



# South Creek

## St Marys Senior High School Magazine



**Term 4, 2018**



The South Creek Magazine is published once a term and celebrates St Marys Senior High School's values of inclusiveness; life-long learning; catering for the needs of all; clear learning outcomes; staff professional learning; independent student learning; school traditions; innovation; linking our classrooms to the wider community; integrity and ongoing evaluation of our practices.

### **Acknowledgment of Country**

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land that makes up our school community, the Wianamatta people from Darug Country.

We also pay our respects to Elders past, present and future and extend our respects to all First Nation Peoples as well as everyone who visits our school.

We must always remember that under the concrete and asphalt, this land is, was and always will be Aboriginal Country.

Shani-Lee Bolt, Year 12 2018

### **What is in a name?**

South Creek is the name of the creek that runs alongside St Marys Senior High School and was the original name for the area during the early 1800s.

European settlement centred along the banks of the creek due to the permanent water supply. The name for the area changed to St Marys in 1840 after completion of the parish church St Mary Magdalene and the opening of the post office.

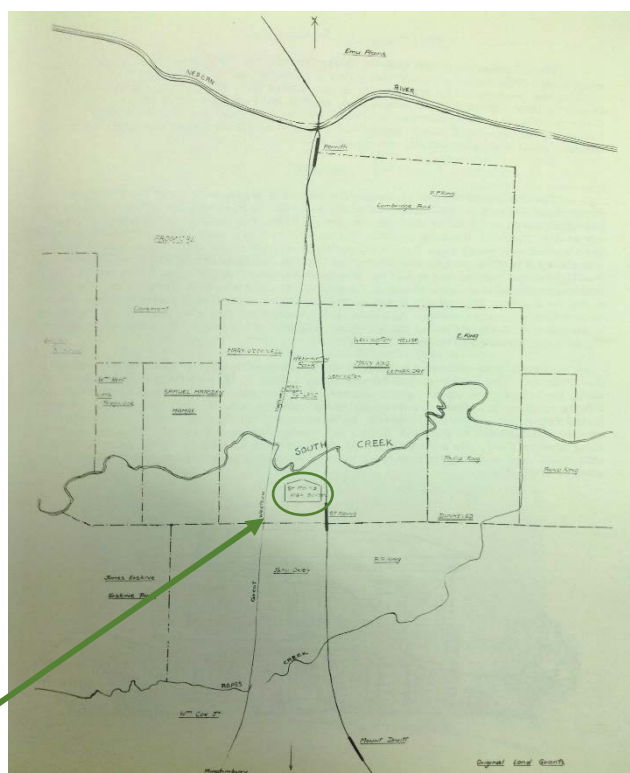
The first magazine of St Marys High School, was known as South Creek. St Marys Senior High School continues the tradition of the South Creek magazine with this publication.

The image to the right, retrieved from the 1962 edition of South Creek, shows the land grants made in the 1800s and the present day location of St Marys Senior High School.

*Mente Manuque* – With mind and hand

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## **Principal's Insights**



Welcome to the revitalised South Creek Publication of St Marys Senior High School following a break of 5-6 years. I would like to start by thanking Kerri-Anne Brown and her student publication team for all their efforts on bringing “South Creek” back to life. Over the last couple of years the communication platforms of St Marys Senior High School have changed and driven by the data and feedback provided from our Communication team there now seems to be a niche for South Creek to thrive.

I am nearing the end of my first semester at St Marys Senior High School and I feel so privileged to be part of such a wonderful school community that values learning and inclusiveness. It has been an honour to work with all the students, the Student Representative Council, staff, School Council, parents and broader educational community that contribute to St Marys Senior High School. The school has a well-deserved reputation of successfully supporting young adults through the Higher School Certificate to transition to tertiary education or employment in a nurturing environment. I am looking forward to being a part of this and working with all stakeholders to ensure this success continues and thrives in our ever changing world.

We hope you enjoy this publication of South Creek as we celebrate the students' and school's achievements for 2018. This school and the St Marys community has a great history and we are hoping that South Creek becomes part of our history as we move into the thirty year celebrations of the school as a senior high school in 2019.

