



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 3 2019

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, <i>Period 4, MPC</i>
W10	Tues 24 Sep	Major Works Assembly
W10	Wed 25 Sep	Year 12 Graduation Rehearsal
W10	Thur 26 Sep	Year 12 Graduation <i>Penrith Panthers</i>
W10	Fri 27 Sep	Year 11 Seminar Day #2

Principal's Report

It has been a really busy return from the winter holidays at St Marys Senior High School. We are still in the process of finalising our Year 11 2020 cohort and will be making a small number of second round offers over the next week. We will also be making a small number of offers to students to take up a position in the current Year 11 cohort to commence at St Marys at the start of term four. The enrolment panel will meet next week to consider expressions of interest for non-local enrolments.

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Principal's Report continued

We have successfully completed our second lockdown and evacuation drill as mandated by the Department of Education. Students responded appropriately to each stage of the drill and were able to evacuate the site efficiently to the designated evacuation assembly area. The Health and Safety Committee will review feedback from our stakeholders and make any adjustments if required.

In regards to work health and safety, we would appreciate if students did not bring aerosol sprays – in particular, deodorant to school. We have had two asthma attacks recently as a direct result of deodorant sprays being used in the buildings, resulting in students requiring medical attention.

There are lots of events coming up in term three so please ensure you keep informed through our communication channels, particularly Skoolbag and Facebook. The major events for this term include the examination period, Heritage Day, School Captain elections, the Major Works Assembly and the Year 12 graduation.

Finally, I would like to wish our students all the best in the examination period. For some this can be a stressful time, while for others they will take it in their stride. Please remember to use all the available support that is offered to you both within the school and beyond.

Sally Smithard

Principal



A reminder – Applying for illness/misadventure in a school-based assessment task

Please ensure you are familiar with the processes and procedures regarding applying for misadventure for a school-based assessment task, **including school-based examinations**. These are outlined in our school assessment booklet.

Key elements of these processes for students are:

1. Contacting the school on the morning of the task to ensure your absence is recorded by the front office.
2. Ensuring the school misadventure form is completed on the day of the task - this includes a medical professional or independent person completing the relevant section on the back of the form.
3. Reporting to your Deputy Principal with this form before 8:20 am on the first possible day of return to school (regardless of whether you have a class/lesson/exam scheduled for that day). For most students, this would be the first day that is not covered by the doctor's certificate written by a GP.

A copy of the application form for illness/misadventure for school-based assessment tasks can be found on the school website as well as on Skoolbag.

If you have any questions, please see your Student Adviser or Deputy Principal at your earliest convenience.



A reminder – School examination rules

EXAM RULES – SEMESTER 2 EXAMINATIONS

- A. All students should place their Student ID card face up on their examination table at the start of each examination.
- B. All Year 12 students are required to use their NESA number for these examinations.
- C. No computers, iPads, iPods/MP3 Players, iWatches etc can be taken into an exam venue. Students should not bring these to school on the day of their exams
- D. Bags will be permitted in exam venues. They must be placed in the area designated by the examination supervisors. Mobile phones must be switched off and left in your bag. If your phone rings during the examination, it will be removed from the examination room and given to the Principal or Deputy Principal. Students who do not comply with these rules will not be able to take their bags into the examination room. Any student found in the possession of a phone will be considered to committing malpractice and a mark penalty of zero will apply.
- E. No hats/hoods to be worn (for ID purposes) or blankets to be taken into the exam room
- F. All watches are to be removed and placed on the right-hand-side of your desk
- G. If you wish to take water into the examination room, it must be in a clear bottle
- H. Pencil cases must be colourless and transparent.
- I. A blue or black pen only should be used to complete examinations
- J. Students should bring several pens into the exam venue. They should be placed in a clear plastic sleeve or a colourless and transparent pencil case
- K. No tissue boxes can be taken into the exam rooms (supervisors will supply tissues if required)
- L. Students will not be permitted to leave an examination room early. All students will be required to remain in the examination room for the duration of their examination.

SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?*

FACT

Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need **YOU** to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.



No Parking

You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

PENALTY

\$191

+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS



No Stopping

Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.

PENALTY

\$344

+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS



Bus Zone

You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus.

PENALTY

\$344

+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS



Mobile Phone Use

Do not use a hand held mobile phone while driving.

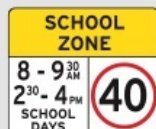
PENALTY

\$439

+ 5 DEMERIT POINTS

Speeding Offences

The fines and demerit points for speeding offences in school zones have been increased.



MAX. PENALTY

\$3740

+ 7 DEMERIT POINTS

Pedestrian Crossings

Do not stop on or near a marked crossing.

PENALTY

\$457

+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

Driveways

Do not stop on or across a driveway.

PENALTY

\$344

+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

Lane Filtering /Overtaking

Motorcyclists must not overtake or lane-filter in an active school zone.

PENALTIES AND DEMERIT POINTS APPLY

Double Parking

Do not double park in a school zone.

PENALTY

\$344

+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

Footpath and Nature Strip

Do not stop on a footpath or nature strip.

PENALTY

\$344

+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

This week @ SMSHS

Monday 5 August	Tuesday 6 August	Wednesday 7 August	Thursday 8 August	Friday 9 August
WEEK A School examination period	School examination period	School examination period	School examination period	School examination period
Monday 12 August	Tuesday 13 August	Wednesday 14 Aug	Thursday 15 Aug	Friday 16 August
WEEK B School examination period	School examination period	School examination period	School examination period	School examination period

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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