



# 2024

## Finding out about Student Clubs and Interest Groups





One of the very special things about St Marys Senior High School is the large number of extra-curricular student interest groups and clubs run by our student leaders, right across the school. The following pages contain important information about many of the activities available at different times of the week and throughout the year.

Why not find out more about those that interest you?

- Club Pop-Up Stalls will be held during an extended recess on Wednesday 7 February 2024. The Stalls will be scattered around the Grass Quad, under the COLA and in front of the Library. This will allow you to talk to the student leaders and Club Patrons to ask questions, collect some information and maybe sign up for a club.
- The available clubs are listed in the table on the following pages (and includes the name of the Teacher Club Patron and their faculty location).
- Most of our clubs also list their meeting time and venue - to allow you to pop along to a club meeting at the advertised time to find out more during the year.



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<b><i>Amnesty</i></b>	<b>Wendi Kambolli and Sharina Shanaz</b>  Commercial Studies Faculty and Maths Faculty	Fazeen N Shlok P Jiya R Riya R Alex S Monique Y	Thursday Weekly Recess Lecture Theatre	The purpose of Amnesty is to educate our cohort on human rights issues through the vision of Amnesty International. We will also be raising funds in accordance with the campaigns run by Amnesty International.
<b><i>Anime and Gaming</i></b>	<b>Rosa Kim</b>  LOTE Faculty	Arvan B Brandon H Max H Amina R Jack W	Wednesday Week A Recess Lecture Theatre	The aim of this club is to discuss, show and promote Anime and gaming and engage in discussions about Japanese pop culture. We also want the club to provide opportunities for students to create friendships through the love of Anime and gaming. We want students to be able to let their creativity flow, have stimulating conversations and the chance to do volunteer work or participate in programs relating to Anime and gaming.
<b><i>Bhangra Dance Club</i></b>	<b>Subhas Chand</b>  TAS Faculty	Yana P Laveena S	Tuesday Weekly Lunch B-U-3	The purpose of the Bhangra dance club is to learn the Punjabi folk dance called Bhangra. Anyone is welcome to join this club. The leaders will try to motivate other peers to have fun, make friends and learn Bhangra. The aim of the group is to choreograph a performance for the group to perform on Heritage Day in 2023.
<b><i>Bollywood Club</i></b>	<b>Prithy Chaudhary</b>  English Faculty	Rasleen B Nandika C Japnam K	Wednesday Weekly Lunch E-U-2	The aim of the Bollywood Club is to make new friends and to promote and learn more about Bollywood culture through fun weekly activities and cultural dancing, having fun and being part of a community. We also aim to choreograph a performance for Heritage Day 2023.
<b><i>Bring it on Dance Group</i></b>	<b>Claudine Desira</b>  PHHPE Faculty	Simran N Carmella Q Zopiah S	Wednesday Weekly Period 4 MPC	The aim of this club is to explore dances of all genres and choreographic styles. We want everyone to feel welcome and valued, and be able to express themselves through the art form of dance. We aim to choreograph a dance to perform at the Bring-it-on dance competition.
<b><i>Chess Club</i></b>	<b>Vigneswaran Sabaratnam</b>  Science Faculty	Jayden C Cameron G Hashir M Safin R	Thursday Weekly Recess Library	The purpose of the SMSHS Chess Club is to provide a place for like-minded people to play chess, to explore the beauty of the game, make new friends and encourage others to pursue the game. There will be opportunities to enter into Chess Competitions.
<b><i>Comic and Manga Club</i></b>	<b>Kerri-Anne Brown</b>  Library	Amina R Jack W	Tuesday Week B Recess Media room in the Library	The aim of this Club is to share our love of comics and Manga with everyone who is interested, generating lively discussion and having fun. We will recommend our favourite comic series and help other to develop a love of this genre.