I wish all our families a wonderful holiday period and I hope that your Christmas celebrations bring joy to your family and friends. We wish Year 12, 2018 best wishes for their results that come out shortly and ask that you keep in touch so we can map your transition from St Marys to your next milestone.

Sally Smithard  
Principal

## **Deputy's Report**

The end of the school year always promotes a sense of reflection, as we look back on the year that was. As we do this we are filled with a sense of pride, pride in the outstanding achievements of our students, some of which are showcased in this magazine and pride in the accomplishments of our student body, who on a day to day basis ensure that this learning community is a vibrant, diverse and compassionate microcosm of broader society.

We look forward over the next few months to celebrating the successes of our students at Presentation Day Assembly in December and the Academic Excellence Assembly in February. At these ceremonies the school community will have the opportunity to honour our students for their commitment and dedication in a broad range of areas.

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We would also like to take this opportunity to wish all members of our school community a safe and happy holiday period and encourage our students to take some time to rest and recharge for the busy year ahead, as they embark on the final year of their schooling. Finally to our graduating class of 2018 we wish you every success in the future and look forward to celebrating with you when your results are released in December.

Danielle Ervine  
Deputy Principal

## **Captains Elections 2018 - 2019**

In September, seventeen strong candidates nominated for the position of school captain this year. The election process involved three stages.

The first stage was to submit our curriculum vitae, three teacher support references and a written response on what the role of school captain means to that candidate.

Successful students proceeded to the second stage, which was an interview with Sally Smithard and Leah Havord - our Principal and Deputy Principal.

Successful students from the interview stage moved to the final stage and delivered speeches to their cohort.

Impressive, well-delivered and compelling speeches filled the school's MPC on Monday 24 September as 460 year 11 students watched on.

"It was a difficult decision" said Jadene. T, a year 11 student who voted that day.

The 2019 school captains were announced at the schools Major Works Assembly the following day. A big congratulations to Avisha Khan (Captain), Neha Bhatt (Captain), Ashutosh Sharma (Vice-captain) and Belle Powell (Vice-captain). The candidates for the 2018 school captain elections are a testament to the substantial pool of capable and inspiring leaders in the 2019 graduating class and our greater community. Well done all.

Belle Powell  
School Vice-Captain, 2019



## **Student Representative Council Elections**

The SRC elections for 2019, ran throughout all of week 3B and after a long week of preparing, practising and presenting speeches, the new SRC leaders have been chosen by their peers to represent St Marys Senior High School in 2019. All of the candidates worked extremely hard and the whole experience was very nerve wracking for each candidate, but all of us are proud of everyone who made it and participated in the school election. The new SRC team have expressed their excitement and commitment for the upcoming year and we trust that they are going to do well.

The following are the newly elected SRC members for 2019:

Cluster 2 – Brent Severino and Dilman Mangat

Cluster 3 – Paaras Dhaliwal and Skye Fernando

Cluster 5 – Gian De Leon and Anna Della Libera

Cluster 6 – Krystal Owen and Juan Sausa Ventura

Cluster 7 – Patricia Tolentino and Jasmeet Kaur

Cluster 8 – Tom Huggett, Eiriz Merjudio, Kimberley Quinto and Anshdeep Singh

Cluster 9 – Kusi Boamah-Addai

**Back row (L - R):** Tom Huggett, Juan Sausa Ventura, Anshdeep Singh, Paaras Dhaliwal, Brent Severino, Kusi Boamah-Addai, Dilman Mangat

**Front row (L – R):** Belle Powell, Anna Della Libera, Patricia Tolentino, Eiriz Merjudio, Neha Bhatt, Avisha Khan, Gian De Leon, Kimberley Quinto, Krystal Owen, Jasmeet Kaur, Skye Fernando

Congratulations to the newly elected SRC!

