



# STELLA MARIS NEWSLETTER

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*from the Principal*



Lord,

*Who gave rest  
and leisure,  
teach us to  
withdraw from the busy-  
ness of life;  
to stop.*

*Calm our breathing,  
release our tensions and  
then let us  
wake to wonder  
at your love  
and compassion.*

*Amen*

## Dear Stella Community

Another week has flown by and it brings me joy to stop and reflect on campus events and the involvement of our fabulous Stella girls.

### Annual Sleep Out

Last Friday night 72 girls and 9 staff left the comforts and warmth of home to participate in our annual *Sleep Out*. The floor was hard, the snoring loud and everyone had a restless, uncomfortable night. What better way to empathise with those who do this every night on the streets of Sydney and in big cities around the world? The girls used this opportunity to raise money for the Good Samaritan Kinder School in the Philippines and for the Good Samaritan Inn, a women's refuge in Melbourne, so they could make a difference to the lives of others.

### International Night

'A feast of talent to warm your soul', is the best way I can describe International Night. A variety of musical acts from our International and local students, with games, prizes and enthusiastic leadership from our International Prefects, Victoria, Veena and Inez. The audience cheered loudly and applauded every act for their courage and effort. It truly was a Stella experience - inclusive, supportive, positive and inspirational.



### Filming for the BENET Conference

Benedictine educators from around the world will converge on Sydney in October for the BENET Conference. Organisers are visiting the ten Good Samaritan schools around Australia to collate footage for a video on what it means to be a Benedictine school.

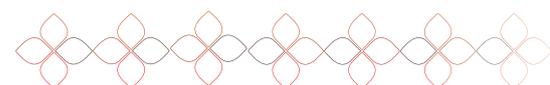
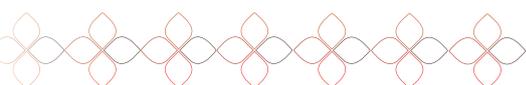
Student and staff responses were centred around our core values:

- Community** – to work for others
- Justice and Peace** – to fight for others
- Stewardship** – to protect others
- Hospitality** – to welcome others

Sometimes "others" challenge our commitment to these values. I was reminded that we can maintain the focus if we look for Christ in everyone. In some he seems to be hiding, or perhaps it's our own poor vision that blurs the view, but if we persevere, our community can be strengthened by the richness in diversity and perspective.

Warm wishes for a stellar week,

**Louise Yeates, Acting Principal**





26 Sept	Graduation Assembly
26 Sept	Graduation Mass
27 Sept	End of Term 3
14 Oct	Term 4 Commences (Students and Staff return)
17 Oct - 12 Nov	HSC Exams



## ENROLLING NOW for YEAR 7 2022

If you wish to enrol your daughter at the College for Year 7, 2022, the Registration Form needs to be received by the Registrar no later than Friday 20 September, 2019.

To download a Registration Form please visit our website [www.stellamaris.nsw.edu.au](http://www.stellamaris.nsw.edu.au)

Interviews for Year 7, 2022 will be conducted early in Term 1, 2020

If you would like to speak to the Registrar, Ms Kerrie Dudley, she can be contacted on 9976 1802

**Limited places still available for Year 7 2021**



## CLOTHING BIN

Did you know we have our very own clothing bin at Stella?

It is operated by the SCR Group who collect and redistribute goods on a monthly basis. Last month our community donated 46kgs of clothing!

As you start your spring clean, consider donating to the SCR hub at school – it's convenient and a way to make a difference in Australia and in our neighbouring countries.



## Where Does Everything Go?

Some of what we collect goes to charities and op shops in Australia.

About 5% of what is collected meets retail quality in Australia. The clothes and homewares that stay in Australia are mainly sold to provide a source of income for charities.

The rest goes to our overseas partner for sorting and global distribution.

