



TERM 3 WEEKS 5 AND 6

15 – 26 August 2022

Important Dates – Term 3 2022

W5	Fri 19 Aug	School examination period ends
W6	Tue 23 Aug	School Council Meeting Starting at 6:00 pm, via ZOOM
W9	Tue 13 Sep	Heritage Day 2022 (TBC)
W10	Mon 19 Sep	School Captain 2023 Elections (TBC)
W10	Tue 20 Sep	Major Works Assembly (TBC)
W10	Fri 23 Sep	Year 12 2022 - Graduation Year 11 2022 - Seminar Day #2

Principal's Report

I hope this newsletter finds you, your family and friends in good health. For our Year 11 students, I hope the school examinations still underway are providing an opportunity to highlight areas for further refinement as you look towards your final year of school as well as the Year 11 assessment tasks that remain after the examination period concludes. For our Year 12 students, I hope the examinations are providing you with some valuable feedback about your learning to guide your areas of focus for the final examinations. Once you return following the examination period it is vital that you maximise this time and maintain your engagement in learning to reach your potential. At the same time, you will be starting to feel a mixture of emotions as you experience your last milestone events. For some there may be excitement, sadness, laughter, tears or a combination of everything. Remember to take the time to enjoy these moments with those that matter and always keep in mind the importance of showing gratitude to sustain your most valuable connections.

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Principal's Report continued

Many of our Year 12 students, apart from working through their Trial Higher School Certificate Examinations, have also been finalising their major works and projects for a variety of courses. We wish them well as these projects are submitted for marking or as students complete their performance examinations in Languages Other Than English as well as Creative and Performing Arts courses. NESA has commenced providing schools with information relating to markers coming onsite for Dance, Drama and Music marking for the Higher School Certificate. Class teachers will provide students with any information related to NESA's COVID protocols that affect them.

In this newsletter, Year 11 will find some information related to their transition into their final year of school. Please ensure you take the time to read through this information so we can all work together as partners to maximise both your learning and wellbeing outcomes.

Thank you to everyone in our school community for their support in wearing masks. Our collective efforts have stabilised our COVID cases in the middle of increasing case numbers in the broader community and across schools in general. If any students or staff require additional rapid antigen tests (RATs), our Administration Team are available throughout the day in our front office area to provide these.

Our Enrolment Committee has met in the last two weeks to go through all of the expressions of interest submitted for Year 12 2023 (with a start date of Term 4 2022) and Year 11 2023. Students have received notification of the Committee's decision and those who have been successful will receive further information about the next part of the enrolment process shortly. I would like to thank all students for the interest they have shown in our school.

Take care of each other and be kind to yourself.

Sally Smithard

Principal



ADF LONG TAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK AWARD

This award recognises students who demonstrate leadership and teamwork within both the school and the broader community and who display strong values, such as doing one's best, respect for others and "mateship" - values considered integral to both the ADF and Australian society.

**Anyone in Year 12 who is interested in applying
should see Anil in the Maths Staffroom ASAP.**

Applications are due to Anil
by Friday 26 August (Week 6, Term 3)



Be COVID-safe in the exams

To help keep our community safe during our examinations, the following COVID-safe practices will be followed in all examinations



Step 1: Mask up



Following available health advice, you must wear a mask to the examinations.

As you get ready to come into the examination room, ensure you have your mask on

Step 2: Hands



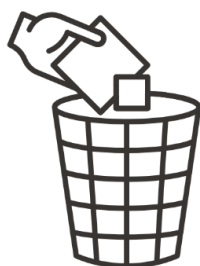
When you enter the examination room, be sure to use the hand sanitiser provided

Step 3: Wipe down



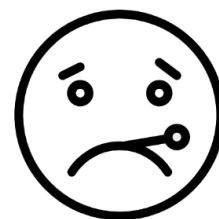
At the end of the examination, wipe down your table and chair with the antibacterial wipes provided so they are ready for the next student

Step 4: Clean up



As you leave the venue, put all used wipes and tissues in the bin

Not feeling well?