Avisha Khan  
School Captain, 2019



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## Remembrance Day - 2018

Remembrance Day is the day to commemorate the members of the armed forces who died in the line of duty serving our country. Remembrance Day is observed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month as it signifies when the guns on the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare in World War I. This year's Remembrance Day is especially significant as the 11th of November 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the Armistice, which ended the First World War (1914-18).



Our School representatives, Lisa Bunt, Avisha Khan, Rida Babar, Belle Powell and Neha Bhatt on 11 November 2018 represented SMSHS at the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Penrith Paceway. They participated in the ceremony and in the parade. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Rida and Belle laid a wreath on behalf of the school community at the cenotaph near the poppy installation.

On 12 November, our school community held our own Remembrance Day ceremony to commemorate those who have given so much to our country through their service. Modern History students Tiarna Bernal, Pranita Kumar, Dana Sanders, Lisa Bunt, Caleb Cunningham and Katelyn Dickson spoke about the history of Remembrance Day and its significance. Our school leaders, Neha Bhatt and Gian De Leon laid the wreath of remembrance followed by the playing of the national anthem and a minute of silence to remember those who lost their lives fighting for their country.

Lest we forget.

Lisa Bunt  
Year 12, 2019

## Library Updates

This term the library has been running a Pop Up Library, while the library has been used for the HSC exams.

Through the pop up library, students have been able to return their Year 11 textbooks and borrow their Year 12 textbooks. The new fiction texts that we have added to the collection have also been very popular.

The online presentation from the State Library, which took place this term, was also very popular with students. At recess on Wednesday 8 November we connected with the librarian at the State Library through a video conference and she spoke to the students about the facilities available at the State Library to support their studies of History, English and Studies of Religion. She then shared her screen and modelled how to access the State Library's online resources, such as journal databases and e-books. At lunchtime, we connected with the librarian again and she repeated her presentation but focused this time on the resources that would help students in Society & Culture, Legal Studies and Community & Family Studies.



These presentations enhanced the students' online research skills. They also improved students' connection with the State Library and awareness of the online resources they can access to complete their research based tasks.

Kerri-Anne Brown  
Teacher Librarian



## 안녕하세요 **from Sydney!**

October 31st is a date keenly remembered as Halloween for some. But for the Korean Beginners class of 2018, this excursion was far more 'treat' than 'trick.'

Starting in the Korean Culture Centre in the heart of Sydney, as a class we experienced a myriad of aspects from Korean culture. First, trying on the beautiful Korean traditional dress, 'Hanbok' (한복) and then making our very own tasty 'bulgogi' (불고기) rice burger.

Then, last but not least, we designed our very own, mildly terrifying, Tal (탈), a traditional Korean mask. The image of this mask, never ceases to seem uneasy. (picture below)



Pictured: Venesse Angeles, Deakin Ball, Cayla Cadiente, Frederick Chan, Rayanna Franco, Adi Gurtala, Reni Molina, Christine Newvillamor, Julien Ortiz, Gizelle Puno, Moses Prudenciado, Luki Sese, Holly Stevens, Krisha Villamil, Natalia Wang and Denise Zamora



The experience brought with it a certain togetherness that only serving each other spicy kimchi (김치) soup could bring.

With full stomachs, we made a final stop at 'Morning Glory' in Chinatown, a stationery store bursting with cute, niche accessories and utensils. It left many with lighter pockets and empty wallets but happy faces nevertheless.

As the afternoon dwindled, we all parted ways for the day, having learned more, experienced more and eaten more than we had that morning.

Holly Stevens  
Year 12, 2019

The fun didn't stop there, however. Making our way down to Koreatown, we were soon treated to lunch at 'Shinara' a Korean Barbeque establishment filled to the brim with delicious Korean foods that everyone was eager to try.







(First row) Luki Sese, Rayanna Franco, Gizelle Puno, Julien Ortiz, Christine Newwillamor  
(Second row) Holly Stevens, Natalia Wang, Moses Prudenciado



(First row) Krisha Villamil, Denise Zamora, Cayla Cadiante, Reni Molina  
(Second row) Deakin Ball, Venesse Angeles, Adi Gurtala, Fredric Chen

## On Exchange in Japan

Earlier this year, five other students from two other schools and I, had the opportunity to experience being an exchange student in Japan in the Penrith Student Ambassador Program. The duration of this exchange was three weeks. It was an eventful stay, one that I will forever remember.

