



## TERM 1 WEEKS 1 AND 2

27 January – 3 February 2023

### Important Dates – Term 1 2023

W2	Tuesday 31 January	First day of classes for Year 11 2023
W2	Wednesday 1 February	First day of classes for Year 12 2023
W3	Friday 10 February	School swimming carnival
W4	Tuesday 14 February	Academic Assembly for Year 12 2022
W4	Wednesday 15 February	Valentine's Day Activities
W6	Tuesday 28 February	School Council Meeting, 6pm
W6	Wednesday 1 March	School photos
W10	Tuesday 28 March	School Council Meeting, 6pm
W11	Thursday 6 April	Last day of classes

welcome back

### Principal's Report

Welcome back to the St Marys Senior High School Community for 2023. Welcome to our students, their families, staff, community supporters and our educational partners who all contribute to provide 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. Communication is vital to ensure that our school community is effectively sharing a huge amount of important information. Please ensure that you have access to our communication platforms. Our newsletter is published fortnightly on our website, on Sentral and on Skoolbag as well as being emailed to the family email address provided during the enrolment process. I encourage you to read the newsletter closely as it contains a lot of information about the school, key contact points, upcoming events and whether there are any Period 0 lessons over the fortnight.

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## ***Principal's Report continued***

Congratulations to the class of 2022, who have now received their HSC results, ATARs and university offers. In Week 4 of this term (14 February) 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 an analysis of the Higher School Certificate results.

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

To our Year 12 students – 150 days! This is the number of days of school 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 2023 to not only successfully complete Year 12 but to contribute to ensuring your life after school sees you thrive both professionally and personally.

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 28 February 2023** at 6pm. School Council provides an opportunity for parents to be involved in decision making related to our school and develop a better understanding of the school's operations. 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. If you would like to attend the School Council meeting, please contact the school via the school email address [stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) by 12pm on **Friday 24 February**.

It is an absolute privilege and honour to be the Principal of St Marys Senior High School and to be able to work with an amazing group of students and an incredibly committed staff. I look forward to working with you over the coming year.

***Sally Smithard***

*Principal*



## Orientation Week, Term 1 2023

At the beginning of each year, we are excited to run an Orientation Week Program for our Year 11 students to help with the transition to our school. Our Year 12 students and staff run the Program throughout the week, helping our new students to explore just some of the elements of the unique environment of our school.

We look forward to a fantastic week!

**Mel Jacka**

*HT Learning and Wellbeing*

**Luigi Serra**

*Student Adviser, Surnames P-Z, Year 11 2023*

# 0 Week Organisation 2023

## Friday 27 January and Monday 30 January 2023

Staff Development Days – *no students attending and our office is closed*

## Tuesday 31 January 2023

First day for Year 11 2023	<i>Period</i>	<i>Start</i>	<i>End</i>
Student Mentors and SRC from Year 12 2023 to attend 8:00 am – 12:00 pm  <i>Our office is open 8:00 am – 3:20 pm and we accept payments 8:00 am – 2:00 pm</i>	Assembly via Zoom – Home Rooms (listed on page 8 of this newsletter)	8:30 am	10:00 am
	Cluster – Allocated spaces	10:00 am	10:30 am
	Recess	10:30 am	11:00 am
	Mentor Meetings - Mentor Rooms	11:00 am	12:30 pm
Timetabled classes – Line 4B	Period 4 - Timetabled Rooms	12:30 pm	1:35 pm
Lunch	Extended lunch	1:35 pm	2:15 pm
Timetabled classes – Line 1A	Period 5 – Timetabled Rooms	2:15 pm	3:20 pm



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Wednesday 1 February 2023			
<p>First day for Year 12 2023, starting with an assembly</p> <p>Orientation sessions for Year 11 2023 take place in normal classes in Periods 2 and 3</p> <p>Normal timetabled classes take place Periods 1-5 as per the bell times shown</p> <p><i>Our office is open 8:00 am – 3:20 pm and we accept payments 8:00 am – 2:00 pm</i></p>	Period	Start	End
	Year 12 – Assembly – MPC		
	Year 11 – Meeting, Mentor Rooms (All My Own Work)	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

Thursday 2 February 2023			
<p><b>Normal school day for Year 11 and Year 12 2023</b></p> <p>Orientation sessions for Year 11 2023 take place in normal classes in Periods 2 and 3</p> <p><i>Our office is open 8:00 am – 3:20 pm and we accept payments 8:00 am – 2:00 pm</i></p>	Period	Start	End
	Period 1	8:20 am	9:32 am
	Period 2	9:32 am	10:44 am
	Recess	10:44 am	11:14 am
	Period 3	11:14 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

Friday 3 February 2023			
<p><b>Adjusted bell times for Year 11 and Year 12 2023</b></p> <p>Orientation sessions for Year 11 2023 take place in Periods 2 and 3</p> <p>Extended recess for Student Clubs Pop Up Stalls Display</p> <p><i>Our office is open 8:00 am – 3:20 pm and we accept payments 8:00 am – 2:00 pm</i></p>	Period	Start	End
	Period 1	8:20 am	9:25 am
	Period 2	9:25 am	10:30 am
	Extended Recess	10:30 am	11:30 am
	Period 3	11:30 am	12:35 pm
	Period 4	12:35 pm	1:38 pm
	Lunch	1:38 pm	2:08 pm







Finding out about...

## Student Clubs and Interest Groups



One of the very special things about St Marys Senior High School is the large number of extra-curricular student interest groups and clubs run by our student leaders, right across the school. The following pages contain important information about many of the activities available at different times of the week and throughout the year.

Why not find out more about those that interest you?

- Club Pop-Up's will be held during an extended recess on Friday February 3, 2023 – 10.30 – 11.30am. The Pop-Up Stalls will be scattered around the Grass Quad, under the COLA and in front of the Library. This will allow you to talk to the student leaders and teacher facilitators in each group to ask lots of questions, collect some information and maybe sign up for a club.
- The available Clubs are listed in the table on the following pages (and includes the name of the teacher facilitator and their faculty location)
- Most of our clubs also list their meeting time and venue, so if you don't sign up on Friday, you can pop along to a club meeting at the advertised time instead to find out more.



SMSHS Student Interest Groups and Clubs for 2023			
Club/Group	Teacher Facilitator	Time and Place	Description
<b>Amnesty</b>	<b>Wendi Kamboli</b> Commercial Studies Faculty	Thursday Weekly Recess Lecture Theatre	The purpose of Amnesty is to educate our cohort on human rights issues through the vision of Amnesty International. We will also be raising funds in accordance with the campaigns run by Amnesty International.
<b>Anime and Gaming</b>	<b>Rosa Kim</b> LOTE Faculty	Wednesday Week A Recess Lecture Theatre	The aim of this club is to discuss, show and promote Anime and gaming and engage in discussions about Korean pop culture. We also want the club to provide opportunities for students to create friendships through the love of Anime and gaming. We want students to be able to let their creativity flow, have stimulating conversations and the chance to do volunteer work or participate in programs relating to Anime and gaming.
<b>Bhangra Dance Club</b>	<b>Subhas Chand</b> TAS Faculty	Tuesday Weekly Recess Oval near teachers car park	The purpose of the Bhangra dance club is to learn the Punjabi folk dance called Bhangra. Anyone is welcome to join this club. The leaders will try to motivate other peers to have fun, make friends and learn Bhangra. The aim of the group is to choreograph a performance for the group to perform on Heritage Day in 2023.
<b>Bollywood Club</b>	<b>Prithy Chaudhary</b> English Faculty	Wednesday Weekly Recess E-U-2	The aim of the Bollywood Club is to make new friends and to promote and learn more about Bollywood culture through fun weekly activities and cultural dancing, having fun and being part of a community. We also aim to choreograph a performance for Heritage Day 2023.
<b>Bring it on Dance Group</b>	<b>Amy-Lee Petherbridge</b> PHHPE Faculty	Wednesday Weekly Lunch TC-G-Dance Studio	The aim of this club is to explore dances of all genres and choreographic styles. We want everyone to feel welcome and valued, and be able to express themselves through the art form of dance. We aim to choreograph a dance to perform at the Bring-it-on dance competition.
<b>Chess Club</b>	<b>Vigneswaran Sabaratnam</b> Science Faculty	Monday Weekly Lunch 1.44 – 2.10 Library	The purpose of the SMSHS Chess Club is to provide a place for like-minded people to play chess, to explore the beauty of the game, make new friends and encourage others to pursue the game. There will be opportunities to enter into Chess Competitions.
<b>Comic and Manga Club</b>	<b>Kerri-Anne Brown</b> Library	Tuesday Weekly Recess Media room in the Library	The aim of this Club is to share our love of comics and Manga with everyone who is interested, generating lively discussion and having fun. We will recommend our favourite comic series and help other to develop a love of this genre.

