



Our School Newsletter

Principal: Sally Smithard

School Captains: Neha Bhatt and Avisha Khan

School Council President: Ross Abbott

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29 January – 8 February 2019

Important Dates – Term 1 2019

W1	Wed 30 Jan	Year 11 students return
W1	Thur 31 Jan	Year 12 students return
W3	Thur 14 Feb	Valentine's Day Assembly
W4	Tues 19 Feb	Academic Assembly
W4	Fri 22 Feb	School Swimming Carnival
W6	Tues 5 Mar	School Photos
W10	Fri 5 Apr	Open Evening, 3 pm - 7 pm
W11	Fri 12 Apr	Last day of Term 1



Principal's Report

Welcome back to the St Marys Senior High School Community for 2019. Welcome to our students, their families, our staff, our community supporters and our educational partners who all contribute to providing broad opportunities to ensure the best possible educational outcomes for our students.

We hope you enjoyed the break over summer and have recharged, ready for a busy and rewarding year.

Firstly, congratulations to the class of 2018 who have now received their HSC results, ATARs and university offers. In Week 4 of this term we will celebrate our highest achieving students with our Academic Assembly. Our Annual School Report, which is published at the end of the term will provide a detailed analysis of the Higher School Certificate results.

This year is a special year at St Marys Senior as the school celebrates 30 years as a senior high school providing extensive educational opportunities for students across Greater Western Sydney. This year the school, under the leadership of Fatima De Assis will be producing a musical, "The Heights" as part of the anniversary celebrations. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible celebrating the vast talents of our students.

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Principal's Report continued

St Marys Senior High School does not have a P&C group. A School Council, made up of parents, students, community members and staff meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Each representative group has a specific number of voting rights and representatives are elected at the annual general meeting held as the first meeting of the year. This year's AGM will take place on **Tuesday 26 February 2019** in the meeting room in the Administration Block at 6pm. If parents want to be involved in decision making related to our school and develop a better understanding of the school's operations, this may be the path you choose to take. The parent representative group requires three voting members at each meeting, and voting rights can be rotated between parent representatives. I encourage you to consider attending the first meeting to gain an insight into the School Council.

It is important that you regularly visit our school website, Facebook and Twitter and ensure you have downloaded SkoolBag, the school app. These all contain lots of information, our updated school calendar and access to resources from both the school and the Department. When you put all of that together, plus information shared via email, we could never be accused of not trying to communicate with you! Keep in mind though, it is a two way street – you have obligations, too to keep up to date and to keep us informed of any issues affecting your child.

For parents new to our school, we produce this newsletter every fortnight. I encourage you to read the newsletter closely as it contains a lot of information about the school, upcoming events and whether there are any Period 0 lessons over the fortnight.

To our new Year 11 students, welcome! We hope you enjoy O Week and transition to St Marys smoothly. If you have any questions or are unsure about anything there are plenty of people to ask. A list of the executive is included in this newsletter should you have questions. Consider running for the Student Representative Council – it is an important part of our school that ensures student voice remains integral to St Marys life. Diversity amongst the SRC is important so that all students are represented.

To our Year 12 students – 150 days! This is the number of days of school that you have left before you finish your formal schooling and embark upon your Higher School Certificate Examinations. I look forward to continuing to work with you and your families in 2019 to not only successfully complete Year 12 but to contribute to ensuring your life after school sees you thrive both professionally and personally.

It is an absolute privilege to be the Principal of St Marys Senior High School and to be able to work with an amazing group of students and incredibly committed staff.

Sally Smithard

Principal



Organisation for Week 1 2019



Tuesday 29 January 2019

Staff development day – no students attending and our office is closed

Wednesday 30 January 2019

First day for Year 11 2019 Mentors from Year 12 2019 to attend 8:00 am – 12:30 pm <i>Our office is open 8:00 am – 3:20 pm</i>	Period	Start	End
	Assembly	8:20 am	10:00 am
	Cluster meeting	10:00 am	10:30 am
	Mentor class	10:30 am	11:30 am
	Recess	11:30 am	12:00 pm
	Orientation session 1	12:00 pm	12:45 pm
	Orientation session 2	12:45 pm	1:45 pm
	Lunch	1:45 pm	2:15 pm
	Orientation session 3	2:15 pm	3:20 pm

