

TERM 2 WEEKS 7 & 8

9 - 20 June 2025

Important Dates – Term 2 2025					
W7	Mon 9 Jun	King's Birthday – Public Holiday Year 11 Student, Parent, Teacher Evening			
W9	Wed 25 Jun				
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

Welcome to our newsletter for this fortnight as we transition into the winter months. Our Year 11 students have now reached the halfway point of their Preliminary Course. This milestone offers a valuable opportunity for them to reflect on their progress and identify areas for improvement.

We were fortunate to enjoy some sunny weather at our recent athletics carnival. The event showcased fantastic school spirit and friendly competition. The effort put in by students to dress for the occasion added to the carnival atmosphere. We are lucky to have such talented students who exemplified sportsmanship and camaraderie. I look forward to hearing about our athletes' performances at the upcoming zone carnival.

As we move into an assessment period, it is essential for students to follow the school's assessment policy. This policy outlines the expectations and procedures for assessments, ensuring fairness and transparency in evaluating student performance. By adhering to the policy, students can better understand assessment criteria, deadlines and expectations, which ultimately

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Principal's Report continued

supports their academic success and helps them develop essential skills for future assessments.

This week, the NSW Public Schools Survey (NPSS) will be completed across every Cluster Meeting. Parents and carers have been provided with an opt-out option if they choose for their child not to participate. The data collected from this survey is invaluable as it helps the education system assess the needs and experiences of students and families, guiding future improvements and resource allocation.

We would like to remind our community that expressions of interest for Year 11 enrolment in 2026 have now closed, and our enrolment panel has met. In the coming weeks, all applicants will receive correspondence regarding the outcomes of this panel. It is important to note that our school can only offer a specific number of positions based on an enrolment cap set by the Department of Education.

If your application is not successful, please be aware that there is an appeals process for enrolment that can be utilised. Initial appeals should be made in writing to the Principal. Please be aware that once the school reaches its enrolment cap, schools can only go over this cap if there are both exceptional and extenuating circumstances, and this avenue of appeal must be endorsed by the school's Director Educational Leadership.

As we move into the second half of a term filled with activities, please ensure you stay updated through our school's social media platforms.

Wishing everyone a productive and enjoyable fortnight ahead!

Sally Smithard

Principal



School Attendance







It is the Department's expectation that every student attends between 95% to 100% of the school year.

This is because research shows that students with an attendance rate below 90% are educationally at risk



Improved school attendance leads to a range of positive outcomes for students, including:

- Improved academic outcomes
- Improved social outcomes and engagement with community and
- Increased engagement and HSC attainment
- Improved long term mental health and social functioning

Student Advisers

We have staff who are happy to offer support

YEAR 12	YEAR II
Surnames A-G	Surnames A-G
Adam Bernthaler	Jacqui Crawhall
CAPA Faculty	Maths Faculty
Surnames H-O	Surnames H-O
Lauren Hasna	Wendi Kambolli
HSIE Faculty	Commercial Studies Faculty
Surnames P-Z	Surnames P-Z
Jeff Larsen	Luigi Serra
TAS/Computing Faculty	LOTE Faculty



Year 11 Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews

Our Year 11 Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews are taking place on Wednesday 25 June between 4 pm and 8:30 pm.

As a result of feedback on last year's interviews, teachers will undertake interviews via phone.

Bookings will be in 10 minute blocks which will give teachers time to speak with parents, caregivers and students, while also allowing for call dropouts or call failures.

Teachers will call parents and carers on the phone number that we have on file, which parents and carers provided when students enrolled in the school. If you have changed your phone number since then, students can come to the office to collect a change of contact details form, or parents and carers can email their new contact details to the school email address, stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

If anyone needs help updating their password for Sentral, please email matthew.topp@det.nsw.edu.au.

The window for booking Year 11 interviews will be open from 9am on Tuesday 17 June until 7am on Tuesday 24 June 2025.

A short "how to" regarding booking interviews can be found on the following pages.

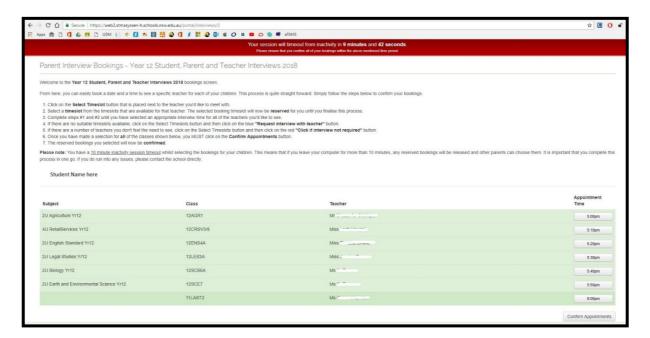
Matthew Topp

Student, Parent, Teacher Interview Coordinator



How to book interview times with teachers

- 1. Log into the Parent Portal at https://smshs.sentral.com.au/portal
- 2. Interview bookings will open at 9am on Tuesday 17 June for Year 11. After that time, click on the yellow banner to open the PTI booking page.
- 3. The next window shows all classes in which a student is enrolled. Parents and carers can select times from the buttons on the right of screen. The sample student here shows all time slots filled.