Before we went, Penrith Council briefed us on what to expect and not expect in Japan. This included mannerisms that the Japanese see as acceptable and unacceptable. After that, we prepared our luggage and headed off to the airport, saying goodbye to our families. Our flight went from Sydney to Shanghai and then to Nagoya.

On the first day we arrived, we were greeted by two of the Fujieda International Friendship Society (FIFS) members, who guided us through the airport and to the Fujieda shuttle bus. We then drove two hours to Fujieda. The view around the bus was mesmerising, as there was magnificent architecture, various traditional houses, and extremely green plantations.

Once we arrived at Fujieda, the FIFS briefed us on the activities that we will be taking part in during our stay. Although it looked overwhelming, I was excited and couldn't wait to start. After the briefing, we got to meet our host families. They were all happy and greeted us with a smile. Once we met our host families, we gathered in a meeting hall and were officially welcomed. We also had to introduce ourselves in Japanese, which was certainly unexpected, but fun. We then went with our host families to our homestay.

During the three weeks that we stayed in Japan, we went to various places around Fujieda as well as Tokyo, Kyoto, and Hiroshima. We also had free days with the host family, where we would spend time with our host brothers and sisters. My favourite places that we visited were Kyoto, Mt. Fuji, Nihondaira Zoo, and the Kunozan Toshogu Shinto Shrine.

In Kyoto, we visited a lot of shrines. Each shrine had a unique design and was dedicated to a different sect. The shrine that stood out the most was the Fushimi Inari Shrine, which was filled with vibrant colours and deities. In Mt. Fuji, we took a rest near the top of the mountain, where we admired the breathtaking scenery around us. The clouds that surrounded the tip of Mt. Fuji made the mountain all the more alluring and we took a lot of photos in that destination.

In Nihondaira Zoo, my host family took me to see the various animals. The zoo had unique wildlife and the place had many attractions as well. My host family then took me to the Kunozan Toshogu Shinto Shrine, a national treasure in Japan. My host father said that it took 1000 steps to reach the shrine, and the ordeal was worth it since the shrine was amazing to look at.

In the farewell dinner, we said our goodbyes, but this time we had to say a full 2-minute speech in Japanese - as well as put on a performance. In my opinion, that was the best part of the trip. All in all, my experience as a Penrith Student Ambassador has given me a new outlook in life and is one experience that I will never forget.

Chris Martin, Year 12, 2019





## TAS Faculty Happenings

### COME DINE WITH ANGLISS

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November, the Hospitality class travelled into Sydney to the new William Angliss Institute in Alexandria, to attend their Festive Lunch Program at Restaurant Rubric.

Our visit started with a tour of their new, very modern campus facilities, followed by a tea mocktail and canapés on the veranda. After this we enjoyed their festive lunch menu, served by their current Food & Beverage students. This was a very interesting and varied menu, including a liquorice ice-cream and chocolate pop, an array of main course dishes including salads, vegetables, turkey and pork, followed by a palette cleanser sorbet, a selection of desserts, coffee and hand-made chocolates. We concluded the event with an evaluation of the service period and a talk about the courses available at William Angliss Institute.



“It was good to get an insight into the courses available”. “It was good to be served by Hospitality students in training”. “It helped our class to bond”



Pictured in the back row (L-R):  
Seth Brukman, Abbey Gordon, Claire Brull, Hope Camilleri, Tia Mizzi, Mel Moda and Georgia Barrett

Pictured in the front row (L-R):  
Carlie Brooks, Abi Thompson and Denise Zamora



Angela Lievore  
Head Teacher TAS (Rel)  
and the Year 12 Hospitality class

## Max results for Max Potential

This year four of our Year 11 students embarked on a 22 week personal leadership scholarship with Max Potential, a community based program for students in their final years of schooling that aims to develop their leadership skills and facilitate them in actively giving back to the community.

