

Our School Newsletter



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Principal: Sally Smithard

School Captains: Jed Garcia and Souad Khan

School Council President: Suchita Andrews

TERM 4 WEEKS 7 AND 8

23 November – 4 December 2020

Important Dates – Term 4 2020

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 have been emailed to all families</i>
W10	Wed 16 Dec	Last day of 2020 for students

Important Dates – Term 1 2021

W1	Fri 29 Jan	First day Year 11 2021
W2	Mon 1 Feb	Year 12 2021 Begin
W3	Fri 12 Feb	Swimming Carnival (proposed)
W4	Mon 15 Feb	Valentine's Day Assembly
W5	Tue 23 Feb	School Council Meeting – AGM <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i>
W6	Tue 2 Mar	School Photos
W10	Fri 2 Apr	Good Friday (public holiday)

Principal's Report

In our last newsletter, I spoke of my excitement in being able to attend the Year 12 Formal at St Marys Senior High School and this event did not disappoint. The event was a wonderful celebration for the Class of 2020. All of our students looked elegant as they arrived and although there were some restrictions in place we all had a great time together. Thank you to the staff that attended and in particular the Student Advisers for their organisation; Jesse and Mitchell.

Year 12 were also able to finally have their Graduation on Thursday 12 November. Although a longer than normal graduation due to the inclusion of student awards from Major Works and Presentation Day, we were so pleased that although parents were unable to attend, the livestream worked effectively and they were able to witness this important milestone in their child's life. We hope that the event honoured each student's thirteen years of formal education. I would also like to thank parents for their patience as they waited for photographs on the photo wall outside our Administration building and acknowledge the contribution of the staff and students involved in organising the Graduation Ceremony, led by Lidija Radovancevic and the Science Team and Fatima De

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Principal's Report continued

Assis and Michael Nolan and the Entertainment Team.

Congratulations to our new Student Leadership Team following the recent Captains elections. All but one of the positions was decided on by preferences, which clearly highlights the quality of all candidates. Congratulations to our Captains for 2021, Alice Chitos and Chloe Nolasco, and Vice Captains, Bree Fitzpatrick and Mohmd Alsomay. I am sure they will do an outstanding job and be well supported by the soon to be elected Student Representative Council.

In this newsletter you will find some information about the Sydney Metro which will connect St Marys Train Station to the new Aerotropolis Precinct. This will involve significant work to upgrade St Marys Station and tunnel excavation works. We will be working closely with the Department of Education as well as with the Western Sydney Metro Project team to mitigate impacts on the school. The Environmental Impact Statement for the Sydney Metro has been placed on public exhibition until 2 December 2020. We will be preparing a submission along with School Infrastructure NSW for the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment which will also involve an acoustic consultant reviewing the EIS to determine any particular impacts on our school.

As Australia moves into the warmer months and into the next fire season, which we all hope is not as destructive as the previous season, the Department of Education will work closely with the Rural Fire Service NSW to ensure that all staff and students are safe. Although St Marys Senior High School is not closed when the fire danger rating is classified as catastrophic, some students and staff live in areas where there is significant bushland which may come under threat. We try to keep families updated regarding school operations through a variety of platforms including SkoolBag, Instagram and Facebook. Families can also keep updated through the Department's website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety#Non-operational>.

Students need to ensure that if they suffer from asthma that they carry their puffers with them at all times, but this is especially important when the outside environment is uncomfortable due to smoke settling in the Sydney basin. It is recommended that students try to stay indoors during their breaks and make use of the library, Learning Centre and cafeteria on days where the air quality is classified as poor. If students experience symptoms such as itchy or burning eyes, running nose, throat irritation, shortness of breath, headaches or coughing they should seek assistance from their class teacher or the front office.

As Year 12 2021 are starting their Higher School Certificate programs of study, it is important that students confirm their HSC entries **on Friday 27 November** to ensure that all of the details held by NESA are correct. The organisation regarding this process is provided on page 4, and I thank Liz Hemmings, our Head Teacher Secondary Studies, and all the staff who are involved in facilitating this process for their hard work.

