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2001 was a year of growth and development at Stella Maris College. The deepening spirituality of the girls was evident at the wonderful liturgical events that were celebrated during the year. Our Mass at the beginning of the year in the College courtyard was a truly Australian experience - a fine day, gentle breeze, birds chirping in the background and everyone, especially our choirs, ensuring a successful occasion. One could feel the Spirit moving among us. The Mass at St Mary's Cathedral in the city celebrating the 70 years of Stella Maris College and the 120 years of the Sisters on the Stella site was a memorable occasion. In every sense, we filled the Cathedral. The liturgy was majestic and everyone present was filled with grace and blessings and very proud to be part of a College capable of holding such an occasion. The spiritual and liturgical life of the College is very alive and I am sure it is supported strongly by the fortnightly meditation session that the girls have in the chapel.

2001 was marked by the restoration and refurbishment of the Convent Building. Built in 1931 it has been fully restored to its original state and looks magnificent. An attempt was also made to preserve its social purpose of a living community of prayer, work and learning. The ground floor is where the Administration of the College is now housed. The top floor provides learning areas for Year 12. The year group has been divided into groups of 10 who have a room that is their place at the College. They each have a locker. There is a table, chairs and a computer in each room. They are developing into small base communities who support each other in life and learning. A teacher supports the girls in two of the rooms. With the wonderful verandah running along the length of the Convent, it is a wonderful area for our Senior Year.

The first six-year cycle of maintenance was also completed this year and the College is a much more pleasant and wholesome place for the girls. It has also obtained very up-to-date furniture and equipment. In all, this refurbishment and maintenance program has cost just over $2.6 million. It has reached the point where it is now appropriate to build a new Performing Arts Complex in 2002 and complete the restoration of the Chapel.

The academic result of the College continue to be excellent. A gifted, hardworking group, Year 12 of 2001 achieved outstanding results. Many obtained scholarships to various universities and over sixty were offered placed at University in the first round, many have enrolled in courses at TAFE and other private colleges and a number have taken up employment. The Year 10 School Certificate results were equally satisfactory. There is no doubt that the high proportion of 'time spent on task' throughout all their schooling and study is the key factor in the quality of the academic results. Probably the most satisfying aspect of the results was the diversity of subjects in which the girls performed so well. Because the girls choose according to their abilities and interests they are excelling in their subjects and getting marks over 90 in many different subjects. Congratulations to the Year 12 and Year 10 of 2001. Well done!

This year has also been significant for the amount of professional development of staff. Over fifty thousand dollars was spent on supporting teachers studying Masters Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and a large variety of other short courses related to recent developments in education. The preparedness of the staff to give of their time for further study is to be commended. The continued well-being of our College depends on the professional excellence of our staff combined with their preparedness to take a genuine interest in the well-being of our students.

The year has seen an ongoing growth of the Benedictine Tradition in the lives of the girls. A sense of balance between work, recreation, learning and prayer is present in the lives of most girls. Our culture now supports girls to study, play sport, participate in a cultural activity and to pause daily for spiritual reflection and prayer. Much has been done by many of our teachers to achieve this.

The College has been well supported once again by a very active and competent Board of Directors. As Chair, Mr John Lynas, continues to provide enormous support and sound guidance for the College. The Parents and Friends Association, led by their President Mrs Trudy McFadden and committee, has worked tirelessly to provide many social opportunities for all the parents in the College. Thank you to all who have supported the College in so many ways.

Allan Comar
MSc, Med (Admin), BSc, Dip Ed
Principal

A taste of High School - Year 6 group who arrived on moving day sample the Principal's new office.
Board Report on Year 2000

I am pleased to report to the Members of the Company and through them to the Congregation that the year 2000 was a year of major achievement at Stella Maris. This year saw the consolidation of the changes and achievements planned over the past few years.

Academic standards have been maintained; financial difficulties have been overcome; student enrolments are at an all time high and Stella Maris continues to be highly regarded as a top class educational facility, with Australian and International recognition continuing to be given at the highest level.

The high overall standard achieved by all HSC students in 2000 is most pleasing. The College is pleased to note that most students achieved high overall scores, amassing a score higher than their trial mark and above their own expectations. This is deserving of praise for all members of staff.

Parents and their daughters are aware of the reputation held by Stella Maris for high academic standards in a caring Catholic environment following the Good Samaritan tradition. This is one of the factors contributing to the increase in student enrolments.

The growth in student enrolments, reported to Members last year, has continued into 2000 and beyond. Year 7 student numbers are at "house full" levels. Years 8 to 11 inclusive all had new student enrolments in 2000.

Vocational Education courses, including Information Technology, Childcare, Sport and Recreation, and Design courses, delivered in the former convent building, are another source of growth in student numbers. Also Business Services, Tourism and Hospitality. Broadening of the student base to include vocational education courses is a major factor underlying the successful year at Stella.

In financial terms, the College achieved an operating surplus for the 2000 school year. Budget projections indicate that Stella Maris will operate with a surplus in the foreseeable future. Allan Coman and his staff deserve the highest commendation for a job well done.

The improvement in management information systems has given the Board of Directors and management the tools and the key information to run the College in a very efficient manner.

2000 has been a year of consolidation and of planning but in the meantime teaching spaces are almost fully occupied at Stella, planning is underway on a long-term building replacement and major refurbishment.

The Board of Directors has reported to the Trustees on proposals for major works at the College. These works include the construction of a new multi-purpose facility to replace the old 1950's hall; a new theatre seating 300; major refurbishment of existing facilities; renewal and upgrade of essential services (electricity, water, drainage and data cabling); and extensive landscaping.

The proposed works will be financed by Government grants, parents' levy, operating surplus, and a one-off loan and Government interest subsidy. The Board is confident that the proposed works are essential for the continued success of the College and are within our capacity to pay.

This successful year at Stella Maris is the result of good work by many people. The directors on the Board, Allan Coman, the Principal and his Staff, and the members of the congregation who as members, directors or staff provide an inspiration and a role model for the continued success of Stella Maris. To all of these I acknowledge their contribution as part of a team.

I commend them all.

John Lynas
Chairperson
Board of Directors
First of all welcome back to all students and especially those starting here for the first time. I'm sure your time here will be a fulfilling one and also a happy one.

