

TERM 1 WEEKS 5 AND 6 22 February - 5 March 2021 Important Dates - Term 1 2021 School Swimming Carnival -W5 Mon 22 Feb Competitors Only Details to be advised, pending DoE advice School Council Meeting – AGM Details to be advised, pending DoE advice W5 Tue 23 Feb Tue 2 Mar W₆ School Photos W10 Thur 1 Apr Last day of classes for Term 1 W10 Fri 2 Apr Good Friday (public holiday) Important Dates - Term 2 2021 W1 Tue 20 Apr First day of classes for Term 2 2021 HSC timetable released by W2 Thur 29 Apr **NESA** Year 11 2022 Expressions of W5 Fri 21 May Interest due National Sorry Day 2021 - start of W6 Wed 26 May National Reconciliation Week 2021 Last day of classes for Term 2 W10 Fri 25 Jun Western Sydney Careers Expo,



Year 12 2021 - to be confirmed

Principal's Report

Thank you to everyone for the way they have settled into Term One and continued with our hygiene practices. It is hard to believe we are half way through Term One and about to move into a heavy assessment period for both Year 11 and Year 12. There are a number of support services available to assist students which are best accessed early. These services include Caitlin, our Student Support Officer who can be found in the Learning Centre along with our Head Teacher Learning and Wellbeing, Mel, our School Counsellors and our Learning and Support Teachers.

Our school also funds a tutorial program which provides free tutoring to students in a variety of subjects. This is a great opportunity to consolidate your learning, build your confidence and extend yourself. More information about these programs can be found in this newsletter. In addition, your Personal Mentor (Year 12) or Mentor Teacher (Year 11) can provide ongoing support, along with your Student Adviser or Deputy Principal.

Congratulations to our SRC who organised some wonderful activities for our students to celebrate

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Principal's Report continued

Valentine's Day with their friends. They found the time to spread a little love and definitely provided many smiles as our school transformed into a picture of red and pink.

Thank you to the Class of 2020 and their families for joining us for a COVID-safe Academic Excellence Assembly last Tuesday. It was fantastic to see so many members of our community come together to celebrate and recognise student excellence. This is the first event we have had in one year where our parents have been able to join us. It was truly wonderful to spend this time with our learning community. There is no other event on the St Marys Senior High School calendar that demonstrates the exceptional academic achievements of our students more than this assembly. It was an honour and a privilege for us all to be able to witness the exceptional achievements of these students from the Class of 2020, whether it was in the MPC or via our livestream. I would like to acknowledge our special guests who joined us at this prestigious event: Ms Jennifer Farrar, Member of the Zonta Club, Nepean Valley; Ms Cathy Brenan, Executive Director – School Performance NSW Department of Education; and, Mr Craig Redfern, Director Educational Leadership Cambridge Park Network. Also, I would like to thank Danielle Ervine, Julie Robinson and the English Faculty for their organisation of this event, with the help of Fatima De Assis, Michael Nolan and Sharon Lang. Their efforts were again outstanding, especially in adapting to the changing circumstances that this year has brought us.

This newsletter features some wise words from our Dux for 2020, Nishchay Pandya. I encourage you to draw some inspiration from Nishchay and his peers.

Sally Smithard

Principal







Dux of 2020 Speech, Academic Excellence Assembly

Good morning, Mrs Smithard, distinguished guests, teachers, parents and students.

It is my absolute honour and privilege to be standing here today, representing the Class of 2020.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the Class of 2020 on your spectacular achievements. These incredible results truly reflect your intelligence, persistence and work ethic. I want to thank all of you for making my time at St Marys so memorable and vibrant. I have cherished every moment that I have spent with you all and I wish that these upcoming years for you are as enjoyable as these past two years were.

