



St Marys Senior High School

TERM 4 WEEKS 7 AND 8

25 November – 6 December 2024

Important Dates – Term 4 2024

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	Tuesday 17 December	Talent Quest, Periods 4 and 5
W10	Wednesday 18 December	Final day of school, Year 12 2025 End of Year Activities for students

Principal's Report

The Year 12 Formal was a spectacular celebration, marking the culmination of thirteen years of hard work and dedication. The evening was filled with joy and laughter as our graduates dazzled in a stunning array of colourful dresses and stylish outfits, each reflecting their unique personalities. The atmosphere was vibrant, with friends coming together to reminisce about their shared experiences and to create lasting memories. This memorable event not only showcased the incredible growth of our students but also served as a beautiful reminder of the friendships and moments that will last a lifetime.

Over the next few years many Year 12 2025 students will be completing their first assessment task for their Higher School Certificate. I wish each student all the best as they embark on their final year of schooling. Most students work through their Higher School Certificate taking everything in their stride. However, at different times and for different reasons, students may need support. Please remember that there are a variety of supports available which can be found at the

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Principal's Report continued

the end of this newsletter. Additionally, our Student Support Officer has emailed those students who are doing a number of Major Works in their Year 12 courses, and Surmeet is very happy to offer support to ensure students work on these projects progressively. As always, I encourage students to reach out early to access any support they may need.

Many of our students in Year 12 2025 have opted into our Academic Counselling Program where they meet each term with an Academic Counsellor. By the time you have read this newsletter, students will have completed their first meeting, where they have discussed their predicted ATAR based on their Year 11 results. Whilst the results from these Preliminary Courses do not count towards the final Higher School Certificate result, research does show that it is a good indicator. The Academic Counselling Program allows us to use this data and make small changes to study plans, approaches to assessment and mindset, resulting in improved student outcomes. Providing time for students to reflect on their performance through guided conversations allows them to develop their ability to think critically, problem solve and take more ownership of their learning.

Our Remembrance Day Ceremony is always a time when we come together as a school community to reflect on the service and sacrifice of all peoples and their families. Thank you to the HSIE Faculty, Fatima, Michael and our history students for leading out ceremony, and to all our students and staff for the respect demonstrated. The ceremony's inclusive reflection on the loss of human life across all wars was moving.

As we approach the end of the term, we would like to remind families about our policy regarding leave for family holidays. Please note that leave will not be approved during periods when test-based tasks are scheduled as we believe it is essential to ensure that assessment tasks are conducted in a way that is fair for every student. To assist with your planning, we have included the 2025 assessment planner for Year 11 and Year 12 in this newsletter. We encourage families to review this information carefully when considering any upcoming travel plans, as we want to support each student's success and ensure they have the opportunity to fully engage with their assessments. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Warmest wishes for a wonderful two weeks ahead. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school community.

Sally Smithard

Principal



Photos from our Formal for Year 12 2024



Presentation Assembly 2024

On **Friday 6 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 3 classes	11.40 am – 12.30 pm
Period 3	Line 2 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

Simone Pett

Head Teacher, Mathematics



SMSHS – SOURCES OF SUPPORT



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Term 4 Weeks 7A and 8B 2024 @ SMSHS

Monday 25 Nov	Tuesday 26 Nov	Wednesday 27 Nov	Thursday 28 Nov	Friday 29 Nov
STC & Belvoir – Archive Viewing Excursion, Year 12 Drama	PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES School Council Meeting, 6pm, online Year 12 Maths Advanced, Task 1 – PERIOD ZERO TEST Year 12 Economics, Task 1 due Year 12 Society and Culture, Task 1 due	Lunch Concerts Study Without Stress, Session 4	PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES Year 12 Maths Standard 2, Task 1 – PERIOD ZERO TEST Year 12 Business Studies, Task 1 due Year 12 PDHPE, Task 1 due	Year 12 2025 Ancient History Excursion – Gladiator II Year 12 2025 Biology Excursion – Taronga Zoo Year 12 Retail Services, Task B due
Monday 2 Dec	Tuesday 3 Dec	Wednesday 4 Dec	Thursday 5 Dec	Friday 6 Dec
Year 12 2025 Visual Arts Excursion to AGNSW Exhibition	PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES Year 12 Investigating Science, Task 1 – PERIOD ZERO TEST Year 12 Ancient History, Task 1 due Year 12 English Advanced, Task 1 due Year 12 English Standard, Task 1 due Year 12 English Studies, Task 1 due	Lunch Concerts Study Without Stress, Session 5 Year 12 Engineering Studies, Task 1 due Year 12 IT Multimedia, Task 1 due Year 12 Maths Extension 1, Task 1 due	PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES Year 12 Physics, Task 1 – PERIOD ZERO TEST Year 12 Geography, Task 1 due	Presentation Day Assembly – Adjusted bell times

