

# St Marys Senior High School

Principal: Sally Smithard

School Captains: Isidro Alfonso  
Andrea Reyes

School Council President: Ross Abbott

## Principal's Report

Welcome back to the classroom, Year 11 and 12. I am hoping that as you are receiving your results from your examinations that you can find some time to reflect on your achievements and areas of improvement. Our goal is always to achieve our "Personal Best". Be proud of what you have achieved and work with your support team to plan how you can continually improve.

This week I had the pleasure of meeting all of the candidates in Year 11 who have nominated for the positions of School Captain and Vice Captain for 2019. The calibre of these students is staggering. They have all demonstrated a commitment towards the school community with many referring to the culture of our school as that of family and their desire to give back is a credit to them all. I wish them all the best for their speeches later in the term and thank them for their leadership, courage and dedication to serve others.

Unfortunately, our current canteen contractors will cease trading at the end of Term 3. We have just been issued approval to go through the tender process by Schools Finance. However, given the timeframe of this process there may be a short period of time where we may be without a canteen operator at the start of Term 4. I will provide further details once the tender committee is formed. Thank you to our School Council who have provided a community representative, John Marshall to sit on this committee. *Continued over the page →*

## IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 3 2018

W7	Tues 4 Sep	ValYOU Day
W7	Wed 5 Sep	School Disco <i>St Marys Band Club</i> 6:30 - 10:00 pm
W9	Tues 18 Sep	Heritage Day
W10	Mon 24 Sep	School Captain Elections
W10	Tues 25 Sep	Major Works Assembly
W10	Wed 26 Sep	Year 12 Graduation Rehearsal
W10	Thur 27 Sep	Year 12 Graduation <i>Panthers Exhibition Marquee</i>

## IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 4 2018

W1	Tues 16 Oct	Year 11 Year Meeting <i>Period Zero, MPC</i>
W1	Wed 17 Oct	Enrolment Evening 1 for Year 11 2019
W1	Thur 18 Oct	HSC exams start
W1	Thur 18 Oct	Enrolment Evening 2 for Year 11 2019
W2	Tues 23 Oct	School Council Meeting <i>6pm, Front office</i>
W3	Mon 29 Oct	Start of HSC course work Year 12 2019
W5	Tues 13 Nov	Year 12 Sign Out Day 1
W5	Thur 15 Nov	Year 12 Sign Out Day 2
W5	Fri 16 Nov	Year 12 Formal
W8	Tues 4 Dec	Presentation Day
W8	Tues 4 Dec	School Council Meeting <i>7:30 am, Front office</i>
W9	Tues 11 Dec	End of Year Trek – Tasmania begins
W10	Mon 17 Dec	Collaroy Leadership Camp begins
W10	Mon 17 Dec	School Leadership Program begins

## ***Principal's Report continued***

By the time you are reading this newsletter our Duke of Ed hikers will have returned from their recent trek in the beautiful Blue Mountains. Thank you to Dave Hanslow and Arthur Andrews for their leadership of this initiative and to all of our students for undertaking the trek. The skills, experiences and memories created from these activities reinforce the importance of education providing a range of opportunities to students to develop the whole person.

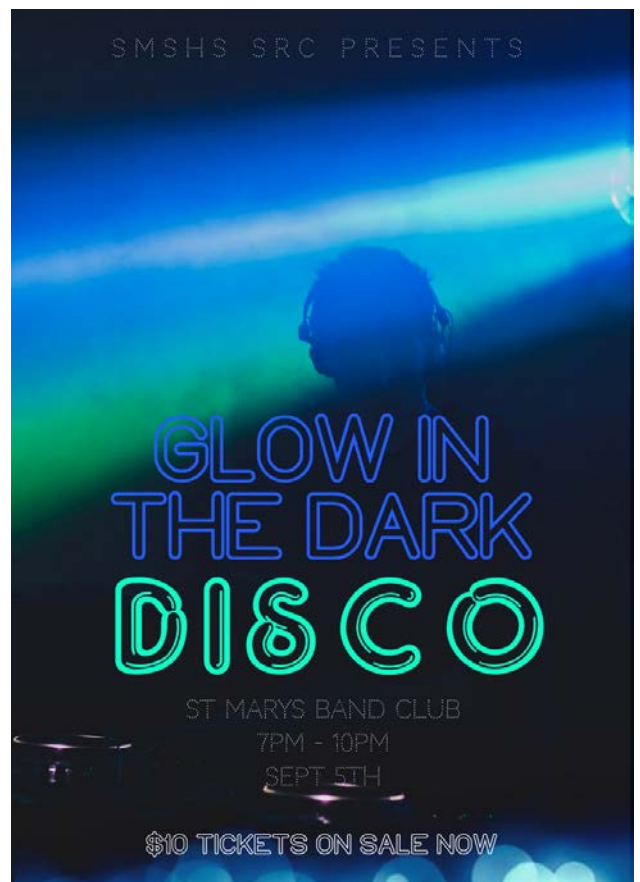
I have had the privilege of attending a number of events where student Major Works have been showcased and celebrated. The hours and hours of time put into these products demonstrate the commitment of students and staff to produce high quality work. I am so proud of every student for their effort and creativity.