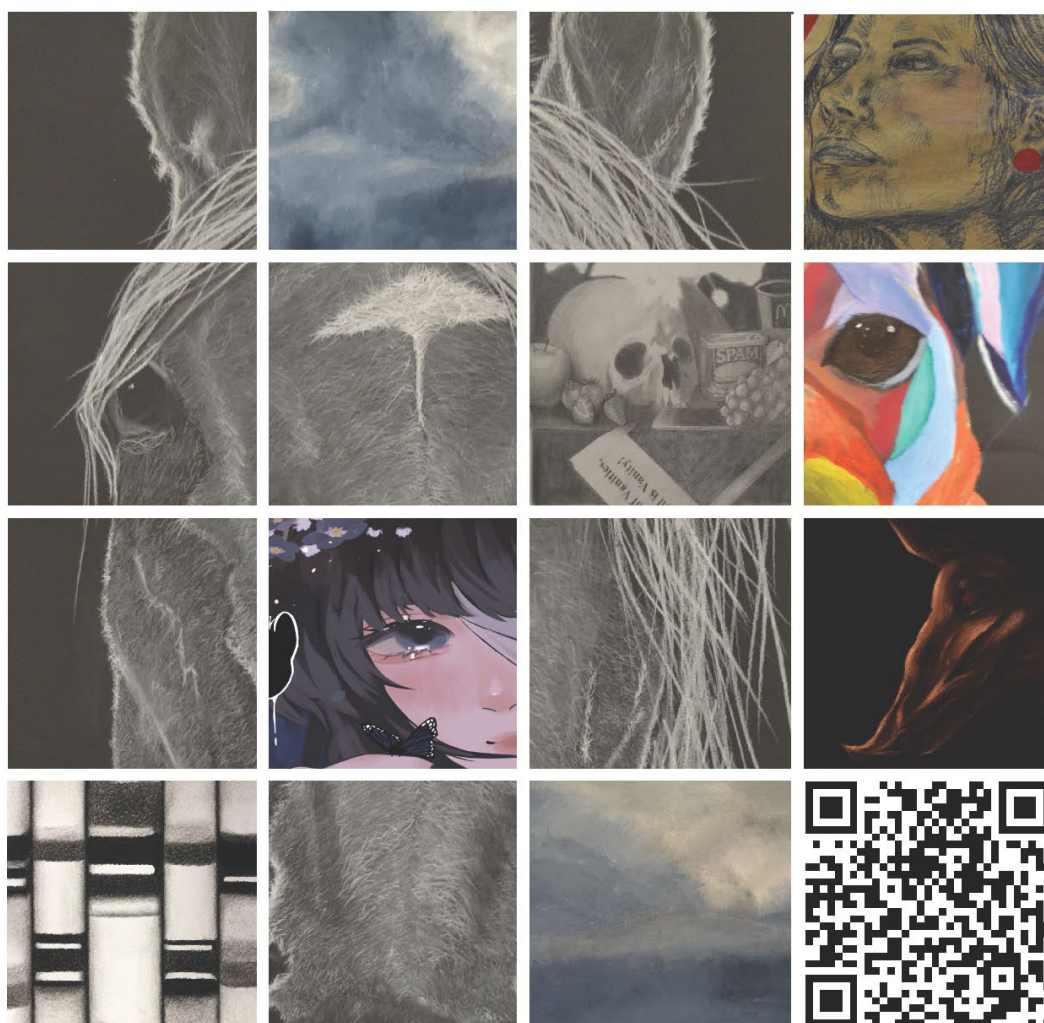
- Stay at home
- Contact your DP before 7:30 am on the day of the exam via email
Year 11 DP - leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au
Year 12 DP - danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au and simone.pett@det.nsw.edu.au
- Go to the doctor to get your medical certificate

St Marys Senior High

VISUAL ARTS

2022 HSC

Exhibition



Thursday 25 August

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the MPC

Under current COVID guidelines booking is essential and mask wearing is strongly recommended

Year 11 2022 into Year 12 2023 Enrolment Process

Some of our Year 11 students have already been asking questions about their pattern of study for Year 12 2023, which starts in Term 4 this year. Ideally, we would like students to be focused on completing their examinations – and then, when they have received their results from these tasks, they can then make more informed choices with their parents and families about their options for Year 12. However, we have also provided the information below in case students, their parents and their families want to start thinking about this process now. We will continue to share more information after the examination period.