Over the next few weeks many students will be completing their first assessment task for their HSC. I wish each of you all the best as you embark on your final year of schooling. Most students work through their HSC

taking everything in their stride, however at different times and for different reasons students may need support. Please remember that there is lots of support available at the school if students require it. This includes the:

- School Counsellors: Aimee and Megan
- Student Advisers: Nicola, Luigi and Tim
- Personal Mentors (to be chosen in Week 7)
- Cluster Leaders
- Careers Adviser: Lyn Tuckwell
- Head Teacher Learning and Wellbeing: Mel Jacka
- Staff in our Learning Centre: Carmel, Dianne, Nicole, Carly and Ashlee
- Student Support Officer: Caitlin Lambourne
- Class teachers and faculty Head Teachers
- Year 11 Deputy Principal: Leah.

I look forward to the Presentation Assembly for Year 11 in December. This event which will also be livestreamed for parents and will celebrate the achievements of Year 11 in 2020, acknowledging the diverse nature of our school community.

Sally Smithard

Principal



Student Leaders for 2021: Chloe Nolasco, Alice Chitos, Bree Fitzpatrick and Mohmd Alsomay

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PERIOD 0: 8:20 AM to 8:40 AM

PERIOD 1: 8:40 AM to 9:47 AM

PERIOD 2: 9:47 AM to 10:54AM

RECESS: 10:54 AM to 11:24AM

PERIOD 3: 11:24AM to 12:41PM

PERIOD 4: 12:31PM to 1:38PM

LUNCH: 1:38 PM to 3:20PM

PERIOD 5: 2:08PM to 3:20PM

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H O M E R O O M S

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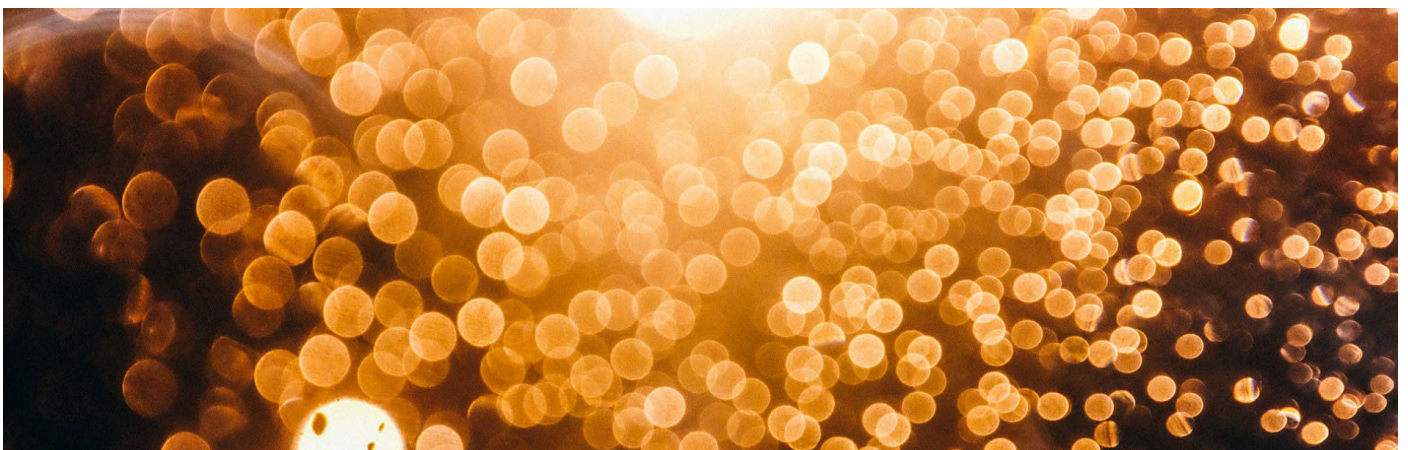
Presentation Day 2020

Our Presentation Day has changed slightly this year, with the event being livestreamed to families.

As a special day on our school calendar, students are reminded that they are to be in formal dress code, and this includes the school white polo shirt, appropriate pants/skirt and appropriate footwear.

Our sincere thanks for the efforts of Simone Pett (Head Teacher, Mathematics) and her amazing team for all of their work on this event.