The P & F had a very busy year in terms of fundraising and social activities. We put on a Trivia Night which was well supported by both teachers and parents. During the later part of the year we had a Dinner Dance at the Balgowlah R.S.L which everyone enjoyed, and the band called The Swinging Sixties certainly lived up to their name, everyone was up dancing.

Part of the role of the P & F is also to help at the beginning of the year with the class dinners and cocktail evenings. It is a very good way of getting to know one another and also knowing what happens around the school.

I would very much like to thank my committee for the support shown to me last year and also thank those that have now left the school as their daughters embark on a new phase in their lives. The P & F is always looking for new members and we would welcome anyone who wishes to join us. We have lots of fun and it's a way of giving something back to the college and helping our girls. Thank you also to the College staff of 2001 for all their support. We look forward to a prosperous and fruitful 2002.

Trudi McFadden
President, P&F
College Captain

Whether it be one day, one year, or one decade you spend away from Stella Maris, you know that you can always go back and be assured that someone will remember your name, remember who you were and the funny things you did. And that is what I have found, during my 6 years here, to be the essence of what being part of a school community is like. No one and nothing is forgotten. It may appear that now we will just become another picture on the wall but somehow I don’t think that is possible. With the relationships we have formed with our teachers and other people at the school, we as a year group have made ourselves unforgettable. And in order for people to remember, you must have influenced them in some way. To have positively made an impact and contributed to someone else’s life, no matter how big or small, is what we live for. Happiness is encased in what we can give to others, and what we receive in return are just extras. I believe that our experiences here at Stella, be they good or bad, will live with us forever, as they have inevitably shaped who we are and what we mean to each other as a group of young women today.

The best advice I have ever been given was from my Nonno, my grandfather, who once told me that if I had the ability to believe in something it exists. And he was right. Think of all the children who believe in Santa Claus. To them he really exists because in their hearts they believe in him, and that there really is a jolly old man with rosy cheeks who likes cookies and milk. My grandfather taught me that no matter where I am, no matter what I am doing, if I can close my eyes and think about something, the image in my mind can become reality, this therefore proving the significance of memories and why some things are truly impossible to forget.

Our journey throughout our junior and senior years of high school would not have been made possible without the input of many, many people. To Mr. Coman and Ms. Ryland, thank you for always being their to guide us and tell us what was best in order to ensure that we received the best from our secondary education. To Mrs. Slater, our Year 12 co-ordinator, for always letting us know that you were there for us and for eternally being our pillar of strength. And of course to the teachers. You are the ones who have been there every step of the way, encouraging us and critiquing us when need be. You are the building blocks of who we are and what we know today. Thank you so much for the sharing of your knowledge and for simply allowing us to learn. We are forever indebted to you. Finally, to all the people whose lives we have touched and been part of, we will certainly miss you.

As this is the last of my duties, it has been both a privilege and an honour to have been given the opportunities I have had by being your College Captain over the past year. I thank you all for guiding me and always ensuring I landed on my feet while I was immersing myself in the college atmosphere, organising events, attending practices and hoping everything was completed to perfection. To my other half, the college Vice-Captain, Emma, who has been there every step of the way and who has been there to support me and always been an integral part of the decision-making process, a special thank you. I sincerely wish the best of luck to the future college leaders and prefects and I hope that in the process you can have as much fun as I did.

I believe that wherever our future paths take us, we will never forget Stella Maris and the times we have shared with each other.

Elena Hadzcellis
College Captain
"That In All Things God May Be Glorified". During this year I had the privilege of experiencing for the first time the Glory of God outside Australia. As a pilgrim I walked in the footsteps of Old Testament Biblical people, sleeping at the foot of Mt. Sinai, travelling by jeep for hours across the desert, sharing the hospitality of the Bedouins.

Walking in the footsteps of Jesus through Galilee and Jerusalem was especially memorable for me. Mt. Beatitudes, Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Caesarea Philippi were precious moments of encounter with Jesus. Teenage girls and boys dressed in soldiers' uniforms were a daily reminder of the seemingly unsolvable situation in this country. The fear under which the Palestinians live was also evident. I urge you to remember the people of Israel in your prayer.

During my five week Benedictine Spiritual Renewal in Rome I was again a pilgrim, walking in the footsteps of St. Benedict and his twin sister St. Scholastica. I visited their birth place in Nursia, and Benedict’s caves in the hills around Subiaco. This is where he also set up his community. We celebrated Eucharist here with an Australian Benedictine Priest. Travelling by bus up the beautiful Monte Cassino I couldn’t help wondering how Benedict did it. There I visited the room in which he wrote The Rule, which today is followed by thousands, both religious and lay all over the world. It is here also that both Saints are buried. I hope to be able to share my experiences of these weeks with the Staff and Students over the coming months.

Many other blessings were given me over the four and a half months, too many to name. Two other significant countries I visited were Japan and The Philippines. In Japan I stayed with our Sisters in Nara and Sasebo. I visited Nagasaki, (where our Sisters first lived), and Hiroshima, both affected me deeply. I stayed with our Community in Bacolod City in an area of extreme poverty. I still find it hard to put into words what I saw there. I came away realising that despite their lack of what we take for granted, they are happy, hope-filled, hospitable and friendly people.

I am very grateful to Mr. Coman and the School Board for allowing the time from the College to deepen my Spirituality and experience tracing my Roots, a nomad walking many roads.

May God continue to lead us and read God's glory to us.

