

St Marys Senior High School

TERM 1 WEEKS 7-8

10 – 28 March 2025

Important Dates – Term 1 2025

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| W8 | Fri 21 Mar | School Open Evening |
| W9 | Tue 25 Mar | School Council Meeting, 6pm |
| W10 | Mon 31 Mar | Topic Test Period begins |
| W11 | Fri 11 Apr | Last day of attendance for students in Term 1 |

Principal's Report

I hope this newsletter finds our school community well as we settle into the second half of Term 1. As our young people continue to adjust to the routines at St Marys Senior High School, it is refreshing to hear the conversations in our common areas with students engaged in discussions and interacting with each other, as well as the buzz of student clubs welcoming new students.

Attendance is so important to all aspects of our life, school, work and team-based activities, such as sport and family gatherings. We all know how easy it can be to get distracted or fall behind but being in class and actively participating is so important. We want to see all of our young people at school every day, engaged and taking advantage of every learning opportunity. And of course, if you need to stay home, your parents and carers must let the school know and provide a reason for your absence within seven days of the absence. If you are absent on the day of an assessment task, please ensure that you follow the school's assessment policy, which can be found in your

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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 continued

school assessment booklet. We encourage our students to review these regularly, particularly in the lead up to the Topic Test Period in the final fortnight of this term.

In the event that a student needs to apply for leave from school, they will need to get in contact with their Deputy Principal at least two weeks prior to their proposed time away from school. As outlined to students in both Years 11 and Year 12, leave will not be granted at a time when a student has a test-like task in a course that they study. If there are any questions about this process, students should contact their Deputy Principal:

- Year 11 – Danielle Ervine – danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au
- Year 12 – Leah Havord – leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au

Topic Test Period

Shortly, we will confirm the schedule for the Topic Test Period, to be held in Weeks 10 and 11 of this term (Monday 31 March – Wednesday 9 April 2025). It is important that students check their school email for the finalised schedule of tests, and then confirm any details of the tasks with their class teachers well in advance of the task date. During this time period we will not be granting travel leave to students and it is expected that students will be present for their tasks on the published dates unless they are too unwell to attend school or there is a significant misadventure.

If a student is absent from a task due to illness and/or misadventure, they must follow the school's assessment policy when applying for illness and misadventure. This process is outlined in the assessment booklet issued to all students at the commencement of their course, with a key element involving the student emailing the Deputy Principal before 7.30 am on the morning of any task that is impacted by illness and/or misadventure.

Students will return to normal classes on Thursday 10 April, ensuring that students can follow up on any questions or concerns they have with their teachers before the Term 1 school holiday break.

Extra-curricular Activities

There have been a variety of extra-curricular activities taking place alongside teaching and learning in classrooms across our school. These activities include public speaking, creative and performing arts events, leadership events, sporting competitions, excursions, careers events and community celebrations. Our



school has had great success due to students stepping up to represent St Marys and building our school spirit. I encourage all students to find ways to get involved in our school community to add to the final years of schooling.

Financial Assistance

At different times some of our families experience financial stress. Our prime objective at St Marys Senior High School is to support students in gaining a Higher School Certificate. If at any time a student may require additional support, please contact the Deputy Principal for Year 11, Danielle Ervine or the Deputy Principal for Year 12, Leah Havord. They will go over the options we have available to support our students to ensure their learning and wellbeing needs are met. If you have any queries regarding subject contributions, please contact our Relieving School Administration Manager, Angela Demaio.

Enrolment 2025

Our enrolment timeframes for Year 11 2026 will sneak up on our families as we all try to balance our busy lives. We ask that our community share our time frames with family and friends. Open Evening will occur this term as a twilight event on **Friday 21 March 2025, 3pm – 7 pm.**

Expression of interest forms for local and non-local enrolments are available now on our school website, and these forms are due for Year 11 2026 **by 4pm on Friday 23 May 2025.**

On our website you will also find a link to assist families to have student reports certified by a Justice of the Peace at our school. This service will commence on Friday 21 March 2025, but families will need to book an appointment via the link to ensure that they can be supported in this process. I would like to thank our Justices for supporting our community in this process. Any questions in relation to the enrolment process can be directed to our Enrolment Secretary. Please feel free to contact the Administration Office on 02-9623-8333.