During terms 2 and 3, in addition to their school commitments, Faiza Ahmed, Yuli Chen, Jasmeet Kaur and Marnee Larden have been busy attending workshops, completing online modules and executing their personal community service projects. The program pairs each student with their own coach, a working professional from the community who guides them through the ten Personal Leadership Principles – MAXIMISERS and have directly witnessed the growth of these young adults in the past few months.

The culmination of the program was celebrated at the annual showcase at Penrith RSL on 30 October. The students brought the stories of their Max Potential journey and community service projects to life with colourful stalls and interactive displays.

Faiza had a beautiful collage of images that exemplified her message that beauty is diverse. She made origami boxes inscribed with inspirational quotes which thoughtfully promoted her project.

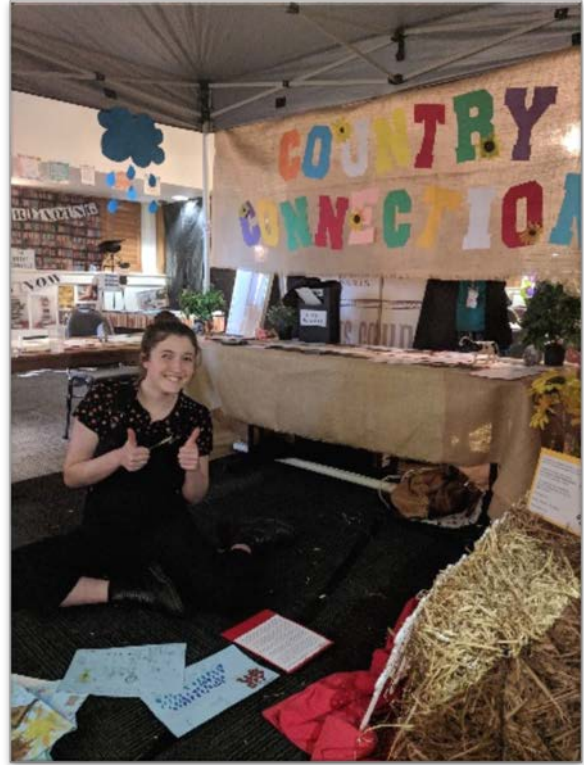


Jasmeet's stall was an artist's dream with colourful displays of calligraphy and inspirational quotes where she promoted the "We've got your back" project highlighting the need to support refugee families settling in Australia.

Yuli reminded everyone how fragile our environment is with an interactive pot planting and flower origami activity and, virtual reality experience to promote his *Serve to Conserve* community project.







Finally, Marnee took us back to the country with her *Country Connections* display where she organised local primary school students to write letters to farmers affected by the recent droughts. Overall, the night was a success with many positive compliments to the students, their coaches and organisers.

On behalf of the students, a BIG thank you to all their coaches who sacrificed their time and effort to support them at every stage of the program and to Dee Racquel Joma and Kirsten Barnett Brown, organisers of the Max Potential Program, Penrith who without their hard work and dedication none of this would have happened.

I know the students have gained much from the program and will look back fondly at the experience of having been part of it all. We look forward to what these young adults will do in the next chapter of their lives.

Macy Aguilar  
Max Potential Co-ordinator

## What's new in Visual Arts?

The beginning of term saw year 11 art students working on the "Paper Cup Challenge". The 'challenge' was to do something creative with the humble paper cup. They had one week and could use up to ten paper cups; they could cut, glue, tape, staple, balance, draw, paint, photograph and anything else they could think of to do with their cups. Finally, each class created a PowerPoint and had a mini exhibition to showcase the amazing variety of responses to this creative challenge.



