

# Our School Newsletter



*Mente manique* - With mind and hand

Principal: Sally Smithard

School Captains: Jed Garcia and Souad Khan

School Council President: Suchita Andrews

## TERM 4 WEEKS 1 AND 2

12 - 23 October 2020

### Important Dates – Term 4 2020

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
W5	Thu 12 Nov	Student Year 12 Graduation
W6	Tue 17 Nov	Year 12 Sign Out Day
W6	Wed 18 Nov	Year 12 Formal – Oatlands House
W7	Thu 19 Nov	Year 12 Sign Out Day
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 our final term for 2020 at St Marys Senior High School. I hope that all of our families have had a wonderful break and that some of you have been fortunate enough to be able to recharge by having at least one weekend away within NSW, ready for what promises to be a busy term for us all.

The end of Term 3 was celebrated slightly differently this year, but provided us with our first opportunity in a very long time to have Year 12 together as one group. Thank you to Jesse, Mitchell and Lyn who organised this final assembly. There were plenty of laughs and tears had by all – the hallmark of all great celebrations. Thank you to Year 11 for their thoughtful gift and their beautiful gesture at the conclusion of the assembly.

Next Tuesday, Year 12 2020 will commence their Higher School Certificate Examinations. We wish them the very best during this period of time and hope that all of their work, determination and resilience reaps dividends. I know our students can rise to the occasion and will do their best during the examination period. Students in Year 12 are reminded to let the Presiding Officer and either Danielle, Leah or myself know of any concerns during the examinations. Each student has

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## ***Principal's Report continued***

received at their final assembly a personal timetable outlining the rooming for their examinations. This was necessary due to the restrictions imposed on the number of students allowed per room. It is important that all students take the time to know where their examinations will be located. In accordance with NESA guidelines, health screening must occur before every examination. This will occur at one of the screening gazebos which we will set up in the main quad area prior to the commencement of each examination.

In the event that our examinations need to be moved off site, the Department of Education has organised for St Marys Senior High School students to complete their examinations at Western Sydney University, Kingswood Campus (for the English and Maths examinations we may need to access the Nirimba Campus of WSU as well). We are hopeful that alternate locations will not be needed but again, we remind our students to regularly monitor our communication platforms for updated information.

Year 11 2020 - or Year 12 2021 - will commence their final year of schooling this term. On the last day of Term 3 all students were issued with their assessment booklets and other material relevant to the commencement of their final year at school. Any students who were absent and missed out on these materials should see Leah during the first week of Term 4.

Our enrolment nights for Year 11 2021 will not take place in their normal format. Instead, we will be conducting 460 individual interviews with our next cohort of students over the course of the the first week of Term 4. These interviews will take place in the Administration Office through individual appointments. We ask that our existing families limit visits to the Administration Office to essential matters such as first aid. Leah will be located in the VET Office during the week to assist students.

Have a great start to Term 4. Stay well and safe.

***Sally Smithard***

*Principal*

*Our last assembly with Year 12 2020*

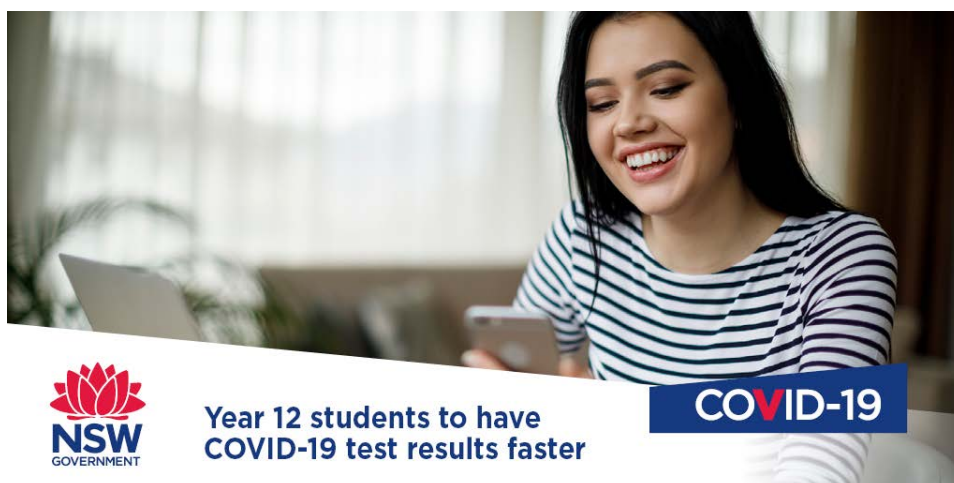




## A gift to Year 12 2020 from their peers in Year 11



## Our school applauding Year 12 as they leave the MPC



Year 12 students to have  
COVID-19 test results faster

COVID-19

# Be COVID-safe in the HSC exams

To help keep our community safe during our examinations, the following COVID-safe practices will be followed in all examinations



## Step 1: Mask up



Following available health advice, you are strongly encouraged to wear a mask to the examinations.

