



TERM 2 WEEKS 9 & 10

23 June – 4 July 2025

Important Dates – Term 2 2025

W9	Wed 25 Jun	Year 11 Student, Parent, Teacher Evening
W9	Fri 27 Jun	Year 12 Excursion – Western Sydney Careers Expo Year 11 Seminar Day #1
W10	Mon 30 Jun	Applications for School Captain 2026 Available from the tables near the Administration Office
W10	Fri 4 Jul	Last day of attendance for students in Term 2

Principal's Report

This will be the final newsletter for Term 2, which has been a busy term for our students and staff. In these final two weeks, along with our classes and a range of assessment tasks to be completed, we have a range of extracurricular activities and excursions taking place. These activities include a tree planting event following a grant our school received, the Werrington Zone Athletics Carnival, the Evening of Musical Theatre, Year 11 Student, Parent, Teacher Evening, lunchtime concerts, Year 11 Seminar Day 1 and the Western Sydney Careers Expo for Year 12 students.

In Term 3, the school examination period commences on Monday 4 August, with Year 12 completing their Trial Higher School Certificate Examinations and Year 11 completing their Course Examinations until Friday 22 August. During this time, we will not be granting travel leave to students and it is expected that students will be present for their examinations on the published dates unless they are too unwell to attend school or there is a significant misadventure. The examination timetable has been made available to students. If a

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Mobile Phone Policy



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Principal's Report continued

student is absent from an examination due to illness or misadventure, they must follow the school's assessment policy as outlined in the assessment booklet issued to all students at the commencement of their course. If you have any concerns during this period, please contact the respective Deputy Principal of the year group:

- Year 11 – Danielle Ervine: Danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au
- Year 12 – Leah Havord: Leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au

I would like to extend my thanks to all students who participated in the NSW Public Schools Survey (NPSS). Your engagement and insights are important to us. We truly value your voice and the perspectives you shared, which allow us to better understand your experiences. Thank you for being part of this process. I would also like to thank all of the Cluster Leaders who have led this process for our school.

As this is the last newsletter for the term, I hope all of our students find some time to relax and recharge ready for Term 3 as Year 12 approach the final full term of their formal schooling. It is an opportunity to reflect on where you are and put in place strategies to meet your goals. We hope next term is filled with hard work, celebrations and unity.

Sally Smithard

Principal

Busways and Transport for NSW – Notification of Minor Changes

As part of a wider enhancement to services which includes increased frequencies and extended routes, Busways and Transport for NSW will make minor timing changes to some school services to improve on-time running.

Please be aware that the new school timetable will be in effect from Monday 30 June 2025.

Parents and students are advised to please refer to their schools timetabled services at: <https://www.busways.com.au/nsw/school-services/school-timetables> and select the link adjacent to their school's name; "**New timetable | 30 June 2025**" or visit <https://www.transportnsw.info/trip> to plan their trip.

For further information, please contact Busways Customer Service on **1300 69 2929** or infoline@busways.com.au.



Year 11 Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews

Our Year 11 Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews are taking place **on Wednesday 25 June between 4 pm and 8:30 pm.**

As a result of feedback on last year's interviews, teachers will undertake interviews via phone.

Bookings will be in 10 minute blocks which will give teachers time to speak with parents, caregivers and students, while also allowing for call dropouts or call failures.

Teachers will call parents and carers on the phone number that we have on file, which parents and carers provided when students enrolled in the school. If you have changed your phone number since then, students can come to the office to collect a change of contact details form, or parents and carers can email their new contact details to the school email address, stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au .

If anyone needs help updating their password for Sentral, please email matthew.topp@det.nsw.edu.au .

The window for booking Year 11 interviews will be open from 9am on Tuesday 17 June until 7am on Tuesday 24 June 2025.

A short "how to" regarding booking interviews can be found on the following pages.

Matthew Topp

Student, Parent, Teacher Interview Coordinator



How to book interview times with teachers

1. Log into the Parent Portal at <https://smshs.sentral.com.au/portal>
2. Interview bookings opened at 9am on Tuesday 17 June for Year 11. After that time, click on the yellow banner to open the PTI booking page.
3. The next window shows all classes in which a student is enrolled. Parents and carers can select times from the buttons on the right of screen. The sample student here shows all time slots filled.

Parent Interview Bookings - Year 12 Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews 2018

Welcome to the Year 12 Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews 2018 bookings screen.

