



# St Marys Senior High School

## TERM 4 WEEKS 3 AND 4

28 October – 8 November 2024

### Important Dates – Term 4 2024

W4	Friday 8 November	HSC Examinations conclude Year 12 Sign Out Day #1
W5	Monday 11 November	Remembrance Day Ceremony
W5	Tuesday 12 November	Year 12 Sign Out Day #2
W5	Wednesday 13 November	Year 12 2024 Formal
W7	Tuesday 26 November	School Council Meeting 6pm, online
W8	Friday 6 December	2024 School Presentation Day
W9	Monday 9 December	Confirmation of Entry Day, Year 11 2025
W10	Wednesday 18 December	Final day of school, Year 12 2025

### Mobile Phone Policy



When you are at school, ensure your phone is switched

**OFF AND AWAY**

either in your bag or in your locker



### Principal's Report

The Higher School Certificate Examinations have been going very smoothly and will continue for another two weeks. Thank you to our Year 12 2025 students who have ensured that the school environment has supported students to complete the examinations free from noise and interruptions.

A reminder that the sign out days for Year 12 2024 will take place over two days, Friday 8 November and Tuesday 12 November. Students are asked to return their textbooks before the sign out days to allow for the processes to run as efficiently as possible. Our teams are working diligently on our Year 12 references for students.

Year 11, or should I say Year 12 2025, are now well into their Higher School Certificate courses. It will only be a couple of weeks and the first of our classes will complete their first assessment task of the Higher School Certificate course. It is vital that you ensure you are well organised to support your studies over the next twelve months. This includes planners – which we have made available in Cluster Meetings and in the

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

Learning Centre – as well as a space to study at home and a clear focus on your own wellbeing, sleep, exercise, healthy eating and social support.

This term, our Academic Counselling Program will commence for students completing their Higher School Certificate in 2025. This program is an opt in support program designed to set goals and put in place strategies to meet academic goals using individual data sets from assessment results. Our expanded team of Academic Counsellors look forward to working with the next cohort of students.

Our Enrolment Evenings for Year 11 2025 took place on Wednesday and Thursday of Week 1 this term. These are long evenings and I thank our staff and Student Guides for their time on these evenings. The small group approach allows us to personalise the experience as much as possible for our incoming students and their families. We had a great turn out and we look forward to working with our new students in 2025. A reminder to our incoming students that you are required to attend Confirmation Day on Monday 9 December. If you are unable to attend, please contact Kathy Karavias (Enrolment Secretary) in our front office on 02 9623 8333.

Today (Friday 25 October) was World Teachers' Day, where we can all reflect on the teacher who has had a positive influence on us. For me, this was a teacher from my senior schooling at Mitchell High School, Mrs Andrews. I had elected to study a new course (well, it was new then) called Legal Studies and I was inspired by Mrs Andrews to become a Legal Studies Teacher (as well as a variety of other subjects) at the University of Sydney. Thank you to all of the students who have contacted the Department of Education to recognise the incredible work of our teaching staff.

Thank you again to everyone for their ongoing support of our learning community.

***Sally Smithard***

*Principal*



## Support in the Learning Centre, Term 4 2024

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. **A copy of this schedule is below.**