As you get ready to come into the examination room, ensure you have your mask on

## Step 2: Hands



When you enter the examination room, be sure to use the hand sanitiser provided

## Step 3: Wipe down



At the end of the examination, wipe down your table and chair with the antibacterial wipes provided so they are ready for the next student

## Step 4: Clean up



As you leave the venue, put all used wipes and tissues in the bin

## Not feeling well?



- Stay at home
- Contact Danielle before 7:30 am on the day of the exam via email [danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au)
- Go to the doctor to get your medical certificate



## COVID-19 safe expectations of students

This information will assist students understand the COVID safe arrangements in place when attending their HSC examination. The safety and wellbeing of students and staff in attendance is of paramount importance to us and as such we ask all students to co-operate with these arrangements at all times.

### Screening for students with symptoms

- Students must not attend the exam if they are unwell
- Students will be asked upon arrival if they have any flu-like symptoms or if they should be in self-isolation under direction by NSW Health
- Students displaying flu-like symptoms or who advise they are unwell will be asked to leave the school and arrange to have a COVID-19 test
- Students with a clinical history/known illness that may appear like COVID-19 symptoms should be planning now and speak to their doctor/GP. The GP can provide written assurance – e.g. symptom the student presents on a normal basis.

### Flu-like symptoms

Flu-like symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste, and loss of smell. Additional information about COVID-19 symptoms can be found on the [NSW Health website](#).

Students who are displaying even mild flu-like symptoms they should leave immediately and not return until they have a negative COVID-19 test and are symptom-free.

### Fast track COVID-19 test results

HSC students can fast-track their COVID-19 test results.

To do this you must:

- say you are a HSC student when taking a test
- ensure the nurse or doctor doing the test marks your referral 'urgent — HSC'
- self-isolate until a negative result is received
- show your school the negative result
- call the contact number provided by the clinic if results are not received within 36 hours.

### Minimising the risk of transmission

- Students should wash their hands or use hand sanitiser prior to commencing the exam.
- Maintain good personal hygiene practices during the exam including covering your cough or sneeze through coughing or sneezing into your elbow or a tissue, disposing of tissues at the end of the exam.
- Avoid shaking hands or hugging other students on exam days.
- Hygiene supplies will be available at all exam venues
  - Sanitiser
  - Wipes.

- Student may wipe down their table before they begin their exam if they choose to.
- Students should not mingle in large groups prior to or after the exam.
- Exam rooms will be cleaned each day.

### Arrival and sign-on arrangements

- Students should arrive no more than 20 minutes prior to the exam and report directly to the designated exam room for screening and sign-on.
- Students will be asked to sign an attendance sheet confirming attendance at the exam, providing contact details and that they do not have flu-like symptoms.

### Alternative Examination Locations

Your school has identified an alternative examination location in the event that the examination is unable to proceed in the planned location. This information will be provided to you on your personal examination timetable so it is readily available at short notice in case it is required.

This is a backup only and students should attend the planned location unless advised by the school. Do not attend a proposed alternative location if you have not been told to do so by the school.

### Confirmed cases of COVID-19

If during the examination period the school is advised by NSW Health that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 which will impact the school, arrangements are in place to minimise disruption where possible. The school may advise you the day before that the examination will be relocated to the alternative venue detailed in your timetable or the exam may be cancelled.

### Illness/Misadventure

Students who do not attend an exam due to having symptoms, or who are turned away as a result of screening will be eligible for an illness/misadventure claim. Your school will assist you through this process where required.



## The Higher School Certificate Examinations, Term 4 2020

The HSC examinations run from Tuesday 20 October (Term 4 Week 2) until Wednesday 11 November 2020 (Term 4 Week 5). The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) modified their organisation of these exams to help ensure the safety of students completing their examinations. This will have an impact on a range of elements of our school operations, due to the large number of students in our Year 12 2020 cohort.

One key change will be a temporary return to remote learning for our students in Year 11 2020 / Year 12 2021. This has been approved by the Department of Education so that we are better able to facilitate the completion of examinations that have particularly large cohorts (with the English examinations involving every one of our current Year 12 students).

The arrangements for lessons on these days will be shared with students by their class teachers. Students are reminded that they should follow their regular school timetable for the days they are learning remotely, and engage with learning as arranged by their class teacher.

If any students are not able to learn from home, they must contact Leah ([leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au)) so that alternate arrangements can be made at school to facilitate their learning.