Our Teams

Principal:	Sally Smithard
School Council President:	Sonia Matthews
School Captains:	Elliot Moore Rosetta Yankson
School Executive:	
- Deputy Principal (Year 11 2025)	Danielle Ervine
- Deputy Principal (Year 12 2025)	Leah Havord
- English	Julie Robinson
- Mathematics	Simone Pett
- Science (Rel)	Andrew Farrugia
- Commercial Studies	Salochna Reddy
- HSIE	Shara Walsh
- CAPA	Nicole Bonfield
- TAS / PDHPE	Sharon Francis
- TAS / Computing	Matthew Topp
- LOTE	Luigi Serra
- 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
- Sports Coordinator	Joanne Brines
- Business Manager (Acting)	Rebecca Zinghini
- School Administrative Manager (Rel)	Angela Demaio
Student Advisers:	
- Year 11 2025, Surnames A-G	Jacqui Crawlhall
- Year 11 2025, Surnames H-O	Wendi Kambolli
- Year 11 2025, Surnames P-Z	Luigi Serra
- Year 12 2025, Surnames A-G	Adam Bernthaler
- Year 12 2025, Surnames H-O	Lauren Hasna
- Year 12 2025, 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
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ASSESSMENT IN TERM 4 2024



T4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
W1A	Oct 14	Oct 15	Oct 16	Oct 17	Oct 18
		HSC Exams	HSC Exams	HSC Exams	HSC Exams
W2B	Oct 21	Oct 22	Oct 23	Oct 24	Oct 25
	HSC Exams	HSC Exams	HSC Exams	HSC Exams	HSC Exams
W3A	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1
	HSC Exams	HSC Exams	HSC Exams	HSC Exams	HSC Exams
W4B	Nov 4	Nov 5	Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8
	HSC Exams	HSC Exams	HSC Exams	HSC Exams	HSC Exams 12RSV ATA
W5A	Nov 11	Nov 12	Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 15
		12HIM AT1	12BSV AT1 12DET AT1		
W6B	Nov 18	Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov 22
		12SOR AT1	12TXD AT1	12LST AT1	12ENT AT5
W7A	Nov 25	Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29
		12MAT AT1 – Zero* 12ECO AT1 12SAC AT1	12ITM AT1	12MAS AT1 – Zero* 12BST AT1 12PDH AT1	12RSV ATB
W8B	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5	Dec 6
	12ENC AT1	12SCI AT1 – Zero* 12ENA AT1 12ENS AT1 12ENZ AT1 12HIA AT1	12EST AT1 12MAX AT1*	12SCP AT1 – Zero* 12GEO AT1	
W9A	Dec 9	Dec 10	Dec 11	Dec 12	Dec 13
	12AGR AT1 12MX2 AT1* 12SCE AT1	12CAF AT1 12SCB AT1	12BSV AT2 12FOT AT1 12ITB AT1	12SCC AT1 – Zero* 12DAN AT1* 12JAB AT1 12KOR AT1 12SPB AT1	12HOS AT3 12MUA AT1 12RSV ATC
W10B	Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18	Dec 19	Dec 20

ASSESSMENT IN TERM 1 2025



T1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
W1A	Jan 27 <i>Public holiday</i>	Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31 SDD
	Feb 3 SDD	Feb 4 SDD	Feb 5 SDD	Feb 6 <i>First day for Year 11 and Year 12</i>	Feb 7
W3A	Feb 10 12ENX2 AT1 12SEN AT1	Feb 11	Feb 12	Feb 13	Feb 14
	Feb 17	Feb 18 12SOR AT2	Feb 19	Feb 20	Feb 21 12RSV ATD <i>Subject changes close for Year 11</i>
W5A	Feb 24 12DRA AT1*	Feb 25 12DRA AT1* 12SAC AT2	Feb 26 12BSV AT3 12DRA AT1*	Feb 27 12DRA AT1*	Feb 28 12DRA AT1*
	Mar 3	Mar 4	Mar 5 12ITM AT2	Mar 6	Mar 7
W7A	Mar 10 12MX2 AT2*	Mar 11	Mar 12	Mar 13 12SCC AT2 11FOT AT1	Mar 14 12RSV ATE
	Mar 17 12DRA AT2*	Mar 18 12DRA AT2*	Mar 19 12BSV AT4 12DRA AT2* 12FOT AT2 12HIX AT1	Mar 20 12DRA AT2* 11AGR AT1* 11ECO AT1 11SAC AT1	Mar 21 12DRA AT2*
W9A	Mar 24 11ENC AT1	Mar 25 12VIA AT1 11EST AT1 11SEN AT1 11SOR AT1	Mar 26 12ENX AT1 11ITM AT1	Mar 27 11PHO AT1 11SCC AT1	Mar 28
	Mar 31 <i>Topic test period*</i>	Apr 1 <i>Topic test period*</i>	Apr 2 <i>Topic test period*</i>	Apr 3 <i>Topic test period*</i>	Apr 4 <i>Topic test period*</i>
W11A	Apr 7 <i>Topic test period*</i>	Apr 8 <i>Topic test period*</i>	Apr 9 <i>Topic test period*</i>	Apr 10 <i>Topic test period*</i>	Apr 11 <i>Topic test period*</i>

