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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The year finished on a wonderful note with a Presentation Night attended by about 1200 people, a most moving End of Year Liturgy and wonderful HSC results. The staff and students contributed to this in a most generous way. It is the care that the teachers take with the individual students, the opportunities that the students are given for leadership and the enthusiastic involvement of most students that is contributing to the good spirit in the College.

The year was significant for the College because the increase in enrolments and other actions resulted in the College registering a small surplus. With the trend towards greater enrolments continuing, the College should be well placed for the future. It is now possible to achieve steady growth in programs, resources, equipment and even building refurbishment and replacement.

Because we are taking in students at all grade levels, we have had to work hard to ensure that the spirit of inclusiveness and care for each other is maintained in the College. We have a group of staff actively working with students in many activities outside the classroom as well as a number of specialist teachers required just to provide the activities. As a result we have had in excess of 100 activities this year for students.

The results of the research done by Macquarie University and ACU on the College found that the involvement of students in activities was most significant. This then flows through to better participation in class, a good attitude to school, lower absenteeism, better behaviour and a willingness among students to contribute to all that takes place.

The College has been very active in the development of the new syllabuses and structures for the HSC. Because of our involvement in professional associations, Stella Maris is making a significant contribution representing the interests of the Catholic sector. The College is working hard to implement the new School Certificate and Higher School Certificate in a way that will provide the best possible opportunities for our students. The diversity of subject offerings has placed demands upon facilities and staffing. This has been partially solved by an increase in the number of part-time and casual staff. This enrichment of the staff which is very stable, has given a real breath of fresh air to the curriculum. The vocational education offerings have increased in popularity and many students are finding that this provides a real focus for their senior studies. These will continue to be important as the new HSC comes into place because it has raised the standard of traditional syllabuses and so many less able academic students are not being catered for. Our continued developments in this area we hope will meet this need.

The College has been well supported by its Board of Management. The leadership of John Lynas has ensured that steady and purposeful progress has been made by the College. The Board has had to make some difficult decisions and time has shown them to have been wise ones. The need for sound policy development to which sufficient time is given has been met by the Board. The Board has provided very strong direction and support for the College staff. They have established a reputation among the staff as a group of people who have taken firm control of the College.

The Parents and Friends Association has also enriched the involvement of parents in the College. The majority of parents have attended the social functions held in Semester 1. Over 400 attended the Year 7 dinner. These functions also provide a forum for parents to ask questions, put forward their point of view and discuss issues that are concerning them.

The report that has been prepared for the Members covers most aspects of the life of the College. As CEO I would add that the position of the College is becoming sounder as its popularity grows by word of mouth. It has been interesting watching the change of attitude of staff as they gain confidence about the future of the College. While we continue to develop and grow this attitude will strengthen.

At this stage I see no signs of complacency. Efforts are still needed to recruit sufficient students and ensure that a proper education is provided. It is interesting that the spirituality of the students is a priority of parents even though Church attendance is falling steadily. The introduction of meditation and prayer for some students proved most successful. This year this has been expanded and now includes the majority of students in regular sessions. One of the reasons parents choose the College is the development of a spirituality and Code of Ethics in the students.

I look forward to the years ahead. Many of the most significant issues facing the education of young women are being faced by the College. I believe that in the years ahead we will provide an education of which we can be proud. We as staff, are honoured to continue the fine tradition of Stella Maris College and the Good Samaritan Sisters.

ALLAN COMAN - PRINCIPAL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

I am pleased to report to the Members of the Company and through them to the Congregation that the 1998 year was one that saw a number of major achievements at Stella Maris. These achievements can be measured in both educational and financial terms.

Academic standards have been maintained, financial difficulties have been overcome, student enrolments are at an all time high and external recognition of Stella Maris as a top class educational facility has been given at the highest international level.

Members would be aware of the success in the HSC by the Dux of the College, Francine Esterman. Her results are most noteworthy. It is also pleasing to report that a further 18 students achieved scores in the high 90s. Their results are a tribute to the students and to their teachers.

What is equally pleasing is the high overall standard achieved by all HSC students in 1998. It has been noted by the Board that some students, while not scoring high overall scores, did manage to achieve a score higher than their trial mark and above their own modest hopes. This has occurred for many students and again is deserving of praise for all members of staff. Parents and their daughters are aware of the high reputation given to Stella Maris for high academic standards. 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 1999. Year 7 student numbers are at "house full" levels. Years 8 to 11 inclusive, all had new student enrolments in 1999. Vocational Education courses, including Information Technology, Childcare, Sport and Recreation and Design courses, delivered in the old Convent building, are another source of growth in student numbers. Broadening of the student base to include vocational education courses is one of the factors underlying the successful year at Stella.

Stella Maris has achieved a modest surplus this year and budget projections indicate 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. As an example, the financial statements were reviewed by the finance committee of the Board and sent to the Auditors within four days of the end of the financial year.

Allan Coman has also been successful in attracting an offer from Microsoft Corporation to sponsor a computer education program at Stella Maris. The Microsoft offer (only offered to two schools in NSW) involves Microsoft training teachers to be fully accredited in teaching Information Technology courses leading to Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer designation. Students at Stella will be offered what is arguably the world's best Information Technology training course.

This successful year at Stella Maris is the result of good, hard 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.

JOHN LYNAS
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SCHOOL LEADERS



School Leaders 1998

(L to R): Francine Esterman, Mr Allan Coman, Cathryn Riddett,

College Captain's Report 1998

As another hectic year draws to a close at Stella Maris, it has suddenly hit me what a wonderful and special time it has been. This atmosphere has much to do with the spirit of the class of 1998. I was proud to be Captain of a year whose effort, enthusiasm and determination guaranteed success. There is no area of school life we have left untouched. Whether it is Rock Eisteddfod, Choir, Sports, Drama or school gatherings, our year always seems to be participating and making an impact. The class of 1998 doesn't just 'join' an activity, but puts in their "all" to guarantee its success. Their love of life and many other qualities have left their mark on the school life of Stella Maris College.

On behalf of Year 12, I would like to acknowledge the teachers at Stella Maris College for their personal and caring nature. Not only do I extend this thank you to present teachers but all past teachers for their dedication and commitment to our needs. I thank Mrs Coman for her efforts and organisation over the past year and feel sure that they have provided us with the support and stability to enter the wider world. I would also like to congratulate the Parents and Friends Association for their genuine desire to make the school a better place. They have successfully organised numerous social and fundraising events, especially the Twilight Fair. I thank them for their contribution to school life.

We leave the school in an excellent position illustrated by achievements over the past year. Although I don't like to single out a particular area of school life, I have been involved in dance and drama in my time at Stella and the opportunities and professionalism of current staff members really stand out in my mind. The combined efforts of Miss Newell, Miss Heckman, Miss Eggleton and Mrs Dougheney represent amazing prospects for the future. Further positives include the development of the Community Garden, the achievements of the sporting teams and the introduction of Steve Kaless as a debating coach, combining with the experience of Mrs Shilland to create an unbeatable team.

On behalf of Year 12 I ask that all current students of Stella Maris College make full use of these opportunities and the changing face of the school. Although change is a positive thing, it is essential that the friendly spirits and traditions of Stella Maris College be not forgotten. Often when offered many choices and opportunities we tend to forget the very fundamental reasons why the school is prospering. In my opinion it is not simply the future but the memories of the past and the closeness of the school community that counts. As numbers will increase year by year we ask Stella Maris to remember the energy, enthusiasm and hope that all past "Stella Fellas" have shown.

I would like to give a huge thank you to Bryony and Francine for their continued commitment to all areas of school life. I thank Francine not only for her support, but dedication to Stella Maris College since Year 7. I congratulate her on her extraordinary academic achievements, and thank her for her school spirit. I would also like to thank Bryony whose enthusiasm and vibrancy will carry her in good stead for the rest of her life. Her effervescent nature will provide the world with an individual who is sure going to make an impact. I wish the current year 11s good luck next year and hope they can sustain the same friendships and bonds that the class of 1998 has established. I look forward to hearing of the future successes of Stella Maris College.

Finally I would like to thank the whole of Year 12 for their support over the past six years. I leave Stella with many fond memories and a great deal of gratitude for the school times I've had and the friendships I will always treasure. I can't imagine leaving school and not seeing my friends every day, and, although I have looked forward to this for sometime, it also comes with much sadness. I am sure that our friendships will continue. I hope we can live according to our Year 12 theme and make our lives extraordinary!! I am not sure the world is quite ready for us, but I am proud to be a part of such a fun-spirited group.

Thank you and Goodbye

Cathryn Riddett

Stella Maris College Captain 1998



Cathryn Riddett and Mr. Allan Coman

PREFECTS 1998



Top row (L to R): Anita Vukovic, Katie Dutfield, Joanne O'Sullivan, Emma Lynch, Christine Thornton, Kellie Vernon,
2nd row (L to R): Mrs J Coman, Bryony Proctor, Rigil Gruca, Sophie Immens, Kasey McCreath, Carly Collins,
3rd row (L to R): Sarah Davidson, Kerrie Hill, Cathryn Riddett, Francine Esterman, Belinda Orlando, Christina Byron,

SPORTS LEADERS

Our 1998 Year 12 Sports Prefects performed their duties splendidly this year. Our leaders were as follows:

SPORTS CAPTAIN K. Dutfield

Special congratulations go to Katie Dutfield who also was honoured by receiving the prestigious "Pierre De



*Kellie Vernon
Carmel Captain*



*Christine Thornton
Fatima Captian*



*Belinda Orlando
Rosaria Captain*



*Katie Dutfield
Lourdes Captain*

Coubertin" Award this year. This is a special award given by the NSW Olympic Committee whereby schools nominate one deserving student who has demonstrated the ideals of the Olympic Movement. Katie has participated very successfully in numerous sports during her six years at Stella Maris, and has certainly reflected the Olympic objective: "It is not in the achievement but in the taking part..." Well done Katie!

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



Back row: Emma Crossing, Lydia Protich, Amy Allen, Renee Brewer, Lauren Cheney,
Anne Verhoeven, Victoria Cunningham, Phillipa McNamara,
Alexandra Cunningham, Rebecca Cole

Second row: Kelly Maynard, Lauren Palmisano, Jasmine Rulli, Jessica Sheehan,
Spencer Harvey, Bianca Amato, Smanatha Thomas, Jing Ren

Front row: Tessa Immens, Christina Baldwin, Katrina Alley, Fiona Kelsall, Bryony Proctor,
Jacqueline Lau, Lisa Kalcina, Tiffany Speechley, Alison Downey

CLASS OF 1998



Belinda Aitken



Katrina Alley



Lacy Anlezark



Maria Azzolina



Jade Bissett



Sarah Buchanan



Reannan Byrne



Christina Byron



Nicole Chalwell



Jessica Chrimes



Michelle Christie



Carly Collins

CLASS OF 1998



Zena Condell



Natalie Creak



Sarah Davidson



Lucinda De Coster



Katie Dutfield



Francine Esterman



Maria Fernandez



Sarah Flatman



Louisa Fong



Mia Gard



Elizabeth Gowans



Rigil Gruca

CLASS OF 1998



Satini Hala



Ella Higgins



Kerrie Hill



Felicity Hull



Maryann Hull



Sophie Immens

No
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Available

Laurie Jones



Lisa Kalcina



Fiona Kelsall



Alison Kirby



Sascha Klien



Jacqueline Lau

CLASS OF 1998



Elizabeth Lee



Johanna Leslie



Sammy Leung



Lucienne Lopez



Emma Lynch



Stacey Manley



Kasey McCreath



Lisa McMurtrie



Nami McShane



Jeany Muljadi



Elizabeth Nadin



Belinda Orlando

CLASS OF 1998



Joanne O'Sullivan



Teresa Pang



Maria Park



Lauren Parkins



Bryony Proctor



Cathryn Riddett



Mikhaila Robertson



Letitia Roelvink



Lisa Rulli



Lisye Vanywat Setiawan



Nicole Sewell



Emanuela Starace

CLASS OF 1998



Genevieve Sterrantino



Shona Tata



Christine Thornton



Jane Tse



Kellie Vernon



Anita Vukovic



Samantha Wijaya



Pietra Williams



Rachel Woodland

Year 12 Overview



*Swimming Carnival
(Natalie Creak, Bryony Proctor)*



Jessica Chrimes and Johanna Leslie

Year 12 is now complete and as I write these thoughts the girls are busy preparing for the first major exam in the HSC in a few days. Six years of study now become focused into the demands of the next month of testing. Definitely a stressful experience and hopefully one not to be repeated. However, in spite of the media and politicians, we judge education from a wider perspective which encompasses the development of the whole individual. At Stella Maris College all the varied talents of our students are encouraged and guidance towards appropriate and satisfying careers which emphasise these talents is offered. 1998's Year 12s reflect all aspects of community skills – academic, sporting, the arts and technology and have excelled in many of these areas.

