



South Creek

St Marys Senior High School Magazine



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The South Creek Magazine is published once a term and celebrates St Marys Senior High School's values of inclusiveness; life-long learning; catering for the needs of all; clear learning outcomes; staff professional learning; independent student learning; school traditions; innovation; linking our classrooms to the wider community; integrity and ongoing evaluation of our practices.

Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land that makes up our school community, the Wianamatta people from Darug Country.

We also pay our respects to Elders past, present and future and extend our respects to all First Nation Peoples as well as everyone who visits our school.

We must always remember that under the concrete and asphalt, this land is, was and always will be Aboriginal Country.

Shani-Lee Bolt, Year 12 2018

Our School Motto

Mente Manuque is our school motto and it translates from the Latin to mean 'with mind and hand'.

This motto was originally chosen by the Principal of St Marys High School, Bill Eason. In the document *St Marys High School History*, created by Ann Drayton and found in our school archive, she recounts how Mr Eason believed the most important thing was for everyone to do their best. She tells how in a prize giving ceremony his address reflected on the fact that everyone's best is different, for some it's with their mind and for some with their hands.

In the *10 Year Commemorative Booklet*, Bernie Shepherd, the founding Principal of St Marys Senior High School, writes that even though the school has changed, the original vision of a school that addresses the learning needs of all students' remains.

Mente Manuque – With mind and hand

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School Song St Marys High School

Sons and daughters rise in chorus
 Bright the pathway lies before us
 Knowledge spreads its lustre o'er us
 At St Marys High.
 Some may have a yearning
 For the higher learning,
 Some love more the plane and saw
 And some to heart and home are turning
 One for all and all forever
 Striding onwards yielding never
 Give the best in each endeavour
 Mente Manuque.
 (Sung to the tune of Men of Harlech)

Principal's Insights



Welcome to the final edition of the SMSHS South Creek magazine regarding 2020. I would like to start by thanking Kerri-Anne Brown and her student publication team for all their efforts on bringing “South Creek” to our community. South Creek is an important publication that allows us to celebrate our achievements as a school as well as providing a significant piece of history for future generations of students and their families who attend St Marys Senior High School. I imagine that future generations will be able to look back at this publication to gain insights into how our society and our school navigated a pandemic.

Throughout 2020 it has been an honour to work with all our students, the Student Representative Council, staff, School Council, parents and the broader educational community that contribute to St Marys Senior High School. The school has a well-deserved reputation of successfully supporting young adults through the Higher School Certificate to transition to tertiary education or employment in a nurturing environment. I am looking forward to being a part of this and working with all stakeholders in 2021 to ensure this success continues and thrives in our ever-changing world.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing School Captains Souad Khan and Jed Garcia, and our Vice Captains Chloe Appelby and Mikhael Falculan. They have done an absolutely fantastic job throughout the year. On behalf of the whole school I thank them for their efforts and wish them every success for the future. I would also like to thank the departing School Representative Council for their leadership throughout 2020 in representing the student body and their ability to adapt and come up with flexible solutions to ensure school events were able to continue in revised formats.

We wish Year 12, 2020 all the best as they embark on the next stage of their lives as adults. We ask that you keep in touch so we can observe your successes in your chosen pathway.

Thank you for your support and patience with many challenges we have faced this year as a community. Your understanding and flexibility as the school made changes to cope and manage the disruptions is appreciated. We hope you enjoy this publication of South Creek as we celebrate the students and school's achievements for 2020. I wish you all a peaceful and positive 2021.

Sally Smithard
Principal

Elections for School Captain and Vice-Captain for 2021

In a year when so much has had to change, the election of our Student Leaders for 2021 presented us with yet another opportunity to look at doing things differently to make the best of the situation for our amazing school community.

Rising to yet another challenge put in front of them, we had some fantastic students stand for election and complete all of the stages of the rigorous selection process, warmly supported by their families, staff and students across the school. The elements of the modified process are outlined below.