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 4

WEEK A					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:20 AM	Chris Raftopoulos Science 6B	Daniel Crocker Science 1A	Rosa Kim Korean/Japanese 7B	Linda Raymond English 4A	Linda Raymond English 8A
9:32 AM	Gillian Langlands English 4A	Sharon Lang Visual Arts 6A	Fatima DeAssis Music/Entertainment 5A	Mary Toufayli Science 1A	Colin Newell Commercial 2A
10:44 AM		Rosa Kim	Luigi Serra	Gillian Langlands	
11:14 AM	Raina Petterson Commercial 1B	Gillian Langlands English 7A	Chris Cavill Mathematics 2A	Chris Raftopoulos Science 5A	Raina Petterson Commercial 3A
12:26 PM	Andrew Mabey Science 5B	Mary Toufayli Science 3A	Mary Toufayli Science 8A	Sharon Lang Visual Arts 6A	Sussan Allaou EAL/D 7A
1:38 AM	Ashlee Pfeffer	Sussan Allaou	Carly McPherson	Jacqueline Crawhall	
2:08 PM	Ashlee Pfeffer LaST/HSIE 8B	Colin Newell Commercial 4B	Sharina Shanaz Mathematics 3B	Gillian Langlands English 2B	Open to 1:38pm 8C
3:20 PM					
WEEK B					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:20 AM	Linda Raymond English 4A	Rosa Kim Korean/Japanese 3A	Daniel Crocker Science 5B	Gillian Langlands English 2B	Sharina Shanaz Mathematics 7A
9:32 AM	Chris Raftopoulos Science 6B	Gillian Langlands English 7B	Sharina Shanaz Mathematics 2B	Chris Raftopoulos Science 1B	Linda Raymond English 3B
10:44 AM		Christine Dlazcok	Jesse Francis	Latha Deo	
11:14 AM	Daniel Crocker Science 1B	Sharon Lang Visual Arts 6A	Chris Raftopoulos Science 7B	Colin Newell Commercial 4B	Sussan Allaou EAL/D 2A
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1:38 AM	Carmel Harriden	Lucas Widdison	Cassandra Jones	Tracie Huet	
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**As @ 14/10/24**



# 2024 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAM TIMETABLE

Tuesday 15 October to Friday 8 November

## Important information about your written exam timetable

This document provides important information about your written HSC exams. NESA has already distributed details about oral exams for languages, performance exams and submitted works to schools. Find out more at [nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/key-dates/hsc](https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/key-dates/hsc)

## Your personal exam timetable

Your personal exam timetable is available from [studentsonline.nesa.nsw.edu.au](https://studentsonline.nesa.nsw.edu.au). This timetable lists your written exams and where you will sit for them (usually at your school). It also lists any other exams you are entered for, including oral exams for languages, performance exams and submitted works. Details of your performance exams or projects such as title of work or category (supplied by your school) are also available via Students Online. If you are undertaking oral or performance exams, we will post the time and venue on Students Online later this year. If there are errors or omissions in the exams you are entered for, contact your school immediately to supply us with the correct information. Take special care if you are entered for a VET course that has an HSC exam. If the exam does not appear on your personal timetable, you have not been entered for it. You must be entered separately for the exam if you expect to sit for it.

## Preparing for your exams

When preparing for your exams, find out what to expect in the exam room and the exam paper, including where to write your answers. For each course you are studying, know the rules and requirements, and what to expect in each exam. More information can be found at: [nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/hsc/student-guide/preparing-for-exams](https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/hsc/student-guide/preparing-for-exams)

## Information about the HSC exams

Make sure you have read and understand the 2024 Higher School Certificate Rules and Procedures guide. You should have received a guide from your school and can also access it at: [nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/hsc/rules-and-procedures/2024-guide](https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/hsc/rules-and-procedures/2024-guide).

There are serious consequences for:

- cheating in an exam
- disobeying NESA's rules for exam conduct
- not making a serious attempt across a range of questions in each exam.

Any of these offences may result in reduced marks, course cancellation or loss of your HSC.

The exam starting time in the timetable is when reading time begins. Arrive at your exam venue well before the time specified. Further information about your HSC exams is available on Students Online.

## Disability provisions

If you have a disability that affects reading exam questions or responding to them under exam conditions, your school can submit an application for provisions to help you. If you have not already done so, speak to your school if you think this applies to you.

## Exam equipment list

It is expected that you come prepared to the exam room with the required approved equipment in working order:

- ✓ black pens to write with (recommended) – ensure to bring spare pens to each exam
- ✓ ruler
- ✓ highlighters
- ✓ pencils (at least 2B)
- ✓ sharpener
- ✓ water in a clear label-free bottle.

You can wear a watch, but it should be taken off and placed in clear view on your desk once you sit down for your exam. Please note that programmable watches (eg. Smart watches) are not permitted in the exam room.