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<b>Drama Club</b>	<b>Nicole Bonfield</b> CAPA Faculty	Maya B Kayleigh C Ayla Z	Wednesday Weekly Recess V-U-2 (Drama Classroom)	The purpose of the Drama Club is to provide a safe space to practice drama performances, and get ready for Preliminary and HSC Drama assessment performances, including mentorship of the IP (Final HSC performance), planning the required group performance piece. This will be most useful to students who take drama, but is open to other interested individuals.
<b>Eco Geekos (The Environmental Club)</b>	<b>Jessica Rouse</b> Science Faculty	Dakota M Charlotte S	Thursday Weekly Lunch TC-U-3	<p>The purpose of this club is to engage, educate and explore various topics concerning the environment. Members will gain knowledge on local and native flora and fauna as well as keeping in date with environmental issues nationally and worldwide.</p> <p>We see this group as bringing together a community of people to share their ideas, having discussions about environmental concerns and collaborating together to raise awareness as well as implementing sustainable and environmentally friendly initiatives within our school.</p>
<b>FatFish</b>	<b>Daniel Crocker</b> Science Faculty	Natalia A Allayna A Cyanne D Kurt N Ashley N Isaac R	<u>Club meeting</u> Tuesday Weekly Recess Lecture Theatre  <u>Leaders meeting</u> Thursday Weekly Recess E-G-6	Fat Fish is a non-denominational Christian student fellowship group that meets to share God's word from the Bible, to sing songs of worship, to pray, play games and have fun! It is run by student leaders and all are welcome to come and hang out. Our aim is to raise a young adult community to be selfless, loving and passionate to further grow our heart for Jesus and people. The group contributes back to the school community by working together to run the 'Val/You' Day festival for the school where they organise free food, games, music and fun for students and staff.
<b>Futsal Club</b>	<b>Katelin Ellyard</b> PDHPE Faculty	Ankon D Adi K Delwyn R	Thursday Weekly Recess MPC or Outside Courts	This club is open to anyone interested in playing Futsal (indoor soccer). The aim is for participants to make friends, learn new skills and stay fit and healthy while avoiding the damaging UV rays of the sun.
<b>Hot Topics Club</b>	<b>Leah Havord</b> Deputy Principal's Office	Hala N Shafaf N Cezlie P Jack W	Tuesday Weekly Lunch Lecture Theatre	Hot Topics is a social, political and ethical debate club focused on discussing and debating issues we face in modern society, for example 'Should religion be criticised' or 'Whether or not we still need the monarchy'. The primary goal is to allow for a civil sharing of perspectives, arguments and discussion and to expand the views and perspectives of members.

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<b>Jam Sesh Club</b>	<b>Fatima De Assis</b> CAPA Faculty	Yusuf B Auriel M Mars W Alliara Y	Tuesday Weekly Lunch V-G-3	The purpose of the Jam Sesh Club is to help students who love to play music to come together to socialise, and relieve stress by jamming with other musicians. The group aims to be inclusive and encourage students to express themselves through music, help students to develop good communication and teamwork skills, and improve the confidence and musical skill-set of students, whether they are instrumentalists or vocalists.
<b>K-Pop Club</b>	<b>Rosa Kim</b> LOTE Faculty	Rafael B Brooke B John D Mikayla M Adhisha P Lilli T	Wednesday Week B Recess Lecture Theatre	This group aims to create friendships through interest in or love of Korean culture and K-Pop and to promote indulgence in K-Pop through activities and performance. Students will learn some basic Korean through K-Pop, and the club will provide an open environment where students can openly express their interest in K-Pop. There will also be a second group KDC which will focus on the performance aspect of K-Pop, hopefully creating opportunities to showcase this new talent by performing.
<b>Marys Media</b> <i>School Media Events</i>	<b>Sharon Lang</b> CAPA Faculty	Rafael B Ashley N Adhisha P	Wednesday Weekly Lunch V-U-1	Are you a keen photographer? Are you good at editing? If you are, you might be interested in joining the 'Marys Media' team. We collaborate with the SRC and look after all of the official photography and video for every major school event, such as Valentine's Day, Heritage Day, the Swimming Carnival, the Athletics Carnival, the Colour Run, and the School and Collaroy Camps, to name just a few. We also write and edit images and reports ready for publishing.
<b>MSA – Muslim Students Association</b>	<b>Ghaz Siddique</b> Science Faculty	Fatmah A Mlak A Safin R Abdul R	Wednesday Weekly Lunch S-U-6	MSA is a club for all students, in particular but not limited to, Muslim students at SMSHS. The purpose and aim of MSA is to provide Muslim students with an opportunity to gather with other brothers and sisters who share the same faith, as well as further educating students about Islam, ultimately enhancing spiritual connections and to spread unity and peace through understanding.
<b>Opportunity Knocks</b>	<b>Cheryll Ruskin</b> Library Offices	Fatmah A Alejandro G Mariam M Fazeen N Monique Y	Tuesday Weekly Lunch Library	The aim of Opportunity Knocks is to discover opportunities after school is over. Students will source information about post-school options and future career choices, and pass this information on to other students by presenting at Cluster Meetings.
<b>PRISM Club</b>	<b>Colin Newell</b> Commercial Studies Faculty	Hunter C Aecy D Grace N Charlotte R	Thursday Weekly Recess S-G-2	The PRISM Club provides a safe and inclusive space for LGBTQIA+ students and allies to discuss/learn about various topics regarding the LGBTQIA+ community.



