



**TERM 3 WEEKS 1 AND 2**

**12 – 23 July 2021**

**Important Dates – Term 3 2021**

W1	Tue 13 Jul	First day of classes for Term 3
W3	Mon 26 Jul	School examination period begins
W3	Tue 27 Jul	School Council Meeting <i>6pm, Front office Arrangements TBA</i>
W5	Fri 13 Aug	School examination period ends
W7	Tue 24 Aug	School Council Meeting <i>6pm, Front office Arrangements TBA</i>
W8	Tue 7 Sep	Heritage Day 2021 <i>Details TBC</i>
W10	Tue 14 Sep	School Captain 2022 Elections <i>Details TBC</i>
W10	Wed 15 Sep	Major Works Assembly <i>Details TBC</i>
W10	Thu 16 Sep	Rehearsal – Graduation Year 12 2021 <i>Details TBC</i>
W10	Fri 17 Sep	Last day of classes for Term 3  Graduation Year 12 2021 <i>Details TBC</i>

**Principal's Report**

We return to Term 3 with a little uncertainty but with lots of optimism for a term that involves important events that celebrate milestones for both Year 11 and Year 12 following our examination period. Although the school holiday period was impacted by lockdown restrictions, we need to remain focussed on our goals, doing all we can as individuals and a learning community to ensure everyone is safe.

In my newsletter items I often discuss the different flavours of each school term, and Term 3 is no different. This term can be exciting and filled with anticipation as Year 12 move to independence beyond formal schooling, as well as sad and for some challenging for the same reasons. Year 11 will complete their final term of the Preliminary Higher School Certificate Course before moving into Year 12 in Term 4. This is a very exciting time for them and their families. These milestones will occur whilst other significant events (hopefully) take place: Trial Higher School Certificate Examinations, Year 11 Examination Period, Heritage Day, Major Works Assembly and Wear It Purple Day at the end of August.

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## **COVID Update**

In regards to the start of Term 3:

- **Classes for Week 1:** In our first week of term, students will be learning from home. They will be following their normal school timetable for an A Week, starting on Tuesday 13 July. If students are not able to learn from home, teacher supervision will be provided in the school library to ensure students can engage in online lessons. Students on site will need to wear masks and report to the library to sign in at the start of their first lesson for the day. Students will not be able to be in other parts of the school, except for those Year 12 students who have made appointments with their teachers to complete practical Major Works (see below). The school canteen, or Caf, will not be in operation for this week as per the Department of Education's guidelines.
- **Year 12 Major Works:** Students completing HSC Major Works which do not require access to specialised equipment and resources can continue to work on these projects at home outside of scheduled classes. For those students completing projects which require specialised equipment or resources, such as Dance, Drama, Textiles and Design, Design and Technology, Music and Visual Arts, students can attend school during their timetabled period for this subject by making an appointment with their teacher. They can also make an appointment with their teacher when they do not have a timetabled class in another subject, pending teacher availability. All students onsite must wear a mask. Students who come in to access support with their Major Works will be able to attend online classes for their other subjects in the library if they are unable to undertake them at home during normal lesson times due to travel arrangements.
- **Examinations:** At this point in time our Year 11 and Trial HSC examinations will continue as scheduled. This will be reviewed if required by guidelines from NSW Health and the Department of Education and/or through a change in public health orders. The school is already putting in place protocols similar to those in place for the HSC examinations in 2020, including limiting the number of students in examination spaces.

On the next page is an outline of the new levels of school operations developed by the Department of Education and NSW Health. We are currently operating in Level 4. We hope this guide will help families as we move between the different levels. We will endeavour to provide further information as it is shared with us.



# COVID-Safe School Operations

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
<p><b>COVID normal</b></p> <p>Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students are learning at school</li> <li>• Activities can occur with COVID-safe plans in place</li> <li>• QR Codes in place</li> <li>• Staff and students may choose to wear a mask</li> </ul>	<p><b>Limited restrictions</b></p> <p>Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students are learning at school</li> <li>• Restrictions to ensure activities are COVID-safe such as singing outdoors</li> <li>• No non-essential visitors</li> <li>• QR Codes in place</li> <li>• Recommended masks indoors for all staff and secondary students</li> </ul>	<p><b>Significant restrictions</b></p> <p>Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students are learning at school</li> <li>• Restrictions on activities to reduce mingling of student cohorts wherever possible</li> <li>• Restrictions on activities such as assemblies, school performances and singing</li> <li>• No non-essential visitors</li> <li>• QR Codes in place</li> <li>• Mandatory masks indoors for all staff and secondary students</li> </ul>	<p><b>Learning from home</b></p> <p>Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools activate plans to support continuity of education for students learning from home. No student is turned away</li> <li>• Reduce mingling of student cohorts wherever possible</li> <li>• No non-essential visitors</li> <li>• QR Codes in place</li> <li>• Mandatory masks indoors for all staff and secondary students</li> </ul>
<p>Determined by NSW Health</p>			

