

# Our School Newsletter



*Mente manūque - With mind and hand*

Principal: Sally Smithard

School Captains: Jed Garcia and Souad Khan

School Council President: Suchita Andrews

## TERM 2 WEEKS 7 AND 8

8 - 19 June 2020

### Important Dates – Term 2 2020

W7	Mon 8 Jun	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
W8	Tues 16 Jun	Student, Parent, Teacher Evening, Year 12 2020 <i>See details later in this newsletter</i>
W9	Tues 23 Jun	School Council Meeting, 6pm <i>Details to be advised</i>
W9	Wed 24 Jun	Student, Parent, Teacher Evening, Year 11 2020 <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i>
W9	Fri 26 Jun	Year 11 Seminar Day - <i>cancelled</i> Year 12 Careers Market Excursion - <i>cancelled</i>
W10	Fri 3 Jul	Last day of Term 2

### Important Dates – Term 3 2020

W1	Mon 20 Jul	School Development Day
W1	Tues 21 Jul	First day for students Term 3
W2	Mon 27 Jul	Closing date Applications for Year 12 2021
W2	Tues 28 Jul	School Council Meeting, 6pm <i>Details to be advised</i>
W3	Mon 3 Aug	Start of school examination period
W5	Fri 21 Aug	End of school examination period
W6	Tues 25 Aug	School Council Meeting, 6pm <i>Details to be advised</i>
W9	Tues 15 Sep	Heritage Day <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i>
W10	Tues 22 Sep	School Council Meeting, 6pm <i>Details to be advised</i>
W10	Tues 22 Sep	Major Works Assembly <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i>
W10	Fri 25 Sep	Year 12 Graduation <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i>

## Principal's Report

We have just finished our first two weeks of full face to face teaching following students return to school and aside from a few changes it feels normal. There is that wonderful noise on school grounds of students laughing and talking which we missed when our students were learning from home. Students and staff seem to be in a good routine when they enter classrooms to ensure our hygiene procedures support the latest health advice and all but one of our students have returned to face to face learning.

There has been an increase in traffic as more students are being dropped off and picked up

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## Protect yourself from viruses



**Clean** your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser.



**Cover** your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.



**Avoid** close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.



**Stay home** if you are sick.



**Find the facts**

[health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus](http://health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus)

**Principal's Report continued**

resulting in some concerns being raised by students and parents. I have emailed all students advising them of the concerns being raised with me and outlined some suggestions that may assist with relieving some of the issues. I have also been in contact with the Road Safety Officer at Penrith City Council who will be conducting an investigation into the traffic flow and other concerns cited particularly in relation to the area around Kungala Street. Their investigation will engage multiple departments within the Council structure and will look at the current issues that have been created by the reduced use of public transport as a result of COVID-19 and longer term issues that may arise as a result of increased development in our local area. In addition, we always discuss any safety concerns with our local Police who assist where possible.

By the time you are reading this newsletter our expressions of interest for 2021 enrolment into Year 11 will have closed. We will have a small number of places available in our current Year 11 cohort for students to commence at the start of the HSC course in Term 4 2020. The enrolment process for local and non-local students who wish to apply to commence their studies in Year 12 in Term 4 2020 can be found on our website. The closing date for these applications is Monday 27 July 2020. Please feel free to contact our Enrolment Secretary (9623-8333) for further information.

In Term 3, Year 12 Trial Higher School Certificate and Year 11 Examinations will be held commencing on Monday 3 August and concluding on Friday 21 August. During this time we will not be granting travel leave (not that we can go anywhere beyond our own borders) to students and it is expected that students will be present for their examinations on the published dates. If a student is absent from an examination due to illness, they must follow the school's processes for misadventure as outlined in the assessment booklet issued to all students at the commencement of their course. If students have any questions in relation to this process they need to see their Deputy Principal, either Leah or Danielle. Students are only required to attend school during the examination period when they have a timetabled exam. There will be no formal lessons during this time as staff will be supervising the examinations. This will not affect student attendance.

Finally, our bell system has been using music to indicate the start and end of lessons. Since our return the music has related to COVID-19. Over the next two weeks, you will hear different music selected by our English Department – see if you can guess the theme?

**Sally Smithard**

*Principal*



## Year 12 Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews

Year 12 Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews will take place **on Tuesday 16 June between 4 pm and 8:30 pm**. To comply with social distancing regulations, teachers will undertake interviews via phone or Zoom, depending on teacher preferences.

Bookings will be in 15-minute blocks which will give teachers time to have a 10-minute conversation with parents, caregivers and students, while also allowing for technical issues, dropouts or call failures.

Teachers will contact parents and caregivers by phone or Zoom teleconferencing to conduct interviews. Teachers will indicate which platform they will be using to students before the evening.

Teachers will call parents and caregivers 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, [stmaryssenh.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:stmaryssenh.school@det.nsw.edu.au) . If anyone needs help updating their password for Sentral, please email [matthew.topp@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:matthew.topp@det.nsw.edu.au) .

Teachers who are using Zoom for interviews will provide the link needed to students prior to the interviews.