I also want to give my most sincere gratitude to all my teachers at St Marys for their support and guidance. I want to especially thank my amazing Year 12 HSC teachers, without whom my results would not have been possible: my English teacher, Anna; my Maths Extension 1 teacher, Latha; my Maths Extension 2 teacher, Reuben; my Physics teacher, Nicola; my Biology teacher, Ila; and my Chemistry teachers Ghaz and Tim. Thank you for assisting me throughout the HSC journey because without any of you, I would not be where I am today.

I would also like to thank my family for all the love and unconditional support they have provided me throughout my HSC year. My family has always acted like my pillar of strength, and it would have been truly difficult for me to achieve my HSC goals without their support.

To the current Year 12 students, your final year of school will be your most challenging yet exciting one. Class of 2021, I urge you to set your own goals and dreams, and work towards them. It is quite natural and common for students to misunderstand the HSC as a competition between each other. The truth is that yes, the HSC is a competition but it is between your current version of you and your past self. It is about being better than what you were in the past. So, one of the key pieces of advice I would like to give you is that don't compare your progress with someone else's, as everyone has their own pace.

It is very important to have a balance in life. Apart from working towards your academic goals, you guys should also enjoy this year; build new friendships, strengthen some of the old ones, and live through the HSC year without any regrets. Be each other's strength – support and check up on each other from time to time. Helping a fellow student not only increases their knowledge, but solidifies your own as well.

Once you begin achieving some of your goals, make sure that you always feel grateful for your achievements. Remain humble in success and use it as a platform to achieve greater things. Don't let it go to your head and distract you. Remember to have a break and enjoy yourself every once in a while, but understand that some degree of sacrifice is a compulsion prior to achieving your goals.

There will be times when you feel frustrated, when you have difficulties in understanding some concepts, or when you feel disappointed and defeated when your grades are below your expectations, or times when you



feel stressed and overwhelmed and begin to doubt your own capabilities. Such times are unavoidable – but DO NOT give up. Take a short break and try again. Sometimes, the difference between ordinary and extraordinary is just that little "extra" bit. The more you try in the right direction, the closer you will get to your goals. Remember – just because you can't see your destination yet doesn't mean that you aren't progressing towards it. Keep moving forward. Class of 2021 and Year 11 2021 – I wish you the best of luck for the year ahead.

Finally, to the Class of 2020, congratulations to you all once again. Please keep this in mind: the journey has just begun. Whatever path you decide to take, I wish that all of you have a successful future.

Thank you.

Nishchay Pandya

Dux of SMSHS, 2020



Year 11 2021 - Looking at our school assessment policy and procedures

We have created some materials for our Year 11 students to help explore some of the key elements of our school's assessment policy and procedures. This will help to ensure that students can make the best possible attempt at each of their tasks, starting in Week 6 of this term.

A Google Classroom has been set up for Year 12 2022 (code: u3c7yea), and students have received an invitation in their school email account to join this online forum. We already have over 400 students who have joined!

We ask that each Year 11 student join the Classroom, and take some time in Week 5 to watch the presentation and read through the materials provided. After this, each student is asked to complete a simple online quiz, to help us to identify areas where further explanations may be needed. A great time for students to do this is during the **Period 0 lesson on Thursday 25 February**, when Year 12 have a Biology HSC assessment task. However, students can complete these activities during their own time at any point in Week 5, either at home or in the spaces provided for students at our school.

If any students have any questions, they can get in contact with their Mentor Teacher or with me (in my office or via email on leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au).

Thank you!

