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Principal: Sally Smithard School Captains: Jed Garcia and Souad Khan School Council President: Ross Abbott

### TERM 1 WEEKS 3 AND 4

ENIOR HIGH SCHC

#### 10 February – 21 February 2020

	Important Dates – Term 1 2020		
W3	Fri 14 Feb	Valentine's Day Assembly	
W4	Tues 18 Feb	Academic Excellence Assembly	
W5	Tues 25 Feb	School Council Meeting – AGM Front office, 6pm	
W6	Tues 3 Mar	School photos	
W6	Wed 4 Mar	Year 11 2020 Elevate Presentation	
W7	Mon 9 Mar	Catch up session – afternoon only, School photos	
W7	Wed 11 Mar	Year 11 2020 Parent Information Evening	
W9	Tues 24 Mar	School Council Meeting Front office, 6pm	
W10	Fri 3 Apr	Open Evening, Year 11 2021 <i>3 pm – 7 pm</i>	
W11	Thur 9 Apr	Last day of Term 1	

## **Principal's Report**

Many thanks to all of our staff, students and parents for helping to get the school year off to a very positive start. For us we have had many comments from students, staff and phone calls from community members regarding the smooth start to the year. We had a very successful informal meet and greet with Year 11 parents and students with our Breakfast on the Lawn.

Our swimming carnival was earlier than usual this year but still provided a great opportunity for our students and staff to display their school spirit. Unfortunately,

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## Principal's Report continued

due to heavy rain on the day we were forced to change our arrangements, especially in light of the limited wet weather cover offered at Ripples St Marys. We offered students the opportunity to compete but also ensured that students who chose to stay at school could continue with learning in the drier conditions offered in learning spaces. Thank you to the outstanding organisation of the PDHPE team and congratulations to all involved in our activities on the day. Best wishes to our students who will represent St Marys Senior High School at the Werrington Zone swimming carnival.

We have met with the local highway patrol following concerns raised about the number of cars dropping students off on Kalang Avenue and double parking. We will continue to work with the police to ensure the safety of all students, pedestrians and other road users. We ask that parents drop students off on Creek Road or on the appropriate sections of Kungala Street.

I have included in this newsletter the complete code of conduct from Transport NSW regarding student travel on public transport for your reference. Although most of our students are respectful to other transport users there have been occasions when commuters have raised concerns. Sometimes this is an issue with a single user or relates to the number of students who utilise the public transport system. Sometimes genuine concerns are raised which we need to address. I encourage students and parents to go through the code of conduct to avoid the risk of losing their School Opal Card.

## Excursions

At St Marys Senior High School there are a variety of extra-curricula activities offered including excursions to support students in their academic pursuits. It is vital that students adhere to due dates for these excursions to ensure that our organisation runs smoothly. The Department of Education requires each excursion to include an extensive risk assessment differentiated for the students attending the excursion. This takes an enormous amount of time for the organising staff and we require your support to ensure that we meet our work, health and safety requirements.

To ensure that all students are provided with an opportunity to engage in these experiences, the school may be able to provide some financial support to families who are struggling with school costs. Please contact your child's Deputy Principal to discuss the options available.

## How do I get involved with the school?

St Marys Senior High School does not have a P&C group. A School Council made up of parents, students, community members and staff make up the Council and meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Every representative group has a specific number of voting rights and are elected at the annual general meeting, the first meeting of the year. The AGM will take place on Tuesday 25 February 2020 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. I encourage you to consider attending the first meeting to gain an insight into the School Council.

If you would like to attend the School Council meeting, please contact the school via the school email address <u>stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au</u> for catering purposes. At this meeting we will go over the Constitution, explaining each representative group on Council.

Year 12 will soon commence their first session with their Personal Mentors. This is an additional layer of support provided to assist students in their final year of formal schooling. The connections made in Personal Mentor have been highly valued by past students as stated in their exit surveys. I hope you take full advantage of this opportunity.

## Sally Smithard

Principal

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## Code of conduct for school students on metro and train services, and at stations

All students are to behave in a manner that ensures both their comfort and safety and that of other passengers in order to retain their school travel pass.



