



TERM 3 WEEKS 7 AND 8

28 August – 8 September 2023

Important Dates – Term 3 2023

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 Year 11 Year Meeting, Period 5
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

Welcome back to the classroom Year 11 and Year 12. I am hoping that as you are receiving your results and feedback from your recent examinations that you can find some time to reflect on your achievements and areas of improvement. The feedback you will receive will support you to understand your next steps to meet and exceed your educational goals.

Over the next two weeks Year 11 will begin the process of transitioning to Year 12, commencing with their Mentor Teachers explaining the process of changing subjects. Aspects of the presentation are included in this newsletter so that parents and caregivers can be informed of both the process and NESA requirements. Students must continue to attend all classes up until the end of Term 3 when the Preliminary Course concludes. Any changes to a student's curriculum pattern will commence Day 1 Term 4. If you have any questions in regards to this process, please do not hesitate to make contact with the Mentor Teacher or Careers Adviser.

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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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Principal's Report continued

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who are submitting Major Works as well as being involved in the performance aspects of some of their Higher School Certificate studies. These components of students' studies demonstrate commitment and perseverance. The quality of work and attention to detail is outstanding. To all students, staff, parents, caregivers and supporters involved, well done and congratulations.

By the time you have read this newsletter, our Year 12 Dance and Drama students will have completed their Higher School Certificate performance examinations, and the Music students should complete them by the end of Week 8. The power and art of story telling is captured so well in these student performances. Congratulations to these students for reaching this milestone and congratulations to their parents and caregivers, along with our teaching staff. Being part of the support crew can be just as challenging.

At St Marys Senior High School, we are fortunate to be able to offer a diverse range of languages on site but are also able to provide access to a range of other languages through Saturday School and The School of Languages. These students are also beginning to sit aspects of their Higher School Certificate Examinations. I would like to acknowledge the work of Luigi Serra, our LOTE Coordinator for his support of these students and wish our students all the best.

In this newsletter, Year 12 students will also find information about some school based and external scholarships that they may wish to apply for to support them in their further studies.

Finally, I wanted to mention the Women's Football World Cup and our school values; inclusive, aspirational and respectful. For anyone that knows me, I spend most of my weekends at a football field and absolutely love it. I have loved watching the World Cup at home or in a packed stadium or at a fan site. I have been so impressed by all teams, their skill, but more importantly their qualities. We have seen women from diverse backgrounds live out their dreams and be visible. In our own national team, we have been privileged to see athleticism, teamwork, communication, leadership, calmness, ferocity, tenacity, strength, gratefulness and humility. I wanted to thank our own leaders at St Marys Senior High School, the official leaders, and the unofficial leaders who everyday model inclusivity, kindness and excellence.

Sally Smithard

Principal



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Sydney Trains

St Marys track maintenance

From Wednesday 23 August to Friday 25 August 2023
From Thursday 31 August to Monday 4 September 2023

What we're doing

Sydney Trains will be undertaking maintenance work at St Marys from Wednesday 23 August to Friday 25 August 2023 and Thursday 31 August to Monday 4 September 2023. This work includes track welding and track rail adjustments to improve service reliability.

We understand this work may have an impact on you and appreciate your patience and understanding.

How this affects you

Noise

- These works will create additional noise at night and over the weekend.
- **Work will take place:**
 - **From 10pm to 4am Wednesday 23 August to Friday 25 August**
 - **From 4am Thursday 31 August to 4pm Monday 3 September**
- Equipment may be delivered to the worksite outside the above times. Some deliveries may occur at night due to daytime travel restrictions on large vehicles.
- Finishing works may take place following this period, including the removal of equipment.

Traffic and Parking

- **Glossop Street will be closed in the southbound direction between Kurrajong Road and Phillip Street from 8pm to 4am on Wednesday 23 August and Thursday 24 August.** A contraflow traffic control arrangement will be in place to allow for unloading and transport of steelwork into the rail corridor.
- **A temporary road closure on Carinya Avenue will be in place from 8pm Thursday 31 August to 4am Friday 1 September** to allow for material to be safely unloaded and stored.
- **Parking spaces will be removed at Carinya Avenue from 4am Thursday 31 August to 4pm Monday 4 September to allow for material to be stored.** Traffic Control will be in place to assist motorists to park in available spots and to assist pedestrians with the flow of construction vehicles in and outside of the rail corridor along Carinya Avenue and Camira Street.
- Heavy vehicles will be using local streets to access the rail corridor.
- While we will park our vehicles inside the rail corridor wherever possible, please be aware that on-street parking may be limited near worksites.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation during these essential works.