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<b>Drama Club</b>	<b>Nicole Bonfield</b> CAPA Faculty	Thursday Weekly Recess V-U-2 (Drama Classroom)	The purpose of the Drama Club is to provide a safe space to practice drama performances, and get ready for Preliminary and HSC Drama assessment performances, including mentorship of the iP (Final HSC performance), planning the required group performance piece. This will be most useful to students who take drama, but is open to other interested individuals.
<b>FatFish</b>	<b>Leah Havord and Danielle Ervine</b> Senior Executive	<u>Fatfish Club meeting</u> Tuesday Recess Weekly Lecture theatre <u>Leaders meeting</u> Wednesday Recess S-G-3	Fat Fish is a non-denominational Christian student fellowship group that meets to share God's word from the Bible, to sing songs of worship, to pray, play games and have fun! It is run by student leaders and all are welcome to come and hang out. Our aim is to raise a young adult community to be selfless, loving and passionate to further grow our heart for Jesus and people. The group contributes back to the school community by working together to run the 'Val'You' Day festival for the school where they organise free food, games, music and fun for students and staff.
<b>Futsal Club</b>	<b>Katelin Ellyard</b> PDHPE Faculty	Wednesday Weekly Lunch MPC	This club is open to anyone interested in playing Futsal (indoor soccer). The aim is for participants to make friends, learn new skills and stay fit and healthy while avoiding the damaging UV rays of the sun.
<b>Gentleman's Club</b>	<b>Reuben De Rooy</b> Maths Faculty	Tuesday Weekly Lunch Room next to Maths Staffroom	The Gentlemen's Society is a social group that discusses ethical concerns in a light-hearted manner. We aim to foster awareness of social and health concerns, such as mental health, and provide vital information while letting students to talk, reflect, and respond constructively to these topics and activities. The group is distinctive in that it welcomes all views and topics and provides a safe, warm and accepting environment for individuals to express themselves. The club is involved in school events, such as being involved in the school's Heritage Day and partaking in the school's Valentine's Day celebrations.
<b>Hot Topics Club</b>	<b>Leah Havord</b> Deputy Principal's Office	Friday Weekly Recess Lecture Theatre	Hot Topics is a social, political and ethical debate club focused on discussing and debating issues we face in modern society, for example 'Should religion be criticised' or 'Whether or not we still need the Monarchy'. The primary goal is to allow for a civil sharing of perspectives, arguments and discussion and to expand the views and perspectives of members.





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<b>Jam Sesh Club</b>	<b>Fatima De Assis</b> CAPA Faculty	Thursday Week A Lunch CAPA music practice room	The purpose of the Jam Sesh Club is to help students who love to play music to come together to socialise, and relieve stress by jamming with other musicians. The group aims to be inclusive and encourage students to express themselves through music, help students to develop good communication and teamwork skills, and improve the confidence and musical skill-set of students, whether they are instrumentalists or vocalists.
<b>KPC and KDC Club</b>	<b>Rosa Kim</b> LOTE Faculty	Wednesday Week B Recess Lecture Theatre	This group aims to create friendships through interest in or love of Korean culture and K-Pop and to promote indulgence in K-Pop through activities and performance. Students will learn some basic Korean through K-Pop, and the club will provide an open environment where students can openly express their interest in K-Pop. There will also be a second group KDC which will focus on the performance aspect of K-Pop, hopefully creating opportunities to showcase this new talent by performing.
<b>Marys Media</b> <i>School Media Events</i>	<b>Sharon Lang</b> CAPA Faculty	Tuesday Weekly Recess V-U-1	Are you a keen photographer? Are you good at editing? If you are, you might be interested in joining the 'Marys Media' team. We collaborate with the SRC and look after all of the official photography and video for every major school event, such as Valentine's Day, Heritage Day, the Swimming Carnival, the Athletics Carnival, the Colour Run, and the School and Collegiate Camps, to name just a few. We also write and edit images and reports ready for publishing.
<b>MSA – Muslim Students Association</b>	<b>Kim Sheldon</b> HSIE Faculty	Wednesday Weekly Recess S-U-6	MSA is a club for all students, in particular but not limited to, Muslim students at SMSHS. The purpose and aim of MSA is to provide Muslim students with an opportunity to gather with other brothers and sisters who share the same faith, as well as further educating students about Islam, ultimately enhancing spiritual connections and to spread unity and peace through understanding.
<b>Opportunity Knocks</b>	<b>Lucas Widdison and Cheryl Ruskin</b> Library Offices	Thursday Weekly Lunch Library	The aim of Opportunity Knocks is to discover opportunities after school is over. Students will source information about post-school options and future career choices, and pass this information on to other students by presenting at Cluster Meetings.
<b>PRISM Club</b>	<b>Shan Brown</b> Commercial Studies Faculty	Thursday Weekly Recess E-U-4	The PRISM Club provides a safe and inclusive space for LGBTQIA+ students and allies to discuss/learn about various topics regarding the LGBTQIA+ community.

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<b>Social Hideout</b>	<b>Janette Littlejohn</b> TAS Faculty	Tuesday Weekly Recess B-U-1	The aim of the Sanctuary Club is to help students to manage stress during their senior years at SMSHS by joining us to hang out in a calming space with friends. We will engage in various mindfulness activities, such as colouring in, knitting, board games, jigsaw puzzles, sewing, video games, card games, and generally just chilling out and chatting.
<b>St Marys Drifters</b>	<b>Jeff Larsen</b> TAS/Computing Faculty	Tuesday Weekly Recess TC-U-3	Our group is made up of car enthusiasts. We aim to create a community where other motoring enthusiasts can get together and celebrate their love of cars. We will discuss cars (obviously), play games, design hoodies and plan events. We also want to raise money to donate to Road safety charities to support the raising of awareness of dangerous driver behaviour and trauma victims of road accidents.
<b>St Marys Sewing Society</b>	<b>Kim Sheldon</b> HSIE Faculty	Weekly B-U-2 Day and time TBA	Our goal is to share the passion and joy of sewing and other related textile activities, with group leaders passing on their knowledge and experience to help others learn new skills and grow these skills together. We also want to break down the social stigmas related to traditional gender roles.
<b>The Challenge Club</b>	<b>Amy-Lee Petherbridge</b> PDHPE Faculty	Monday Week B Lunch MPC	The aim of the Challenge Club is to encourage students to become active in their free time. We will be running challenge activities, for example plank competitions and obstacle courses. Students will be involved in weekly challenges where they will move up and down a leaderboard, with prizes awarded to the top-ranking students each term.
<b>Volleyball Club</b>	<b>Joanne Brines</b> PDHPE Faculty	Wednesday Weekly Recess In the MPC or under the COLA	Our purpose is to expand and improve the skills of any student who is interested in volleyball. No prior experience is necessary – the club invites anyone to come and learn how to play. We aim to involve all members in developing their skills and having fun in a safe, inclusive space.