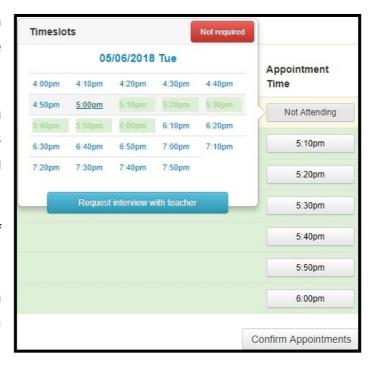


4. When you click to set a time for each interview, the booking window looks like the image shown on the right.

Times that are greyed out are unavailable for a parent and carer, either because the teacher is unavailable or because they have a clashing time already booked.

Parents and carers can choose not required if they so desire.

Once all times have been selected, click on "Confirm Appointments", which should lock in your times.



5. When complete, you can choose to receive an email with times and dates as a calendar file.



SMSHS – SOURCES OF SUPPORT



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Deputy Principal Year 12 2025	Leah Havord	leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au		



Term 2 Weeks 7A @ SMSHS						
Monday 9 Jun	Tuesday 10 Jun	Wednesday 11 Jun	Thursday 12 Jun	Friday 13 Jun		
KING'S BIRTHDAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY	PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES	PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES	PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES	Belvoir Archive Viewing Black Comedy		
	xxx Year 12 Physics, Task 3 – during the Period Zero Year 11 Business Studies, Task 2 – during the Period Zero Year 12 Agriculture, Task 3 due Year 12 Ancient History, Task 3 due Year 12 Drama, Task 3 due	Futsal School Championships Lunch Concerts Year 11 CAFS, Task 2 – during the Period Zero Year 12 Drama, Task 3 due Year 12 ITM, Task 3 due	Year 12 Legal Studies, Task 3 – during the Period Zero Year 12 Drama, Task 3 due	Year 12 Drama, Task 3 due		

Term 2 Weeks 8B @ SMSHS						
Monday 16 Jun	Tuesday 17 Jun	Wednesday 18 Jun	Thursday 19 Jun	Friday 20 Jun		
Year 11 Business Services Work Placement	PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES Year 11 Business	UNSW Careers Gazebo Lunch Concerts	PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES Blak Douglas Visual	Year 11 Business Services Work Placement		
Year 11 Fitness Work Placement	Services Work Placement	Year 11 Business Services Work Placement	Arts Program Year 11 Business	Year 11 Fitness Work Placement		
Year 12 Investigating Science, Task 3 due	Year 11 Fitness Work Placement Year 12 Maths Standard	Year 11 Fitness Work Placement	Services Work Placement Year 11 Fitness Work	Book Week Celebration @ SMSHS 2025 HSC Trial Music		
	2, Task 3 – during the Period Zero	Year 12 Business Services, Task 6 due	Placement Year 12 Biology, Task 3	Practical Examinations begin		
	Year 12 Investigating Science, Task 3 due	Year 12 Engineering Studies, Task 3 due	- during the Period Zero Year 11 Maths Ext 1,	Year 12 Investigating Science, Task 3 due		
	Year 11 Ancient History, Task 2 due	Year 12 Geography, Task 3 due	Task 2 – during the Period Zero	Year 12 Music 1, Task 4 begins		
	Year 11 Engineering Studies, Task 2 due Year 11 Legal Studies,	Year 12 Investigating Science, Task 3 due Year 12 Textiles and	Year 12 Investigating Science, Task 3 due Year 11 Agriculture,			
	Task 2 due Year 11 Visual Arts.	Design, Task 3 due Year 11 Hospitality.	Task 2 due Year 11 Business			
	Task 1 due	Task 1 due Year 11 Investigating	Services, Task 2 due Year 11 Food			
		Science, Task 2 due	Technology, Task 2 due Year 11 Society and Culture, Task 2 due			



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 HSIF 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

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

School Administrative Manager (Rel)

Learning Support: Carmel Harriden (M, T) Carly McPherson (T, W, T) Anne-Maree Magi (Th, F) Ashlee Pleffer (M, T, W)

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