



TERM 3 WEEKS 9 AND 10

11 – 22 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

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.

Principal's Report

By the time you receive this newsletter there will only be two weeks left until the end of Term 3, which for some of our students is both exciting and daunting. Year 12 students are in their final weeks of preparation before the Higher School Certificate Examinations. Throughout Week 10 there will be a variety of activities to celebrate the end of their formal schooling. Students are reminded that formal learning will continue until the end of the term with the same high expectations with regards to attendance, engagement in learning and dress code including footwear.

Over the last two weeks we have had the privilege of viewing the excellent quality of Year 12 Major Works and practical HSC Performances. Well done to Year 12 students involved and a special thank you to the teachers and parents of these students who have supported them through this process. The success of our top performers will be celebrated at the Major Works Assembly in Week 10.

Congratulations to our Bring It On Dance Team, led by Amy-Lee and Brian, who have made history by winning *Bring It On* 2023. Bring It On is a hip hop

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Principal's Report continued

dance event for secondary students. These students and their teacher ambassadors have been working all year, highlighting their dedication, energy, passion and bond with each other. Amy-Lee has commented, "...we are blessed, proud, honoured and inspired – that is what you feel being around this incredible team of dancers." We are all proud of you.

Over the next week students will be able to see one of my favourite assessment tasks, Year 11 Visual Arts installations. The grounds of St Marys Senior High School will be filled with amazing displays which demonstrate the skill of the artist along with the deep thinking associated with translating a theme into an engaging piece of art. Thank you to Sharon and Adam for their work and support of our students. Thank you to our Year 11 students for their creativity and challenging us to understand the message of contemporary art. These installations will be published in our South Creek school magazine which will be released early next term.

From the start of Term 4, we are required to implement a mobile phone policy. The development of our own Mobile Phone Policy has been challenging due to the adult learning environment approach we have embedded at St Marys Senior High School. Our school will be adopting an *off and away* approach, meaning that phones should remain in student bags or lockers whilst at school. At times, students may be asked to use their phones, as part of teaching and learning activities. As a school community we understand that there may be students who have additional medical, wellbeing or learning needs which will require them to access a mobile phone. Parents or carers will need to contact their child's Deputy Principal to discuss an exemption to ensure that the appropriate school-based plan is completed and communicated appropriately. A copy of the draft plan has been emailed to families with a link to a Google Form to provide an opportunity for our community to provide feedback prior to the final policy being implemented.

Finally, I hope all of our students have a wonderful Heritage Day and celebrations of student success, and enjoy the upcoming holiday break.

Sally Smithard

Principal



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)



Join the SRC in 2024



As our Year 12 Student Representative Council members prepare to complete their Higher School Certificate Examinations we are looking for students who would be interested in nominating to be a member of the SRC for 2024.

Nomination forms are available from the Library and must be returned to Kerri-Anne, the SRC Staff Adviser, by the end of lunch on Wednesday 20 September.

Elections will take place next term.

If you have any questions, please see Kerri-Anne in the Library.



2023 Heritage Day

We are excited to announce that St Marys Senior High School will be hosting its annual Heritage Day on **Tuesday 12 September (Week 9)**. This event stands as a wonderful celebration of the diverse cultures that define our school.

The Student Representative Council (SRC) and our Club Leaders are truly delighted to introduce this special occasion which will include a **mufti day**. On this day, students are encouraged to proudly showcase their cultural heritage by dressing in traditional attire. This will be a very fun and unique opportunity for us all to come together and honour the rich multicultural community that thrives within the walls of our school.



There will be **two shortened classes** at the start of the day, followed by a **whole school assembly** in the MPC where many students will perform their cultural dances for everyone to enjoy. We also have some **special guests** on the day, including Aunty Cino and some cultural dancers from Shalvey Primary School. A variety of **food trucks** will be at the school in addition to our Cafeteria, all selling their wares during the extended lunch.



Students can also visit the student run **cultural stalls** funded by the SRC during this time, participating in **chalk drawing competitions** and enjoying an **outdoor concert**. Students who visit all the activities and have their passport stamped also have the chance to win a box of Favourites. Simply drop your completed passport into the box outside the library, and the winner will be drawn at the end of the day.

