



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

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

Important Dates – Term 3 2019

W1	Tues 23 Jul	First day of Term 3 for students
W2	Tues 30 Jul	School Council Meeting 6pm, Front Office
W2	Wed 31 Jul	Opportunity Class Placement Test 8am, MPC
W3	Mon 5 Aug	Start of the school exam period, Year 11 and Year 12
W5	Fri 23 Aug	Last day of the school exam period, Year 11 and Year 12
W6	Tues 27 Aug	School Council Meeting 6pm, Front Office
W9	Tues 17 Sep	Heritage Day
W10	Mon 23 Sep	School Captain 2020 Elections, Period 4, MPC
W10	Tues 24 Sep	Major Works Assembly
W10	Wed 25 Sep	Year 12 Graduation Rehearsal
W10	Thur 26 Sep	Year 12 Graduation Penrith Panthers
W10	Thur 26 Sep	Year 11 Seminar Day

Principal's Report

Term 2 has been a very busy term and as we enter the final two weeks I hope you have been able to celebrate some of our student successes. Congratulations to our zone athletics team who competed in the Werrington Zone Carnival. Many of our students will progress through to the Sydney West Regional Carnival in August. Congratulations to the open Girls Netball Team who last week achieved the title of Sydney West Champions and who will progress through to the final sixteen in the state. This is a sensational result for the team and super coach, Maree.

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Principal's Report continued

Last weekend our titration team competed in the State Competition and they should be proud of their achievements. Congratulations and thank you to Rosemary and Nicola for their support of this team who achieved some outstanding scores throughout the event.



We wish our Bring It On dancers all the best in their competition this Saturday. The students have been rehearsing hard for months and I am looking forward to seeing their polished routine on Saturday. Thank you to Donna and Jesse for their work with this team.

This coming Friday is an important day in our school calendar. Year 12 will be attending the Western Sydney Careers Expo at Sydney Olympic Park, while Year 11 will be completing some elements of the mandatory Life Ready (previously Crossroads) Program through their seminar day here at school. We look forward to Year 12 gaining some valuable insights into possible post-school destinations through the Expo, whilst Year 11 are actively engaged in a variety of seminars to support their health and wellbeing.

As we move towards the school holidays, we are mindful of the reality that for many of our Year 12 students this holiday will be balanced by the demands of preparing for their Trial Higher School Certificate Examinations as well as finalising HSC major works. Year 11 likewise will be busy preparing themselves for their Term 3 examinations over this period. It is important that all students are able to strike a balance between their studies and utilise some opportunities for relaxation and rejuvenation, ensuring that their wellbeing is a priority as they move into a very busy term. There are also a variety of support services available within the

school to assist students, and we encourage all of our students to take advantage of these opportunities as needed.

I look forward to meeting with Year 11 students and their parents at their Student, Parent, Teacher Evening on Wednesday 26 June. Year 11 Semester 1 Reports have now been issued and this evening gives students and parents the opportunity to review their progress as they move into the final period of their Year 11 studies.

I hope all our students have a wonderful end to Term 2 and are able to utilise some of the time in the holidays to recharge, ready for another busy term.

Sally Smithard

Principal



Design the school diary cover for 2020

An opportunity for students in Year 12 2020 to design the cover of our school diary

Guidelines:

1. All of the design work must be your own.
2. The diary will be 21 cm wide and 25.5 cm tall.
3. Your design can be made up of a single design (goes on the front and back covers of the diary) OR can include a design for the front cover and a design for the back cover.
4. Your design can be submitted as a hard copy or as a PDF.
5. Your front design will have a school crest placed on it – you may wish to indicate where the crest will go on your design.
6. Your design should include the following phrases:
 - St Marys Senior High School
 - School Diary 2020
7. Your design should be based on the theme “Inclusiveness”, the first of our school values.
8. You need to submit your design to Leah **by 3:20 pm on Wednesday 31 July 2019**.
9. Your design will be submitted to the panel which will decide on the winning design.

Do you have any questions? Please contact Leah (leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au) when you get the chance!