Leah Havord

Deputy Principal



St Marys Senior High School

Some of the wonderful achievements of the HSC Graduating Class of 2020



Nishchay Pandya Dux, SMSHS 2020 ATAR 97.90

ATAR 97.90

In 2021, Nishchay will start a B. Actuarial Studies, B. Science - Honours (Advanced Mathematics) at UNSW



Remy Hannan NESA All Round Achiever ATAR 97.45

In 2021, Remy will be taking a gap year to explore her options moving forward



Muhammad Tahir Khawaja NESA Distinguished Achiever ATAR 97.85

In 2021, Muhammad will start a B. Actuarial Studies, B. Science - Honours (Advanced Mathematics) at UNSW



Bhawanjot Dhillon NESA Top Achiever ATAR 93.00

In 2021, Bhawanjot will start a B. Data Science and Decisions (Computational Data Science) at UNSW



Tanvi Agrawal
ATAR 93.50
B. Psychological Science
UNSW



Areeba Ahmed
ATAR 93.20
B. Science, B. Fine Arts



Rafid Aziz
ATAR 92.70
B. Economics B. Commercunsw



Chelsea Brown
ATAR 90.90
B. Biomedicine
UON



Quach Bui
ATAR 93.65

B. Commerce (International)
UNSW



Emma Cutts
ATAR 90.75
B. Health Science (Sports and Exercise)
WSII



Shifa Dhannani ATAR 94.00 B. Medical Science UNSW



Kyle Foufas ATAR 90.20 B. Arts MU



Catherine Gill
ATAR 94.35
B. International Relations
ANII



Gunaseelan
ATAR 95.00
B. Commerce, B. Engineering
UNSW

Thanushwur



Rajeevan
Jeyakumar
ATAR 93.55
B. Commerce, B. Economics
UNSW



Nathan Luk
ATAR 94.95
B. Commerce, B, Law
MU



Jay Patel
ATAR 95.50
B. Aviation
UNSW



Ibrahim Ramadanny
ATAR 96.20

B. Actuarial Studies, B. Advanceo
Mathematics (Honours)

UNSW



Christelle
Salimbangon
ATAR 95.90
B. Commerce
UNSW



Shaariq Sami ATAR 91.80 B. Medical Science



Yashvi Sheth
ATAR 95.60
B. Laws, B. Commerce
UNSW



Thomas Tyrell
ATAR 90.95
B. Environmental
Management (Earth Science)
UNSW



Dang Vu
ATAR 94.60
B. Physiotherapy
WSU
WSU WSU Multi-Year Scholarship



Faye Wasdell
ATAR 97.55

B. Medical Research
UTAS
UTAS Catalyst Scholarship

Information for the class of Year 11 2022

Applications close: Friday 21 May 2021

Please check the school website for further details



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TERM 1 WEEK 5 2021

CLUSTER MEETINGS

YEAR 11 ONLY FOR SRC ELECTIONS



YEAR 12, WE WILL SEE YOU IN CLUSTER IN WEEK 7!



Student Concession Entitlement Cards

These cards can be picked up by students at our school's front office. They are valid until the expiry date printed on the card, provided the student continues to be enrolled at St Marys Senior High School.

Should your Student Concession Entitlement card be expiring **BEFORE** you complete your schooling at St Marys Senior High School, please advise the Front Office at school **at least 4** weeks before expiry so that a new card can be ordered.



Concession Entitlement

- Concession fares on train, bus, light rail, metro, Sydney Ferries and NSW TrainLink services
- Concession fares on rural and regional bus services
- Concession Airport station access fee
- Child / Youth Opal card fares
- Not available on Manly Fast Ferry services, Special Event services or charter buses
- Privately owned and operated services may offer concessions at their own discretion, check with the operator before travelling

Card types issued are as follows:-

Senior Secondary Students (SSS)

- Senior Secondary Student Concession is applicable only for students 16 years or older
- Cards display product code (SSS)

Mature Secondary Students (MSS)

- Senior Secondary Student Concession is applicable only for students 18 years or older
- Cards display product code (MSS)

Proof Of Age (POA)

- Enables students to verify to transport staff that they are under 16 years of age
- Cards display product code (POA)



Conditions of Use

Applicable for Senior Secondary Student, Mature Senior Secondary, and Proof Of Age Concession cards:

- The Concession Entitlement is not transferrable and may only be used by the pass holder named on the card
- Valid only when showing all holder details, school information and expiry date
- A pass is rendered invalid by alteration, erasure or damage
- The card must be carried at all times when travelling, and be produced when purchasing tickets or as requested by Transport Officers or Transport Police
- Improper use of the card may result in forfeiture of future NSW travel entitlements

Lost, stolen or damaged cards

When a student's concession entitlement card has been lost, stolen or damaged, please apply for a replacement card at the Front Office of St Marys Senior High School. While waiting for a replacement card, students should travel with a valid ticket.

