

# St Marys Senior High School

## TERM 1 WEEKS 9, 10 AND 11

20 March – 6 April 2023

### Important Dates – Term 1 2023

W10	Tuesday 28 March	School Council Meeting, 6pm
W11	Thursday 6 April	Last day of classes

### Important Dates – Term 2 2023

W1	Wednesday 26 April	First day of classes for students in Term 2 School ANZAC Ceremony
W5	Tuesday 23 May	School Council Meeting, 6pm
W7	Monday 5 Jun	School athletics carnival
W8	Monday 12 Jun	Public holiday
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

## Principal's Report

St Marys Senior High School's calendar has been packed full of activities over the last fortnight and the final three weeks of Term 1 continue to be busy. Every weekend Leah posts on our social media platforms, the events of the week to assist families to plan their week.

Since our last newsletter, there has been a variety of extra-curricular events taking place at St Marys Senior High School reflecting the opportunities available to students including Pulse Alive, lunchtime concerts, titration training, Lions Youth of the Year public speaking competition, Strong Minds Strong Students workshops, university visits, white card training, excursions and school photos. Over the next three weeks, there will be five Period Zero days to assist with the smooth running of assessment tasks for both Year 11 and Year 12. More extra-curricular events will take place this term, including Harmony Day activities organised by the Amnesty Team and the Student Representative Council, more lunchtime concerts, more titration training, and a Welcome to St Marys Senior High School Soiree. In addition, we will be

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

having our school's Open Evening for prospective students and their families, whilst providing an opportunity for current students to develop their leadership skills as faculty ambassadors.

As Year 12 progress through their final year of schooling many students are looking at scholarships and early entry into university. Many of these pathways require students to obtain recommendations from their school. At St Marys Senior High School, these recommendations are completed by the Principal. Staff are not able to complete written recommendations. It is imperative that students book in a time with me to ensure that I can provide them with the time to support them in this process, linked to their transferable skills portfolios. If students leave a request for a recommendation to the last minute, their recommendation may be limited and not reflect the full extent of their skills and capabilities. Students will be provided a recommendation request sheet to assist with this process.

### **Enrolment 2024**

Our enrolment timeframes for Year 11 2024 are available on our website, and are approaching much more quickly than we expected. We ask our community to share our timeframes via their social media platforms and community networks. Open Day will occur this term as a twilight event on **Friday 31 March, 3pm – 7pm.**

Expression of interest forms for local and non-local enrolments are available now on our school website and these forms are due **by 4pm on Friday 19 May 2023.**

On our website you will also find a link to assist families to have student reports certified by a Justice of the Peace at our school. This service will commence on Tuesday 21 March but families will need to book an appointment via the link to ensure that they can be supported in this process. In addition, families can access a Justice of the Peace at Penrith and St Clair public libraries. Any questions in relation to the enrolment process can be directed to our Enrolment Secretary. Please feel free to contact the front office on 02-9623-8333.

### **How do I get involved with the school?**

As I have mentioned previously, St Marys Senior High School does not have a P&C group. Our School Council is made up of parents, students, community members and staff and meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month. If parents would like to be involved in decision making related to our school and develop a better understanding of the school's operations, this may be the path you choose to take. The parent representative group requires three voting members at each meeting that can be rotated. I encourage you to consider attending our meetings 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)

As this is our last newsletter for the term, I would like to wish our students, families, staff and community supporters a restful holiday. I hope that you are able to spend some time with those that are important to you as well as recharging, ready for Term 2.

**Sally Smithard**

*Principal*

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



## Student Representative Council – Year 11 2023

Congratulations to the recently elected Year 11 members of our Student Representative Council. We look forward to working with these student leaders over the coming year as part of our school's SRC Team.

### ***Kerri-Anne Brown and Surmeet Kaur***

*SRC Staff Advisers*

#### **Cluster 2:**

- Duaa Afzal
- Adhisha Packeer

#### **Cluster 3 (Tuesday):**

- Sethumi Kodippili
- Zopiah Sulangi

#### **Cluster 3 (Friday):**

- Liza Anwar
- Safin Rahim

#### **Cluster 5:**

- Jiya Raniga
- Allayna Anna Sachin

#### **Cluster 6:**

- Darnia Mah

#### **Cluster 7 (Tuesday):**

- Alejandro Gacis-Cusay
- Dane Parica

#### **Cluster 7 (Friday):**

- Charlize Adelia Dela Torre
- Delwyn Roy

#### **Cluster 8 (Wednesday):**

- Aryan Datta
- Kriti Pandey

#### **Cluster 8 (Friday):**

- Ankon Dam
- Jahanzeb Rana







# OPEN EVENING

ST MARYS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Friday 31 March 2023 | 3pm - 7pm  
No booking required



Please check our school website for further information regarding  
enrolment for Year 11 and Year 12 2024

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




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# SMSHS – SOURCES OF SUPPORT




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Year 12 2023 Student Adviser, Surnames H-O	Lauren Hasna	<a href="mailto:lauren.hasna@det.nsw.edu.au">lauren.hasna@det.nsw.edu.au</a>
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School Counsellors	Tracey Axisa Ximia Han	Please text the counsellor phone on 0417228192 during school hours to organise an appointment
Student Support Officer	Surmeet Kaur	<a href="mailto:surmeet.kaur@det.nsw.edu.au">surmeet.kaur@det.nsw.edu.au</a>
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>