The end of the day will be marked by our annual **colour run** on Kalang Oval. If you are interested in participating, be sure to bring a white shirt, sunglasses and enclosed shoes. Non participants will be able to watch the spectacle from the sides of the oval. In the event of rain, an alternate activity will take place in the MPC.



Remember to wear your cultural clothing, enjoy the activities available on the day and take lots of photos around the school at the photo booths.

We hope you all have a great time!

Student Representative Council for 2023





Itinerary

	Time	Activity	Venue
Period 1	8:20 - 9:10	Period 1 classes <i>As per the Tues Wk A timetable</i>	Classrooms <i>As per timetable Tues Wk A</i>
Period 2	9:10 - 10:00	Period 2 classes <i>As per the Tues Wk A timetable</i>	Classrooms <i>As per timetable Tues Wk A</i>
Period 3	10:00 – 12:00	Assembly	MPC
Period 4	12:00 – 1:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food trucks – <i>under the COLA</i> • Sweets @ The Caf - Caf • Cultural stalls – <i>Grounds</i> • Chalk drawing competition – <i>Concrete areas, around school</i> • Table tennis competition - <i>downstairs Eason Block</i> • Entertainment – <i>near the flagpoles</i> 	Various venues
Period 5	1:45 – 2:30	Colour run	Kalang Oval

On the day, we also run a LOCK OUT DRILL, as part of refining our school's emergency procedures.

This will see gates to our school locked for most of the day – and students should be prepared for this.

In the event of rain, the colour run will not take place and the timing of Periods 3 and 4 will be adjusted to ensure activities conclude at 2:30 pm



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CHICKEN BURGERS

NOW SERVING



THE POLAR EXPRESS SCHNITY
LETTUCE & MAYO

\$13



HOW TO TRAIN YOUR SCHNITZEL
COLESLAW, CHEESE & BBQ SAUCE

\$15



RAIDERS OF THE LOST SCHNITY
BACON, CHEESE & BBQ SAUCE

\$15



E.T. - THE EXTRA TENDERLOIN
LETTUCE, CHEESE, TOMATO, RED ONION & CHIPOTLE MAYO

\$15

CHIPS

SCHNITYS OF THE GALAXY

CHICKEN SCHNITY,
CHIPS AND GRAVY
(ORDER CODE: GALAXY)



-\$17



CHIPS

\$11



Mega PIZZA Slice

Margherita \$12

Pepperoni \$14

Hawaiian \$14

CHALK DRAWING

Show off your amazing
drawing skills and brighten
up our school grounds!!



(chalk supplied at the library!)



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KDC x KDC

Come visit the stall!

With KPop
Photocards!

After period 1
and 2!



Nigerian Snacks!



Cultural Stall!

Heritage Day!

VIRTUAL TOUR



OF THE WORLD



A GREEN SCREEN PHOTO
STATION WILL BE SET UP AT
THE LIBRARY ENTRANCE!



SEE YOU THERE!

ITALIAN GAMES

come learn and play...



located between

CAF and Victoria block!



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	COOKIE N CREAM	- Chocolate Dipped - Oreo Crumb - Whipped Cream	*13
	M & M's	- Chocolate Dipped - M & M's - Whipped Cream	*13
	100's & 1000's	- Chocolate Dipped - 100's & 1000's - Whipped Cream	*13
	NUTS 'BOUT U	- Chocolate Dipped - Crushed Nuts - Whipped Cream	*13
	BISCOFF	- Chocolate Dipped - Biscoff Spread & Crumb - Banana - Whipped Cream	*16
	BANANA CARAMEL	- Chocolate Dipped - Banana - Crushed Nuts - Salted Caramel Sauce - Whipped Cream	*16
	STRAWBERRY CRUMBLE	- Chocolate Dipped - Strawberry - Oreo Crumb - Crushed Nuts - Whipped Cream	*16
	CARAMILK	- Caramilk - Strawberry - Oreo Crumb - Whipped Cream	*16
	BROWNIE POINTS	- Chocolate Dipped - Brownie Chunks - Strawberries - Crushed Nuts - Nutella - Whipped Cream	*16
ADD ICE CREAM *3			
	CHURROS	5 Cinnamon Churros with Chocolate Sauce or Salted Caramel Sauce	*13
	LOADED CHURROS	5 Cinnamon Churros topped with Chocolate, M & M's, Oreo Crumb & Crushed Nuts	*15
	DONUTS	3 Hot Jam Filled Donuts covered with cinnamon sugar	*12
	LOADED DONUTS	3 Hot Jam Filled Donuts, with cinnamon sugar, Oreo Crumb, M & M's & Crushed Nuts	*15
	SHAKES	- Chocolate - Strawberry - Caramel - Vanilla - Cookies N Cream - Banana	*8
	LOADED SHAKES	Chocolate Shake topped with a Churro, M & M's, Crushed Nuts, Oreo Crumb & Whipped Cream	*13



