



TERM 2 WEEKS 9 AND 10

19 - 30 June 2023

Important Dates – Term 2 2023

W9	Wednesday 21 Jun	Student, Parent, Teacher Evening for Year 11 (Remote), 4 pm – 8.30 pm
W9	Friday 23 Jun	Year 12 – Western Sydney Careers Expo excursion Year 11 – Seminar Day #1
W10	Tuesday 27 Jun	School Council Meeting, 6pm
W10	Friday 30 Jun	Last day of classes for Term 2

Important Dates – Term 3 2023

W1	Tuesday 18 Jul	First day of classes for Term 3
W2	Tuesday 25 Jul	School Council Meeting, 6pm
W3	Monday 31 Jul	School examination period begins
W5	Friday 18 Aug	School examination period concludes
W6	Tuesday 22 Aug	School Council Meeting, 6pm
W9	Tuesday 12 Sep	Heritage Day 2023
W10	Monday 18 Sep	Elections for School Captains 2024
W10	Tuesday 19 Sep	Major Works Assembly
W10	Thursday 21 Sep	Year 12 Graduation 2023 Rehearsal
W10	Friday 22 Sep	Year 12 Graduation 2023, Hillsong Convention Centre Year 11 Seminar Day 2 2023 Final day of classes for Term 3

Principal's Report

We have just finished another fantastic athletics carnival at Blair Oval which started as a beautiful winter's day before the weather hit. There was lots of colour as students cheered, not only for their Cluster but also supporting our amazing athletes. Thank you to Jo Brines for her organisation of this wonderful event and the support provided by her team and all staff to ensure the carnival ran smoothly. Congratulations to Cluster 8 on their win, to our students for dressing up and to all of our participants.

We have also spent time reflecting and celebrating National Reconciliation Week. Thank you to our First Nations Team for leading this week, providing an opportunity for us all to understand our individual role in working towards a future of reconciliation for the wider Australian community and our Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples. This is a significant year with a referendum for an Aboriginal Voice to Parliament. Our key message to all students as they move from young adults to adults, who are provided with the privilege and responsibility to vote, is to be

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Principal's Report continued

part of the conversation, be a leader – don't be a bystander on issues of significance.

In Term 3, Year 12 Trial Higher School Certificate and Year 11 Examinations will be held, commencing on Monday 31 July and concluding on Friday 18 August. During this time period we will not be granting travel leave to students and it is expected that students will be present for their examinations on the published dates. The examination timetable has been made available to students for their reference. If a student is absent from an examination due to illness, they must follow the school's assessment policy for illness and misadventure as outlined in the assessment booklet issued to all students at the commencement of their course. If you have any concerns during this period, please contact the respective Deputy Principal of the year group:

- Year 11 – Danielle Ervine – danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au
- Year 12 – Leah Havord – leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au

As this is the last newsletter for the term, I hope all our students find some time to relax and recharge, ready for Term 3 as Year 12 enter their last full term of schooling. Enjoy the time with your peers.

Sally Smithard

Principal



NSW Back To School Vouchers

St Marys Senior High School is now registered as a provider of NSW Back to School Vouchers.

Please present the voucher to be scanned at the Administration Office. Each voucher can be used separately, or multiple vouchers can be used in the same purchase. No refunds can be claimed for products redeemed with a voucher.

Eligible expenses the vouchers may be redeemed for include school uniforms and elective subject contributions for the purchase of materials. Parents and carers may also use the vouchers towards the cost of excursions organized by the school in which the student is enrolled.

For more information about the vouchers, visit the Service NSW website - <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/back-to-school-vouchers>

Angela Demaio

School Administration Manager (Relieving)



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Year 11 Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews

Our Year 11 Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews will take place **on Wednesday 21 June between 4 pm and 8:30 pm.**

As a result of feedback on last year's interviews, teachers will undertake interviews via phone or Zoom, depending on each teacher's preference.