The window for booking interviews will be open from 7 am on Monday 8 June until 9 pm on Friday 12 June 2020. A short “how to” regarding booking interviews can be found on the following pages.

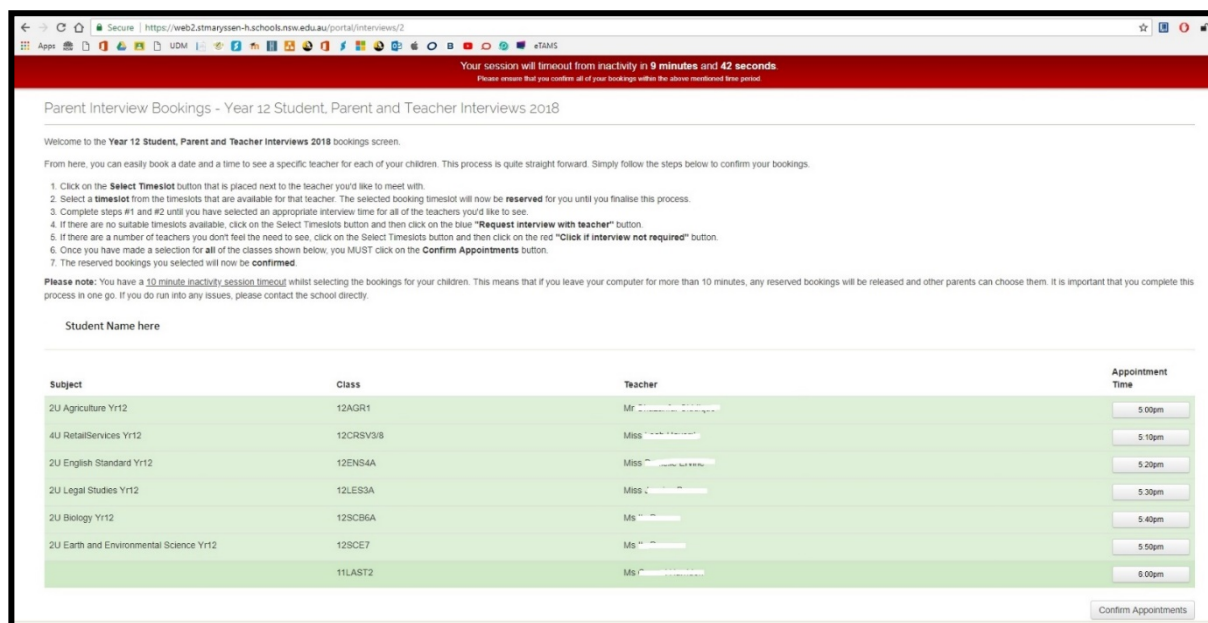
### **Luigi Serra and Matthew Topp**

*Student, Parent, Teacher Interview  
Coordinators*



## How to book interview times with teachers

1. Log into the Parent Portal at <https://smshs.sentral.com.au/portal>
2. Interview bookings will open **at 7 am on Monday 8 June 2020**. 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 caregivers can select times from the buttons on the right of screen. The sample student here shows all time slots filled.

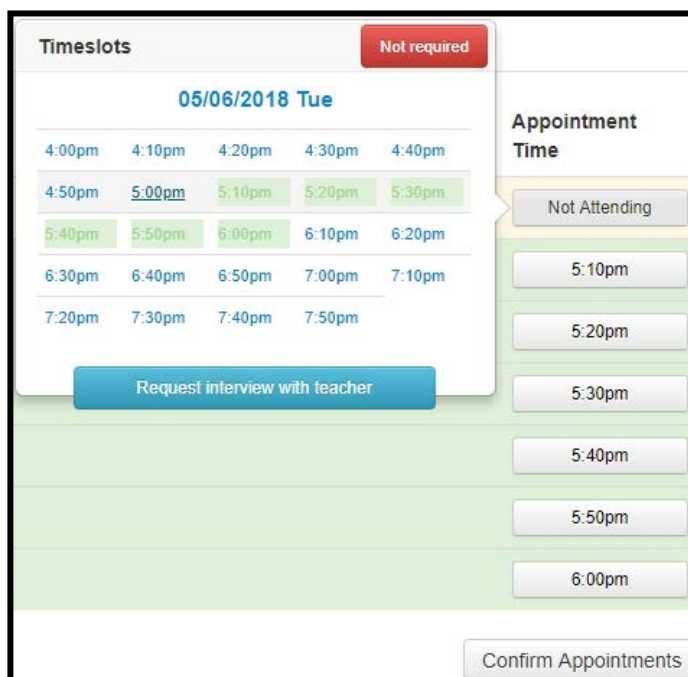


4. When you click to set a time for each interview, the booking window looks like the image shown on the right.

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

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

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



5. As well as classroom teachers, parents and caregivers have the opportunity to select an interview with the school's support teachers and Careers Adviser.
6. When complete, you can choose to receive an email with times and dates as a calendar file.

## Newspaper Subscriptions

St Marys Senior High School now has a digital subscription to the **Sydney Morning Herald**.