Students will:

- Obey all signage instructions on metro and train services and at stations.
- Behave safely at all times (e.g. avoid running or riding bikes, scooters or skates on metro and train services and at stations, keep off metro and train lines, keep arms, legs and other body parts inside the metro or train, refrain from touching metro or train doors, safety equipment or any part of a moving metro or train).
- Use non-offensive language and behave appropriately at all times on rail property (e.g. avoid swearing, spitting, fighting, throwing items, keep feet off seats).
- Protect rail property and report graffiti and vandalism.
- Keep yourself and anything you are carrying clear of aisles, steps, thoroughfares and behind the yellow line on platforms.
- Take your rubbish with you and dispose of it thoughtfully.
- Follow the instructions of station staff, drivers, guards, transport officers and Police officers.
- Carry your School Pass during all school-related travel.
- Spread out along the platform so as not to overcrowd one carriage. Avoid boarding carriages that are already overcrowded.
- Allow other passengers to get off metro and train services before boarding and then board without delay.
- Move inside the carriage and stand away from the doors during travel.
- Comply with all laws relating to conduct and behaviour while travelling on public transport.

- Not possess any prohibited items, such as knives, spray cans or other implements intended for use in damaging property.
- Adhere to the law that bans smoking and drinking alcohol at stations, and on metro and train services.
- Use the School Travel Pass only for its intended purpose.
- Keep their School Pass for their own use not lend their School Pass to other students or borrow one from them.

## If issued with a School Opal Card, students must always tap on at the beginning of their metro and train trips and tap off at the end, even at stations without ticket gates.

The School Pass may be confiscated and a fine may also apply if these rules are not followed.

Vandalism is a serious criminal offence. Students caught tagging, etching or vandalising metro and train services and stations will be arrested and may face criminal charges.

## Consequences of inappropriate behaviour

**Unacceptable behaviour** such as using offensive or racist language, disobeying reasonable directions from the driver, smoking, spitting, damaging property, eating on the bus, distracting the driver with persistent noise and failing to show the travel pass may lead to:

- Loss of subsidised school travel privileges for up to two school weeks for a second offence, and up to 10 school weeks for subsequent offences.
- Permanent suspension of school travel privileges or banning from travelling on buses may apply for repeated offences.

**Dangerous behaviour** such as seriously bullying or harassing other passengers, fighting, letting any part of your body protrude from the bus, throwing objects inside or outside the bus, using matches and lighters, carrying dangerous items and group misbehaviour may lead to:

- Loss of subsidised school travel privileges for up to four school weeks for a first offence, and up to 10 school weeks for subsequent offences – or if group misbehaviour is involved, permanent loss of school travel privileges.
- Permanent suspension of school travel privileges or banning from travelling on buses may apply for repeated offences.

*Highly dangerous behaviour* such as interfering with safety equipment, pushing students out of the doors or windows, assaulting the driver or other passengers and destruction of bus property may lead to:

- Permanent loss of subsidised school travel privileges and possible court action or police prosecution.
- Banned from travelling on buses.

## The police will be called to deal with highly dangerous behaviour.

These penalties reflect the seriousness of the misbehaviour. They ensure that all students who misbehave on buses are dealt with in a fair and consistent manner, no matter which bus operator or school is involved.

If students are refused travel, parents/guardians/carers must make alternative travel arrangements and meet any costs of that transport. They will not be eligible for the Transport for NSW Private Vehicle Conveyance Scheme under these circumstances.

A group of school students behaving unacceptably may risk higher penalties if their conduct puts the safety of other passengers or the driver at risk.

The operator will inform Transport for NSW of its decision. Transport for NSW may inform an operator of a student's record of misbehaviour. Please refer to the Guidelines for Managing School Students' Behaviour on Buses for dealing with incidents of inappropriate behaviour.

If a student misbehaves on a bus, the bus operator concerned will contact the parents and the school.

- Depending on the gravity of the offence, students may be required to give up their school bus travel pass or may be refused travel on the bus for a period of time determined by the bus operator.
- Heavier penalties may apply to students involved in group misbehaviour.
- School principals have the right to take additional disciplinary action against a student under the school's discipline code or student welfare policy for any breach of the code of conduct.

The bus operator must provide written notification to the parents, guardians or carers before a school bus travel pass can be withdrawn.

## What to do if you disagree

If parents, guardians or carers don't agree with a decision, they should contact the bus operator. If they are still not satisfied, they can contact the nearest Transport for NSW office.



