

Our School Newsletter



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Principal: Sally Smithard

School Captains: Jed Garcia and Souad Khan

School Council President: Suchita Andrews

TERM 3 WEEKS 7 AND 8

31 August – 11 September 2020

Important Dates – Term 3 2020

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| W7 | Tue 1 Sep | Student, Parent, Teacher Evening, Year 11 2020 |
| W9 | Tue 15 Sep | Heritage Day <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i> |
| W10 | Tue 22 Sep | School Council Meeting, 6pm <i>Details to be advised</i> |

Important Dates – Term 4 2020

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| W1 | Mon 12 Oct | First day of classes for Term 4 |
| W1 | Mon 12 Oct to Fri 16 Oct | Year 11 2021 Enrolment Week |
| W2 | Tue 20 Oct | HSC examinations begin |
| W3 | Tue 27 Oct | School Council Meeting, 6pm <i>Details to be advised</i> |
| W5 | Wed 11 Nov | Final HSC exam |
| W6 | Tue 17 Nov | Year 12 Sign Out Day <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i> |
| W7 | Thu 19 Nov | Year 12 Sign Out Day <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i> |
| W8 | Tue Dec 1 | Presentation Day <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i> |
| W8 | Tue Dec 1 | School Council Meeting <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i> |
| W9 | Mon Dec 7 | Confirmation of Entry Day, Year 11 2021 <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i> |
| W10 | Wed Dec 16 | Talent Quest <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i> |

Principal's Report

Welcome back to the classroom Year 11 and 12. I am hoping 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'.

Year 11 students will be nominating for the positions of School Captain and Vice Captain, starting in Week 9. This process will occur a little later this year and will be slightly different, due to the restrictions in place in relation to school assemblies. Students will go through a rigorous process to demonstrate their ability to lead the student body. I wish all candidates the best and thank them for their leadership, courage and dedication to serve others.

Over Weeks 6 and 7 of this term, Year 11 is engaged in the process of transitioning to Year 12 with Liz Hemmings, our Head Teacher Secondary Studies providing a range of resources to Mentor Teachers to help guide students. A link to the presentation provided to students is included in this newsletter so that parents and caregivers can be informed of both the process and NESA requirements. Students are working with their Mentor Teachers in regards to picking subjects which ensure their capabilities match with the demands

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Principal's Report continued

of each course. If you have any questions in regards to this process students should make contact with their Mentor or Student Adviser to discuss the process further.

Over the past few weeks 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 outstanding products demonstrates the commitment of both students and their teachers to produce high quality work. I am so proud of every student for their effort and creativity. Unfortunately, our community showcases are unable to proceed this year but this should not distract us from the effort Year 12 students have dedicated to their projects and performances.

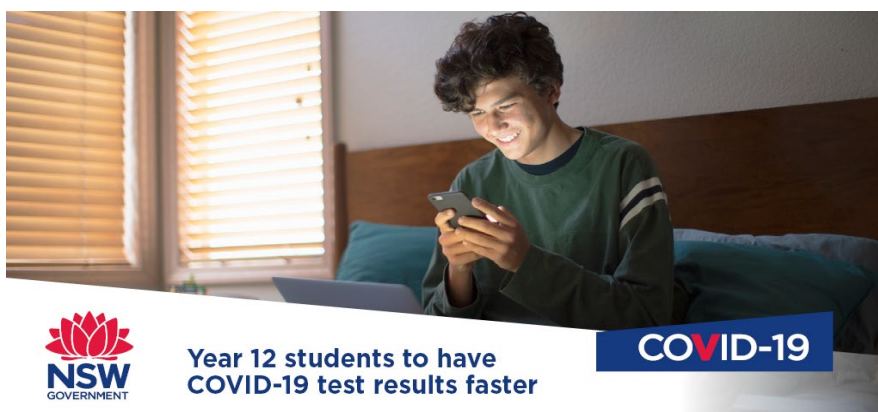
Every year St Marys Senior High School awards three school based scholarships to graduating Year 12 students. These scholarships are given in the memory of the founding Principals of St Marys High School and St Marys Senior High School, Mr Bill Eason and Mr Bernie Shepherd and a member of our Commercial Studies staff, Mr James Rowe. The scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated excellence in the humanities, sciences and technology or who are pursuing a career in education. Students are encouraged to apply for these scholarships, with further details contained later in this newsletter.