Monique Van Schelven, Elvin Manaos, Kimiko Trinidad, Georgia Moore-Garland and Ken Blasco working in the studio



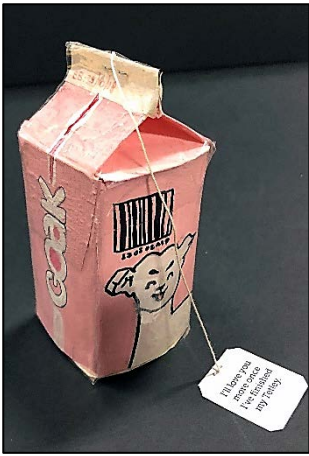
Bethany Price, Sasha Traykovski, Charlotte Fowler, Sasha Panczyk and Claire Pullan working in the studio.

### HERE IS JUST A SMALL SAMPLE OF WORK FROM OUR STUDENTS ...

... Emma Mc, Beth, Monique, Izel, Emma J, Iris, Ruya, Sasha P, Charlotte, Danielle, Julien, Bethany, Kimiko and Iris.







Lesley Stubbs  
Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts

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## Dance Day Out

To celebrate the completion of the Preliminary course, the Dance students and I went to see Sydney Dance Company's performance of 'Forever and Ever'. We were all very inspired and happily surprised to see the incredible direction contemporary dance is heading in, not to mention the athleticism and intelligence of the dancers in this amazing company. We have brought some of this inspiration back to school and into our studio, exploring the possibilities of movement and the body in time and space.

Pictured are Hope Camilleri, Grace Teagle, Chloe Robson, Maddison Northam, Jazzy Taylor, Varnie Raman, Kalinda Gorsuch, Trish Daliwan, Claudia Obeid, Sarah Price, Carlie Brooks and Alex Taco.



Donna Sayah  
Dance Teacher



## **SAINTZ DIS-GLOW!!!**

Colour! Magic! Fun!

St Marys Senior High school did not fail to light up the dance floor at St Marys Band Club for its second Disco.

'Saintz Dis-glow' centred itself around a 'glow-in-the-dark' theme which saw students come in many colourful and wonderful outfits. Students glowed in their outfits and smiles as they danced energetically throughout the night and made memories they will cherish forever.

The SRC Disco Coordinators, Gian De Leon and Krystal Owen, as well as all staff involved successfully led the School Leadership team to develop and execute an amazing night. Weeks of preparation, parallel to the efforts for Heritage Day, were put in by the SRC to bring the many components of the night to life.

Whether you came to have a break from studies or to catch up with friends, everyone danced with energy throughout the night and lived every moment to its maximum potential.

St Marys Senior High School anticipates more amazing events from the SRC and thanks them for their efforts!

Ashutosh Sharma  
School Vice-Captain, 2019



## **SPORT 2018**

There are many sporting opportunities offered at SMSHS. Students can join teams to represent the school at gala days, with the possibility of selection into a Werrington Zone team, or join recreational teams for fun, fitness and friendship.

This year has seen the reintroduction of our swimming and athletics carnivals. The carnivals have been a great success with many students involved in both competitive and novelty races.

We have been well represented at Werrington Zone Gala Days, with many teams going through undefeated and named Zone Champions. There has also been many students selected into Zone, Sydney West and NSW teams.

Here are some highlights of performances this year-

Geordie McColl	Australian Gymnastic representative - gold and silver medallist
Daniel Brown	National Champion K1 World Association Kickboxing organisations
Jessica Gallagher	National Barrel Racing Horse Association
Amber F.	CHS Softball team
Flyn Moss	CHS and NSW Blues water polo team
Taylah Stevens	CHS Touch Football team
Anastasia Williams	Gold medal Pole vault NSW All Schools Carnival, Gold medal at Oceania Melanesian Regional Championships
Justin Fokes	CHS Trampolining Championships gold medal
Varnie Raman	Australian representative at Acrobatic World Championships, Belgium
Aniket Kapila	selected into the NSW Schools Cricket Team

### **Girls Netball**

Werrington Zone Champions, 2<sup>nd</sup> at Sydney West Carnival, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sydney West KO Carnival.