- With seven weeks of remote learning for Year 11 2020 earlier in the year, there were not as many opportunities for students to get to know each other in our traditional ways. This saw us move our elections into Term 4 to allow everyone more time to meet their peers and to settle into St Marys Senior High School.
- Students who were interested in standing for election had to submit a written application early in the term, supported by their parents as well as two of their peers. The application outlined what each student would bring to the role of a Student Leader at St Marys Senior High School. A range of evidences, including school reports, attendance records and progress profiles completed by class teachers, complemented this written application and was considered by our Student Leaders Selection Panel. The Panel was made up of our SRC Coordinators, Sharon and Janette; our Principal, Sally; and myself. The material for each candidate provided a well-rounded picture of them, showing the strengths, skills, knowledge and experience that each student would bring to the role of School Captain if elected. After careful consideration of the materials provided, each of the thirty-three applicants were approved to stand for election.
- The candidates then had the opportunity to create some material to share a little bit about themselves with students and staff in the lead up to the election. This included a slide for each candidate which was posted on the school social media pages, as well as a page of information which was compiled into a booklet for all students and staff.
- With restrictions on school assemblies remaining, we arranged for our candidates to make their presentations to a fixed camera, without a live audience. We saw this as the most equitable way to duplicate our normal process (making their speeches in the MPC to all students and staff). We conducted a draw, ensuring that the order of the candidates' speeches during the presentation would be completely random. Recording the speeches was a very nerve-wracking and unusual process for the candidates, who each did a terrific job. Two of our students, Kunwar Dua and Mohammad Sulemann volunteered to help with this process, recording each of the speeches and then compiling the thirty-three separate recordings into a seventy-minute presentation which was played for all students and staff on Monday 9 November. The presentation also included some lovely messages from our School Captains and Vice Captains for 2020,

Souad Khan, Jed Garcia, Chloe Appleby and Mikael Falculan, as well as our Principal, Sally.

- In watching the presentation, I could not have been prouder of the way that the candidates spoke as well as the way that staff and students considered each candidate's speech and materials. In more than twenty venues across the school, people carefully watched the presentations, with reports that people in some venues applauded after each and every student's speech. The voting process that accompanied the speeches involved ranking candidates from 1 to 33, and the very serious way that people considered this process could be seen from the completed ballot papers during the counting process.

The election result was very, very close and was determined by the allocation of preferences across the large number of votes cast. On behalf of our school community, I would like to congratulate Alice Chitos and Chloe Nolasco on their election to School Captain for 2021, as well as Mohmd Alsomay and Bree Fitzpatrick, our School Vice Captains for 2021. I would also like to thank each and every candidate for their work throughout this process. I look forward to working with all of these outstanding young people across our school in 2021 and beyond.

Leah Havord
Deputy Principal

CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL CAPTAIN AND SCHOOL VICE CAPTAIN FOR 2021				
Tamina ABAWI	Monique BUKSH	Alecksandra FAVOR	Anna MOORE	Benjamin TOO HILL
Michael ABBOUD	Daniyaal CHEEMA	Bree FITZPATRICK	Lachlan MOORE	Ralph VILLEGAS
Dilara ALSAN	Immanuel CHERIAN	John GALAPIN	Chloe NOLASCO	Nicola WILLMETTE
Mohmd ALSOMAY	Alice CHITOS	Julian HIPOLITO	Ninno OBRERO	Levi WYNBERGEN TITOKO
David ANDREA	Emily CUNNINGHAM	Benji JOSEPH	Frank PAGADUAN	
Kassidy ARKLE	Claudine DE PAZ	Billie KUCZYNSKI	Sofia RIZVI	Jake ZAKOSTELSKY
Jubin BENSON	Samantha DURIK	Robin LIMGUANGCO	Sophia TAYLOR	

Introducing Our School Captains and Vice Captains for 2021

Alice Chitos, School Captain 2021

Hi! I am Alice!

I love spreading kindness and believe teamwork makes the dream work! I am super random, excitable and will give anything a go!! I feel honoured to represent our wonderful school and my amazing peers! The HSC is an intense time of our lives but together, with love and support we will make magic happen as well as making precious, lasting memories!!

I am ready to study, laugh, cry, sing and dance with you all and no matter what challenges are thrown our way we will conquer them with strength, determination and most importantly, together!

Lots of love 😊



Chloe Nolasco, School Captain 2021

To the person reading this, I'm Chloe and I'm both excited and nervous for 2021. I'm nervous because with everything that happened this year, it shows that we really don't know what is to come or what to expect. However, I'm also excited because it is our last year of high school and I cannot wait to make lots and lots of memories that I will laugh at in the future! I do hope that everyone will have a great Year 12 experience and be able to do well in their academics and hobbies. So, to the person reading this, make sure to have fun but at the same time, manage your time wisely. Also, do not be afraid to take a leap of faith, may it be when joining a competition, trying a new hobby, or confessing to your crush (hahaha). Just remember to always think before you act. Anyways, I wish everyone good luck and God bless.