Change of Circumstances

When a student leaves the school, the Concession Entitlement card must be forfeited to the school before signing out.





FINAL CHANCE TO CHANGE SUBJECTS IS THIS FRIDAY! 26/2/21



After Hours Tutorial Program 2021 - Term 1

Our school runs a range of optional tutorials before and after school at no additional cost to students. The schedule for these tutorials is shown below.

If you are interested in attending one (or more) of these, please ensure you get a permission note from the Tutorial Teacher shown. This note must be completed and returned to the Tutorial Teacher before a student can attend the tutorial activity.

SMSHS Tutorial Program Timetable Term 1 2021 ~ Weeks A & B

| Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| BEFORE SCHOOL | HSC Chemistry Ghaz 7:15 – 8:15 am ER0021 | Year 12 Mathematics Standard Latha 7:15 – 8:15 am AR1032 | Year 12 Mathematics Advanced Latha 7:15 – 8:15 am AR1032 | | HSC Chemistry Ghaz 7:15 – 8:15 am ER0021 |
| | Year 11 Chemistry Mole Calculations Rosemary 7:15 – 8:15 am CTR0005 | Mathematics Extension Reuben 7:15 – 8:15 am AR1046 | | | |
| AFTER | | HSC Biology Ellen 3:25 – 4:25 pm Lecture Theatre | Research Skills Kerri-Anne 3:30 – 4:20 pm Library | HSC Geography Skills Leah 3:25 – 4:25 pm AR0061 | Year 12 Chemistry Lidija 1:38 – 2:38 pm ER0013 |
| | | HSC Society and Culture Dean and Kim 3:30 – 4:30 pm AR0062 | HSC HSIE (Ancient, Modern, Religion – rotating) 3:30 – 4:30 pm AR0062 | Drama Nicole 3:30 – 4:30 pm VR1005 | |
| | | Year 11 Mathematics Standard Anil 3:20 – 4:20 pm CTR1001 | HSC Engineering Studies Subhas 3:25 – 4:25 pm BR1011 | Visual Arts Sharon L 3:30 – 4:30 pm VR1001 | |
| | | Business Studies and Legal Studies Jess and Chandra 3:30 – 4:30 pm AR0061 | Year 11 Mathematics Advanced Anil 3:20 – 4:20 pm CTR1001 | Year 12 Physics Waran 3:25 – 4:30 pm ER0013 | |
| | | Music Fatima and Michael 3:30 – 4:30 pm VR0001 / VR0010 | Year 11 Physics Andrew 3:25 – 4:25 pm CTR0008 | Year 11 Engineering Studies Subhas 3:25 – 4:25 pm BR1011 | |
| | | | Economics Salochna 3:30 – 4:30 pm AR0061 | | |
| | | | HSC English (Std and Adv) Danielle 3:30 – 4:30 pm ER1001 | | |
| | | | HSC Dance Mel 3:30 – 4:30 pm VR1005 | | |





School photos for 2021

- 1. Our school photos will be taken on Tuesday 2 March 2021 (Week 6B of this term).
- 2. Each student will sit for an individual portrait picture with students in:
 - Year 12 meeting in front of the MPC at the start of Period 1 (8:20 am).
 - Year 11 meeting in front of the MPC at the start of Period 3 (11:14 am).



- 3. On arriving in front of the MPC:
 - Students have their belongings with them throughout the photo process.
 - Students line up in alphabetical order according to their surnames. Initially, they will assemble in letter groups then we will work to ensure they are in alphabetical order in these groups.

