

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 during Orientation Week. 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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Club/Group	Teacher Patron	Student Leaders Year 12 2024	Meeting Time and Place	Description	
Amnesty	Sharina Shanaz Maths Faculty	Henna O Husna A	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.	
The Bad Philosophy Club	Jess Rouse Science Faculty	Luna M Yav B Emily T Gursahiba Wednesday Week A Lunch TC-G-3		Welcome to Bad Philosophy! The only club where you can discuss "Are mermaids real?" and "Is ketchup a smoothe?" in the same 30 seconds.	
Badminton Club	Chris Raftopoulos Science Faculty	Rebecca G Sophia M	Tuesday Week A Lunch Courts	At Badminton Club we aim to create an enthusiastic and social environment for all players looking to engage with the exciting sport of badminton. Everyone here is welcome to play, regardless of their experience. If you're looking to improve your skills, stay active or even just to connect with others and have a good time then badminton club is the right place for you. We offer playing sessions every Tuesday's fortnight for all intensities, friendly matches and even occasional tournaments with prizes!	
Basketball Club	Leah Havord Deputy Principal's Office	Morgan M Gaven C Jovie V	Our club's purpose i		
Bhangra Dance Club	Subhas Chand TAS/Computing Faculty	Agampreet K Ishaal S Jaireet P	Thursday Weekly Recess 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 2025.	
Bollywood Club	Prithy Chaudhary English Faculty	Flora S Gaurika M	Tuesday Weekly Recess 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.	

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Bollywood Dance	Mary Toufayli Science Faculty	Sana P Anita M	Wednesday Weekly Lunch LOTE Foyer	The aim of Bollywood Dance Club is to teach everyone how to do traditional Indian Dances, to those who want to improve their skills or learn the dance completely from scratch. The club is open to all, and is a can help involve all different cultures to join.	
Bring it on Dance Group	Daniel Kim TAS/PDHPE Faculty	Cameron N Euter V Kate R Alexine S Breindel C Azariah	Wednesday Week B Period 4 Courts	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.	
Chess Club	Vigneswaran Sabaratnam Science Faculty	Marc C Roman	Thursday Weekly Recess Library	The purpose of the SMSHS Chess Club is to provide a place for likeminded 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.	
Drama Club	Nicole Bonfield CAPA Faculty	Stella C Rory H	Wednesday Weekly Lunch 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.	
Eco Geekos (The Environmental Club)	Jessica Rouse Science Faculty	Emily T Sammi S Isaac M	Thursday Weekly Lunch TC-U-3	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. 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.	

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FatFish	Daniel Kim TAS/PDHPE Faculty Charline S Justine J Anita M Keosha N Alexander S Rosetta Y		Club meeting Tuesday Weekly Recess Lecture Theatre Leaders meeting Thursday Weekly Recess E-G-3	FatFish 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 'ValYou' Day festival for the school where they organise food, games, music and fun for students and staff.	
Futsal Club	Katelin Ellyard TAS/PDHPE Faculty	Arul M Shaun K Priyam S Aazzam S Shray S Adithya D	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.	
Gentlemen's Society			Thursday Week A Lunch Lecture Theatre	Gentlemen's Society is a club for the people. Every Thursday Week A we hold entertaining and engaging events, available for all students to attend and enjoy. Drop by for a fun time!	
Golden Hoops Girls Basketball Club	Ketball TAS/PDHPE Flisa		Wednesday Weekly Lunch Courts	Do you love basketball? Why not come and join our club — where we take some time to have a break from our studies and enjoy a great game with our friends.	
The Hindu Body of Students	Salochna Reddy Commercial Studies Faculty	Siddharth C Gaurika M	Thursday Week B Lunch S-G-6	The Hindu Body of Students is an inclusive and empowering club looking to foster the beliefs and values of Hinduism whilst also being a fun experience to learn about different religions and societal values. This club is for EVERYONE and is not strictly catered towards people of the Hindu community, it is all about educating and inspiring people to give back to their community whilst being the best version of yourself.	