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<b>Robotics</b>	<b>Paul Fante</b> Maths Faculty	Sheridan B	Monday and Friday Weekly Lunch and Period 5 S-U-3	No prior experience with robotics is required to join this club! Join us if you are interesting in acquiring new skills. Explore the process of developing and constructing mechanical components for a robotic task. Gain insights into the different parts of a robot and understand how it interacts with control mechanisms. Develop code for a robot on your laptop and conduct code testing. We encourage you to attend and connect with other individuals who share similar interests.
<b>St Marys Senior Basketball Club</b>	<b>Daniel Kim</b> PDHPE Faculty	Fatmah A Nathan M Cahill S Seb S	Tuesday Weekly Recess Courts	Our club's purpose is to encourage school basketball spirit and teach players who want to learn some basic skills of basketball. The aim is to host fun basketball events that will include students forming teams and hosting tournaments.
<b>The Social Relaxation Hub</b>	<b>Jacqui Crawhall</b> Maths Faculty	Supra B Francesca C Julianne F	Tuesday Weekly Recess B-U-1	The aim of The Social Relaxation Hub is to help students to manage stress during their time at SMSHS by joining us to hang out in a calming space. We will engage in various mindfulness activities like yoga, relaxation, jigsaw puzzles and colouring in as well as generally just chilling out and chatting.
<b>Tabletop Gaming</b>	<b>Matthew Topp</b> TAS / Computing Faculty	TBC	Wednesday Weekly After school Tech Centre Open Area	Tabletop Gaming is a group for people who love to play board games. We will learn new games, both competitive and co-operative, and have a lot of laughs. Don't worry if you don't have the latest games, they are provided, but if you have a new game and need a group to play with, you're in luck! If you've never played, or think that Tabletop Gaming is just Scrabble and Monopoly, think again! Modern board games have come a very long way since then!
<b>Volleyball Club</b>	<b>Joanne Brines</b> PDHPE Faculty	Raj T Jasmine U	Thursday Weekly Lunch Outdoor Courts	Our purpose is to expand and improve the skills of any student who is interested in volleyball. No prior experience is necessary – the club invites anyone to come and learn how to play. We aim to involve all members in developing their skills and having fun in a safe, inclusive space.