Western Sydney Careers Expo for Year 12 students

As a crucial part of our careers and transition program, Year 12 will be travelling to Homebush for the annual Western Sydney Careers Expo on Friday 28 June. This is an important opportunity for our young people to investigate options and pathways beyond school. There are stalls from universities, TAFE and colleges from across Australia as well as the Australian Defence Force and many other course and employment providers. The Expo runs over the weekend so if parents would like to go back with their children on the Saturday or Sunday, students can re-use their tickets. To maximise the benefit of this event it would be ideal if families took the opportunity to have a conversation in the lead up to this excursion as well as a de-brief afterwards. Students will have received a list of the exhibitors during Personal Mentor this week and will have been asked to plan which stalls they would like to visit to maximise the use of their time at the Expo. All details in regards to times, travel, dress code and food will also be detailed at Personal Mentor and in Week 9 Cluster Meetings.

This is the one opportunity for students to attend an excursion as a whole year group in their time at our school. It is encouraged that they take the chance to get to know somebody new and demonstrate our SMSHS pride to everyone that they meet!



LET THE SAINTS FEED YOU

HELP THE SRC RAISE FUNDS FOR UPCOMING
STUDENT-RUN FUNCTIONS

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 26TH

Year 11 Student, Parent,
Teacher Evening

Cash only
payments

4 pm – 7:30 pm

PRICES

Beef or chicken sausage sandwich **\$2.50**

Add onions for **50c**

Soft drink **\$1**

Extra donations welcome

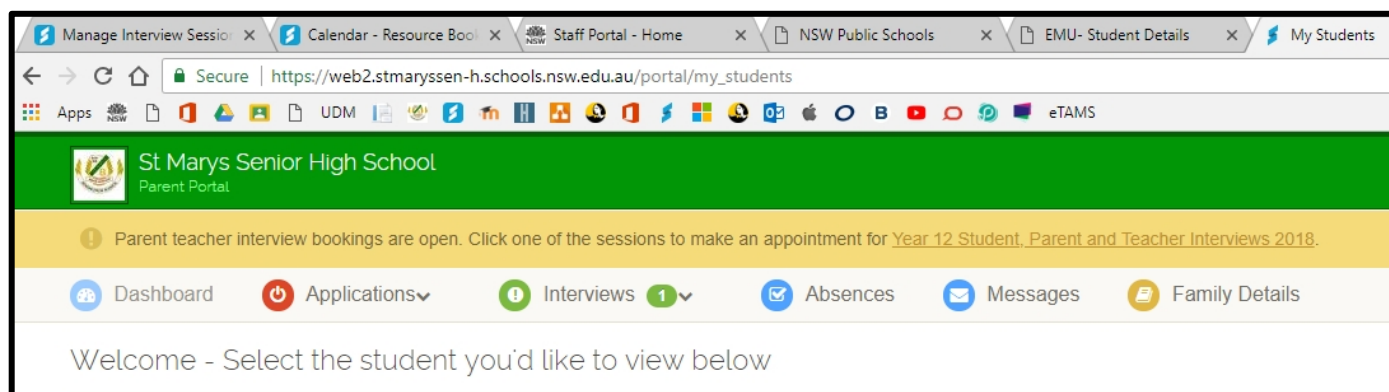
Making times for Year 11 Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews @ SMSHS

St Marys Senior High School's Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews for Year 11 will take place on **Wednesday 26 June 2018 from 4pm to 8pm** in the school library.