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

Teachers will call parents and carers 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, stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au .

If anyone needs help updating their password for Sentral, please email matthew.topp@det.nsw.edu.au .

The window for booking Year 11 interviews will be open from 9am on Tuesday 13 June until 7am on Tuesday 20 June 2023.

A short "how to" regarding booking interviews can be found on the following pages.

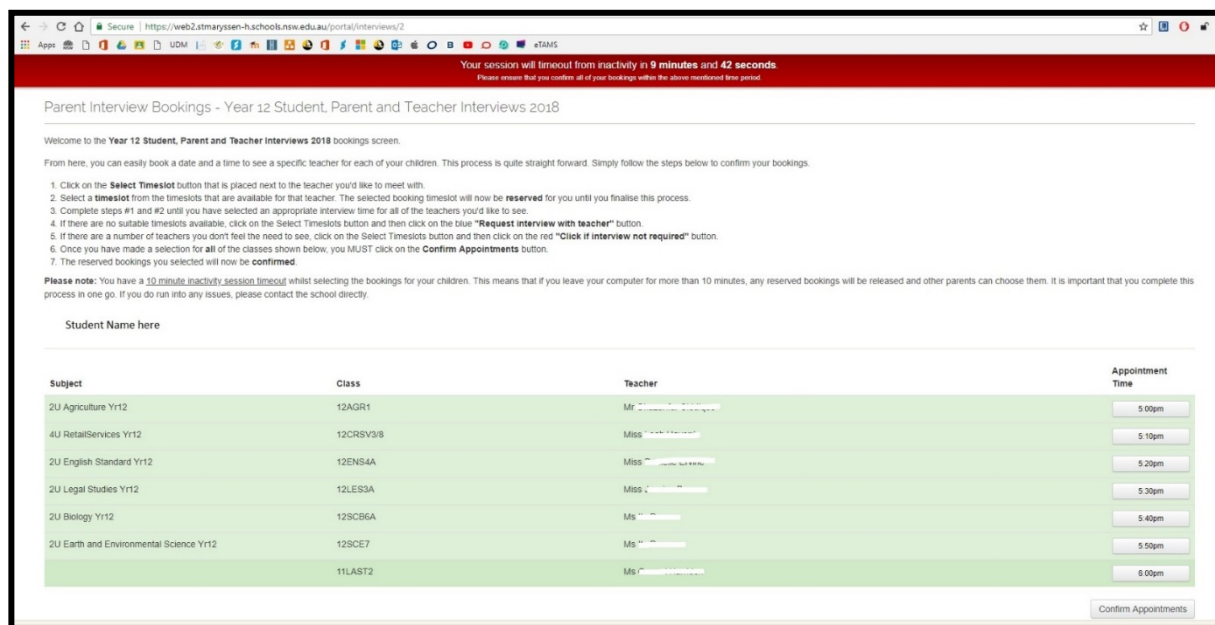
Matthew Topp

Student, Parent, Teacher Interview Coordinator



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 9am on Tuesday 13 June for Year 11**. 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 carers can select times from the buttons on the right of screen. The sample student here shows all time slots filled.



Parent Interview Bookings - Year 12 Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews 2018

Welcome to the Year 12 Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews 2018 bookings screen.

From here, you can easily book a date and a time to see a specific teacher for each of your children. This process is quite straight forward. Simply follow the steps below to confirm your bookings.

1. Click on the **Select Timeslot** button that is placed next to the teacher you'd like to meet with.
2. Select a **timeslot** from the timeslots that are available for that teacher. The selected booking timeslot will now be **reserved** for you until you finalise this process.
3. Complete steps #1 and #2 until you have selected an appropriate interview time for all of the teachers you'd like to see.
4. If there are no suitable timeslots available, click on the Select Timeslots button and then click on the blue **"Request interview with teacher"** button.
5. If there are a number of teachers you don't feel the need to see, click on the Select Timeslots button and then click on the red **"Click if interview not required"** button.
6. Once you have made a selection for all of the classes shown below, you **MUST** click on the **Confirm Appointments** button.
7. The reserved bookings you selected will now be **confirmed**.