Mohmd Alsomay, School Vice-Captain 2021

Hey everyone!

As one of your Vice Captains, I would say that it is an absolutely honour and privilege to work with the team to lead 900+ amazing students. I want to thank you all for your strong support. I know times have been challenging for all of us, especially the last several months – the pain, the worries and the struggles. However, during this year we have also witnessed your courage, your resilience and your strength. Remember that now is when the real work begins. Stay motivated for one of your best years.

Love you all! ☺



Bree Fitzpatrick, School Vice-Captain 2021

Hey lovely people! I'm Bree, one of your Vice Captains for 2021. I am so excited to spend the year ahead with each and every one of you, as we further immerse ourselves into the culture of our amazing school.

I can't wait to make so many memories with you all and by the end of Year 12 I hope to be a friendly face to each and every one of you, as another sister, part of our not so little family. It is such a privilege to serve a school such as ours and I hope to enable our cohort to enjoy the most memorable year of our schooling.

Don't be afraid to come and have a chat, I'd love to meet you all :)

Student Representative Council Elections



Introducing the new Year 12 SRC for 2021.

From left to right

Top Row

Nour Zahr, Daniel Cheema, Robin Limuangco, Robert Apostol, Benji Joseph, Mohmd Alsomay, Vinay Moana-Singh, Isabella Antakley

Middle Row

Chloe Nolasco, Alecksandra Favor, Arabella Gutierrez, Ruth Nool, Mikhaila Ladines, Emily Cunningham, Anna Moore, Alice Chitos

Bottom Row

Moira Escudro, Ruva Mataranyika, Arya Gaurkhede

Not in attendance: Bree Fitzpatrick and Frank Pagaduan

Sport Cluster Leaders

Congratulations to the Year 12 Sport Cluster Leaders for 2021

Cluster 2 - Chaelea Thomson



Cluster 3 - Cristofer Rosa



Cluster 5 - Ethan Abanico



Cluster 6 - Anthony Manoukian



Cluster 7 - Denzel Betham



Cluster 8A - Roan Saguid



Cluster 8B - Emelia Robinson



Bandana Day

Thank you to all members of our school community for their amazing support of CanTeen.

On the 3rd of November we raised \$1830.80 from our fundraising efforts (bandanna sales and mufti donations). The money is going to a very worthwhile cause - CanTeen who work with young people who have been affected by cancer.

Thank you to Alice, Anna and Emily for their incredible efforts and a special thanks to Josh, Milania, Nicole and Barbara for their help in the collection of donations.

As social media has shown (~ thank you to Leah for the posts), the bandannas are very versatile, they can be worn by adults, dogs, cats and even modelled by a bird ... with some help! Thank you to the many fur-babies who have supported the cause, with a special mention to Kiera who began the trend, Elmo whose chilled approach to bandanna wearing inspired many others to do the same, Violet who revealed that it is not only dogs who can rock a bandanna and finally Sunny, who with a little help from Sienna showcased the bandanna and inspired us all to support this cause.

Once again thank you to everyone for your commitment and support of this very worthy cause.



Guessing Competition

Can you help these gorgeous bandana models find their owners?

Write the name of the teacher from the table below under their fur baby. The first correct response submitted to Kerri-Anne in the library will win a prize. Answers to be revealed in next term's edition.

Archie 	Bonnie & Lucy 	Chester 	Storm 
Kiera 	Ruby 	Fred & George 	Cosmo 
Clover 	Luna 	Sassy 	Tilly 

Leah	Leanne	Matt	Kerri-Anne	Mitchell	Danielle
Angela	Charlie	Sharon	Jess	Sally	Liz

