



# ST MARYS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

## TERM 4 WEEKS 5 AND 6

7 - 18 November 2022

### Important Dates – Term 4 2022

W5	Tuesday 8 November	Year 12 2022 Sign Out Day #1
W5	Thursday 10 November	Year 12 2022 Sign Out Day #2
W5	Friday 11 November	Remembrance Day
W6	Thursday 17 November	Year 12 2022 School Formal
W7	Tuesday 22 November	School Council Meeting 6pm, via Zoom
W8	Monday 28 November	School Presentation Day 2022
W10	Monday 12 December	Confirmation Day for Year 11 2023
W10	Friday 16 December	Final day of classes for students

### Principal's Report



I often talk about each term of the school year having their own flavour. For me, Term 4 always seems to go so quickly for a variety of reasons as we try to finalise one school year and plan for the next.

As you are reading this newsletter the very last Higher School Certificate Examination for 2022, Design and Technology will conclude this year's examination period. Congratulations, Year 12 2022 – you made it! We look forward to celebrating this milestone with you at your formal.

I thought it would be nice to provide an update on a number of projects that are concluding in our school, that are underway or that are about to commence which we hope will contribute to our learning environment. Rebecca, our Business Manager, is currently managing the following projects:

- Installation of fly screens in learning spaces and replacement of some blinds.
- Installation of artwork across the school in different key learning areas.
- Installation of air conditioners in areas not

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 proudly presents  
**SCHOOL COUNSELLOR & SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST**  
**RECOGNITION DAY**  
 Thursday 10th November 2022  




## *Principal's Report continued*

included under the Cooler Classroom Program.

- Additional landscaping and tree management. This will include a memorial garden to honour staff and students.
- Additional student seating in the cafeteria area following the upgrade of the furniture at the commencement of the school year.
- Additional outdoor shelters with seating for students.
- Upgrade of our Food Technology kitchen including new appliances, new cabinets and updated furniture.
- Upgrade of our internal lighting system.
- Installation of a large COLA over our ball courts which includes the addition of a volleyball/Futsal court to provide additional recreational spaces for students and the community. This project should have been completed but has been held up by the Asset Management Unit of the Department of Education.
- Installation of an outside gym.
- Upgrade of the kitchenette and furniture in our Common Room to better suit the demands of our professional learning program and to provide a community space for events that support student learning.

As we near closer to the end of the year some of our families take the opportunity to start their holidays early or return from their holidays after school starts in the new year. It is vital that students contact their Deputy Principal if they are going to be absent from school for significant periods of time. If a student has not followed the Department's processes and miss an assessment task, their progress in the Preliminary or Higher School Certificate studies may be affected. The rules we follow in relation to both of these credentials are guided by NESA and our school assessment policy. To best support students achieve their potential, the best option is to ensure holidays are taken during the holiday periods not during school time.

I am hoping to provide a staffing update in a future newsletter as we finalise a number of positions for 2023. There are still many challenges across all schools with staffing and we are still waiting to receive information from the Department of Education regarding a number of initiatives announced in September that may impact on school operations in 2023.

The NSW Department of Education is introducing a menstrual hygiene program in every NSW public school. As part of the program, schools will receive dispensers that provide free pads and tampons for students to access during school hours. Our dispensers have been delivered and will hopefully be installed shortly.



A reminder to families that the school is still providing free rapid antigen tests (RATs) to support screening for COVID-19. These tests are available from the front office for students to collect.

Best wishes.

**Sally Smithard**

*Principal*

# Not feeling well?



## Students:

- Be sure to stay at home - and focus on feeling better!
- Your parents and carers can contact the school to explain your absence.
- If you have an assessment task to do at school, be sure to fill out your illness and misadventure application on the Google Form **by 11am on the day the task is due** - and send through your supporting evidence.



## Remembrance Day Assembly

### Bell times for Friday 11 November 2022

8.20 am - 9.30am	Period 1
9.30 am – 10.40 am	Period 2
10.40 am - 11.10 am	<i>Whole school assembly at the flagpoles</i>
11.10 am – 11.40 am	Recess
11.40 am – 12.45 pm	Period 3
12.45 pm – 1.45 pm	Period 4
1.45 pm – 2.15 pm	Lunch
2.15 pm – 3.20 pm	Period 5



# SMSHS – SOURCES OF SUPPORT



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Monday 7 Nov	Tuesday 8 Nov	Wednesday 9 Nov	Thursday 10 Nov	Friday 11 Nov
Year 12 Hospitality – Work placement	Year 12 Hospitality – Work placement  School Council, 6pm via Zoom	Year 12 Design & Technology – Task 1 due  Year 12 Hospitality – Work placement	Year 12 Modern History – Task 1 due  Year 12 Hospitality – Work placement	Remembrance Day – adjusted bell times to accommodate the school service  Year 12 Hospitality – Work placement
Monday 14 Nov	Tuesday 15 Nov	Wednesday 16 Nov	Thursday 17 Nov	Friday 18 Nov
	Year 12 Studies of Religion – Task 1 due  Year 12 Textiles & Design – Task 1 due	“Come From Away” Excursion – for Year 12 2023 Music, Drama and Dance students	<b>PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES</b>  Year 12 Legal Studies – Task 1  Year 12 2022 Formal @ Oatlands House	

### Our Teams

Principal:	Sally Smithard
School Council President:	Sonia Matthews
School Captains:	Jade D'Souza Joanna Simeon
School Executive:	
- Deputy Principal (Year 12)	Danielle Ervine
- Deputy Principal (Year 11)	Leah Havord
- English	Julie Robinson
- Mathematics	Simone Pett
- Science (Rel)	Andrew Mabey
- Commercial Studies	Salochna Reddy
- HSIE	Shara Walsh
- CAPA	Nicole Bonfield
- TAS / Computing	Matthew Topp
- LOTE	Luigi Serra
- PDHPE (Rel)	Joanne Brines
- Secondary Studies	Lucas Widdison
- Learning and Wellbeing	Melissa Jacka
- Head Teacher (Year 12)	Charly Ebejer
- Head Teacher (Year 11)	Tracie Huet
- First Australians	Leah Havord
- Business Manager (Acting)	Rebecca Zinghini
- School Administrative Manager (Rel)	Angela Demaio
Student Advisers:	
- Year 12, Surnames A-G	Wendi Kambolli
- Year 12, Surnames H-O	
- Year 12, Surnames P-Z	Jesse Francis
- Year 11, Surnames A-G	Sharon Francis
- Year 11, Surnames H-O	Sally Sheng
- Year 11, Surnames P-Z	Ellen Worgan
Learning Support:	Margo Daly Carmel Harriden Carly McPherson
Student Support Officer:	Surmeet Kaur
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