YEAR 11 INTO YEAR 12 ENROLMENT PROCESS

Key points from the introduction video to be shown in Mentor during Term 3 Week 6

- This is the beginning of the Year 12 enrolment process. Most students keep the same subjects into Year 12 from Year 11.
- Today you will pick up an enrolment package which you will take with you as you leave Mentor.
- Students interested in picking up extension courses into Year 12 should be having that conversation with their class teachers this week and their Mentors.
- Other subjects you may be eligible to pick up are Retail Services (ATAR) and some TAFE courses (Non-ATAR).
- At SMSHS we recommend that you keep 12 units until at least the end of Term 4 this year as a minimum – until you have done one HSC assessment task in each course.
- No one enrolled in Extension History, Extension 2 Mathematics or Extension 2 English will be permitted to drop to 10 units until 2023 – and even then, only with the Faculty Head Teacher's recommendation.
- All extension courses must be approved by Faculty Head Teachers.
- All subject request Google Forms with changes must be approved by your parents/caregivers and your Mentor, and submitted **by 5:00 pm on Friday 2 September 2022 (Term 3 Week 7)**.



- What can you do if you want to drop two subjects?
 - I want/need an ATAR - We often run 4 Unit Business Services – which may count as 2 units to your ATAR (or 4 HSC units if you don't need an ATAR).
 - I don't want/need an ATAR – There are some one year, 2 unit TAFE courses.
 - On the form provided, list all your current courses and all the courses you wish to study in Year 12. You will use this form to complete the online subject change request Google Form. We request that students complete the online Google Form and indicate no change if they are not requesting any changes.



Year 11 into 12 Subject Change Request Form 2022

This form is due back by 5 PM Friday Week 7 (September 2 2022). No changes will be accepted after that time.

This form is automatically collecting emails for NSW Dept of Education users. [Change settings](#)

Your Surname

Short answer text

Your First Name *

Short answer text

YEAR 11 TO 12 ENROLMENT PROCEDURE – YEAR 12 2023

- If you were absent from your Mentor Class in Week 6, please watch the Subject Change Procedure Video posted in the Google Classroom before filling in this form. You will also discuss your intended course of study with your Mentor. This will occur in your Mentor lessons in Weeks 6 and 7 of this term.
- **Extension Course selection HSC 2023**
Before you choose an HSC extension course, it is very important that you talk to your current 2 Unit or Extension 1 teacher about your suitability and the workload required. You will need to also contact the Head Teacher of the faculty who will provide Danielle with your proposed extension course.
- If you are planning to do a T-VET course in 2023 or continue in a T-VET course you are currently studying, you must see [Cheryl](#) in the Library to complete a new application or contact her via email (Cheryl.Rucklin@det.nsw.edu.au)
- All subject change forms must be returned via the Year Group Google Classroom.

Note: No subject change forms will be processed after **Friday of Week 7**. You will remain in your current classes and cannot make further changes until Week 3 of Term 4.

List your current and HSC subjects below and use it with the HSC Eligibility Checker Sheet to ensure you are eligible for the HSC in 2023.

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- On the page shown, you list any courses you wish to drop or pick up.
- You don't need to decide on dropping courses now.
- There is no need to request to drop courses that only run in Year 11 (for example, SLR, Visual Design, Exploring Early Childhood, Photography).
- Please discuss any changes you would like to make with your class teacher, your Mentor and your parents.
- The online Google Form must be completed and submitted **by 5:00 pm on Friday 2 September 2022** (Term 3 Week 7). No subject changes will be processed after this date and students will remain in their current classes until Term 4 Week 3. Parents will receive a summary of the Google Form submitted by students via the email provided in the form.

MAKING CAREFULLY CONSIDERED AND INFORMED CHOICES IS IMPORTANT FOR STUDENTS AS THEY MOVE INTO YEAR 12



Are you in the right English course for Year 12? – Julie Robinson, Head Teacher English

- It is important to talk to your class teacher regarding which course would be most appropriate for you to study into Year 12. This is relevant for all students – including those considering Extension 2 English.
- Listening to the advice of your class teacher, rather than considering other factors should help to ensure that you are in the right course for you and this will allow you to achieve the best possible results in your English course as well as in your overall HSC.

