



Our School Newsletter

Principal: Sally Smithard

School Captains: Neha Bhatt and Avisha Khan

School Council President: Ross Abbott

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Important Dates – Term 2 2019

W3	Fri 17 May	Extended Personal Mentor Year 11 meeting in MPC
W4	Fri 24 May	Expressions of Interest, Year 11 2020, due by 3:00 pm
W5	Tues 28 May	School Council Meeting 6pm, Front Office
W6	Mon 3 Jun	School Athletics Carnival Blair Oval, all day
W6	Tues 4 Jun	Student-Parent-Teacher Evening, Year 12 2019 Library, 4pm – 8pm
W7	Mon 10 Jun	Queen's Birthday Holiday
W7	Wed 12 Jun	ValYOU Day
W9	Tues 25 Jun	School Council Meeting 6pm, Front Office
W9	Wed 26 Jun	Student-Parent-Teacher Evening, Year 11 2019 Library, 4pm – 8pm
W9	Fri 28 Jun	Western Sydney Careers Expo, Year 12 students
W9	Fri 28 Jun	Seminar Day, Year 11 students
W10	Fri 5 Jul	Last day of term for students and staff

Principal's Report

It has been a great start to the term with an amazing musical providing an opportunity for our students to showcase their talents in a variety of ways on stage and behind the scenes. It was wonderful to see so many of our parents attend one of the five performances which has received some lovely reviews. Congratulations to all students and staff involved and thank you for your relentless efforts.

The 2018 Annual School Report is now published and available for all members of our school community via our school website - <https://stmaryssen-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>. I invite all members of our school community to view this report and celebrate with

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Principal's Report continued

us some of our achievements in 2018 and develop a better understanding of our strategic directions for 2019 and beyond.

Our teaching staff engaged in some excellent professional learning on the School Development Day as we embarked on the new term. The day focused on our core business, teaching and learning and was led by a variety of staff. The morning session saw staff being absorbed in a workshop related to differentiating the curriculum – thank you to Lidija, Donna, Rebecca, Anil and Dean for their work to support staff in ensuring all students can engage in the learning process. The afternoon sessions focused on assessments, assessment practices and using data to improve outcomes for students. Thank you to Luigi, Kim and Ghaz for their work and leadership in this area.

Over the last two weeks there has been a lot of media attention focused on poor community behaviour directed at schools as a result of frustrations, unresolved conflict or unrealistic expectations. We are fortunate that these behaviours are not a major issue at St Marys and that stakeholders generally conduct themselves in a manner which is respectful, courteous and focussed on resolving issues. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our families and students for their part in ensuring that St Marys Senior High School is an environment which is focused collectively upon learning and wellbeing.

I have included here the Code of Conduct for school students on trains and stations as a reminder of expectations for our students whilst travelling to and from school. There have been some reports to both the school and Transport NSW regarding our students on trains. We are working with Transport NSW to clarify some of the concerns raised by commuters. I would also like to remind students that if they feel unsafe in any way due to a response from another commuter they are to notify station staff immediately and if necessary, contact 000.

Congratulations to Violet Wetsteyn in Year 12 who was selected in the Combined High Schools Netball team and was voted Sydney West Players' Player by her peers. This is a great achievement. Congratulations to Violet.

At the end of this week, sixty staff from our school have offered to give up their weekend to participate in a whole school conference on wellbeing. Staff are not paid for their time, doing this to support the current and future students of St Marys Senior High School. I would like to thank them for their commitment to education. It is a privilege to work alongside such committed staff that are dedicated to ensuring that every student in every classroom is well supported.

Finally, it is time to put on your running shoes and start preparing for our athletics carnival in Week Six. The school spirit shown at the swimming carnival was outstanding and I look forward to this being replicated on Monday 3 June.

I look forward to working with each of you in the weeks ahead.