Kellie Vernon and Katie Dutfield have both received Pierre de Coubertin awards for their sporting prowess. This is a coveted award and both girls are to be congratulated on this great success. Year 12 girls participate in many sports and generously represent the school when asked. The Open B's Water Polo team won the premiership this year and it was a satisfying victory at the end of a

hard season. They worked well with the Year 10s who made up a part of the team and who have learned many of the skills of the game from the 12s.

Similarly in Dance and Drama, Year 12 have participated in both these areas and have been a good example for our younger girls. In debating the senior debating team – Bryony Proctor, Francine Esterman and Anita Vukovic – had a happy victory in winning the senior championship in the Sydney Debating Network competition. This was a great reward for 6 years of persistent Friday nights and many hours of training. Many of our younger girls have been helped by the older debaters and this win should inspire them to continue with their efforts.

This year Sophie Immens and Jo Leslie's work in Design and Technology has been chosen for display

in Power House Museum. The girls in the Greek Tragedy competition reached the finals in this event. Year 12 were also conspicuous in presentations during the Manly Arts Festival.

Year 12's energy was conspicuous throughout the year at school. They organised a highly successful Disco which rather overwhelmed the oldies present. They were keen participants in Stella Day and in both the Swimming and Athletics Carnivals. The Prefects worked well in their chosen areas and added depth to the school in these areas which hopefully next year's leaders will continue to develop.

Formal celebrations to farewell Year 12 went smoothly. Their final Mass, with "Seize the day" as their theme, was a lovely evening at Mary Immaculate Church in Manly. The supper after was a pleasant evening and we were pleased to see so many parents attending.

The final assembly which was held in rather confined conditions in the Senior Wing because of the heavy rain outside, was an emotional one. It was appropriately held in this area for one of the girls gifts to the school was four lovely Australian prints to complement this new senior area.



Year 12 & friend

They also suggested purchasing clocks to go throughout the school as the other half of the gift. These have been most welcome. Their farewell luncheon hosted by Year 11 was a happy occasion. Thanks and appreciation go to Mrs Slater and her team for this great effort.

Both our School Captain, Cathryn Riddett and Vice School Captain, Francine Esterman have worked

tirelessly this year to maintain the presence and influence of Year 12 in the school. They have both done an excellent job and in turn have made my job easier by their efficiency and enthusiasm. I offer them my thanks. We wait now for exams to finish so we can have a final celebration of this year's efforts unencumbered by study worries, at the Wentworth Hotel at the Formal. I am sure it will be a glamor-

ous and enjoyable evening which will leave them with happy memories of their years at Stella Maris College. I wish them well in all their future endeavours.

By Mrs. J. Coman
Year 12 Co-ordinator



Year 12 Graduation Lunch



Year 12 Formal



*"Seize the Day" Year 12 Banner
(Left to right: Zena Condell, Sascha Klein,
Katie Dutfield, Miss. M. Charles)*

CLASS OF 1998



- FRONT ROW:** Lisye Setiawan, Jane Tse, Belinda Orlando, Louisa Fong, Francine Esterman, Mrs J Coman, Cathryn Riddett, Maria Azzolina, Christina Byron, Mikhaila Robinson, Lucienne Lopez
- 2ND ROW:** Kasey McCreath, Satini Hala, Simmy Leung, Mia Gard, Christina Yuen, Johanna Leslie, Kerrie Hill, Jessica Chrimes, Felicity Hull, Sascha Klein, Maria Fernandez, Emanuela Starace
- 3RD ROW:** Samantha Wijaya, Lacy Anlezark, Bryony Proctor, Lucinda De Coster, Jade Bisset, Sara Davidson, Letitia Roelvink, Jeany Mulijadi, Sarah Flatman, Ella Higgins, Lisa Rulli
- 4TH ROW:** Lisa McMurtrie, Lauren Parkins, Alison Kirby, Shona Tata, Elizabeth Gowans, Nicole Chalwell, Teresa Pang, Katrina Alley, Natalie Creak, Nami McShane, Rigil Gruca, Fiona Kelsall
- 5TH ROW:** Reannan Byrne, Sarah Buchanan, Anita Vukovic, Kellie Vernon, Rachel Woodland, Lisa Kalcina, Nicole Sewell, Christine Thornton, Elizabeth Lee, Sophie Immens, Maryann Hull
- 6TH ROW:** Pietra Williams, Michelle Christie, Joanne O'Sullivan, Zena Condell, Elizabeth Nadin, Genevieve Sterrantino, Emma Lynch, Maria Park, Jacqueline Lau, Katie Dutfield, Stacey Manley,

Year 11 Overview

Year 11 of 1998 began the year faced with many new challenges and responsibilities. Confident that we could handle the pressures of senior life, we looked forward to the coming events of the new year such as many chances at representing our school in Sports Carnivals, Debating, Rock Eisteddfod and most importantly the Fancy Dress Formal!

Being the multi-talented group that we are, Year 11 threw ourselves into all different types of activities. Our athletes represented Stella in a variety of sports such as netball, tennis, basketball, touch football, diving, swimming, track and field events and dancing. Year 11 entered these sports with enthusiasm and skill, and of course this paid off with many carnivals being won and many awards being presented. Not only did Year 11 perform well in the sporting arena, we also shone in Debating, Mock Trial as well as



Year 11 Fancy Dress Formal

in the music and drama departments. The year 11 Debaters made it to the final in their competition and spent many hours arguing (and winning) against schools who have previously won competitions. The Mock Trial team also put in a lot of effort and gained valuable experience for the future. The students in the band and choir gave their best in many Eisteddfods throughout the

year, with both the Senior band, led by Captain Louise Doman, and the choir gaining impressive results in the Eisteddfods. Select students also took part in the Greek drama competition and performed as they do every year by impressing teachers and judges alike.

During the year many Year 11 students took part in various activities new to the school, these included the E Team program

Outreach Program, the Business Studies Week and the Peer Tutoring Program. These programs gave students the chance to experience new surroundings and to achieve new things. The E Team program placed five students in Sydney University where they had to work out a solution to a real problem facing the university. The students had to work together for five days without any outside help and they had to present a report to the Heads of Departments at Sydney University on how they were going to solve the problem they were faced with.



Year 11 in study mode

The Outreach Program saw students travel to Brisbane to stay at Lourdes Hill High School and board there for a week. In this week they went to many places in the community to help, such as homeless shelters and hospitals. Many of the girls said that this was an unforgettable experience and they had learned a lot from helping those less privileged than themselves.

In the Business Studies week two Year 11s went to Ryde for a week to take part in a program designed specifically for Business Studies students. They had to design a product and complete a video and report that was presented to the group at the end of the week. The girls found it was a great experience as it taught them how to deal with new people and deadlines. Another new program this year was the Peer Tutoring program that placed Year 11s with Year 7 and 8s and helped them with their reading. This allowed us to develop skills such as patience and understanding of low progress readers.

The year began with the Year 11 retreat where we were entertained by Chris who had many interesting stories to tell. Year 11 was given the chance to show off



Year 11 Fancy Dress Formal

our theatrical talents in role-plays as well as our musical abilities with sing-a-longs (led mainly by Nicole's talent on the guitar).

At the beginning of Term 4 Year 11 was given the chance to learn more about study techniques with a day where we learnt about reading skills, motivation and essay writing skills. This day gave us the opportunity to pick up any hints that we will need for our further senior studies, it was entertaining and taught us useful skills to use when studying. While we worked all year and tackled our, at times stressful, exams we were all mainly

looking forward to one day in the year. Of course that had to be the Year 11 Fancy Dress Formal.

From Winnie the Pooh to Monica and Bill (and an unrecognisable Miss Pilgrim), we all dressed up and boogied the night away at the Harbord Diggers. The night was a huge success due to the tireless work of the Formal Committee who made sure we had the best food, decorations and music. The formal was unforgettable and everyone had a great time, even our dancing DJ.

While the school year is drawing to a close, Year 11 is now faced

with an even more daunting prospect, Year 12. While we hope to fill the large shoes left by this years Year 12, we managed to send them off in style with an impressive luncheon that drew all of Year 11 together and displayed our talent for working as a group.

As we ease our way into Year 12, we know that we can follow in the footsteps of this year's Year 12 and be an enthusiastic and involved form.

By Alexandra Cunningham



Year 11 Fancy Dress Formal (Left to right: Belinda Panetta, Lydia Protich, Pamela Mastroianni, Sandra Maloney, Vivienne Cicione)



Year 11 Fancy Dress Formal (Left to right: Remila Leimena, Emily Perkins, Natalie Adams, Liese Rupert)



Year 11 Fancy Dress Formal

YEAR 11.1



FRONT: Claire Ku, Belinda Cotter, Sandra Maloney, Samantha Machado, Ji-Na Kim, Lucia Coletta, Catherine Thatcher, Debora Mauro, Sandra Kahwati
 2nd ROW: Rie Kanai, Christine Kirkpatrick, Gabriela Amaral, Patricia Do Nascimento, Renee Woolford, Katherine Guy, Ryoko Yokoi, Eri Shimokoshi
 3rd ROW: Jessica Gigliotti, Cassandra Rowan, Celine Gaul, Fiona Gavin, Chelsea Newton, Christina Delapaz, Danielle Adams, Alexandra Cunningham.

YEAR 11.2



FRONT ROW: Sascha Head, Flavia Bento, Camilla Zo De Deus, Liese Rupert, Bianca Amato, Belinda Panetta, Semral Cuthbert, Julia Costa, Emily Perkins.
 2ND ROW: Yelitz Jimenez, Kate Ellis, Camila Braga, Marisa Fera, Danielle Marcellino, Laurelle Kop, Meredith White, Angela Laxton
 THIRD ROW: Carol Daniel, Hollie Russell, Mariana Dias, Alana Butler, Anna Immens, Hayley Sharp, Alicia Doherty, Siobhan Stark

YEAR 11.3



FRONT ROW: Pamela Mastroianni, Vanessa Doldo, Nicole Comber, Jane Pei, Hayley McCarthy,
Leandra De Matos, Clare Perkins

2ND ROW: Leigh Floor, Natalie Adams, Helen Covich, Carly-Jane Steele, Eri Matsuo,
Briohny Kennaugh

3RD ROW: Louise Doman, Taryn Atkinson, Mi Kyung Han, Anna Markwart,
Nicole Haraldson, Laura Griffin, Almira Anthony

YEAR 11.4



FRONT ROW: Belinda Costa, Gemma Clark, Lauren Vial, Jasmine Rulli, Leilani Krapf,
Christiane Puia, Vivienne Cicione

2ND ROW: Kate Riley, Louise Lonergan, Leah Kidd, Melissa Taliano, Lydia Protich

3RD ROW: Nikou Azimzadeh, Juliana Sampaio, Remila Leimena, Lauren Johnston, Francesca Fodera,
Vanessa Thomas

ART REPORT

ART EXHIBITION 1998

This year the art and design departments, along with their students, had a chance to demonstrate photos, painting and sculptures that the students had been working on. Each class had something to contribute. HSC artworks (some still in progress) were also put on display which gave the students and their families a rare opportunity to see these works. The art show covered a broad range of

media and ideas. We were able to see the latest in fashion designs from year nine and surrealism paintings from year eleven. As a year ten art student, I thought it was a great experience to have everyone's artworks gathered for the public to view everyone's hard work and creativity which could be displayed for all. A big thank you to all the art teachers for organising a wonderful evening

by Samantha House



YEAR 7 ART

In the year 7-art course we covered a number of things. The first and most vital things that we learnt were the elements and principles of design. These were the main building blocks for the rest of the course and the artworks we created. We studied many artists (and their styles) such as William Dobell and Brett Whiteley. We used distortion, ceramic, mixed media and learnt how to use various implements and skills. It was a very enjoyable course and I would recommend it to others.

