



TERM 4 WEEKS 9 AND 10

4 - 15 December 2023

Important Dates – Term 4 2023

W9	Friday 8 December	Presentation Day 2023
W10	Monday 11 December	Year 11 2024 Confirmation of Entry Day ICONIC Tech Rehearsal
W10	Tuesday 12 December	ICONIC Performance Evening
W10	Thursday 14 December	2023 HSC results released Year 12 2024 End of Year Activities, Day #1
W10	Friday 15 December	Year 12 2024 End of Year Activities, Day #2 Last day of classes, Year 12 2024



Principal's Report

As we enter the final two weeks of the school year this will be our final newsletter for 2023. We will provide any updates that affect school operations as needed and will ensure that correspondence is provided to families prior to the commencement of the 2024 school year.

Our annual Presentation Day Ceremony will take place on Friday 8 December with students, parents, carers, special guests and staff celebrating the achievements of Year 11 and Year 12 across a range of areas including academics, creative and performing arts, leadership, sport and service. I would like to thank Simone Pett and the Maths Faculty for their work in putting together the ceremony, with the support of our Entertainment students led by Fatima and Michael.

Congratulations to Harrison Turner, Year 12 2023 who was awarded a "Sporting Blue" Award at the Sydney West School Sport Association Awards Night. The Blue Award is the highest individual sporting award bestowed by the Sydney West Association. Harrison is an impressive athlete and an outstanding

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Principal's Report continued

sportsperson with integrity and humility.



School Spectacular is always a magical week when audiences can sit back in awe of the amazing talent across our public schools. This year, St Marys Senior High School was represented by Entertainment students working across the outdoor stages, Retail students (picture below) creating visual displays to celebrate forty years of School Spectacular and running the merchandise stand whilst performer, Emily Baker in the Core Choir and drummers Kendra Cuevas and Sydney Dawes performed throughout the show. In addition, our staff Fatima, Michael, Mel and Wendi were some of the many teachers who worked incredibly long hours to ensure that students from public schools across New South Wales were provided with such an unforgettable opportunity. Congratulations to everyone involved in this amazing showcase.





We are fortunate to have wonderful staff supporting our students. For example, our Korean and Japanese language teacher, Rosa is well respected by other language teachers throughout the state for her professionalism and teaching practice as well as the opportunities she provides to students both within and beyond school. Last week, Rosa attended the Choon Pa Korean Language Scholarship Awards Ceremony. An important part of their work, Choon Pa Korean Language Scholarship Inc. has presented awards to outstanding students in Korean studies in Australia since 1992.

This year, Kiran Roy (Year 12) and Therese Reyes (Year 11) were the proud award winners from St Marys Senior High School. Congratulations to Kiran and Therese, and thank you to Rosa for all of her fantastic work with our students. We also give our sincere thanks to the Choon Pa Korean Language Scholarship Awards Program for their ongoing support.



The last week of school for students in 2023 will see Year 12 2024 engage in the School Leadership Program. The Learning and Wellbeing Team have been carefully planning this event to provide an opportunity for this cohort to celebrate their year with some great end of year activities, allowing them to collaborate and connect with their peers.

I cannot express my gratitude and pride as Principal of St Marys Senior High School enough. I am humbled at the support shown by our entire school community. Thank you to our staff, students, School Council, parents and community supporters. I would also like to publicly acknowledge the tireless work of my Senior Executive colleagues, Danielle Ervine and Leah Havord and their support of me throughout 2023.

Finally, I look forward with great anticipation to 2024 and working with our students, staff, parents and community in a school that remains intensely focused on providing the best possible learning environment for every student. I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to us all working together successfully next year.

Sally Smithard

Principal



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Mobile Phone Policy

When you are at school



Bring your timetable

Bring cash or your card for the Caf

Use your school diary

Bring your laptop or tablet

Wear your watch



In your phone-free time, focus on...