Enrolment 2020

Our enrolment timeframes for Year 11 2020 have been brought forward and we ask our community to share our updated timeframes via their social media platforms and community networks. EOI forms for local and non-local enrolments are available now on our website and these forms are due **by 3pm on Friday 24 May 2019**. Any questions can be directed to myself or our Enrolment Secretary. Please feel free to contact the front office on 02-9623-8333.

Sally Smithard

Principal



Congratulations to the cast and crew of "In The Heights"



NSW Trains – Code of conduct for school students on trains and stations

All students are to behave in a manner that ensures both their comfort and safety and that of other passengers in order to retain their School travel pass.



Students will:

- Obey all signage instructions on stations and trains.
- Behave safely at all times (e.g. avoid running or riding bikes, scooters or skates on stations and trains, keep off the train lines, keep arms, legs and other body parts inside the train, refrain from touching train doors, safety equipment or any part of a moving train).
- Use non-offensive language and behave appropriately at all times on rail property (e.g. avoid swearing, spitting, fighting, throwing items, keep feet off seats).
- Protect rail property and report graffiti and vandalism.
- Keep yourself and anything you are carrying clear of aisles, steps, thoroughfares and behind the yellow line on platforms.
- Take your rubbish with you and dispose of it thoughtfully.
- Follow the instructions of station staff, drivers, guards, transport offices and Police officers.
- Carry your School Pass during all school-related travel.
- Spread out along the platform so as not to overcrowd one carriage. Avoid boarding carriages that are already overcrowded.
- Allow other passengers to alight before boarding and then board the train without delay.
- Move inside the carriage and stand away from the doors during travel.
- Comply with all laws relating to conduct and behaviour while travelling on public transport.
- Not possess any prohibited items, such as knives, spray cans or other implement intended for use in damaging property.
- Adhere to the law that bans smoking and drinking alcohol at stations or on trains.
- Use the School travel pass only for its intended purpose.
- Keep their School pass for their own use – not lend their School pass to other students or borrow one from them.

If issued with a School Opal card, students must always tap on at the beginning of their train trip and tap off at the end, even at stations without ticket gates.

The School pass may be confiscated and a fine may also apply if these rules are not followed.

Vandalism is a serious criminal offence. Students caught tagging, etching or vandalising stations or trains will be arrested and may face criminal charges.






This week @ SMSHS

Monday 13 May	Tuesday 14 May	Wednesday 15 May	Thursday 16 May	Friday 17 May
WEEK A Bring It On Rehearsals Year 11 Music 2 – Task due and in class test Year 11 SLR – Task due Year 12 Earth and Environmental Science – Topic test Year 12 Visual Arts – Task due	Year 11 Drama – Task due and in class test Year 11 Music 2 – Task due and in class test	InConcert Rehearsal Year 11 Geography – Task due Year 11 SLR – Task due	Year 11 IPT – Task due Year 11 SLR – Task due	Extended Personal Mentor at start of recess – Year 11 Year Meeting in the MPC Sydney West Table Tennis Knockout Excursion to a performance of “Merchant of Venice” Year 11 SLR – Task due
Monday 20 May	Tuesday 21 May	Wednesday 22 May	Thursday 23 May	Friday 24 May
WEEK B Bring It On Rehearsals Year 11 SLR – Task due Year 12 Music 1 – Task due Year 12 Retail Services – work placement	RAW Program Year 12 Music 1 – Task due Year 12 Retail Services – work placement	RAW Program Fast Five Netball Gala Day Year 11 EES – Penrith Lakes Excursion Year 11 SLR – Task due Year 12 Music 1 – Task due Year 12 Retail Services – work placement	RAW Program Year 11 SLR – Task due Year 12 Music 1 – Task due Year 12 Retail Services – work placement	Year 11 2020 EOIs are due by 3pm Year 11 SLR – Task due Year 12 Design and Technology – Task due Year 12 Music 1 – Task due Year 12 Retail Services – work placement

Our Staff Teams

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

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