

Our School Newsletter



Mente manaque - With mind and hand

Principal: Sally Smithard

School Captains: Jed Garcia and Souad Khan

School Council President: Suchita Andrews

TERM 4 WEEKS 3 AND 4

26 October – 6 November 2020

Important Dates – Term 4 2020

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 1 Dec	Presentation Day <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i>
W8	Tue 1 Dec	School Council Meeting <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i>
W9	Mon 7 Dec	Confirmation of Entry Day, Year 11 2021 <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i>
W10	Wed 16 Dec	Last day of 2020 for students

Principal's Report

The Higher School Certificate Examinations are continuing and these examinations appear to be going as smoothly as possible. The additional safety measures and screening processes that we have implemented are working effectively. Thank you to our school community for the respect they have shown Year 12 by ensuring that noise does not affect the students completing the examinations. A reminder to Year 12 that they should let the supervisors know if there are any concerns during the examinations. We wish you all the best for all of your examinations. We are all so proud of you and your achievements.

A reminder to Year 12 in regards to signing out of St Marys Senior High School. Sign Out takes place over two days, November 17 and November 19. Students are asked to return their textbooks prior to the sign out days to assist with texts being distributed to the next cohort of students and ensure the sign out process runs smoothly for each of you.

Year 11, or should I say Year 12 2021, are now well into their Higher School Certificate courses. It will only be a couple of weeks and the first of our classes will complete their first assessment task of the Higher School Certificate course.

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Principal's Report continued

It is vital that you ensure you are well organised to support your studies over the next twelve months. This includes planners (which we have available on the tables just outside the Administration Building), a space to study at home and a focus on your wellbeing, sleep, exercise, healthy eating and social support.

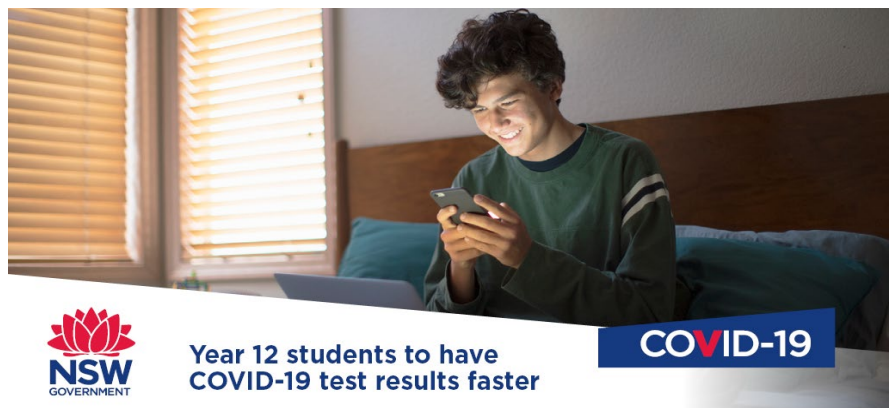
Our enrolment evenings for Year 11 2021 were altered this year and became personalised enrolment interviews with new students previewing videos prior to their appointments with course advisers. We had a great turn out and we look forward to working with our new students in 2021 and finalising our curriculum and staffing structure. A reminder to our incoming students that we have scheduled you to attend Confirmation Day on Monday 7 December 2020. If you are unable to attend Confirmation Day could you please contact Sue Brown (Enrolment Secretary) in our front office on 02 9623 8333. If we are unable to run this important event, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will put in place an alternative process to ensure incoming students are kept up to date regarding the enrolment process.

This week we received notification from the Department of Education that there would be amendments to Staff Development Days commencing 2021. Commencing at the start of 2021 there will be an increase from one to two staff development days in Term 1 and a decrease from two to one staff development days in Term 4. These changes mean that Year 11 2021 will return to school on 29 January 2021 and Year 12 will return Monday 1 February 2021.

A big thank you to Year 12 2021 for their support in returning to remote learning briefly to ensure our students could remain on site to complete their English and Maths examinations. Without your support, we would have been required to operate some of our examinations off-site. We appreciate the efforts of the entire school community this year as we support each other through the hurdles that 2020 has afforded us.