ASSESSMENT IN TERM 2 2025



T2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
W1A	Apr 28 SDD	Apr 29 SDD	Apr 30 ANZAC Day Ceremony First day of classes for students in Term 2 12ENX2 AT2 11DET AT1	May 1	May 2
	May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8 11TXD AT1	May 9 12RSV ATF
W3A	May 12 12VIA AT2 11DRA AT1*	May 13 11DRA AT1*	May 14 12FSV AT5 11DRA AT1*	May 15 11DRA AT1*	May 16 11DRA AT1*
	May 19	May 20 12ENA AT3 – Zero* 12ENS AT3 – Zero*	May 21 12BSV AT5 12MUA AT3*	May 22 12SCC AT3 – Zero* 12MUA AT3*	May 23 12MUA AT3*
W5A	May 26 12MUA AT3* 11DAN AT1*	May 27 12MUA AT3* 12SOR AT3 11DAN AT1*	May 28 12MUA AT3* 11DAN AT1*	May 29 12BST AT3 – Zero* 12MUA AT3* 11DAN AT1*	May 30 12ENT AT6 12MUA AT3* 11DAN AT1*
	Jun 2 Athletics Carnival (TBC)	Jun 3 12CAF AT3 – Zero* 12DAN AT3* 12HIM AT3 12MUA AT3* 11HIM AT2 11SOR AT2	Jun 4 11MAS AT2 – Zero* 11MAT AT2 – Zero* 12DAN AT3* 12MUA AT3*	Jun 5 12ECO AT3 – Zero* 11ECO AT2 – Zero* 12DAN AT3* 12MUA AT3*	Jun 6 12DAN AT3*
W7A	Jun 9 King's Birthday	Jun 10 12SCP AT3 – Zero* 12AGR AT3* 12DRA AT3* 12HIA AT3	Jun 11 11CAF AT2 – Zero* 12DRA AT3* 12DET AT3 12ITM AT3	Jun 12 12LST AT3 – Zero* 12DRA AT3* 11BST AT2	Jun 13 12DRA AT3*
	Jun 16 12SCI AT3*	Jun 17 12MAS AT3 – Zero* 12SCI AT3* 11EST AT2 11HIA AT2 11LST AT2 11VIA AT1	Jun 18 12BSV AT6 12EST AT3 12GEO AT3 12SCI AT3* 12TXD AT3 11SCI AT2*	Jun 19 12SCB AT3 – Zero* 11MAX AT2 – Zero* 12ENC AT3 12SCI AT3 11AGR AT2* 11FOT AT2 11SAC AT2	Jun 20 12MUA AT4* 12SCI AT3
W9A	Jun 23 12DAN AT4* 12MUA AT4*	Jun 24 12MAT AT3 – Zero* 11SCC AT2 – Zero* 12DAN AT4* 11FRB AT2* 11ITB AT2* 11JAB AT2* 11KOR AT2* 11PHO AT2* 11SPB AT2*	Jun 25 12DAN AT4* 12ENX AT2 12FOT AT3 12MAX AT3*	Jun 26 11SCB AT2 – Zero* 12DAN AT4* 12ENZ AT3 12SEN AT3	Jun 27 12DAN AT4* 12HOS AT4 12MX2 AT3*
	Jun 30 12DAN AT4* 12SCE AT3* 11SCE AT2	Jul 1 12PDH AT3 – Zero* 11SCP AT2 – Zero* 12DAN AT4* 12ENT AT2 12ITB AT3* 12KOR AT3* 12SPB AT3*	Jul 2 12DAN AT4 *12ENT SPEC AT8a* 12ENX2 AT3 12HIX AT2 12JAB AT3*	Jul 3 12DAN AT4* *12ENT SPEC AT8a*	Jul 4 12DAN AT4*