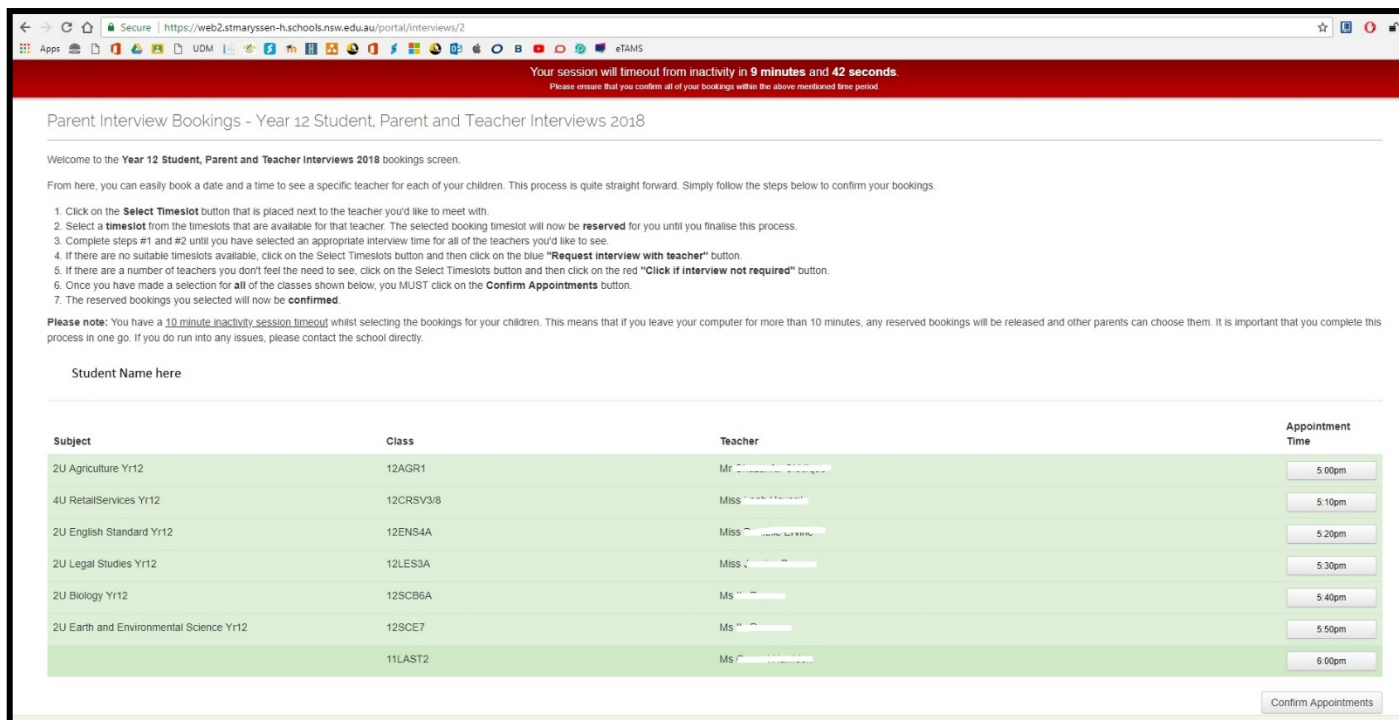
Parents have the opportunity to set up interviews with their child's teachers through the Parent Portal **by 3:20 pm on Tuesday 25 June**. **Please note interviews are by appointment only.**

Here is a short tutorial showing how to make interview times with teachers.

1. Log into the Parent Portal at <https://web2.stmaryssen-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal>
2. Interview bookings will open **at midnight on Monday 17 June 2019**. 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 or caregivers can select times from the buttons on the right of screen. The sample student here shows all time slots filled.

