

St Marys Senior High School

TERM 2 WEEKS 1 AND 2

29 April – 10 May 2024

Important Dates – Term 1 2024

W1	Tuesday 30 April	Students return for Term 2 2024 School ANZAC Ceremony
W1	Friday 3 May	Open Evening, 2pm – 6pm
W2	Thursday 9 May Friday 10 May	SMSHS Student Leadership Conference
W4	Tuesday 21 May	School Disco, 6.30pm – 9pm St Marys Diggers and Band Club
W5	Tuesday 28 May	School Council Meeting, reports to be shared via email
W6	Monday 3 June	School Athletics Carnival, Blair Oval
W7	Monday 10 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
W9	Tuesday 25 June	School Council Meeting, 6pm via Zoom
W9	Friday 28 June	Year 12 Excursion – Western Sydney Careers Expo Year 11 Seminar Day #1
W10	Wednesday 3 July	ValYOU Day 2024
W10	Friday 5 July	Final day of classes for Term 2

Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and were able to spend some time with your families and friends as well as finding some time for a well-deserved break. The start of the holidays was challenging for us all as we tried to understand why some horrific events occurred in Sydney. Please remember that we have a number of supports available for students who may need extra help, and I encourage students to reach out to their Student Advisers in the first instance.

Our rescheduled Open Evening will take place this Friday 3 May 2024. The evening will commence a little earlier at 2pm due to the end of daylight saving, and will conclude at 6pm. We are hoping to see as many families as possible. **Our expressions of interest for Year 11 2025 close on Friday 24 May at 4pm.** Further information can be found utilising the enrolment tab on our school's website. This includes an opportunity to book in a time with our onsite Justice of the Peace.

Our school athletics carnival is scheduled to be held in

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Principal's Report continued

Term 2 during Week 6 on Monday 3 June. We are hoping that a strong school spirit is on display at the carnival, following the success of our swimming carnival in Term 1. We have some outstanding athletes that I am looking forward to seeing compete, along with the wide range of Cluster colours.

News for Year 12

Year 12 are now halfway through their final year of school. Although that may sound scary it is also very exciting with lots of new opportunities becoming available. The 2024 Higher School Certificate written examination timetable will be published on Friday 3 May, and students should ensure that they have access to their personal examination timetable through NESA's Students Online facility. The Higher School Certificate oral language examination timetable will be released on Monday 29 April. For those students completing major works or performances as part of their studies, Term 2 should involve lots of planning to ensure you meet the due dates in the following term and produce a final product that highlights all of your effort, skills and talent. Students with multiple major works or performances have been provided an opportunity to work one on one with our Student Support Officer, Surmeet to assist with managing the demands of these tasks, and many students have taken up this offer. Students who are yet to meet with Surmeet are encouraged to make contact early in the term.

Towards the end of Term 1, I sent Year 12 students an email explaining the school's processes in relation to early entry requirements for university and UAC's School Recommendation Scheme (SRS) applications. These processes help to ensure that we can support students meet deadlines and provide supporting documentation where needed. Students are encouraged to book an appointment with Cheryl, our Careers Adviser to assist with planning their pathways beyond school. Some students who have experienced significant disadvantage which they believe has impacted on their studies may consider putting in an application under the Educational Access Scheme through UAC. There are a variety of categories that fall under the EAS scheme, and I encourage students to use the following link to find out further information:

<https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/scholarships-and-schemes/educational-access-schemes/how-to-apply>

News for Year 11

Congratulations to Year 11 for completing their first term at St Marys Senior High School. We hope that you have settled in well, have a better understanding of our processes, have made some new friends and have participated in a range of extra-curricular activities to broaden your experiences.



Attendance

As research shows us, consistent attendance is the essential first step for students to have a positive experience at school, and this is particularly true during Year 11 and Year 12. Many of our students have already established a positive attendance pattern at school throughout Term 1, recognising that missing school means missing course work, assignments, time with friends and a range of other school activities. Students are required to attend school every day that they are well enough to do so. The more time students attend school, the greater their opportunity to learn, make new friends and improve their wellbeing.

If a student is absent from school, parents and carers need to let us know as soon as possible and **within seven days of the absence**. The absence may be for part of a school day or for all of the school day. Parents and carers are able to notify the school in a number of ways, including:

- Using the Sentral Parent Portal,
- Emailing the school – stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au,
- Calling the school and talking to one of our Administration Team, or
- Writing a note, which students can bring to the Administration Team.

While there will be times when students are unable to be at school (for example, when they are unwell), **everything should be done to ensure that students spend as much time at school as possible**. For example, medical appointments should take place outside school hours where possible and family holidays should be taken in term breaks.