4. Classes on the day:

- All **Year 12 students** will remain out of class all of Period 1 to have their photos taken, with teaching staff on supervision. Any students still needing to have their photo taken during Period 2 will be sent back to class as quickly as possible. The other lessons on the day will operate as usual.
- All **Year 11 students** will remain out of class all of Period 3 to have their photos taken, with teaching staff on supervision. Any students still needing to have their photo taken during Period 4 will be sent back to class as quickly as possible. The other lessons on the day will operate as usual.
- 5. Every student will pose for a picture which will then be compiled into a year group picture. Even if a student chooses not to buy a picture, it is important that every student has a picture taken for our school and NESA records.
- 6. On the day, the photo dress code involves each student wearing a white school shirt with the school crest.
- 7. Order forms have been handed out to Year 11 students in Mentor, and to Year 12 students in Personal Mentor.
 - Students will need to write their class code on their envelope (these are also included over the page).
 - Those students who have prepaid online do not need to bring their envelopes with them on the day.
- 8. Photos can be prepaid online via www.advancedlife.com.au or can be paid for on the day with correct cash or cheques (made out to Advanced Photographers Pty Ltd).



- 9. The name written on the order form should be **the student's legal/official name** this name is used for a number of documents in the school and for the HSC, and it should be spelt correctly and written clearly.
- 10. In case of wet weather, the photos will still be taken as outlined above.
- 11. A number of COVID-safe arrangements have been put in place for the day as required by the photographer's COVID-Safe Plan. This includes:
 - No facility to provide change for cash payments,
 - Limiting student numbers in the MPC,
 - Limiting student time in the MPC.
- 12. If you have any questions, please contact our School Photo Coordinator, Luigi Serra in the Languages Staffroom.



| Year 11 Mentor Groups – Photo codes for 2021 | | | | |
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| Mentor | Code | | | |
| Fatima De Assis | 11MEN2A.FDE | | | |
| Amy-Lee Petherbridge | 11MEN2B.APE | | | |
| Sharon Lang | 11MEN2C.SLA | | | |
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| Rosemary Spears | 11MEN3A.RSP | | | |
| Sharon Lang | 11MEN3B.SLA | | | |
| Melissa Jacka | 11MEN3C. MJA | | | |
| Ellen Worgan | 11MEN3D.EWO | | | |
| Carla Rubelj | 11MEN3D.CRU | | | |
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| Robyn Herbert | 11MEN5A.RHE | | | |
| Mitchell Baker | 11MEN5B.MBA | | | |
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| Fatima De Assis | 11MEN6A.FDE | | | |
| Carla Rubelj | 11MEN6B.CRU | | | |
| Dean Newbold | 11MEN6C.DNE | | | |
| Adam Bernthaler | 11MEN6D.ABE | | | |
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| Amy-Lee Petherbridge | 11MEN7A.APE | | | |
| Chandra Mani | 11MEN7B.CMA | | | |
| Nicole Bonfield | 11MEN7C.NBO | | | |
| Mel Jacka | 11MEN7D.MJA | | | |
| Rosa Kim | 11MEN7E.RKI | | | |
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| Fatima De Assis | 11MEN8A.FDE | | | |
| Amy-Lee Petherbridge | 11MEN8B.APE | | | |
| Angela Lievore | 11MEN8C.ALI | | | |
| Waran Sabaratnam | 11MEN8D.VSA | | | |
| Arthur Andrews | 11MEN8E.AAN | | | |
| Paul Fante | 11MEN8F.PFA | | | |
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| Carmel Harriden | 11MEN9.CHA | | | |