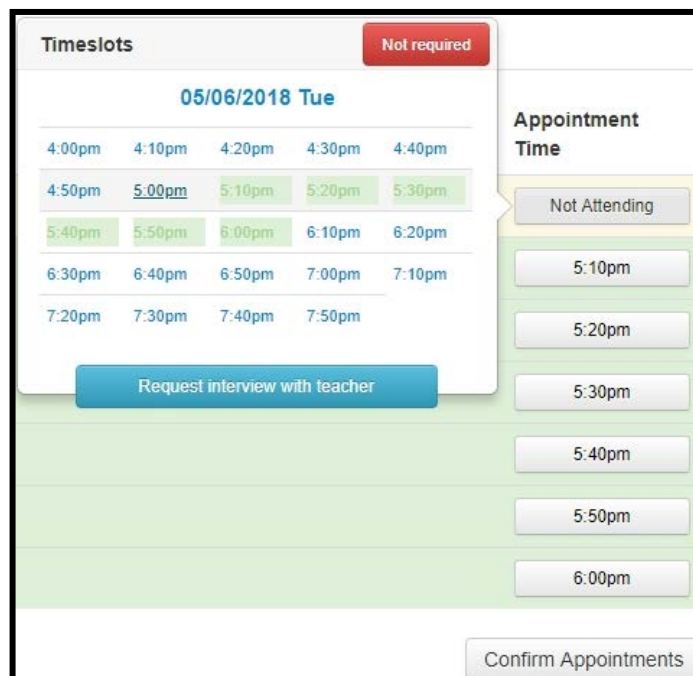


4. When you click to set a time for each interview, the booking window looks like the image shown on the right.

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

Parents or caregivers 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. As well as classroom teachers, parents and caregivers have the opportunity to select an interview with the school's support teachers and Careers Adviser.

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

If there are issues connecting to the Parent Portal, please contact Matt at school (via the school phone number or email) as we will work to make the necessary updates.



Act For Peace - Ration Challenge

During Refugee Week (16-23 June 2019) our school's Amnesty Group participated in the Ration Challenge, being run by Act for Peace. The challenge saw students volunteering to eat the same rations as a Syrian refugee – a small amount of rice, flour, lentils, chick peas, beans, fish and oil – and getting sponsored to do this. The more than \$7000 raised by our school alone will be combined with the funds raised by schools across Australia to provide food, medicine and education for refugees as well as supporting other communities around the world threatened by conflict and disaster.

We would like to congratulate the members of our fantastic school team, and thank all of you in our community that sponsored our students and our team. An amazing effort!



Selection process for our School Captains and School Vice Captains for 2020

The positions of School Captain and School Vice Captain are important student leadership roles in our school community. In these roles, our student leaders both represent our school to the broader community and perform a large number of important functions within our own school community on top of their ongoing Higher School Certificate studies.

To apply to be considered for one of these positions, students must:

1. Have a consistently high standard of behaviour.
2. Be punctual to school and have an overall school attendance record in Year 11 of at least 90% (or have independent documentation that explains a lower level of school attendance e.g. illness covered by medical certificates).
3. Wear school dress code appropriately.
4. Demonstrate the ability to lead peers and have confidence in public settings.
5. Demonstrate diligence in learning activities.
6. Consistently demonstrate the values of SMSHS.

If you meet these criteria and wish to be considered for this position, you are required to:

1. Ensure each section of the application form is fully completed – these forms can be found outside the school's front office and on Skoolbag, as of Monday 25 June 2019.
2. Provide your parent/caregiver's supporting statement **of no more than 200 words** which outlines their support for your application.
3. Provide a response of **no more than 800 words** which outlines what you believe the position of School Captain involves and what you bring to the role at St Marys Senior High School (again this must be in N12 font, either Arial or Times New Roman with one and a half line spacing).

These three items must be submitted in hard copy form to Danielle Ervine, the Deputy Principal for Year 11 2019, by 3:20 pm on Friday 26 July 2019.

These items, along with your teacher referee statements and other school records will be considered by our selection panel during the School Examination Period in Term 3 2019.

- In Term 3 Week 6, those applicants selected to proceed to interview will be notified of their appointment time.
- Those applicants selected through the interview process to stand for election will be required to present a speech to Year 11 2019 in Term 3 Week 10 on Monday 23 September, the results of the election being announced at the Major Works Assembly on Tuesday 24 September.



Heritage Day at SMSHS 2019

Heritage Day is a very important annual event on our school calendar, when we get to celebrate the diversity in our community as well as raising much-needed funds to help World Vision with their work around the world.

Our Student Representative Council are already working on the preparation for our celebrations for this year – and we know they have some amazing things planned for Tuesday 17 September!

There are many elements to the day, and the team have already put their application form together for students who would like to have a stall. If this applies to you, be sure to pick up a form from near the front office when you can!