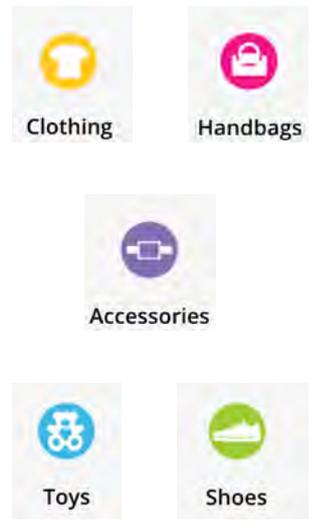
What can't be reused in Australia is sent to our Australian owned partner facility in Malaysia for sorting and global distribution. SCR Group has identified markets all over the globe where there is a demand for the items we no longer want or are resaleable in Australia. For example, there is a demand for single shoes in the Middle East.

Whatever can't be reused is either sent for recycling or converted into alternate fuels in a nearby cement kiln. Reuse is the most environmentally friendly and socially beneficial avenue in the waste hierarchy as it uses the least amount of natural resources and supports a circular economy. We are able to reuse 70% of our total collections, recycling 15% and converting 15% into alternate fuels.

As a result of our operations overseas, we are able to support 300 jobs in developing countries, helping growing economies and providing opportunities to communities living in less fortunate circumstances to earn sustainable incomes. Our partner facility provides safe and ethical working conditions and facilities, such as prayer rooms.

People in countries as diverse as Eastern Europe and Asia get the things they need.

What is reusable goes to countries where low-cost clothing is in demand, enabling accessibility to essential everyday items for global communities who need them the most.



## SLEEP OUT

Last week on Friday night, girls from all different Years slept out at school as part of an empathy experience and fundraiser. We usually sleep on the deck but we slept in the old library because it was raining so much. Even though this is 'cheating', it made us realise how lucky we are to even have that option to go inside when things don't go in our favour.

The Sleep Out was a great experience for me and my peers as it was a great bonding exercise for us - I got to meet people I never knew before. Everyone was inclusive and I felt like I belonged to a group. The Years above us can sometimes seem intimidating but when I went to the Sleep Out, everyone included me and treated me equally. We watched Mrs Doubtfire, had a dance party where we danced around the room and were ourselves. We then played Uno which was so fun - even all the teachers joined in! Despite all the fun, we remembered why we were there and learnt from the experience.

Overall the Sleep Out was a great experience and it was a safe and fun environment where you could act yourself and not be judged for who you are. The Sleep Out made me realise how lucky we are to have a roof over our heads, a great education, and we come home from school every day with food in our cupboard.

Lucy Madafiglio, Year 8



The Stella Community raised a massive \$7500 for the Kinder School and the Good Samaritan Inn Women's Shelter



## JERSEY DAY

On 30 August, the community donned jerseys over their uniforms to promote awareness and conversation around organ donation.

Jersey Day has been inspired by the story of Sydney teenager Nathan Gremmo, who tragically lost his life in an accident in 2015. Nathan had communicated to his family prior to the accident that he wanted to be an organ donor: a wish his parents sadly had to make on his behalf but in doing so, saved the lives of 3 others.

Nathan's family started Jersey Day in Nathan's memory. The Gremmo family have personal connections with the Stella community so we wanted to honour Nathan and promote conversations at the dinner table around organ donation.

Did you know that being a donor is no longer linked to our driver's licence?

You can sign up here:

<https://donatelife.gov.au/register-donor-today>





## SPORT REPORT

### Snow Sports

Well done to Momo Elsworth who qualified to compete at the National Interschools Snow Sports Championships in Victoria this week. Best of luck in your races Momo!

### Upcoming Events

Good luck to the Stella girls who will be representing Stella at a number of sporting events over the next week:

**BBSSSA Golf:** Louise Smith and Isabelle Brooks on Friday, 6 September

**NSW Cricket Gala Day:** Year 7/8 team on Tuesday, 10 September

**NSW Athletics Schools Nitro:** Junior, Intermediate and Open teams on Wednesday, 11 September

**BBSSSA Basketball:** Junior and Intermediate teams on Thursday, 12 September

That's it for this week!