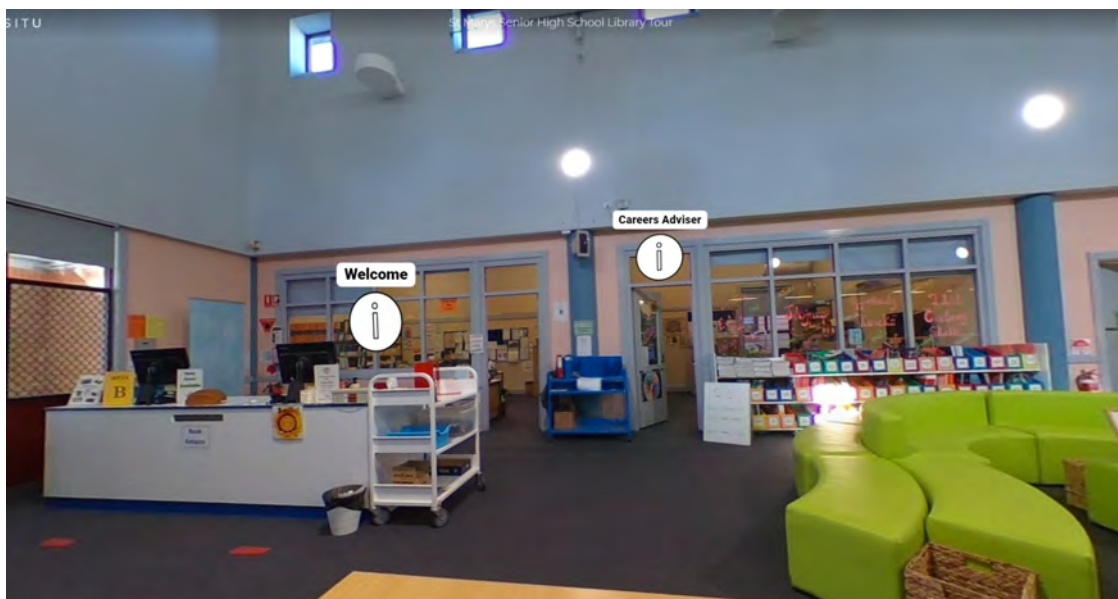
Virtual Tour of our School Library

During 2020 the school had the Immersive Virtual Reality Kit on loan from the Department of Education stem.T4L project. The kit included virtual reality headsets, controllers and 360 cameras. One of the projects that was completed using the equipment in the kit was a 360 tour of the library. The photography students used the 360 cameras to capture 360 images of the school and the library space and the web application SITU360 was used to create the tour.

You can follow the link below to go on a virtual tour of our school library.

<https://app.situ360.com/327beb/5206/26409/public>

Kerri-Anne Brown
Teacher Librarian



Freaky Friday

On Friday, 30th October 2020, the SRC successfully organised *SMSHS Halloween Dress up Day* and everyone was encouraged to dress up in their spooky outfits. There were some amazing costumes, with many participants, it was a successful event with everyone having a great deal of fun. The St Marys Sign was spooked up ready for a day of many students taking photos in front of the sign, as well as a Best Dressed competition, with the winner being Marc Cuasay.

Tara Langford
Year 12 2021





SMSHS students transition to University

St Marys Senior High School Geography students Maddison Law and Tom Tyrrell have been accepted into university to further their studies in Geography.

Maddison has enrolled in a Bachelor of Science with Principles of Operations Research and Geography at the Australian Defence Force Academy. She will be learning how to develop an understanding of an area using maps and technology in order to direct military operations in that area. This will allow her to build on her strength in geographical skills and her experience with Army Cadets.

Tom has enrolled in a Bachelor of Environmental Management at the University of NSW. This will allow him to build on his strong interest in the environment.

Tom chose to do Geography in the HSC following a trip to the Great Barrier Reef where he learnt about the challenges faced by that ecosystem, which inspired him to learn more about environmental issues.

Both Maddison and Tom stated their favourite part of the course was the Geography Camp at North Sackville, where they got to be hands on in their learning about the catchment and, just as importantly, had fun and bonded with their classmates.

Tom said, "It changed the whole course of the next year because of how well we knew each other and I feel like we collaborated better as a class because of it."

We congratulate Maddison and Tom on their placement and look forward to seeing the contributions they make to Australia's defence and environment.



Learn more about Tom and Maddison's journey by watching their interview by following the link. <https://youtu.be/Fly3an6ZD-E>

Dean Newbold
Geography Teacher

SMSHS Students get Creative

In this edition we are pleased to include a creative submission from Maryam Naqvi.