Sister Veronica McDougall
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## Student Representative Council (SRC)

### Year 7
- **Captains:** Bridget Banfield, Nicole Carter, Cathryn Goss, Aimee Ho Sing, Caitlin Inkster, Jessica Oliver
- **Vice Captains:** Amy Carter, Katelyn Costello, Daniella Greco, Bonnie Manchee, Jade McCallan, Sarah Yanni

### Year 8
- Blaire Callaghan, Katherine Goldsmith, Chloe Gray, Josephine Maruca, Elizabeth Milliar, Elly Myers

### Year 9
- Alexandra Bulgin, Melissa Crane, Katy Johnston, Jessica Papp, Sarah Rigon, Bryony Tucker

### Year 10
- Alexandra Diamond, Kristy Hargrave, Phillipa McNamara, Danielle Nicastris, Sarah Purcell, Emma Thomas

### Year 11
- Brooke DiMatteo, Jemela Ejjami, Makare Farina, Michelle Murdocca, Leigh Willis

### Year 12
- Alison Cleary, Rebecca Harris, Michelle O'Sullivan, Paula Williams
OPENING MASS

The Mass to mark the commencement of the College Year was devoutly attended by the girls. The decision to hold the Mass in the College courtyard was a blessing. The weather was perfect with a gentle cool breeze and the shade from the two Moreton Bay trees covered the entire area. One could feel the presence of God and his Spirit moving among us. The choir sang well and their voices enveloped the congregation. Mrs Fischer, an original Stella student from 1931, was present at this Mass. She had seen the beginnings of these trees and we were moved by the sense of history that was part of us all. I am sure many blessings were received by us on the day. Thank you to Father Tony Banks for officiating and to all involved in the organization of this Opening Year Mass.

Allan Coman
Principal

On a perfect summer’s morning, my mother, Anne Fischer and I were privileged to be present at the Mass for the opening of the school year. Mum attended Stella Maris in 1931, seventy years ago when it opened as a school, both primary and secondary, and was taught by Sr Sabina Shinnick, in the Intermediate class of eight students. It was inspiring to see the whole school community assembled in the “star” courtyard, for Mass set up on the mound. Mum whispered to me that when she was there in 1931, the whole school fitted into the Chapel for Mass, with room to spare. Father Tony Banks mentioned the growth of the huge fig trees, Mum remembers them as saplings. The present students were comfortable in their smart summer uniforms, whereas in Mum’s day they sweated in navy serge box-pleat tunics, with a navy long-sleeved blouse, and white starched collar, the uniform completed with thick black stockings gloves and hat of course. As Mr Coman mentioned, Mum’s three daughters and her four grandchildren also attended Stella, one of whom, Alison, has also taught there. Mum and I were made very welcome at the Mass, and it was a very sentimental journey for her. In the lobby of the school there is a photo of the early students performing physical culture on the “star” - Mum is in that photo. I must commend the behaviour and respectful demeanour of the girls at the Mass - a credit to the school and their teachers. Thank you for giving us both this opportunity of being present at a significant and perfect function.

Mary Lynas
Leaving Certificate Class of 1962

As the school year of 2001 commences, tradition is that we welcome new students and staff, present the Year 12 Prefect Body to the school and join everyone together and prepare for a safe and joyful year. The Opening Mass was celebrated on Friday the 9th February in the schoolyard. With a beautiful day (besides the bird) and wonderful ceremony by Father Tony Banks, the morning was pleasant for students, teachers and parents. Our College Captain, Elena, led us in the Liturgy of the Word, “I will bless the person who puts his trust in me.” The liturgy of the word stated life will keep on going no matter the problem. The gospel was of the mustard seed growing from small to large to “the greatest of all shrubs” and explain how it helps out things smaller than itself. The general intercessions were spoken by Year 12 students, proclaiming thanks for our safe return and that we enter this year with enthusiasm and that the leaders of the school enter this year with pride. As this is our 70th year of education at Stella Maris College, we hope to be a welcoming community to new and old students and staff and show the love and care of the Good Samaritans. Emma, Vice Captain, gave the last prayer before Elena spoke her word of wisdom addressing the school. The Mass was full of people and of familiar hymns, and blessings. After presenting Prefects and SRC Representatives, students and staff were sent off to begin their new school year.

Carly Allpress
Liturgy Prefect
ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY
On February 28, the school gathered on the mound, on a pleasant, sunny day, to celebrate Ash Wednesday. This day reminds us of the beginning of Lent, a time of sacrifice and reflection. This was a change from receiving the ashes year by year in the Chapel. We had a lovely liturgy with all years being involved in some way, whether performing mimes, saying prayers or assisting in preparation. The teachers, Danielle Panucci and I placed ashes on the students, and we were accompanied by background music. After the liturgy we had a guest speaker, Sr Rita Haywood, who talked about the help needed in East Timor. During Lent we had an appeal to raise money for the people deprived in East Timor and raised almost $2000. The money raised is going towards the setting up of the Good Samaritan Mission there.
Carly Allpress
Liturgy Prefect

EASTER LITURGY
The Easter Liturgy was held outside on a beautiful day. The life of Jesus was re-enacted in stations of the Cross. Vara Arnold played the role of Jesus up until the resurrection, whilst Sr Pauline’s Year 8 ‘Celebrate’ Religion class were involved in liturgical movement to celebrate the resurrection. Many students and teachers were involved in this liturgy that recognized the sacrifice that Jesus made for each and every one of us.
Danielle Panucci
Liturgy Prefect

STELLA DAY LITURGY
The Stella Day celebrations commenced with a morning liturgy. This liturgy was dedicated to Mary, Helper of Christians. This is because Stella Maris, meaning ‘Star of the Sea’ refers to Mary, Mother of God. Liturgical movements and role plays were included in this liturgy, which brought the school together to pray to the patron saint of our College.
Danielle Panucci
Liturgy Prefect
RETREAT
The Year 12 Retreat was held on Friday June 29 at Curl Curl sport Centre. It was a beautiful day as we aimed for our sixth and final Retreat. We were all relieved to have the break from school and the stress of assessments. This day provided us with the chance to reflect on friendships we have formed during our time at Stella Maris and the changes we have undergone.

Chris Doyle lead the day for the third year in a row and kept us entertained with his humour and music. After a few songs to start the day he asked us to choose an issue that we felt was important and develop a role play that showed the issue along with its possible solution.

Recess was delayed until the Sara Lee cake ‘defrosted’ a bit, and after Year 12 eagerly devoured it. We returned inside and enjoyed the various performances, especially Leah and Lauren’s.

An activity that left us with a special moment of the day was writing the friendship cards. This gave us the chance to write messages in our friends cards to let them know, how much they mean to us.