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Further Leadership Opportunities at SMSHS for 2023			
NOTE: These do not run as Clubs – instead most of them provide students the opportunity to become a leader and/or a school or Cluster representative in a range of areas			
Leadership Opportunities	Teacher Facilitator	Time and Place	Description
<b>Formal Committee</b> <i>(Year 12 students only)</i> <i>Note: There will not be a Pop-Up stall for this group – information will be distributed in Cluster</i>	Year 12 Advisors	TBA	Are you in Year 12? Would you like to be involved in the planning for the Year 12 Formal? We start meeting mid Term 1, and people who join the committee must be prepared to be the Formal Committee Reps for their Cluster. The Formal Committee is responsible for developing the theme for the event, as well as selecting the menu, table decorations, designing and distributing the invitations, menus, place cards, and developing DVD presentations and awards for the evening.
<b>Jersey Committee</b> <i>Note: There will not be a Pop-Up stall for this group – information will be distributed in Cluster</i>	Year 11 Advisors	TBA	If you are in Year 11 and want to be part of the committee organising and presenting jacket/jersey ideas to the Clusters, running voting and helping with sizing and distribution of the school jackets and hoodies, join us by taking a nomination from the lecture theatre when they become available. We need 2 or 3 reps from each cluster on the committee.
<b>Library Leaders</b> <i>Note: There will not be a Pop-Up stall for this group – information will be distributed in Cluster</i>	Kerri- Anne Brown Student services Library	Library – times TBA	Library leaders are students who are keen to volunteer their time to help support other students in their successful use of the Library.
<b>Outdoor Education and Duke of Ed</b> <i>Note: There will not be a Pop-Up stall for this group – information will be distributed in Cluster</i>	TBA	TBA	Students can register and be involved in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme - an international young achiever's program involving the development of new skills, physical activity, community service and adventurous journeys. Look it up and see if it could be for you. Also, at the end of every year we run an extended wilderness expedition, open to all students. Keep your eyes on the student bulletin and listen for more details in cluster.
<b>Peer Tutoring</b> <i>Note: There will not be a Pop-Up stall for this group – information will be distributed in Cluster</i>	TBA	Learning Centre	Please see staff in the Learning Centre if you are interested in volunteering for Peer Tutoring.
<b>Science Competitions</b> <i>Note: There WILL be a Pop-Up stall for this group</i>	Rosemary Spears Science Faculty	See Rosemary in the Science staffroom if you are interested	There is an opportunity to enter the state-wide Science competitions throughout the year. If a particular field of science is your thing, see Rosemary in Science to register your interest, or find her wandering the Pop-up stalls in her lab coat and have a chat.

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Leadership Opportunities	Teacher Facilitator	Time and Place	Description
<b>South Creek Production Team</b> <i>Note: There will not be a Pop-Up stall for this group – information will be distributed in Cluster</i>	Kerri-Anne Brown Student services Library	Media Room in the Library Time/Day TBA See Kerri-Anne for more information	Are you interested in journalism, photography, communications or simply spreading the word about all of the things of interest to the young people of SMSHS? Join the editorial team of the SMSHS South Creek Magazine, published once a term, and hone your skills in teamwork, researching, editing, writing or photography. If this sounds like you, please join us.
<b>Sport Cluster Leaders</b> <i>Pop-Up run by the Year 12 Sport Cluster Leaders</i>	Joanne Brines PDHPE Faculty	TBA	The sport cluster leaders will pass on information to students about how sport is organised i.e. sports bulletin, signing up for sports and information about the various sports carnivals, during Cluster. See Jo with any questions.
<b>Sporting Teams</b> <i>Pop-Up run by the Year 12 Sport Cluster Leaders</i>	Joanne Brines/Jesse Francis/Katelin Ellyard/Amy-Lee Petherbridge PDHPE Faculty	TBA See Jo, Jesse, Amy-Lee or Katelin for details	Love sports? Join a team and represent the school. We are involved with too many sports to list them here, so speak to us about what sport you are interested in.
<b>Student Representative Council (SRC)</b> <i>Note: There will not be a Pop-Up stall for this group – information will be distributed in Cluster</i>	Kerri-Anne Brown Student Services Library	TBA Library	Become part of a dynamic team and take part in planning some of the schools' events, running cluster, and supporting your fellow peers. If you are interested, elections will take place in Cluster in Week 6. The following school events are planned by the SRC: - Valentines' Day Assembly - Shave for a Cure - Heritage Day - Talent Quest
<b>Student Technology Leaders</b> <i>Note: There might not be a Pop-Up stall for this group – See Matt in the Tech Centre or watch out for information in Cluster</i>	Matt Topp Tech Centre Computing Faculty	TBA (Tech Centre)	Student Technology Leaders at St Marys Senior High School work with students in the Tech Centre (mostly) assisting in technology-based tasks like printing, connecting to the network and basic troubleshooting. Student Technology Leaders receive ongoing training.





## Support in the Learning Centre, Term 1 2023

During every lesson, our school has a teacher available to provide students with additional support in our Learning Centre. These staff can provide specific curriculum support in a range of subjects as well as connecting students to the Learning and Support Teachers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please pop in to see Mel (Head Teacher, Learning and Wellbeing) in the Learning Centre at your first opportunity.

## Learning Centre Timetable Term 1

WEEK A					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:20 AM	Andrew Farrugia Science 6B	Zainab Nanji Commercial 1A	Rosa Kim Korean/ Japanese 7B	Chris Raftopoulos Science 4A	Kim Sheldon HSIE 8A
9:32 AM	Prithy Chaudhary English 4A	Deborah Lee Korean 6A	Zainab Nanji Commercial 5A	Margo Daly English 1A	Dean Newbold HSIE 2A
10:44 AM	Rotating	Shan Brown	Prithy Chaudhary	Fatima DeAssis	Rotating
11:14 AM	Zainab Nanji Commercial 1B	Jessica Rouse Science 7A	Kim Sheldon HSIE 2A	Deborah Lee Korean 2B	Reuben DeRooy Maths 3A
12:26 PM	Zainab Nanji Commercial 5B	Robyn Ashworth English 3A	Prithy Chaudhary English 8A	Andrew Farrugia Science 6A	Chris Raftopoulos Science 7A
1:38 AM	Carmel Hariden	Chris Cavill	Robyn Ashworth	Raina Petterson	Rotating
2:08 PM	Ashlee Pieffer LaST/HSIE 6B	Cassandra Jones Science 4B	Colin Newell Commercial 3B	Deb Robinson English 2B	Open to 1:48 pm 8C
3:20 PM					
WEEK B					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:20 AM	Kim Sheldon HSIE 4A	Deb Robinson English 3A	Cassandra Jones Science 5B	Jessica Rouse Science 2B	Jess Johnson Commercial 7A
9:32 AM	Mary Toufayli Science 6B	Zainab Nanji Commercial 7B	Cassandra Jones Science 2B	Deb Robinson English 1B	Robyn Ashworth English 3B
10:44 AM	Rotating	Jessica Rouse	Dean Newbold	Sharon Lang	Rotating
11:14 AM	Deb Robinson English 1B	Rosemary Spears Science 6A	Robyn Ashworth English 7B	Chris Raftopoulos Science 4B	Prithy Chaudhary English 2A
12:26 PM	Andrew Farrugia Science 5B	Deborah Lee Korean 4B	Zainab Nanji Commercial 6A	Jess Johnson Commercial 5A	Reuben DeRooy Maths 8B
1:38 AM	Ashlee	Zainab Nanji	Cassandra Jones	Carly McPherson	
2:08 PM	Ashlee Pieffer LaST/HSIE 6B	Cassandra Jones Science 1A	Jessica Rouse Science 3B	Deborah Lee Korean 6B	Open to 1:48 pm 8C
3:20 PM					

**As @ 27/1/2023**



## Year 11 2023 Subject Changes

Firstly, welcome Year 11 2023 to St Marys Senior High School. I hope you have all settled in well to the school and have met some amazing people. As you settle into your subjects, you might find that you do not like a course as much as you thought you would. If this is the case, you have the option to change subjects **from Week 3 to Week 5**. After this point, you will not be able to change subjects as you will not meet the minimum course requirements.

To ensure that all students have access to change subjects, Lucas, Tracie and myself will be available in the **Library** in the rooms to the far right of the open Library space.

A **purple form** will be available in the Library from Week 2 onwards. This form must be completed before seeing one of us. You and the form must be present when the changes are made. That is, you cannot leave the form as the change will not be made.

We have included a schedule here which outlines when we will be available for subject changes in the Library. We also have classes to teach during this time, so we may not be in the Library at the start of the lesson but we encourage you to line up, ready for our arrival.