Jenny Wickham, Sport Coordinator

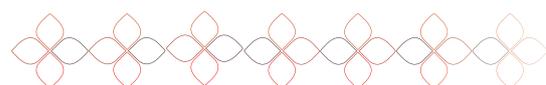
## EX-STUDENTS - CALLING FOR COLLEGE MEMORABILIA AND MEMORIES

The College is creating a small museum and we need your help to make it a rich history of the College. We are seeking donations (or permanent loans) of any kind of memorabilia from former Stella students including, but not limited to:

- all pieces of the uniform up to the year 2000 including hats, gloves, blazers, ties, skirts, shirts, branded or unbranded.
- exercise books or assignments, especially old ones
- old textbooks - pre 2000
- badges, flags, banners, trophies
- Year 12 graduation gifts (you can just send a photo of it if you want to keep it).
- photos of friends, teachers, the Sisters, especially ones showing school activities or what the school looked like in the past
- Your memories. What was school like when you were a student here, what events do you remember, can you describe your uniform or your favourite teacher? Do you have a story, serious or amusing, that tells us something about what life at Stella was like.
- Connections. How many generations or branches of your family have been connected to Stella, either as students or staff? We're keen to show how Stella is a community with a strong ancestry that crosses generations.
- Notable alumni. We are also looking for past students who have who have served in the armed forces, who epitomise excellence in any field or resilience in the face of adversity. Please send in your nominations and feel free to nominate yourself

### Contact:

donna\_stimson@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au  
call on 9976 1825 or message me through the Stella Ex-students (Old Girls) Official Page on Facebook.





### CANTEEN ROSTER

Hours are 9.30am - 2.30pm

If you are unable to attend on your rostered day PLEASE call Bernie to arrange a replacement on 9976 1826.

Mon 9 Sept	Tues 10 Sept	Wed 11 Sept	Thurs 12 Sept	Fri 13 Sept
Bernadette Hickey Juanita Graham Ayesha Ballesty Louise Lewcock Camilla Zervas Emmalee Pepar Jodie Adams	Majella Brady Steph O'Flynn Melanie Nunn Sharon Fountain	Margaret Roberts Jo Daley Melissa Jones Amanda McNally	Brenda Kimball Belinda Andresson Louise McKenzie Lynda Macadam Amanda Barham Kelly Hindman	Kate Bambrick Brown Alison Treeby Ikuyo Feldman Sandra Marshall

### UNIFORM SHOP

#### Opening Times

During School Terms: 8.00am-4.30pm Tues/Wed/Thurs. Entry via Scholastica building on Eurobin Ave.

#### Second Hand Uniforms

The Uniform Shop is now accepting summer dresses to be sold second hand. Please wait until early February to bring in winter uniforms.

#### Year 12 2020 Booklist

This is now available online at [www.campion.com.au](http://www.campion.com.au) for the current Year 11 girls to order their Year 12 textbooks. Use the access code **ENJ6**. Orders are to be placed by 16 September to ensure home delivery for the start of Term 4.

#### Sports Uniform

For Years 7 to 9 the new sports uniform is compulsory. This comprises the sport polo with the red collar, black Stella shorts and red tracktop. The black Stella trackpants are optional. Most girls are wearing the sport uniform correctly. However there are a few that need to update their uniform.

#### Summer changeover

Next Tuesday will be the last day this year that you will be able to buy winter blouses and skirts. On Wednesday these will be packed away and the summer dresses put on the shelves ready for next term.

Stockings will still be available until the end of term.

#### Uniform Prices

Tracktop \$67	Black stockings \$9
Trackpants \$45	Maroon scarf \$10
Collapsible "Stella" umbrellas \$15	Wool and cotton jumpers \$72
Sport polo \$43	Basketball shorts \$28
Basketball singlet \$60	Sport shorts \$34
Netball dress \$88	Waterpolo costume \$125
Previous style water polo costume (can be used for water sport) \$65	

#### Full Uniform and Stationery Price lists

These are available on the website. Please refer to [Enrolments>Our Uniform](#).