Zoe Doyle



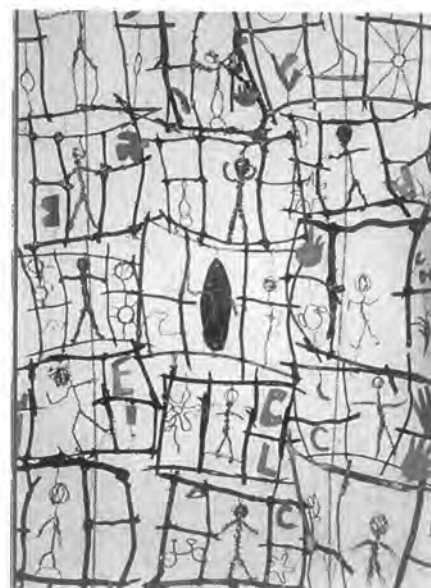
YEAR 9 ART

Ms. Gesterkamp's class was great! I think we all enjoyed ourselves. We did a lot of things last year, for example we spent time hanging at the beach doing drawings and getting ideas for our artworks. We experimented with different textures and materials. One of my favourite artworks I did was our stickfigures, we bound sticks and twigs together and painted them. We all worked in groups, I worked with Shelley Downs and Jolanda Moyle. Our figure was named 'Rita, the black spirit! I think making her brought us closer together and taught us how to work together. We also learnt a lot about different styles and eras in architecture and then we constructed miniature buildings out of clay. Another thing we did was to spend a day at the Art Gallery and The Sydney Biennale, that was great and they had lots of weird and wonderful artworks,

Louise Klerks

YEAR 8 ART

In our year 8 visual Art Course with Miss Georghiou, we learnt art terms and the elements of design as well as researching Aboriginal art and famous artists. We also had a great practical side to the course. In the first semester we worked on a major work which had an aboriginal theme. Our life-size body was incorporated into it as well. We used chalks on our body and paint around the outside. In the second semester we worked on creating ceramic voodoo dolls and painting them which was fun. We also worked on distortion, cubism and abstracting our art works which we had produced by looking into the mirror and distorting the image on paper. Year 8 Visual Art was a very interesting and productive course
KELLYMAYNARD



DEBATING

1998 has been a very active and successful year for Stella Maris debaters. Our success is due firstly to the talented, enthusiastic and reliable debaters in every year group, secondly it is the dedicated parents who support, encourage and transport their daughters during the seasons and thirdly, we have been lucky to have Steve Kaless coaching our teams. Steve captained the National University Teams in the World Championships last year and has had years of experience debating through school, university and International Competitions.

We are grateful that while he is completing his honours year and Post-graduate study he has undertaken to coach Stella Maris teams. We are also delighted to welcome Sally-Anne Earngey who has also undertaken to manage debating and coach with Steve. This wealth of expertise and enthusiasm from coaches has really boosted our team spirit.



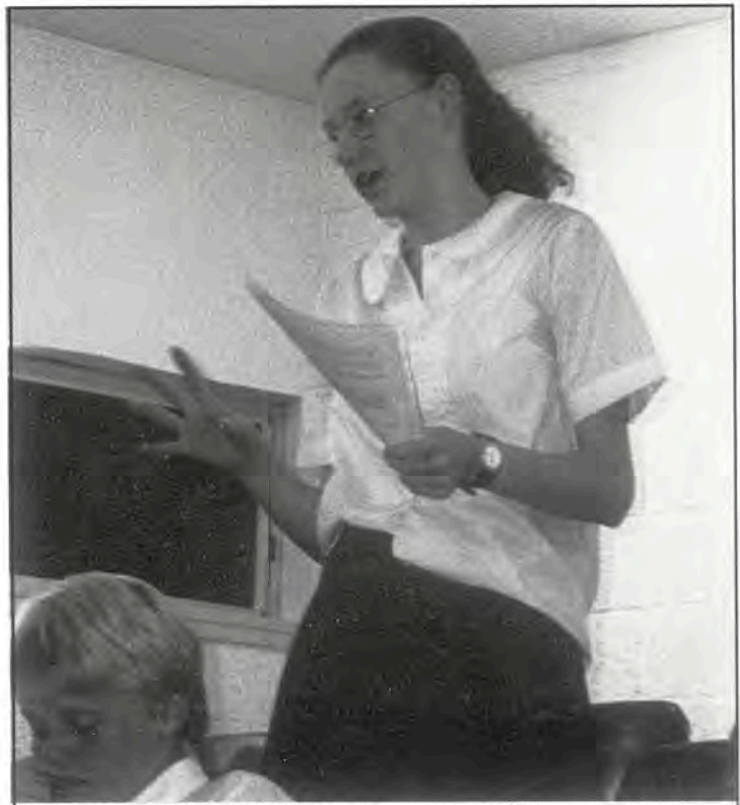
Lauren Johnston, Carol Daniel, Danielle Adams, Lucia Colleta.

Finally our success is due to fine leadership and example for our senior teams especially our year 12 debaters Bryony Proctor, Francine Esterman and our Debating Prefect Anita Vukovic. Steven entered the senior team in the Common-

wealth Bank Senior Debating Competition. In this prestigious and serious competition the seniors really honed skills developed from Year 7.

Natina Eggleton managed our teams in the Catholic Schools Competition during Term 2. This tested teams out and helped them organise their preparation and refuting skills.

Our teams participated in the School Debating Network. It was Stella Maris's turn to convene this competition. Seven other schools are in this competition; Pittwater House, Ravenswood, Roseville College, Wenona, St Ignatius, SCEGGS Redlands and PLC Pymble. It was pleasing to see the benefit all the teams had from other competitions. Congratulations to our Senior team who proceeded straight to the Grand Final and to the year 9s, 10s and 11s who participated in the semi finals. Our year 9 won and debated in the Grand Finals narrowly losing to St Ignatius. Congratulations to our senior team who won the Grand Final. We look forward to another active and challenging round of competition in 1999 starting with the ISDA competition in March.



Lauren Johnston in action, debating against St. Paul's.

DEBATING



- Front Row:** Charmian Lo, Antonina Coletta, Sarah Smith, Cassandra White, Amy Ung, Karen Young, Lindsay Dowsett, Sally Longobardi, Nathania Nero, Bethany Nero
- 2nd Row:** Karen Nathan, Grace Morris, Chelsea Lee, Danielle Panucci, Katherine Crossing, Spencer Harvey, Alia Palethorpe, Bonnie Cargill, Zoe Heffernan, Guilia Polito
- 3rd Row:** Gabrielle Bowers, Shannon McKinn, Franca Coniglio, Felicity Simpson, Jamila Ejjamai, Anne Verhoeven, Connie Galati, Elena Hadzellis, Rebecca Cole



SENIOR DEBATING TEAM A

Lucia Colletta, Alexandra Cunningham, Lauren Johnston, Helen Covich, Carol Daniel

SENIOR DEBATING TEAM B

Bryony Proctor, Anita Vukovic, Emma Lynch, Francine Esterman



ENGLISH REPORT

Throughout 1998, English Teachers have been dealing with changes to our syllabus. These changes have been in response to political desires in some part and also in response to some different perspectives on the role of English in our students' lives and futures. Needless to say, the English staff at Stella Maris College are aware of these discussions and time has been set aside in faculty meetings to examine our curriculum and to ensure it is up to date.

The first change that parents will note is in the Year 10 School Certificate. Students now sit this examination in mid November and will receive their own results for the first time. The emphasis here is upon Literacy. The state wide examination makes no attempt to deal directly with any literary studies which, of course, occupies a large part of our teaching time and which is by far the major part of the HSC examination in Year 12. Students will still receive a graded result in English which comes from work completed and tested throughout the year and which reflects the girls' efforts in all aspects of English study.

The next change to English will not arrive until Year 11, 2000. This is what is referred to as Stage 6 and encompasses both Year 11 and Year 12 students. English teachers are responding to the Draft Syllabus in this area at the moment. There will be some quite different terminology being used to describe the different English courses. There will be a standard or advanced course in both Preliminary and HSC Years and an English extension course in Year 12. In Preliminary there will be a Fundamentals of English Course. There will be a 'English as a second language' course in both Years 11 and 12 with strict entry restrictions. There will be some quite different courses operating within this new syllabus

which we will need to discuss within our staff to develop our resources appropriately. I felt it was relevant to share a part of the rationale, as written in the Draft document, to help understand the purpose of English within the curriculum:

'The pre-eminence of English in the curriculum recognises its role as the national language and increasingly as the language of international communication. Proficiency in English enables students to take their place as confident, articulate communicators, critical thinkers and active participants in society. English involves the study of language in its various textual forms, encompassing written, spoken and visual texts of varying complexity.'

*Page 24: English Stage 6 Draft.
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English has become a most diverse subject, which requires all the skills our teachers can bring to it. The variety of their skills can be seen in the number of activities they undertake - drama, debating, E.S.L. teaching, special education and most importantly, the daily classroom teaching of the subject English. Next year we will have slightly more time to spend on these skills in class which hopefully will encourage more girls to be involved in these activities.

We have undertaken an initiative in conjunction with Macquarie University to help our struggling readers in Years 7 & 8. This is called Peer Tutoring. One of the best ways for an individual to learn anything is by working with another responsive and supportive person on a one-to-one basis. This has been achieved with the generous time given by Year 10 and 11 students during their lunchtimes. These girls were trained by keen Macquarie University staff to respond to the needs of the Year 7 & 8 learners. It has

proven to be a successful exercise with progress being noted quite early. Mrs Robyn Clarke and Sister Veronica are to be congratulated and thanked for their efforts in this scheme.

Throughout the school we are still encouraging wide reading programs and hope that girls will develop a love of reading to take with them throughout life. It is not only an activity that benefits them in their own writing and comprehension now but also a pleasure and a skill they will always have.

Year 7 visited the Opera House in May to see a performance of "Five Times Dizzy". It was quite a sight to see 120 fully uniformed, hats included, young ladies walking to the ferry and the Opera House and back again. They were commended upon their behaviour by various adults and all enjoyed the day. Year 8 went by bus to the Glen Street Theatre in August to see a dramatisation of John Marsden's book "So Much to Tell You." They had a fairly eventful return bus trip but all arrived safely.

Drama groups have performed regularly and in some unexpected places. Similarly the dance groups. They were active supporters of the Manly Arts Festival and in fact became the backbone of the Youth presentations for that organisation. The Debaters have persisted throughout the year and the Year 12 girls were delighted to have won the Grand final held at Stella Maris College against Roseville College. We wait now for HSC results. The girls have been working well and we hope for success. Last year's girls achieved very well with a number above 90 in both English courses and many in the 80s. This reflects their sound teaching throughout their years at Stella Maris College. We plan to maintain this high standard.

Judith Coman
English Coordinator

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HACKER

By Lauren Finlayson

My major ideas are revenge, scheming and fear.

Every time I get near one of these things, something goes wrong, Josie wailed inwardly as she stared at the computer monitor with ERROR, ERROR, ERROR flashing across it. Nothing she did seemed to help, though, and she was beginning to become tired and exasperated. She ruffled her short blonde hair and turned to look outside the classroom window. There are a lot of other places I would rather be right now than doing a computer class at a broken-down community college, Josie thought as she watched the rain splatter on the window. But her father had insisted, as he thought it was important to learn about computers while still in high school.

At least there was one good thing about the computer class, thought Josie. There was Mr. Sam Morgan, the computer teacher. Although he was at least five years older than she was, Josie still found him fascinating. He was out the front of the classroom totally absorbed pruning a plant. He had told the class how much he loved plants and flowers. Josie sighed, wishing high school guys could be as interesting and sophisticated as he was. Too bad, thought Josie. Thinking the computer teacher was fascinating wasn't the same as thinking computers are. Josie glanced around the room and slipped on her headphones for her Walkman. She began to tap the keyboard in time to the music, until a radio announcer broke in with a special bulletin.

"Mr. Wayne Daley becomes the fourth victim in an ongoing series of bizarre disappearances and presumed killings linked to the Internet. Detectives investigating the case believe it is once again the work of a serial killer that has been nicknamed 'Hacker.' Josie turned up the volume of her Walkman. She had been following the case from the beginning: mysterious disappearance, hardly any clues and always a strange message on the victim's home computer. She listened with undivided attention to the latest message:

ROSES ARE RED,
VIOLETS ARE BLUE,
I'M GOING TO KILL YOU,
COULD IT BE TRUE?

Josie eased off her headphones and stared at her computer.

"Problem?" someone whispered.