Act 1: Eternal

I never wanted to hide
But my eyes grew glassy
When did you become so pried?
It felt so easy to slip through the cracks
To find the missing shatters
So where did I lose you down the track?
I don't want to fight this hell
Utopia is where I wanna be
I know that's not what we are
The boat lost in your raging waters
When you brings the tides
Crying for the seas to hide them
I never wanted this fate when I saw you
Drowning deeper down into the endless sea
Further down deeper in my heart
I know we're a goner
But I don't fight that pain
Like lightning on the scars
Poison ivy in my thick tears
Roses never bloom here anymore
Losing you felt like falling through
This familiar feeling
On the rocks crashing like the angry sea
I see the stars dimming in our universe
Galaxies lurking around the end of time
So why am I bound to this curse?
Thunder growls when I scream

Blinded by beautiful agony
Is this your way?
Cause I don't want to let go.
Don't leave me here.
Don't do the same.
As they did.
Holding on to you
It's my only hope
Before our final goodbye
Just don't let go.



Visual Arts Excursion

On Friday the 11th of December, Visual arts students of St Marys Senior High School had the wonderful opportunity to go on an excursion to Penrith Regional Gallery for an exclusive tour and study discussion on Bonita Ely's exhibition, 'Momento' with Toby Chapman, the curator of the exhibition.

The day began with a tour, followed by a study talk, ending with the opportunity for students to freely tour the Margo and Gerald Lewer's garden. Students learnt and came to understand Ely's wit and childhood memories and how they have contributed to and reflect in her artmaking practice. Students also learnt about the different curatorial decisions and considerations taken by Chapman and were able to gather an abundance of information that will be useful to them for their upcoming HSC case studies and curatorial assessment task.

Ourania, one of the Visual Arts students, stated, "Talking to Ely was fantastic, she had a wit and humor that accompanied her care and concern for the environment as well as being conversational and friendly to us students, explaining herself with zest."

Ely said, "I've always been an imaginative child...And I think I still am."

Whilst at the gallery we saw her exhibition 'Memento' which consisted of both 'Plastikus Progressus', which gave greater gravitas to environmental issues and investigates human experience and connection, and 'Interior Decoration', which focused on war and PTSD. This came along with the 'MAPBM: Fabrik' exhibit with its own interesting concepts and artworks that, as you can guess, are connected to fabric. The artists of this exhibit are Vivienne Dadour, Beata Geyer, Anne Graham, Ian Milliss and Ebony Secombe. Ebony's artwork is an interactive artwork that continues to be formed, she's able to be visited on certain days to discuss her art and to work on it with her.

Tony Chapman, was incredibly important as well, though not exhibiting art, his job is to ensure that aspects, such as the title of the exhibit 'Memento', and the positioning of labels and information all suit to strengthen the concepts of the artist. Chapman has to look at the exhibition space he has been given to find the most expressive and integrative use of space that allows for better interpretations of art. It reminds students that there is far more to art than simply displaying it.

We all explored Margo and Gerald Lewer's garden at the end, learning about the gallery's history and relaxing after a very informative experience. Overall it was exciting to talk to curators and artists as well as to explore how art is represented and how we can use an artist's eye to look for meaning.



Thank you to the Visual Arts faculty, particularly Sharon and Adam for making this day a possibility.

Nirvana Shankar and Ourania Theodorou
Year 12 2021



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Belvoir Theatre Company Workshop

On Tuesday the 8th of December 2020, the 2021 Year 12 drama class had the pleasure of attending a Belvoir Theatre Company Workshop held within the school grounds MPC. In this workshop we were given the opportunity to intimately study and format the directing process and analyse the specific play we have been working closely with throughout the school term, "Stolen". We focused on specific scenes and working together as a group and team we went through step-by-step processes to create engaging scenes.

In this workshop, we were able to enhance our understanding of the play and were given an insight to the process of creating a performance and how important intricate details are to the end product of a play. It was overall a valuable experience and it allowed us to improve in our performance and play building skills that will indefinitely develop our upcoming assessments and tasks.

We would like to say thank you to Belvoir Theatre for this memorable workshop and to Nicole Bonfield for giving us this opportunity.

Ilesha Kumarasamy
Year 12 2021



SPORT 2020

Congratulations to Corey Doyle who competed at the NSW All Schools Athletics competition on Friday 4th December representing St Marys Senior. He placed 2nd in the U19 years discus with a national qualifying throw of 42.34m. Corey will be competing at the Australian nationals next year.