The scheduling of family events in school holiday periods removes the need for leave applications except in extraordinary circumstances. Any applications for leave should be discussed as early as possible with Charly Ebejer (Head Teacher, Year 12) and Tracie Huet (Head Teacher, Year 11). The process of applying for leave can take at least one school week to complete and applications require supporting documentation. We expect that applications will only be submitted in the rarest of circumstances as students engage in preparations as we move towards the school examination period for Years 11 and 12 (Term 3 Weeks 3-5) and the HSC examination period for Year 12 (starting on Tuesday 15 October).

Our staff are here to work with students, parents, carers and families to help ensure that attendance at school is optimised, and there are also helpful resources for parents and carers on the Department of Education's Every Day Matters website, found at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/schooling-initiatives/every-day-matters>



Cafeteria

Finally, following the conclusion of the tender process there will be a change in operators in our cafeteria. As a result of the outcome of this process our current providers, Rising Stars have decided to end their lease early to provide themselves with time over the school holiday period to assist with the handover to the new business. As a result of this early end to their lease, **the cafeteria will not be open in Week 1 of this term.** We are hoping that the new operators will be in a position to open in Week 2 but we will keep our community informed about this in the coming week.

Welcome back and best wishes.

Sally Smithard

Principal

A poster with a green background and a yellow border. At the top, the title "Mobile Phone Policy" is written in white. Below the title is a black smartphone icon. On the screen of the phone, there is a school crest at the top, followed by the text "When you are at school, ensure your phone is switched OFF AND AWAY either in your bag or in your locker". At the bottom of the screen are three icons: a padlock, a backpack, and a locker.

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ANZAC Day Ceremony – Tuesday 30 April 2024

BELL TIMES

8.20 am - 9.30am	Period 1
9.30 am – 10.40 am	Period 2
10.40 am -11.10 am	<i>Whole school assembly at the flagpoles</i>
11.10 am – 11.40 am	Recess
11.40 am – 12.45 pm	Period 3
12.45 pm – 1.45 pm	Period 4
1.45 pm – 2.15 pm	Lunch
2.15 pm – 3.20 pm	Period 5





NEW DATE!

OPEN EVENING

ST MARYS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Friday 3 May 2024 | 2pm - 6pm

No booking required



Please check our school website for further information regarding enrolment for Year 11 and Year 12 2025

<https://stmaryssen-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>



Inclusive ~ Aspirational ~ Respectful

Open Evening 2024

Due to dangerous weather conditions, our school's Open Evening was rescheduled for Friday 3 May 2024.

To accommodate this organisation, we have **adjusted our bell times for the day**, as shown below:

	Year 12	Year 11
8.20 am	Start of Period 1	Start of Period 1
9.20 am	Start of Period 2	Start of Period 2
10.20 am	Start of Personal Mentor	Start of Recess
10.30 am	Start of Recess	Recess continues
11.00 am	Start of Period 3	Start of Period 3
12.00 pm	Start of Period 4	Start of Period 4
1.00 pm	Start of Lunch	Start of Lunch
1.30 pm	Start of Period 5	Start of Period 5
2.30 pm	End of the day	End of the day


Friday bell times



After Hours Tutorial Program, Term 2 2024

Our school runs a range of optional tutorials before and after school at no additional cost to students. The schedule for these tutorials is shown below. These tutorials will recommence this term.

If you are interested in attending one (or more) of these, please ensure you get a permission note from the Tutorial Teacher shown. This note must be completed and returned to the Tutorial Teacher before you can attend the tutorial activity.

 <h3 style="text-align: center;">SMSHS Tutorial Program Timetable</h3> <h4 style="text-align: center;">Term 2 2024 ~ Weeks A & B</h4> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">As at 29 April 2024</p>					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BEFORE SCHOOL 7.15 – 8.15 am	Chemistry Calculations – Year 12 Rosemary TC-G-2	Physics Year 11 Waran E-G-4	Chemistry Mole Calculations – Year 11 Rosemary TC-G-2		
		Visual Arts Practical Only Adam V-U-1	Biology Year 12 Cass E-G-4		
AFTER SCHOOL 3.25 – 4.25 pm	Engineering Studies Subhas B-U-3	Society and Culture Dean S-G-4	Histories – Ancient, Extension and Modern Shara and Lauren S-G-4	Studies of Religion Lauren S-G-4	
		Music Fatima and Michael V-G-1 and V-G-3	Drama Nicole V-U-2	Legal Studies Year 12 Salochna S-G-6	
		Biology Year 12 Jess TC-G-3	Business Studies Year 12 Raina S-G-1	Maths Extension 1 Year 12 Reuben S-U-1	
		Economics Year 12 Salochna S-G-6	Maths Advanced Year 12 Anil S-U-10		
		Physics Year 12 Waran E-G-4	Maths Standard 2 Year 12 Sharina TC-U-2		
		Biology Year 11 Cass E-G-4	Maths Extension 2 Year 12 Reuben S-U-1		
		Maths Extension 1 Year 11 Reuben S-U-1	Maths Advanced Year 11 Jacqui TC-U-1		
		Maths Standard Year 11 Latha S-U-9	Tabletop Gaming Matt Technology Centre		