Josie turned to see Mr. Morgan standing behind her. "I just don't seem to get these things," she laughed, nervously. How long had he been standing there? She wondered.

"They're easy once you get the hang of it. I've noticed you haven't taken advantage of the after class practice time," said Mr. Morgan sternly.

Josie suddenly felt defensive. "Well it wasn't my idea to take this stupid computer class, it's incredibly boring. Besides, we're not even getting graded, anyway. This computer course is meant to be for our own interest, and frankly, I'm not interested." She stopped when she saw a flicker of annoyance on Mr. Morgan's face. He continued to stare down at her.

"I'm sorry," Josie said, looking down at her hands. "I've been meaning to stay after class. I guess I've just been procrastinating. It's a character flaw of mine."

"I think you're being too hard on yourself, Josie. Everyone has a bad habit - mine's playing practical jokes," Mr. Morgan said confidently. With that he squirted Josie in the eye with water from the small flower on his lapel. Laughing to himself he went back to his desk. Great thought Josie, wiping the water from her face. My computer teacher's a fruit loop.

Half an hour later, as everyone packed up to go home, Josie decided to stay back and try to work out how to use a computer. She sat motionless while the computer

THE MEANING OF LIFE

By Lauren Kavanagh

The meaning of life is like a purpose,

A journey for someone to look into,

A discovery made by individuals,

** An inner look at life.*

There is a path set before you,

Waiting for you to travel it,

Going many places

That you never realised there were.

You cannot wait to go,

Into this maze of life,

Which is full of all the answers

To your questions about life.

You look deeper and deeper,

Until you finally find,

The long awaited presence

Of the meaning of life.

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loaded a new program. The prompt screen appeared and she closed her eyes and hit several keys. When she opened her eyes she realised something was wrong. As she read the message that appeared on her computer she began to get an uneasy swirling feeling in the pit of her stomach. The message read:

ROSES ARE BY THE HANDFUL,
VIOLETS BY THE BUNCH,
I COULD KILL YOU NOW,
BUT I'LL WAIT TILL AFTER LUNCH.

As Josie backed away from the computer she clenched her fist so hard her knuckles turned white. That's the kind of message 'Hacker' writes, she thought trembling. With that she turned and ran out of the classroom and down to the lobby. As she ran a thought flashed into her mind and the realisation of what she had done hit her. Somehow when she had closed her eyes and typed the password for the program, she had accessed 'Hackers' file.

When Josie reached the lobby she ran straight into Mr. Morgan. He smiled at her, wondering what she was doing there, as the class had finished at least twenty minutes before.

"Mr. Morgan, it's so incredible. I stayed to practice but then I got this message on my screen," Josie said hurriedly. She blurted out her experience while Mr. Morgan listened.

Mr. Morgan began to laugh. "Josie, the possibility of someone with as little experience as you being able to break 'Hackers' code is improbable. I believe one of your fellow classmates is playing a joke on you."

Josie felt foolish. "But who would play such a sick joke?" Josie asked indignantly. "Well, the world is full of practical jokers. Besides, 'Hacker' only targets people with home computers, and you don't have one," Mr. Morgan remarked as he walked out the door.

Josie felt drained and decided to give up on the idea of staying late. She walked home, jumping at every sudden noise she heard. She reached her house and had started up the path when she noticed an eerie greenish glow coming out of the living room window. With a feeling of dread knotted in her stomach, she opened the front door.

As her eyes adjusted to the darkness she was able to make out the shape of a computer, from which a greenish glow was shining. She bent down to read the message on the screen.

SURPRISE! SORRY SWEETIE BUT I WAS CALLED OUT OF TOWN FOR BUSINESS AT THE LAST MINUTE. I HOPE THE NEW COMPUTER MAKES UP FOR IT. LOVE DAD.

Josie sank weakly into a chair. Great, she thought, frowning. A home computer, just what I always wanted. Before she went to bed that night, Josie walked through the house and checked that all the doors and windows were securely locked. She now met all the criteria to become one of 'Hackers' victims. That night she slept fitfully, tossing and turning in her bed.

The next morning was Saturday, which meant that Josie should have slept in. But something nagged at her thoughts. So just after sunrise Josie put on her robe and padded over to the window. An oddly shaped package on the verandah caught her attention. What on earth could it be? She wondered as she opened the front door. The package was gigantic – at least a metre and a half tall. It was wrapped in pink tissue paper and tied with a red ribbon. Josie tore off the wrapping.

Inside was a large, flowering cactus, its flowers red and orange. Josie was surprised but pleased. She guessed that a florist had delivered it later last night, and looked unsuccessfully for a card. She gave up and had just tugged it inside when the phone rang. It was her father calling to check that everything was all right. They talked casually for a few minutes before Josie asked him if he had sent her the unusual gift.

"A cactus!" her father sounded surprised. "Sorry, but that wasn't me. Maybe the

BEAUTY

By Erin Ash

Beauty,

What does it mean to be beautiful,
What do you have to look like to be
beautiful?

Do you have to have long blonde hair,
Beautiful eyes,
Clean skin,
Be tall,
Have tanned skin,
Or be really smart?

To be beautiful do you have to have
short hair,
Small brown eyes,
Being short,
Having white skin,
Wearing glasses,
Or not being the smartest in the class?

What does it mean to be beautiful,
What do you have to look like to be
beautiful?

To me everyone is beautiful,
There is no ugly in this world.
What do you have to look like to be
beautiful,
What is the meaning of beauty?

MY CAREER

By Shari Ternacz

When I grow up what do I want to be?
Do I want to be a doctor, a teacher, a
sailor on the sea,

Do I want to travel the world and see
the sights.
Or do I want to be a fumigator and kill
dustmites.

Do I want to be a Science Professor,
Do I want to be a Mathematician,
Do I want to be a Hairdresser,
Or do I want to be a Magician.

Who knows what I'll be
Who knows my profession
Who knows what I'll see
Who knows my obsession.

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florist made a mistake, or you have a secret admirer with odd taste." He chuckled, then said goodbye and hung up.

Josie stood staring at the cactus. Well, I can't phone the florist because there wasn't any card. Oh well, what harm can there be in keeping the cactus. Maybe it is from a secret admirer, she laughed.

Two weeks went by, and there were no more messages. Josie had put the entire incident out of her mind and went on trying to improve her computer skills to impress the teacher. To her surprise she was beginning to enjoy herself. She had even become a member of the school's Internet Club, and often spent hours sitting in front of her computer chatting to other students. She was preparing to do just that one evening but decided to check her E-mail first. One of them made her heart leap into her throat.

IT'S ME. I KNOW YOU DISCOVERED ME. NOW I'VE DISCOVERED YOU. IT WASN'T EASY, BUT I HAVE MY SECRET WAYS. SORRY I CAN'T PAY YOU A VISIT RIGHT NOW TOO MANY OTHER APPOINTMENTS. BUT I'D LIKE US TO BE FRIENDS; THOUGH MOST OF MY FRIENDS DISAPPOINT ME, BY GOING TO THE POLICE. YOU KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT, BECAUSE YOU READ THE PAPER AND LISTEN TO THE RADIO. SO HERE'S A TEST FOR YOU. MY NEXT VICTIM IS GOING TO BE MR. MONROE. BUT DON'T GO TO THE POLICE BECAUSE I AM ALWAYS WATCHING YOU.

Josie sat staring at the screen for a moment, frozen with fear. Then she forced herself to go to the phone. She had to tell the police what she knew. But just as she was about to dial, she stopped.

"Wait a minute," she murmured to herself. "If I tell the police that the next victim will be Mr. Monroe they'll think I'm crazy. There must be hundreds of Monroes in this city. They won't believe me, or worse still, they might think I'm 'Hacker.'

The next few hours were absolute torture for Josie, unable to decide whether or not to call the police. Finally, feeling completely exhausted she called the police. A weary sounding detective assured her that the message was a prank, but thanked her for her concern anyway. As she hung up the phone, Josie thought she saw a face at the window. No, she told herself, it's just you overactive imagination.

The next time Josie saw Mr. Morgan she told him about the E-mail. "I guess you did the right thing, Josie. It's always best to be on the safe side," he said nonchalantly. Josie decide to stay after class, as it was the last night of the course. She was downloading a document when YOU HAVE MAIL flashed across the screen. She sat up excitedly and typed MAIL. Josie shivered as the message appeared. I KNOW YOU WENT TO THE POLICE. TOO BAD. NOW YOU DIE.

FLOWERS IN THE GARDEN,
FLOWERS ON YOUR GRAVE,
WHEN YOU FALL OUT THE WINDOW,
DON'T FORGET TO WAVE!

Josie sat as if hypnotized, while I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU scrolled across the screen. She stood up and began to back away as the classroom door slammed behind her. She turned around slowly.

"Looking for something."

"Oh," screamed Josie as she came face to face with Mr. Morgan. He looked strange, not quite himself. A crazy glint appeared in his eyes as he pulled out a knife.

"I see you found me out," he whispered as Josie searched frantically for a way to escape.

"Why?" Josie asked, trying to distract him as he pushed the knife closer towards her.

"Why?" he asked in mock disbelief, pulling the knife away. "Don't look so sad. I used to be a regular old party pooper myself. People used to look at me and I could feel them saying 'Uh-oh here he comes.' People were rude to me and it really got me down. But I discovered that if they have a computer I can put them in their place." He gazed fondly at a plant in the corner, his back to Josie.

"And do you know the wonderful simplicity of it all?" He raised his eyebrows. "No

matter what the problem, the answer is always the same. Snubbed by the 'IN' group ELIMINATE THEM! Nasty neighbour GET RID OF HIM! Now whenever someone puts me in a bad mood, I do something about it. Now I'm always cheerful, but also very busy."

Josie began to realize a new terror. Mr. Morgan seemed to believe that there was logic in what he was saying. "If you're the Hacker then what do you do with the bodies?" she asked, trying to sound calm.

His eyes twinkled. "I bury them in potted plants. 'Say it with flowers' is my motto. And of course they're always guaranteed flowers on their grave."

Josie felt horror overtaking her. He's completely and utterly insane, she thought to herself. She had been edging closer to the blackboard as he'd been speaking and was able to grasp a large metal ruler. With one huge blow she hit Mr. Morgan with the ruler, knocking him unconscious. She dragged him to the supply cupboard and locked him in there. Josie then went back to her computer and began to try passwords. For the next ten minutes she tried almost every kind of plant name she knew, and none appeared to be correct. What's the matter with me, she thought. I haven't tried the most obvious of all. Hurriedly she typed ROSES.

A directory of files appeared each being similar to the rhymes used by Hacker. She quickly made a copy and headed to the police station. This time she had a real clue for them. It was several weeks before Josie was able to go near a computer again. The police had arrested Mr. Morgan, who confessed to everything. The bodies were right where Mr. Morgan had said they'd be – in the pot plants. He would bury a body in several potted plants, and then send them to a few of his next intended victims. Following this theory, the police were able to find all the missing bodies.

They found the remains of Mr. Wayne Daley in several of Mr. Morgan's potted plants in his office, in a geranium at Mr. Chris Monroe's house – and underneath Josie's flowering cactus.