School Council 2025

Our next School Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 25 March, starting at 6pm via Microsoft Teams. School Council provides parents and carers an opportunity to be involved in the decision-making process related to the school and develop a better understanding of the school's operation. I encourage our parents and carers to consider attending our March meeting. Please contact the school via the school's email address (stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) to let our Administration Team know that you would like to attend.



They will pass this information to the Secretary of School Council, who will email the meeting link prior to the meeting.

Wishing our school community a wonderful fortnight ahead.

Sally Smithard

Principal



SCHOOL PHOTOS
LAST CATCH UP!

Monday 10 March 2025

Report to the LOTE Foyer at the start of lunch
in your school white polo



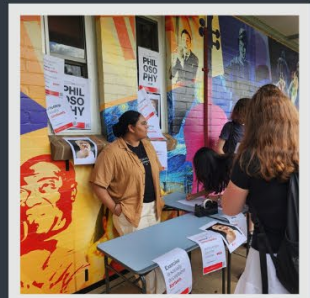
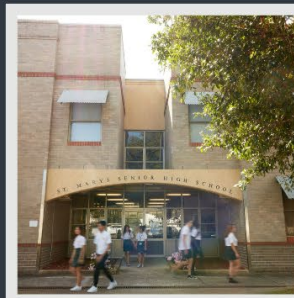
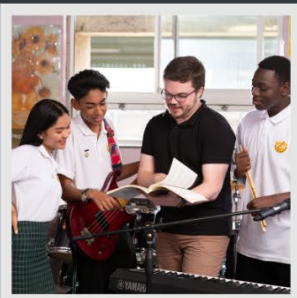
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OPEN EVENING



Friday 21 March 2025

3 pm to 7pm



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School Sport Updates

Students have been very eager to represent St Marys Senior High School in a variety of sports so far this term. Students have competed with great enthusiasm, sportsmanship and school spirit. Many students have been very successful in their chosen sport and have been selected into Werrington Zone sporting teams as well as Sydney West teams. Here are few of the highlights of the year so far.

Soccer

St Marys Senior High School competed very strongly at the Werrington Zone Gala Day on 19 February. Both the Open Boys and Open Girls Teams went through the day undefeated, taking out the title of Werrington Zone Champions.

Congratulations to Rielly Broome, Ashton Heald, Koby Mathie, Luke Pelle, Fahad Raza, Spencer Webster, Shae Brukman, Abbey Cox, Annabelle De Georgio, Marla Despi, Kiahna Koutsonikolis, Keeva Lemair and Caitlin Northam who have all been select into the Werrington Zone Team to compete at the Sydney West Championships.





Volleyball

The Boys Volleyball Team played their first CHS Knockout game on Tuesday afternoon against Windsor High School. All of the players demonstrated fantastic skill and sportsmanship, even giving the other team some pointers. The team defeated Windsor two sets to nil and are now through to Round 2 of the competition. We would like to wish them the best of luck.

Congratulations to Ishmael Bilal who has been representing Sydney West at the NSWCHS Volleyball Championships.



Basketball

The Werrington Zone Basketball Gala Day was held on Wednesday 26 February. Two Open Boys Teams and one Open Girls Team competed for St Marys Senior High School on the day. Once again, everyone played in the spirit of the game and gave 100% effort. The Girls Team finished in second place and the Boys B Team took out the tournament undefeated.

Congratulations to Zoe Abian, Cathleen Graza, Marianna Qasha, Ysabel Rimando, Khloe Veloso, Matilda Williams, Chadd Ablaza, Abdo Alkhouri, Jack Barry, Hargun Chhina, Alexavier Chhuy and Duane Lapitan on their selection into the respective Werrington Zone Teams to compete at the Sydney Championships

Congratulations to the Open Boys Team in the CHS Knockout Competition on their Round 1 win against Erskine Park high School, 69-40. We wish them all the best for Round 2!



Swimming

The annual St Marys Senior High School Swimming Carnival was held at Ripples St Marys on Friday 21 February. It was great to see so many students dressed in their Cluster colours and bringing plenty of enthusiasm with them.

The students should be commended on their excellent behaviour, participation and school spirit throughout the day. It was a great day, with many, many positive things happening including the loud and creative Cluster chants. One of the highlights came towards the end of the carnival, with the Year 11 V Year 12 water polo match.