Are you in the right Maths course for Year 12? – Simone Pett, Head Teacher Mathematics

- It is important to talk to your class teacher regarding which course would be most appropriate for you to study into Year 12. This is relevant for all students – including those considering Extension 2 Mathematics.
- Listening to the advice of your class teacher, rather than considering other factors should help to ensure that you are in the right course for you and this will allow you to achieve the best possible results in your Mathematics course as well as in your overall HSC.

Retail Services

- If there is enough interest we offer this course as a 4 Unit, 1 year option – 12 periods of classes each fortnight!!
- 2 units of this course can count towards your ATAR if you do the HSC exam.
- This course is a Vocational Education and Training (VET) course – any if you satisfactorily meet the course requirements, you can complete a HSC subject (Category B) as well as a Certificate III (an AQF qualification).
- In this course, we look at: customer service, selling strategies, visual merchandising, work health and safety, store security, changes in retail, being an employee – and an employer, work placement with retailers.
- This course has some overlap with Business Studies and can lead you to further qualifications in a range of areas including retail, marketing, merchandising and business management.

TAFE Options

- Anyone who is wanting to enrol in a TAFE course for their HSC (even if it is a course that is continuing from Year 11) must see Cheryll in the library to complete an enrolment form.
- There are a number of TAFE Delivered Courses – Non ATAR – which are one unit over one year, so they can be picked up in Year 12. Please see Cheryll for further details.

If you need any further advice about subject changes, please talk to your Mentor, your class teachers, Cheryll, Sharon, Ellen, Leah or Danielle.



SMSHS – SOURCES OF SUPPORT



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Year 12 2022 Student Adviser, Surnames A-G	Wendi Kambolli	wendi.kambolli@det.nsw.edu.au
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School Counsellors	Tracey Axisa Ximia Han	Please text the counsellor phone on 0417228192 during school hours to organise an appointment
Student Support Officer	Surmeet Kaur	surmeet.kaur@det.nsw.edu.au
Deputy Principal Year 12 2022	Danielle Ervine	danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au
Deputy Principal Year 11 2022	Leah Havord	leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au



Term 3 Weeks 5 and 6 2022 @ SMSHS

Monday 15 Aug	Tuesday 16 Aug	Wednesday 17 Aug	Thursday 18 Aug	Friday 19 Aug
School examination period	School examination period HSC Textiles Major Work Exhibition	School examination period	School examination period Vietnam Veterans Day Commemorative Service	School examination period ends HSC Visual Arts BOW due
Monday 22 Aug	Tuesday 23 Aug	Wednesday 24 Aug	Thursday 25 Aug	Friday 26 Aug
Drama – HSC Projects Submission Drama HSC Performance Examination	School Council Meeting, 6pm via Zoom Drama HSC Performance Examination Korean Cultural Day Excursion	Year 11 CAFS - Asst 3 due Year 11 SLR - Asst 3 due French Cultural Day Excursion	Art Exhibition – 2022 HSC Bodies of Work In Concert School Rehearsal	Art Exhibition for students and staff – 2022 HSC Bodies of Work, Recess

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	Vacant
- Learning and Wellbeing	Melissa Jacka
- First Australians	Leah Havord
- Business Manager (Acting)	Rebecca Zinghini
- School Administrative Manager (Rel)	Lynette Deuis
Student Advisers:	
- Year 12, Surnames A-G	Wendi Kambolli
- Year 12, Surnames H-O	Nicole Leong
- Year 12, Surnames P-Z	Jesse Francis
- Year 11, Surnames A-G	Sharon Francis
- Year 11, Surnames H-O	Nicola Preston
- Year 11, Surnames P-Z	Ellen Worgan
Learning Support:	Margo Daly Carmel Harriden Nicole Leong Carly McPherson
Student Support Officer:	Surmeet Kaur
Careers Adviser (Rel):	Cheryll Ruskin

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