Please note: You have a **10 minute inactivity session timeout** whilst selecting the bookings for your children. This means that if you leave your computer for more than 10 minutes, any reserved bookings will be released and other parents can choose them. It is important that you complete this process in one go. If you do run into any issues, please contact the school directly.

Student Name here

Subject	Class	Teacher	Appointment Time
2U Agriculture Yr12	12AGR1	Mr [Name]	5:00pm
4U Retail Services Yr12	12CRSV3/8	Miss [Name]	5:10pm
2U English Standard Yr12	12ENSA4	Miss [Name]	5:20pm
2U Legal Studies Yr12	12LES3A	Miss [Name]	5:30pm
2U Biology Yr12	12SCB6A	Ms [Name]	5:40pm
2U Earth and Environmental Science Yr12	12SCE7	Ms [Name]	5:50pm
	11LAST2	Ms [Name]	6:00pm

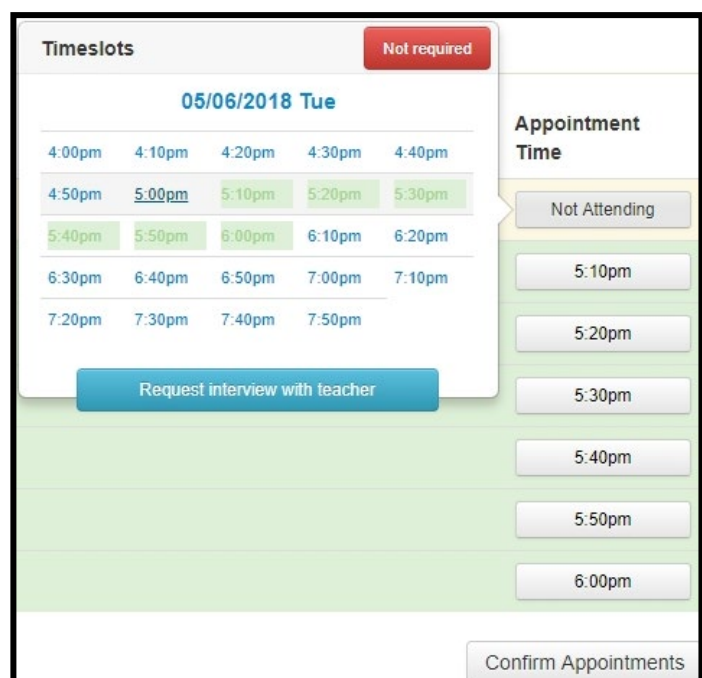
Confirm Appointments

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 carer, either because the teacher is unavailable or because they have a clashing time already booked.

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

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



Timeslots

Not required

05/06/2018 Tue

4:00pm	4:10pm	4:20pm	4:30pm	4:40pm
4:50pm	5:00pm	5:10pm	5:20pm	5:30pm
5:40pm	5:50pm	6:00pm	6:10pm	6:20pm
6:30pm	6:40pm	6:50pm	7:00pm	7:10pm
7:20pm	7:30pm	7:40pm	7:50pm	

Request interview with teacher

Appointment Time

Not Attending

5:10pm

5:20pm

5:30pm

5:40pm

5:50pm

6:00pm

Confirm Appointments

5. When complete, you can choose to receive an email with times and dates as a calendar file.





Information regarding the

Year 12 Careers Expo Excursion – Friday 23 June 2023

In the lead up to our trip to the Careers Expo, we have reminded our Year 12 students of the following points:

1. We encourage our students to use the QR code provided here to explore the fabulous opportunities available at the Expo to discover many study and career opportunities, to connect with all the tertiary education institutions and ask the important questions that will assist in post-school planning.
2. We will be travelling by bus from St Marys Senior High to Sydney Olympic Park and returning to school. Students must check the bus number they are travelling on from the list outside the library
3. Students need to be in full school dress code and meet in Kungala Street, near Ripples and the student car park gate **by 8:00 am**.
4. After getting their name marked off when getting on the bus, students will receive a wrist band for entry into the Expo. **Students must wear this – and we cannot replace it.**
5. Students are only able to bring **a small bag** that will safely store their belongings which they are responsible for throughout the day. *No items will be able to be left on the bus.*
6. There are catering options available at the Stadium where students can buy refreshments, but the queues are long. Students are encouraged to bring water in a non-glass container and snacks.
7. Students must be the front of the Expo (drop off point) **by 12.00 pm** for a roll marking, bus boarding and return to school. Buses cannot leave until all students have been marked off on the roll, so students are reminded to be on time.



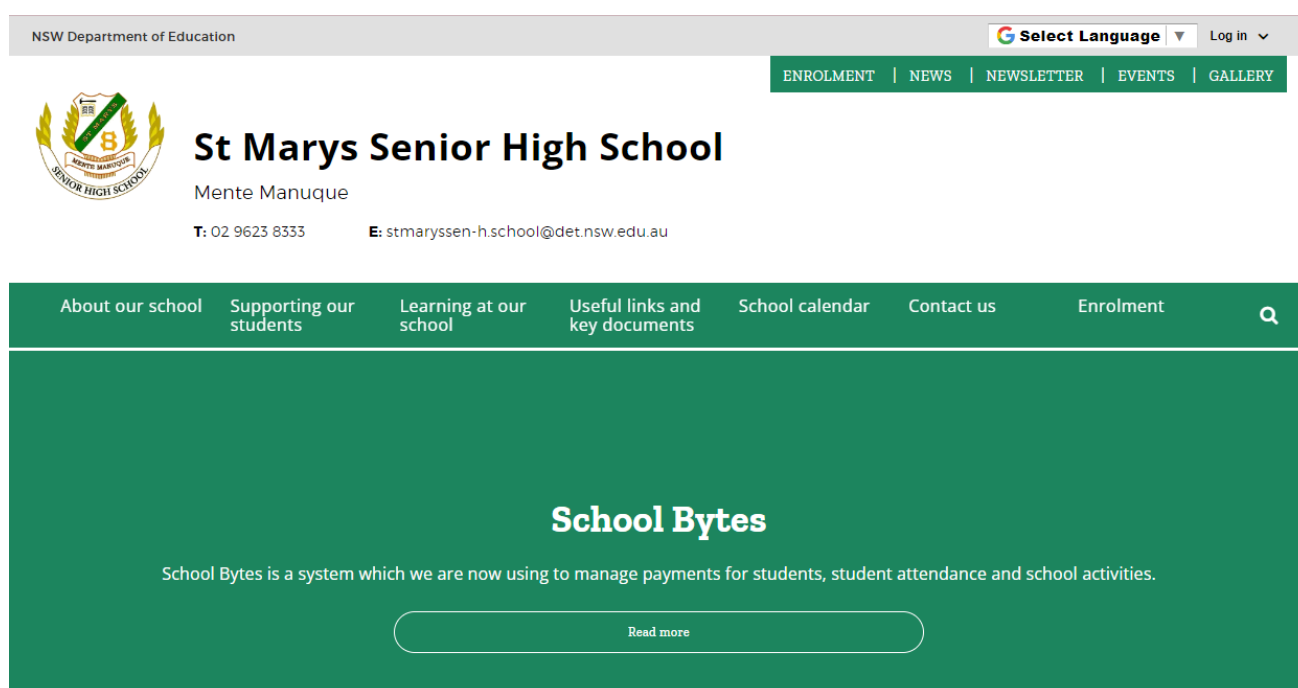
Year 12 students with any questions should see Cheryl (our Careers Adviser) or Lucas (our Head Teacher Secondary Studies) prior to the day.