YEAR 7.1



FRONT ROW: Lucienne May, Sarah Goss, Belinda Brennan, Jessica Fong,
Sally Longobardi, Nikki Aouad, Alison Downey

2ND ROW: Ms Tonia Newman, Patricia Bernard, Eliza Phillips, Kristy Hargrave,
Alexandra Diamond, Nichole Davison, Molly Boehm, Sarina Miceli

3RD ROW: Clare Gibbons, Heidi Donnelly, Fiona Herzog, Samantha Dias, Jennifer Furlong,
Soraya Keys, Daisy Cockerill

YEAR 7.2



FRONT ROW: Deirdre Connell, Melissa Bruzzano, Gemma Bills, Jessica Cirillo, Patricia Tupou,
Kathleen Lynch, Victoria Hobart, Linda Esposito, Carly Dee

2ND ROW: Sr Veronica McDougall, Christina Morris, Stephanie Camps, Larissa Bettison,
Sarah Chang, Grazia Barbaro, Chelsea Lee, Nicola Reade, Allison Piltz

3RDRow: Claire Currey, Kerry Bell, Gabrielle Bowers, Amy Allen, Rebecca Cole, Ivany Yanry,
Tashina Dawson, Sara McLellan

YEAR 7.3



FRONT ROW: Kylie Gwodz, Katrina McLeod, Tessa Immens, Ashley Beck, Lisa Bills, Laura Buko, Antonina Coletta, Nicole Renwick

2ND ROW: Mrs Rowena Wharton, Melita Brumby, Jade Byrnes, Jenna Munro, Chloe Leighton, Christina Fernandez, Christina Baldwin, Marie Mirabelli

3RD ROW: Shannon Kaposi, Rhiannon Coulton, Morgan Carmalt, Alyssa Beach, Amber Short, Gabriel Young, Brodie Finlayson, Lauren Callaghan, Absent: Cassandra Bull

YEAR 7.4



FRONT ROW: Genobia U, Hayley White, Katherine Sheidow, Tiffany Speechley, Emma Thomas, Sylvie Cornu, Mieke Williams, Amanda Kavanagh

2ND ROW: Ms Katrina Hall, Nicole Robb, Danielle Nicastrì, Jade Hudson, Jade Spadina, Keshira Aarabi, Cassandra White, Amanda Sergi

3RD ROW: Lyndsay Dowsett, Kyah McMahon, Phillipa McNamara, Angela Macri, Caszara Lockett, Jessica Ruddy, Lauren Polito

YEAR 7.5



FRONT ROW: Rebecca Poss, Nathania Nero, Jessie Giblett, Joanna Williamson, Sarah Smith, Olivia Perri, Kate Harris, Nyssa Sharp

2ND ROW: Mrs Teresa Milazzo, Jamie Robertson, Alexandra Johnson, Jing Ren, Jessica Sheehan, Zoe Shevak, Estelle McDonald, Kirsty Redmond, Kara Hudson

3RD ROW: Lucienne Howard, Aleaya Roberts, Leah Rowan, Zoe Doyle, Shevaun Hamey, Lauren McMahan, Jenny Mackintosh, Johnny-Jay Medwik-Daly



ASIAN STUDIES COMMENTS FROM YEAR 7 STUDENTS

I enjoyed finding out that people of Asia are so a like us in lots of ways and so very different. I liked the fact that instead of just writing down information, the class got to see, do and taste things. We had two girls visiting from Japan, Eri and Yuri, who came to our class and talked to us. They told us about Japan and gave us some of their favourite lollies. We also brought Australian food for them to taste. Another interesting day was when two girls from another class, Patricia Bernard and Claire Allen modelled Indian saris for us.

Kathleen Lynch 7.2

I enjoyed learning about where countries are and something about their background. I would love to travel around Asia now I know all about the countries.

Gabrielle Bowers 7.2

I have had fun in Asian Studies. The most fun I had was tasting the food and meeting lots of people. The girls from Japan were really nice. I especially liked looking at the clothes. The traditional clothes were very pretty.

Tashina Dawson 7.2

YEAR 10 ASIAN STUDIES

Year 10 Asian Studies has been very fortunate in having students from a mixture of backgrounds to share their special knowledge of different Asian cultures with the class. Our students come from Tonga, Mainland China, Japan, South Korea, India and of course Australia. The photo shows students working together on an assignment on Malaysia



OPEN DAY

Much hard work was put into the History Display for Open Day by the two noisy but talented and enthusiastic Year 8 History students. Many models and samples of work from Decoupage to Victorian Afternoon tea, to monks of the Middle Ages, pyramids of Egypt towered over by a lifesize model Tutankhamen made by Lauren Roebuck and Katie Bissell.



MANLY CEMETERY

In February our Year 9 Australian History classes went on an excursion to Manly Historical Cemetery. The day was divided into sections. During the morning we were given a number of sheets to complete during the course of the excursion. These sheets gave us an insight not only on Australian History but the world's history. Through the epitaphs we learnt that most of the deceased were diggers from WWI and WWII. There were also a number of the gravestones that showed us how these people once lived e.g. their occupation, origins, birth dates and date of death. It was interesting to see that a plaque with some writing gave us so much information about someone's life in the past.

By Dīane Nujic and Elena Hadzellis

MOCK TRIAL

This year, the Mock Trial team consisted of myself Lucia Coletta, Helen Covich, Alexandra Cunningham, Natalie Adams, Lauren Johnston, Morganne Blackurn, Sabrina Mora and Tracey Hein.

The trials were a lot of fun. There are a variety of roles in the mock trial, including witnesses and barristers. I have been both, though they are two different roles. When you get to the trial after two weeks of practice, you feel both nervous and excited in anticipation of what is about to happen. This year we got many different cases including a hit and run and an assault case.

The whole team worked well together and it was a great experience. We would all like to thank Miss Hunt, Mrs Wood and our coach, solicitor Michael Shipton for all their help and support.

By Lucia Coletta



FRONT ROW: (L-R) Bonnie Cargill, Lucia Caletta, Guilia Polito
Alexandra Cunningham, Sabrina Mora

BACK ROW: (L-R) Mrs Sally Hunt, Natalie Adams, Lauren Johnston
Helen Covich

YEAR 8.1



FRONT ROW: Shari Ternacz, Stefanie McGowan, Vara Arnold, Angelique Lubomirof, Portia Steele, Lisa Dos Ramos, Kelly Maynard, Leyen Luu

2ND Row: Sr Pauline Bullus, Virginia Calacoci, Linda Maruca, Holly Moran, Hayley Brown, Josephine McKee, Siobhan James, Claudia Walker, Gabrielle Cirillo

3RD Row: Alexandra Brown, Jessica Lloyd, Rebecca Morehead, Carla Malicki, Mollie Wilson,

YEAR 8.2



FRONT ROW: Varsha Rajasekhar, Simone Springall, Skye Nicholson, Amelia Johnson, Debbie Prosser, Michelle Coniglio, Katherine Turnbull, Lauren Palmisano, Melinda Nizeti

2ND ROW: Ms Allyson Mascarenhas, Shannon McKinn, Amanda Sullivan, Michelle Gray, Rebecca McDowell, Daniella Fera, Ashley King, Hollie Burrige, Katherine Harrison

3RD ROW: Rebecca Beatty, Stephanie Rigg, Jessica Major, Erin Ash, Olivia Haddrick, Lauren Kavanagh,

YEAR 8.3



FRONT ROW: Jasmin Sarhan, Ashley Owen, Elise Johnson, Belinda Gaal, Melissa Mastroianni, Rosemary Fuller, Annie Heffernan, Karen Young, Eileen Geoghegan

2ND Row: Monique Hickie, Claire Johnston, Natalie Byrnes, Michelle Murdocca, Lisa Rota, Malia Burgess, Sian Murrell, Monique Pritchard

3RD Row: Cecilia Delapaz, Kate Longobardi, Anne Verhoeven, Jamela Ejjamai, Jacqueline Marker, Pauline Ataata, Kate Finnigan, Jemima Cornell

YEAR 8.4



FRONT ROW: Emily Phipps, Kristie Burgess, Cassani Mairs, Leigh Vescio, Hayley Horwood, Jessica Freudenstein, Yolanda Rodrigues

2ND ROW: Alice Kirkpatrick, Mayumi Akiyama, Samantha Field, Lauren Roebuck, Julianne Calvi, Carly Townsend, Katie Bissell

3RD ROW: Victoria Whyte, Victoria Cunningham, Danielle Byrnes, Julia Nadin, Julia Maroya, Cynthia Tuifua, Rebecca McFadden

YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

From August 11 to August 14, the Year 11 Geography class embarked on a 7 hour journey to Eden, on the South Coast of New South Wales. The purpose of this trip was to explore the different viewpoints in the logging industry and as a result, to formulate our own opinion. Throughout the four days we visited the Harris Daishowa Wood Chip Mill, a member of the South East Forest Conservation Council and State Forest, who regulate the logging. We visited Tablelands Mill, who process saw logs to be used for timber purposes and also spoke to an employee of the National Parks and Wildlife Service. Overall, we realised how important it is to use the forests for economic gain but also protect them for future generations. We also learnt what a great cook Mr. Mac was. We thank him and Miss Heraghty for being our adoptive parents and also for the free Maccas on the way home!!

Laurelle Kop, Christine Kirkpatrick, Katherine Guy



Year 11 Geography At Eden

Year 12 Geography Field Trip

On August 26 our class went on our final field trip to Wellington, in Central Western New South Wales. Although our three day journey involved many hours of bad radio stations, confinement to rooms and tragic pub accommodation, the experience was unforgettable. The trip was filled with learning and frolicking through golden canola fields. We spent our first night in Wellington, visiting the local RSL club and keeping Miss Heraghty awake with our practical jokes. The second day we visited Burrendong Dam and Glenelg, a wheat/sheep farm. Our expectations of fields of head high wheat were brought to reality with the sight of grass like shoots. Our afternoon was spent in the company of soil experts, giving insight into the salinity of the land and the land degradation. That night we were treated to a Homestay meal, snooker and a jukebox. On our final morning we visited Western Plains Zoo and Graincorp in Parkes. Here we were informed on the movement and storage of wheat. After this we returned to Sydney with fond memories of a trip well spent.

Year 12 Geography Class

BUSINESS WEEK REPORT

In Week one of Term two, we were participants in the Australian Business Week Competition held at Macquarie University. This involved living on site from Monday morning through to the formal presentation dinner on Saturday evening. Throughout the week, we learned important skills in the running of a business and we participated in a business simulation which was computer controlled. Each company consisted of ten students with two mentors- one from industry and one a teacher.

We both realised and extended our working capabilities. Our day span was from 7:30am until 11:30pm, jam packed with exercise, lectures and fun things like karaoke and Aboriginal dance performances.

At the end of this state wide program, Fiona was placed first in the preparation of the company reports with Debora running third in the same section.

FIONA GAVIN and DEBORA MAURO



SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

This year has proved to be a busy and challenging year! Much has been taught and thought and the learning curve continues.

Geography classes were reduced in the junior school, as we prepare for the changes in the syllabus and School Certificate. What this means is that there will be a lot of Geography in 1999! Next year's Year 7 will be the first class affected by the new mandatory Geography syllabus and Year 9 will commence mandatory Australian Geography, in anticipation of participating in the trial School Certificate in the year 2000.

Senior Geography classes were involved in two fantastic excursions-Year 11 making the annual pilgrimage to Eden to explore all facets of the forestry/logging issues and Year 12 heading west to the Western Plains of NSW to complete their Productive Activity Unit. The girls had a lot of fun and along the way learnt something (I think!)

Year 8 Commerce successfully completed a Marketing assignment and presented their products and portfolios on a 'Marketing Day' early in Term 2. Some bright young entrepreneurs are certainly in the midst! Year 9/10 Commerce participated in a Stock Market Unit, involving investing money in the Stock Market and we had our share of winners and losers. Unfortunately, none of our teams fared well in the National Stock Market game, but it was fun to play! Year 9/10 and Year 11 Legal Studies had a wonderful excursion to the Criminal Courts and Parliament House to complete our Term 2 Law unit.

We were fortunate enough to enter students into two exciting Enterprise ventures. Late in Term 4, 1998, five girls participated in a Mindshop Excellence Program hosted by CSR. The team was presented with a workplace problem to be solved over a 5-day period. The program was most beneficial to the girls, participating in developing the skills of teamwork and decision making. Early Term 2 this year, two girls from year 11 Business Studies participated in the Australian Business Week program at the University of Technology, Kurin-gai. It proved to be an exciting week of teamwork, problem solving leaders and lots of fun!

Our 1998 HSC students did particularly well in all our subjects and are to be congratulated, as are their teachers.

All in all, the year has been a rewarding one and I would like to take the opportunity to thank Margaret Heraghty, Colin Macallister and Sr Pauline Bulluss for their generous support and commitment this year.

Sally Hunt
Coordinator.

HYDE PARK BARRACKS

On Monday, May 25, all of Year Nine went on an excursion to Hyde Park Barracks. We caught the ferry over to the city and walked to the Barracks. We divided into two large groups. One of the groups did sketches of places built by Governor Macquarie, and the other group had a tour of the Barracks (we swapped after lunch). There were many activities that we participated in, that helped us gain a lot of inter-

esting knowledge about the history of early Australia. Inside the Barracks we explored many interesting artifacts and took in a lot of new facts. Further on in the tour we visited the rooms where the convicts once slept. After each having a lie down on a hammock we experienced what the convicts went through night after night.

By Stella Mauro

MINDSHOP

For a week in November 1997 five students, Jacqueline Lau, Shona Tata, Carly Collins, Maria Park and myself spent a week doing a workshop led by Mindshop. The workshop dealt with different solutions in problem solving. We travelled to Parramatta every day by public transport, to the CSR construction material building, where we would have our own office and equipment to help us through the week. CSR gave us a real problem to solve. The problem was: "To find ways to reduce the amount of accidents out at their sites in Penrith and Blacktown".