After Week 5, the only changes to subjects that will be able to occur involve students dropping subjects or changing levels in their Mathematics and English courses of study. To make any of these changes after Week 5, students will need to see me in my office which is located upstairs in the Administration Block.

**Charly Ebejer**

*Head Teacher Year 11 2023*



## Year 11 2023 Subject Changes – Schedule of Teacher Availability in the Library

Week 3B	Monday 13 February	Tuesday 14 February	Wednesday 15 February	Thursday 16 February	Friday 17 February
<b>Before school</b>	Lucas Charly		Tracie	Charly	Lucas Tracie
<b>Period 1</b>	<i>Line 4A</i> Lucas Charly	<i>Line 3A</i>	<i>Line 5B</i> Tracie	<i>Line 2B</i> Charly	<i>Line 7A</i> Lucas Tracie
<b>Period 2</b>	<i>Line 6B</i> Lucas Charly Tracie	<i>Line 7B</i> Lucas Tracie	<i>Line 2B</i> Charly	<i>Line 1B</i> Tracie	<i>Line 3B</i>
<b>Recess</b>		Charly	Lucas	Lucas Charly Tracie	Lucas Charly
<b>Period 3</b>	<i>Line 1B</i> Tracie	<i>Line 6A</i> Lucas Charly Tracie	<i>Line 7B</i> Lucas Tracie	<i>Line 4B</i> Lucas Charly	<i>Line 2A</i> Charly
<b>Period 4</b>	<i>Line 5B</i> Tracie	<i>Line 4B</i> Charly	<i>Line 8A</i> Lucas Charly	<i>Line 5A</i> Tracie	<i>Line 8B</i> Lucas Charly
<b>Lunch</b>		Lucas Charly	Lucas Charly	Lucas Charly	Charly
<b>Period 5</b>	<i>Line 8B</i>	<i>Line 1A</i>	<i>Line 3B</i>	<i>Line 6B</i> Lucas Charly	<i>Line 8C</i>





Week 4A	Monday 20 February	Tuesday 21 February	Wednesday 22 February	Thursday 23 February	Friday 24 February
Before school	Lucas Charly Tracie	Tracie	Lucas Tracie	Lucas Charly	Lucas Charly
Period 1	Line 6B Lucas Charly Tracie	Line 1A Tracie	Line 7B Lucas Tracie	Line 4A Lucas Charly	Line 8A Lucas Charly
Period 2	Line 4A Lucas Charly	Line 6A Lucas Charly Tracie	Line 5A Tracie	Line 1A Tracie	Line 2A Charly
Recess			Lucas	Lucas Charly Tracie	Lucas Charly Tracie
Period 3	Line 1B Tracie	Line 7A Lucas Tracie	Line 2A Charly	Line 5A Tracie	Line 3A
Period 4	Line 5B Tracie	Line 3A	Line 8A Lucas Charly	Line 6A Lucas Charly Tracie	Line 7A Lucas
Lunch	Lucas Charly Tracie	Lucas Tracie	Lucas Charly	Lucas Charly Tracie	Lucas Charly
Period 5	Line 8B Lucas Charly	Line 4B Lucas Charly	Line 3B	Line 2B Charly	Line 8C

Week 5B	Monday 27 February	Tuesday 28 February	Wednesday 1 March	Thursday 2 March	Friday 3 March
Before school	Lucas Charly		Tracie	Charly	Lucas Tracie
Period 1	Line 4A Lucas Charly	Line 3A	Line 5B Tracie	Line 2B Charly	Line 7A Lucas Tracie
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Recess		Charly	Lucas	Lucas Charly Tracie	Lucas Charly
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Period 4	Line 5B Tracie	Line 4B Charly	Line 8A Lucas Charly	Line 5A Tracie	Line 8B Lucas Charly
Lunch		Lucas Charly	Lucas Charly	Lucas Charly	Charly
Period 5	Line 8B	Line 1A	Line 3B	Line 6B Lucas Charly	Line 8C



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### FAQ

What are these tiles about?



**ANSWER:** With over 460 new students starting with us in February, we know there will be lots of questions about how things work at our school.

Over the years, we have asked our Student Mentors to think about the types of questions they had when they started at our school - and then they came up with the answers to them, to help students new to our school.

*Our sincere thanks to our students for their help with this!*

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### FAQ

When is the first day of Year 11?



**ANSWER:** The first day for Year 11 is Tuesday 31 January 2023.

School will start at 8.30 am, and we will start by meeting in the MPC (which is also called the hall). *This is where we had our meeting for Confirmation Day.*

We will share with you the details of the organisation for the week ahead on this day, as well as helping you settle into St Marys Senior.

You should come in dress code, and bring with you things such as water, snacks/food and school equipment, such as pens and a notebook.

School will finish at 3.20 pm.

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### FAQ

How is SMSHS different to other schools?



**ANSWER:** It is a school with a more adult learning environment, meaning that you are considered responsible for your choices, your actions and your decisions.

People are very supportive and approachable - and actively seeking assistance helps ensure that you get it.

Our school has an individual and independent learning environment, with students supported by very helpful and committed teachers.

It is important to stay focused on your goals and draw on the support available to reach them.

Our school spirit is encouraging, motivating and supportive, often filled with friendly, healthy competition.

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### FAQ

What equipment do I need for school?



**ANSWER:** You will need the same sorts of stationery you have always used at school, in terms of things like pens, a ruler, a calculator and other equipment.

You don't need to buy a book pack at SMSHS. You pay a fee and get to borrow your textbooks from the library at the start of each year. You return these books at the end of your courses.

You can use different devices to take notes in your classes, or you may prefer to take notes in books or on loose leaf paper.

Each of your teachers will give you advice about what you will need when you start each of your courses.

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### FAQ

What is the dress code?



**ANSWER:** You should wear clothes that are plain green, grey, black, yellow and/or white.

You should wear appropriate pants/skirt as well as closed in shoes and a sleeved shirt that covers all of your torso.

Things not to wear include:

- No other colours (including blue jeans)
- No patterns (including stripes or spots)
- No big logos or brands
- No shirts with thin straps
- No super short or ripped clothing
- No offensive material

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### FAQ

How can I keep myself up-to-date?



**ANSWER:**

- Check the school's Facebook and Instagram pages.
- Check the SRC Facebook and Instagram pages.
- Check the various faculty social media pages, such as the sport Facebook and Instagram pages.
- Check the school website.
- Check your assessment booklets.
- Check the noticeboards around the school.
- Listen during your meetings at school.
- Check your emails - and read the newsletters sent each fortnight.
- Join Google Classrooms as your teachers let you know about them.



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## FAQ

What do we call our teachers?



**ANSWER:** We call our teachers by their first names. This is something you may take a little while to get comfortable with, but it is a feature of the mutual respect everyone has for each other at SMSHS.

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## FAQ

How do I get the most out of my time at SMSHS?



**ANSWER:** Take every opportunity on offer - get involved in clubs, volunteer to help out, talk to everyone, and draw on the advice of your teachers.

Everyone in your year group is new to our school, so don't be afraid to ask questions when you don't know something.

If you have a talent, show it off in the various groups and be as outgoing as you can be. Some students say their biggest regret is not getting as involved as possible.

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## FAQ

What about making new friends?



**ANSWER:** Everyone is in the same boat as you, as not many people will know each other.

Starting at SMSHS is an opportunity to introduce yourself to others and even if you don't make many friends on the first day of school, you will along the way because the environment at our school is super welcoming and friendly.

**Making new friends:**

- Sometimes it can be as simple as when you go to a new class, talking to the person you sit next to. Or it may be sitting next to the person sitting alone.
- If you see something you like about or on someone, tell them.
- Joining clubs and teams also helps you to make new friends who like things you like.
- The Caf is a good place to meet people and a place to get food.

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## FAQ

What are some ways to get involved?



**ANSWER:** There are lots of opportunities so it is important to check your emails and listen to announcements in Cluster Meetings. There may also be posts on Instagram, on Facebook and in the newsletter.

