

# St Marys Senior High School

## TERM 3 WEEKS 1 AND 2

18 - 28 July 2023

### 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

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well after the holiday break. I trust all of our students used the time to relax and recharge, being all set to come back to school refreshed and ready for a busy Term 3.

Families are reminded that we still have Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) available for collection from the Administration Office. Moving into Term 3, the same COVID smart measures will continue unless updated by New South Wales Health. In particular, students and staff are required to stay at home if they are unwell and are displaying any cold and/or flu symptoms.

As discussed in previous newsletters, I find each term at every school I have worked at has its own flavour. For me, Term 3 is filled with significant milestones for both Year 11 and Year 12. It can be exciting and filled with anticipation as Year 12 move beyond formal schooling, as well as sad for the same reasons. Year 11 will complete their final term of their Preliminary Courses, commencing Year 12 in Term 4. This is a very exciting time for them and their families. These milestones will occur whilst other significant events

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

take place: Trial Higher School Certificate Examinations, Year 11 Course Examinations, completion of Year 12 Major Work Projects, Higher School Certificate performances and language speaking examinations, and Heritage Day. This is such an important day, celebrating and highlighting our school values; inclusive, aspirational, respectful.

This term we will also have the absolute pleasure of hearing from our future student leaders, with part of our Student Leadership Team for 2024 being voted on by our staff and students in Year 12 2024. We have a wonderful student body and I encourage all our current Year 11 students to consider nominating for these leadership positions. I wish everyone the best of luck in their preparations.

In regards to the upcoming examination period, students are reminded that if they are unwell they should not attend school and will need to obtain a medical certificate as outlined in the school's assessment policy. If this applies to you, please email your Deputy Principal, Danielle ([danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au)) or Leah ([leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au)) to let them know you are not well **by 7.30 am on the day of the examination**. The illness and misadventure forms for each year group can be accessed via the relevant year group Google Classroom and must be supported by independent evidence, such as a medical certificate. We will endeavour to provide you with an opportunity to complete an alternate examination paper when you are well.

Welcome back everyone.

***Sally Smithard***

*Principal*



### **Energy Bill Relief**

Members of our community have reminded us that from July 2023, eligible households can reduce their power bill by up to \$500 every quarter.

Eligible recipients include those currently receiving certain energy rebates or holders of the Low Income Health Care Card, DVA Gold Card or recipients of the Carer Allowance.