Earlier this year NESA announced that they would push the Higher School Certificate Examinations back by three school days to allow students more time to prepare. We will not be operating formal timetabled lessons in the period between the start of Term 4 and the first English examination as we are very conscious of the different examination timetables individual students have. Year 12 teachers will be available during this time in normal timetabled lessons to work with students in a variety of ways.

Finally a reminder about the updated Term 3 guidelines in relation to COVID-19. Staff and students who have a COVID-19 test are required to show evidence of a negative test result before returning to school. Staff and students are not to return (even after a negative test result) unless they have no cold or flu symptoms. NSW Health have indicated that Year 12 students will be treated as a priority (similar to essential workers) when they are tested. Please ensure if you are in Year 12 and are required to have a COVID-19 test due to ill health that you advise the health workers carrying out the test that you are a HSC student.

Sally Smithard

Principal



Year 11 into Year 12 Enrolment Process

The following information was provided to all our Year 11 students during their Mentor lesson in Term 3 Week 6: <https://youtu.be/VFnB-YJoz6E>

Any subject change forms must be signed and returned to each student's Mentor Teacher before the end of Week 7.



School Based Scholarships – Year 12 2020

The James Rowe Award

The James Rowe Award was instituted in 2012 and is presented annually to an HSC student who is pursuing a career as a teacher in education. The successful applicant needs to demonstrate a passion and commitment to teaching as well as being interested or involved in social change and have consistently displayed an exemplary attitude towards their studies.

Criteria - The successful applicant should address the following:

1. Outstanding performance in a minimum of three subjects.
2. Demonstrated commitment to the pursuit of a career in teaching.

This is demonstrated by enrolment in a teaching degree at university. Areas to address in your application:

- a) Passion and commitment to teaching
- b) Interest and action in social change

The Bill Eason Award

The Bill Eason Award is presented annually to a HSC student who, in the opinion of the school community, has consistently displayed an exemplary attitude towards their studies in the humanities area while at the same time demonstrating a significant contribution to the development of the local community or the school community of St Marys Senior High School.

Criteria - The successful applicant should address the following:

1. Outstanding performance in a minimum of three subjects in the humanities field.
2. Demonstrated commitment to the school community of St Marys Senior High School or their local community. This may be derived from a variety of fields, including:
 - a) Student leadership
 - b) School service
 - c) Community Service

The Bernie Shepherd Award

The **Bernie Shepherd Award** is presented annually to a HSC student who, in the opinion of the school community, has consistently displayed an exemplary attitude towards their studies in the science and technology areas while at the same time demonstrating a significant contribution to the development of the local community or the school community of St Marys Senior High School.

Criteria - The successful applicant should address the following:

1. Outstanding performance in a minimum of three subjects in the science and technology fields.
2. Demonstrated commitment to the school community of St Marys Senior High School or their local community. This may be derived from a variety of fields, including:
 - a) Student leadership
 - b) School service
 - c) Community Service

To apply for the Bernie Shepherd, Bill Eason or James Rowe Awards

Please submit a written application to Danielle Ervine
by 3:20 pm on Friday 18 September 2020.

The application should be no more than FOUR A4 typed pages in length (12 point font size and 1.5 line spacing) and address ALL of the criteria listed for the relevant award.

In addition to your application, school records will be accessed by the School Council as part of the process to select the successful scholarship applicant.