All equipment you bring is subject to inspection on entry. Make sure any equipment you are allowed to bring, such as a calculator, is in good working order because an appeal under misadventure provisions for equipment failure will not be upheld.

## What you cannot bring into your exam room

- ✗ A mobile phone. Mobile phones are not permitted in an exam room under any circumstances.
  - ✗ A programmable watch, eg a smart watch.
  - ✗ Other electronic devices (except a calculator or wired headphones where permitted). This includes any other communication devices, organisers, tablets (eg. iPads), wireless earphones/headphones (eg. AirPods), electronic dictionaries, and music players.
  - ✗ Paper or any printed or written material. You can ask your presiding officer for working paper.
  - ✗ Print dictionaries, except where permitted in language exams.
  - ✗ Correction fluid.
- You are not allowed to borrow equipment during exams.

## Equipment for specific HSC exams

The following list shows the exams for which you are to bring specific equipment, as there may be some exam questions that require the use of this equipment. If an item is listed as optional, it means that there will be no exam questions for which the

item is essential, however you may bring and use it if you wish. Only those exams that require specific equipment are listed. See the list of [approved calculators](#) for the HSC examinations.

### Agriculture

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ Pencil

### Automotive (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

### Biology

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ Pencil

### Business Services (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

### Business Studies

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

### Chemistry

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ Pencil

### Construction (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

### Earth and Environmental Science

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ Pair of compasses
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Protractor
- ✓ Set squares

### Economics

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

### Electrotechnology (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

### Engineering Studies

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ Pair of compasses
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Protractor
- ✓ Set squares
- ✓ Circle templates
- ✓ Isometric/ellipse templates

### Entertainment Industry (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

### Financial Services (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

### Geography

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ Pair of dividers
- ✓ Pair of compasses
- ✓ Protractor
- ✓ Coloured pencils and/or coloured felt pens
- ✓ Ruler
- ✓ (Optional) a handheld magnifying glass
- ✓ (Optional) a piece of string or thread for measuring

### Hospitality (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

### Human Services (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

### Industrial Technology

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ Pair of compasses
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Protractor
- ✓ Set squares

### Information and Digital Technology (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

### Information Processes and Technology

- ✓ Pencil

### Investigating Science

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ Pencil

### Languages

- ✓ Unannotated monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries are permitted in the HSC external examination for all Modern languages courses and Latin. This includes Beginners, Continuers, Extension, [Language] in Context and [Language] and Literature courses. Bilingual print dictionaries of any language combination are permitted.

Dictionaries are **not** permitted in Classical Greek or Classical Hebrew exams.

Specialist dictionaries such as grammar dictionaries, dictionaries of idioms or syllabary dictionaries are **not** permitted.

Digital dictionaries are **not** permitted.

### Mathematics Standard 1, Mathematics Standard 2

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ Ruler

### Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ Ruler

### Physics

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ Pencil

### Primary Industries (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

### Retail Services (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

### Science Extension

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
  - ✓ Desktop or laptop computer with the NESA lockdown browser pre-installed
  - ✓ Headphones (wired) to listen to audio stimulus for questions
  - ✓ Physical keyboard (wired or wireless)
  - ✓ Physical mouse (wired or wireless)
- Your presiding officer can provide you with blank working paper.

For more information, see [Science Extension online exam](#).