ASSESSMENT IN TERM 3 2025



T3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
W1A	Jul 21 SDD	Jul 22 First day of classes for students in Term 3	Jul 23	Jul 24	Jul 25
	Jul 28	Jul 29	Jul 30	Jul 31	Aug 1
W2B	Jul 28	Jul 29	Jul 30	Jul 31	Aug 1
	Jul 28	Jul 29	Jul 30	Jul 31	Aug 1
W3A	Aug 4 School examination period*	Aug 5 School examination period*	Aug 6 School examination period*	Aug 7 School examination period*	Aug 8 School examination period*
	Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6	Aug 7	Aug 8
W4B	Aug 11 School examination period*	Aug 12 School examination period*	Aug 13 School examination period*	Aug 14 School examination period*	Aug 15 School examination period*
	Aug 11	Aug 12	Aug 13	Aug 14	Aug 15
W5A	Aug 18 School examination period*	Aug 19 School examination period*	Aug 20 School examination period*	Aug 21 School examination period*	Aug 22 School examination period* 12VIA AT4
	Aug 18	Aug 19	Aug 20	Aug 21	Aug 22
W6B	Aug 25	Aug 26	Aug 27 12ENT SPEC AT8b	Aug 28	Aug 29 12RSV ATG
	Aug 25	Aug 26	Aug 27	Aug 28	Aug 29
W7A	Sep 1	Sep 2	Sep 3 12BSV AT7 12FSV AT6	Sep 4	Sep 5
	Sep 1	Sep 2	Sep 3	Sep 4	Sep 5
W8B	Sep 8 11DRA AT3* 11ENC AT3 11VIA AT3*	Sep 9 11DRA AT3* 11GEO AT3 11SEN AT3 11VIA AT3*	Sep 10 11DRA AT3* 11ITM AT3 11VIA AT3*	Sep 11 11DRA AT3* 11TXD AT3 11VIA AT3*	Sep 12 12ENT AT7* 11DRA AT3* 11VIA AT3*
	Sep 8	Sep 9	Sep 10	Sep 11	Sep 12
W9A	Sep 15 11ENA AT3 11ENS AT3	Sep 16 Heritage Day (TBC)	Sep 17 11DET AT3 11ENX AT3	Sep 18 11MUA AT3	Sep 19
	Sep 15	Sep 16	Sep 17	Sep 18	Sep 19
W10B	Sep 22 Captains 2026 Election (TBC) 11DAN AT3*	Sep 23 Major Works Assembly (TBC) 11DAN AT3* 11HMS AT3 11PHO AT3	Sep 24 11DAN AT3*	Sep 25 11DAN AT3*	Sep 26 Graduation (TBC)
	Sep 22	Sep 23	Sep 24	Sep 25	Sep 26

Explanatory Notes:

On the planner, an asterisk (*) near a task indicates it is a test-like task. Applications for leave at this time for students studying this course will not be approved.

The topic test period (Term 1 Weeks 10-11) and the school examination period (Term 3 Weeks 3-5) are times when many test-like tasks are held – and applications for leave during these will not be approved,

The codes on the planner indicate the subject as per the table below:

Code	Course
BST	Business Studies
BSV	Business Services
CAF	CAFS
DAN	Dance
DET	Design and Technology
DRA	Drama
ECO	Economics
ENA	English Advanced
ENC	Enterprise Computing
ENS	English Standard
ENT	Entertainment
ENT SPEC	Entertainment Specialisation
ENX	English Extension 1
ENX2	English Extension 2
ENZ	English Studies
EST	Engineering Studies
FOT	Food Technology
FRB	French Beginners
FSV	Financial Services
GEO	Geography
HIA	Ancient History
HIM	Modern History
HIX	History Extension
HMS	Health and Movement Science
HOS	Hospitality
ITB	Italian Beginners
ITM	Industrial Technology, Multimedia Industries
JAB	Japanese Beginners
KOR	Korean Beginners
LST	Legal Studies
MAS	Maths Standard
MAT	Maths Advanced
MAX	Maths Extension 1
MUA	Music 1
MX2	Maths Extension2
PDH	PDHPE
PHO	Photography
RSV	Retail Services
SCB	Biology
SCC	Chemistry
SCE	Earth and Environmental Science
SCI	Investigating Science
SCP	Physics
SEN	Software Engineering
SOR	Studies of Religion
SPB	Spanish Beginners
TXD	Textiles and Design
VIA	Visual Arts