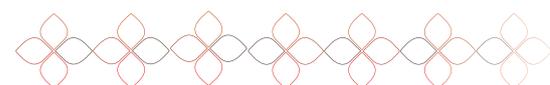
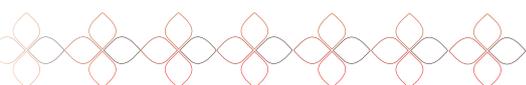
#### Volunteers

No Volunteers required this week

Gail Hickey and Peta Creighton

9976 1819

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## CAREERS NEWS

### Bedford College Open Days

Glebe Open Days are an opportunity to come and have a look at the campus facilities. Date: Saturday 14 September at Glebe Campus - Time: 9:30am to 2.30pm Venue: 54 Parramatta Road, Glebe (Opposite Sydney Uni). Contact Christine Laurent [claurent@bedford.edu.au](mailto:claurent@bedford.edu.au) or Rachele Perceval [rperceval@bedford.edu.au](mailto:rperceval@bedford.edu.au).

### University of Pennsylvania

Visit 10 September: Students and parents are invited to the annual presentation by Elisabeth O'Connell, Senior Associate Dean of Admissions at UPenn. Learn about academic programs, admissions policies, cost, financial aid and student life. There will be a Q&A also. Venue: Hall at Redlands School, 272 Military Rd, Cremorne from 6-7.30pm. RSVP: <https://key.admissions.upenn.edu/register/SydneyAustralia>

### AFTRS School Holiday

Check out the range of courses available during the October holidays here <https://www.aftrs.edu.au/course-types/school-holidays/>. All workshops are taught by industry professionals using industry standard equipment and, where appropriate, are held in AFTRS' state-of-the-art film, TV and radio studios.

### TAFE NSW Open Day

You can join us at one of our Open Days on Saturday, 14 September from 9am to 1pm. We can help you kickstart your career, become an aspiring apprentice, or gain exciting new skills for the job you want. There will be talks, demos, food, entertainment and more. Pre-register and jump the queue when checking in on the day by visiting: <https://events.tafensw.edu.au/open-day>.

### ACU Open Day

Last chance to register for ACU Open Days! Attending an ACU Open Day is a great idea for students considering going to uni. They provide an opportunity for you to get the vibe of ACU, explore the campus, and to talk to course experts and current students. Register Now! <https://www.openday.acu.edu.au> Strathfield - 7 Sept, 9am - 2pm

### Astronomy Open Night

Saturday 7 September. Discover the night sky like you never have before. Join us at our Astronomy Open Night on Saturday 7 September from 6.30pm for an incredible night of astronomy and physics, including the chance to view stars and planets through up to 30 telescopes. More information and tickets: <https://macq.it/astronight>.

## ATAR RELEASE DATE

ATARs will be released at **1pm on Tuesday 17 December 2019**, the same day as HSC results.

This will allow students more time to finalise their preferences for December Round 2, the deadline for which is midnight on Thursday 19 December 2019.

All UAC information will be updated to reflect this change.

Kim Paino

General Manager

Marketing and Engagement



## Apprenticeships, Traineeships and other career qualifications

ATC is offering school leavers an opportunity to explore their career options and find a pathway to a successful future.

Join us along with other interested young people, to learn and explore employment options that are available to you in the fields of Sport & Recreation, Business, Information Technology (IT), Fitness, Horticulture, Landscaping, Carpentry and various other trades.

At the September information session you will also hear about the ATC 'Peak Fitness Trainer' course, which will be held between November 2019 and February 2020, prior to university commencement.

### Information session dates:

**Wednesday 25th September 2019**

**Thursday 14th November 2019**

**Wednesday 29th January 2020**

**9.30am - 12.30pm**

**(Careers Advisors and parents are welcome)**

- ✓ No ATAR required
- ✓ Paid employment
- ✓ Nationally recognised qualifications
- ✓ Paid to study (earn while you learn)
- ✓ Hands on experience

### Venue:

**30-32 Pomeroy St (Cnr Underwood Rd) Homebush**

You must register prior to attending. All attendees are encouraged to bring a copy of their resume.

**To register, complete the online registration form → [FILL IN USING GOOGLE FORMS HERE](#) or call our office (02) 9704 1550 prior to the date.** For all other enquiries - email: [recruitment@austrg.com.au](mailto:recruitment@austrg.com.au)



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