



TERM 3 WEEKS 3 AND 4

26 July – 6 August 2021

Important Dates – Term 3 2021

W3	Tue 27 Jul	School Council Meeting 6pm, Via Zoom <i>Contact the school for details</i>
W6	Mon 16 Aug	School examination period begins
W7	Tue 24 Aug	School Council Meeting 6pm, Front office <i>Arrangements TBA</i>
W8	Fri 3 Sep	School examination period ends
W10	Fri 17 Sep	Last day of classes for Term 3



Principal's Report

I would like to thank our wonderful community for their support during this frustrating and uncertain time. This term thus far has been like a rollercoaster. Our patience and flexibility are being tested, and our capacity to think creatively is being challenged. Our strength in finding solutions rests in how we respond as individuals and as a collective organisation, and I am confident that no matter what our daily 11am Premier's Conference delivers, we all have the capacity to remain optimistic, offer gratitude and continue to move forward. As a school we try to empathise with everyone's circumstances, however it is important for families to communicate with us if there is something more we could be doing or if there is something they need during this period.

Some of the decisions we make are what I term point in time decisions – they are made based on the information we have at a particular point in time developed from the information provided to us from the Department of Education and NESA. Therefore, they are subject to change. Since our last newsletter, the following updates have occurred:

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1. The NESA COVID Response Committee met earlier this week and agreed to:
 - Reschedule the HSC oral language exams to run from 14 August to 18 September for students in Greater Sydney and regional NSW.
 - Publish an updated HSC oral language exams timetable on 26 July.
 - Reschedule the HSC Dance performance exams to run from 13 to 17 September in schools in Greater Sydney. *We have received word today that our Dance performance exams are scheduled to run 15-17 September – we will pass on more details when they come in.*
 - Extend the due date for the Society and Culture Personal Interest Project by two weeks, to 9 August.
 - Increase the number of times HSC students can attempt the HSC minimum standards tests to six times per year.
 - Provide an update of due dates for other HSC Major Works Projects in the week commencing 26 July 2021.

2. The NESA COVID Response Committee has released today that, in line with health advice, they have:
 - Extended the hand in date for all major projects by two weeks. The hand-in date for Industrial Technology has been extended by four weeks.
 - Rescheduled Drama performance exams to run from 6 to 17 September.
 - Confirmed Music performance exams continue as scheduled, running from 30 August to 10 September.
 - Rescheduled the written exams to begin one week later on 19 October with HSC results out on 17 December.
 - *We will be sending out an update letter later today with any details we have related to this announcement. We will be looking at conducting Zoom Meetings with our Year 12 students and their parents and families in the coming weeks to provide an opportunity to address any questions that arise.*

3. The Department of Education has told schools that Year 12 students undertaking practical HSC works are no longer able to work on site on their Major Works. Students are able to come on site to collect their projects to continue to work on them at home.

4. St Marys Senior High School has moved our examination period back to Weeks 6-8 of this term, stretching from 16 August to 3 September 2021.

I expect that next week, I will be providing further updates regarding the Higher School Certificate to Year 12 as the NESA COVID Response Committee continues to make announcements. Please remember to use all the available support that is offered to you both within school and beyond. Please take care, we miss you all so much.

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



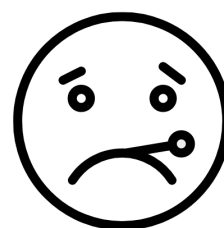
At the end of the examination, wipe down your table and chair with the antibacterial wipes provided so they are ready for the next student

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
Year 11 DP - danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au
- Go to the doctor to get your medical certificate

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**

This fortnight @ SMSHS

Monday 26 Jul	Tuesday 27 Jul	Wednesday 28 Jul	Thursday 29 Jul	Friday 30 Jul
Remote Learning	Remote Learning School Council Meeting 6pm via Zoom	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning
Monday 2 Aug	Tuesday 3 Aug	Wednesday 4 Aug	Thursday 5 Aug	Friday 6 Aug
Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning

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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