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Sydney Trains

Location of works



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To report environmental concerns (24hours) 1300 656 999



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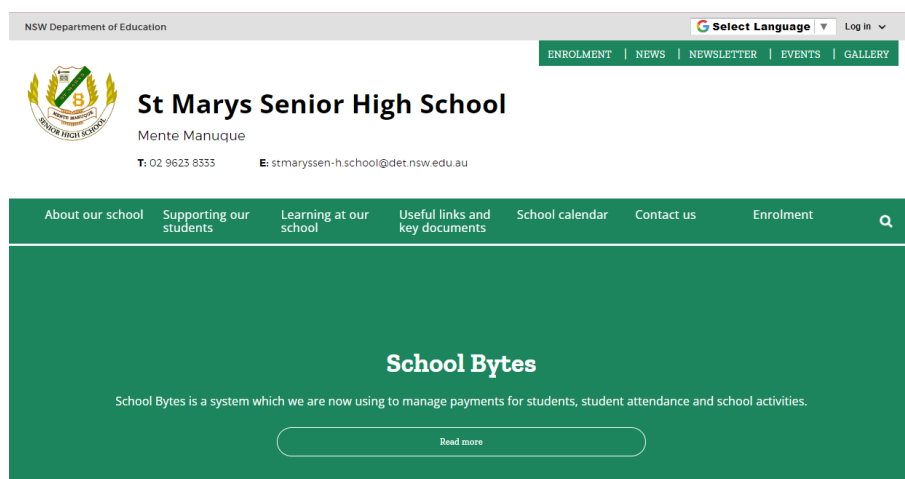
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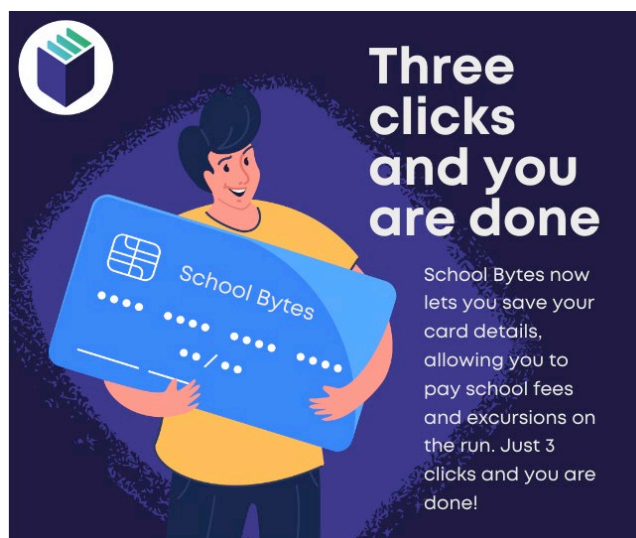
FINDING OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL BYTES

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/>



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>





School Bytes

AVAILABLE NOW!

Parents, you can now save your credit card details in Parent Portal for future payments.

First time making a payment?

Simply select the items you wish to pay, then tick 'save card details for future payments' option and click 'pay.'

The screenshot shows the 'Pay now' modal in the School Bytes Parent Portal. The modal displays the user's name 'Jane Citizen' and the amount '\$25.00'. A checkbox labeled 'Save card details for future payments' is checked. Below this, a message states: 'You will be redirected to the Service NSW online payment gateway to complete your payment. Please do not close this tab or use your browser back button. If you cancel your payment, items can take up to an hour to reappear on this page.' A 'Please note' section mentions the transaction will appear on the bank statement as 'OSCHOOLSONLINE 0000 PARRAMATTA AU'. At the bottom, there are 'CANCEL' and 'PAY \$25.00' buttons. In the background, the 'Payments' section of the dashboard is visible, showing a 'Statement of account' and a list of items, including 'Trip to Zoo' for \$25.00.

You will then be redirected to the payment page where you will need to tick the checkbox to authorise ongoing payments.

The screenshot shows the payment page where card details are entered. The 'Expiry date' is set to '02 / 2024' and the 'CVN' is '123'. Below this, the 'Ongoing card payment details' section has a checked checkbox for 'I agree to ongoing payments being charged to this card for SchoolBytes - DoE NSW'. There is an optional field for 'Max amount of ongoing payments (optional)' with the placeholder 'Amount'. A note states: 'You can limit the amount that is charged to this card in single transaction.' At the bottom, there is a 'Validate card' button.



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Parents, you can now save your credit card details in Parent Portal for future payments.

Using saved card details

Simply select the item you wish to pay, open the 'pay with saved card' drop down and select your saved card.

Pay now

JC Jane Citizen
School Bytes Academy

\$10.00

Pay with saved card

✓ Visa **** * 1111

Visa **** * 4242

New card

This site is protected by reCAPTCHA and the Google [Privacy Policy](#) and [Terms of Service](#) apply.

CANCEL

PAY \$10.00

Your payment outcome will be displayed and a receipt emailed to you.