## SMSHS STUDENT PICK UP AND DROP OFF

Please use Creek Road - at the back of the school As Sally already mentioned, we have been sent reminders from Penrith Council regarding the parking restrictions in our area (please refer to our Skoolbag posts as well as the flyer found on the following page), Many of these apply on Kalang Avenue and Kungala Street. We are working with the Highway Patrol section of the NSW Police Service to optimise the safety of all drivers and pedestrians in our precinct. To this end, the Student Car Park area is designated for young drivers so that they are best able to park safely to attend classes.

Thank you to everyone for their help and support.





## ST MARYS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

## **ROSE SALES**

WHAT YOU CAN ORDER: CHOCOLATES ONLY (PICKUP) - \$4 ROSE (PICKUP) - \$5 ROSE AND CHOCOLATE (PICKUP) - \$8 ROSE (DELIVERED) - \$7 ROSE AND CHOCOLATE (DELIVERED) - \$10

ROSE AND CHOCOLATE PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY - \$13

## ORDERS CAN BE PLACED AT RECESS AND LUNCH FEBRUARY 4-12 TILL STOCK LASTS

ORDERS TO BE PLACED AT THE FRONT OFFICE

## Valentine's Day Bell Times - Friday 14 February 2020

Period 1	8.20 - 9.20
Period 2	9.20 – 10.20
Valentine's Assembly	10.20 – 11.20
Recess	11.20 – 11.50
Period 3	11.50 – 12.45
Period 4	12.45 - 1.40
Lunch	1.40 – 2.10
Period 5	2.10 - 3.20

## Academic Excellence Assembly Bell Times – Tuesday 18 February 2020

Period 1	8.20 - 9.05
Assembly	9.05 – 10.40
Recess	10.40 – 11.10
Period 2	11.10 – 12.05
Period 3	12.05 – 12.55
Period 4	12.55 – 1.50
Lunch	1.50 – 2.20
Period 5	2.20 – 3.20

This celebration of the HSC achievements of our graduating class is a very special day for our school community. To this end, all students are expected to wear full dress code (the school white shirt, appropriate pants/skirt and closed in shoes) on the day to show their respect for the outstanding achievements of our young men and women.

Any students who may not have these items can report to the Learning Centre during Period 1 on Tuesday to borrow the dress code elements they require.

## Swimming carnival 2020

With a day of more rain than we expected, we were forced to quickly reorganise our carnival for 2020. While most students chose to with the bulk of students choosing to stay at school and continue with their classes for the day.

With the serious competitors at the pool, the carnival got underway and some fantastic races were swum. The results for each age group and race are shown below.

We would like to thank Jo Brines, Mitchell Baker, Charly Ebejer, Maree Phelps and Jesse Vassallo for all of their amazing work in organising (and then reorganising) the day.

16 Years Girls 100 Metres Freestyle	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Caitlin Shepherd
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Monique Buksh
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Juliana Andrawis

17+ Years Girls 100 Metres Freestyle	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Teone Fava
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Trinity Fuller
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tahnee Wills

16 Years Boys 100 Metres Freestyle	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Riley Stevens
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ross Anicete

17+ Years Boys 100 Metres Freestyle	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Max Thompson
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Luke Goodwin
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joshua Rodgers









16 Years Girls 100 Metres Breaststroke	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Monique Buksh
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Caitlin Shepherd

17+ Years Girls 100 Metres Breaststroke	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Teone Fava
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Trinity Fuller

16 Years Boys 100 Metres Breaststroke	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ross Anicete

17+ Years Boys 100 Metres Breaststroke	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Luke Goodwin
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Max Thompson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Savior Yohana

16 Years Girls 50 Metres Freestyle	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Caitlin Shepherd
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Monique Buksh
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Juliana Andrawis

17+ Years Girls 50 Metres Freestyle		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Teone Fava	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Trinity Fuller	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tahnee Wills	

16 Years Boys 50 Metres Freestyle			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Riley Stevens		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ross Anicete		

17+ Years Boys 50 Metres Freestyle			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Max Thompson		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joshua Rodgers		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Luke Goodwin		

16 Years Girls 50 Metres Backstroke			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Monique Buksh		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Caitlin Shepherd		