We went to lunch and when we returned we got the chance to meditate and reflect on all the important things in our lives. After this we were asked to think of an aspect of our lives that we could change for the better. Then we played the ‘body clay’ game in which we moulded our partner into various forms including a representation of the changes we would like to make in our lives. As the day drew to a close we received a final message from our partners and got the chance to show just how ‘trustworthy’ we were. Mrs Slater and Ms Pilgrim were supported as they body surfed across us.

We have enjoyed all our retreats over the last six years and will treasure the memories that we have of them.

Katrina Taylor
Emma Mathison

YOUTH FORUM
On March 16 we attended a Youth Conventions with Mrs Evans, Carly Allpress and Danielle Panucci, organized by the Religious Youth Committee with Bishop David Walker as a special guest. Various schools on the Northern Peninsula attended and discussed contemporary issues which affect society and the Catholic Church. Some of these topics included tackling controversial topics such as euthanasia, genetic engineering, abortion, relationships and sexuality. By discussing these, we were able to find solutions to overcome these problems. It was quite a beneficial experience and made us aware of the problems faced with the Catholic Church and its need to reform.

Kathryn Crossing
Diana Nujic

GEOGRAPHY FIELDTRIP
On a clear blue day in June, the Year 12 Geography class along with Miss Heraghty and Mr. Macallister visited the Hunter Valley vineyards on their fieldtrip. The girls were studying Viticulture as part of the People & Economic Activity unit (so yes we really were there to work not simply sample the local drop as many people believed).

We arrived at McWilliams Mt. Pleasant Estate late morning which gave us time for a leisurely lunch whilst looking out across the vineyard. We were given a tour of the vines and processing plant which gave the girls an opportunity to collect valuable information about the Mt. Pleasant Estate.

A big thank you to Mr. Macallister for getting us safely there and back (we obviously didn’t have to twist his arm too hard to come along) and “dare I say ladies” a good day was had by all.

Margaret Heraghty

YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD
Congratulations to Olivia Ross, Year 12 2001 on winning the “Young Women in Public Affairs Award” for 2001. Olivia received $500 for her efforts, made possible by the generous support of the Zonta Club of Warringah. This organisation is a service organisation of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women.

Olivia was one of four finalists for this Award and no doubt her fine debating skills, coupled with her strong desire for social justice, contributed to her success.
May the Lord old you always in the hollow of his hand.
At the time of writing this report we English teachers are listening to the statements, gossip and anecdotes which are trickling out of the various HSC marking centres. Trying to correlate this information and guess our results is proving a stressful exercise. Newspaper reports do not equate with reports from the actual markers and we all are suffering the anxiety of change. It is a nasty irony that the common Area of Study course is called “Change”. I feel it is perhaps the tone of the powers who have established this new syllabus and even more so of those who set this first mystifying new H.S.C.

However, in spite of the dilemmas, we can only do the best we can given the information we have. The overwhelming message for English is that the HSC questions can take extraordinary forms and students need to be prepared for any type of question. The phrase “other related texts” which reoccurs in our syllabus means that students must be widely read and able to synthesise their reading to answer questions.

This is a syllabus which requires the ability to analyse and respond quickly and creatively to HSC questions asked. Students from Year 7 onwards need to be prepared for much more individual responsibility for their own learning.

For many years we have insisted on reading as a most important activity throughout the school. It is certainly of even greater importance now as it helps broaden students’ viewpoints and stimulates their creativity. Many of our younger students are keen readers and we encourage this strongly. Years 7 and 8 have become part of the Premier’s Reading Challenge where they are asked to read 20 books from a long list in a year. When this is completed, they receive a Certificate from the Premier of N.S.W. Hopefully those who have accepted this challenge will complete it and certainly Mrs. Morrison who is running this challenge will be keen to see them succeed. Along similar traditional lines, we have decided to enter a State wide Spelling competition in 2002 for under 14’s. This competition has generous prizes so it may be an incentive for our girls to tidy up their spelling.

Our peer Tutoring system is continuing in the school with some of our Year 10’s and 11’s generously giving up free time to help younger students who have difficulty reading. This program has been most effective in raising the reading age of these students quite considerably. It is also of course a good socialising activity for all involved.

One of our Year 12 students, Spencer Harvey, was a State finalist in a competition run by the Historic Houses Trust in conjunction with the Police and Justice Museum. She was required to write the opening chapter of a "hard boiled" detective story in the appropriate style. This she did with great aplomb - "A Night With Jim Bean" was her title. We had an enjoyable evening at the presentation with the winners’ chapters being read and acted. Spencer’s work along with the other finalists was published and bound. Hopefully we will see more of her writing published in the future.

My English staff have continued their interest in gaining as much knowledge as possible about the new English syllabus. They have attended many in-services and have read widely. They have been creative in their programming and we are gradually fine tuning what is required. Their own knowledge about books and obvious enjoyment in their personal reading is a wonderful example to our students. Similarly their regular attendance at theatre adds another dimension to our students’ knowledge and can only be seen as an asset to our College.

I hope you enjoy some of our students’ creative efforts in response to classroom tasks. These are scattered throughout the magazine and give me great hope for the future of English study as Stella Maris College.

Judith Coman
English Co-ordinator
Every Friday night, between 5 and 10 PM, the Year 7-12 debaters can be found in a prep room for one hour of stressful planning. Stella Maris entered in two debating competitions during 2001. The ISDA, Independent Schools Debating Association competition as well as the SDN, Students Debating Network. Fellow schools competing in the ISDA competition include Riverview, Barker and Waverley. The SDN competition consists of more local schools such as SCEGGS Redlands and Roseville College.

The venue for debates varies every week from school to school. Part of the excitement involved with debating is the trip with the rest of the team discussing tactics and laughing about previous humiliations we would rather forget!

Thank you to all the dependable parents, friends, adjudicators, teachers, chair people and, of course, the dedicated debaters who make Friday nights a time to remember.

Caitlin O'Dea
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BUNDANON ART
AND DESIGN CAMP

Visiting Bundanoon, near Nowra on the South Coast, has become an annual event for Stella’s Visual Arts students, and for the first time this year, Yr.11 Design and Technology students.

The Bundanoon Arthur and Yvonne Boyd Education Centre is a legacy of the late Australian artist Arthur Boyd, his studio and Riversdale residence are highlights of the site.

