

St Marys Senior High School

TERM 1 WEEKS 9-11

24 March – 11 April 2025

Important Dates – Term 1 2025

W9	Tue 25 Mar	School Council Meeting, 6pm
W10	Mon 31 Mar	Topic Test Period begins
W11	Thu 10 Apr	Students return to scheduled classes
W11	Fri 11 Apr	Last day of attendance for students in Term 1

Important Dates – Term 2 2025

W1	Wed 30 Apr	First day of classes for students in Term 2
W5	Tue 27 May	School Council Meeting, 6pm
W6	Mon 2 Jun	School Athletics Carnival
W6	Tue 3 Jun	Year 12 Student, Parent, Teacher Evening
W7	Mon 9 Jun	King's Birthday – Public Holiday
W9	Wed 25 Jun	Year 11 Student, Parent, Teacher Evening
W9	Fri 27 Jun	Year 12 Excursion – Western Sydney Careers Expo Year 11 Seminar Day #1
W10	Fri 4 Jul	Last day of attendance for students in Term 2

Principal's Report

St Marys Senior High School has had a calendar packed full of activities over the last fortnight, and the final three weeks of Term 1 continue to be busy. Every weekend Leah posts on our social media platforms, the events of the week ahead to assist students and their families plan their week ahead. This helps us all plan our busy week. Please ensure you are following us on our socials to ensure you are up to date.

As Year 12 progress through their final year of schooling many students are looking at scholarships and early entry opportunities for universities. Many of these pathways require students to obtain recommendations from their school. At St Marys Senior High School, these recommendations are completed by the Principal. Staff are not able to complete written recommendations. At the end of the Topic Test Period, Year 12 students will receive an email which explains this process and includes the information that is required to be uploaded to support a written recommendation. It is imperative that students book in a time with me if they have any questions about this process. If students leave a request for a recommendation to the last minute, their

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Principal's Report continued

recommendation may be limited and not reflect the full extent of their skills and capabilities.

The Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) through UAC can be submitted once opened by UAC. The recommendations for any SRS applications will be completed following the Trial Higher School Certificate Examinations.

Topic Test Period

Students have received 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). We have also included it in this newsletter as a reminder to students and families. It is important that students confirm the details of the tasks with their class teachers well in advance of the task date.

During the Topic Test 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.

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.



As this is our last newsletter for the term, I would like to wish our students, families, staff and community supporters a restful holiday break. I hope you are able to spend some time with those that are important to you and recharge, ready for Term 2.

Sally Smithard

Principal



Year 12 Topic Test Period 2025 FINAL

Date	Session	Monday 31 st March	Tuesday 1 st April	Wednesday 2 nd April	Thursday 3 rd April	Friday 4 th April
	1 Start: 8:20	English Standard (MPC) English Advanced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A-R: Library • S-Z: (S-U-10/S-U-11) English Studies (MPC)	PDHPE (MPC)	Society and Culture (Library)	Mathematics Advanced (MPC)	Physics (Library)
	2 Start: 11:00	Japanese Beginners (S-U-8/S-U-9) Modern History (Library)	Ancient History (Library) Enterprise Computing (TechCentre)	Spanish Beginners (S-U-8/S-U-9)	Business Studies (MPC)	CAFS (MPC)
	3 Start: 1:30		Economics (MPC) Geography (MPC)	Legal Studies (Library) Italian Beginners (S-U-8/S-U-9)	Mathematics Standard (MPC)	Biology (MPC)
		Monday 7 th April	Tuesday 8 th April	Wednesday 9 th April	Thursday 10 th April	Friday 11 th April
	1 Start: 8:20	Mathematics Extension (MPC)	Engineering Studies (S-U-8/S-U-9) Korean Beginners (S-U-10/S-U-11)	Earth and Environmental Science (TC-G-3)	<i>Return to normal timetable and catch-up exams to take place if not completed already</i>	
	2 Start: 11:00	Design and Technology (S-U-8/S-U-9)	Investigating Science (TC-G-2)	Textiles and Design (S-U-10/S-U-11)		
	3 Start: 1:30	Visual Arts (MPC) Agriculture (E-G-5)	Software Engineering (TechCentre)			

Practical Tests By Appointment,

- Dance
- Music

Please see your teacher to arrange this.

Please refer to your course assessment booklets for information on the length of each topic test.



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Year 11 Topic Test Period 2025 FINAL

Date	Session	Monday 31 st March	Tuesday 1 st April	Wednesday 2 nd April	Thursday 3 rd April	Friday 4 th April
	1 Start: 8:20		Physics (Library)	Mathematics Advanced (MPC)	Ancient History (Library)	Health and Movement Science (MPC)
	2 Start: 11:00	Biology (MPC)	Legal Studies (MPC)	Business Studies (MPC)	Mathematics Extension 1 (Library) Korean Beginners (S-U-8/S-U-9)	Modern History (Library)
	3 Start: 1:30	English Advanced (MPC) English Standard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A-N: Library • O-R: (S-U-10/S-U-11) • S-Z: (S-U-8/S-U-9) 	Investigating Science (TC-G-2)	Mathematics Standard (MPC)	CAFS (Library)	
		Monday 7 th April	Tuesday 8 th April	Wednesday 9 th April	Thursday 10 th April	Friday 11 th April
	1 Start: 8:20	English Extension 1 (S-U-8/S-U-9)		Italian Beginners (S-U-8/S-U-9)	<i>Return to normal timetable and catch-up exams to take place if not completed already</i>	
	2 Start: 11:00	Earth and Environmental Science (TC-G-3)	Geography (S-U-8/S-U-9)	Spanish Beginners (S-U-8/S-U-9)		
	3 Start: 1:30	Japanese Beginners (S-U-8/S-U-9)	French Beginners (S-U-8/S-U-9)			

Practical Tests By Appointment:

- Music

Please see your teacher to arrange this.