Jo Brines
Sports co-ordinator

Year 12 Special Award Recipients 2020

Each year on Presentation Day we present a series of awards to Year 12 students who achieved success in a range of fields. Congratulations to the 2020 award recipients.

The Creative and Performing Arts Award, recipient was Remy Hannan.

Remy is a diligent student who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to her work in Visual Arts and Drama. This was displayed in her technical finesse and refinement in her photographic series for her Body of Work in Visual Arts. Her talent in Drama was apparent in her masterful and nuanced performance for her Individual Project, which resulted in an OnSTAGE nomination. Remy's accomplishment across both subjects and her leadership made her a strong role model for her peers, and a worthy recipient of this award.



The award for Outstanding Achievement in Performance was presented to two recipients. The first recipient was Tara Neilsen.

Tara's passion for Drama and her abilities as an actor and director have resulted in some outstanding achievements. Tara represented the school at state and regional levels in the State Drama Ensemble, State Drama Festival and LightsUP Drama Festival. She was selected as mentor and assistant director for the Pulse Drama Ensemble and a Belvoir Theatre Company Ambassador. Tara's exemplary performance for her Individual Project was the result of talent, rigorous research and rehearsal, and she is deserving of this award.



The second recipient was Primo Villamayor.

Primo has demonstrated exemplary achievement in performance in Music 1, with exceptional command of the guitar and a high level of technical proficiency and agility. He is a willing and capable accompanist and supported his peers in numerous HSC Examination performances. Primo's focus, willingness to extend himself and ability to take direction made him an outstanding sound operator for numerous events, and he is to be commended for his dedication and skill.



The Student Leadership Awards were presented to Souad Khan and Jed Garcia for their outstanding leadership of the school as School Captains in 2020.

Mente Manuque – With mind and hand

Souad was an outstanding representative of the school, involved in many whole school and community functions. He has approached his responsibilities with a sense of composure demonstrating his maturity in leadership and strong sense of school spirit. Souad has contributed greatly to the ethos and culture of St Marys Senior High School, ensuring that the student voice is heard and has proven himself to be an excellent ambassador for the school in all aspects of his school career. He has fulfilled all of his roles with commitment, dedication and diplomacy.



The Student Representative Council is held in high regard by both staff and students at St Marys Senior High School. This is due in no small part, to the commitment and talent demonstrated by students of Jed's calibre. Jed has displayed a high level of commitment to the SRC as demonstrated by his active involvement in whole school activities such as presentations at cluster as well as other official functions. At all levels Jed has demonstrated a strong commitment to the life of the school.

The next awards were for School Service. There were also two recipients of this award. The first was presented to Chloe Appleby.

Chloe was elected to the Student Representative Council in 2020 as well as assuming the role of our School Vice-Captain. She has taken this role very thoughtfully. Chloe was a dedicated SRC member who reported at School Council as the voice of the student body and helped coordinate events such as Talent Quest, Valentine's Day and Heritage Day and various Charity Fundraising events. She has contributed greatly to the ethos and culture of St Marys Senior High School and has proven herself to be an excellent ambassador for the school. At all levels, Chloe has demonstrated the ability to work in a caring and committed manner.



The second award was presented to Mikael Falculan.

Mikael was a dedicated SRC member and School Vice-Captain who reported at School Council as the voice of the student body and helped coordinate events such as Talent Quest, Valentine's Day and Heritage Day and various Charity Fundraising events. He has involved himself in the life of St Marys through a range of clubs and teams to ensure that he has the best understanding of the school and its ethos when undertaking leadership roles. Mikael's

representation of the school at official functions and his role with school clubs has been positive and encouraging and he is a worthy recipient of this award.

The Lindsay Award was given to a student who has shown determination to succeed. This year's recipient was Tara Neilsen.

Tara has shown outstanding determination, self-discipline and perseverance despite adversity throughout her time at St Marys Senior HS. She has worked hard to successfully achieve her goals across both her academic and personal pursuits. Tara's teachers in each of her courses of study have regularly commented on her conscientious work ethic, recognising her as a student who is determined to diligently pursue and realise her goals both at school and beyond. Tara is a very deserved recipient of the Lindsay Award.