Support in the Learning Centre, Term 2 2024

During every lesson, our school has a teacher available to provide students with additional support in our Learning Centre. These staff can provide specific curriculum support in a range of subjects as well as connecting students to the Learning and Support Teachers.

This timetable is currently being updated, and we hope to make it available shortly.

If you have any questions or concerns, please pop in to see Mel (Head Teacher, Learning and Wellbeing) in the Learning Centre at your first opportunity.

ATTENTION YEAR 11 & 12:

**ARE YOU WANTING TO MAKE A GOOD
START TO 2024?**

**ARE YOU AIMING TO PERFORM WELL IN
YOUR SUBJECTS?**

**OUR YEAR 12 PEER TUTORS CAN
HELP YOU!**

Our Peer Tutors are:

Friendly & supportive,
Non-judgemental,

The top performers in their courses,

AND...THEY'RE FREE!



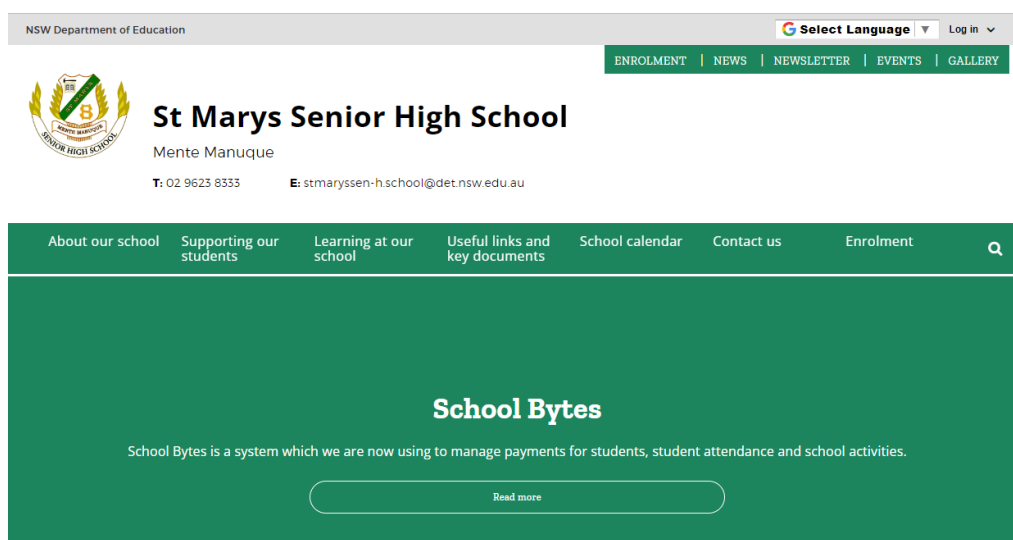
**POP INTO THE
LEARNING CENTRE
IN YOUR NEXT FREE PERIOD
TO FIND OUT MORE!**



FINDING OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL BYTES

We encourage parents, carers and families to see the information provided by School Bytes which is available through our school website:

<https://stmaryssen-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>



The screenshot shows the website for St Marys Senior High School. At the top, it says "NSW Department of Education" and "Select Language" with a "Log in" button. Below that is a navigation menu with "ENROLMENT", "NEWS", "NEWSLETTER", "EVENTS", and "GALLERY". The school's logo is on the left, and the name "St Marys Senior High School" is in the center, with "Mente Manuque" below it. Contact information "T: 02 9623 8333" and "E: stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au" is also present. A green banner at the bottom of the page features the text "School Bytes" and "School Bytes is a system which we are now using to manage payments for students, student attendance and school activities." with a "Read more" button.