PRICE LIST

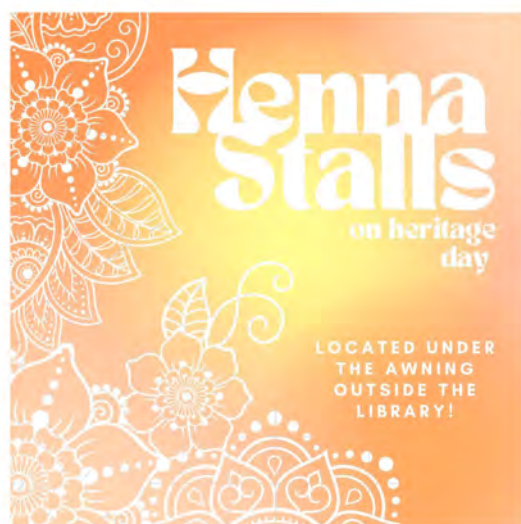
CONES	SINGLE	DOUBLE
Plain Vanilla	\$4.00	\$5.50
Choc Top	\$4.50	\$6.00
Freckle	\$4.50	\$6.00
Flake	\$5.00	\$6.50
Nutty	\$4.50	\$6.00
Sherbet	\$4.50	\$6.00
Choc n Nuts	\$5.00	\$6.50
Choc n Flake	\$5.50	\$7.00
Choc n Nuts n Flake	\$6.50	\$7.50
Choc n Freckles	\$5.00	\$6.50
Choc n Freckle n Flake	\$6.50	\$7.50

BUCKETS	SML	MED	LARGE
Nut Sundae	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$7.00

DRINKS		
Milkshakes	\$6.00	
Water	\$4.00	
Drinks	\$5.50	
Smith Crisps	\$3.00	
Slushies	\$4.00	\$5.00

HOT DRINKS		
Cappuccino / Flat White / Latte	\$4.00	\$5.00
Hot chocolate	\$4.00	\$5.00
Piccolo latte / Macciato	\$4.00	N/A
Short Black	\$3.50	N/A
Tea (black or white)	\$4.00	\$4.50
Mocha	\$4.50	\$5.50

****Alternative Milks Available: Almond / Oat / Soy = \$0.50 *****



WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL



CAR SHOW

Sunday 15 October 2023

Car Entry 7am-9am

Public Entry 9am-1pm

Trophy presentation 12noon

Entry fee - cars \$10 / public \$5 (families \$15)

**Car & bike
competition**

**Food
&
stalls**

**Family
activities**

General enquiries contact
Gail 0414 682 391
Carshowwhs@gmail.com



Car enquiries contact
Doug 0407 296 125

PRIZES • BBQ • STALLS

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School Captains for 2024

On **Monday 18 September** our Year 11 students and staff will participate in the election of our School Captains and School Vice Captains for 2024. This is the culmination of a lengthy application process which commenced at the end of Term 2, seeing the details regarding each applicant being carefully considered by our Selection Panel.

On Monday, there will be a year meeting at the start of Period 4 at which point each of the candidates for election will present a short speech regarding what they bring to the role of School Captain before students and staff record their vote.

With another outstanding selection of candidates before us, we take this opportunity to wish each of them the very best in the election!

Candidates for School Captain 2024		
Fatmah AL SHAMRI	Japnam KAUR	Dane PARICA
Allayna ANNA SACHIN	Sarina NAIBKHIL	Safin RAHIM
Maria Cassandra BENOZA	Grace NENADIC	Jahanzeb RANA
Ankon DAM	Ire OGUNMOLA	Delwyn ROY
Ela GERMAN	Alisha ORTIZ	Zopiah SULANGI
Amber JUSTICE	Yana PAHWA	Dhyanasai YELAMANCHILI

The following pages contain the tiles designed by our candidates for our social media platforms





CAPTAIN FOR 2K24!!