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Payment successful

A receipt will be emailed to you



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Year 11 2023 into Year 12 2024 Enrolment Process

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

YEAR 11 INTO YEAR 12 ENROLMENT PROCESS

During Week 6 in Mentor, students will be shown a range of videos outlining how the subject change process works moving from Year 11 into Year 12. Some key points are below:

- Most students will keep the same subjects into Year 12 from Year 11.
- Students who wish to do an extension course must speak with both their classroom teacher and the faculty head teacher to discuss their suitability for the course.
- Students must be aware of the eligibility requirements for both the HSC and ATAR. These include:
 - Completing at least six units of Board Developed Courses.
 - Two units of a Board Developed Course in English.
 - Three courses of two or more units.
 - At least four subjects.
 - The ATAR is calculated off the student's two best units of English and eight best remaining units.
 - Only one 2-Unit Category B course will count towards a student's ATAR.
- Students may choose to stop participating in a Science course and pick up Investigating Science as a replacement.
- Students may choose to drop two courses and pick up either 4 Unit Retail Services or 4 Unit Entertainment.
 - Students who choose a 4 Unit course and who would like an ATAR need to complete 12 units in their pattern of HSC study.



- Extension History, Mathematics Extension 2 and English Extension 2 will commence in Term 4 2023. No one enrolled in these courses will be permitted to drop to 10 units until 2024 and only with the recommendation of the faculty head teacher.
- The subject change will be completed via a Google Form that will be emailed out as well as provided on the year group Google Classroom. The deadline for this process is **5pm on Friday 1 September 2023**. No requests will be considered after this time. Students who miss this deadline will need to wait until later in Term 4 to change levels or drop a subject.
- It is important that students discuss any change to their pattern of study with their parents and carers, their classroom teachers and their Mentors.
- Parents and carers will be sent a copy of the Google Form once it has been completed by students so that they are aware of the change request.
- All students will be supplied with a new timetable by the end of Term 3 in preparation for Term 4. This timetable is likely to be different to their current timetable and may include changes to classes and lines. This is the case, even if no request to change has been made.

There is no rush to drop a course. It is recommended that students do not drop a subject unless they are sure it is the best decision for them and their pathway. Students are reminded to seek assistance from the support services available at the school.

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

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

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

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



4 Unit Retail Services and 4 Unit Entertainment

- If there is enough interest we will offer these courses as a 4 Unit, 1 year option – 12 periods of classes each fortnight!!
- 2 units of this course can count towards your ATAR if you do the HSC exam.
- This course is a Vocational Education and Training (VET) course – any if you satisfactorily meet the course requirements, you can complete a HSC subject (Category B) as well as an AQF qualification.

TAFE Options

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

If you need any further advice about subject changes, please talk to your Mentor, your class teachers, Cheryll, Sussan, Luigi, Wendi, Charly, Lucas or Danielle.



Every year the school offers a number of scholarships that Year 12 students may apply for - the Bernie Shepherd Award; the Bill Eason Award; the James Rowe Award, and the Dean Lane Award.



The Bernie Shepherd Award is presented annually to a HSC student who, in the opinion of the school community, has consistently displayed an exemplary attitude towards their studies in the science and technology areas while at the same time demonstrating a significant contribution to the development of the local community or the school community of St Marys Senior High School.

Criteria - The successful applicant should address the following:

1. Outstanding performance in a minimum of three subjects in the science and technology fields.
2. Demonstrated commitment to the school community of St Marys Senior High School or their local community. This may be derived from a variety of fields, including:
 - a) Student leadership
 - b) School service
 - c) Community service

The Bill Eason Award is presented annually to a HSC student who, in the opinion of the school community, has consistently displayed an exemplary attitude towards their studies in the humanities area while at the same time demonstrating a significant contribution to the development of the school community of St Marys Senior High School.

Criteria - The successful applicant should address the following:

1. Outstanding performance in a minimum of three subjects in the humanities field.
2. Demonstrated commitment to the school community of St Marys Senior High School or their local community. This may be derived from a variety of fields, including:
 - a) Student leadership
 - b) School service
 - c) Community service



The James Rowe Award was instituted in 2012 and is presented annually to an HSC student who is pursuing a career as a teacher in education. The successful applicant needs to demonstrate a passion and commitment to teaching as well as being interested or involved in social change and have consistently displayed an exemplary attitude towards their studies.

Criteria - The successful applicant should address the following:

1. Outstanding performance in a minimum of three subjects.
2. Demonstrated commitment to the pursuit of a career in teaching. This is demonstrated by enrolment in a teaching degree at university. Areas to address in your application:
 - a) Passion and commitment to teaching
 - b) Interest and action in social change

The Dean Lane Award was instituted in 2021 and will be presented annually to a HSC student who, in the opinion of the school community, has consistently displayed an exemplary attitude towards their studies in Engineering Studies and/or Design and Technology.