Sophie Duhig, Abbey Gordon, Caitlin Brines, Eloise D., Mackenzie Pelle, Kirrilee Holliday, Violet Wetsteyn (Sydney West Reserve)

### **Boys Volleyball**

Werrington Zone Champions

Daniel Kim, Matt Rebulado, Louis Angeli selected into Werrington Zone team

### **Girls Volleyball**

Werrington Zone Champions

Kimberley Quinto, Panatda Saina, Jenny Boonmee, Samantha M. selected into Werrington Zone team

### **Girls Soccer**

Runners up at Werrington Zone Gala Day

Hannah Plaatjes, Alicia Borg, Emma Racz selected into Werrington Zone team

### **Boys Soccer**

Werrington Zone Champions

Kusi Boamah-Addai, Jacob Botros, Louis Angeli, Andre Cavallaro, Andre Dickson, Paul Ji, Sean Ji, Sebastian Rosas-Navratil, Riley Brunt selected into Werrington Zone team



### **Boys Basketball**

Werrington Zone Champions

Silverio Aquino, Riley Turner, Ashlee Lardizibal, Renard Manuel, Christan Adriano selected into Werrington Zone team

Renard Manuel selected into Sydney West team

### **Girls Basketball**

Runners up at Werrington Zone Gala Day

Caitlin Brines, Kiana-Lei Mahe, Alanah Mackenzie, Abbey Pollock, Lilijana F. selected into Werrington Zone team

Caitlin Brines selected into Sydney West team

### **Girls Touch**

Werrington Zone Champions

Grace McCahon, Taylah Stevens, Isabel D., Suresa Enese selected into Werrington Zone team

### **Boys Touch**

Werrington Zone Champions

Joshua Tavares, Bradley Hufton, Sadee Sub Laban selected into Werrington Zone team

### **Swimming**

Despite only having two age groups, SMSHS finished the Werrington Zone Swimming Carnival in 5<sup>th</sup> place with three students being named age champions, Charli Goldman, Guven Gemikonakli and Kiana-Lei Mahe.

Charli Goldman also came 1<sup>st</sup> in the 100m butterfly at the Sydney West Swimming Carnival.

### **Rugby League**

Sadee Sub Laban and Thomas Huggett were selected into the Werrington Zone team

Sadee Sub Laban selected into the Sydney West team

Congratulations to all students involved and a huge thank you to the teachers who give their time to coach these teams at the gala days. Thank you also to the teachers who cover classes when the coaches are away with their teams.

Maree Phelps  
PDHPE Teacher

## Sydney to the Gong

A 3:30am wake up on a Sunday morning, not ideal. But for fellow student Kieran Butt, this was his start on the first Sunday of November. While the rest of us were comfortably asleep, Kieran and his dad had their car loaded, ready for the annual Sydney to the Gong charity cycle event. This 82km ride from Sydney to Wollongong is an amazing initiative, which aims to raise awareness and money for those suffering Multiple Sclerosis, or MS.



Over two weeks leading up to the event, Kieran raised a commendable \$710, surpassing his aim of \$500. When asked why he participated, Kieran explained *“I took part in the ride for two reasons. The first is that it was a chance to raise money for MS sufferers, so it was good to be able to support a great cause. The second reason is that I’ve been getting into cycling. It is both mentally and physically challenging so I looked forward to being able to push myself.”* A self-confessed “casual cyclist”, the Sydney to the Gong ride was Kieran’s first major cycling event, having only competed with the school’s triathlon team at the beginning of the year and his longest training distance being 50km.

On the day with 10,000 other competitors, Kieran and his dad decided to start at 6:30am so they could finish before the weather reached its hotter temperatures. At a perfect 26 degrees, the first 20km was a breeze on a mostly flat surface. With a few rest stops along the way, Kieran embraced the exhilarating downhill sections of the course and powered through the “extremely hard” uphill sections. Exhaustion kicked in at about the 60km point where Kieran wanted to give up. He instead pushed through, completing the event in an incredible 3 hours and 45 minutes. This was a remarkable result for his first major cycling event, one in which Kieran said, *“The experience was great. I would definitely do it again. I loved being able to push myself and accomplish my goals of riding 82km and raising almost 150% of my \$500 goal.”*