You can also find out about different clubs during our Orientation Week Pop Up Display (Recess on Friday 3 February).

You can ask Cheryl Ruskin (our Careers Adviser) in the library for other opportunities.

You can ask your Cluster SRC Representatives or any of the School Captains for their help as well.

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## FAQ

Why should I join clubs and teams?



**ANSWER:** Joining clubs and teams is a great way to meet new people.

It is a good way to give back to the school community and the broader community, particularly in groups like the Amnesty Group.

Also, being involved in clubs and sporting teams can help develop your skills. This can be helpful when applying for part-time and casual work, as well as when you are in Year 12 and you are applying for early entry to university, applying for traineeships, and applying for scholarships.

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## FAQ

What are some of the clubs at our school?



**ANSWER:** These are only some of the clubs at our school:

- KPOP Club
- FatFish
- Futsal Club
- Anime Club
- Amnesty Group
- Book Club
- Volleyball Club
- Muslim Students Association
- Environmental Club
- Mindfulness Club



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### FAQ

What leadership opportunities are available at SMSHS?



**ANSWER:** You are able to run for the Student Representative Council, with elections for Year 11 reps in each Cluster Group happening in Term 1.

There are also a number of other leadership roles in our school community, including:

- \* Library Leaders
- \* Club Leaders
- \* School Captains (in Year 12)
- \* Student Mentors
- \* Peer Tutors
- \* Sports Leaders
- \* Sporting Team Captains

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### FAQ

What about the school grounds?



**ANSWER:** There are several parts to this answer...

*How do I find my way around the school?* You can always ask someone for help, including a Student Mentor, a teacher or another student. There is also a map of the school in your school diary and this can help you to find faculty staffrooms and key areas of the school.

*What are my boundaries within the school?* You can sit in many areas around the school but in general, the car park areas are out of bounds unless you are quickly getting something out of your car.

*Can I leave the school grounds during the day?* You can leave the school during lessons when you don't have a scheduled class and during recess and lunch - but you must be back in time for your next class.

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### FAQ

How do I read and understand my timetable?



**ANSWER:** Your Mentor Teachers and Student Mentors will help you to read your timetable on the first day and in the first weeks of school. There are codes for each of your subjects and your teachers as well as long room numbers.

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### FAQ

What if I am absent from school?



**ANSWER:** Any absence from school has to be explained within seven days of the absence.

Your parent/carer can explain your absence in a range of ways, including providing a note to the front office, writing an email to the school email address, filling out an e-form on the Skoolbag app, or ringing the school directly.

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### FAQ

Do I have to sign in late / sign out early?



**ANSWER:** If you miss any of your class time by coming in late or leaving early, you need to sign in/out near Leah's office in the front office. Your parent/carer will also need to explain your absence within seven days so that the explanation is added to our school records.

However, if you come late and/or leave early and don't have a scheduled class, you don't necessarily need to sign in/out. For example:

- If you don't have a class Period 1, you can arrive at school later than 8:20am and go straight to your Period 2 lesson without signing in late.
- If you don't have a class Period 5, you can leave school early (e.g. at lunch time) without signing out.
- If you don't have a class during Periods 2, 3 or 4, you can leave the school and return without signing in/out (so long as you don't miss any of your scheduled classes).

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### FAQ

What is the purpose of Mentor and Cluster?



**ANSWER:** Mentor is a compulsory pastoral care program that helps you to learn about SMSHS as well as supporting you throughout your Year 11 studies. It helps us to complete the Life Ready Program, a mandatory component of every student's HSC studies.

Cluster Meetings are almost like year meetings in that they help to keep you informed about school events and general school information. They also allow for discussions about things connected to school. Your Cluster is like what other schools might call a house group.

Both of these allow you to meet and interact with new students and teachers, as well as helping you to find a way to express yourself.



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## FAQ

Where can I get study resources?



**ANSWER:** You don't need to buy a textbook pack at SMSHS. You pay a textbook fee and get to borrow your textbooks from the library at the start of each year. You return these books at the end of your course and when you are finished school.

You may choose to buy extra books to help you, or you can always borrow materials from the library. The librarians are very experienced and will help support you with lots of parts of your studies.

You can use different devices to take notes at SMSHS or you may prefer to take notes in books or on loose leaf paper. Each of your teachers will give you advice about this when you start each of your courses.

There are lots of facilities to help you at SMSHS, including the Learning Centre which is a study hub with a kitchen, fridge and air con. The Caf also has lots of affordable food and a relaxed environment where you can work with friends.

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## FAQ

Where can I get help with my school work?



**ANSWER:** You can get help in the Learning Centre from teachers and students alike. There are teachers who work there every lesson and students who volunteer to be Peer Tutors.

You can also ask your teachers who are experts in their subject area to help you at any time they are free.

There are also research tutors in the Library as well as books and online resources.

Some subjects run tutorials before and after school as well at no cost to you.

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## FAQ

What can I do during lessons when I don't have a scheduled class?



**ANSWER:** These "free" periods or "study" periods are times when you can study and ask for extra help and assistance. For example, you can get help from Peer Tutors and teachers in the Learning Centre, or from the library staff in the school library.

If you have these lessons at the start or end of a day, you can choose to do your study and home and come to school late or leave school early.

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## FAQ

Where can I go if I am struggling?



**ANSWER:** If you are wanting academic, financial or wellbeing support, we have lots of places where you can access help:

- You can see a Student Mentor to get their advice.
- You can see your Mentor Teacher.
- You can see your Student Adviser:
  - Year 11, Surnames A-G - Sussan, who sits in the English Staffroom
  - Year 11, Surnames H-Q - Wendi, who sits in the Commercial Studies Staffroom
  - Year 11, Surnames P-Z - Luigi, who sits in the LOTE Staffroom
- You can see staff in the Learning Centre, including the School Counsellors, our Student Support Officer (Surmeet), the Head Teacher of Learning and Wellbeing (Mel), and the Learning Support Teachers.
- You can see your Deputy Principal (Danielle) in the front office.

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## FAQ

Where can I change my subjects?



**ANSWER:** Year 11 students can change their subjects for a limited time early in Term 1 (from Monday Week 3 until Friday Week 5) by seeing Lucas, Charly and Tracie in the library.

It is important to remember:

- Not all subject changes are possible.
- You should get advice about changing your subjects - and Cheryl Ruskin (our Careers Adviser) can also be found in the Library to give you some help if you need it.

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## FAQ

Does Year 11 matter?



**ANSWER:** Yes. While the marks you get in Year 11 don't count towards the calculation of your HSC result or your ATAR, it is good to do the best you can to set yourself up to do well in Year 12 and to decide if you are doing the right mix of subjects. Also, your reports in Year 11 can help with your applications for early entry to university and different scholarship opportunities.



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# SMSHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

**Friday 10 February 2023**

**8:20 am - 1:00 pm**

Permission notes will be  
emailed to parents and caregivers  
through School Bytes  
and need to be returned online  
**by Wednesday 8 February**

We meet at Ripples St Marys  
(across the road from the school)

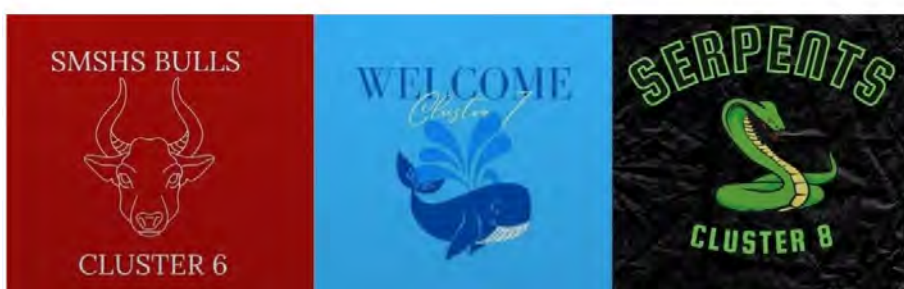
Student drivers should park in the school car park as  
Council parking near the pool is time limited







# Sporting Houses 2023!



## School Bytes

School Bytes are a company that offer an exciting online tool that many schools are currently using to facilitate student engagement in a wide variety of curricular and extracurricular activities. It also offers a number of other benefits, including the ability for families to make school payments at times convenient to them.