FATMAH AL SHAMRI
A VOICE FOR THE
VOICELESS :)

Leadership Experience:

- Leadership in Complexity @ WSU, 2023
- Lions Youth of the Year, 2023
- Muslim Students Association, 2023/4

Leadership Goals:

- Making people feel more comfortable with academics
- Establishing a social network centred around the school's values where everyone can see and be seen.
- Helping the next generation of Saints @ SMSHS

Interests:

- Playing piano
- Painting watercolour
- Reading novels
- Meeting new people
- Modern History and Legal Studies
- Classical literature

Fatmah (adjective) (Arabic): a being that is captivating and which abstains. As a leader, I want to be able to captivate my peers with what I can do for them and this school whilst abstaining from corruption.

Allayna Anna Sachin

Goals

Represent voice and advocate concerns of students
Work with others to achieve goals
Celebrate and promote diversity in SMSHS
Bring the best out of our school
Make 2024 a memorable year!

Past experience

SRC experience of 3 Years
Past school captain
Cluster 3 Representative
Lead fundraisers for RFSA, SES, and Cataract surgery

Allayna for 2024

All about me

Maria Cassandra Benozza

Hello, I'm Maria Cassandra and I'm a candidate for school Captain.

- I believe that I have excellent qualities that are perfect for the leadership position
- Strive to do my best
- Not afraid to ask for help
- Persistence

Ankon Dam

For School Captain

Leadership Experience

- Captain of semi professional soccer team
- Current SRC

Leadership Goals

- Express the voices of the student community
- Create lasting memories during your final senior year of school

Vote Me

"It's not about me, It's about you"
Tag along on a journey towards the best and most eventful years of life you'll never regret

VOTE ELA FOR NUMBER 1

Vote for Ela as #1 for endless happiness

My Goals:

- To make everyone feel better about themselves
- Bring confidence to others around me
- To represent the students of our school at both internal and external events.
- Be point of call for both teachers and students.

My Past Experiences:

- Being in the "Advocacy Club"
- Being "Stage Manager" for entertainment
- To represent the students of our school at both internal and external events.
- Be point of call for both teachers and students.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- PREFECT 2018
- LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE WITHIN WORKPLACE

AMBER JUSTICE

LEADERSHIP GOALS

- TO FOSTER A CULTURE OF INCLUSIVITY AND RESPECT WITHIN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.
- CREATE A VALUED AND SUPPORTED EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE



JAPNAM KAUR



LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE :
NETBALL CAPTAIN
LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS IN THE SIKH COMMUNITY
VOLUNTEER SIKH GAMES
DEBATING & PUBLIC SPEAKING CAPTAIN

LEADERSHIP GOALS:
EMPOWERING OTHERS
MAINTAIN SMSHS CULTURE
PROMOTE INCLUSIVITY
EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION



Grace Nenadic

Everyday matters



Vote
for
Grace!



Experiences:

- Public speaking & debating
- Volunteered at Animal Welfare League
- Previous Sport Captain

Leadership Goals:

- To help students strive to achieve their personal best
- To prioritise students well being
- To actively listen to student's concerns

IRE OGUNMOLA

FOR SCHOOL CAPTAIN 2024

MY GOALS:

- Plan and organise enjoyable events for the upcoming year
- Help build stronger relationships with other students
- Ensure that each student feels loved and supported regardless of their culture or background
- Create a safe and positive environment for students to learn and grow



Being a leader isn't about having all the ideas, but making sure all the ideas are heard. ~ Vote for Ire



A friendly, passionate and willing leader for St Marys

Goals- increase voice and support for students

experience- customer service trainer 2023

Yana Pahwa

Leadership Goals:
- Foster Unity and Inclusivity
- Student Welfare
- Enhance School Spirit

- Reliable
- Hardworking
- Resilient



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Dane Parica




Leadership Skills:

- Resilient
- Reliable
- Works well with others
- Previous SRC and school prefect

Leadership Goals:

- Encourage and support students
- Increase student voice in our school community
- To continue to create an exciting and memorable school environment/experience

SAFIN RAHIM



"INFLUENTIAL"
"APPROACHABLE"
"THE G.O.A.T"
"FRIENDLY"
"POSITIVE ENERGY"
"DEDICATED"

THESE AREN'T MY WORDS, THESE ARE THE WORDS OF THE PEOPLE!!!