For the rest of the week we brainstormed ideas, went to the site and handed out surveys for the workers to fill out.

By Thursday afternoon we had all the information we needed for our presentation on the Friday afternoon, where we would present our information and ideas to managers of CSR.

The week spent at CSR was an experience that has benefited me greatly in areas such as organisation and brainstorming ideas.

By: Semral Cuthbert

OLD SYDNEY TOWN

On October 22, the four Year 9 History classes went on an excursion to Old Sydney Town. We learnt about life in the early white settlement. We saw the conditions that the convicts and soldiers lived in. We viewed the types of clothing that both the rich and poor wore. We all experienced how tough the times were in the early settlement compared to today. It was a most enjoyable excursion and very educational.



COMMEMORATION SERVICE

On May 29, four representatives from Stella Maris - Stephanie Porteous, Louise Wright, Diana Nujic and Erin Parkins went to the commemoration service at North Head. The experience was very educational and informative as we learnt all about the treasured memories of World War II. We mingled with important guests who explained and spoke to students and WW2 veterans about educating the younger generations about the past so it is not forgotten.



YEAR 9.1



FRONT ROW: Amy Ung, Sally Bourne, Emma Garmston, Carly Allpress, Sophie Wilkinson, Chloe Maloney, Diana Pascuzzo, Charmian Lo

2ND ROW: Ms Justine Gesterkamp, Helen Tory, Meghan Heffernan, Spencer Harvey, Emma Mathison, Melanie Davies, Marie Muoio, Sarah Beatty

3RD ROW: Clara Woodland, Gabby Bemrose, Sharnie Ferguson, Elizabeth Punshon, Michelle O'Sullivan, Sophie Vidler, Jennifer Laird, Danielle Panucci

YEAR 9.2



FRONTROW: Peta Matthews, Margaret Churchley, Mandy Lau, Alison Hutchinson, Alison Cleary, Jennifer Dela Cruz, Bethany Nero

2ND ROW: Ms Vivien Dougheney, Karen Nathan, Lauren Downey, Amanda Zipparo, Kristen Ring, Patricia Bacalhau, Finty Setiawan

3RD ROW: Fiona Doman, Natalie Gray, Freya Watson, Shelley Downes, Britt-Cheri Havenstein, Tabitha Bridge, Alia Palethorpe

YEAR 9.3



FRONT ROW: Rebecca Weekes, Grace Morris, Paula Williams, Megan Cook, Kandace Govender, Melissa Santini, Katherine La Peyre, Daniella Candido

2ND Row: Huong Nguyen, Lee Bourke, Krystal Barter, Erin Moran, Louise O'Malley, Laura Williams, Logika Loganathan

3RD Row: Elena Hadzellis, Emma Cole, Jessica Markwart, Janelle Inkster, Louise Wright, Christie Sym, Peta Dzubiel, Laura Calvi

YEAR 9.4



FRONT ROW: Diana Nujic, Samantha Thomas, Vanessa Scandurra, Catherine Connell, Sarah-Jane Langker, A Rum Eum, Jasmine Khan, Jane Barwell, Jolanda Moyle

2ND ROW: Ms Anne Coyte, Joana Bacalhau, Rebecca Hannan, Louise Klerks, Stella Mauro, Rebecca Harris, Alison Macgregor, Melissa Miceli, Lauren Tetstall

3RD ROW: Kathryn Crossing, Kelly Bourke, Natalie Crawford, Adriana Talarico, Carly Wilkinson, Erin Parkins, Putri Yanry, Ammabelle Jones, Jane Young

Music

This year, the Music Department has been exceptionally busy. The Bands and Choirs have performed in a variety of different places, varying from the College Hall to Manly Municipal Council to the Sydney Ferries!

Performances for the Bands this year included:

< 2 Band nights - both with local schools attending and performing.

< The Musicale Evening which was for the first time over two nights

< "Taste of High School" for the incoming Year 7s

< The Twilight Festival - an awesome feat!

< St Patrick's College in Campbelltown to celebrate 50 years of the Good Samaritans in Seiwa

< St Matthews Church for the Senior Citizen Week Celebrations.

< Open Day.

< Festival of Music Competition in Ryde.

< The Warringah Eisteddfod.

< Band Workshops with Guest Conductors.

Performances for the Choir this year included:

< The Manly Ferries and the Manly Arts Festival.

< The Manly Council Volunteers Morning Tea at Manly Council Chambers.

< Opening Mass for the College.

< The Easter Service and Liturgy.

< Open Day.

< 'Taste of High School' – for incoming Year 7's.

< The Musicale Evening.

< The Warringah Eisteddfod – the Senior Choir received 2nd place.

< Choir Workshops.

Thank you to the following Captains and students for their contribution to the Music Department:

Louise Doman – Senior Band Captain

Joanna Dorrington – Senior Band Vice Captain

Morganne Blackburn – Senior Choir Captain

Lauren Hillman – Senior Choir Vice Captain

None of these events would be possible without the valuable support of the Music Captains. I would personally like to thank:

Katie Turnbull - Concert Band Captain

Melanie Davies - Concert Band Vice Captain

Lauren Palmisano - Wind Ensemble Captain

Kara Hudson Junior Band Captain

Sarah Smith Junior Band Vice Captain

Rebecca Cole Junior Band Vice Captain

Jackie Marker Junior Choir Captain

Amanda Kavanaugh Junior Choir Vice Captain

Karen Young Excellent Contribution to the Music Department

Shannon McKinn Excellent Contribution to the Music Department

Megan Cook Excellent Contribution to the Music Department

Emma Crossing – Excellent Contribution to the Music Department

Samantha Thomas Excellent Contribution to the Music Department

Jessica Markwart Excellent Contribution to the Music Department

Belinda Gaal Excellent Contribution to the Music Department

Vanessa Coman – Excellent Contribution to the Music Department

MUSIC CAPTAINS



FRONT ROW: Amanda Kavanagh, Lauren Palmisano, Lauren Hillman, Jackie Marker,
Melanie Davies, Sarah Smith

BACK ROW: Miss Kirsten Macaulay, Morganne Blackburn, Rebecca Cole, Louise Doman,
Joanna Dorrington, Kara Hudson, Miss Katrina Hall



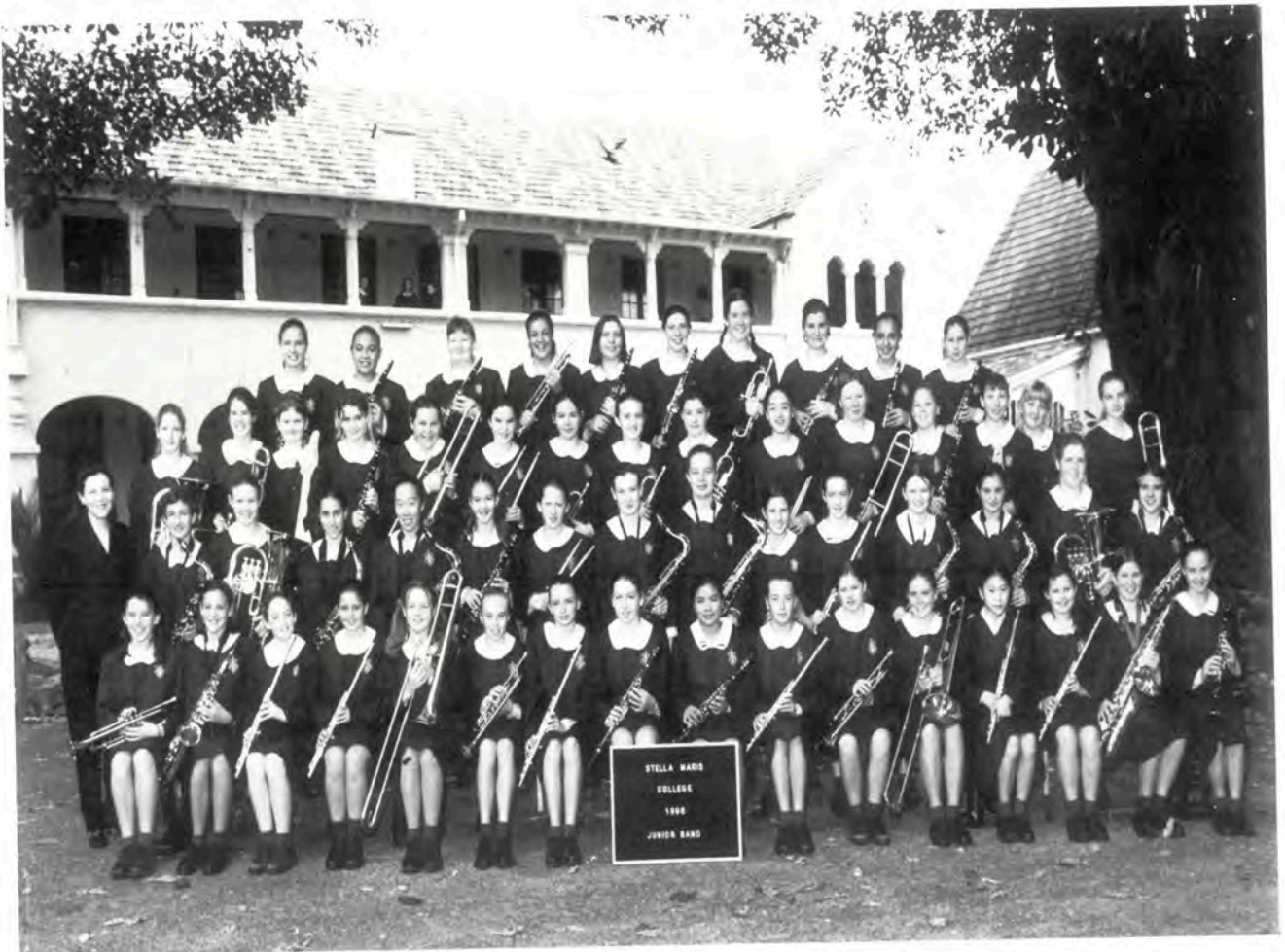
MUSIC

JUNIOR BAND

By Kara Hudson, Rebecca Cole and Sarah Smith

During the year Junior Band (Year 7) have competed in many special events, such as the Twilight Carnival, Musicale, Band Night and Ryde Music Festival, which was one of our greatest achievements.

We had a wide range of instruments and music pieces. We worked well together as a band and had a lot of fun doing it. Thank you to our Conductor, Miss Macaulay. It was a great experience and one we will never forget.



Music

SENIOR BAND

Captain Louise Doman & Vice Captain Joann Dorrington

The Senior Band consists of girls from Years 7 to 12, with Miss Macaulay as our superb Conductor. This year the Senior Band has contributed in many events. They have worked very hard every Wednesday morning and Thursday lunch for the past three terms, preparing themselves for various events during the year.

We have participated recently in the Eisteddfod at Ryde and we came 4th out of 7 bands. We were highly commended for playing our three pieces very well with heaps of enthusiasm and dedication.



Band Practice

MUSIC

Senior Choir

By Morganne Blackburn

The Senior Choir consisting of 45 experienced singers from Year 7 to Year 11, has had a year to be proud of. Not only do we have a reputable name but we have performed at many events including the Mayor's Lunch. We also came second out of six choirs in the Warringah Eisteddfod this year.

The Senior Choir has also performed on Manly Ferries as part of a Music Festival and has been recognised for its efforts in the Manly Daily. The choir was led by Miss Katrina Hall



MUSIC



Madrigal Group



Musicians in action



MATHEMATICS REPORT

1998 was a very successful year for the Mathematics Department at Stella Maris. The girls continue to show that they can compete and achieve at the highest of levels. This year saw the introduction of the new School Certificate and we were very pleased with the outstanding results achieved by the girls. With very little notice the girls were expected to complete part of their examination without calculators. As the policy at Stella has always included calculation without the use of a calculator the girls were not overly concerned by this new requirement.

We must also congratulate those girls whose names appeared in the paper for outstanding results in Mathematics in the 1998 Higher School Certificate. However it must also be remembered that many other girls also achieved well above their expected potential and this will be of tremendous benefit as they continue their further studies.