Sally Smithard

Principal



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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 8C
3:20 PM					
WEEK B					
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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
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As @ 23/09/2020

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.

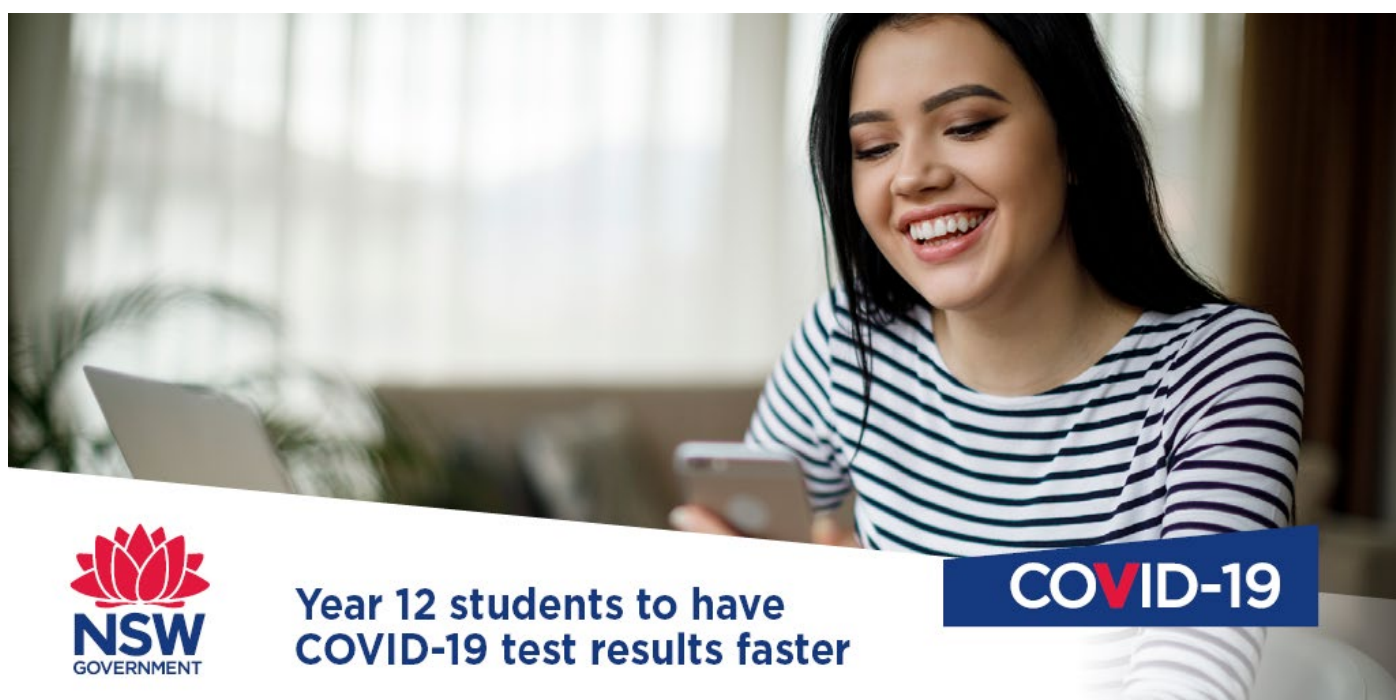
This is a backup only and students should attend the planned location unless advised by the school. Do not attend a proposed alternative location if you have not been told to do so by the school.

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.



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This fortnight @ SMSHS

Monday 26 Oct	Tuesday 27 Oct	Wednesday 28 Oct	Thursday 29 Oct	Friday 30 Oct
HSC continues	HSC continues School Council Meeting, 6pm via Zoom	HSC continues	HSC continues	HSC continues
Monday 2 Nov	Tuesday 3 Nov	Wednesday 4 Nov	Thursday 5 Nov	Friday 6 Nov
HSC continues	HSC continues	HSC continues	HSC continues	HSC continues History Extension – Seminar on the HIX Project

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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