From here, you can easily book a date and a time to see a specific teacher for each of your children. This process is quite straight forward. Simply follow the steps below to confirm your bookings.

1. Click on the **Select Timeslot** button that is placed next to the teacher you'd like to meet with.
2. Select a **timeslot** from the timeslots that are available for that teacher. The selected booking timeslot will now be **reserved** for you until you finalise this process.
3. Complete steps #1 and #2 until you have selected an appropriate interview time for all of the teachers you'd like to see.
4. If there are no suitable timeslots available, click on the Select Timeslots button and then click on the blue **"Request interview with teacher"** button.
5. If there are a number of teachers you don't feel the need to see, click on the Select Timeslots button and then click on the red **"Click if interview not required"** button.
6. Once you have made a selection for all of the classes shown below, you **MUST** click on the **Confirm Appointments** button.
7. The reserved bookings you selected will now be **confirmed**.

Please note: You have a 10 minute inactivity session timeout whilst selecting the bookings for your children. This means that if you leave your computer for more than 10 minutes, any reserved bookings will be released and other parents can choose them. It is important that you complete this process in one go. If you do run into any issues, please contact the school directly.

Student Name here

Subject	Class	Teacher	Appointment Time
2U Agriculture Yr12	12AGR1	Mr [Name]	5:00pm
4U Retail Services Yr12	12CRSV3/8	Miss [Name]	5:10pm
2U English Standard Yr12	12ENSA4	Miss [Name]	5:20pm
2U Legal Studies Yr12	12LES3A	Miss [Name]	5:30pm
2U Biology Yr12	12SCB6A	Ms [Name]	5:40pm
2U Earth and Environmental Science Yr12	12SCE7	Ms [Name]	5:50pm
	11LAST2	Ms [Name]	6:00pm

Confirm Appointments

4. When you click to set a time for each interview, the booking window looks like the image shown on the right.

Times that are greyed out are unavailable for a parent and carer, either because the teacher is unavailable or because they have a clashing time already booked.

Parents and carers can choose not required if they so desire.

Once all times have been selected, click on "Confirm Appointments", which should lock in your times.

Timeslots

Not required

05/06/2018 Tue

4:00pm	4:10pm	4:20pm	4:30pm	4:40pm
4:50pm	5:00pm	5:10pm	5:20pm	5:30pm
5:40pm	5:50pm	6:00pm	6:10pm	6:20pm
6:30pm	6:40pm	6:50pm	7:00pm	7:10pm
7:20pm	7:30pm	7:40pm	7:50pm	

Request interview with teacher

Appointment Time

Not Attending

5:10pm

5:20pm

5:30pm

5:40pm

5:50pm

6:00pm

Confirm Appointments

5. When complete, you can choose to receive an email with times and dates as a calendar file.





Western Sydney Careers Expo

Friday 27 June 2025

Tips for Students from Cheryl, Our Careers Adviser

Dear Year 12 Students,

Thank you for attending the Year 12 Careers Expo. I do hope it is both informative and enjoyable.

Please see below the important points that must be adhered to:

- All of us will travel to and from the Expo on the chartered bus as this is the safest travel option for this busy event.
- Please report to the Student Car Park **before 8:00 am** so your name can be marked off and you can board your designated bus. Bus lists will be posted outside the library. Please note **you are NOT able** to switch buses.
- **The buses will leave at 8.10 am** from Kungala Street and Creek Road (opposite Ripples).
 - Please report to the teacher displaying the bus number you have been assigned.
 - You will receive your personalized entry wristband. This wristband is for entry into the Expo, and we cannot replace it - so please wear it for the duration of the excursion.
- Please bring **only one small bag** that will safely store your valuables and you can always have them with you. You cannot leave any items on the bus.
- At the Expo, please approach all ambassadors respectfully and consider only collecting the information you require. Often students collect unnecessary paper resources, and these tend to become excess waste.
- There are food outlets available within the expo. They tend to have long queues and expensive prices. I would recommend you bring your own snacks and water for the day.
- To return to school, you must meet the teacher who marked your roll at school **by 11.45 am** outside the stadium for bus boarding.
- Your bus cannot leave the stadium until the roll has been marked, and all students are confirmed on the bus. **Please ensure you are not late back to your bus, (the one you travelled down on).**



- When you arrive back at school, you will be dismissed.
- Enjoy your day and please make the most of the opportunity to speak with the various ambassadors and collect relevant Information for your career pathways. Exhibitors include:
 - universities, TAFE colleges and training providers
 - providers of HSC resources, information, and services
 - organisations with apprenticeship information and opportunities
 - organisations with employment opportunities
 - organisations with cadetship opportunities
 - career advisers and student support services
 - providers of tutoring services, lecture and study skills programs
 - providers of international exchange and GAP year programs
 - providers of youth services and programs
- a full list of exhibitors can be found at: www.westernsydneycareerexpo.com.au/Exhibitors

I would plan my visit by listing the exhibitors I most want to seek information and advice from. I would look at some of the suggested questions and compile a list so your time is best spent seeking the most important and relevant advice.