Some key links to “how to” guides”

- Setting up a parent account in the School Bytes Parent Portal - <https://support.schoolbytes.education/hc/en-us/articles/5184859634191-Parent-Portal-Set-up-your-parent-portal-account>
- Making a payment through the Parent Portal - <https://support.schoolbytes.education/hc/en-us/articles/5186380941583-Parent-Portal-Make-a-payment>



SMSHS – SOURCES OF SUPPORT



School phone: 02 9623 8333	School email: stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
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Year 12 2024 Student Adviser, Surnames A-G	Sussan Allaou	sussan.allaou@det.nsw.edu.au
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Head Teacher, Year 12 2024	Charly Ebejer	charlene.ebejer@det.nsw.edu.au
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Year 11 2024 Student Adviser, Surnames H-O	Lauren Hasna	lauren.hasna@det.nsw.edu.au
Year 11 2024 Student Adviser, Surnames P-Z	Jeffrey Larsen	jeffrey.larsen6@det.nsw.edu.au
Head Teacher, Year 11 2024	Tracie Huet	tracie.huet@det.nsw.edu.au
Head Teacher, Learning and Wellbeing	Melissa Jacka	melissa.jacka@det.nsw.edu.au
Learning Support Team	Sussan Allaou (F) Carmel Harriden (M, T) Melissa Jacka Carly McPherson (T, W, T) Ashlee Pleffer (M, T)	sussan.allaou@det.nsw.edu.au carmel.harriden@det.nsw.edu.au melissa.jacka@det.nsw.edu.au carly.mcpherson@det.nsw.edu.au ashlee.pleffer@det.nsw.edu.au
School Counsellors	Aimee Tang Ximia Han	Please text the counsellor phone on 0417228192 during school hours to organise an appointment
Student Support Officer	Surmeet Kaur	surmeet.kaur@det.nsw.edu.au
Careers Adviser (Relieving)	Cheryll Ruskin	Cheryll.ruskin@det.nsw.edu.au
Deputy Principal Year 12 2024	Danielle Ervine	danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au
Deputy Principal Year 11 2024	Leah Havord	leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au



Term 2 Weeks 1A and 2B 2024 @ SMSHS

Monday 29 Apr	Tuesday 30 Apr	Wednesday 1 May	Thursday 2 May	Friday 3 May
Staff Development Day	ADJUSTED BELL TIMES ANZAC Day Ceremony Year 12 Debating	PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES Lunch Concert Year 11 Physics – Task 1 to be completed in the Period Zero Year 12 English Extension 2 – Task 2 due	PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES Blacktown Prefect Afternoon Tea Year 12 Society and Culture – Task 2 to be completed in the Period Zero Year 11 Legal Studies – Task 1 to be completed in the Period Zero	ADJUSTED BELL TIMES School Open Evening, 2pm – 6pm Belvoir Masterclass
Monday 6 May	Tuesday 7 May	Wednesday 8 May	Thursday 9 May	Friday 10 May
	Year 11 Modern History – Task 2 due	NSW Regional Oz Tag Schools Championships Focus on Music Lunch Concert Year 11 Textiles and Design – Task 1 due	Focus on Music Academy U Year 12 Meetings SMSHS Student Leadership Conference	SMSHS Student Leadership Conference Belvoir Archive Viewing Black Comedy Year 12 Retail 4U Task F due

Our Teams

Principal:	Sally Smithard
School Council President:	Sonia Matthews
School Captains:	Allayna Anna Sachin Ankon Dam
School Executive:	
- Deputy Principal (Year 12 2024)	Danielle Ervine
- Deputy Principal (Year 12 2023, Year 11 2024)	Leah Havord
- English	Julie Robinson
- Mathematics	Simone Pett
- Science (Rel)	Andrew Farrugia
- Commercial Studies	Salochna Reddy
- HSIE	Shara Walsh
- CAPA	Nicole Bonfield
- TAS / Computing	Matthew Topp
- LOTE	Luigi Serra
- PDHPE (Rel)	Joanne Brines
- Secondary Studies	Lucas Widdison
- Learning and Wellbeing	Melissa Jacka
- Head Teacher (Year 12 2024)	Charly Ebejer
- Head Teacher (Year 11 2024)	Tracie Huet
- First Australians	Leah Havord
- Business Manager (Acting)	Rebecca Zinghini
- School Administrative Manager (Rel)	Angela Demaio
Student Advisers:	
- Year 12 2024, Surnames A-G	Sussan Allaou
- Year 12 2024, Surnames H-O	Wendi Kambolli
- Year 12 2024, Surnames P-Z	Luigi Serra
- Year 11 2024, Surnames A-G	Adam Bernthaler
- Year 11 2024, Surnames H-O	Lauren Hasna
- Year 11 2024, Surnames P-Z	Jeff Larsen
Learning Support:	Sussan Allaou (F) Carmel Harriden (M, T) Melissa Jacka Carly McPherson (T, W, T) Ashlee Pleffer (M, T)
Student Support Officer:	Surmeet Kaur
Careers Adviser (Rel):	Cheryl Ruskin

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