Over the last few years the Mathematics Department has embraced the use of new technology as an aid to the girls more comprehensive understanding of some of the more complex mathematical processes. Thus several years ago, for some of the girls, who are having problems at the lower end of the spec

trum, we purchased Maths Circus, which was installed on the computer network and proved to be very popular with many of the students. This year we have been lucky enough to secure a class set of graphic calculators, which are capable of graphically displaying a wide variety of algebraic functions and also of statistical data. I am sure that the girls will find these of immense benefit in obtaining a clearer picture of the logic behind many of the formulae that they are required to study and comprehend.

We, in the Maths Department, look forward to meeting the many challenges that this era of curriculum change and rapid technological development poses.

**MRS ROSEMARY MACLEAN-
COORDINATOR**

COMPUTING STUDIES

Stella Maris College offers the following HSC Computing Studies Course: Preliminary, 2/3 unit (Common) and 2 unit (General). Students have been achieving well above the state mean in the HSC examination. In 1997, all students were in the top 15 % of the state. In 1998, more remarkable results came as two students were placed in the top 10 % of the whole of NSW.

The students have coped well with the demands of the Senior Computing course and are to be congratulated on their level of proficiency – not just impressive application skills but also the theories behind computing. That will stand them in good stead in the technological world of the next millennium!

Our school has two computing rooms with twenty computers in each. One is equipped with Pentium computers running Window NT 4.0 in an ethernet network environment. MS Office 97, Publisher 97 are the main application software. The other room will be up-

graded to Pentium-II computers with software including ClarisWorks Office 5.0 for teaching purpose. Both rooms are opened each day so students can use the computers, during their free periods, for assignments and email or even playing games for entertainment! It is obvious from the number of students using each room that IT is flourishing at Stella Maris College.

With the improvement in communication technology, the world is getting smaller and globalized. In August 1997, our school joined the International School Registry and became part of the Internet global school network. Our teaching philosophy is to stimulate students' interests to learn and to equip them with an inquiring mind to prepare for this rapidly changing world.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the following teachers for their dedication and professionalism throughout 1998 – Mrs. Linda Clemesha and Mr. Colin Macallister – without them the task would have been much more difficult.

1998 has been a successful IT year for Stella. 1999 promises to be even bigger and better.

**Mr. Poon
(Senior Computing Studies Teacher)**



YEAR 10



- Front Row: Juliet Francis, Lisa Fischer, Nicole Caccamo, Amanda Favalaro, Candice Lopez, Elizabeth Wood, Puro Numa, Deana Morris, Maria Rossides, Mitsuko Hiramatsu
- 2ND Row: Marie Stone, Katherine Edney, Kirsty Harris, Tammy Hewins, Janine Mayer, Rosa Bagnato, Lucia Farkas, Suzanne Villella, Sabrina Mora, Eun-Hye Sung, Elizabeth Maloney, Samantha House, Bridget Anlezark
- 3RD Row: Jessica Harris, Claire Mulberry, Elizabeth Collier, Zoe Hoffernan, Jade Owen, Sayaka Yoshitake, Kyoko Furusawa, Morganne Blackburn, Gemma Kelly, Rachel Sutherland, Jennifer Gauld, Niki Anglicas, Trinh Pham
- 4TH Row: Fumiko Iwasaki, Chizuko Nomoto, Elizabeth Cohen, Rosie Nicastrì, Roxanne Bollen, Carrie Parker, Annalisa Eccles, Shoko Shiroki, Kylie Florimo, Joanna Dorrington, Erin Perry, Sacha Alagich
- 5TH Row: Mi-Na Choi, Emma Crossing, Kylie Hall, Bonnie Cargill, Nicole Heap, Corey Robertson, Joanne Beglin, Melissa Guy, Bi Wu, Alisha Allan, Virginia Saunders, Michelle Betts, Young Ah Bae
- 6TH Row: Melissa Bell, Renee Brewer, Erika Thornton, Jennah Mathisen, Lauren Finlayson, Catherine Tuita, Cobi Woodman, Grace Crichton, Leisha Mortimer, Brooke Alley, Brooke Hancock, Jennifer McIntosh
- 7TH Row: Vanessa Coman, Tanya Lund, Ruth Currey, Alana Mountfield, Lauren Hillman, Catherine Hobart, Tiffany Ashton, Tracey Hein, Claire Manley, Susan Port, Lauren Cheney, Marissa Pagliuso, Prudence Proctor

YEAR 10 COORDINATOR - MRS MARIE WOOD

SCIENCE REPORT

The Science Department had another successful year in 1998.

Our results in the H.S.C were very creditable and a number of students chose to do Science based courses at various Universities.

All Science students took part in the Science Competition and they gained some very good results, particularly Francine Esterman who finished off her school career with a Distinction in every year. What a fine achievement!

Science students took part in a number of school excursions this year. Senior students visited the rock platform at Fairlight and the mangroves at Bantry Bay. Senior Physics students and year 10 students spent a day at Wonderland. The Stardome from the University of NSW visited the school and the year 7 students particularly enjoyed this experience.

Some students also took part in Science activities out of school. They particularly enjoyed the Siemens Science Schools held at Macquarie and Sydney Universities.

A number of students under the direction of Mr Dave Hart continue to be involved in Streamwatch. These students develop skills in analytical Chemistry as well as becoming much better informed about the quality of water in our local areas.

An understanding of Science is particularly important to the students of today and it is with pleasure that we watch a number of our past students graduating with Science degrees.

Christine Macinnis
Science Coordinator



YEAR 12 BIOLOGY EXCURSION

On the May 9 1998, the Year 12 Biology class went on an excursion to Bantry Bay to comply with our topic 'Plant and Animal Adaptations'. We started off at Seaforth Oval, walking through the bush. We tested the physical and chemical characteristics of the terrestrial environment, and what effects this would have on the animals and plants living in those areas.

We continued walking down to the mangroves, which were very muddy and very smelly, and did tests on the characteristics in an aquatic environment.

To get back to the top we had to walk as fast as we could because we were running late. By the end we were truly exhausted but everyone had a pretty good day.

Christina Byron and Bryony Proctor
Year 12



RELIGION

DIOCESAN MASSES

On the May 26 we represented the College at the Peninsula Cluster Mass for the Broken Bay Diocese at St Kieran's Manly Vale. All schools of the Diocese were represented at this annual Mass and some schools participated in readings, dance and processions. Morning tea followed in the Parish hall.

On the October 22 we again represented the College at the annual Mission Mass at Corpus Christi Cathedral St Ives. This Mass reminded all of us that we are called to be missionary and to pray for all those people working in missions here in Australia and overseas.

Thank you to Mrs Gaffney and Mrs Mascarenhas for taking us to these celebrations.

Year 8 1998.



Sorry Day

On the May 26, we attended the Sorry Day service for Reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians, at the Uniting Church in Manly. It was led by the Minister and consisted of songs, prayers and readings. We all lit candles and placed them on the altar. It was an important occasion reminding all of us to work together as a nation over the coming years. Thank you to Mr Coman and Ms Charles for taking us.

Year 10

YEAR 12 MASS

On the March 10 Bishop David Walker celebrated Mass for the Year 12 schools of the Peninsula - St Augustine's Brookvale, St Paul's Manly, Mater Maria Warriewood and ourselves. Each school participated in the readings, prayers and processions. The Bishop spoke about the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives as this year marks the Year of the Holy Spirit. It was a great opportunity for all our schools to come together and to meet the Bishop of our Diocese, in the hall where we had morning tea following the Mass. A special thank-you to Ms Hall who led the combined schools choir for this occasion.

Year 12 1998

GRADUATION MASS

On Thursday September 24, we celebrated our Graduation in Mary Immaculate Church Manly. Our Theme - Carpe Diem, Seize The Day, Make Your Lives Extraordinary, was expressed in our readings and our prayers. We entered the church in a candlelit procession, and used the lighted candles again in the Gospel procession. The Year 12 Choir led us in song. After Communion we viewed photos of our Years at Stella Maris, which brought laughter and tears to our eyes. It was a wonderful celebration for all of us which concluded in us receiving our Graduation Certificates. Thank you to Fr. Rex Curry for celebrating our Mass; to Miss Charles and the Liturgy committee for organising it; to the art students for the colourful banner; to Ms Hall and Ms Macaulay for all their work leading the choir; and to Year 11 for the supper in the Hall.

Year 12 1998

1998 Year of the Holy Spirit

Prayer to the Spirit

All-loving God, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed us from sin and gave us new life.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us to be our helper and guide.

Give us the spirit of wisdom and understanding.

The spirit of right judgement and courage.

The spirit of knowledge and reverence

Fill us with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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RELIGION REPORT

In 1998, Religious Studies was taught as a Yearly course in Year 7 and as semester courses in years 8 – 10. All students in Years 9 and 10 are now taking Religion as a 100 Hour or 200 Hour course. The senior course Studies of Religion continues its growth into the 2 Unit area with substantial classes in both Year 11 and 12. Good results in the HSC were achieved in this course from the 1997 Year 12 cohort.

Liturgically, the College has been involved in our large school Masses at Mary Immaculate Church, Manly and in our other celebrations here at the College. The themes of our Masses this year were tied very much to the Spirit and to the Ocean – as 1998 was the Year of the Holy Spirit and world wide, International Year of the Ocean. I would especially like to thank Father Rex Curry, Parish Priest of Manly, for his celebrations of Mass with us this year.

Our opening school Mass on February 11 saw the Year 7 students warmly welcomed into the College community by the Captain Cathryn Riddett and Vice Captain Francine Esterman. The College leaders received their badges and took their oath of office.

The Year 12 Graduation Mass was also celebrated in Mary Immaculate, Manly on Thursday evening September 24. The theme chosen by Year 12 was 'Carpe Diem – Seize The Day, Make Your Lives Extraordinary.' It was a night of joy and sadness for these fine young ladies. One aspect of the evening was the colourful banner designed by Year 12, which hung proudly at the front of the church. A special thank you to the liturgy committee who worked hard preparing this special Graduation night.

1998 also saw a number of Diocesan Masses organised by the Catholic Schools Office of Broken Bay. These liturgies included The Schools Staff Mass in March, the Diocesan Schools Mass in May, and the Mission Mass

in October. Stella Maris was represented at these liturgies by staff, students and parents at Corpus Christi Cathedral, St Ives and St Kieran's, Manly Vale. These liturgies were celebrated with the themes of the Holy Spirit. Thank you to Mrs Gaffney, Mrs Mascarenhas and our Year 8 students for attending on our behalf. This year, Bishop David Walker, Bishop of Broken Bay initiated two special functions for senior students. The first was the Year 12 Cluster Mass on March 12 with the theme 'Alive In The Spirit'. Our Year 12 students attended and participated in this Mass at Mary Immaculate Manly with other schools in our cluster – St Paul's Manly, St Augustine's Brookvale and Mater Maria Warriewood. Our College led the combined schools choir conducted by Ms Hall. It was a wonderful celebration of young people coming together in prayer and morning tea followed in the hall, where much socializing was done! Many had the opportunity of meeting Bishop David that day. The second initiative was the Year 11 Youth Forum on October 16. Four students Alexandra Cunningham, Christina Delapaz, Fiona Gavin and Lydia Protich attended this morning at the Catholic Schools Office Waitara. Once again it was an opportunity for students of the Broken Bay Diocese to meet Bishop David and discuss youth issues with him.

The theme for Lent this year was "Food For Thought, Food For All." During this season the College participated in Ash Wednesday liturgies in the Chapel, gave money to Project Compassion (Caritas Australia) especially for countries in the Pacific region and held a tinned food drive for the St Vincent de Paul Society. Once again our Easter Egg Drive was very successful for the children of the Royal Far West Scheme in Manly.

Other activities worthy of note this year included Year 10 students representing the College at 'Sorry Day' on May 26. This service was held at the Uniting Church in Manly with its theme of rec-

onciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians. In June a group of Year 11 students represented Stella Maris College in the Good Samaritan Outreach Program in Brisbane, where they were involved in various ministry activities and were greatly enriched by the experience. Thank you to Sr Bernadette McDonnell for taking these students to Brisbane. Our excursion this year included Year 7's visit to North Shore Temple Emanuel at Chatswood and Year 11's visit to The Great Synagogue and The Jewish Museum in the city. These visits help students appreciate other faiths and give them background knowledge to help their own faith development. The Religion Department has expanded this year with the addition of new staff – Sr Bernadette McDonnell, Director of the Spirituality Centre, who has been taking Year 7 meditation classes; Mrs Geraldine Lee, Youth Minister, who has been involved in the setting up of various youth groups at the College and Parish level and working with teachers and students; Ms Jennine Lennox who arrived Term 4 to work on various projects; Mrs Maree Sewell for her organisation of the morning teas with those yummy cakes on our Retreat days, a big thank you. Two Year 12 students Rigil Gruca – Liturgy Prefect and Kasey McCreath – Prefect for the Spirituality Centre have been most helpful to me in organising the various liturgical celebrations in the College this year. Rigil and Kasey, thank you very much for your time and efforts. Finally, a very special thank you to our Music teachers Ms Hall and Ms Macaulay, who do so much work with the Choir and Band for all our liturgies. It is always a pleasure to work so closely with them. Once again it has been a busy year in the Religion Department.