Learning



Inquiring



Forging friendships



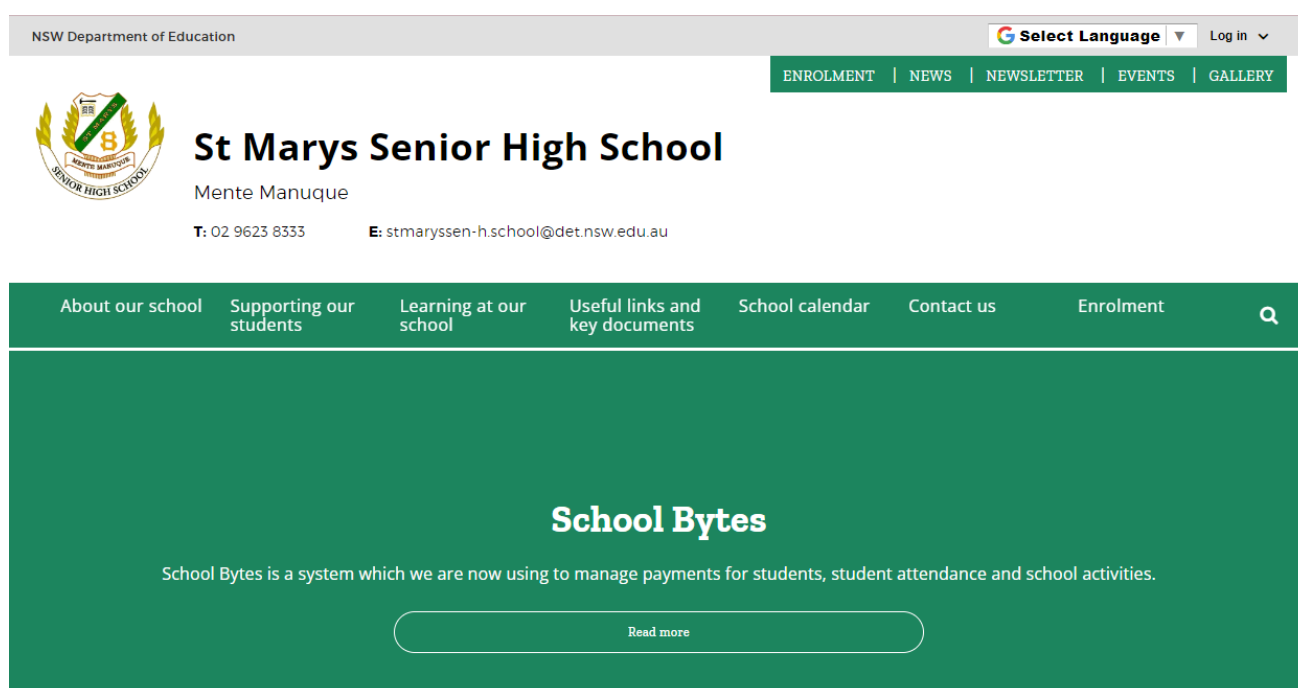
Embracing new opportunities



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 for St Marys Senior High School. At the top, there is a grey header 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 information: "T: 02 9623 8333" and "E: stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au". Below the navigation bar is a green banner with the title "School Bytes" and a description: "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 centered at the bottom of the banner.

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>



Year 12 2024, NESA Confirmation of Entry Sign Off - Term 4 Week 9 2023

All of our Year 12 students will complete their first Higher School Certificate Confirmation of Entry in their English classes in Week 9 of this term (Monday 4 December through to Friday 8 December 2023).

During these sessions, students will need to check their NESA Confirmation of Entry for their Higher School Certificate Studies as well as receiving their copy of their NESA 2024 Rules and Procedures Guide, a soft copy of which is available on the year group Google Classroom as well as on NESA's website.

We look forward to working with our students to complete this important process.

Charly Ebejer

Head Teacher Year 12 2024

Lucas Widdison

Head Teacher Secondary Studies

Classes	Day and time of Confirmation of Entry
English Classes on Line 2	Wednesday 6 December Period 3
English Classes on Line 3	Tuesday 5 December Period 4
English Classes on Line 4	Monday 4 December Period 2
English Classes on Line 5	Monday 4 December Period 4
English Classes on Line 6	Tuesday 5 December Period 2



Presentation Assembly 2023

On **Friday 8 December** we will be holding our annual Presentation Assembly, to celebrate the outstanding achievements of students across the school in courses of study, sport, leadership and extracurricular activities.

We are particularly excited that this important celebration involves special guests including the award winners, their family and friends as well as the Honourable Prue Car, Member for Londonderry and Deputy Premier of NSW, 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	Line 7 classes*	8.20 am – 9.15 am
Assembly and Recess		9.15 am – 11.40 am
Period 2	Line 2 classes	11.40 am – 12.30 pm
Period 3	Line 3 classes	12.30 pm – 1.20 pm
Period 4	Line 8 classes*	1.20 pm – 2.00 pm
Lunch		2.00 pm – 2.30 pm
Period 5	Line 8 classes	2.30 pm – 3.20 pm

*** This is a change to the order of classes for this week only.**

Simone Pett

Head Teacher, Mathematics



SMSHS – SOURCES OF SUPPORT



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Term 4 Weeks 9 & 10 2023 @ SMSHS

Monday 4 Dec	Tuesday 5 Dec	Wednesday 6 Dec	Thursday 7 Dec	Friday 8 Dec
Year 12 Agriculture - Task 1 Year 12 Dance - Task 1 Year 12 Earth and Environmental Science - Task 1 Year 12 IPT - Task 1 Year 12 Maths Ext 1 - Task 1	PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES Year 12 Biology - Task 1 – during the Period Zero Year 12 Food Technology - Task 1 Year 12 PDHPE - Task 1	Lunch Concerts Study Without Stress Year 12 Investigating Science - Task 1	PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES Year 12 Chemistry - Task 1 – during the Period Zero Year 12 Geography - Task 1	Presentation Assembly 2023
Monday 11 Dec	Tuesday 12 Dec	Wednesday 13 Dec	Thursday 14 Dec	Friday 15 Dec
Confirmation of Entry Day ICONIC Tech Rehearsal	Year 12 Taronga Zoo Excursion - Biology ICONIC Performance Evening	Year 12 CAFS - Task 1 Year 12 Music 1 - Task 1	End of Year Activities, Day 1	End of Year Activities, Day 2 – concludes at 12pm Year 12 Retail 4U - Task C

Our Teams

Principal:	Sally Smithard
School Council President:	Sonia Matthews
School Captains:	Allayna Anna Sachin Ankon Dam
School Executive:	
- Deputy Principal (Year 12 2024)	Danielle Ervine
- Deputy Principal (Year 12 2023, Year 11 2024)	Leah Havord
- English	Julie Robinson
- Mathematics	Simone Pett
- Science (Rel)	Andrew Farrugia
- 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 12 2024)	Charly Ebejer
- Head Teacher (Year 12 2023)	Tracie Huet
- First Australians	Leah Havord
- Business Manager (Acting)	Rebecca Zinghini
- School Administrative Manager (Rel)	Angela Demaio
Student Advisers:	
- Year 12 2024, Surnames A-G	Sussan Allaou
- Year 12 2024, Surnames H-O	Wendi Kambolli
- Year 12 2024, Surnames P-Z	Luigi Serra
- Year 11 2024, Surnames A-G	Adam Bernthaler
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Student Support Officer:	Surmeet Kaur
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