With the school swimming carnival on Friday 10 February, it is important to understand that **notes for all school excursions and incursions are emailed to the family email for parents and carers to complete online.**

For those families not familiar with this online tool, we have provided some information from School Bytes on the following pages that will help parents and carers complete permission notes and make school payments.

If you have any questions or concerns, please be sure to contact our Administration Staff on the school email ([stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)) or 02 9623 8333 at your earliest convenience.



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# School Bytes

## Moving into the digital age for school payments, event management and forms

In the very fast paced world we live in, we understand the need for you, our parents/carers to have the flexibility to make payments outside of school hours and furthermore, the ability to receive and respond to communication at a time that best suits your needs.

As a result, we are excited to announce our school will be engaging the services of School Bytes who offers a simplified digital system for school payments and parent/carer communication.

### Changes you can expect

- A student's **Statement of Account** and **payment reminders** will be sent directly to parents/carers via email.
- Emails will be sent to you from [noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education](mailto:noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education)
- The student's **Statement of Account** email will include the **make a payment** button that will take you to the school's online payment portal.
- If the activity involves a cost, the **make a payment** button will allow you to pay securely, quickly and easily via credit or debit card after granting permission (Visa and Mastercard only).
- Online forms including permission notes will be sent to you directly via School Bytes with a link enclosed. Select the link to open the secure online form.
- The online form will have information about the activity with a section for a digital signature (either with a mouse, a stylus or your finger) prior to submitting.

### What do you need to do to prepare for the change?

Not much really...

- You do not have to sign up or register with School Bytes.
- You do not have to download an app.
- You do need to ensure your email address and contact details are up to date – this will help to ensure you don't miss critical information being sent to you.



- You do need to monitor your inbox for communication being sent to you.
- You can respond to digital correspondence received via email or complete the online digital form and submit.
- You need to ensure that emails sent to you from [noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education](mailto:noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education) are not marked as spam/junk in your email system.

### Further assistance

For information relating to the security and privacy of this service, please refer to: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/media/documents/School-Bytes-Student-Privacy-Information.pdf>

If you have any questions about this process or do not have regular access to email, please contact our Administration Team in the front office area.

### Completing online permission notes

Our school now uses School Bytes for online permission notes that are sent directly to parents/carers via email. These notes include a link to a secure payment site via the Westpac Parent Online Payment (POP) system which is utilised by the Department of Education and is also available on our school website (Visa and Mastercard credit/debit cards accepted).

When parent/carer permission is required for a student activity, such as an excursion, an email will be sent to the parents/carers of students involved in the activity. There will be a link to open the secure online permission form.

The online form will contain information about the activity or excursion, as well as a section for parents/carers to complete and sign (with a mouse, a stylus or your finger). If the activity involves a cost, the online form will show a make online payment button.

Information submitted by parents/carers will be stored securely for our school to review. Each individual response can only be accessed by school staff, due to the sensitive nature of the information provided.

To complete an online permission note sent by our school, please follow the steps outlined below.





## Give permission

**Step 1** – Select the blue ***view online form*** button in the email.

**Subject of email here**



**Sample School** <noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education>

To:

[Redacted email address]



**Sample School**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please use the link below to give consent and make payment for **Student name** to attend the following activity: **Example activity name**

[View online form](#)

Thank you.

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**Sample School**

This email was sent to you through School Bytes. You are receiving this email as your email address is associated with a student at **School Bytes Academy**. If you no longer wish to receive these emails, please contact the school at [sample.school@schoolbytes.education](mailto:sample.school@schoolbytes.education).



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## Step 2 – Review the details of the event.

Please note:

- Some sections of the note may contain links to an external website. If required, you can click on the links to review any further information.
- If you wish to print the activity information, click on the blue **Print** button on the right-hand side underneath our school logo.
- To add the event to your calendar, select the blue **Add to calendar** button next to the print button.



Online Form - [School Name] [Add to calendar](#) [Print](#)

Activity Name:	[Activity Name]
Date/Time:	[Date/Time]
Description:	[Description]
Venue:	[Venue]
Overnight Location:	[Overnight Location]
Transport:	[Transport]
Dress Code:	[Dress Code]
Food:	[Food]
Please Bring:	[Please Bring]
Due Date:	[Due Date]



**Step 3 – Provide consent by selecting yes or no.**

\* indicates a required field

I have read the above details and give consent for my child, [redacted] to attend the [redacted]

☐ Yes ☐ No

Student Name: [redacted]

Parent/Carer Name: \* [redacted] Parent/Carer Phone Number: \* [redacted]

Emergency Contact Name: \* ⑦ [redacted] Emergency Contact Phone Number: \* [redacted]

Medical Conditions (including any medication required): [redacted] Dietary Requirements: [redacted]

In relation to the proposed structured aquatic activities (please select response): \*

☐ My child is **permitted** to go in the water

☐ My child is **not permitted** to go in the water

Parent/Carer Signature: \*

Please sign in the box above using your mouse or finger (on mobile devices) - [Reset Field](#)

[Submit Form](#)

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**Step 4** – Complete the required sections of the note. All required sections are marked with a red asterisk.

\* indicates a required field

I have read the above details and give consent for my child, ☐ Yes ☒ No, to attend the ☐ Yes ☒ No

☐ Yes ☐ No

Student Name:

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Parent/Carer Name: * <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>  Emergency Contact Name: * ? <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	Parent/Carer Phone Number: * <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>  Emergency Contact Phone Number: * <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
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Medical Conditions (including any medication required): \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

In relation to the proposed structured aquatic activities (please select response); \*

☐ My child is permitted to go in the water

☐ My child is not permitted to go in the water

Parent/Carer Signature: \*

Please sign in the box above using your mouse or finger (on mobile devices) [Download Form](#)

[Submit Form](#)

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**Step 5** – Provide a signature in the parent/carer signature section digitally. This can be done with a mouse if you are using a computer or your finger if you are using a mobile device.

\* Indicates a required field

I have read the above details and give consent for my child,  to attend the

☐ Yes ☐ No

Student Name:

Parent/Carer Name: \*  Parent/Carer Phone Number: \*

Emergency Contact Name: \*  Emergency Contact Phone Number: \*

Medical Conditions (including any medication required):  Dietary Requirements:

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**Step 6** – Select to submit the form. Once you press submit, your response will be recorded. If you need to make any changes to your response you will need to contact our school.

\* Indicates a required field

I have read the above details and give consent for my child, [Redacted] to attend the [Redacted]

☒ Yes   ☐ No

Student Name:

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Parent/Carer Name: \*      Parent/Carer Phone Number: \*

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Emergency Contact Name: \* ⓘ      Emergency Contact Phone Number: \*

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Medical Conditions (including any medication required):      Dietary Requirements:

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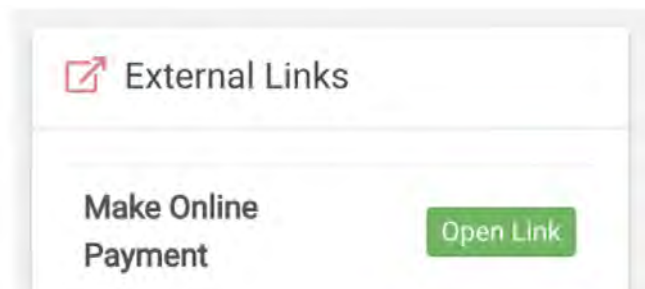
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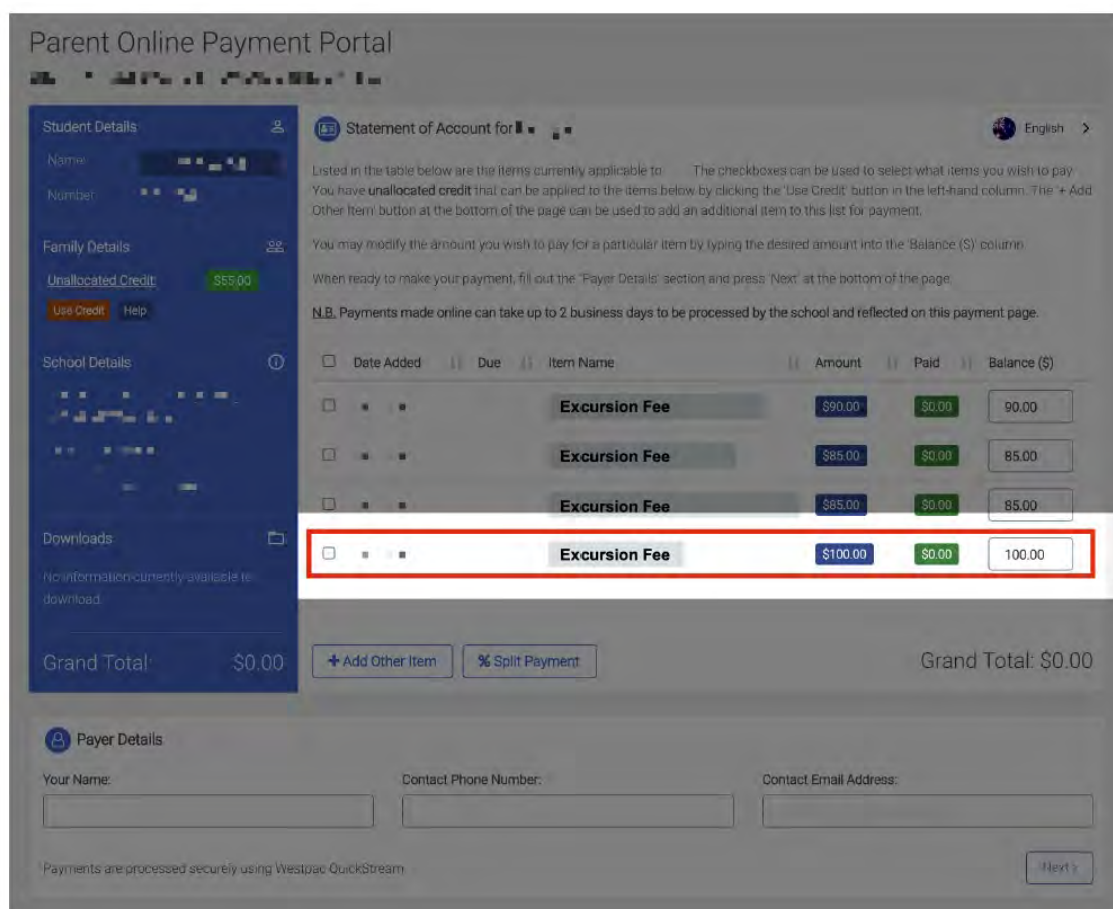
## Make a payment

**Step 1** – Select **open link** beside make online payment.



**Step 2** – Select the fee for the activity

- To change the amount you are paying for an item, enter the desired amount in the balance column.
- Please note: Your school may not invoice the activity which means it will not appear on the payment portal as a line item. In this case, you will need to select the **add other item** button to add the line item manually.

A screenshot of the 'Parent Online Payment Portal'. The page shows a 'Statement of Account for' section with a table of items. The table has columns for 'Date Added', 'Due', 'Item Name', 'Amount', 'Paid', and 'Balance (\$)'. There are three rows for 'Excursion Fee' with amounts of \$90.00, \$85.00, and \$85.00. A fourth row is highlighted with a red box, showing an 'Excursion Fee' for \$100.00 with a balance of \$100.00. Below the table, there are buttons for '+ Add Other Item' and '% Split Payment'. The 'Grand Total' is \$0.00. On the left, there is a sidebar with 'Student Details', 'Family Details', 'School Details', and 'Downloads'. At the bottom, there is a 'Payer Details' section with fields for 'Your Name', 'Contact Phone Number', and 'Contact Email Address'. A 'Next' button is at the bottom right.



### Step 3 – Populate the payer details then select next.

## Parent Online Payment Portal

Student Details

Name

Number

Family Details

Unallocated Credit: \$55.00

Use Credit Help

School Details

Downloads

No information currently available to download

Grand Total: \$0.00

Statement of Account for

English

Listed in the table below are the items currently applicable to . The checkboxes can be used to select what items you wish to pay. You have **unallocated credit** that can be applied to the items below by clicking the 'Use Credit' button in the left-hand column. The '+ Add Other Item' button at the bottom of the page can be used to add an additional item to this list for payment.

You may modify the amount you wish to pay for a particular item by typing the desired amount into the 'Balance (\$)' column.

When ready to make your payment, fill out the 'Payer Details' section and press 'Next' at the bottom of the page.

**N.B.** Payments made online can take up to 2 business days to be processed by the school and reflected on this payment page.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Date Added	Due	Item Name	Amount	Paid	Balance (\$)
<input type="checkbox"/>	01/02/2021		Excursion Fee	\$90.00	\$0.00	90.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	01/02/2021		Excursion Fee	\$85.00	\$0.00	85.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	01/02/2021		Excursion Fee	\$85.00	\$0.00	85.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	22/02/2021		Excursion Fee	\$100.00	\$0.00	100.00

+ Add Other Item

% Split Payment

Grand Total: \$0.00

Payer Details

Your Name:

Contact Phone Number:

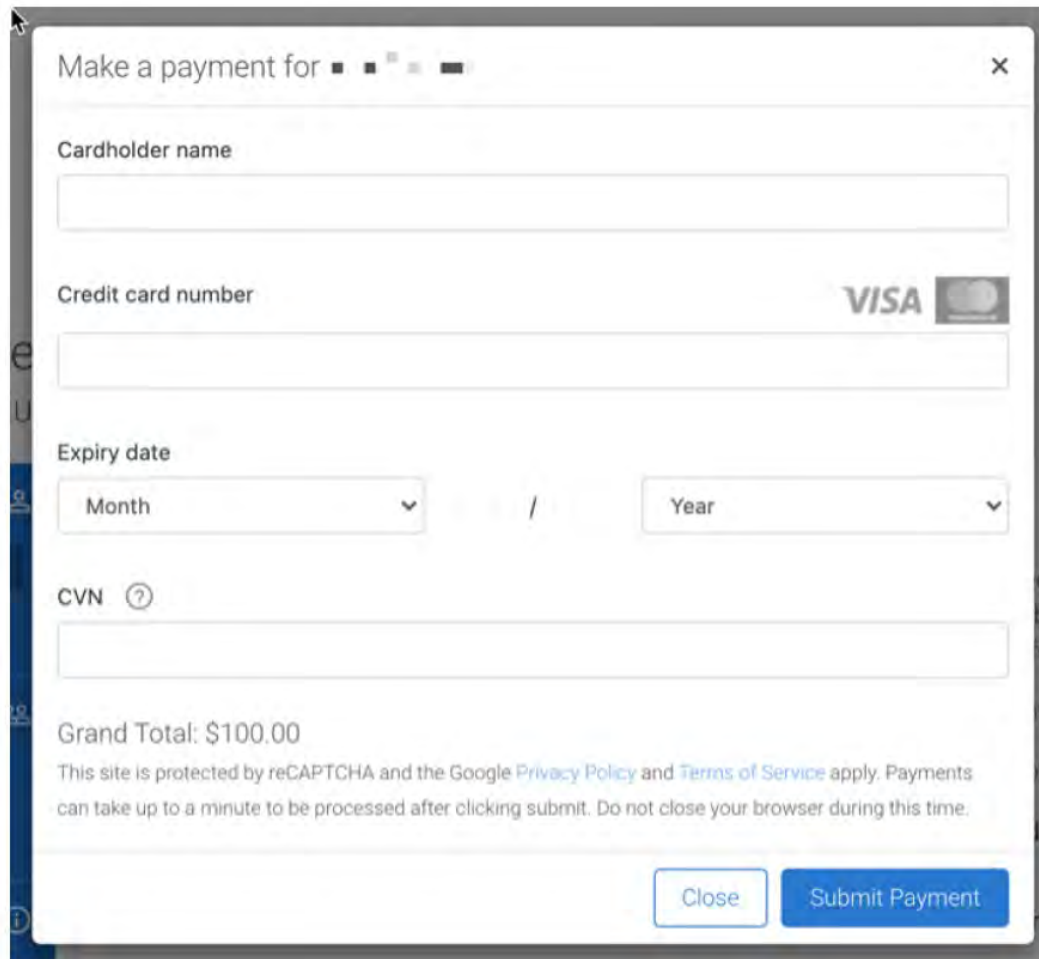
Contact Email Address:

Payments are processed securely using Westpac QuickStream.