This 5 day art and design camp has proved to be an inspiring and productive experience for the girls, where minds and skills are expanded. This year was no exception. Students had a lot of fun creating and designing, using this beautiful natural environment as a springboard for ideas and productions.

Girls were guided and entertained by Mr. Wong, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Waters and Ms. Silburn, who helped to continue the success of this invaluable experience.

We left for the Arthur Boyd Estate early Sunday morning and arrived at Riversdale in the late afternoon. We settled into the tranquil surroundings and relaxed for the rest of the day, preparing ourselves for the workshops starting Monday.

After a QUIET and REST-FILLED night, we got up for an early breakfast before we went for a walk around to do some sketches of the beautiful and inspirational surroundings. Throughout the week we produced paintings, charcoal and pastel drawings, collages and a variety of gift packs thematically based on the Shoalhaven area.

On Tuesday we visited Bundanon and Arthur Boyd’s studio, where several artists spoke to us about their work. We had a tour of the property and viewed many artworks by the whole Boyd family.

After a week of intensive yet enjoyable art making, we prepared ourselves for the long journey home.

All in all it was an enjoyable week. Thanks to the Visual Arts and Design teachers who accompanied and guided us throughout the trip.

Lindi Lesch
OUTDOOR RECREATION CAMP 1

Year 11 Outdoor Recreation Class went on a journey up north to the Great Aussie Bushcamp. We had a jam-packed couple of days with activities morning, noon and night. We started off canoeing, rockclimbing, highwire, giant swing, leap of faith, high ropes and Climbed Mount Yacabba. The activities were extremely challenging for example the leap of faith climbing on pegs twenty metres high, higher than a telegraph pole. Then we had to stand on the top with the front and the back of our shoes hanging over the edge. While our legs were furiously shaking we had to leap to a trapeze two metres away.

The reason for this camp was to train to be assistant leaders to take Year 9 on camp next term. We know for sure that they will have a great time as we had a blast.

Kylie Wardrop

OUTDOOR RECREATION CAMP 2

Year 11 students went to camp to experience the great outdoors at Somerset Outdoor Learning Centre, Colo River. The students were required to participate in many outdoor activities such as mountain bike riding, hiking, Navigation, abseiling, high ropes and flying fox. The girls were also responsible for carrying their rucksacks, setting up their tents and cooking their meals on the trangias.

The girls found this experience rather challenging and the luxuries of home were much appreciated by the end of the camp.

Kylie Wardrop
Stella Christian Fellowship

Stella Christian Fellowship is a group of girls who meet once a week to look more closely at what it means to be a Christian and be in a relationship with Jesus.

We have a lot of fun doing this, as one of our aims is to develop friendships and welcome new girls into the group. Once a term we have a guest speaker and our end of term parties usually attract lots of visitors.

In 2001 we were fortunate to have Christine Wearing leading the group. Christine helped the girls to see the relevance of the Bible and prayer to their lives and we had lots of lively discussions and question times.

SCF meets on Friday at lunchtime and any girl in the school is most welcome to join us.

Reading Program

Once again we had very pleasing results from the programs, which are based on the Pause, Prompt and Praise approach and peer tutors. We would like to congratulate both the readers and their tutors for their efforts and dedication to the program.

Given that the program occupies a very vital and valuable slot in the school day, we were able to implement some changes this year which allowed the supporting teachers to spend more time developing the skills of the tutors and monitoring the progress of the readers.

For some, tutors concentrate on providing students with strategies to ‘word-attack’ so that they can automatically read words they have never seen before. This improves not only accuracy but also rate, thus leading to greater fluency and improved comprehension.

Other students develop comprehension skills based on a self-directed approach. The course aims to improve one sub-set of the skills required for comprehension at a time.

The tutors enjoy being able to support the younger students and gain generic coaching skills which can be applied to a variety of situations in the workplace.

We look forward to another successful year in 2002.

Robyn Clarke
The school year began with a Staff Mass in the College chapel on 29th January celebrated by Father Kevin Bates, followed by the Opening Mass for the school year on 9th February. For the first time in many years this Mass was held in the College grounds on a warm summer's day. Father Tony Banks celebrated the liturgy. He blessed the College Leaders and the Prefect body. Year 7 were warmly welcomed at this liturgy by Elena Hadzells (Captain) and Emma Mathison (Vice-Captain). Many parents also attended.

Our services for Lent and Easter were also held outdoors this year, utilising drama, music, singing, dance, prayer and reflection. Thank you to the Year 8 Celebrate classes and their teachers Sr. Pauline and Mrs. Evans, Year 11 students and Yara Arnold who played a very dignified 'Jesus'.

Some of our other liturgies have included attendance at the Diocesan level, at St. Kieran's Manly Vale and at the Cathedral at St. Ives. These liturgies for the peninsula cluster, for Year 12, and for the combined schools Mission Mass were led by Bishop David Walker and the priests of Broken Bay.

The Retreat days for 2001 were all very successful. These days of reflection, discussion, fun and games were led by our experienced leaders, Father Kevin Bates and Chris Doyle from Karis Ministries. Reflection has also been experienced in the yoga and meditation classes organised by Mrs. Lyn Dee, in the chapel. These times are very popular and special for the girls.

The Christian Fellowship group continues strongly within the College. Thank you to Mrs. Wharton and Mr. Macaulay for their continued interest and promotion of this activity. The students enjoy these lunchtime meetings and the various guests who have visited the College.

The Religious Studies courses continue to cater to students of all faiths and backgrounds. Students in Years 7-10 are provided with a variety of activities and information that allow them to receive a grade for Religious Studies at the end of Year 10. Our Religious Studies courses have been endorsed by the Board of Studies. The senior course, Studies of Religion, continues to cater well to our students. As with all senior subjects, we taught a new syllabus and prepared students for the new HSC. The 2000 HSC saw some good results again in Studies of Religion, particularly Emma Crossing - 2 Unit and Samantha House, Trinh Pham, Maria Rossides and Elizabeth Wood - 1 Unit.