FINDING OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL BYTES

We encourage parents, carers and families to see the information provided by School Bytes which is available through our school website:

<https://stmaryssen-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>



The screenshot shows the top section of the St Marys Senior High School website. At the top is a grey navigation bar with 'NSW Department of Education' on the left, a 'Select Language' dropdown menu, and a 'Log in' link on the right. Below this is a green navigation bar with links for 'ENROLMENT', 'NEWS', 'NEWSLETTER', 'EVENTS', and 'GALLERY'. The main header area features the school's crest on the left, followed by the school name 'St Marys Senior High School', the motto 'Mente Manuque', and contact details: 'T: 02 9623 8333' and 'E: stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au'. Below the header is a green horizontal menu with links: 'About our school', 'Supporting our students', 'Learning at our school', 'Useful links and key documents', 'School calendar', 'Contact us', and 'Enrolment', followed by a search icon. The main content area has a green background with the title 'School Bytes' in white, a short description: 'School Bytes is a system which we are now using to manage payments for students, student attendance and school activities.', and a 'Read more' button.

Some key links to “how to” guides”

- Setting up a parent account in the School Bytes Parent Portal - <https://support.schoolbytes.education/hc/en-us/articles/5184859634191-Parent-Portal-Set-up-your-parent-portal-account>
- Making a payment through the Parent Portal - <https://support.schoolbytes.education/hc/en-us/articles/5186380941583-Parent-Portal-Make-a-payment>
- Provide consent and make a payment for a school activity - <https://support.schoolbytes.education/hc/en-us/articles/5288567801999-Parent-Portal-Provide-consent-and-payment-for-an-excursion>



Sports Report

St Marys Senior High School Athletics Carnival

A great day was had by all at our athletics carnival in Week 7. Although it was cold and wet, our student participation rate was fantastic and we had the opportunity to witness some record breaking performances, both on the track and in the field. There were six records broken this year, and congratulations to these athletes:

Mikayla Castillo	16 years girls long jump, 4.4 m
Jakob Petterson	16 years boys 100 m, 11.13
Adam Ali	17 years boys 100 m, 11.4
Emma Matthias	17 years girls discuss, 32.68 m 17 years girls shot put, 12.45 m
Avilash Tharmanesan	17 years boys shot put, 12.22 m



Cluster chants were amazing, as always. They seem to get bigger and better each year, and there was a lot of friendly rivalry. It really was great to see everyone getting into the spirit of the carnival.

Now, for the winners...

The winner of the Cluster chants is... **Cluster 8!**
Congratulations, Cluster 8!



To determine the winner of the athletics carnival, the number of points collected by each Cluster were tallied. These were earned by students entering events, Cluster chants and notes in early. Once the points were added up, they were divided by the number of people in each Cluster, making it fairer for the smaller Cluster groups.

The overall winner of the carnival was Cluster 8. Well done, Cluster 8!



Congratulations also to our Age Champions:

	16 Years Girls	16 Years Boys	17 Years Girls	17 Years Boys
Age Champion	Mikayla Castillo	Jakob Petterson	Emma Matthias	Job Thin Tuep Avilash Tharmanesan
Runner Up	Sarina Naibkhil	Harry Ngal-Toubon	Olivia Pascal	Luis Contreras Villajuan

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our athletes the best of luck as they compete in Week 9 at the Werrington Zone Athletics Carnival.

I would also like to thank the staff that assisted at the carnival running the events. The day would not run as smoothly without your hard work.