Next >



**Step 4** – Populate the payment details in the secure ***make a payment*** page and select submit payment.



Make a payment for ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Cardholder name

Credit card number

Expiry date

Month / Year

CVN ?

Grand Total: \$100.00

This site is protected by reCAPTCHA and the Google [Privacy Policy](#) and [Terms of Service](#) apply. Payments can take up to a minute to be processed after clicking submit. Do not close your browser during this time.

Close Submit Payment






















## Getting to and from school - An update from the RMS

Please see the updated information provided by the RMS in the handouts below.

# Parking and traffic rules in school zones

You need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Make sure that you and your child understand the road rules. If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting not only your child but other children at risk. The parking and traffic rules around our schools are there to protect your children. If you break the rules you will be fined. **Please choose safety over convenience.**





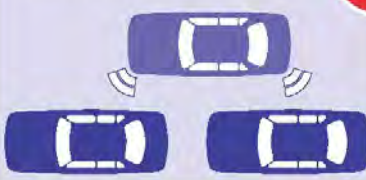



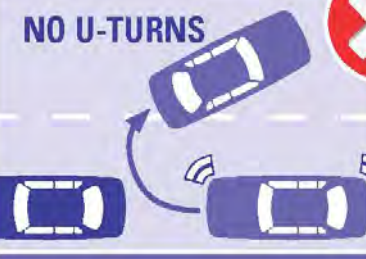



QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO IMPORTANT SAFETY TRAFFIC RULES				
ZONE	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHY IS IT THERE?	PENALTY	DEMERIT POINTS*
	You cannot stop in a <b>NO STOPPING</b> zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space). 	Keeps clear sight lines between drivers and children / pedestrians.	EXCEEDS \$352 	School Zone 2 
	You can stop in a <b>NO PARKING</b> zone for a max. of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. If no spaces are available you cannot queue on the road way or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away and park elsewhere, only returning when there is space to pull up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times and cannot leave your vehicle unattended.	Provides a safe place for children / pedestrian set down and pick up.	EXCEEDS \$194 	School Zone 2 
	You must not stop or park in a <b>BUS ZONE</b> for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus. If times are shown on the sign, you are not allowed to stop during those times.	Provides a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.	EXCEEDS \$352 	School Zone 2 
	You must not stop on or within 20 metres before a <b>PEDESTRIAN CROSSING</b> or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.	So drivers can clearly see pedestrians on the crossing.	EXCEEDS \$464 	School Zone 2 
	<b>DOUBLE PARKING</b> You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.	Double parking blocks visibility and forces other cars to go around you.	EXCEEDS \$352 	School Zone 2 
	You must not stop on any <b>FOOTPATH</b> or <b>NATURE STRIP</b> , or even a <b>DRIVEWAY</b> crossing a footpath or nature strip for any reason.	You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.	EXCEEDS \$194 	School Zone 2 

**Please note:** The above information is current as of 1 December 2021. Penalties set by NSW State Government and reviewed on 1 July each year.





## Safety tips for school zones:

<b>EXITING THE CAR</b> 	 Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.	<b>APPLY BRAKE</b> 	 Make sure the park brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
<b>PARKING</b> 	 <b>NEVER</b> double park.	<b>CROSSING</b> 	 <b>NEVER</b> park across a pedestrian crossing.
<b>NO U-TURNS</b> 	 <b>NEVER</b> undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school.	<b>NO 3 POINT TURNS</b> 	 <b>NEVER</b> undertake a three-point turn in close proximity to the school.

## Safety tips for students:

<b>BUCKLE UP</b> 	 Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped.	<b>STORE ITEMS</b> 	 Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position.	<b>BE READY</b> 	<b>EXIT SAFELY</b> 	Always get in and out of the back seat through the safety door - the rear foot path-side door.
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## Demerit Points:

\* The **Demerit Points** Scheme is a national program that allocates penalty points (demerits) for a range of driving offences. A driver who has not committed any offences has '**zero**' points. If you commit an offence that carries demerit points, the points are added to your driving record. If you incur the threshold number of demerit points within a three-year period, a licence suspension or refusal is applied. The three-year period is calculated between the dates the offences were committed. It ends on the day your most recent offence was committed.

For further information regarding demerit points please visit: [rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/demerits-offences/](https://rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/demerits-offences/)



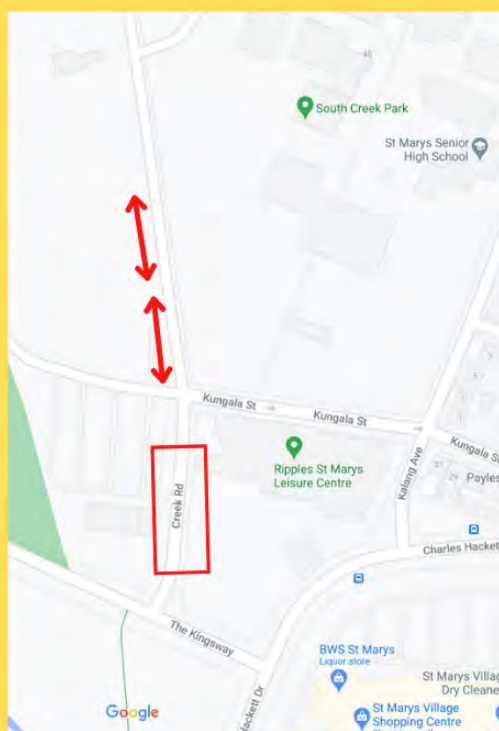


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## **STUDENT PICK UP AND DROP OFF**

**Please use Creek Road  
- at the back of the school**

**Creek Road is a  
two way street,  
and there is lots  
of parking  
available to  
parents and  
family members,  
easing safe  
student entry to  
and exit from the  
school via the  
gates provided**



# SMSHS – SOURCES OF SUPPORT



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## Term 1 Weeks 1 and 2 2023 @ SMSHS

Monday 23 Jan	Tuesday 24 Jan	Wednesday 25 Jan	Thursday 26 Jan	Friday 27 Jan
School holidays	School holidays	School holidays	Public Holiday	Staff Development Day – no students onsite
Monday 30 Jan	Tuesday 31 Jan	Wednesday 1 Feb	Thursday 2 Feb	Friday 3 Feb
Staff Development Day – no students onsite	First Day for Year 11 2023 – adjusted bell times	PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES First Day for Year 12 2023	Normal bell times	O Week Pop Ups Display during an extended recess – adjusted bell times

### Our Teams

Principal:	Sally Smithard
School Council President:	Sonia Matthews
School Captains:	Charlotte Brown Destiny Sione
School Executive:	
- Deputy Principal (Year 11)	Danielle Ervine
- Deputy Principal (Year 12)	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 11)	Charly Ebejer
- Head Teacher (Year 12)	Tracie Huet
- First Australians	Leah Havord
- Business Manager (Acting)	Rebecca Zinghini
- School Administrative Manager (Rel)	Angela Demaio
Student Advisers:	
- Year 11, Surnames A-G	Sussan Allaou
- Year 11, Surnames H-O	Wendi Kambolli
- Year 11, Surnames P-Z	Luigi Serra
- Year 12, Surnames A-G	Adam Bernthaler
- Year 12, Surnames H-O	Lauren Hasna
- Year 12, Surnames P-Z	Jeff Larsen
Learning Support:	Sussan Allaou (F) Carmel Harriden (M, T) Melissa Jacka Carly McPherson (T, W, T) Ashlee Pleffer (M, T)
Student Support Officer:	Surmeet Kaur
Careers Adviser (Rel):	Cheryl Ruskin

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