Thursday 31 January 2019

First day for Year 12 2019, starting with an assembly in the MPC “Breakfast on the Lawn” for Year 11 2019 students and parents at the start of the day, then normal lessons <i>Our office is open 8:00 am – 3:20 pm</i>	Period	Start	End
	Assembly, Year 12 2019		
	‘Breakfast on the Lawn’, Year 11 2019	8:20 am	9:30 am
	Period 1	9:30 am	10:30 am
	Period 2	10:30 am	11:30 am
	Recess	11:30 am	12:00 pm
	Period 3	12:00 pm	12:55 pm
	Period 4	12:55 pm	1:50 pm
	Lunch	1:50 pm	2:20 pm
	Period 5	2:20 pm	3:20 pm

Friday 1 February 2019

Normal school day for Year 11 and Year 12 2019 Extended recess for Student Clubs Pop Up Stalls Display <i>Our office is open 8:00 am – 3:00 pm</i>	Period	Start	End
	Period 1	8:20 am	9:25 am
	Period 2	9:25 am	10:25 am
	Recess	10:25 am	11:25 am
	Period 3	11:25 am	12:26 pm
	Period 4	12:26 pm	1:38 pm
	Lunch	1:38 pm	2:08 pm
	Period 5	2:08 pm	3:20 pm

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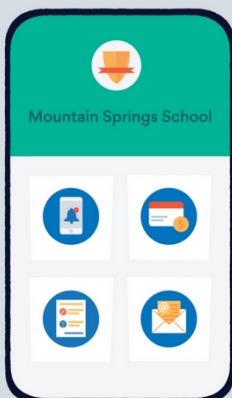
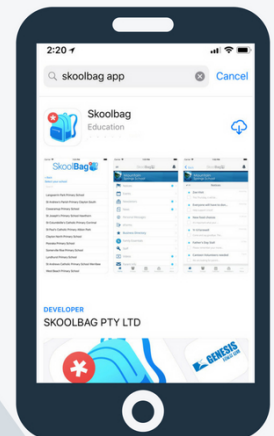
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This fortnight @ SMSHS

Monday 28 Jan	Tuesday 29 Jan	Wednesday 30 Jan	Thursday 31 Jan	Friday 1 Feb
WEEK A Public Holiday	Staff development day – <i>staff only</i>	First day for Year 11 2019	First day for Year 12 2019 “Breakfast on the Lawn” – for students in Year 11 2019 and their parents	Student Clubs “Pop Up” Stalls Display- Recess
Monday 4 Feb	Tuesday 5 Feb	Wednesday 6 Feb	Thursday 7 Feb	Friday 8 Feb
WEEK B Year 12 English EALD – Multimodal presentation due	Year 12 English Advanced – Common Module: Multimodal Presentation due Year 12 English Standard – Common Module: Multimodal Presentation due Year 12 English EALD – Multimodal presentation due	Year 12 Italian Beginners – Response in English to spoken texts due	Year 12 English EALD – Multimodal presentation due Year 12 English Studies – Multimodal presentation due Year 12 Japanese Beginners – Response in English to spoken texts due Year 12 Korean Beginners – Response in English to spoken texts due Year 12 Spanish Beginners – Response in Spanish to spoken texts due	First week of Personal Mentor for Year 12 students – 10:44 – 10:54 am

Our Staff Teams

Principal:	Sally Smithard
School Leadership Team:	
- Deputy Principal (Year 11)	Danielle Ervine
- Deputy Principal (Year 12 - Rel)	Leah Havord
- English	Julie Robinson
- Mathematics	Simone Pett
- Science	Lidija Radovancevic
- Commercial Studies (Rel)	Salochna Reddy
- HSIE (Rel)	Rebecca Langham
- CAPA	Nicole Bonfield
- Computing	Matthew Topp
- LOTE	Luigi Serra
- TAS/PDHPE (Rel)	Angela Lievore
- Secondary Studies	Liz Hemmings
- Student Services (Rel)	Peta Bailey
- First Australians	Leah Havord
- Sport and Recreation	Joanne Brines
- School Administrative Manager	Rebecca Zinghini
Student Advisers:	
- Year 11, Surnames A-G	Rosa Kim
- Year 11, Surnames H-O	Lyn Tuckwell
- Year 11, Surnames P-Z	Jesse Vassallo
- Year 12, Surnames A-G	Luigi Serra
- Year 12, Surnames H-O	Andrew Mabey
- Year 12, Surnames P-Z	Nicola Preston
Learning Support:	Carmel Harriden Dianne Pyne
Careers Adviser:	Lyn Tuckwell

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