



TERM 4 WEEKS 5 AND 6

1 – 15 November 2021

Important Dates – Term 4 2021

W6	Tue 9 Nov	HSC exams begin
W8	Tue 23 Nov	School Council Meeting 6pm, via Zoom
W9	Fri 3 Dec	HSC exams conclude
W10	Mon 6 Dec	Year 12 2021 Sign Out Day #1
W10	Tue 7 Dec	Year 12 2021 Sign Out Day #2
W10	Tue 7 Dec	Presentation Day 2021 (proposed)
W10	Fri 10 Dec	Year 12 2021 Graduation (proposed)
W11	Mon 13 Dec	Year 12 2022 - School Leadership Program
W11	Tue 14 Dec	Year 12 2022 - School Leadership Program
W11	Wed 15 Dec	Year 12 2022 - School Leadership Program
W11	Thu 16 Dec	Last day of classes for Year 12 2022
W11	Thu 16 Dec	Year 12 2021 Formal (proposed)

Principal's Report

The beautiful Spring weather we are currently experiencing has ensured that the return of students to face to face learning has been a little easier with students taking advantage of sitting outdoors during the breaks. We all need to adjust and get back into a routine, ensuring our devices are charged and bags are packed. Some of our shared spaces look a little different with reduced capacity. I would like to thank everyone for the way they have adjusted and the way in which they have embraced the COVID safe protocols on the school site.

It is not long now and Year 12 2021 will finally commence their Higher School Certificate examinations. The New South Wales Educational Standards Authority (NESA) has announced that the special consideration program will be extended to written examinations. We will be submitting a whole cohort application outlining the challenges faced by our community due to the length of time in remote learning as well as the additional restrictions placed upon the school, students, families and staff when the twelve suburbs within the Penrith LGA were identified as suburbs of concern. Students and their families do not

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Principal's Report continued

need to do anything as this will all be submitted by the school.

Students are reminded that if they are unwell or are required to isolate on the day of an examination that they need to contact Danielle Ervine by 7:30 am on the morning of the examination via email Danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au as outlined in the last Year 12 Zoom Meeting. After receiving the email, Danielle will go through the illness and misadventure process required by NESA.

Our whole learning community wish Year 12 all the best during their examination period. We are all proud of your efforts over the last two years at St Marys Senior High School. Now is your time to show everyone else what you can achieve.

Our School Captain elections have now been finalised following an extensive process for all candidates. Congratulations to our Captains for 2022, Joanna Simeon and Jade Dsouza and Vice Captains, Celestine Salimbangon and Ishta Avikal. I look forward to working with you over the next twelve months. Thank you to all candidates who did an amazing job and good luck to all students who are now looking forward to the Student Representative Council elections which will take place in Week 5. Thank you to the members of our SRC in 2021 in Year 11 and Year 12 for all of their hard work this year, particularly when leading innovative opportunities throughout our period of remote learning, including the Virtual Olympics and Virtual Heritage Day celebrations. I would also like to thank our outgoing School Captains, Chloe Nolasco and Alice Chitos as well as Vice Captains, Bree Fitzpatrick and Mohmd Alsomay for their amazing leadership throughout 2021. As student leaders they have been agile, flexible and courageous leaders.

Sally Smithard

Principal



Year 12 2021



A reminder to Year 12 2021 to be checking out your 'Open When Cards' in the lead up to our exams!



Optional Seminar Sessions for Year 12 2021 – Term 4 2021

Term 4 Week 5	Monday 1 November 2021	Tuesday 2 November 2021	Wednesday 3 November 2021	Thursday 4 November 2021	Friday 5 November 2021
8:30 am – 9:32 am	Business Studies	<i>Stu Vac</i>	<i>Stu Vac</i>	<i>Stu Vac</i>	<i>Stu Vac</i>
9:32 am – 10:44 am	Korean Beginners PDHPE	<i>Stu Vac</i>	<i>Stu Vac</i>	<i>Stu Vac</i>	<i>Stu Vac</i>
10:44 am – 11:14 am					
11:14 am – 12:26 pm	Biology	<i>Stu Vac</i>	<i>Stu Vac</i>	<i>Stu Vac</i>	<i>Stu Vac</i>
12:26 pm – 1:38 pm	IT Multimedia Maths Extension 2	<i>Stu Vac</i>	<i>Stu Vac</i>	<i>Stu Vac</i>	<i>Stu Vac</i>
1:38 pm – 2:08 pm					
2:08 pm – 3:20 pm	Investigating Science French Beginners	<i>Stu Vac</i>	<i>Stu Vac</i>	<i>Stu Vac</i>	<i>Stu Vac</i>



Bandanna Day 2021

On Friday 29 October, with thanks to the amazing support of everyone in our school community, we proudly raised nearly \$2000 for CanTeen through the sale of bandannas and gold coin donations. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this very special day, including our fantastic SRC members who organised, promoted and ran the day.