### Software Design and Development

- ✓ Pencil

### Tourism, Travel and Events (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

## 2024 HSC Written Exam Timetable • Week 3

	Monday 28 October	Tuesday 29 October	Wednesday 30 October	Thursday 31 October	Friday 1 November
	HSC Day 10	HSC Day 11	HSC Day 12	HSC Day 13	HSC Day 14
AM	<b>Mathematics Extension 1</b> 10.20 am – 12.30 pm	<b>Business Studies</b> 9.25 am – 12.30 pm <b>Indonesian Extension</b> 9.30 am – 11.30 am	<b>Studies of Religion I</b> 9.25 am – 11.00 am <b>Studies of Religion II</b> 9.25 am – 12.30 pm	<b>Legal Studies</b> 9.25 am – 12.30 pm <b>Modern Hebrew Continuers</b> 9.30 am – 12.30 pm	<b>Biology</b> 9.25 am – 12.30 pm
PM	<b>Visual Arts</b> <b>Art Criticism and Art History</b> 1.55 pm – 3.30 pm <b>Indonesian and Literature</b> 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	<b>History Extension</b> 1.50 pm – 4.00 pm <b>Japanese Beginners</b> 2.00 pm – 4.40 pm <b>Japanese Extension</b> 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm <b>Japanese in Context</b> 2.00 pm – 4.40 pm <b>Spanish Beginners</b> 2.00 pm – 4.40 pm	<b>Science Extension</b> 1.50 pm – 4.00 pm <b>Financial Services (VET)</b> 1.55 pm – 4.00 pm <b>Arabic Continuers</b> 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm <b>German Extension</b> 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm <b>Modern Greek Beginners</b> 2.00 pm – 4.40 pm <b>Modern Greek Continuers</b> 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	<b>Drama</b> 1.55 pm – 3.30 pm <b>German Beginners</b> 2.00 pm – 4.40 pm <b>Indonesian Continuers</b> 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm <b>Spanish Continuers</b> 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	<b>Economics</b> 1.55 pm – 5.00 pm <b>Indonesian Beginners</b> 2.00 pm – 4.40 pm <b>Modern Greek Extension</b> 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

## 2024 HSC Written Exam Timetable • Week 4

	Monday 4 November	Tuesday 5 November	Wednesday 6 November	Thursday 7 November	Friday 8 November
	HSC Day 15	HSC Day 16	HSC Day 17	HSC Day 18	HSC Day 19
AM	<b>Chemistry</b> 9.25 am – 12.30 pm	<b>Personal Development, Health and Physical Education</b> 9.25 am – 12.30 pm	<b>Society and Culture</b> 10.25 am – 12.30 pm	<b>Physics</b> 9.25 am – 12.30 pm	<b>Geography</b> 9.25 am – 12.30 pm
PM	<b>English Extension 1</b> 1.50 pm – 4.00 pm <b>Retail Services (VET)</b> 1.55 pm – 4.00 pm <b>Spanish Extension</b> 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	<b>Design and Technology</b> 1.55 pm – 3.30 pm <b>German Continuers</b> 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	<b>Automotive (VET)</b> 1.55 pm – 4.00 pm <b>Business Services (VET)</b> 1.55 pm – 4.00 pm <b>Entertainment Industry (VET)</b> 1.55 pm – 4.00 pm	<b>Food Technology</b> 1.55 pm – 5.00 pm	



# SMSHS – SOURCES OF SUPPORT



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## Term 4 Weeks 3A and 4B 2024 @ SMSHS

Monday 28 Oct	Tuesday 29 Oct	Wednesday 30 Oct	Thursday 31 Oct	Friday 1 Nov
HSC Examinations	HSC Examinations	HSC Examinations	HSC Examinations Halloween Mufti Day	HSC Examinations
Monday 4 Nov	Tuesday 5 Nov	Wednesday 6 Nov	Thursday 7 Nov	Friday 8 Nov
HSC Examinations	HSC Examinations	HSC Examinations Study Without Stress – Session 1	HSC Examinations GRIP Student Leadership Conference	HSC Examinations ETA English Extension 2 Excursion Jamison High School's Captains Forum Afternoon Tea Retail Services – Cluster Task A due

### Our Teams

Principal:	Sally Smithard
School Council President:	Sonia Matthews
School Captains:	Elliot Moore Rosetta Yankson
School Executive:	
- Deputy Principal (Year 12 2024)	Danielle Ervine
- Deputy Principal (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 11 2024)	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
- Year 11 2024, Surnames H-O	Lauren Hasna
- Year 11 2024, 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)
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