I hope all of our students and their families are well and found some time to rest over the holiday break. Best wishes in your preparation for your examinations, starting in Week Three.

**Sally Smithard**

*Principal*



# Be COVID-safe in the 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 must 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



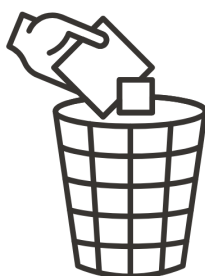
When you enter the examination room, be sure to use the hand sanitiser provided

## Step 3: Wipe down



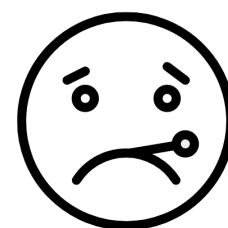
At the end of the examination, wipe down your table and chair with the antibacterial wipes provided so they are ready for the next student

## 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 your DP before 7:30 am on the day of the exam via email  
Year 12 DP - [leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Year 11 DP - [danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au)
- Go to the doctor to get your medical certificate

# Subject Changes

**Year 12 students wanting to drop a subject  
before the school examination period begins  
must email Liz**

**[liz.hemmings@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:liz.hemmings@det.nsw.edu.au)**

**by 12pm on Friday 16 July 2021**

***Subject changes can only be finalised if a student's  
parent also emails Liz, to confirm that they have  
discussed the change with their child***



**WHO WILL BE ON YOUR TEAM?**

# **SCHOOL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

**Monday December 13th -  
Wednesday December 15th**

**GET READY FOR 3 DAYS OF FRIENDS, EXCITEMENT  
AND SERIOUS COMPETITION**



**Collect your permission note from the  
tables outside the Front Office today!**

**Open at all Year 11 2021 students not attending  
Collaroy Camp or End of Year Trek**

**Sports Report – Term 2 2021**



## SMSHS Athletics Carnival

We were so fortunate to be able to hold our school athletics carnival this year without restrictions. The weather was amazing and there were some outstanding athletics performances. For the non-competitive students there were novelty events and we also held a concert this year to add to the atmosphere.

The day began with the Cluster chants. They were amazing! The students were so pumped and there was a lot of friendly rivalry. **The winner of the chants was Cluster 7.** Congratulations and what a great job the Sport Cluster Leaders did to get their groups organised.

To determine the winner of the athletics carnival, the number of points collected by each Cluster, through students entering events and Cluster chants, are added up and then divided by the number of people in that Cluster. This makes it fair for the smaller Cluster groups.

**The winner of the athletics carnival was Cluster 5.** Congratulations to all.

There were ten school records broken at the carnival:

Emily Snelling	16 years 100m – 13.58 s
	16 years 200 m – 29.52 s
Alysse Duffy	16 years long jump – 4.21 m
Ashley Magsakay	16 years shot put – 10.52 m
Shayan Adhikari	16 years 400 m – 56.07 s
Kailah Stapleton	17 years 200 m – 29.15 s
Kia Critchley	17 years 400 m – 1.11.27 m
Charlotte Blaikie	17 years long jump – 4.45 m
Denzel Betham	17 years shot put – 11.5 m
Corey Doyle	17 years discus – 47.67 m



Congratulations to our age champions on the day:

	16 Years Girls	16 Years Boys	17 Years Girls	17 Years Boys
Age Champion	Alysse Duffy	Shayan Adhikari	Kailah Stapleton	Corey Doyle
Runner Up	Emily Snelling	Arnav Prasad	Kia Critchley	Brad Wade Nivad Charan





## Werrington Zone Athletics Carnival

The Werrington Zone Athletics Carnival was held on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 June at Blair Oval. In stark contrast to the weather for our school carnival, Thursday was the coldest day in Sydney in 37 years. I would like to thank the staff who assisted with the running of this carnival and stayed out in the rain, and congratulate the athletes who were able to compete in such extreme weather conditions.