## Further Leadership Opportunities at SMSHS for 2024

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<b>Library Leaders</b>	<b>Kerri- Anne Brown</b>  Student services Library	Library – times TBA	Library leaders are Year 12 students who are keen to volunteer their time to help support other students in their successful use of the Library.
<b>Outdoor Education and Duke of Ed</b>  <i>Note: There will not be a Pop-Up stall for this group – information will be distributed in Cluster</i>	<b>Arthur Andrews</b>  Commercial Studies Faculty	Tuesday Week B Recess S-G-5	Students can register and be involved in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme - an international young achiever's program involving the development of new skills, physical activity, community service and adventurous journeys. Look it up and see if it could be for you. Also, at the end of every year we run an extended wilderness expedition, open to all students. Keep your eyes on the student bulletin and listen for more details in cluster.
<b>Peer Tutoring</b>  <i>Note: There will not be a Pop-Up stall for this group – information will be distributed in Cluster</i>	<b>Carly McPherson</b>  Learning Centre	Learning Centre	Please see staff in the Learning Centre if you are interested in volunteering for Peer Tutoring.
<b>South Creek Production Team</b>	<b>Kerri-Anne Brown</b>  Student services Library	Tuesday Week B Lunch Media Room in the Library  See Kerri-Anne for more information	Are you interested in journalism, photography, communications or simply spreading the word about all of the things of interest to the young people of SMSHS? Join the editorial team of the SMSHS South Creek Magazine, published once a term, and hone your skills in teamwork, researching, editing, writing or photography. If this sounds like you, please join us.
<b>Sport Cluster Leaders</b>  <i>Pop-Up run by the Year 12 Sport Cluster Leaders</i>	<b>Joanne Brines</b>  PDHPE Faculty	<b>TBA</b>	The sport cluster leaders will pass on information to students about how sport is organised i.e. sports bulletin, signing up for sports and information about the various sports carnivals, during Cluster. See Jo with any questions.
<b>Sporting Teams</b>  <i>Pop-Up run by the Year 12 Sport Cluster Leaders</i>	<b>Joanne Brines</b> <b>Katelin Ellyard</b> <b>Daniel Kim</b>  PDHPE Faculty	TBA  <i>See Jo, Katelin or Daniel for details</i>	Love sports? Join a team and represent the school. We are involved with too many sports to list them here, so speak to us about what sport you are interested in.