The highlight for the Religion Department, and indeed for the College this year, was the special Anniversary Mass on 7th September at St. Mary's Cathedral. This Mass celebrated 70 years of Stella Maris College since its opening in 1931 and 120 years since the Good Samaritan Sisters arrived in Manly in 1881. Bishop David Walker presided at this Mass, with the concelebrants Father Tony Banks, parish priest of Manly Vale and Father Gerard McCormick, director of liturgy for Broken Bay. It was a wonderful celebration where students, ex-students, parents, staff and the many Good Samaritan sisters came together to acknowledge the Sisters' contribution to the Manly area and the development of the College over the years. During the Mass the story was told through the use of banners, photographs, readings, liturgical movement and the blessing of the portraits of St. Benedict and Archbishop John Bede Polding. There were many people involved in the preparation for this special day. Thank you most sincerely to the Religion, Music, Dance, Art, Canteen and Food Technology Departments, their teachers and students of Stella Maris; also Mrs. Jane Page for her preparation of the beautiful Mass booklet. It certainly was a day we will all remember as very special in the life of Stella Maris College.
The Year 12 Graduation Mass was also held in September on the 27th at Mary Immaculate Manly. Father Tony Banks presided. The theme chosen by the students ‘Truly Great Friends ... Impossible to Forget’ was exemplified in the readings, prayers and songs. It was a wonderful night for these fine young women. One of the special songs of the Mass “Can You Feel The Love Tonight” was performed by Kathryn Crossing, Katherine La Payne, Karen-Anne Nathan and Stefanie Porteous. A special thank you to Father Tony, Mrs. Slater Yr. 12 Coordinator, the Music Department, Year 12 liturgy prefects Carly Allpress and Danielle Panucci and Year 12 students who painted the banner organised by Peta Dzubiel and Bethany Nero.

There have been a number of fund raising activities this year, particularly at Easter and Christmas time. Thank you to all students and parents who gave so generously to the Royal Far West Scheme, the St. Vincent de Paul and the Mullawa Prison’s Ministry.

During 2001 there were a number of staff who have assisted me in the Religious Department and deserve special mention. At the end of term one, we said farewell to Mrs. Evans who returned to Canberra. I thank her for all her work with Liturgy for both the staff and students. Thank you to the Year Coordinators for their assistance on the Retreat days – Ms. Campbell, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Mascarenhas, Ms. Heraghty, Mr. Camilleri and Mrs. Slater. To the Liturgy prefects Carly Allpress and Danielle Panucci, who have been of great assistance at all liturgies and assemblies, thank you. To Sr. Pauline and Mr. John Hannah for their assistance with assemblies and liturgies; to Mrs. Jane Page for the special efforts made with the preparation of Mass booklets, thank you. A big thank you to Ms. Hall for the preparation of the students for liturgical movement and to the music teachers - Ms. Macaulay, Ms. Gerber, Ms. Short and Mrs. Augustinyiak for all they continually do to make our liturgies so meaningful. Lastly I would especially thank Mrs. Christensen and Mrs. Mascarenhas for their leadership of the Religion Department while I was on leave term 4.

Marcia Charles
Religious Education Co-ordinator
RETREAT
On Friday 9th Mary Year 10 went to Curl Curl Sport Centre for the Retreat. It was a day away from school to interact with fellow students and get to know their talents and personalities better. Chris Doyle was the name of our mentor who made the day what it was. We discussed issues about being an individual and learning not to judge people on their appearance. Everyone participated in singing activities and those who had a special talent in that area had a chance to express themselves. Overall the day was a big success enjoyed by all. With the help of Chris and our PC Teachers we were brought closer together as a group. We are looking forward to attending the Retreat next year.

Nathania Nero
Mieke Williams
Lauren Callaghan
Year 10 Geography entered the Centenary Naval Review Competition, which involved the students having to illustrate the past, present and future of the Navy. Four of our Year 10 students were fortunate to have their work chosen to be entered into the competition and won. Christina Kukurow, Hester van Eersel, Larissa Bettison and Elle Halliwell won the winning entry. The prize was to spend a night and a day at sea on HMAS KANIMBLA with 300 other winning students. Larissa and Elle were unable to attend so Alicia MacDonald and Nicole Robb accompanied Christina and Hester with Miss Robin. It was an excellent opportunity for the girls to experience life at sea.

Rebecca Robin
This year we ran a competitors only carnival due to a clash of dates. The carnival occurred on a Friday evening. Despite the cold, the carnival ran very well with the help of staff and parents. The age champions were as follows:

12 years         Amy Quinell
13 years         Hayley Mitchell
14 years         Jessica Layton
15 years         Tiffany Speechley
16 years         Kyah Mc Mahon
17 years         Cassani Mairs

PDHPE

ATHLETICS
A group of 30 girls represented Stella Maris in the BBSSSA carnival. The intermediate team placed 2nd overall. Natalie Frostick was the intermediate Broken Bay age champion. The following girls were selected to represent BBSSSA in the Combined Catholic Colleges Carnival:

Lucie Walter           400m
Kelly Bourke           1500m
Cassani Mairs          400m
                      4x100m res
Mary Searle            High Jump
Lauren Gilbert         Hurdles
Lauren McDowell        Javelin
Natalie Frostick       Shotput

BIATHLON
This year the girls competed in 2 biathlons. One was an individual event and the other a teams event. Christie Sym did exceptionally in the individual biathlon placing 4th in the senior section and Yolanda Butler placed 7th in the intermediate section. In the Pittwater High teams event Yolanda Butler and Tiffany Speechley placed 1st and Ashley Kirby and Ashley Wilkinson placed 3rd.
CROSS COUNTRY
On Monday 14th May a team of 34 girls participated in the Broken Bay Cross Country Carnival. The following results were achieved:

**Outstanding Team Results:**
- 12 Years: 4th
- 14 Years: 4th
- 15 Years: 2nd
- 17 Years: 1st
- 18 Years: 1st

**Outstanding Individual Results:**
- Danielle Reid: 8th 12 Years
- Steffi Bartell: 10th 12 Years
- Crienna Cronly: 10th 14 Years
- Tiffany Speechley: 6th 15 Years
- Louise Edney: 7th 15 Years
- Kelly Bourke: 1st 17 Years
- Cassani Mairs: 2nd 17 Years
- Christie Sym: 2nd 18 Years
- Fiona Doman: 3rd 18 Years
- Margaret Churchley: 5th 18 Years

The following results were achieved at the NSW Catholic College's Carnival: Kelly Bourke placed 2nd in the under 17's, Christie Sym 5th in the under 18's, Tiffany Speechley 11th in the under 15's and Cassani Mairs 14th in the under 17's. These girls were selected in the team to represent NSW Catholic Schools at the All Schools State carnival. At this carnival Christie Sym was chosen to represent NSW at the National titles in Perth. Christie Sym was very successful at this event bringing home 2 medals.