- 1. What can I study?** Getting to know exactly what's on offer can help you narrow down your decision, or you might even hear about a course you hadn't considered before.
- 2. What are the entry requirements?** ATAR/ subject bands or special entry requirements
- 3. Early Entry Options available and how to apply?** It's worth knowing if the course you're interested in has an early entry program so you can get your application in on time.
- 4. What do I do if I don't meet the entry requirements?**
- 5. Pathways or alternative ways of getting you into your course,** including alternative pathways, bridging courses, adjustment factors, and more.
- 6. Where will my degree take me?** Think about your passions and what you enjoy, as well as what you're good at – do the careers your chosen degree leads to sound like something you'd enjoy and be good at?
- 7. Can I apply for a scholarship and how is that completed?**
- 8. What other opportunities are available?** There are many experiences on offer – studying abroad, joining a club or society, or participating in an internship are just some of the other opportunities you might be able to access while at university.

Have a fun and informative day!

Cheryll



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Year 11 2025

Seminar Day 1

Friday June 27 2025



Students should check their school email for more information and the group lists posted in the Tech Centre and outside the Administration Office

SURNAMES	GROUPS A AND B	GROUPS C AND D	GROUPS E AND F	GROUPS G AND H
Session 1 8.20 – 9.15	SAFE PARTYING Presented by Red Frogs MPC Facilitator – Anne-Maree Magi	ROAD SAFETY Presented by Nigel Smith Lecture Theatre Facilitator - Mel Jacka	STUDENT ADVISER SESSION Basketball courts Facilitators – Jacqui, Wendi and Luigi	CONSENT/VAPING Presented by Red Frogs Tech Centre Facilitator - Danielle
Session 2 9.15 – 10.10	ROAD SAFETY Presented by Nigel Smith Lecture Theatre Facilitator - Mel Jacka	CONSENT/VAPING Presented by Red Frogs Tech Centre Facilitator - Danielle	SAFE PARTYING Presented by Red Frogs MPC Facilitator - Anne-Maree Magi	STUDENT ADVISER SESSION Basketball courts Facilitators - Jacqui, Wendi and Luigi
Recess 10.10 - 10.40				
Session 3 10.40 – 11.35	CONSENT/VAPING Presented by Red Frogs Tech Centre Facilitator -	STUDENT ADVISER SESSION Basketball courts Facilitators - Jacqui, Wendi and Luigi	ROAD SAFETY Presented by Nigel Smith Lecture Theatre Facilitator - Mel Jacka	SAFE PARTYING Presented by Red Frogs MPC Facilitator – Anne-Maree Magi
Session 4 11.35 – 12.30	STUDENT ADVISER SESSION Basketball courts Facilitators - Jacqui, Wendi and Luigi	SAFE PARTYING Presented by Red Frogs MPC Facilitator – Anne-Maree Magi	CONSENT/VAPING Presented by Red Frogs Tech Centre Facilitator - Danielle	ROAD SAFETY Presented by Nigel Smith Lecture Theatre Facilitator - Mel Jacka
Lunch 12.30 – 1.00				



