



## TERM 2 WEEKS 7 & 8

9 - 20 June 2025

### Important Dates – Term 2 2025

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

### Mobile Phone Policy



### 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



Education



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

**95%** = 10 days or less off a year

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



Education

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

- Improved academic outcomes
- Improved social outcomes and engagement with community and peers
- 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 11
Surnames A-G <b>Adam Bernthaler</b> CAPA Faculty	Surnames A-G <b>Jacqui Crawhall</b> Maths Faculty
Surnames H-O <b>Lauren Hasna</b> HSIE Faculty	Surnames H-O <b>Wendi Kambolli</b> Commercial Studies Faculty
Surnames P-Z <b>Jeff Larsen</b> TAS/Computing Faculty	Surnames P-Z <b>Luigi Serra</b> LOTE Faculty



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## 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](mailto:stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) .

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

Parent Interview Bookings - Year 12 Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews 2018

Welcome to the Year 12 Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews 2018 bookings screen.

From here, you can easily book a date and a time to see a specific teacher for each of your children. This process is quite straight forward. Simply follow the steps below to confirm your bookings.

1. Click on the **Select Timeslot** button that is placed next to the teacher you'd like to meet with.
2. Select a **timeslot** from the timeslots that are available for that teacher. The selected booking timeslot will now be **reserved** for you until you finalise this process.
3. Complete steps #1 and #2 until you have selected an appropriate interview time for all of the teachers you'd like to see.
4. If there are no suitable timeslots available, click on the Select Timeslots button and then click on the blue **"Request interview with teacher"** button.
5. If there are a number of teachers you don't feel the need to see, click on the Select Timeslots button and then click on the red **"Click if interview not required"** button.
6. Once you have made a selection for **all** of the classes shown below, you **MUST** click on the **Confirm Appointments** button.
7. The reserved bookings you selected will now be **confirmed**.

**Please note:** You have a **10 minute inactivity session timeout** whilst selecting the bookings for your children. This means that if you leave your computer for more than 10 minutes, any reserved bookings will be released and other parents can choose them. It is important that you complete this process in one go. If you do run into any issues, please contact the school directly.

Student Name here

Subject	Class	Teacher	Appointment Time
2U Agriculture Yr12	12AGR1	Mr. [Name]	5:00pm
4U Retail Services Yr12	12CRSV3/8	Miss. [Name]	5:10pm
2U English Standard Yr12	12ENSA4	Miss. [Name]	5:20pm
2U Legal Studies Yr12	12LES3A	Miss. [Name]	5:30pm
2U Biology Yr12	12SCB6A	Ms. [Name]	5:40pm
2U Earth and Environmental Science Yr12	12SCE7	Ms. [Name]	5:50pm
	11LAST2	Ms. [Name]	6:00pm

Confirm Appointments

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.

Timeslots

05/06/2018 Tue

4:00pm 4:10pm 4:20pm 4:30pm 4:40pm

4:50pm 5:00pm 5:10pm 5:20pm 5:30pm

5:40pm 5:50pm 6:00pm 6:10pm 6:20pm

6:30pm 6:40pm 6:50pm 7:00pm 7:10pm

7:20pm 7:30pm 7:40pm 7:50pm

Request interview with teacher

Appointment Time

Not Attending

5:10pm

5:20pm

5:30pm

5:40pm

5:50pm

6:00pm

Confirm Appointments

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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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	<b>PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES</b>  xxx  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	<b>PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES</b>  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	<b>PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES</b>  Year 12 Legal Studies, Task 3 – during the Period Zero  Year 12 Drama, Task 3 due	Belvoir Archive Viewing Black Comedy  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  Year 11 Fitness Work Placement  Year 12 Investigating Science, Task 3 due	<b>PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES</b>  Year 11 Business Services Work Placement  Year 11 Fitness Work Placement  Year 12 Maths Standard 2, Task 3 – during the Period Zero  Year 12 Investigating Science, Task 3 due  Year 11 Ancient History, Task 2 due  Year 11 Engineering Studies, Task 2 due  Year 11 Legal Studies, Task 2 due  Year 11 Visual Arts, Task 1 due	UNSW Careers Gazebo  Lunch Concerts  Year 11 Business Services Work Placement  Year 11 Fitness Work Placement  Year 12 Business Services, Task 6 due  Year 12 Engineering Studies, Task 3 due  Year 12 Geography, Task 3 due  Year 12 Investigating Science, Task 3 due  Year 12 Textiles and Design, Task 3 due  Year 11 Hospitality, Task 1 due  Year 11 Investigating Science, Task 2 due	<b>PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES</b>  Blak Douglas Visual Arts Program  Year 11 Business Services Work Placement  Year 11 Fitness Work Placement  Year 12 Biology, Task 3 – during the Period Zero  Year 11 Maths Ext 1, Task 2 – during the Period Zero  Year 12 Investigating Science, Task 3 due  Year 11 Agriculture, Task 2 due  Year 11 Business Services, Task 2 due  Year 11 Food Technology, Task 2 due  Year 11 Society and Culture, Task 2 due	Year 11 Business Services Work Placement  Year 11 Fitness Work Placement  Book Week Celebration @ SMSHS  2025 HSC Trial Music Practical Examinations begin  Year 12 Investigating Science, Task 3 due  Year 12 Music 1, Task 4 begins



## 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
- Year 12 2025, Surnames A-G	Adam Bernthaler
- Year 12 2025, Surnames H-O	Lauren Hasna
- Year 12 2025, Surnames P-Z	Jeff Larsen
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# In Class, On Time!

See your Mentor, Personal Mentor or Student Adviser if you need any help!



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