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School Sport Updates

It has been a busy fortnight of sport. We have a large number of students taking part in sporting trials during school hours and many competing in the CHS Knockout Competition after school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who have assisted in organising these games and have given up a lot of their time to support students in these extracurricular activities.

Soccer

The Boys Soccer Team played their first game in the Knockout Competition against St Clair High School on Friday 7 March. The St Marys team scored first, with a goal from Ashton Heald – but St Clair quickly evened up the score. At half time it was 1-1. Early in the second half another goal was scored by Spencer Webster, putting St Marys in the lead 2-1. Siddharth Chinnanelli then scored two goals, securing the win for St Marys Senior High School.

Thank you to the group of supporters that came out for the game to cheer the team on. We wish the team all the best for their next game against Kingswood High School on Wednesday 26 March.



Basketball

Congratulations to Abdo Alkhouri of Year 12 and Khloe Veloso of Year 11 on their selection into the Sydney West Basketball Teams. We wish them the best of luck when they compete at the NSW CHS Championships next term.

The Boys Knockout Basketball Team played against Muirfield High School on Friday 14 March. The team demonstrated fantastic skill, scoring a number of three point shots. St Marys Senior won the game 94-33 and have now progressed to Round 3. The team has one more game against Jamison High School to qualify for the Sydney Wes Final Eight Gala Day. We wish them all the best!



Cricket

The Boys Cricket Team played against Plumpton High School on Friday 7 March in a 20-20 match. The boys bowled extremely well with Michael Gardiner and Shrey Godla taking two wickets for twelve runs each, with Plumpton out for a total of 80 runs. St Marys had their turn at the bat, with Adam Badesha scoring 21 not out and Artham Jhamat scoring 45. The boys ended on 2-84 and have now progressed to the next round. I would like to thank Ron Davies for taking the team and assisting with umpiring in very hot conditions, and wish the team all the best for their next game.



Swimming

Congratulations to our swimmers who did a remarkable job representing St Marys Senior High School at the Werrington Zone Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 12 March. Many athletes have qualified for the Sydney West Championships, to be held on Thursday 20 March.

A special mention goes to Jordan Williamson, Evie Bullock and Jack Barry who were named 17 Years Age Champions, with Timothy Cheng, Emma Borg and Cameron Shearan runners up.

We wish all of our swimmers all the best for Thursday!



Hockey

Congratulations to Liliana Turner on her selection in the Sydney West Hockey Team. Liliana will compete at the NSW CHS Championships in Parkes next term. We wish her all the best for the competition.

Rugby League

Congratulations to Mia Hyde on her selection in the Sydney West Rugby League Team. Mia will compete at the NSW CHS Championships in Figtree next term. We wish her all of the best for the competition.

Joanne Brines

Sports Coordinator



SMSHS – SOURCES OF SUPPORT



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Term 1 Weeks 9A @ SMSHS

Monday 24 Mar	Tuesday 25 Mar	Wednesday 26 Mar	Thursday 27 Mar	Friday 28 Mar
<p>Werrington Zone Touch Football Gala Day</p> <p>Year 11 Enterprise Computing, Task 1 due</p>	<p>School Council Meeting, 6pm via Teams</p> <p>French Film Festival</p> <p>Soiree Showcase</p> <p>Year 11 Engineering Studies, Task 1 due</p> <p>Year 11 Software Engineering, Task 1 due</p> <p>Year 11 Studies of Religion II, Task 1 due</p>	<p>Texstyle Exhibition and student seminars</p> <p>USYD Careers Gazebo and Scholarship Presentation</p> <p>CHS KO Netball – Round 2 v Windsor HS</p> <p>Lunch concerts</p> <p>Year 12 English Extension 1, Task 1 due</p> <p>Year 11 ITM, Task 1 due</p>	<p>UOW Careers Gazebo and Scholarship Presentation</p> <p>Year 11 Business Services, Task 1 due</p> <p>Year 11 Chemistry, Task 1 due</p> <p>Year 11 Fitness, Task 1 due</p> <p>Year 11 Photography, Task 1 due</p>	<p>Year 12 Business Services, Task 4 due</p> <p>Year 12 Photography, Task 1 due</p>

Term 1 Weeks 10B @ SMSHS

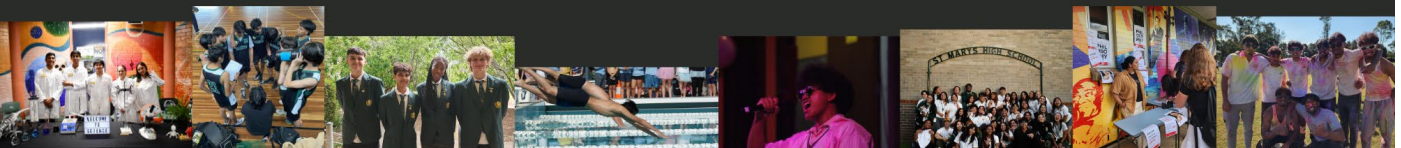
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Term 1 Weeks 11A @ SMSHS

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Open Evening 2025

Friday 21 March 2025, Starting at 3 pm and concluding at 7 pm



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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	Lidija Radovancevic
- 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
- 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
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Year 12 2025

New Student Concession Cards

Some cards are about to expire - if this applies to you, be sure to pick up your new student concession card from the front office ASAP


Concession entitlement