Bell times for Tuesday 1 December 2020	
8.20 am - 9.10 am	Period 1
9.10 am – 10.20 am	Presentation Day Assembly
10.20 am -10.50 am	<i>Recess</i>
10.50 am – 11.50 am	Period 2
11.50 am – 12.50 pm	Period 3
12.50 pm – 1.50 pm	Period 4
1.50 pm – 2.20 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
2.20 pm – 3.20 pm	Period 5



Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport: **Project Factsheet for St Marys Senior High School**

Western Sydney Airport Metro is a State Significant Infrastructure project that proposes the construction and operation of a 23-kilometre metro rail line between St Marys in the north and the Aerotropolis Core precinct in the south. The overarching aim of the project is to provide a dedicated metro rail connection to the future Western Sydney Airport (currently under construction) and the surrounding Aerotropolis precinct.

A total of 6 metro stations are proposed, comprising:

- St Marys Station (includes an interchange with the existing St Marys Station).
- Orchard Hills Station.
- Luddenham Road Station.
- Airport Business Park Station.
- Airport Terminal Station.
- Aerotropolis Core Station.

The proposed stations and route alignment of Western Sydney Airport Metro are shown in the image.

The indicative timeframe for the Western Sydney Airport Metro project is approximately five years, with main construction to commence in 2021 (subject to planning approval).

Further details on the subject EIS and the Western Sydney Airport Metro project can be found at the following link:
<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/35016>

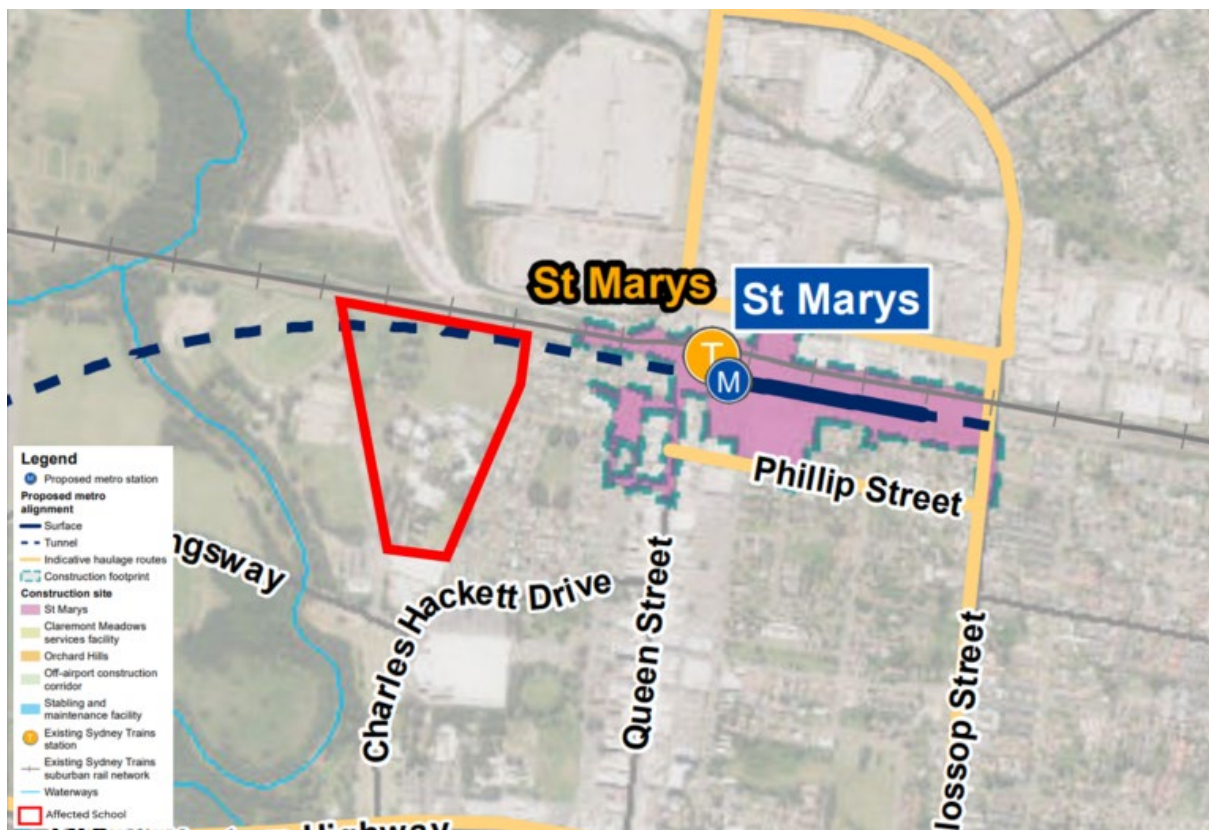


Impacts on St Marys Senior High School:

St Marys Senior High School is located:

- Approximately 320m from the proposed St Marys Metro Station;
- Approximately 150m from part of the proposed St Marys Metro Station construction site (and associated haulage routes); and
- Directly above part of the proposed underground metro tunnel (at the northern edge of the site).