JAHANZEB RANA

be you.

I as a leader, aim to:

- Make school a safe space for everyone
- Make school enjoyable for everyone
- Make our last year of school an unforgettable memory!

Past Experiences:

- ADF Long Tan Leadership Award
- SRC Cluster 8
- Captain of various sport teams

vote jahanzeb for captain!



VOTE DELWYN FOR SCHOOL CAPTAIN



DELWYN ROY

Leadership Experience:

- Current SRC
- Captain Of Sporting Team

Leadership Goals:

- Make your last year of school have unforgettable memories.

VOTE ME

vote Zopiah Sulangi for School Captain!



Past Experiences:

- Current representative for Cluster 3
- Youth leader
- Bring It On Dance Club leader
- Past school captain in previous school

Leadership Goals:

- Encourage inclusiveness and grow/build relationships.
- Create a positive environment
- Bring out the potential in every student
- Make 2024 MEMORABLE!!!

together, lets achieve more for 2024!

Dnyanasai Yelamanchili



My Motto

"We" is much bigger than "I"

Leadership Goals

- To make school a safe space for students and teachers
- To increase our scope of individual and collective improvement so we may be the best versions of our selves by increasing student voice

Leadership Roles

- Tournament of the Minds 2019
- Multicultural Portfolio Leader
- Environment Portfolio Leader
- Game Changers Semi-Finalist 2022



Major Works Assembly 2023

On **Tuesday 19 September** we will be holding our annual Major Works Assembly, to celebrate the outstanding Major Works completed in a number of Higher School Certificate courses across the school.

We are particularly excited that this important celebration with special guests including the award winners, their family and friends as well as the Mayor of Penrith and other dignitaries in attendance.

Because of the special nature of this ceremony, we remind students that **full school dress code** is expected on the day, including the white school shirt (with the school logo), appropriate pants/skirt and appropriate footwear. Anyone needing to borrow any items, such as a spare white school shirt, should see the staff in the Learning Centre prior to attending the assembly.

To facilitate the assembly, the adjusted bell times shown below will be in place for the day:

Period 1	8.20 am – 9.10 am
Major Works Assembly and Recess	9.10 am – 11.15 am
Period 2	11.15 am – 12.10 pm
Period 3	12.10 pm – 1.05 pm
Period 4	1.05 pm – 2.00 pm
Lunch	2.00 pm – 2.30 pm
Period 5	2.30 pm – 3.20 pm

Salochna Reddy

Head Teacher, Commercial Studies



Year 12 Graduation 2023

Please see below the information that has been provided to students, parents, caregivers and families regarding our Year 12 Graduation for 2023.



Some Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What time do I need to arrive at the Hillsong Convention Centre on Friday September 22 2023?**
 - **Students need to be in attendance by 9.00 am.**
 - We ask that you arrive before 9.00 am and move promptly to the check in area which is on the right-hand side of the building as you look at the Main Entrance.
2. **What time can my parents and guests enter?**
 - **The doors will open for guest seating at 9.15 am.**
 - Guests are asked to start to enter the building at this time, so that the ceremony can begin punctually at 10.00 am.
3. **The **four tickets for guests that have been given to students** are numbered. Does the number indicate the seat my guest will sit in?**
 - No. The numbering on the tickets was only for organisation only.
 - **The tickets are General Admission and as families enter, they will choose their own seats.**
 - The seating on the floor is reserved for students and the official party.
 - If families have any questions about the number of tickets they have, they should contact Leah (leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au or 02-9623-8333).
4. **What time will the ceremony conclude?**

We anticipate the ceremony will conclude by 1.00 PM.
5. **What do I need to wear?**
 - Apart from your Graduation Gown and Stole, we ask that you wear attire that is suitable for a formal presentation. This may be a nice dress or skirt or trousers and a nice shirt.
 - We suggest that sensible footwear is worn as there are a few stairs to climb to enter the stage.
 - Please make sure you hang your gown up now to remove the creases - and do not iron!