The dates and arrangements are shown below

- **Monday 19 October 2020 (T4W2) – remote learning**
- **Tuesday 20 October 2020 (T4W2) – remote learning**
- **Wednesday 21 October 2020 (T4W2) – remote learning**
- **Thursday 22 October 2020 (T4W2) – *students return to normal, face to face classes for the day***
- **Friday 23 October 2020 (T4W2) – remote learning**
- **Monday 26 October 2020 (T4W3) – remote learning**
- **Tuesday 27 October 2020 (T4W3) – *students return to normal, face to face classes for the remainder of the term***



# Learning Centre Timetable Term 4

WEEK A					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:20 AM	CARMEL ENGLISH / LAST 6B	CARMEL ENGLISH / LAST 1A	DIANNE HSIE/ LAST 7B	MICHAEL MUSIC / ENTERTAINMENT 4A	NICOLE HSIE / LAST 8A
9:32 AM	MICHAEL MUSIC/ ENTERTAINMENT 4A	ROSEMARY SCIENCE 6A	KITH MATHS 5A	CARMEL ENGLISH / LAST 1A	CASSANDRA SCIENCE 2A
10:44 AM					
11:14 AM	ADAM VISUAL ARTS / MULTI MEDIA 1B	CARMEL ENGLISH / LAST 7A	MICHAEL MUSIC / ENTERTAINMENT 2A	DIANNE HSIE/ LAST 5A	SHARON L VISUAL ARTS 3A
12:26 PM	KITH MATHS 5B	ROSA KOREAN / JAPANESE 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
3:20 PM					8C
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	LEE COMMERCIAL 6B	MICHAEL MUSIC / ENTERTAINMENT 7B	ANDREW M SCIENCE 2B	JAN HSIE 1B	PETA COMMERCIAL 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	LIBBY SCIENCE 5B	SARAH ENGLISH/ MOD HIST 4B	ADAM VISUAL ARTS / MULTI MEDIA 8A	CASSANDRA SCIENCE 5A	NICOLE HSIE/LAST 8B
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**As @ 23/09/2020**



## After Hours Tutorials, Term 4 2020

A reminder that these tutorials will recommence this term. Please be sure to see the Tutorial Teacher with any questions or concerns, or if you would like a permission note to attend.

<b>SMSHS Tutorial Program Timetable ~ Week A &amp; B</b>					
<b>TERM 4 2020</b>					
<b>Time</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>BEFORE SCHOOL</b>	Chemistry Ghaz 7:15 – 8:15 am ER0021			Biology Jessica 7:20 – 8:20 am ER0015	Chemistry Ghaz 7:15 – 8:15 am ER0021
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b>		Maths Advanced Anil and Reuben 3:20 – 4:20 pm CTR1001 and CTR1008	Maths Standard Anil and Reuben 3:20 – 4:20 pm CTR1001 and CTR1008	Drama Workshop Nicole 3:30 – 4:30 pm VR1005	Chemistry Lidija 1:38 – 2:38 pm ER0013
		Society and Culture Dean and Kim 3:30 – 4:30 pm AR0061	HSIE Faculty members 3:30 – 4:30 pm AR0062	Physics Waran 3:20 – 4:30 pm ER0013	
		Music (Vocal Ensemble And Instrumentalists) Michael and Fatima 3:30 – 4:30 pm VR0001	Commercial Studies – Extended Response Writing Skills Salochna 3:30 – 4:30 pm AR0063	Biology Andrew 3:25 – 4:25 pm ER0015	
		Visual Arts Sharon 3:30 – 4:30 pm VR1006	Dance Workshop Mel 3:30 – 4:30 pm VR1005		

## This fortnight @ SMSHS

Monday 12 Oct	Tuesday 13 Oct	Wednesday 14 Oct	Thursday 16 Oct	Friday 17 Oct
<b>First day of classes for Year 12 2021</b>  <b>Tutorial Week for Year 12 2020</b>  <b>Year 11 2021 Enrolment</b>	<b>Tutorial Week for Year 12 2020</b>  <b>Year 11 2021 Enrolment</b>  <b>Cluster Meetings for Year 11 2020 in the Lecture Theatre</b>  <b>Year 12 2021 Jacket, Jersey and Hoodie Online Orders close</b>	<b>Tutorial Week for Year 12 2020</b>  <b>Year 11 2021 Enrolment</b>  <b>Cluster Meetings for Year 11 2020 in the Lecture Theatre</b>	<b>Tutorial Week for Year 12 2020</b>  <b>Year 11 2021 Enrolment</b>  <b>Year 12 2021 – Applications for School Captain close</b>	<b>Tutorial Week for Year 12 2020</b>  <b>Year 11 2021 Enrolment</b>  <b>Cluster Meetings for Year 11 2020 in the Lecture Theatre</b>
Monday 19 Oct	Tuesday 20 Oct	Wednesday 21 Oct	Thursday 22 Oct	Friday 23 Oct
<b>Remote learning for Year 11 2020 / Year 12 2021</b>	<b>HSC Examinations Begin</b>  <b>Remote learning for Year 11 2020 / Year 12 2021</b>	<b>HSC Examinations Continue</b>  <b>Remote learning for Year 11 2020 / Year 12 2021</b>	<b>HSC Examinations Continue</b>  <b>On site learning for Year 11 2020 / Year 12 2021</b>	<b>HSC Examinations Continue</b>  <b>Remote learning for Year 11 2020 / Year 12 2021</b>

### Our Staff Teams

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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