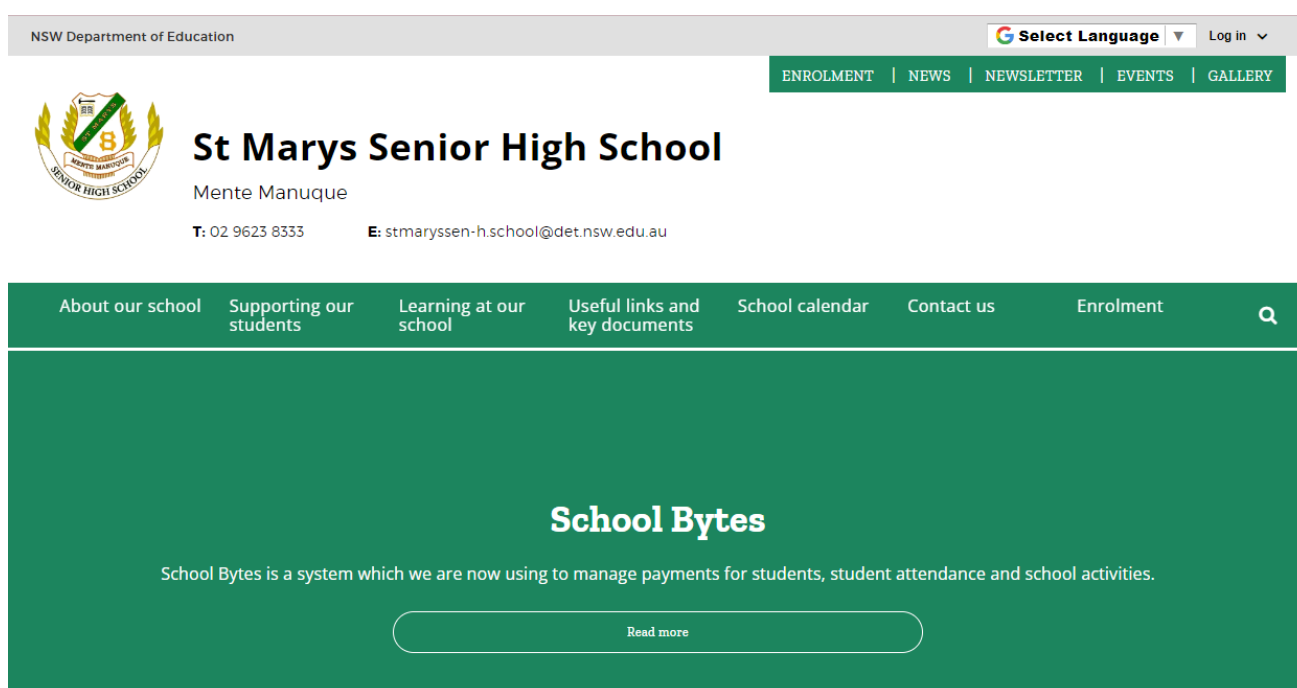
See this link for more information: <https://www.energy.nsw.gov.au/households/rebates-grants-and-schemes/national-energy-bill-relief>



## 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, there is a grey navigation bar with the text "NSW Department of Education" on the left, a "Select Language" dropdown menu in the center, 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's name "St Marys Senior High School" and the motto "Mente Manuque". Below the name are the phone number "T: 02 9623 8333" and the email address "E: stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au". A green horizontal menu contains links for "About our school", "Supporting our students", "Learning at our school", "Useful links and key documents", "School calendar", "Contact us", and "Enrolment", along with a search icon. The main content area has a green background with the heading "School Bytes" and a subheading "School Bytes is a system which we are now using to manage payments for students, student attendance and school activities." Below this is 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>



# 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.



## Support in the Learning Centre, Term 3 2023 – New timetable

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 3

WEEK A					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:20 AM	Yuna Jang Japanese 6B	Rebecca Geach Commercial 1A	Rosa Kim Korean/ Japanese 7B	Chris Raftopoulos Science 4A	Rebecca Geach Commercial 8A
9:32 AM	Ghaz Siddique Science 4A	Yuna Jang Japanese 6A	Fatima De Assis Music/Entertainment 5A	Ghaz Siddique Science 1A	Jess Rouse Science 2A
10:44 AM	Rotating	Shan Brown	Prithy Chaudhary	Fatima DeAssis	Rotating
11:14 AM	Andrew Farrugia Science 1B	Mary Toufayli Science 7A	Kim Sheldon HSIE 2A	Dean Newbold HSIE 2B	Raina Petterson Commercial 3A
12:26 PM	Arthur Andrews Commercial 5B	Reuben DeRooy Maths 3A	Cassandra Jones Science 8A	Yuna Jang Japanese 6A	Anna Sarlej English 7A
1:38 AM	Carmel Harriden	Chris Cavill	Robyn Ashworth	Latha Deo	Rotating
2:08 PM	Ashlee Pieffer LaST/HSIE 8B	Kim Sheldon HSIE 4B	Colin Newell Commercial 3B	Yuna Jang Japanese 2B	Open to 1:48 pm 8C
3:20 PM					
WEEK B					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:20 AM	Chris Raftopolous Science 4A	Rosemary Spears Science 3A	Cassandra Jones Science 5B	Jessica Rouse Science 2B	Anna Sarlej English 7A
9:32 AM	Yuna Jang Japanese 6B	Ghaz Siddique Science 7B	Cassandra Jones Science 2B	Andrew Farrugia Science 1B	Jess Rouse Science 3B
10:44 AM	Rotating	Jessica Rouse	Anna Sarlej	Sharon Lang	Rotating
11:14 AM	Andrew Farrugia Science 1B	Cassandra Jones Science 6A	Anna Sarlej English 7B	Chris Raftopoulos Science 4B	Kim Sheldon HSIE 2A
12:26 PM	Rebecca Geach Commercial 5B	Yuna Jang Japanese 4B	Rebecca Geach Commercial 8A	Rebecca Geach Commercial 5A	Reuben DeRooy Maths 8B
1:38 AM	Ashlee	Janette Littlejohn	Cassandra Jones	Carly McPherson	
2:08 PM	Ashlee Pieffer LaST/HSIE 8B	Fatima De Assis Music/Entertainment 1A	Fatima De Assis Music/Entertainment 3B	Yuna Jang Japanese 6B	Open to 1:48 pm 8C
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**As @ 29/06/23**