6. Is parking available?

The convention centre is offering us free parking. We advise that you park in their carpark - not the shopping centre as it has timed carparking. We also suggest that you carpool as a family to minimise the congestion on the road - Norwest Boulevard can be very busy in the morning - so make sure you allow yourself plenty of time for arrival.

7. I did not get my mortar board with my Graduation Gown.

- The mortar boards will be distributed at the venue. This is a very important part of our ceremony. You will be asked to stand as a group and put on your mortar board on as Sally makes her final address. They will be under your seat and you are asked not to put them on until you are asked to at this very significant point in the ceremony.
- We also understand that everyone loves the beautiful graduation sight of throwing their mortar board in the air. Given this is an internal venue and you are in close proximity with each other - please do not do this inside or someone may lose an eye! It is a much nicer photo outside with your friends and family!

8. Can my guests take photos of the ceremony?

Families are asked not to take photos during the ceremony. Families are requested to remain seated during the ceremony. We will be filming this and recording a DVD for all students which will be distributed at Sign Out Days.

We look forward to a fantastic day!



Year 11 Seminar Day 2 2023

On **Friday 22 September** we will be holding our second seminar day for Year 11, in preparation for the start of Year 12 next term.

The day will start at the normal school time and students are to follow the regular school dress code for the day.

Some points for the day:

- No regular classes will run on the day.
- Year 11 students should be assembled by 8.15 am, to enter the MPC promptly at 8.20 am.
- All sessions are compulsory to attend, and rolls will be marked throughout the day.
- The day will conclude at 1.00 pm.
- Lucas and Cheryl will share the timetable for the day with students prior to the day.

We look forward to a fantastic day!

Lucas Widdison

Head Teacher, Secondary Studies



SMSHS – SOURCES OF SUPPORT



School phone: 02 9623 8333	School email: stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
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Year 11 2023 Student Adviser, Surnames A-G	Sussan Allaou	sussan.allaou@det.nsw.edu.au
Year 11 2023 Student Adviser, Surnames H-O	Wendi Kambolli	wendi.kambolli@det.nsw.edu.au
Year 11 2023 Student Adviser, Surnames P-Z	Luigi Serra	luigi.serra@det.nsw.edu.au
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Year 12 2023 Student Adviser, Surnames H-O	Lauren Hasna	lauren.hasna@det.nsw.edu.au
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Term 3 Weeks 9 & 10 2023 @ SMSHS

Monday 11 Sep	Tuesday 12 Sep	Wednesday 13 Sep	Thursday 13 Sep	Friday 15 Sep
Year 11 Hospitality – Line 7 – Work placement Year 12 Hospitality – Task F due Year 11 Drama – Task 3 due Year 11 English Advanced – Task 3 due Year 11 English Standard – Task 3 due	HERITAGE DAY 2023! Year 11 Hospitality – Line 7 – Work placement Year 11 Drama – Task 3 due	Year 11 Hospitality – Line 7 – Work placement Lunch Concert Year 11 Design and Technology – Task 3 due Year 11 Drama – Task 3 due Year 11 English Extension - Task 3 due	R U OK? Day 2023 Year 11 Hospitality – Line 7 – Work placement Year 11 Drama – Task 3 due Year 11 Entertainment – Task 3 due Year 11 IPT – Task 3 due Year 11 SDD – Task 3 due Year 11 SLR – Task 3 due	Year 11 Hospitality – Line 7 – Work placement Year 11 Drama – Task 3 due Year 11 Music 1 - Task 3 due
Monday 18 Sep	Tuesday 19 Sep	Wednesday 20 Sep	Thursday 21 Sep	Friday 22 Sep
Captains 2024 Election – Period 4 Year 11 Dance - Task 3 due	Major Works Assembly 2023 Year 11 Dance - Task 3 due	Year 11 Dance - Task 3 due Year 11 Photography - Task 3 due	Graduation Rehearsal for Year 12 – Periods 3 and 4 Year 11 First Aid Incursion Year 11 Business Services - Task 3 due Year 11 Dance - Task 3 due	Year 12 Graduation 2023 @ Hillsong Convention Centre Year 11 Seminar Day #2

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
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