WATERPOLO
2001 was another successful year for Stella Maris waterpolo. All girls have put in a lot of effort with training throughout the season and have improved immensely.

Our Opens team this year continued their great performance making the semi-final of the Warringah Aquatic Centre competition. Unfortunately the girls lost that game 5 - 3 to Mackellar. The team was made up of Danielle, Bec, Claudia, Carly, Skye, Annie, Amanda, Tanya, Lauren, Holly, Laura and Kristie. Most of these players are only in Year 11 so they should all be looking forward to a great year in 2002.

Stella won the Under 15 Warringah Aquatic Centre competition after clearly dominating throughout the season. At one stage the team had an overall scorecard of 63 goals for, and only 7 against. They won their Grand Final against SCEGGS Redlands 9 - 2. Players were Bree, Yolanda, Claire, Susie, Kate, Megan, Kirra, Sarah, Hannah and Mary.

Stella also won the Under 13 Aquatic Centre competition. The talented U13A team made up of Year 7 students has played well and trained hard throughout the whole year. A great effort considering that some of the other teams had Year 8 students playing. They won the hard-fought Grand Final against SCEGGS 4 - 2. The team consisted of Amy Hosing, Kirra, Amy Maiika, Amy McMahon, Sally, Kelly, Vessa, Emma and Lauren.

Our other under 13B team also did well, making the quarter finals. These girls have trained really well throughout the year and it was a great effort to make the quarters in such a tough competition. The team was Rachel, Sam, Ando, Alex, Lauren, Sophie, Danielle, Rhiannon, Ashley, Elizabeth, Jess, Danielle and Amanda.

A great effort by all in the Warringah Aquatic Centre competition considering that some of the schools that Stella was up against included PLC, SCEGGS, Sydney Girls High, Mackellar, Pittwater House and Brigidine.

Alex, Andrew and Vanessa
In the local Manly Pool competition, Stella Maris dominated once again. At the end of the year Stella teams won the Under 16 competition and were runners-up in the Under 14 division.

Also towards the end of the year, Stella Maris had a team compete at the CCC State Championship held at Homebush. After a hard day the team went down to the eventual winner, St. Claire's Waverley in the semi-final. The team, which included Year 11, 9 and one Year 7 student (Sally Ensor), went very well and should be very competitive next year.

Hopefully 2002 will be just as successful.

Raylee Kelly
PD/H/PE Co-ordinator
TOUCH FOOTBALL
Congratulations to Cori McLeod who was selected to represent Broken Bay in the Under 16's team.

BASKETBALL
This year we had 3 teams competing in the BBSSSA carnival. The senior team, that consisted of Connie Galati, Jane Gilmore, Jenny Laird, Tanya Lund, Cassani Mairs, Tiffany Speechley, Candice Van Hulsan and Clara Woodland, won the Open division defeating Brigidine in the grand final 28-16. The intermediate team was knocked out of the competition in the final round. The junior team learnt a great deal showing improved skills throughout the day.

During terms 1 and 2 we had 3 teams playing in the local competition. Narrabeen Sports High knocked out the Year 9 team in the semi finals. The Year 7 team lost their grand final against MacKellar Girls. The Year 10 team played exceptionally well all season finishing by winning the grand final against Mater Maria College.

In terms 3 and 4 Stella Maris had 4 teams playing in the new basketball venue at Warriewood. Both the Year 7 and 10 teams made the grand finals again. However, both teams were narrowly defeated by their opposition. The new Year 7/8 team did exceptionally well to make the semi final.

SOCCER
The school entered 3 teams into the BBSSSA competition. Both the junior and the senior team won their finals. The senior team’s finish was very exciting with the final results coming down to penalty corners. The junior team was undefeated for the entire competition.

SURF CARNIVAL
Stella Maris proved to be too strong on the beach and in the water this year winning the overall competition. Some outstanding performances were achieved by Sally Ensor, Rebecca McDowell, Yolanda Butler, Kate Moran and Rachel Lewis.

VOLLEYBALL
Congratulations to the Year 8 and 10 combined volleyball team who has worked hard all year. The girls have been coached by Tamas
TENNIS

This year Stella Maris had 6 teams in the local schools competition. The senior team consisting of Claudia Walker, Skye Nicholson and Michelle Gray were runners up. The Year 9 intermediate - Alison Walker, Kristy Sanderson and Sarah Pervan played exceptionally, making it through to the grand final.

At the BBSSA carnival we were extremely successful. The junior team consisting of Lizeth King, Aimee Ho-Sing and Renata Hidjates were the Borken Bay school champions.

Hall and managed by Mrs. Milsted. The team has competed in several competitions this year. They won a grand final in the Manly Warringah Volleyball competition. They represented the college in a statewide tournament held at Windsor. The highlight of the girls' year was competing in the National Schools Cup in Melbourne where they finished in 14th position. The team consisted of Emma Milsted, Katrina Docherty, Caitlin Bartlett, Abby Cassar, Kristina Cimino, Katrina Quach, Alicia MacDonald and Danielle Nicasiri. The girls worked exceptionally well together as a team displaying great skill.
NETBALL

This year we participated in the BBSSSA carnival and the Combined Catholic Colleges Carnival. All teams played exceptionally well with the senior team being knocked out in the last round of the BBSSSA carnival. We had 4 girls who were chosen to represent Manly Warringah Netball Association as Tanya Lund who was also a member of the under 19 Australian squad, Laura Rigon, Tiffany Speechley and Laura Brealey.