| Year 12 Po | ersonal Mentor | Groups – Photo cod | es for 2021 |
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| Personal Mentor | Code | Personal Mentor | Code |
| Adam Bernthaler | 12MEN1 | Liz Hemmings | 12MEN36 |
| Andrew Farrugia | 12MEN11 | Luigi Serra | 12MEN37 |
| Andrew Mabey | 12MEN12 | Lyn Tuckwell | 12MEN38 |
| Angela Lievore | 12MEN14 | Maree Phelps | 12MEN39 |
| Anil Sharma | 12MEN15 | Matthew Topp | 12MEN4 |
| Anna Sarlej | 12MEN16 | Mel Jacka | 12MEN40 |
| Arthur Andrews | 12MEN17 | Michael Nolan | 12MEN41 |
| Carla Rubelj | 12MEN9 | Mitchell Baker | 12MEN42 |
| Chandra Mani | 12MEN18 | Nicola Preston | 12MEN43 |
| Charly Ebejer | 12MEN19 | Nicole Bonfield | 12MEN44 |
| Chris Cavill | 12MEN8 | Nicole Leong | 12MEN45 |
| Danielle Ervine | 12MEN20 | Paul Fante | 12MEN46 |
| Dean Newbold | 12MEN2 | Peta Bailey | 12MEN47 |
| Deb Robinson | 12MEN22 | Prithy Chaudhary | 12MEN48 |
| Fatima De Assis | 12MEN22 | Rebecca Langham (HSIE) | 12MEN49 |
| Ghaz Siddique | 12MEN23 | Rebecca Powell (TAS) | 12MEN5 |
| Gillian Langlands | 12MEN24 | Reuben De Rooy | 12MEN50 |
| lla Perera | 12MEN25 | Robyn Ashworth | 12MEN51 |
| Janette Littlejohn | 12MEN26 | Rosa Kim | 12MEN52 |
| Jesse Vassallo | 12MEN27 | Rosemary Spears | 12MEN53 |
| Jessca Johnson | 12MEN28 | Sally Smithard | 11MEN54 |
| Jo Brines | 12MEN29 | Salochna Reddy | 12MEN55 |
| Julie Robinson | 12MEN30 | Sarah Jeffery | 12MEN56 |
| Kerri-Anne Brown | 12MEN91 | Sharon Francis | 12MEN57 |
| Kim Sheldon | 12MEN30 | Sharon Lang | 12MEN58 |
| _eanne Fearnley | 12MEN32 | Simone Pett | 12MEN59 |
| Latha Deo | 12MEN31 | Subhas Chand | 12MEN60 |
| _ee Mifsud | 12MEN33 | Waran Sabaratnam | 12MEN97 |
| Lidija Radovancevic | 12MEN34 | Wendi Kamboli | 12MEN7 |
| Linda Raymond | 12MEN35 | | |
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| This fortnight @ SMSHS | | | | | |
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| Monday 22 Feb | Tuesday 23 Feb | Wednesday 24 Feb | Thursday 25 Feb | Friday 26 Feb | |
| School Swimming Carnival – competitors only | School Council Meeting, 6pm, school front office Year 12 Society and Culture – Asst 2 and PIP Progress Report due | CAPA Lunchtime Concert @ the COLA Year 12 French Beginners – Asst 1 due Year 12 IT Multimedia – Asst 2 due | PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES Werrington Zone Boys Soccer Gala Day Boys and Girls Touch, Knockout Round 1 Year 12 Biology – Asst 2 – Period Zero Year 12 Japanese Beginners – Asst 1 due Year 12 Korean Beginners – Asst 1 due | | |
| Monday 1 Mar | Tuesday 2 Mar | Wednesday 3 Mar | Year 12 Modern History – Asst 2 due Year 12 Spanish Beginners – Asst 1 due Thursday 4 Mar | Friday 5 Mar | |
| | School Photos Year 12 Maths Extension 2 – Asst 2 due | Werrington Zone Netball Gala Day NSW Oz Tag Championships CAPA Lunchtime Concert @ the COLA Year 12 Design and Technology – Asst 2 due | | Youth Mental Health First Aid Training, 2pm – 4pm, Lecture Theatre | |

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

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