17+ Years Girls 50 Metres Backstroke			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Teone Fava		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tahnee Wills		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Trinity Fuller		

16 Years Boys 50 Metres Backstroke			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Riley Stevens		

17+ Years Boys 50 Metres Backstroke			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Luke Goodwin		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Savior Yohana		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Esmahil Rezaie		

16 Years Girls 50 Metres Butterfly			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Monique Buksh		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Caitlin Shepherd		

17+ Years Girls 50 Metres Butterfly			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Teone Fava		

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17+ Years Boys 50 Metres Butterfly		
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# SRC ELECTIONS YEAR II 2020

Do you want to stand for election to our amazing SRC?

Listen in your Cluster Meeting in Week 3 for more information.

Nomination forms are due to Sharon and Janette in the TAS Staffroom by the end of lunch on Thursday 20 February

LEARNING CENTRE TIMETABLE – TERM 1 2020							
	WEEK A						
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
8:20 AM	CARMEL	CARMEL	DIANNE	DIANNE	NICOLE		
	ENGLISH / LAST	ENGLISH / LAST	HSIE / LAST	HSIE / LAST	HSIE / LAST		
	6 <b>B</b>	1A	7B	4A	88		
9:32 AM	DONNA	ANDREW M	кітн	DAVE	ROBYN A		
	ENGLISH / DANCE	SCIENCE	MATHS	COMMERCIAL	ENGLISH		
	4A	6A	5A	1A	2A		
10:44 AM	ROTATING ROSTER	LATHA	SARAH	SUBHAS	ROTATING ROSTER		
11:14 AM	DAVE	ROBYN H	SUN HWA	MARGO	REUBEN		
	COMMERCIAL	ENGLISH	KOREAN / JAPANESE	ENGLISH	MATHS		
	1B	7A	2A	5A	3 <b>A</b>		
12:26 PM	кітн	LEE	ILA	JAN	ANGELA		
	MATHS	COMMERCIAL	SCIENCE	HSIE	TEXTILES, D&T, CAFS, HOSPITALITY		
	5 <b>B</b>	3A	88	6A	7 <b>A</b>		
1:38 PM	CARMEL	ASHLEE	КІМ	DIANNE	ROTATING ROSTER		
2:08 PM	NICOLE	CARMEL	NICOLE	DIANNE	Open to 2.08 pm		
	HSIE / LAST	ENGLISH / LAST	HSIE / LAST	HSIE / LAST			
3:20 PM	8 <b>B</b>	4B	3B	2B	8 <b>C</b>		
			WEEK B				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
8:20 AM	NICOLE	NICOLE	DIANNE	CARMEL	ANGELA		
	HSIE / LAST	HSIE / LAST	HSIE / LAST	ENGLISH / LAST	TEXTILES, D&T, CAFS, HOSPITALITY		
	4A	3A	5B	2B	7 <b>A</b>		
9:32 AM	DAVE	LEE	ANDREW M	JAN	REUBEN		
	COMMERCIAL	COMMERCIAL	SCIENCE	HSIE	MATHS		
	6 <b>B</b>	7B	2В	1B	38		
10:44 AM	ROTATING ROSTER	LIBBY	ROBYN A	DAVE	ROTATING ROSTER		
11:14 AM	ROSEMARY	ROSEMARY	MICHAEL	кітн	ANDREW M		
	SCIENCE	SCIENCE	MUSIC / ENTERTAINMENT	MATHS	SCIENCE		
	1B	6A	7B	4B	2A		
12:26 PM	MARGO	SARAH	LEE	DEAN	NICOLE		
	ENGLISH	ENGLISH / MOD HIST	COMMERICAL	ENGINEERING, IPT, SDD, D&T	HSIE / LAST		
	5 <b>B</b>	4B	8A	5A	8 <b>B</b>		
1:38 PM	ANDREW F	JAN	CARLY	REUBEN	ROTATING ROSTER		
2:08 PM	CARMEL	CARMEL	DIANNE	DIANNE	Open to 2:08 pm		
	ENGLISH / LAST	ENGLISH / LAST	HSIE / LAST	ENGLISH / LAST			
3:20 PM	8 <b>B</b>	1A	3B	6B	8 <b>C</b>		

\*\* Our schedule of tutorials outside of school hours will be shared in our next newsletter. \*\*



School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife . Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day. School photos purchased online DO NOT require envelopes returned to school.