In the second half of the year we joined a local competition on Tuesday afternoons at Warriewood. The school had 3 Year 7/8 teams. One team was knocked out in the finals and other team lost the grand final by 1 goal.
Swimming Carnival

The Stella Maris Annual Swimming Carnival was held on Friday March 2 at Manly Boy Charlton Swim Centre. After a shaky start to the weather the Carnival was a great day with lovely sunny weather. All girls at the Carnival performed very well in and out of the pool. The House spirit was fantastic to see and hear. The Manager of the pool commented that "Stella was the noisiest and most enthusiastic of all the 46 schools there this year!"

I would like to thank the Year 12’s for playing such a major role in motivating the school by their fantastic organization and their 'Sparkly Western Cowgirl' theme, the staff for all their work on the day and all of our parents and friends who came along to support the girls.

Some great results were achieved this year with many records being broken. Our girls are getting faster and faster every year!

House results were as follows:
1st Fatima 824 points
2nd Rosaria 822 points
3rd Carmel 577 points
4th Lourdes 573 points

Age Champions were as follows:
12 Years Renee McCurtayne
13 Years Lauren Dooley
14 Years Ashley Kirby
15 Years Elizabeth Hobson
16 Years Milena Angeluci
17 Years Amanda Sullivan
18 Years Christie Sym

Kylie Wardrop
PD/H/PE Department
SWIMMING

On Wednesday 28th the March a group of 27 girls competed in the BBSSSA Swimming Carnival. The team participated exceptionally well with many girls swimming in older age groups to cover swimmers who were in Queensland competing in the Surf Lifesaving Carnival. Stella Maris was placed 3rd which is an outstanding improvement on last year's performance. Congratulations to all the girls on a great team effort.

Outstanding Team Results:
- Junior Medley Relay: 2nd
- 12 Years Freestyle Relay: 3rd
- 13 Years Freestyle Relay: 2nd
- 14 Years Freestyle Relay: 3rd
- 16 Years Freestyle Relay: 3rd

Outstanding Individual Results:
- Danielle Reid: 3rd (12 Years Div 4 Freestyle)
- Aimee Maaka: 3rd (12 Years Div 3 Freestyle)
- Renee McCurtayne: 3rd (12 Years Div 2 Freestyle)
- Sally Ensor: NEW RECORD (13 Years Backstroke)
- Keira Beilken: 2nd (13 Years Div 1 Freestyle)
- Lauren Dooley: 2nd (13 Years Div 3 Freestyle)
- Samantha Darby: 3rd (13 Years Div 2 Freestyle)
- Ashley Kirby: NEW RECORD (14 Years Backstroke)
  - 3rd (14 Years Butterfly)
  - 3rd (14 Years Div 1 Freestyle)
- Megan Stanbrook: 3rd (14 Years Div 4 Freestyle)
- Yolanda Butler: 2nd (14 Years Div 3 Freestyle)
  - 3rd (14 Years Breaststroke)
- Chloe Powell: 2nd (15 Years 100m Freestyle)
  - 2nd (15 Years Div 1 Freestyle)
  - 3rd (15 Years Backstroke)
  - 3rd (15 Years Butterfly)
- Milena Angelucci: 2nd (16 Years Div 2 Freestyle)
  - 3rd (16 Years Breaststroke)
  - 3rd (16 Years 200m Indiv. Medley)
- Bree Nicholson: 3rd (16 Years Div 4 Freestyle)
- Shari Temarz: 3rd (16 Years Div 3 Freestyle)
- Rebecca McDowell: 3rd (17 Years Div 1 Freestyle)

The representative school swimming team competed at the Monte Invitational Swimming carnival at North Sydney Pool. All team members did exceptionally well with Stella Maris finishing in 4th position. Chloe Powell did exceptionally well swimming up an age group. The following results were achieved:

Outstanding Individual Results:
- Aimee Maaka: 2nd (12 Years Backstroke)
- Lauren McDowell: 3rd (12 Years Breaststroke)
- Kelly Trim: 3rd (12 Years Freestyle)
- Sally Ensor: 1st (13 Years Freestyle)
  - 1st (13 Years Backstroke)
- Ashley Kirby: 1st (14 Years Backstroke)
  - 2nd (14 Years Butterfly)
  - 2nd (14 Years Freestyle)
- Chloe Powell: 2nd (15 Years Freestyle)
  - 3rd (15 Years Butterfly)
- Bridget Rothwell: 3rd (17 Years Breaststroke)

Sally Ensor, Ashley Kirby, Chloe Powell, and Rebecca McDowell were selected to represent Broken Bay at the CCC carnival. Ashley Kirby was then selected to compete at the NSW M Schools carnival.
This year is the first year that the Duke of Edinburgh Award has been offered at Stella Maris College after a couple of years break. We currently have 40 students taking part in the Award from Years 9, 10 and 12. Several expeditions have been conducted this year to fulfil the expedition component of the Award. The Bronze girls hiked in Kuring-Gai Chase National Park. The Silver girls went horse riding in the Yarramalong Valley.
Throughout this year our dedicated group of Streamwatch students has continued monitoring the health of the local waterways. An afternoon a week these students test the water in the catchment of Manly Lagoon using fairly sophisticated equipment provided by Sydney Water.

The faecal coliform test allows us to measure the extent of sewage pollution in the water. Unfortunately there are numerous sewer overflows in our catchment so we rarely get a negative result. A very high result may indicate a blockage so our results can help Sydney Water to respond to problems.

We are able to detect nutrients like phosphorus that result in algal blooms in the lagoon. This is often a sign that fertiliser has been washed into the creeks. Other tests indicate the acidity or alkalinity of the water, or how cloudy the water is.

The students have learned to perform the chemical tests safely and obtain reliable results and these provide an invaluable database for the use of Sydney Water and the Councils. You can look up our results on the Streamwatch internet site: http://www.streamwatch.org.au - just click on “Maps and Data Online”.

Our students have now taken part in three Quality Control exercises where students from a number of Streamwatch groups were pitted against commercial laboratories, testing several water samples. We compared very favourably, and at the recent Streamwatch 2001 Open Day were recognised with another award from Sydney Water for Excellence in Water Quality Monitoring.

Congratulations and our thanks go to Janelle, Helen, Claire, Patricia, Samantha, Nina and Kirsty.

David Hart