The Mulgoa Leadership Award was presented to Priyam Kandiban



Priyam has been an outstanding representative of the school throughout his senior studies. His leadership, commitment to personal responsibility and school service evident in his participation in a range of school programs. He volunteered his time on Open Day as Peer Tutor, Student Mentor and as an assistant in the Computing Studies Faculty. As SRC representative, Priyam was outstanding contributing to the success of the many programs led by the group.

The Londonderry Award recipient was Shifa Dhannani.

Shifa is a worthy recipient of this award. Her commitment to her studies and her willingness to contribute to the broader school community through her involvement in a range of school programs, including the Student Mentor and Library Leader Programs and her strong advocacy for social justice evident in her work with PRISM highlight her strong presence as leader in our school community.



The recipient of the ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award was Maddison Law.



Maddison is an exemplary young leader who has never wavered from her desire to join the armed forces. She has been an outstanding representative of the Student Representative Council and a committed advocate within the school community for social justice, whilst remaining focused on her studies. She is a worthy recipient of this award.

The Hitchen VET Award was presented to Laiba Jamil.

Laiba has shown outstanding commitment to her studies of VET Business Services. She was exemplary in her completion of Cluster Tasks and course work and was dedicated and meticulous in her application of her learning through her work placements. Laiba received very high praise for her diligence, effort and skills from her employer. Laiba is a worthy recipient of this award.



The recipient of the Reuben F Scarf Award for Outstanding Commitment was Faye Wasdell.

Faye is a mature, conscientious and diligent student, who effectively managed the pressures of her academic programme with outstanding success. This is evidenced by Faye's outstanding assessment rankings -1st in Biology, 2nd in Physics, 3rd in Chemistry and English Advanced, 5th in Mathematics Advanced and 10th in Mathematics Extension 1. Faye has also been active in the school community, volunteering her services as a peer tutor and supporting student transition into St Marys Senior High School as a Confirmation Day guide. At all times Faye displayed an outstanding level of commitment to these responsibilities whilst managing the demands of her challenging academic program.

The Jack Jewry Award for Services to the School Community was presented to Maddison Law.

Maddison's commitment to her school community has been exemplary. She has involved herself in a range of school programs, including Student Mentor and the Student Representative Council and has been actively involved in school services on Enrolment Evenings and Confirmation Day. Maddison's strong interpersonal skills coupled with her dedication and drive have ensured that she has been outstanding representative of the school in all areas. She is a worthy recipient of this award.



There were two recipients of the Nathan Seymour Sport Service Award. The first recipient was Angelo Audish.

Angelo a dedicated and talented athlete who has represented the school in soccer and futsal. However, he has contributed to the game in more than just a playing capacity. Angelo has also given his time to coordinate and run the school's futsal's club. This has involved communicating with staff to book the venue and advertising and organising games for students through Facebook. During the lunchtime competitions, when not playing, Angelo was organising the teams and refereeing the games.

The second recipient is Heliana Tavares.

Heliana will try her hand at any sport, but her passion lies with Futsal. Heliana has played futsal for the school and has also been instrumental in the running of the school's Futsal Club. This involved Heliana negotiating with staff regarding venue bookings and coordinating and organising teams and competitions to run during lunchtimes. Heliana would also assist with the setting up and packing up of the equipment and refereeing the games.



The NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge Award recipient was Junsung Choe.



Junsung is a passionate and committed volleyball player. He has been a member of the school and Werrington Zone Volleyball Teams for the past two years representing both admirably and always demonstrating great sportsmanship. Junsung was also captain of the school's volleyball club. This involved organising and setting up equipment for students to learn volleyball skills and participate in non-competitive games. Junsung has dedicated hours to teaching and coaching students and passing on his passion for the game.

The next award is the Caltex Award for the Best All-Round Student. This year's recipient was Christelle Salimbangon.

Christelle is an exemplary young woman. Her commitment to her studies is beyond compare and she has achieved at outstanding levels across all of her courses, including being ranked first in Business Studies, Economics and French Beginners. Christelle is a dedicated young woman who has excelled in a range of fields, but it is her commitment to student leadership and social justice that are most notable, Christelle, an outstanding representative for the Student Representative Council, actively involved in school service and a member and leader of many student-led groups. Christelle is a worthy recipient of this award.



Our final award is the Principal's Award. This year's recipient was Remy Hannan.