Joanne Brines

Sports Coordinator



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SMSHS – SOURCES OF SUPPORT



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Term 2 Weeks 9 & 10 2023 @ SMSHS

Monday 19 June	Tuesday 20 June	Wednesday 21 June	Thursday 22 June	Friday 23 June
<p>Year 12 Dance - Task 4 due</p> <p>Year 12 Investigating Science - Task 3 due</p> <p>Sydney West Knockout Netball Championships</p> <p>Academic Counselling Keynote Presentation – headspace, Managing Exam Anxiety</p>	<p>PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES</p> <p>Year 11 Chemistry - Task 2 to be done during the Period Zero</p> <p>Year 12 Geography - Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 PDHPE - Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Textiles and Design - Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 11 Food Technology - Task 2 due</p> <p>Year 11 French Beginners - Task 2 due</p> <p>Year 11 Japanese Beginners - Task 2 due</p> <p>Year 11 Korean Beginners - Task 2 due</p> <p>Year 11 Spanish Beginners - Task 2 due</p> <p>Werrington Zone Athletics Carnival</p>	<p>Year 12 English Extension 1 - Task 2 due</p> <p>Year 12 Maths Extension 1 - Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Music 1 - Task 4 due</p> <p>Year 12 Photography 2U - Task 2 due</p> <p>Year 12 Retail Services - Task G due</p> <p>Year 11 Hospitality - Task 1 due</p> <p>Year 11 Investigating Science - Task 2 due</p> <p>Year 11 Photography 2U - Task 2 due</p> <p>Year 11 Student, Parent, Teacher Evening, 4pm – 8.30 pm, Remote format</p> <p>Werrington Zone Athletics Carnival</p> <p>Science Leadership Titration – before school</p> <p>Lunch Concert</p>	<p>PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES</p> <p>Year 12 Chemistry - Task 3 to be done during the Period Zero</p> <p>Year 11 Business Studies - Task 2 to be done during the Period Zero</p> <p>Year 12 CAFS - Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Music 1 - Task 4 due</p> <p>Year 11 PDHPE - Task 2 due</p> <p>LightsUP Drama Festival</p>	<p>Year 12 Music 1 - Task 4 due</p> <p>Year 12 2023 – Western Sydney Careers Expo</p> <p>Year 11 2023 – Seminar Day #1</p>
Monday 26 June	Tuesday 27 June	Wednesday 28 June	Thursday 29 June	Friday 30 June
<p>Year 12 Dance - Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Earth and Environmental Science - Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 History Extension - Task 2 due</p> <p>Year 12 Music 1 - Task 4 due</p> <p>Year 11 Biology - Task 2 due</p> <p>Year 11 Earth and Environmental Science - Task 2 due</p> <p>Year 11 Financial Services - Task B due</p> <p>Year 11 Maths Extension 1 - Task 2 due</p> <p>Year 12 Korean Cultural Day</p>	<p>Year 12 Dance - Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Japanese Beginners - Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Korean Beginners - Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Maths Extension 2 - Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Spanish Beginners - Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 11 Business Services - Task 2 due</p> <p>Year 11 CAFS - Task 2 due</p> <p>Year 11 Legal Studies - Task 2 due</p> <p>School Council Meeting, 6pm via Zoom</p> <p>Evening of Musical Theatre – Tech Rehearsal</p>	<p>Year 12 Dance - Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 English Extension 2 - Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 French Beginners - Task 3 due</p> <p>ValYOU Day – as organised by FatFish</p> <p>Science Leadership Titration – before school</p> <p>Lunch Concert</p>	<p>Year 12 Dance - Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 11 Ancient History - Task 2 due</p> <p>HSC Physics ANSTO Excursion</p> <p>RSA Training Course</p> <p>Evening of Musical Theatre</p>	<p>Year 12 Dance - Task 3 due</p>



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:	
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- Year 11, Surnames H-O	Wendi Kambolli
- Year 11, Surnames P-Z	Luigi Serra
- Year 12, Surnames A-G	Adam Bernthaler
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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 contact your Deputy Principal **by 11am on the day the task is due** - and fill out your illness and misadventure application online and send through your supporting evidence ASAP.



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