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Hot Topics Club	Leah Havord Deputy Principal's Office	Gwen P Ari Evie Emily	Tuesday Weekly Lunch Tech Centre	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.	
Jam Sesh Club	Fatima De Assis CAPA Faculty	Michelle G Elliott I Ella W Skie B Apollo L Elliot M	Tuesday Week A 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.	
KPOP Club	Stacey Jeon LOTE Faculty	Pratishtha V Christelle J Ashley O Alexine S Ananya K Ruby L	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.	
Literature Club	Tracie Huet Commercial Studies Faculty	Sabrina M Aseem K Ashee P Swetha S	Thursday Weekly Recess S-G-3	The Literature Club is a welcoming space for everyone, whether you love reading books or watching movies. Together, we explore themes, characters, and ideas, sharing our thoughts and feelings in engaging discussions. Our goal is to create a fun and inclusive environment where you can dive into your favorite novels, connect with others, and have meaningful conversations. You can relax, meet new people, and develop critical thinking skills through shared discussions. It's an opportunity to explore diverse perspectives, discover new ideas, and make friends who share your interests.	

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Loopy Ink	Leanne Fearnley English Faculty	Lisa H	Wednesday Weekly Recess E-U-1	So many words filling in your head with nowhere to spill Loopy Ink is calling you - a literature club with a main focus on poetry! As the name suggests, this club allows students to express their thoughts and inner selves through indirect, creative and innovative ways. It is a place that for people who want to find like-minded people through showcasing your authentic writing abilities (don't be afraid to share!), all in a safe and comfortable atmosphere.(and pssst, weekly writing competitions with prizes to grab!)	
MAG (Manga, Anime, Gaming)	Stacey Jeon LOTE Faculty	Pratishtha V Luna M Judy C Christelle J	Wednesday Week A Recess Lecture Theatre	MAG (Manga, Anime and Gaming) is a club that is for anyone who feels like having some fun on a Wednesday, whether that's watching Anime, discussing what Manga/Comics you may have been reading recently or playing Mariokart and Smash Bros with some new friends. Come along, have some fun and don't get too competitive.	
Marys Media School Media Events	Sharon Lang CAPA Faculty	Yav B Ally L	Tuesday Weekly Recess TC-U-3	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.	
Multilingual Club	Luigi Serra LOTE Faculty		Wednesday Week B Recess S-U-4	The Multilingual Club is a social space for students to get together to share and promote multilingualism and its rich and positive benefits it brings to both Australian and world contexts. All language backgrounds are welcome as discussions will be held in English. Meetings will include discussions, presentations, and or fun games and challenges such as 'Guess the language challenge' and 'Learn how to say something in another language'. There may also be the possibility to organise some whole school activities to promote multilingualism in our school community.	

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MSA – Muslim Students Association	Danielle Ervine Deputy Principal's Office	Madeeha F Zaid W Aamir M Sultan A	Wednesday Week A Recess S-U-5	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.	
Opportunity Knocks	Cheryll Ruskin Library Offices	Isabella L Ananya K Shardul S Trinity K Dasha R	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.	
PRISM Club	Leah Havord Deputy Principal's Office	Vimitha B Luna M Charlotte C Vimitha B Weekly Recess Secondaria inclusive sp students and about various		The PRISM Club provides a safe and inclusive space for LGBTQIA+ students and allies to discuss/learn about various topics regarding the LGBTQIA+ community.	
Robotics	hotics Luna M Weekly		Lunch and Period 5	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.	
Sewing Society	Angela Lievore TAS/PDHPE Faculty	Pratishtha V Judy C Christine C Irish S	Tuesday Weekly Recess B-U-2		
Tabletop Gaming	Matthew Topp TAS / Computing Faculty	Gabbi Y	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!	