We had nineteen students qualify for the Werrington Zone team to compete at the Sydney West Carnival, which is due to be held in Week 2 of Term 3. We also won three out of the four relay events we competed in. Congratulations and well done to all of our athletes.

Some of the outstanding results:

Shayan Adhikari	16 years - 1 <sup>st</sup> 100 m, 1 <sup>st</sup> 200 m, 1 <sup>st</sup> 400 m, 2 <sup>nd</sup> high jump
Arnav Prasad	16 years - 2 <sup>nd</sup> 100 m, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 200 m
Abhishek Parimi	16 years - 2 <sup>nd</sup> 400 m
Reuben Dela Cruz	16 years - 1 <sup>st</sup> high jump
Corey Doyle	17 years - 1 <sup>st</sup> discus
Denzel Betham	17 years - 1 <sup>st</sup> shot put
Emily Snelling	16 years - 1 <sup>st</sup> 100 m, 1 <sup>st</sup> 200 m, 1 <sup>st</sup> long jump, 2 <sup>nd</sup> triple jump
Alysse Duffy	16 years - 2 <sup>nd</sup> 200 m, 1 <sup>st</sup> triple jump
Moanalei Brown	16 years - 1 <sup>st</sup> discus, 1 <sup>st</sup> shot put
Ashley Magsakay	16 years - 2 <sup>nd</sup> javelin, 2 <sup>nd</sup> shot put
Kailah Stapleton	17 years - 1 <sup>st</sup> 200 m
Kia Critchley	17 years - 1 <sup>st</sup> 400 m, 1 <sup>st</sup> 800 m, 1 <sup>st</sup> 1500 m
Caitlin Shepherd	17 years - 1 <sup>st</sup> discus
Charlotte Blaikie	17 years - 1 <sup>st</sup> long jump
Lillian Coombe	17 years - 1 <sup>st</sup> shot put



I would like to take this opportunity to wish all athletes the best of luck in the upcoming Sydney West Athletics Carnival.

## Girls Basketball

The girls basketball team qualified for the Final 8 in NSW, something we had not been able to do for many years. The competition was held at Castle Hill over two days. Day 1 consisted of the round robin games. The girls played three games and finished first in their pool. The morning of Day 2 was their semi final game where they came up against Hunter Sports High School. The girls played extremely well but lost 49-57, putting them into the bronze medal play off against Freshwater Senior Campus. The girls wanted a medal so badly. They came out firing, just as Freshwater did and they took the lead in the first half. At half time, the girls had a 'pep talk', and let it all out on the court to win 49-39.

Congratulations to all of the players: Jurnee A'mour Straker, Cathleah Graza, Jess Harrison, Kiahna Kraus, Rhiana Stockill, Milania Abdelshahid, Georgina Loucataris, Kristine O'Laco, Geneva Valencia and Nicolaine Velasquez.

### **Jo Brines**

*Sports Organiser*



ST MARYS SENIOR HIGH

# School Captains for 2022

*Students in Year 12 2022 who wish to apply for the position of School Captain should check their Google Classroom "SMSHS Year 12 2022" for information as well as a copy of the application form*

*Completed forms are now due to Leah by 3:20 pm on Thursday 22 July*



## This fortnight @ SMSHS

Monday 12 Jul	Tuesday 13 Jul	Wednesday 14 Jul	Thursday 15 Jul	Friday 16 Jul
SDD	First day of classes for Term 3 – Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning
Monday 19 Jul	Tuesday 20 Jul	Wednesday 21 Jul	Thursday 22 Jul	Friday 23 Jul
			HSC Drama Showcase – Year 12	HSC Drama Showcase – Year 12

### Our Teams

Principal:	Sally Smithard
School Council President:	Sonia Matthews
School Captains:	Alice Chitos Chloe Nolasco
School Executive:	
- Deputy Principal (Year 11)	Danielle Ervine
- Deputy Principal (Year 12)	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)	Lynette Deuis
Student Advisers:	
- Year 11, Surnames A-G	Mitchell Baker
- Year 11, Surnames H-O	Nicole Leong
- Year 11, Surnames P-Z	Jesse Vassallo
- Year 12, Surnames A-G	Nicola Preston
- Year 12, Surnames H-O	Luigi Serra
- Year 12, Surnames P-Z	Tim Weston
Learning Support:	Carmel Harriden Dianne Pyne Nicole Leong Carly McPherson
Careers Adviser:	Lynette Tuckwell

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