Information from Transport for NSW – School Travel for 2022



2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to **transportnsw.info**. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel

Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback



Support in the Learning Centre, An Update for Term 4 2021

As explained earlier in the term, during every lesson our school has a teacher available to provide students with additional support in our Learning Centre. These staff can provide specific curriculum support in a range of subjects as well as connecting students to the Learning and Support Teachers.

When we are learning remotely, the staff rostered on to the Learning Centre are available via the Google Classroom that Mel has set up for the Learning Centre (Code: 73skhlh). This support is particularly valuable in the lead up to the HSC exams for Year 12 2021, as well as at the start of the HSC course for Year 12 2022.

We have had minor changes to our timetable of supervision, with the most recent one included below. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Mel (Head Teacher, Learning and Wellbeing – melissa.jacka@det.nsw.edu.au) at your first opportunity.

Learning Centre Timetable Term 4

WEEK A					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:20 AM	Carla Commercial GB	Carmel English / LAST 1A	Deborah English 7B	Deborah English 4A	Amy-Lee PDHPE 8A
9:32 AM	Andrew M Science 4A	Nicole B English / Drama 6A	Dianne English / LAST 5A	Amy-Lee PDHPE 1A	Nicole B English / Drama 2A
10:44 AM					
11:14 AM	Nicole L HSIE / LAST 1B	Ila Science 7A	Ila Science 2A	Gillian English 5A	Christine Maths 3A
12:26 PM	Amy-Lee PDHPE 5B	Andrew M Science 3A	Ellen Science 8A	Carmel English / LAST 6A	Robyn A English 7A
1:38 AM					
2:08 PM	Carmel English / LAST 8B	Carmel English / LAST 4B	Michael Music / Entertainment 3B	Dianne English / LAST 2B	Open to 2:08pm 8C
3:20 PM					
WEEK B					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:20 AM	Deborah English 4A	Gillian English 3A	Amy-Lee PDHPE 5B	Prithy English 2B	Christine Maths 7A
9:32 AM	Waren Science 6B	Nicole B English / Drama 7B	Prithy English 2B	Andrew M Science 1B	Ellen Science 3B
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11:14 AM	Amy-Lee PDHPE 1B	Robyn A English 6A	Robyn A English 7B	Dianne English / LAST 4B	Prithy English 2A
12:26 PM	Amy-Lee PDHPE 5B	Amy-Lee PDHPE 4B	Ila Science 8A	Waren Science 5A	Nicole L HSIE / LAST 8B
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2:08 PM	Carmel English / LAST 8B	Carmel English / LAST 1A	Dianne English / LAST 3B	Dianne English / LAST 6B	Open to 2:08pm 8C
3:20 PM					

As @ 17/9/21



SMSHS – SOURCES OF SUPPORT



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Year 11 Student Adviser, Surnames P-Z	Jesse Vassallo	Jesse.vassallo2@det.nsw.edu.au
Year 12 Student Adviser, Surnames A-G	Nicola Preston	Nicola.preston1@det.nsw.edu.au
Year 12 Student Adviser, Surnames H-O	Luigi Serra	Luigi.serra@det.nsw.edu.au
Year 12 Student Adviser, Surnames P-Z	Tim Weston	Tim.weston4@det.nsw.edu.au
Head Teacher, Learning and Wellbeing	Mel Jacka	Melissa.jacka@det.nsw.edu.au
Learning Support Team	Margo Daly Carmel Harriden Nicole Leong Carly McPherson Dianne Pyne	Margo.daly2@det.nsw.edu.au Carmel.harriden@det.nsw.edu.au Nicole.leong2@det.nsw.edu.au Carly.mcpherson@det.nsw.edu.au Dianne.pyne@det.nsw.edu.au
School Counsellors	Aimee Tang Tracey Axisa	Please text the counsellor phone on 0417228192 during school hours to organise an appointment
Student Support Officer	Surmeet Kaur	Surmeet.kaur@det.nsw.edu.au
Deputy Principal – Year 11	Danielle Ervine	Danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au
Deputy Principal – Year 12	Leah Havord	Leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au



This fortnight @ SMSHS

Monday 1 Nov	Tuesday 2 Nov	Wednesday 3 Nov	Thursday 4 Nov	Friday 5 Nov
	SRC Elections, Year 12 2022	SRC Elections, Year 12 2022		Year 11 2021 / Year 12 2022 – Return to learning remotely
Monday 8 Nov	Tuesday 9 Nov	Wednesday 10 Nov	Thursday 11 Nov	Friday 12 Nov
Year 11 2021 / Year 12 2022 – Learning remotely	HSC 2021 Exams commence Year 11 2021 / Year 12 2022 – Learning remotely 12 Studies of Religion 2 – Asst Task 1 due	HSC 2021 Exams Year 11 2021 / Year 12 2022 – Learning remotely 12 Design and Technology – Asst Task 1 due 12 Hospitality – Cluster Task B due	HSC 2021 Exams Year 11 2021 / Year 12 2022 – Learning remotely 12 Legal Studies – Asst Task 1 due	HSC 2021 Exams Year 11 2021 / Year 12 2022 – Learning remotely

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
Student Support Officer:	Surmeet Kaur
Careers Adviser:	Lynette Tuckwell

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