Our School Disco takes place this Wednesday (5 September) and I would like to thank the SRC for their efforts in organising this social event. The work of the SRC is incredibly important to our school and their ability to manage their time and whole school events is a credit to the skills they possess. The support provided to them from Sharon and Janette, our SRC Coordinators is outstanding and I thank them for their leadership. I hope to see you all at the disco.

This coming week is SASS Recognition Week (3-7 September) where we acknowledge the work and contributions of the non-teaching staff to our schools. In a large comprehensive high school we have a variety of non-teaching staff that support students and staff to ensure the school runs smoothly. Thank you to our amazing team!

***Sally Smithard***

*Principal*



## Congratulations, Belle!

*The following is a press release from YMCA NSW:*

### BELLE POWELL WINS NSW YOUTH PARLIAMENTARIAN OF 2018



St Marys Senior High School student and Leonay resident, Belle Powell 16 has been awarded NSW Youth Parliamentarian of 2018!

Belle was selected to participate in the YMCA NSW Youth Parliament, which is an empowerment and advocacy program that provides a platform for young people to have their voices heard through legislative debate and decision making.

She was appointed to represent her electorate as the Honourable Member for Penrith and was elected as the Minister for Women's Affairs. "I worked alongside a passionate team of inspiring young women to create a bill focussed on the prevention of domestic violence in NSW," said Belle.

The bill was argued by her and her team at Parliament House in Sydney and passed! It will now go to the government for assessment for the future.

"We want to grow up and raise our children in an Australia where a woman is not hospitalised every three hours due to domestic violence," said Belle. "We felt as though our youth voice could have a strong influence.

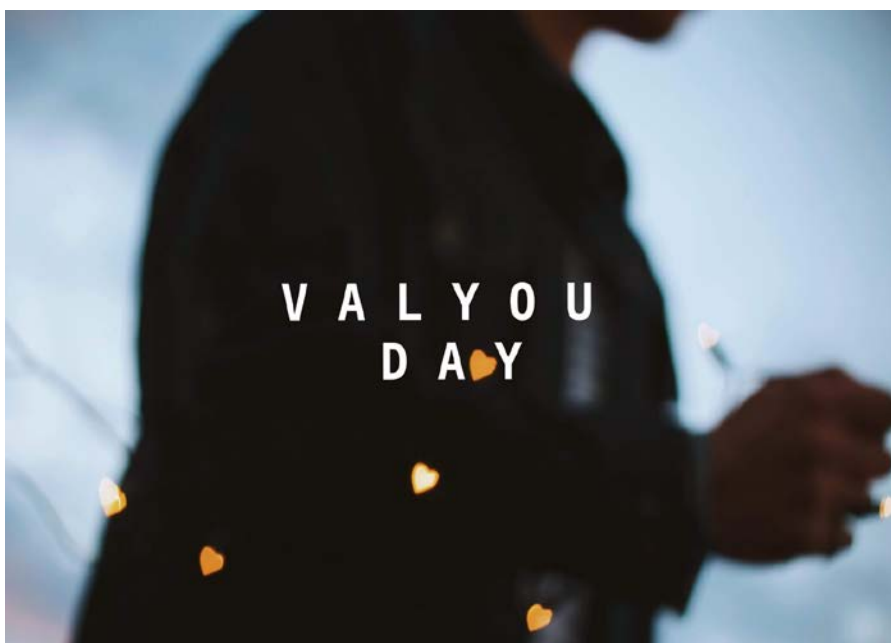
If we tap into the root cause at an education level, we could be able to change the thinking of children who will grow up to be respectful, informed adults.”

