

St Marys Senior High School

TERM 4 WEEKS 9 AND 10

9 – 18 December 2024

Important Dates – Term 4 2024

W9	Monday 9 December	Confirmation of Entry Day, Year 11 2025
W10	Tuesday 17 December	Talent Quest, 1.40 – 3.20 pm
W10	Wednesday 18 December	Final day of school, Year 12 2025 End of Year Activities for students – concluding at 1.15 pm

Principal's Report

As we enter the last two weeks of the school year, this will be our final newsletter for 2024. We will provide any updates that affect school operations as needed and will ensure correspondence is provided to families prior to the commencement of the new school year. However, it is important to remember that due to changes made by the Department of Education, Year 11 and Year 12 students will both return to classes on **Thursday 6 February 2025**. Please monitor our school's social media pages for updates in January.

Our annual Presentation Day Ceremony has taken place today, with students, parents, carers, staff and community supporters 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.

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Principal's Report continued

School Spectacular is always a magical week when audiences can sit back in awe at the amazing talent across our public schools. This year, St Marys Senior High School was represented by Entertainment students working across the outdoor stages and Retail students creating visual displays to celebrate the 41 years of the School Spectacular, as well as running the merchandise stand.



As the school year comes to a close we also look forward to the release of the HSC results and ATARs for Year 12 2024. These will be available on Wednesday 18 December. This is a significant milestone for our Year 12 students, and we encourage everyone to take a moment to celebrate their hard work and dedication.

In the spirit of celebration, it is essential to reflect on our core values: inclusive, aspirational and respectful. It is these principles that guide us and remain integral to our success as a school community. Let us continue to support one another, celebrating the unique achievements of each student while also fostering an environment where everyone feels valued and respected.

The last week for students in 2024 will see Year 12 2025 engage in an End of Year Activities Program. The Wellbeing Team have been carefully planning this event to provide an opportunity for this cohort to celebrate their year with some great activities, helping to build stronger connections with their peers.

I cannot express my gratitude and pride as Principal of St Marys Senior High School enough. I am humbled by 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 for their support of me throughout 2024.

Finally, I look forward with great anticipation to 2025 and working with our students, staff, parents and community in a school that remains intensely focussed 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



Confirmation of Entry Day – Monday 9 December 2024

On Monday 9 December is Confirmation of Entry Day for Year 11 2025. We are looking forward to meeting our Year 11 students for 2025 and working with them on this, the first stage of our orientation process. Our Year 12 leaders are looking forward to showing the students around our school and providing a point of call for questions from students. Students whose surnames are from A-K will be in the 9.00 AM session and students with surnames from L-Z will be in the 12.00 PM session. Each session will take approximately one and half hours. Families with any questions about the sessions can contact the school on 9623 8333 or Danielle Ervine (danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au) for further advice.

Danielle Ervine

Deputy Principal, Year 11 2025



2025

Students will return to school on

Thursday 6 February 2025

Students in **Year 11** will need to arrive at school
and be ready to enter the MPC at **8.20 am**

Students in **Year 12** will need to arrive at school
and be ready to enter the MPC at **9.32 am**

We are looking forward to a fantastic new year!



Talent Quest 2024

On **Tuesday 17 December** we will be holding our annual Talent Quest – and we are looking forward to around sixteen terrific performances from our students... and possibly staff!

To facilitate the assembly, the adjusted bell times shown below will be in place for the day. This is pending the weather forecast for the day, as predictions of extreme temperatures may see us need to run the assembly in the morning. We will keep students and staff updated as to arrangements for the day.

Tuesday 17 December 2024 Bell Times	
Period 1	8.20 am – 9.25 am
Period 2	9.25 am – 10.30 am
Recess	10.30 am – 11.00 am
Period 3	11.00 am – 12.05 pm
Period 4	12.05 pm – 1.10 pm
Lunch	1.10 pm – 1.40 pm
Talent Quest in the MPC	1.40 pm – 3.20 pm

Kerri-Anne Brown

SRC Staff Adviser



End of Year Activities – Year 11 2024

We are looking forward to a fantastic last day of school, when teams of students will engage in a range of activities on site to wind up a very busy and exciting year!

I would like to thank Tracie Huet, our Head Teacher for Year 11 2024 for organising the schedule you can see below:

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES – WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2024	
Time	Activity/Venue
8:20 am – 8.45 am	Assembly - MPC (All Teams) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marking of rolls• Outline of the program for the day
8.45 am – 9.45 am	Activity Session 1
9:45 am - 10:45 am	Activity Session 2
10:45 am - 11:15 am	Recess
11:15 am - 12:15 pm	Activity Session 3
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	Activity Session 4
1.15 pm – 1.45 pm	Lunch – and then home!

Tracie will let students know which activities their teams have been allocated to for each session by email during Week 9.

We are looking forward to a fantastic day!

Leah Havord

Deputy Principal, Year 12 2025



SMSHS – SOURCES OF SUPPORT



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Term 4 Weeks 9A and 10B 2024 @ SMSHS

Monday 9 Dec	Tuesday 10 Dec	Wednesday 11 Dec	Thursday 12 Dec	Friday 13 Dec
<p>Confirmation of Entry Day</p> <p>ICONIC 2024</p> <p>Year 12 Agriculture, Task 1 due</p> <p>Year 12 Earth and Environmental Science, Task 1 due</p> <p>Year 12 Enterprise Computing, Task 1 due</p> <p>Year 12 Maths Ext 2, Task 1 due</p>	<p>ICONIC 2024</p> <p>Year 12 Biology, Task 1 due</p> <p>Year 12 CAFS, Task 1 due</p>	<p>Lunch Concerts</p> <p>Study Without Stress, Session 6</p> <p>Year 12 Business Services, Task 2 due</p> <p>Year 12 Food Technology, Task 1 due</p> <p>Year 12 Italian Beginners, Task 1 due</p>	<p>PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES</p> <p>Year 12 Chemistry, Task 1 – PERIOD ZERO TEST</p> <p>Year 12 Dance, Task 1 due</p> <p>Year 12 Japanese Beginners, Task 1 due</p> <p>Year 12 Korean Beginners, Task 1 due</p> <p>Year 12 Spanish Beginners, Task 1 due</p>	<p>Year 12 Hospitality, Task 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Music 1, Task 1 due</p> <p>Year 12 Retail Services, Task C due</p>
Monday 16 Dec	Tuesday 17 Dec	Wednesday 18 Dec	Thursday 19 Dec	Friday 20 Dec
<p>PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES</p> <p>Year 12 Maths Advanced, Alternate Task 1 – PERIOD ZERO TEST</p>	<p>Talent Quest!</p>	<p>End of Year Activities, 8.20 am – 1.15 pm</p> <p>Indoor Rock Climbing Excursion</p>	<p>Staff Development Day</p>	<p>Staff Development Day</p>

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 Crawhall
- 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 Pfeffer (M, T)
Student Support Officer:	Surmeet Kaur
Careers Adviser:	Cheryll Ruskin

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