Congratulations to our Age Champions:

| | <i>Age Champion</i> |
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| <i>16 Years Female</i> | Jordan Williamson |
| <i>16 Years Male</i> | Cameron Shearan |
| <i>17 Years Female</i> | Evie Bullock |
| <i>17 Years Male</i> | Jack Barry Timothy Cheng |

Students were awarded points on the day for participation and race places to compete for the Cluster Cup. The total points are then divided by the number of people in the Cluster to make the points fair, as some Clusters are quite small while others are large.

The results from the day were:

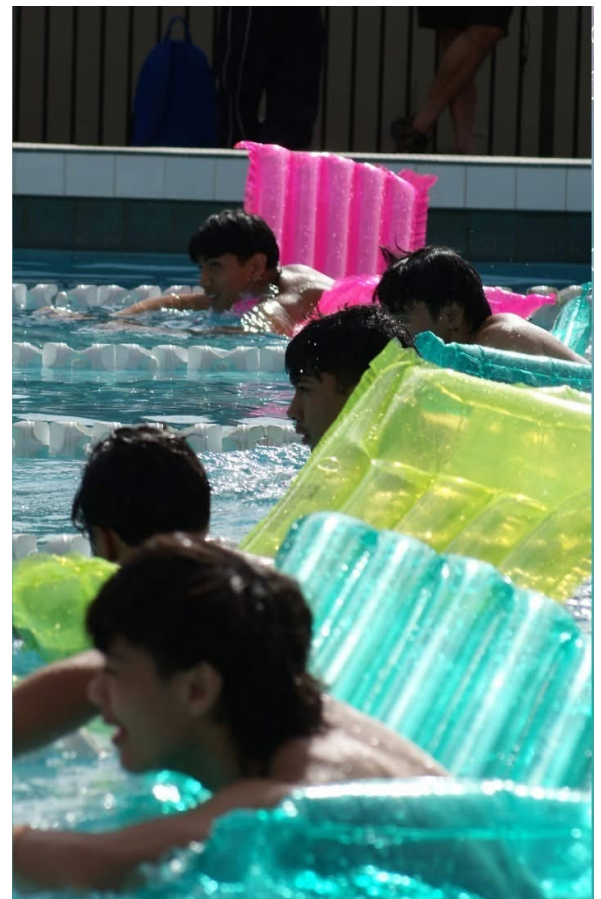
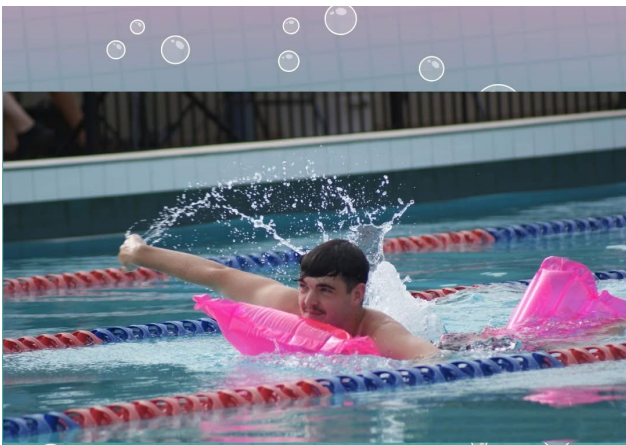
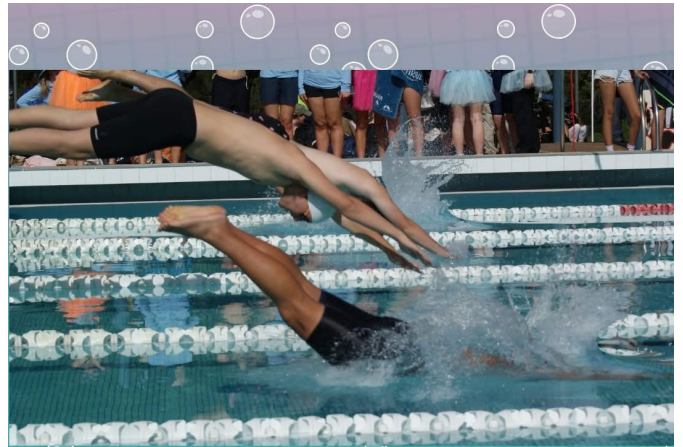
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| First place | Cluster 7 |
| Second place | Cluster 3 |
| Third place | Cluster 2 |
| Fourth place | Cluster 8 |
| Fifth place | Cluster 6 |
| Sixth place | Cluster 5 |

Congratulations to **Cluster 7!**



We were also able to have our first Year 11 V Year 12 challenge at the carnival. This was a game of water. Congratulations to Year 12 who took this match out convincingly.