This is shown in the image below.



The works proposed within the subject EIS may impact the ongoing operation of St Marys Senior High School during construction and operation. Notwithstanding this, the project will provide a range of on-going long-term benefits for the school, including taking cars off surrounding roads and promoting in the generation of sustainable outcomes.

The table on the following pages provides answers to a range of questions relating to the construction and operation of Western Sydney Airport Metro on St Marys Senior High School.

Question	Answer
What is the anticipated construction timeframe for the works closest to my school?	<p>The indicative construction program indicates that construction works will be undertaken at the St Marys Metro Station construction site between Q3 2021 to Q4 2026.</p> <p>The indicative timeframe for metro tunnelling works between St Marys Metro Station to Orchard Hills Metro Station is between Q1 2022 to Q2 2023. Sometime during this period (currently unknown), tunnel boring will occur under the northern edge of the school site at an appropriate depth to minimise temporary construction and ongoing vibration impacts. It is anticipated that these specific tunnelling works under the school site will last a few days.</p>
Will there be any impacts on school access during the construction period?	<p>Access to St Marys Senior High School will not generally be impacted during construction, as roads surrounding the school are not proposed to be closed. However, it is likely that there may be slight delays to performance times on roads surrounding the school, because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be workers commuting to and from the St Marys Metro Station construction site; • There will be a range of construction vehicles entering/exiting the St Marys Metro Station construction site; and • Phillip Street and Glossop Street are marked as haulage routes for construction vehicles, which may slow vehicles trying to enter/exit these roads.
Will construction impact on school drop off and pick-up arrangements?	<p>St Marys Senior High School drop off and pick up arrangements off Kalang Avenue should not generally be impacted during construction. This is because dedicated construction vehicles will be required to use Phillip Street and Glossop Street, as these streets have been nominated as dedicated haulage routes for the project. Kalang Avenue and adjoining roads are not proposed haulage routes.</p> <p>Notwithstanding this, as identified above, there may be slight delays in accessing the school and associated drop off and pick up spaces compared to current times, due to likely increases in traffic on surrounding roads near the St Marys Metro Station construction site.</p>

Will there be more traffic around the school during construction?	<p>As identified above, it is likely that there will be some additional traffic on surrounding roads during construction, which may result in slight delays to performance times on roads surrounding the school. This is because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There will be workers commuting to and from the St Marys Metro Station construction site;• There will be a range of construction vehicles entering/exiting the St Marys Metro Station construction site; and• Phillip Street and Glossop Street are marked as haulage routes for construction vehicles, which may slow vehicles trying to enter/exit these roads.												
How will student safety be managed during construction and operation?	Where necessary, mitigation measures are proposed to manage pedestrian, cyclist and motorist safety during the construction phase. This includes consideration of on-going haulage routes, deployment of speed awareness signs and community education.												
What are the proposed truck movements during the construction period?	<p>During the construction period, the majority of the construction staff are expected to arrive before 7:00 am and the haulage trucks are expected to start arriving around 7:30 am.</p> <p>Based on the above, the peak hours for the construction scenarios are 7:30 am to 8:30 am for the morning peak hour and 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm for the evening peak hour. Light deliveries and heavy vehicles will enter and exit throughout each site's respective shift hours.</p> <p>Indicative peak construction vehicle movements for light deliveries (LV) and heavy vehicle (HV) movements for the St Marys Metro Station are summarised below:</p> <table><tr><th>Vehicle</th><th>AM Peak Total</th><th>PM Peak Total</th></tr><tr><td>LV Staff</td><td>212</td><td>212</td></tr><tr><td>LV Deliveries</td><td>4</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>HV</td><td>16</td><td>16</td></tr></table>	Vehicle	AM Peak Total	PM Peak Total	LV Staff	212	212	LV Deliveries	4	4	HV	16	16
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How will noise be managed during construction?	Although the Acoustic Report accompanying the EIS does not predict that St Marys Senior High School will experience noise levels that exceed the Noise Management Levels (NML's) set for educational												