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Trivia! Society	Lauren Hasna HSIE Faculty	Gar-Cheng L Week A		Trivia! Society is a club for students to have fun and to get their mind off their studies. This club is both educational and fun as students will learn new facts by participating in different forms of trivia (such as trivia, Kahoot!, or Blooket). Each winner will win a prize, and will later be entered in a raffle at the end of each term.		
Volleyball Club	Joanne Brines TAS/PDHPE Faculty	Daniel J Reniel G	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.		
Volunteering Club	Sussan Allaou English Faculty	Wamika S Azzaam S Ariana C	Tuesday Week A Recess Tech Centre	Do you consider yourself a helping hand? The Volunteering Club is a great environment focusing on providing service in order to support students, teachers and staff in the school, making life easier for all.		
WIE (Women in Engineering)	Subhas Chand TAS/Computing Faculty	Anjleina K Gaurika M	Wednesday Weekly Lunch B-U-3			

Further Leadership Opportunities at SMSHS for 2025

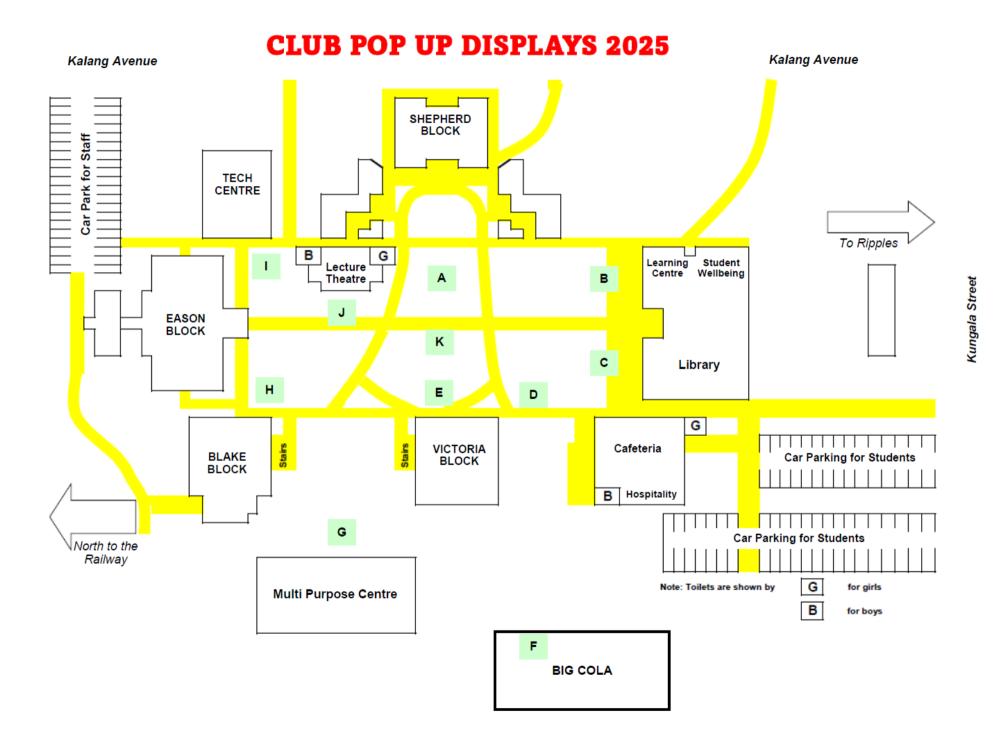
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Leadership Opportunities	Teacher Facilitator	Time and Place	Description
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Library Leaders	Kerri- Anne Brown Engagement Library	Library – times TBA	Library leaders are Year 12 students who are keen to volunteer their time to help support other students in their successful use of the Library.
Outdoor Education and Duke of Ed Note: There will not be a Pop-Up stall for this group – information will be distributed in Cluster	Arthur Andrews Commercial Studies Faculty	TBA	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.
Peer Tutoring Note: There will not be a Pop-Up stall for this group – information will be distributed in Cluster	Carly McPherson Learning Centre	Learning Centre	Please see staff in the Learning Centre if you are interested in volunteering for Peer Tutoring.
South Creek Production Team	Kerri-Anne Brown Engagement 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.
Sport Cluster Leaders Pop-Up run by the Year 12 Sport Cluster Leaders	Joanne Brines TAS/PDHPE Faculty	ТВА	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.
Sporting Teams Pop-Up run by the Year 12 Sport Cluster Leaders	Joanne Brines Charly Ebejer Katelin Ellyard Daniel Kim	TBA See Jo, Charly, Katelin or Daniel for details	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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Student Representative Council (SRC)	Kerri-Anne Brown Engagement Library	Monday Weekly Lunch Library	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