Orders for photography packages can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique 9 digit advancedorder code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au



## EXPERIENCE JAPAN JOIN OUR STUDENT EXCHANGE

If you are aged between 15 and 19 and live in and/or attend school within Penrith City you are eligible to be an ambassador for Penrith and have the experience of a lifetime.

The program includes

- Hosting a Japanese student during July and August 2020
- Spending 3 weeks in Fujieda during September and October 2020
- · Staying with a Japanese family and experiencing the Japanese lifestyle · Visiting shrines and temples
- Seeing Mt Fuji and taking an excursion to Hiroshima

Applications for the 2020 Student Ambassador Program close 4pm Thursday 9 April 2020.



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#### PENRITH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM 2020 ntly asked questions about the exchange progra

#### DO I HOST A STUDENT FROM FUJIEDA, JAPAN?

Yes, as part of the cultural exchange program you will host a student in your home during July and August. You will have the opportunity to communicate with your host brother or sister prior to their arrival.

#### FUJIEDA - WHERE IS IT?

Fujieda City is located in Shizuoka Prefecture approximately 180km south west of Tokyo and has been Penrith's sister city since 1984.

## ACCOMMODATION - WHERE DO I STAY?

Fujieda will organise homestay accommodation for you with your host brother or sister.

LANGUAGE - HOW WILL I COMMUNICATE?

You don't need to be able to speak Japanese. Your host brother or sister will have some understanding of the English language. Many students return from Japan with stories of the fun they had communicating or trying to communicate!

## Penrith International Friendship Committee



Contact: Penrith City Council 4732 8258 Phone: Email: Website: il: stephanie.wood@penrith.city site: penrithcity.psw.gov.au

This fortnight @ SMSHS				
Monday 10 Feb	Tuesday 11 Feb	Wednesday 12 Feb	Thursday 13 Feb	Friday 14 Feb
WEEK A Werrington Zone Volleyball Gala Day Year 12 Dance – Task due Year English Ext 2 – Task due	Year 12 Dance – Task due	AECG Meeting @ Rooty Hill High School, 4pm	Drama OnSTAGE Excursion Penrith Selective HS – Prefects Afternoon Tea Year 12 Dance – Task due	Valentine's Day Assembly Music and Entertainment Excursion to "Les Miserables" Dance CallBACK Excursion
Monday 17 Feb	Tuesday 18 Feb	Wednesday 19 Feb	Thursday 20 Feb	Friday 21 Feb
WEEK B Year 12 Retail Services – work placement	Academic Excellence Assembly Year 12 Drama – Task due Year 12 Retail Services – work placement	Year 12 Drama – Task due Year 12 Retail Services – work placement	PERIOD 0 BELL TIMES Year 12 Biology – Period 0 Task, MPC Year 12 Drama – Task due Year 12 Retail Services – work placement	Year 12 Drama – Task due Year 12 Retail Services – work placement

## **Our Staff Teams**

Sally Smithard

**Danielle Ervine** 

Julie Robinson

Lidija Radovancevic

Salochna Reddy

Nicole Bonfield

Matthew Topp

Rebecca Powell

Liz Hemminas

Melissa Jacka

Joanne Brines

Steven Mulligan

Rebecca Zinghini

Lynette Tuckwell

Leah Havord

Luigi Serra

Rebecca Langham

Leah Havord

Simone Pett

#### Principal:

School Leadership Team:

- Deputy Principal (Year 12) -
- Deputy Principal (Year 11) -
- English -
- Mathematics -
- Science \_
- **Commercial Studies** -
- -HSIE (Rel)
- CAPA --
- Computing \_
- LOTE
- -TAS/PDHPE Secondary Studies -
- \_
- Student Services and Wellbeing \_ First Australians
- Sport and Recreation -
- **Business Manager** -
- \_ School Administrative Manager

#### Student Advisers:

Careers Adviser:

<ul> <li>Year 12, Surnames A-G</li> </ul>	Mitchell Baker	
- Year 12, Surnames H-O	Lynette 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	
Learning Support:	Carmel Harriden Dianne Pyne Nicole Leong Carly McPherson Ashlee Pleffer	