Criteria - The successful applicant should address the following:

1. Outstanding performance in Engineering Studies and/or Design and Technology.
2. Demonstrated commitment to the school community of St Marys Senior High School or their local community. This may be derived from a variety of fields, including:
 - a) Student leadership
 - b) School service
 - c) Involvement in school sporting teams
 - d) Community service

To apply for the Bernie Shepherd, Bill Eason, James Rowe and/or Dean Lane Awards

Please submit a written application to Leah Havord **by 3:20 pm on Wednesday 20 September 2023.**

The application should be no more than FOUR A4 typed pages in length (12 point font size and 1.5 line spacing) and address ALL of the criteria listed for the relevant award.

In addition to your application, school records will be accessed by the School Council as part of the process to select the successful scholarship applicant.



2023 Jim Anderson Scholarships

The 2023 Jim Anderson Scholarship application is now going to be in the same format as it was last year, and includes the need for the following details:

- Passport sized photo
- Name of the course – TAFE or Western Sydney University course
- Personal statement – why they are suitable for the Scholarship
- Career Path Plan – how the Scholarship will assist them to achieve their careers goals
- School and community activities for the past two years
- 2023 School reports (Year 12 and Trial HSC results)
- Reference from Student Adviser, Teacher or Community Member
- Principal's statement

The Scholarship is valued at \$5000 and is to be used to assist in the cost of full-time tertiary study. Up to five Scholarships will be awarded in 2023. Successful students will receive \$5000 in two payments of \$2500 each. Applications for 2023 Scholarships will close on Friday 22 September 2023. Late applications will not be accepted. **Applications need to be to Leah by 3.20 pm on Monday 18 September – so we can add the Year 12 Semester 2 2023 Report, the Trial HSC results and the Principal's Recommendation Section.**

Some background information on why the Scholarship exists:

Jim Anderson, the former Member for Londonderry in the NSW State Parliament and a former Mayor of Blacktown City Council, passed away suddenly on 22 March 2003. Mr Anderson worked tirelessly for public education and he was deeply committed to improving the future for young people in Western Sydney.

In April 2003 the former Premier of NSW, Mr Bob Carr MP announced the establishment of the *Jim Anderson Scholarships* to honour Mr Anderson's memory. The Scholarship provides financial support for up to five students each year who are currently enrolled in an eligible Western Sydney government high school.

To be eligible for the award of a Jim Anderson Scholarship in 2023 students must:

- Have completed their Higher School Certificate in 2023.
- Gained a position in a fulltime course for 2024 at a TAFE NSW college or campus OR at the Western Sydney University and provide proof of enrolment.
- In 2023 be enrolled at one of the eligible NSW government schools or campuses (*which SMSHS is*).

The application form for this scholarship has been emailed to all Year 12 students on 23 August 2023)



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Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



laptops & tablets



uniforms & shoes



books & supplies



sports fees & gear



lessons & activities



camps & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:



NSW/Act - Saver Plus Team



SaverPlusNSWACT@thesmithfamily.com.au



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SMSHS – SOURCES OF SUPPORT



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Term 3 Weeks 7 & 8 2023 @ SMSHS

Monday 28 Aug	Tuesday 29 Aug	Wednesday 30 Aug	Thursday 31 Aug	Friday 1 Sep
Year 12 Hospitality - Task E, Part 2 due Year 11 Hospitality – Line 5 – Work placement	Year 11 Hospitality – Line 5 – Work placement	Year 12 Photography - Task 3 due Year 12 Visual Design - Task 3 due Academy U Scholarship Masterclass – Period 2 Lunch Concert Year 11 Hospitality – Line 5 – Work placement	Year 11 Hospitality – Line 5 – Work placement	HSC IT Multimedia Marking Year 11 Textiles and Design - Task 3 due Year 11 Hospitality – Line 5 – Work placement
Monday 4 Sep	Tuesday 5 Sep	Wednesday 6 Sep	Thursday 7 Sep	Friday 8 Sep
HSC Music Practical Examination Year 11 Visual Arts - Task 3 due Bring It On Dance Excursion Year 12 Investigating Science Museum of Human Diseases Excursion	HSC Music Practical Examination Year 11 Visual Arts - Task 3 due	HSC Music Practical Examination Year 11 Financial Services - Task C due Year 11 SLR - Task 3 due Year 11 Visual Arts - Task 3 due	Year 11 Geography - Task 3 due Year 11 Visual Arts - Task 3 due	HSC D&T Practical Examination Marking Year 11 IT Multimedia - Task 3 due Year 11 Visual Arts - Task 3 due

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
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Student Support Officer:	Surmeet Kaur
Careers Adviser (Rel):	Cheryl Ruskin

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