Learning Centre Timetable Term 3

| WEEK A | | | | | |
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| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| 8:20 AM | CARMEL ENGLISH / LAST 6B | CARMEL ENGLISH / LAST 1A | DIANNE HSIE/ LAST 7B | CARMEL ENGLISH / LAST 4A | NICOLE HSIE / LAST 8A |
| 9:32 AM | MICHAEL MUSIC/ ENTERTAINMENT 4A | ROSEMARY SCIENCE 6A | KITH MATHS 5A | DAVE COMMERCIAL 1A | DAVE G SCIENCE 2A |
| 10:44 AM | | | | | |
| 11:14 AM | ADAM VISUAL ARTS / MULTI MEDIA 1B | CARMEL ENGLISH / LAST 7A | ROSA KOREAN / JAPANESE 2A | DIANNE HSIE/ LAST 5A | ROBERT K ENGLISH / HSIE 3A |
| 12:26 PM | KITH MATHS 5B | MICHAEL MUSIC / ENTERTAINMENT 3A | ILA SCIENCE 8A | JAN HSIE 6A | ROBYN A ENGLISH 7A |
| 1:38 AM | | | | | |
| 2:08 PM | NICOLE HSIE / LAST 8B | MICHAEL MUSIC / ENTERTAINMENT 4B | NICOLE HSIE / LAST 3B | NICOLE HSIE/ LAST 2B | Open to 2:08pm 8C |
| 3:20 PM | | | | | |
| WEEK B | | | | | |
| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| 8:20 AM | NICOLE HSIE/ LAST 4A | NICOLE HSIE/ LAST 3A | DIANNE HSIE/ LAST 5B | NICOLE HSIE/ LAST 2B | ROBYN H ENGLISH 7A |
| 9:32 AM | DAVE COMMERCIAL 6B | MICHAEL N MUSIC / ENTERTAINMENT 7B | ANDREW M SCIENCE 2B | JAN HSIE 1B | DAVE SCIENCE 3B |
| 10:44 AM | | | | | |
| 11:14 AM | ROSEMARY SCIENCE 1B | ROSEMARY SCIENCE 6A | MICHAEL MUSIC / ENTERTAINMENT 7B | KITH MATHS 4B | ANDREW M SCIENCE 2A |
| 12:26 PM | DEAN ENGINEERING, IPT, SDD, D&T 5B | SARAH ENGLISH/ MOD HIST 4B | ADAM VISUAL ARTS / MULTI MEDIA 8A | DEAN L ENGINEERING, IPT, SDD, D&T 5A | NICOLE HSIE/LAST 8B |
| 1:38 AM | | | | | |
| 2:08 PM | CARMEL ENGLISH / LAST 8B | CARMEL ENGLISH / LAST 1A | DIANNE HSIE/ LAST 3B | CARMEL ENGLISH / LAST 6B | Open to 2:08pm 8C |
| 3:20 PM | | | | | |

As @ 24/08/2020

This fortnight @ SMSHS

| Monday 31 Aug | Tuesday 1 Sept | Wednesday 2 Sept | Thursday 3 Sept | Friday 4 Sept |
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| | Year 11 Student, Parent and Teacher evening | 12 Studio Drawing – Finished Drawing 2 With Diary 12 Photography 2 Unit – Major Practical & Critical analysis 12 Photography 1 Unit – Portraiture 12 Visual Design – Packaging design | Year 11 2020 moving to Year 12 2021 Subject changes during mentor lessons | Year 11 2020 moving to Year 12 2021 Subject changes during mentor lessons |
| Monday 7 Sept | Tuesday 8 Sept | Wednesday 9 Sept | Thursday 10 Sept | Friday 11 Sept |
| 12 Music 1 - HSC Examination 11 Visual Art – Installation portfolio submissions and presentations begin | 12 Music 1 - HSC Examination 11 Visual Art – Installation portfolio presentation | 12 Music 1 - HSC Examination 11 Visual Art – Installation portfolio presentation 11 Geography – Senior Geography Project 11 Ancient History – Historical investigation | 11 Visual Art – Installation portfolio submission | 11 Industrial Technology – Major Multimedia project 11 Visual Art – Installation portfolio submission |

Our Staff Teams

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| Principal: | Sally Smithard |
| School Leadership Team: | |
| - Deputy Principal (Year 12) | Danielle Ervine |
| - Deputy Principal (Year 11) | Leah Havord |
| - English | Julie Robinson |
| - Mathematics | Simone Pett |
| - Science | Lidija Radovancevic |
| - Commercial Studies | Salochna Reddy |
| - HSIE (Rel) | Rebecca Langham |
| - CAPA | Nicole Bonfield |
| - Computing | Matthew Topp |
| - LOTE | Luigi Serra |
| - TAS/PDHPE | Rebecca Powell |
| - Secondary Studies | Liz Hemmings |
| - Learning and Wellbeing | Melissa Jacka |
| - First Australians | Leah Havord |
| - Sport and Recreation | Joanne Brines |
| - Business Manager (Acting) | Rebecca Zinghini |
| - School Administrative Manager (Rel) | Kim Everett |
| Student Advisers: | |
| - Year 12, Surnames A-G | Mitchell Baker |
| - Year 12, Surnames H-O | Lynette Tuckwell |
| - Year 12, Surnames P-Z | Jesse Vassallo |
| - Year 11, Surnames A-G | Nicola Preston |
| - Year 11, Surnames H-O | Luigi Serra |
| - Year 11, Surnames P-Z | Tim Weston |
| Student Support Officer | Caitlin Lambourne |
| Learning Support: | Carmel Harriden Dianne Pyne Nicole Leong Carly McPherson Ashlee Pleffer |
| Careers Adviser: | Lynette Tuckwell |

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