## After Hours Tutorial Program, Term 3 2023

Our school runs a range of optional tutorials before and after school at no additional cost to students. The updated schedule for Term 3 for these tutorials is shown below. **A reminder that tutorials do not run during the school examination period.**

If you are interested in attending one (or more) of these, please ensure you get a permission note from the Tutorial Teacher shown. This note must be completed and returned to the Tutorial Teacher before you can attend the tutorial activity.

 <b>SMSHS Tutorial Program Timetable</b> <b>Term 3 2023 ~ Weeks A &amp; B</b> <b>Updated - 29 June 2023</b>					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>BEFORE SCHOOL</b>  <b>7.15 – 8.15 am</b>	Year 11 Chemistry Mole Calculations Rosemary TC-G-2				Year 11 Chemistry Chris TC-G-1
	Year 12 Chemistry Chris TC-G-1			Studies of Religion Lauren S-U-11	Year 12 Chemistry Rosemary TC-G-2
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b>  <b>3.25 – 4.25 pm</b>		Year 11 Biology Mary E-G-7	Year 11 Maths Advanced Anil TC-U-1	Year 11 Physics Andrew E-G-6	
		Year 11 Maths Extension Reuben TC-U-1	Year 12 Maths Advanced Jacqui S-U-1	Year 12 Geography Leah S-G-3	
		Year 11 Maths Standard Sharina TC-U-2	Year 12 Maths Standard Sharina TC-U-2	Year 12 Maths Extension Reuben S-U-1	
		Year 12 Biology Jess TC-G-3	Business Studies and Legal Studies Salochna S-G-6	Computing Club Matt TC-U-3	
		Year 12 Physics Waran E-G-4	Drama Nicole V-U-2		
		Economics Salochna S-G-6	Engineering Studies Subhas B-U-3		
		Music Fatima and Michael V-G-3	History Shara S-G-4		
		Society and Culture Kim and Dean S-G-4	Library Assessment Support Kerri-Anne Library		



## National Pyjama Day



On Friday 21 July 2023, we are going to hold a mufti day for National Pyjama Day.

This day is all about wearing your favourite pair of school-appropriate PJs to help The Pyjama Foundation raise much-needed awareness and funds for children in foster care.

With the money raised from the gold coin donations collected by our SRC Team, we will be helping The Foundation to offer learning skills to more than one thousand children, funding education resources and helping provide stable, positive relationships.

So, wear your favourite pyjamas, bring a gold coin and participate in our best dressed competition at recess!

**Kerri-Anne Brown and Surmeet Kaur**

*SRC Staff Advisers*



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# 2023

## Exam Block

### Important Information for Students



## Exam Block

## GENERAL INFO



### Schedule

Make sure you have checked the FINAL examination timetable (the blue one) so you know when and where your examinations are at the time they are due to start !



