skills in a variety of forms. This term students are working on canvas paintings.

For anyone interested in joining this exciting program, please collect a permission note from Miss Rainsford or Mrs Blyberg. There is a fee of \$10 per term and afternoon sacks are provided.



Music

Our year 12 students are currently working hard and rehearsing during class and after school in preparation for their HSC exams, which will be held in a couple of weeks.

We wish all our HSC students well.

Mrs Cenda and Ms Whittaker



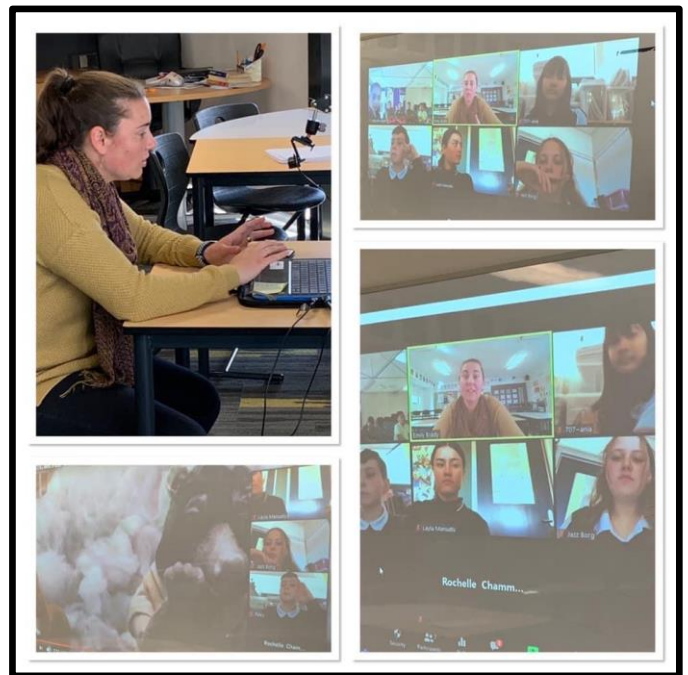
Drama Ensemble

Drama Ensemble is usually held on Monday afternoons from 2:40pm to 3:40pm. Unfortunately this group will be postponed till further notice. We look forward to seeing students develop their acting skills in the future.

Singers group and Dance group is also postponed until further notice. Stay tuned for performances in the future.

YEAR 6 EXTENSION ENGLISH PROGRAM

This year, SCHS has been connecting with our local primary schools through our Extension English Program. Despite COVID, we have continued working together on projects and this term we have been learning about and creating Stop Motion Animation. The students have created short Stop Motion films in which they karate chop paper and experimented with creating movement of images on whiteboards. We are looking forward to working with clay and creating some Claymation before the students select, plan and create their major stop motion work. It has been an interesting and enjoyable learning experience working with the students over Zoom.



NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM

Term 4 will see the full implementation of the new SCHS school uniform. A long process but definitely worth it.

The process began with a survey where 633 students, parents, staff and community members contributed to. Then the tender process began where a supplier was selected who could meet the needs based on the survey data focussing on quality and price. Manufacturing then began and I'm happy to say that timelines have been met.

Daylight Schoolwear Manufacturing Co. is our new uniform provider and the uniform shop will operate from Term 4 on two different days on the grounds of SCHS. Monday 8am – 11am and Wednesday 1pm – 4pm. The uniform can be purchased in the shop and anytime online (online orders to be collected from uniform shop).

There is a transition period of 3 years for the full implementation of the uniform across all year groups. For a limited time SCHS will subsidise the cost of the uniform when the uniform is purchased in the shop. Attached is the price list for online and in shop subsidised price.

Denise will be in the uniform shop to assist you or call her on 0422 888 364. She will happily answer any of your questions.

Please call Denise prior to arrival to make an appointment as Covid protocol must be adhered to.

I thank you for your input and support in this process and look forward to seeing your children wear our new uniform with PRIDE!

Sylvana Beslic – DP SCHS



St Clair High School Uniform Shop

Price List

ITEM	PRICE	SUBSIDISED PRICE in Shop Only
Girls		
Jnr Girls Blouse	34.00	20.00
Snr Girls Blouse	36.00	25.00
Girls Skirt	48.00	30.00
Girls Pants	40.00	25.00
Boys		
Jnr Boys Shirt	34.00	20.00
Snr Boys Shirt	35.00	20.00
Boys Tailored Trousers	40.00	27.00
Boys Tailored Shorts	38.00	25.00
Unisex		
School Jacket	73.00	50.00
Jnr Jumper	60.00	45.00
Snr Jumper	60.00	45.00
Jnr Polo	36.00	20.00
Snr Polo	36.00	20.00
Sports		
Sports Shirt	40.00	25.00
Sports Shorts	30.00	20.00
Corporate Pants	42.00	30.00

Uniform Shop Normal Trading Hours During School Term

Monday 8:00am -11:00am

Wednesday: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Contact Denise during Shop open hours on 0422 888 364

FUTURE'S HUB – CAREERS & TRANSITION

News from Tertiary Providers

Applying for uni as a Year 12 student with UAC

Our quick video guide for Year 12 students applying for undergraduate courses through UAC.

Visit <https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applica...> to get started. If you're unsure about what you'd like to do when you finish school, and are wondering if university is for you, you're not alone. Just remember that uni isn't only for the brightest students or for those with a specific career path in mind. Uni is for anyone who's committed to reaching their full potential and wants to acquire the skills and experience to achieve their goals. Keep your options open by taking the time to understand how the university application process works, how institutions use the ATAR to select students, non-ATAR pathways to tertiary study, and the many levels of financial support available to you.

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uznSlo_s_4U

Western Sydney University - 2020 Tour Dates

Monday 30th November - Friday 11th December

Come and explore all Western Sydney University has to offer. Prospective students, their family and the general public can take one of our guided Campus Tours and see what life at Western is really like.

You'll take a tour of our lecture theatres and teaching spaces, stroll through our campus libraries, and visit some of our world-class facilities where students gain hands-on, practical experience. You will speak to Academic staff, current and past students while having the opportunity to learn more about the various degrees on offer, course selection, living on campus and university life.

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/student-life/events/campus-tours.html>

Express your interest here:

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/form/campus_tour_eoi



TAFE NSW goes virtual for Open Day!

9-10 September

Students and parents can connect their own way – from anywhere. They'll have access to all the information and expert advice they need to find the career path that's right for them and their teen.

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/open-day>

Did you know... ?

Searching and applying for an Australian Apprenticeship is very much like hunting for any job. An employer has to create a vacancy and decide to use Australian Apprenticeships as a way to employ and train their staff. The following steps will explain the process to get an Australian Apprenticeship from the preparation stage, to the time you begin your training

<https://www.aapathways.com.au/job-hunting/tips>



Parks and Gardens Apprenticeship – Western Sydney

The Skilling and Employment Centre is recruiting on behalf of their employer for a Parks and Gardens Apprenticeship based in Western Sydney.

The Apprenticeship includes both on-the-job training and external training at a vocational provider. You will work towards earning a Certificate III in Parks and Gardens.

The job involves:

- Hedging and Pruning
- Mowing (Ride on and Push Mowing)
- Weed Control
- Turf Preparation and Laying
- Irrigation Installation
- Garden Planting and Mulching

Find out more and apply here:

<https://apply.jobadder.com/indeed/au2/2509/1041884/evzebnludotevnczhvhhtfa7ei?show=details>