SMSHS HERITAGE DAY 2019
APPLICATION FORM FOR
stalls!
Wanting to be apart of Heritage Day Stalls 2019? Then this is the sheet for you! HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT STEPS TO TAKE!


1. Fill out form and return to FRONT OFFICE by JULY 26 (Friday)

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT THE STALLS ORGANIZATION TEAM

Gian De Leon - 0
Ashutosh Sharma - 0
Jasmeet Kaur - 0
Juan Sausa - 04
Lowrence Maring -
Maddison Law - C
Skye Fernando - C

HERITAGE DAY IS ON

SEPTEMBER 17!

**SMSHS HERITAGE DAY: 2019 STALLS APPLICATION FORM**

1	NAMES OF THE PEOPLE IN YOUR GROUP _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
2	CONTACT DETAILS OF GROUP LEADER (PHONE NUMBERS) _____ _____
3	NAME OF TEACHER AND FACULTY THEY ARE FROM _____
4	OFFICIAL STALL NAME STALL DESCRIPTION (WHAT WILL YOU BE SELLING/DOING?) _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
5	DOES YOUR STALL NEED POWER? YES/NO



This week @ SMSHS

Monday 24 June	Tuesday 25 June	Wednesday 26 June	Thursday 27 June	Friday 28 June
WEEK A Bring It On Rehearsals Evening of Musical Theatre - Rehearsal Year 11 Biology – Task due Year 11 Dance – Task due Year 11 IPT – Task due Year 12 Investigating Science – Task due	School Council Meeting, 6pm, Front office Evening of Musical Theatre Year 11 Biology – Task due Year 11 Dance – Task due Year 12 IPT – Task due Year 12 Dance – Task due Year 12 Economics – Task due Year 12 English Advanced and Standard – Task due	Year 11 Student, Parent, Teacher Evening, 4pm-8pm, Library Year 11 Biology – Task due Year 11 Investigating Science – Task due Year 11 Mathematics Standard – Task due Year 12 Chemistry – Task due Year 12 Geography – Task due Year 12 SDD – Task due	Period Zero - Year 12 CAFS Task Year 11 Biology – Task due Year 11 CAFS – Task due Year 11 Dance – Task due Year 11 French Beginners – Task due Year 11 Japanese Beginners – Task due Year 11 IPT – Task due Year 11 Mathematics Advanced – Task due Year 11 Mathematics Standard – Task due Year 11 Photography – Task due Year 12 CAFS – Topic test and task due Year 12 Dance – Task due Year 12 IPT – Task due Year 12 Photography – Task due Year 12 Studio Drawing – Task due	Year 12 – Western Sydney Careers Expo Year 11 – Seminar Day Year 12 Music 1 – Practical or vive voce presentation, <i>starts 2pm</i>
Monday 1 July	Tuesday 2 July	Wednesday 3 July	Thursday 4 July	Friday 5 July
WEEK B Bring It On Rehearsals Year 11 Mathematics Extension 1 – Task due Year 11 Studio Drawing – Task due Year 12 Dance – Task due Year 12 Music 1 – Practical or vive voce presentation, <i>if needed</i>	Year 12 Dance – Task due Year 12 English EAL/D – Task due Year 12 English Extension 2 – Task due Year 12 English Studies – Task due Year 12 Mathematics Extension 2 – In class assessment Year 12 PDHPE – Task due	Farmer Cup, Year 11 V Year 12, Futsal, lunch in the MPC Year 11 Textiles and Design – Task due Year 12 English Extension 1 – Task due Year 12 History Extension – Task due Year 12 Italian Beginners – Task due Year 12 Mathematics Extension 1 – In class assessment	Period Zero - Year 11 Physics Task PULSE Rehearsal and Performance @ Sydney Opera House Year 11 Earth and Env Science – Task due Year 11 Korean Beginners – Task due Year 11 Italian Beginners – Task due Year 11 Physics Beginners – Task due Year 11 Spanish Beginners – Task due Year 12 Ancient History – Task due Year 12 Dance – Task due Year 12 Japanese Beginners – Task due Year 12 Korean Beginners – Task due Year 12 Spanish Beginners – Task due	

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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