Mackenzie Pelle  
Year 12, 2019



## Sorry to see them go ...



David Hanslow, or affectionately known by his students through his self-appointed nickname “Uncle Dave” will be a teacher fondly missed by those at St Marys Senior High School for his profound knowledge, wisdom and crude humour. A teacher of Business Studies and Society & Culture, David has worked with hundreds of students in the write up of their Personal Interest Projects, a key component of the Society & Culture course, enabling students to delve deep in exploring a social issue of their liking. This helps to produce what many students would refer to as the most rewarding piece of work they would complete in their schooling. In addition to his teaching, David has been a key figure in the school’s outdoor education program, leading students throughout dozens of incredible hikes across the country. He wishes that his humour will continue to be recycled by the next generation at SMSHS, so much so that he’s left one for the readers :)

“You should never hire a cross-eyed teacher, cause she can never see eye-to-eye with the Principal and can’t control their pupils.”

Beginning her time at St Marys Senior High School only a short four years ago, Macy Aguilar has been a teacher who has truly embraced all that St Marys has to offer. Leading students across various programs such as the Outdoor Education Treks Program, ASEAN Youth Forum, Max Potential program and UTS Law Discovery Day, Macy has shown outstanding commitment and passion towards developing the capabilities of her students. A teacher of Society & Culture, Legal Studies, Business Services as well as English Advanced and Standard, she will be a teacher who will be dearly missed by all those at St Marys. In addition, she expressed twice during our interview that she is going to miss her students in return a lot as well. Best wishes from the students at St Marys, Macy!



Head Teacher for the Department of the Creative and Performing Arts and a teacher of Visual Arts, Photography and Graphic Design courses, Lesley Stubbs is a teacher whose longstanding service and commitment to the school is one that will truly be missed. The last of the St Marys High School’s “working party”, which helped set up the school as the first senior high school in the state, she takes pride in having not only fostering students through the progression of numerous pieces of art, but also in the upholding of the school’s inclusive culture and ethic. Her legacy in teaching is one that she has already come to see, with former students coming to visit her as emerging art teachers. This legacy is surely one that will continue to live on. Best of luck in your next adventure, Lesley!



Carmen Lloyd began teaching at St Marys Senior High School at the start of 1997. She has been a valuable member of the Maths faculty and has had classes across all the Maths levels during her time here at St Marys. She describes her time here as a “blast” and Collaroy camps remain a fond experience. She has witnessed many changes take place within the school. Carmen’s expertise in Maths will be missed by both the staff and students but we wish her all the best for the new adventures ahead.



Margaret Wood has been a teacher who has been there for her students throughout her twenty-four years of teaching, having taught Maths at all levels since 1994. She has been a cluster leader, student mentor, school camp regular and after-school Maths tutor. Margaret has always gone the extra mile in being able to foster the life-long learning ethos of the school. She strongly values the impact this has had in her own life, particularly in inspiring her to pursue her love for music. Thankful for being able to teach a variety of talented students with a team of equally talented staff, Margaret appreciates not only the change she has made to St Marys, but also of the change it has brought to her. Her departure from the school will be as dearly missed as, for those who knew

Margaret, her blackboards are to her. Wishing you all the best Margaret!

Mohammad Rifai  
Year 12, 2019



## Our Staff Teams

Principal:	Sally Smithard
School Leadership Team:	
- Deputy Principal (Year 12)	Danielle Ervine
- Deputy Principal (Year 11 - Rel)	Leah Havord
- English	Julie Robinson
- Mathematics	Simone Pett
- Science	Lidija Radovancevic
- Commercial Studies (Rel)	Salochna Reddy
- HSIE	Lisa O'Neill
- CAPA	Lesley Stubbs
- Computing	Matthew Topp
- LOTE	Luigi Serra
- TAS/PDHPE (Rel)	Angela Lievore
- Secondary Studies	Liz Hemmings
- Student Services (Rel)	Peta Bailey
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