	<p>institutions, it is highly likely that there will be temporary on-going noise impacts resulting from construction.</p> <p>Noise impacts resulting from construction will be managed by Sydney Metro through the implementation of standard and additional mitigation measures in accordance with the Sydney Metro Construction Noise and Vibration Standard. These include the following measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works Scheduling - When working adjacent to schools, medical facilities and childcare centres, particularly noisy activities would be scheduled outside normal working hours, where feasible and reasonable. • Avoid the coincidence of noisy plant working simultaneously close together and adjacent to sensitive receivers. • Where feasible and reasonable heavy vehicle movements would be limited to daytime hours. • Use structures to shield residential receivers from noise, such as noise barriers (where practicable). • A noise monitoring program is to be carried out for the duration of critical works in accordance with the Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan. <p>Acoustic sheds around the St Marys Station construction site may also be implemented, depending on the noise levels experienced during construction.</p> <p><i>* standard construction hours include Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm and Saturday 8 am to 1pm.</i></p>
Will there be any impacts on air quality during construction?	<p>Given the large scale of development activities to be undertaken, there is potential for dust related impacts at St Marys Senior High School. These impacts are likely to be temporary and nature and will be reduced given the distance of the school from the construction site.</p> <p>Dust impacts will be mitigated through the implementation of management measures. These measures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate vehicle speeds on sealed and unsealed roads. • Water suppression will be used for active earthwork areas, stockpiles, unsurfaced haul roads and loads of soil being transported to reduce wind-blown dust emissions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dust extraction and filtration systems will be installed for tunnel excavation works and deep excavation with limited surface exposure. Regularly inspect dust emissions and apply additional controls as required. <p>Best-practice odour management measures will also be implemented during relevant construction works by the project team.</p>
Will there be any vibration impacts during construction and operation?	<p>St Marys Senior High School should not generally experience vibration impacts during construction and operation. This is because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school is located a considerable distance away from proposed haulage routes; Vibration will be managed through the implementation of standard and additional mitigation measures contained to the Sydney Metro Construction Noise and Vibration Standard; and The proposed metro tunnel under the northern edge of the St Marys Senior High School site is to be located at an appropriate depth and sealed.
Are there any visual changes that will impact the school?	<p>No adverse visual changes will impact St Marys Senior High School as a result of the development. The construction site is located approximately 150m away from the school site between a range of streets and dwelling houses, which will block the construction site from view.</p>
Will there be any overshadowing impacts from the works on the school?	<p>No.</p>

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
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As @ 23/09/2020

This fortnight @ SMSHS

Monday 23 Nov	Tuesday 24 Nov	Wednesday 25 Nov	Thursday 26 Nov	Friday 27 Nov
WEEK A Year 12 Hospitality work placement - for selected students Excursion - Investigating Science, UNSW Museum of Human Disease	Year 12 2021 Legal Studies – Task due Year 12 Hospitality work placement - for selected students	Year 12 Hospitality work placement - for selected students	PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES Year 12 2021 Chemistry – Period Zero Task Year 12 2021 Ancient History – Task due Year 12 Hospitality work placement - for selected students	NESA Sign Off – Year 12 2021 – see adjusted bell times Year 12 Business Services – Cluster A due Year 12 Hospitality work placement - for selected students
Monday 30 Nov	Tuesday 1 Dec	Wednesday 2 Dec	Thursday 3 Dec	Friday 4 Dec
WEEK B Year 12 2021 Dance – Task due Year 12 2021 English EAL/D – Task due Year 12 2021 IPT – Task due Year 12 2021 Physics – Task due	School Presentation Day – see adjusted bell times Year 12 2021 Biology – Task due Year 12 2021 English Advanced – Task due Year 12 2021 English EAL/D – Task due Year 12 2021 English Standard – Task due School Council Meeting	Year 12 2021 English EAL/D – Task due Year 12 2021 IT Multimedia – Task due	PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES Year 12 2021 Business Studies – Period Zero Task Year 12 2021 Agriculture – Task due Year 12 2021 English EAL/D – Task due Year 12 2021 Maths Advanced – Task due Year 12 2021 Maths Standard – Task due Year 12 2021 Music 1 – Task due Year 12 2021 SDD – Task due	Year 12 2021 English EAL/D – Task due Year 12 2021 Maths Extension 2 – Task due

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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