SMSHS – SOURCES OF SUPPORT



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Term 2 Weeks 9A @ SMSHS

Monday 23 Jun	Tuesday 24 Jun	Wednesday 25 Jun	Thursday 26 Jun	Friday 27 Jun
<p>Year 11 Business Services Work Placement</p> <p>Year 11 Fitness Work Placement</p> <p>Year 12 Dance, Task 4 due</p> <p>Year 12 Music 1, Task 4 due</p>	<p>PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES</p> <p>School Council Meeting, 6pm via Teams</p> <p>Year 11 Business Services Work Placement</p> <p>Year 11 Fitness Work Placement</p> <p>Year 12 Maths Advanced, Task 3 – during the Period 0</p> <p>Year 11 Chemistry, Task 2 – during the Period 0</p> <p>Year 12 Dance, Task 4 due</p> <p>Year 11 French Beginners, Task 2 due</p> <p>Year 11 Japanese Beginners, Task 2 due</p> <p>Year 11 Korean Beginners, Task 2 due</p> <p>Year 11 Photography, Task 2 due</p> <p>Year 11 Spanish Beginners, Task 2 due</p>	<p>Year 11 Student, Parent, Teacher Evening, 4pm to 8.30 pm via phone</p> <p>Year 11 Business Services Work Placement</p> <p>Year 11 Fitness Work Placement</p> <p>Lunch Concerts</p> <p>Year 12 Dance, Task 4 due</p> <p>Year 12 English Extension 1, Task 2 due</p> <p>Year 12 Food Technology, Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Maths Extension 1, Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 11 Italian Beginners, Task 2 due</p>	<p>PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES</p> <p>Beanies for Brain Cancer Fundraiser</p> <p>Year 11 Business Services Work Placement</p> <p>Year 11 Fitness Work Placement</p> <p>Year 12 Design and Technology, Task 3 – during the Period 0</p> <p>Year 11 Biology, Task 2 – during the Period 0</p> <p>Year 12 Dance, Task 4 due</p> <p>Year 12 English Studies, Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Hospitality, Task 4 due</p> <p>Year 12 Software Engineering, Task 3 due</p>	<p>Year 12 – Excursion to Western Sydney Careers Expo</p> <p>Year 11 Seminar Day 1 2025</p> <p>Year 11 Business Services Work Placement</p> <p>Year 11 Fitness Work Placement</p>

Term 2 Weeks 10B @ SMSHS

Monday 30 Jun	Tuesday 1 Jul	Wednesday 2 Jul	Thursday 3 Jul	Friday 4 Jul
<p>Year 12 Business Services Work Placement</p> <p>Year 11 Fitness Work Placement</p> <p>Year 12 Dance, Task 4 due</p> <p>Year 12 Earth and Environmental Science, Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Enterprise Computing, Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Maths Extension 2, Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 11 Earth and Environmental Science, Task 2 due</p>	<p>PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES</p> <p>Year 12 Business Services Work Placement</p> <p>Year 11 Fitness Work Placement</p> <p>Year 12 PDHPE, Task 3 – during the Period 0</p> <p>Year 11 Physics, Task 2 – during the Period 0</p> <p>Year 12 Dance, Task 4 due</p> <p>Year 12 Entertainment, Task 2 due</p> <p>Year 12 Italian Beginners, Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Korean Beginners, Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Spanish Beginners, Task 3 due</p>	<p>Year 12 Business Services Work Placement</p> <p>Year 11 Fitness Work Placement</p> <p>Year 12 Dance, Task 4 due</p> <p>Year 12 English Extension 2, Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Entertainment Specialisation, Task 8a due</p> <p>Year 12 History Extension, Task 2 due</p> <p>Year 12 Japanese Beginners, Task 3 due</p>	<p>Year 12 Business Services Work Placement</p> <p>Year 11 Fitness Work Placement</p> <p>Year 12 Dance, Task 4 due</p> <p>Year 12 Entertainment Specialisation, Task 8a due</p>	<p>Year 12 Business Services Work Placement</p> <p>Year 11 Fitness Work Placement</p> <p>Year 12 Dance, Task 4 due</p>



Our Teams

Principal:	Sally Smithard
School Council President:	Sonia Matthews
School Captains:	Elliot Moore Rosetta Yankson
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- Deputy Principal (Year 11 2025)	Danielle Ervine
- Deputy Principal (Year 12 2025)	Leah Havord
- English	Julie Robinson
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- Commercial Studies	Salochna Reddy
- HSIE	Shara Walsh
- CAPA	Nicole Bonfield
- TAS / PDHPE	Sharon Francis
- TAS / Computing	Matthew Topp
- LOTE	Luigi Serra
- Secondary Studies	Lucas Widdison
- Wellbeing	Melissa Jacka
- First Australians	Leah Havord
- Sports Coordinator	Joanne Brines
- Business Manager (Acting)	Rebecca Zinghini
- School Administrative Manager (Rel)	Angela Demaio
Student Advisers:	
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- Year 12 2025, Surnames A-G	Adam Bernthaler
- Year 12 2025, Surnames H-O	Lauren Hasna
- Year 12 2025, Surnames P-Z	Jeff Larsen
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See your Mentor, Personal Mentor or Student Adviser if you need any help!



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