



Our School Newsletter

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Important Dates – Term 3 2019

W5	Fri 23 Aug	Last day of the school exam period, Year 11 and Year 12
W6	Tues 27 Aug	Pemulwuy AECG Meeting 4pm – 6 pm, Front Office
W6	Tues 27 Aug	School Council Meeting 6pm, Front Office
W6	Fri 30 Aug	Wear It Purple Day
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

My thanks go to the whole staff team for their efforts over the last couple of weeks in particular. We have had a string of additional activities, all of which have gone very well, but require a lot of extra work. Thanks to everyone involved with the Formal Examinations and the accompanying marking and feedback to students. It has been a busy first half of Term 3 and the pace will continue with Higher School Certificate major works being submitted and multiple events occurring, showcasing the work of our amazing students. In addition, the second half of the term will see Heritage take place, celebrating all the cultures that make up our school community. The SRC continue to work on the organisation behind this annual celebration.

Whilst all of this is exciting, we must never lose sight of what matters most and that is ensuring that every student has access to the best possible educational experience every day. We **all** share a responsibility in delivering this. As Principal I place a great deal of emphasis with all of our staff on developing the expertise to perform their work to a high standard. I also expect every young person and parent will fulfil their side of the partnership. During the examination

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period the staff have undertaken professional learning in addition to their marking. A variety of both internal and external professional learning has occurred including courses related to teaching students from refugee backgrounds, mental health and teens, Aboriginal education, technology, leadership and multiple faculty days.

The Trial HSC Examinations are very important because they provide teachers and students with a very clear idea of what needs to be focused upon in the remaining weeks of school in order for each student to maximise their final HSC marks. It is important for every student to work through their examination papers and learn how to further enhance their performance in each and every one of their courses. This period of time is unbelievably valuable to students as feedback is the key to making improvements. The next few weeks are hugely important in terms of preparation for the real thing!

Sally Smithard

Principal



Stand Up and Stand Out on Wear It Purple Day

On Friday 30 August, St Marys Senior High School will be celebrating our first Wear It Purple Day. In line with the school's first value of inclusiveness, this day shows our support for LGBTIQ+ students and their families by encouraging everyone to wear purple mufti, bringing a gold coin donation for the Wear It Purple which strives to foster supportive, safe, empowering and inclusive communities. From wearing a purple ribbon or socks to a completely purple outfit, this seemingly small gesture shows our LGBTIQ+ students that they are accepted, respected and have the right to be proud of who they are. In line with this year's theme, Stand Up. Stand Out, it is also a visible way for our students to show their support for LGBTIQ+ friends and families. We will be hosting various optional activities at recess including a photo booth, live music performances, a wristband and bake sale, and a purple picnic. Students are encouraged to Wear It Purple on 30 August and celebrate our proudly diverse, supportive and inclusive school community.






Love out loud with pride.

WEAR IT PURPLE DAY

Friday 30th August
GOLD COIN DONATIONS TOWARDS
WEAR IT PURPLE

To foster supportive, safe and accepting
environments for young LGBTQ+ people.

STANDUP.STANDOUT.

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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.

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 NESAs 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.

Invitation to Participate in Research

Surveying the impact of colour deficiencies in the school environment

Ethics Approval Number: HC190270

SERAP Approval Number: 2019189

Researchers at UNSW Sydney (The University of New South Wales) are seeking volunteer research participants to improve understanding of the impacts of colour vision deficiencies on primary and secondary students.

Would the research study be a good fit for me?

The study might be a good fit for you if:

- If you are a teacher in primary or secondary school
- If you are the parent/primary caregiver of a child(ren) with colour vision deficiencies

What would happen if I took part in the research study?

If you decide to take part you would:

Participate in a survey that will take approximately 10 minutes, which will ask you some questions of your experience with suspecting, detecting and assisting someone with colour vision deficiencies.

Will I be paid to take part in the research study?

Participation is completely voluntary, and you will not be paid monetarily for your participation. There are no additional costs associated with participation in this research study. You may also withdraw from participation at any time.

Who do I contact if I want more information or want to take part in the study?

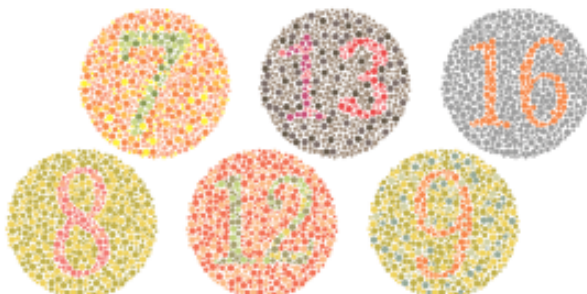
If you would like more information or are interested in being part of the study please contact:

Email: colourvision@unsw.edu.au



To access the survey, use the QR code

Or go online at: <https://tinyurl.com/colourvisionresearch>



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This week @ SMSHS

Monday 19 August	Tuesday 20 August	Wednesday 21 August	Thursday 22 August	Friday 23 August
WEEK A School examination period	School examination period	School examination period	School examination period Young Women's Leadership Seminar	School examination period
Monday 26 August	Tuesday 27 August	Wednesday 28 Aug	Thursday 29 Aug	Friday 30 August
WEEK B CHS Final 16 – State Netball 2019	PERIOD ZERO – Year 11 into Year 12 2020 Meeting CHS Final 16 – State Netball 2019 Pemulwuy AECG Meeting, 4-6 pm, Front office School Council Meeting, 6pm, Front office Year 12 Science Extension Report due	CHS Final 16 – State Netball 2019 Farmer Cup – Year 11 v Year 12 Basketball game, Lunch, MPC Year 11 SLR AFL Task due	Visual Arts – HSC Major Works, Evening Display First Aid Training for Year 11 PDHPE students	Wear It Purple Day AIME Program Day #2 Bring It On Rehearsals – Periods 4 and 5

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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