We would like to wish all of our swimmers the best of luck when they compete at the Werrington Zone Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 12 March 2025.



Jo Brines
Sports Coordinator



SMSHS – SOURCES OF SUPPORT



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| Year 11 2025 Student Adviser, Surnames A-G | Jacqui Crawhall | Jacqueline.crawhall@det.nsw.edu.au |
| Year 11 2025 Student Adviser, Surnames H-O | Wendi Kambolli | wendi.kambolli@det.nsw.edu.au |
| Year 11 2025 Student Adviser, Surnames P-Z | Luigi Serra | luigi.serra@det.nsw.edu.au |
| Year 12 2025 Student Adviser, Surnames A-G | Adam Bernthaler | adam.bernthaler@det.nsw.edu.au |
| Year 12 2025 Student Adviser, Surnames H-O | Lauren Hasna | lauren.hasna@det.nsw.edu.au |
| Year 12 2025 Student Adviser, Surnames P-Z | Jeffrey Larsen | jeffrey.larsen6@det.nsw.edu.au |
| Head Teacher, Learning and Wellbeing | Melissa Jacka | melissa.jacka@det.nsw.edu.au |
| Learning Support Team | Carmel Harriden (M, T) Carly McPherson (T, W, T) Anne-Maree Magi (Th, F) Ashlee Pleffer (M, T) | carmel.harriden@det.nsw.edu.au carly.mcpherson@det.nsw.edu.au annemaree.magi@det.nsw.edu.au ashlee.pleffer@det.nsw.edu.au |
| School Counsellors | Aimee Tang Ximia Han Tracey Axisa | Please text the counsellor phone on 0417228192 during school hours to organise an appointment |
| Student Support Officer | TBA | TBA |
| Careers Adviser | Cheryll Ruskin | Cheryll.ruskin@det.nsw.edu.au |
| Deputy Principal Year 11 2025 | Danielle Ervine | danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au |
| Deputy Principal Year 12 2025 | Leah Havord | leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au |



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| Monday 10 Mar | Tuesday 11 Mar | Wednesday 12 Mar | Thursday 13 Mar | Friday 14 Mar |
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| FINAL School Photo Catch Up Session, LOTE Foyer, Lunch Year 12 Society and Culture Excursion Year 12 Maths Extension 2, Task 2 due | Art Express – AGNSW and Lecture Excursion Penrith High School Prefect Afternoon Tea | Werrington Zone Swimming Carnival Lunch concerts | Year 12 Chemistry, Task 2 due Year 11 Food Technology, Task 1 due | White Card Training Year 12 Retail Services, Task E due |

Term 1 Weeks 8B @ SMSHS

| Monday 17 Mar | Tuesday 18 Mar | Wednesday 19 Mar | Thursday 20 Mar | Friday 21 Mar |
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| Harmony Week 2025 Year 12 Retail Services Work Placement Werrington Zone Netball Gala Day Year 12 Drama, Task 2 due | Harmony Week 2025 Year 12 Retail Services Work Placement Year 12 Drama, Task 2 due | Harmony Week 2025 Year 12 Retail Services Work Placement Year 12 Business Services, Task 3 due Year 12 Drama, Task 2 due Year 12 Food Technology, Task 2 due Year 12 History Extension, Task 1 due | Harmony Week 2025 Year 12 Retail Services Work Placement PULSE Alive 2025 Secondary Schools Student Leadership Program, Parliament of NSW Year 12 Drama, Task 2 due Year 11 Agriculture, Task 1 due Year 11 Economics, Task 1 due | Open Evening 2025 Harmony Week 2025 Year 12 Retail Services Work Placement Year 12 Drama, Task 2 due |

Our Teams

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| 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 | Lidija Radovancevic |
| - Commercial Studies | Salohna Reddy |
| - HSIE | Shara Walsh |
| - CAPA | Nicole Bonfield |
| - TAS / PDHPE | Sharon Francis |
| - TAS / Computing | Matthew Topp |
| - LOTE | Luigi Serra |
| - Secondary Studies | Lucas Widdison |
| - Wellbeing | Melissa Jacka |
| - 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: | Carmel Harriden (M, T) Carly McPherson (T, W, T) Anne-Maree Magi (Th, F) Ashlee Pleffer (M, T) |
| Student Support Officer: | TBA |
| Careers Adviser: | Cheryll Ruskin |

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