### Be on Time

Please make sure that you are at your exam room at least 15 minutes prior to the examination time listed on the timetable.



### Be Considerate

Be mindful that when you are exiting examination rooms some examinations are still going - so please be quiet!





## ★ Exam Block

# THE L.C



### Open Hours

During the exam block the Learning Centre will be open from 8:10am to 1:30pm only.



### Shh...

It is for QUIET STUDY only and if you wish to talk or collaborate you will be asked to go to the Cafeteria.



## ★ Exam Block

# EXAM RULES



All students should place their Student ID card face up on their examination table at the start of each examination.

All Year 12 students are required to use their NESA number for these examinations.



No computers, iPads, iPods/MP3 Players, iWatches etc can be taken into an exam venue. Students should not bring these to school on the day of their examinations.

No hats/hoods to be worn (for ID purposes) or blankets to be taken into the examination room.



All watches are to be removed and placed on the right-hand-side of your desk.



## ★ Exam Block

# EXAM RULES

Bags will be permitted in examination venues. They must be placed in the area designated by the examination supervisors. Mobile phones must be switched off and left in your bag. If your phone rings during the examination, it will be removed from the examination room and given to the Principal or Deputy Principal.



Any student found in the possession of a phone or whose phone rings during the examination will be considered as committing malpractice and a mark penalty of zero will apply.



If you wish to take water into the examination room, it must be in a clear bottle

## ★ Exam Block

# EXAM RULES

Pencil cases must be colourless and transparent.



A blue or black pen only should be used to complete examinations. Students should bring several pens into the examination venue. They should be placed in a clear plastic sleeve or a colourless and transparent pencil case.



No tissue boxes can be taken into the examination rooms (supervisors will supply tissues if required).



Students will not be permitted to leave an examination room early. All students will be required to remain in the examination room for the duration of their examination





## ★ Exam Block

# COVID PROCEDURES

### 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 2: Hands



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

### Step 4: Clean up



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

### 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

### Not feeling well?



- Stay at home
- Contact your DP before 7:30 am on the day of the exam via email
- Go to the doctor to get your medical certificate

Email contacts:  
Year 12 DP - Leah Havord - [leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Year 11 DP - Danielle Ervine - [danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au)

## ★ Exam Block

# ABSENCE PROCEDURES



### Notify

Notify your DP of your absence by email by 7.30 am on the morning of your absence.



### Contact emails

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Year 11 DP - Danielle Ervine - [danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au)



### Paperwork

You are required to go to the doctor that day (the day of the examination) and obtain a medical certificate stating you are unfit for the examination. You are also required to submit the Illness and Misadventure Google Form which is found in your Year Group

Google Form.



### Schedule

Your DP will reschedule your task and let you know by email — CHECK your emails! The task will be rescheduled as near as possible to the original date of the examination.



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# SMSHS – SOURCES OF SUPPORT



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School Counsellors	Tracey Axisa Ximia Han	Please text the counsellor phone on 0417228192 during school hours to organise an appointment
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Deputy Principal Year 11 2023	Danielle Ervine	<a href="mailto:danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au">danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au</a>
Deputy Principal Year 12 2023	Leah Havord	<a href="mailto:leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au">leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au</a>



## Term 3 Weeks 1 & 2 2023 @ SMSHS

Monday 17 July	Tuesday 18 July	Wednesday 19 July	Thursday 20 July	Friday 21 July
Staff Development Day for Staff – no students on site	First day of classes for Term 3	Lunch Concert		National Pyjama Day!  Applications for School Captain and Vice Captain for 2024 are due to Leah by 3.20 pm
Monday 24 July	Tuesday 25 July	Wednesday 26 July	Thursday 27 July	Friday 28 July
	School Council Meeting, 6pm via Zoom	Lunch Concert  Year 12 2023 – payments for Formal and Graduation are to be finalised	HSC Drama Showcase	HSC Drama Showcase

### 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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