This award recognises the extraordinary efforts of a student who has achieved excellence in a range of areas within the school. In presenting Remy Hannan with this award, the school acknowledges the contribution she has made to the St Marys Senior High School community over the past two years. Remy Hannan is an outstanding student who has consistently demonstrated her ability to strike a balance between striving for exemplary academic achievement as shown by her first place in Drama, Modern History and Studies of Religion II and the demands of being a leader in the school community. Remy is a committed

advocate for social justice and through her leadership of PRISM and active involvement in a range of other programs, Remy has engendered within the school community a sense of collective advocacy for human rights. Remy is an outstanding performer whose commitment to the creative and performing arts is beyond compare, excelling in both Drama and Visual Arts. Remy is indeed a worthy recipient of this award.



Congratulations to our outstanding award recipients.

Year 11 Special Awards 2020

Congratulations to the 2020 award recipients

Year 11 Academic Commitment Award.

This award recognises students who have shown outstanding commitment to their studies across a range of subject areas. They have worked consistently and diligently and have achieved success in their studies overall.

Drashy	Bhavsar
Jeffrey	Ding
Zaheda	Faiz
Caitlin	Hume
Zakaria	Khan
Anthony	Manoukian
Deepika	Parajuli
Sofia	Rizvi
Kailah	Stapleton
Michelle	Wen

The Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Schools Science Medal was presented to Issac Lim and Evan Diego.

ANSTO is one of Australia's largest research organisations and owner of some of the country's most important scientific infrastructure. It is deeply committed to fostering an enthusiasm and interest for science amongst young Australians and this medal helps teachers to honour those students who are pursuing an interest in science. This year there are two recipients of this award. Both recipients visited the ANSTO site as part of the Year 11 Chemistry excursion and met with the Head of the ANSTO Discovery Centre. Congratulations to our award recipients:



The Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute School Science Award was presented to Isaac Lim and Evan Diego.

This award was developed to foster and encourage an interest in science amongst secondary school students. Recipients of this award have demonstrated the highest level of educational achievement, innovation, creativity, and hard work in their science classes in Year 11.

Isaac studies three strands of science and achieved first place in the Year 11 Chemistry course, third place in the Physics course and sixth place in the Biology course.

Evan presently studies two strands of science and has achieved second place in both the Biology and Chemistry courses.

Mente Manuque – With mind and hand

The award for the Most Outstanding Student in Year 11 was presented to a student who has performed at an outstanding level across the range of their Preliminary courses. This years' award recipient was Anna Moore.

Anna is an exemplary student who has achieved excellence in all of the courses she has studied for her Preliminary year. She achieved first place in Ancient History, Drama, English Advanced, English Extension I and Society and Culture. Her meticulous dedication to her studies further evident in her seventh placing in the course in Modern History and ninth in Legal Studies. Anna is a very focussed and driven student who seeks perfection in all that she does. She is delighted with her progress in all of her courses and is eager to maintain her academic excellence throughout the duration of her Higher School Certificate studies. While maintaining an excellent academic record, Anna has also been an outstanding member of the Student Representative Council in 2020, her passion for student advocacy and her desire to improve the educational experience for her fellow students evident in her contributions to the SRC program. Anna has also been active in the support of social justice and committed to supporting worthy causes as evident in her joint leadership of the fundraiser for CanTeen. Anna is to be commended on achieving a positive balance between her interests and her academic studies.

Congratulations to all the Year 11 award recipients.



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- Deputy Principal (Year 12)	Danielle Ervine
- Deputy Principal (Year 11)	Leah Havord
- English	Julie Robinson
- Mathematics	Simone Pett
- Science	Lidija Radovancevic
- Commercial Studies	Salochna Reddy
- HSIE (Rel)	Rebecca Langham
- CAPA	Nicole Bonfield
- Computing	Matthew Topp
- LOTE	Luigi Serra
- TAS/PDHPE	Rebecca Powell
- Secondary Studies	Liz Hemmings
- Student Services	Melissa Jacka
- First Australians	Leah Havord
- Sport and Recreation	Joanne Brines
- School Administrative Manager	Rebecca Zinghini
Student Advisers 2020:	
- Year 12, Surnames A-G	Mitchell Baker
- Year 12, Surnames H-O	Lyn Tuckwell
- Year 12, Surnames P-Z	Jesse Vassallo
- Year 11, Surnames A-G	Nicola Preston
- Year 11, Surnames H-O	Luigi Serra
- Year 11, Surnames P-Z	Tim Weston
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