Belle also spoke of her overall experience, saying, “Youth parliament gave me the freedom to advocate for issues I felt passionately about, in an encouraging atmosphere with like-minded peers. It was a wonderful opportunity to be able to learn about government processes.”

Angus Lonergan is the Youth Empowerment and Inclusion Coordinator at YMCA NSW. He said, “Belle was not only a fantastic speaker on the floor of Parliament, an active contributor to all debates and strong advocate for the issues she is passionate about, but also very supportive and encouraging to other participants. She showed great leadership while upholding the ethos of Youth Parliament as an advocacy and personal development program.”

Since its beginning in 2002, over half a dozen pieces of YMCA NSW Youth Parliament youth legislation have been passed into NSW Law, including the recent Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme. Hundreds of young people, from every electorate, have had their say in shaping the policy framework of NSW Parliament.

Mr. Lonergan added that Belle’s award, “...was very well deserved and she has an incredible future of advocacy ahead of her!”



### **ValYOU Day** **(Tuesday 4 September)**

is a collaborative event between two student led clubs, Fatfish and YFC which aims to place value upon young people and encourage others to know that there is ‘Hope After All’.

As a fundraiser for Beyond Blue, we also aim to raise awareness about mental health issues – and encourage everyone to **wear blue** and bring a gold coin donation.

## This fortnight @ SMSHS

Monday 3 Sept	Tuesday 4 Sept	Wednesday 5 Sept	Thursday 6 Sept	Friday 7 Sept
<b>WEEK A</b>  <b>RAW Program</b> <i>For Year 11 EAL/D students</i>  <b>PISA Assessment</b> <i>For selected Year 11 students</i>	<b>RAW Program</b> <i>For Year 11 EAL/D students</i>  <b>PISA Assessment</b> <i>For selected Year 11 students</i>  <b>Werrington Zone Futsal</b> <i>Year 11 and 12 Girls and Boys</i>	<b>RAW Program</b> <i>For Year 11 EAL/D students</i>  <b>School Disco</b> <i>6:30 - 10:00 pm St Marys Band Club</i>  <b>French Cultural Visit</b> <i>Year 12 French students</i>	<b>RAW Civics Day</b> <i>For Year 11 EAL/D students</i>  <b>Londonderry Leadership Day</b> <i>SRC students</i>	<b>Pathways to Dreaming Excursion</b>
Monday 10 Sept	Tuesday 11 Sept	Wednesday 12 Sept	Thursday 13 Sept	Friday 14 Sept
<b>WEEK B</b>				

### Our Staff Teams

Principal:	Sally Smithard
School Leadership Team:	
- Deputy Principal (Year 12)	Danielle Ervine
- Deputy Principal (Year 11 - Rel)	Leah Havord
- English	Julie Robinson
- Mathematics	Simone Pett
- Science (Rel)	Lidija Radovancevic
- Commercial Studies (Rel)	Salochna Reddy
- HSIE	Lisa O'Neill
- CAPA	Lesley Stubbs
- Computing	Matthew Topp
- LOTE	Luigi Serra
- TAS/PDHPE (Rel)	Angela Lievore
- Secondary Studies	Liz Hemmings
- Student Services (Rel)	Peta Bailey
- First Australians	Lidija Radovancevic
- Sport and Recreation	Joanne Brines
- School Administrative Manager	Rebecca Zinghini
Student Advisers:	
- Year 12, Surnames A-G	Charly Ebejer
- Year 12, Surnames H-O	Ellen Worgan
- Year 12, Surnames P-Z	Lyn Tuckwell
- Year 11, Surnames A-G	Luigi Serra
- Year 11, Surnames H-O	Andrew Mabey
- Year 11, Surnames P-Z	Nicola Preston
Learning Support:	Carmel Harriden Dianne Pyne
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