**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.




## Term 1 Weeks 9 – 11 2023 @ SMSHS

Monday 20 Mar	Tuesday 21 Mar	Wednesday 22 Mar	Thursday 23 Mar	Friday 24 Mar
<p>Year 12 Drama – Asst 2 due</p>	<p><b>PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES</b></p> <p>Year 12 English Advanced and Standard – Asst 2 to be completed during the Period Zero</p> <p>Year 12 Drama – Asst 2 due</p> <p>Year 12 SDD – Asst 2 due</p> <p>Year 11 Business Studies – Asst 1 due</p> <p>Year 11 Engineering Studies – Asst 1 due</p> <p>Year 11 English Advanced – Asst 1 due</p> <p>Year 11 English Standard – Asst 1 due</p> <p>Year 11 Food Technology – Asst 1 due</p> <p>Year 11 Studies of Religion 2 – Asst 1 due</p> <p>VET Team Meeting</p> <p>Welcome to SMSHS Soiree</p>	<p>Year 12 Drama – Asst 2 due</p> <p>Year 11 Investigating Science – Asst 1 due</p> <p>Year 11 Financial Services – Cluster A due</p> <p>Science Leadership - Titration</p> <p>Lunch concerts @ COLA</p>	<p><b>PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES</b></p> <p>Year 12 Maths Advanced – Asst 2 to be completed during the Period Zero</p> <p>Year 11 Chemistry – Asst 1 to be completed during the Period Zero</p> <p>Year 12 Drama – Asst 2 due</p> <p>Year 12 Business Studies – Asst 2 due</p> <p>Year 12 IPT – Asst 2 due</p> <p>Year 11 SDD – Asst 1 due</p> <p>Year 11 Entertainment – Cluster 1 due</p>	<p>Year 12 Drama – Asst 2 due</p> <p>Year 11 ITM – Asst 1 due</p> <p>Harmony Day Activities – Amnesty Group and SRC</p> <p>Strong Minds, Strong Students – Round 2, Session 2, 2pm – 4pm</p>
Monday 27 Mar	Tuesday 28 Mar	Wednesday 29 Mar	Thursday 30 Mar	Friday 31 Mar
<p>Year 12 History Extension – Asst 1 due</p> <p>Year 12 Hospitality – Cluster E, Part 1 due</p> <p>Sydney Youth Leadership Conference</p>	<p><b>PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES</b></p> <p>Year 12 Investigating Science – Asst 2 to be completed during the Period Zero</p> <p>Year 11 CAFS – Asst 1 to be completed during the Period Zero</p> <p>Year 12 Physics – Asst 2 due</p> <p>Year 11 Legal Studies – Asst 1 due</p> <p>Year 11 French Beginners – Asst 1 due</p> <p>Year 11 Korean Beginners – Asst 1 due</p> <p>Year 11 Spanish Beginners – Asst 1 due</p> <p>School Council Meeting, 6pm via Zoom</p>	<p>Year 12 English Extension 1 – Asst 1 due</p> <p>Year 12 Geography – Asst 2 to be completed</p> <p>Year 12 Maths Extension 1 – Asst 2 to be completed</p> <p>Year 12 Retail Services – Cluster F due</p> <p>Year 11 English Extension 1 – Asst 1 due</p> <p>Year 11 Japanese Beginners – Asst 1 due</p> <p>Science Leadership - Titration</p> <p>Lunch concerts @ COLA</p>	<p><b>PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES</b></p> <p>Year 12 Modern History – Asst 2 to be completed during the Period Zero</p> <p>Year 11 Maths Advanced – Asst 1 to be completed during the Period Zero</p> <p>Year 12 Chemistry – Asst 2 due</p> <p>Year 12 PDHPE – Asst 2 due</p>	<p>Open Evening 2023</p>




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Monday 3 Apr	Tuesday 4 Apr	Wednesday 5 Apr	Thursday 6 Apr	Friday 7 Apr
<p><b>Year 12 Agriculture</b> – Asst 2 due</p> <p><b>Year 12 Dance</b> – Asst 2 due</p> <p><b>Year 12 Earth and Environmental Science</b> – Asst 2 due</p> <p><b>Year 11 Earth and Environmental Science</b> – Asst 1 due</p> <p><b>Year 11 Maths Extension 1</b> – Asst 1 due</p> <p><b>Year 11 Music 1</b> – Asst 1 due</p> <p><b>Belvoir Archive Viewing Australian</b></p>	<p><b>PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES</b></p> <p><b>Year 11 Physics</b> – Asst 1 to be completed during the Period Zero</p> <p><b>Year 12 Biology</b> – Asst 2 due</p> <p><b>Year 12 Dance</b> – Asst 2 due</p> <p><b>Year 11 Music 1</b> – Asst 1 due</p>	<p><b>Year 12 Dance</b> – Asst 2 due</p> <p><b>Year 12 Music 1</b> – Asst 2 due</p> <p><b>Year 11 Music 1</b> – Asst 1 due</p> <p><b>Science Leadership - Titration</b></p> <p><b>Curatorial Team</b></p>	<p><b>Year 12 Dance</b> – Asst 2 due</p> <p><b>Year 12 Music 1</b> – Asst 2 due</p> <p><b>Year 11 Music 1</b> – Asst 1 due</p>	<p><b>Public Holiday – Good Friday</b></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:	
- 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):	Cheryll Ruskin

### Contact Us

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