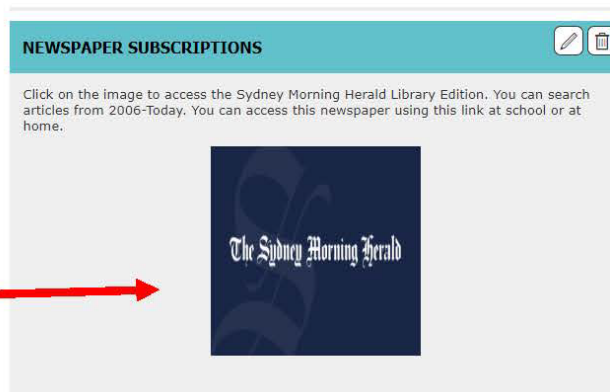
To access this resource at school or at home, follow the steps below.

### Step 1

Login to the **Oliver Library** via the Department portal.

### Step 2

From the **Oliver Homepage** scroll down to the Newspaper Subscriptions Information box. Click on the image to access the Sydney Morning Herald Library Edition.



### Step 3

In the Library Edition of the Sydney Morning Herald you have access to newspapers from 2006 to the current day.

Use the tools at the top to either Browse the articles or Search for a particular topic.



Navigate to a particular month or year, using the options at the top and left-hand side.

### Step 4

Select the newspaper you wish to read and use the arrows to turn the page.



In the Search function, you can email or print specific articles related to your keyword search. They can also add articles to My Collection from search.



## Stay healthy on your HSC journey

### Questions about the HSC?

Contact the COVID-19 support team on **1300 138 323**  
email [covid19support@nesa.nsw.edu.au](mailto:covid19support@nesa.nsw.edu.au)  
visit [educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/stayhealthyHSC](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/stayhealthyHSC)

### Need help managing stress?

Visit [ReachOut.com](https://ReachOut.com) for information, tools and tips to turn exam stress into success. If you need help right now, call **Lifeline 13 11 14** or **Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800** or talk to your GP



# Assessment

## **Amended Assessment Booklets for Year 11 and Year 12**

A reminder that the details of our tasks for this term can be found in the amended assessment booklets in the Google Classrooms for Year 11 and Year 12 for

**Term 2 Weeks 1-5 2020**

and

**Term 2 Weeks 6-10 2020**

If students have any questions about assessment tasks found in these booklets and on the school calendar, they should approach their class teachers and faculty head teachers for advice and assistance.

## This fortnight @ SMSHS

Monday 8 June	Tuesday 9 June	Wednesday 10 June	Thursday 11 June	Friday 12 June
<p><b>WEEK A</b></p> <p><b>Queen's Birthday Long Weekend</b></p> <p><i>Bring It On Rehearsals – cancelled until further notice</i></p>	<p><b>Year 12 Society and Culture</b> – Task due</p> <p><b>Year 11 Economics</b> – Task due</p> <p><b>Year 11 Physics</b> – Task due</p>	<p><b>Year 12 Ancient History</b> – Task due</p>	<p><b>Year 12 Agriculture</b> – Task due</p> <p><b>Year 12 Biology</b> – Task due</p> <p><b>Year 12 Legal Studies</b> – Task due</p> <p><b>Year 11 Mathematics Advanced</b> – Task due</p> <p><b>Year 11 Mathematics Standard</b> – Task due</p>	<p><b>Year 12 Design and Technology</b> – Task due</p> <p><b>Year 12 Industrial Technology Multimedia</b> – Task due</p> <p><i>Bring It On Rehearsals – cancelled until further notice</i></p>
Monday 15 June	Tuesday 16 June	Wednesday 17 June	Thursday 18 June	Friday 19 June
<p><b>WEEK B</b></p> <p><b>Year 11 Agriculture</b> – Task due</p> <p><i>Bring It On Rehearsals – cancelled until further notice</i></p>	<p><b>PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES</b></p> <p><b>Year 12 Student, Parent, Teacher Interviews</b></p> <p><b>VET Team Meeting</b>, 8:20 am</p> <p><b>Year 12 Food Technology</b> – Task due</p> <p><b>Year 12 Mathematics Advanced</b> – Topic text (Period 0)</p>	<p><b>Year 12 Investigating Science</b> – Task due</p> <p><b>Year 11 Food Technology</b> – Task due</p>	<p><b>PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES</b></p> <p><b>Year 12 Business Studies</b> – Task due</p> <p><b>Year 12 Mathematics Standard</b> – Topic text (Period 0)</p> <p><b>Year 11 Chemistry</b> – Task due</p> <p><b>Year 11 Visual Arts</b> – Task due</p>	<p><b>Year 11 Engineering Studies</b> – Task due</p> <p><i>Bring It On Rehearsals – cancelled until further notice</i></p>

### Our Staff Teams

Principal:	Sally Smithard
School Leadership Team:	
- 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 and Wellbeing	Melissa Jacka
- First Australians	Leah Havord
- Sport and Recreation	Joanne Brines
- Business Manager	Steven Mulligan
- School Administrative Manager	Rebecca Zinghini
Student Advisers:	
- Year 12, Surnames A-G	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
Careers Adviser:	Lynette Tuckwell

### Contact us



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