Club/Group	Pop Up Space O Week 2025
Amnesty	J
The Bad Philosophy Club	E
Badminton Club	F
Basketball Club	F
Bhangra Dance Club	E
Bollywood Club	Α
Bollywood Dance Club	В
Bring It On Dance Group	К
Chess Club	С
Drama Club	E
Eco Geekos	D
FatFish	J
Futsal Club	F
Gentlemen's Society	J
Golden Hoops Girls Basketball Club	F
The Hindu Body of Students	Н
Hot Topics Club	J
Jam Sesh Club	J
KPOP Club	E

Club/Group	Pop Up Space O Week 2025
Literature Club	Н
Library Leaders	С
Loopy Ink	I
MAG (Manga, Anime, Gaming)	E
Marys Media	J
Multilingual Club	А
MSA	В
Opportunity Knocks	В
PRISM Club	E
Robotics	В
Sewing Society	Н
South Creek Production Team	С
Student Representative Council	K
Tabletop Gaming	G
Trivia! Society	E
Volleyball Club	F
Volunteering Club	С
WIE (Women in Engineering)	I

	Clubs and Groups Schedule for 2025!							
Week A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
Recess		Basketball Club, Courts – LH Bollywood Club, E-U-2 – PC Fatfish, Lecture Theatre – DK Marys Media, TC-U-3 – SL PRISM, S-G-4 - LH Sewing Society, B-U-2 – AL Volunteering Club, Tech Centre - SA	MAG (Manga, Anime, Gaming), Lecture Theatre – SJ MSA, S-U-5 - DE Loopy Inc, E-U-1 – LF	Amnesty, Lecture Theatre - SS Bhangra Dance Club, B-U-3 – SC Chess Club, Library - WS Fatfish Leaders, E-G-3 - DK Futsal Club, Courts – KE				
Lunch	 Robotics Club, S-U-3 - PF SRC, Library - KB 	Hot Topics, Tech Centre - LH Jam Sesh, V-G-3 - FD Opportunity Knocks, Library - CR SMSHS Badminton, Courts – Craft	Bad Philosophy Club, TC-G-3 – JR Bollywood Dance, LOTE Foyer – MT Drama Club, V-U-2 – NB Golden Hoops Girls Basketball Club, Courts – KE Trivia Society, Lecture Theatre – LHasna Women in Engineering, B-U-3 – SC	Eco Geekos, TC-G-3 – JR Gentlemen's Society - Events, Lecture Theatre – AS & RD Volleyball Club, Courts – JB	Robotics Club, S-U-3 – PF			
Period 5	Robotics Club, S-U-3 – PF				Robotics Club, S-U-3 - PF			
After school			Table Top Gaming, Tech Centre - MT					
Week B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
Recess		Basketball Club, Courts – LH Bollywood Club, E-U-2 – PC Fatfish, Lecture Theatre - DK Marys Media, TC-U-3 – SL PRISM, S-G-4 - LH Sewing Society, B-U-2 – AL Volunteering Club, Tech Centre – SA	KPOP Club, Lecture Theatre - SJ Loopy Inc, E-U-1 - LF Multilingual Club, S-U-4 – LS	Amnesty, Lecture Theatre – SS Bhangra Dance Club, B-U-3 – SC Chess Club, Library - WS Fatfish Leaders, E-G-3 – DK Futsal Club, Courts – KE				
Period 4			Bring It On Dance, Courts - DK					
Lunch	 Robotics Club, S-U-3 - PF SRC, Library - KB 	Hot Topics, Tech Centre - LH Jam Sesh Club, V-G-3 Opportunity Knocks, Library - CR South Creek Team, Library - KB	Bollywood Dance, LOTE Foyer – MT Drama Club, V-U-2 - NB Golden Hoops Girls Basketball Club, Courts – KE Women in Engineering, B-U-3 - SC	Eco Geekos, TC-G-3 – JR Gentlemen's Society – Leaders Meeting, S-U-1 – AS & RD The Hindhu Body of Students, S-G-6 - SR Volleyball Club, Courts - JB	Robotics Club, S-U-3 - PF			
Period 5	Robotics Club, S-U-3 - PF				Robotics Club, S-U-3 - PF			
After school			Table Top Gaming, Tech Centre - MT					

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) 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!