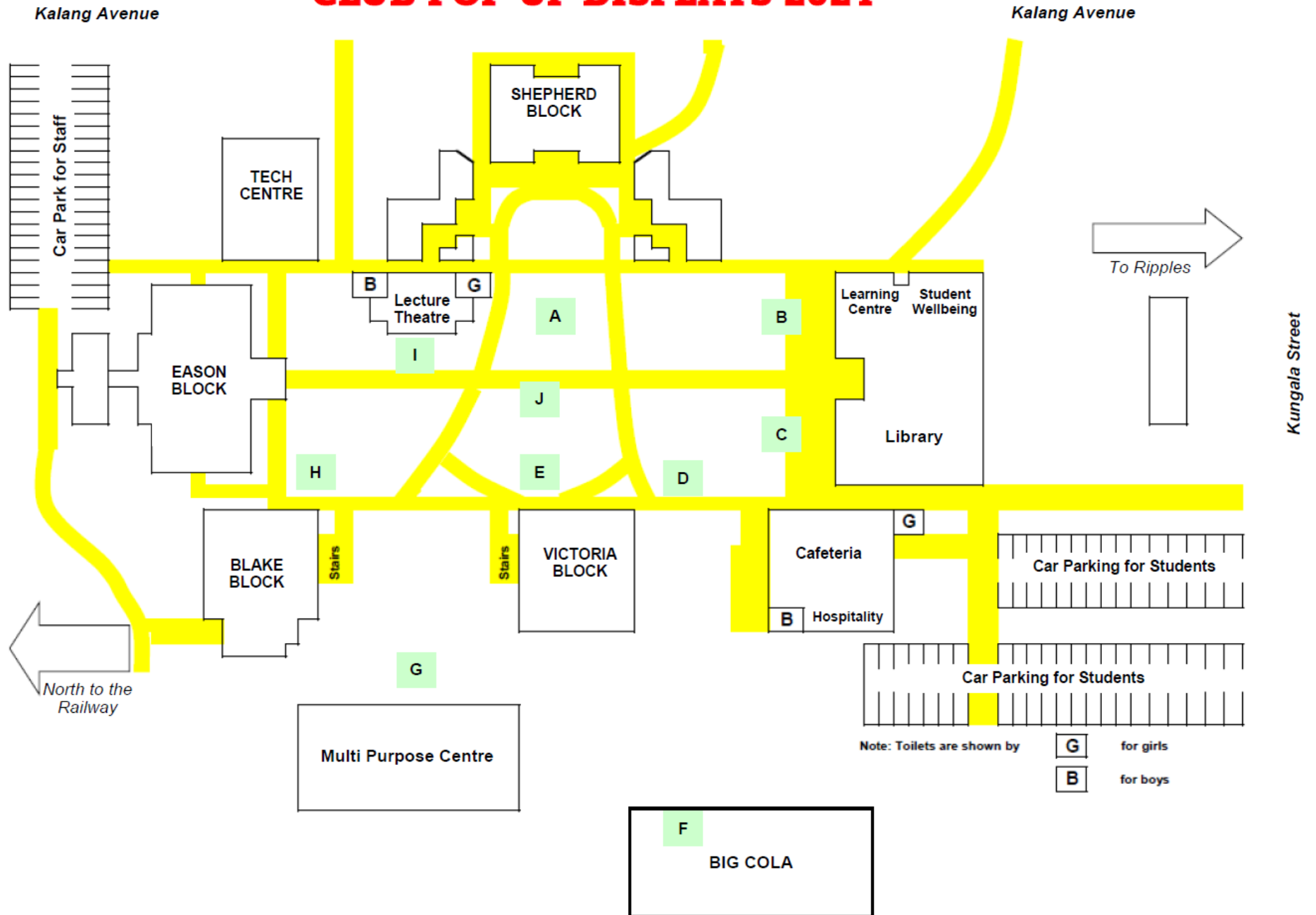


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<b>Student Representative Council (SRC)</b>	<b>Kerri-Anne Brown</b>  Student Services Library	Thursday Weekly Lunch Lecture Theatre	Become part of a dynamic team and take part in planning some of the schools' events, running cluster, and supporting your fellow peers. If you are interested, elections will take place in Cluster in Week 6. The following school events are planned by the SRC: - Valentines' Day Assembly - Shave for a Cure - Heritage Day - Talent Quest
<b>Student Technology Leaders</b>  <i>Note: There might not be a Pop-Up stall for this group – See Matt in the Tech Centre or watch out for information in Cluster</i>	<b>Matt Topp</b>  Tech Centre Computing Faculty	<b>TBA</b> (Tech Centre)	Student Technology Leaders at St Marys Senior High School work with students in the Tech Centre (mostly) assisting in technology-based tasks like printing, connecting to the network and basic troubleshooting. Student Technology Leaders receive ongoing training.

# CLUB POP UP DISPLAYS 2024



Club/Group	Pop Up Space for Wed 7 Feb
Amnesty	H
Anime and Gaming	E
Bhangra Dance Club	B
Bollywood Club	I
Bring it on Dance Group	E
Chess Club	E
Comic and Manga Club	C
Drama Club	E
Eco Geekos	G
FatFish	I
Futsal Club	F
Hot Topics Club	D
Jam Sesh Club	H

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K-Pop Club	E
Library Leaders	C
Marys Media	I
MSA	J
Opportunity Knocks	C
PRISM Club	A
Robotics	B
South Creek Production Team	C
St Marys Senior Basketball Club	F
Student Representative Council	C
Tabletop Gaming	H
The Social Relaxation Hub	J
Volleyball Club	F

# Clubs and Groups Schedule for 2024!

Week A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Recess</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fatfish, Lecture Theatre</li> <li>St Marys Senior Basketball Club, Courts</li> <li>The Social Relaxation Hub, B-U-1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anime &amp; Gaming, Lecture Theatre</li> <li>Drama Club, V-U-2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amnesty, Lecture Theatre</li> <li>Chess Club, Library</li> <li>Fatfish Leaders, E-G-6</li> <li>Futsal Club, MPC</li> <li>PRISM, S-G-2</li> </ul>	
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# Want to start your own club?

You might like to start your own club - and there have been lots of great clubs started by students just like you!

What do you need to do? Follow these simple steps:

1. Find some like-minded students who are interested in the idea you have.
2. Find a teacher who is willing to support this club by agreeing to be the Teacher Club Patron.
3. Email Leah ([leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au)) with your idea - and she will send you a Google Form to complete.
4. Complete the Form - with help from your teacher patron and fellow students.
5. Wait for approval (which will be emailed to you and your Club Patron) - and then your club starts meeting!