Ms M. Charles

Religion Co-ordinator

RELIGION

EASTER LITURGY

Because of rain this year, our Easter Liturgy was held in the hall on Holy Thursday. It was a meaningful and symbolic celebration using the Lenten theme about food. A special thank you goes to those who organised and participated – Year 8 Celebrate classes, their teachers Sr Pauline and Mrs Milazzo; Ms Geraldine Lee, Youth Minister; Year 9 students and Mrs Mascarenhas; Year 11 students who led the narration; Ms Hall, Ms Macaulay.

Retreats took place at the Curl Curl Sports Centre.

Each of these days for Years 7 – 12 was enjoyed by the students and was led by experienced leaders Father Kevin Bates – Marist Priest and Chris Doyle – Karis Ministries

EXCURSION TO THE JEWISH MUSEUM & GREAT SYNAGOGUE

On the December 8 1998, Year 11 participated in a religion excursion to the Jewish Museum and The Great Synagogue. We learnt a great deal about the Holocaust, Jewish traditions and experiences. We were able to meet some of the survivors of the Holocaust who described their experiences. We found the Great Synagogue to be very interesting and enlightening. We were able to compare the different features between the Great Synagogue and our own Catholic Church. Overall the day was a success and quite enjoyable.

THE NORTH SHORE TEMPLE EMANUEL

On the June 29 1998 the whole grade of Year 7 visited the North Shore Temple Emanuel in Chatswood. A Jewish Rabbi informed us – Rabbi Liampert – and he made us think deeply about Jesus' way of life. We were taught about the differences between temples and synagogues, about the Sabbath Day and the symbols, which signify many important things.

One of the most interesting facts was in the Hebrew Religion there are 613 commandments. The Hebrews read in a different language and from right to left. They read from Torah Scrolls, which are beautifully decorated. At Barmitzvahs and Batmitzvahs the child reads from the scroll.

For the day we became artists and drew symbols, the altar and a prayer shawl. This was a great experience for all of Year 7 and I'm sure our knowledge about the religion has expanded from our visit to the temple.

By Amy Allen

Good Samaritan Ministry Outreach Program

During Term Two seven Year 11 students from the College-Belinda Cotter, Fiona Gavin Sascha Head, Lauren Johnston, Remila Leimena, Chelsea Newton and Leise Rupert along with students from several other Colleges- took part in the Good Samaritan Ministry Outreach Program - an initiative of the Good Samaritan Congregation to raise awareness of senior students on social issues.

This program required the senior students to study the needs of several disempowered groups of our society and undertake a week long service immersion experience with one or more disempowered groups of people.

The girls from our College travelled to Brisbane where they were accommodated at Lourdes Hill College along with students from Lourdes Hill who were also participating in the Ministry Outreach Program.

The main service centre to which Stella girls were assigned was HAND - a drop-in centre for adults with mild to moderate disabilities.

As the week progressed, warm relationships developed between the disabled women, men, and Stella Maris girls. Their personal qualities and talents blended delightfully with this appreciative group of young people.

These students enjoyed the experience of community living at Lourdes Hill. It was also a profitable time to share with other students the personal impact of service to those disempowered in some way.

There, the girls happily involved themselves with the young adults who were interested to learn literacy, numeracy, computer skills and the practical skills of cooking and craft.



GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY OUTREACH MEMBERS

RELIGION

YOUTH FORUM

On October 16 Alexandra Cunningham, Christina Delapaz, Fiona Gavin and Lydia Protich of Year 11 had the chance to meet the Bishop of Broken Bay, Bishop David Walker.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss various youth issues related to the Catholic Church. The topics addressed included youth suicide, drug abuse, homosexuality and youth involvement in the traditional Mass.

This meeting gave us a chance to meet other Catholic secondary schools in the Broken Bay Diocese. It was interesting to hear the suggestions and ideas they had to offer.

It was a great experience to have associated with the Bishop and get feedback on youth related affairs. This meeting was the starting point of a new future connecting the Bishop and the youth in the community of Broken Bay.

By Fiona Gavin and Christina Delapaz.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Youth Ministry is a ministry that links students to their local parish. Our aims are to encourage young people to grow in faith, to encourage youth participation and representation in the church community. In this ministry the Youth Minister has been involved with the school life of Stella in order to link young people to the parish and assist them to develop to their potential.

The Youth Ministry has really taken off with great excitement and response by Stella girls. The majority of young people in the Youth Ministry have come from Stella Maris. They have shown great signs of leadership and are young women who are great role models to other young girls of Stella Maris.

As a Youth Minister I have enjoyed working with students and staff who have been very supportive and have shown great interest and participation in the activities of the Youth Ministry. Some of the groups started during this year are Fortress, a group for students in Years 7 – 10, which offers social, spiritual and fun activities for the youth. We have had beach nights, dances, youth talks and retreats which were all attended and supported by the girls from Stella Maris.

We also have the Youth Social Justice Group for students in Years 10 – 12 that consists of a dozen students or more from Monte, Marist North Sydney, St

Augustine's and of course Stella. In this group we have had opportunities to serve the community, fundraise and have different inspiring speakers such as Streetwalkers and Night patrol SVDP to encourage us to be involved and understand the disadvantaged.

Another group is Youth Support Youth with the Year 12s. It has been a great success with party nights and meditation nights. I have learnt a lot about the needs of young people as we have planned different functions that would benefit the group members.

Pizza and God is another group where young people can come along, eat pizza and discuss faith issues. Girls of great faith and inspiration have attended it.

Peer leaders from Stella have been terrific with their commitment and their leadership of the different youth groups.

A lot of Stella girls have been involved with the Youth Mass that is run mainly by youth. The choir has been glorious with the girls getting more angelic and more into the Sister Act singing. More and more young people, their friends and their parents are coming to Mass.

Thank you to all who have helped and I am looking forward to another year of awesomeness.

By Miss G Lee - Youth Minister

RELIGION RETREATS

YEAR 7 RETREAT

By: Tessa Immens, Shannon Kaposi and Sarah Goss

On Wednesday September 9, Year 7 attended their first retreat for their high school career at Curl Curl Sports Centre.

As soon as we arrived, we were introduced to the amazing priest, Father Kevin. He taught us about growing and uniting together as friends. He taught us about how to stand up for ourselves through games and songs. During the day we all had a chance to try something new and I'm sure everyone made some new friends.

The day ended with a Mass where we pledged promises to each other. We sang the songs we had learnt earlier and received Communion.

Overall it was an enjoyable day that everyone benefited from.

YEAR 9 RETREAT

By Elena Hadzellis and Spencer Harvey

This day was an experience we all learnt from. We spent the day reviewing our friendships and discussing what was important to the individual. We had a guest speaker Mr. Chris Doyle who lead us in song and thought making it enjoyable.

One memorable activity was when we all made a paper plane and handed it around to our friends, and they each wrote what they loved about us on it. We all took these home so we could remember this day.

Also another memorable and growing experience was when we were able to unwind and relax through meditation, where we all had quiet prayer with God and thought deeply. This day was a day where we were able to come together as a year, to share with one another a quiet day of relaxation and thoughts with God and ourselves.

YEAR 8 RETREAT

By Erin Ash and Shari Ternacz

On the May 7, Year 8 had a retreat day at North Curl Curl Sports Centre. Mrs.J King, Mrs.M Gaffney, Sister Pauline and Mrs.A Mascarenhas accompanied us. Father Kevin Bates was our facilitator for the day.

The day started off at 8:45am with a few fun games like Octopus and King Ball which Mrs. King put together. When we all started to get tired, we headed upstairs and Father Kevin told us that the theme for the day would be "Responsibility for ourselves". First Father Kevin gave us a talk. Then we were divided into groups of about six and made posters showing what makes a happy school – happy faces, friendships, etc. After we'd finished our posters, we pinned them up, and spent some time looking at and reading all the others.

For morning tea we were served chocolate, banana and carrot cake and orange cordial.

After morning tea we went back upstairs and gathered again in the same groups of six. We prepared and put on short role-plays about responsibility, for example, baby-sitting. All of them were great and we had lots of fun.

When all the plays had been completed, we headed outside for lunch. A few of us had an enjoyable game of soccer. By that time, it had started to become very hot so we were called up to come inside for more activities.

Father Kevin played a few songs on his guitar and when Julia Maroya played the song, Freak, by Silverchair, we all joined in the singing. After we had calmed down, we ended the day with a Mass celebrated by Father Kevin. A lot of the girls were involved in acting out parts of it.

The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you Father Kevin and Miss M Charles.



RELIGION RETREATS

YEAR 10 RETREAT

By Emma W-Kenny

Yesterday made me realise that sometimes I might carry the weight of other people's problems on my back, instead of worrying about my own and trying to solve them. Also that, I may let myself get flustered and angry when difficult obstacles get in the way of my path. The way that Father Kevin incorporated these things into the mediation part of the day was very good and it made me see these things properly for the first time and also it got me to try and think up another way of dealing with difficult situations. I think from this experience I will think of a better way to deal with things and decisions before I go and make my mind up straight away.

YEAR 10 RETREAT

By Zoe Heffernan

The retreat took place on August 26. Most of the year turned up and spent the day in the company of Father Kevin who told us stories about life, the world and its diverse people. He also told us that it was important to "get out of our boots" and to "stand on our own two feet". He explained that we were not the only people in this world and that it was important to listen and love

YEAR 10 RETREAT

By Amanda Ellis

The Year 10 Retreat was a pleasant and peaceful experience. It was such a relief to sit down and talk to others about our feelings, our ideas and our hopes. The message given to us was to express ourselves, to involve others and to treat people the way we like to be treated. The day also represented confidence and respect in all the things we do, and to try our hardest all through life. We also learned to co-operate with others and to be a team.

YEAR 10 RETREAT

By Candice Lopez

The retreat was a good day overall. We all got separated into different groups with people we hardly ever talked to, which I thought, was good for our whole year.

Everyone had a good day, especially people who just ignore people because of his or her petty differences. We came together as one big group and at lunch-time I saw lots of different people eating with people from different groups, including myself.

Father Kevin made everyone feel special yesterday, even if you were not perfect, (which no one is). Our retreat this year was really fun because Father Kevin was such a classic!

We did lots of fun activities with different people and talked and worked as a pair with someone who was just an acquaintance to you. This was a really good experience because you got to talk about your new friend to the year and then everyone knew lots about her.

Overall, the retreat was a great success and I myself thoroughly enjoyed it.

YEAR 12 RETREAT

By Kasey McCreath and
Rigil Gruca

Year 12s had their last retreat for their schooling life on Friday May 1. The students believe that the school "saved the best for last". Everyone enjoyed the day. Together as a group the students took part in various activities focusing on friendships and trust. The activities, songs and sing-alongs were lead by "Christopher Alexander Luke Doyle". The message that the students came away with was to value each other no matter how different we are, especially through difficult times. The theme song "Lean on me" seemed appropriate to the students for their final retreat together.

YEAR 10 RETREAT

By Lauren Hillman

The Year 10 Retreat was a great success. The retreat helped us "step out of our boots" and to "stand on our own two feet". It helped us to acknowledge ourselves and not to rely on someone else and that we can't spend our lives blaming somebody else.

The key to the day was 'listening'. We learnt how to listen to each other in both a verbal manner and in a physical manner. For example, when we all stood in a circle and wrote a word on the persons back in front we learned that we have to listen to the person and not interrupt them, even if your need is more important. "To listen with our heart".

The day in total was heaps of fun with serious events interwoven throughout the day. We learnt how to trust each other, like in the game where the group carried one person on top of their hands. We can get out of any mess if you put your mind to it.

We went on a journey on our own to help us with individuality. We have to look beyond the wounds and look for the positive points. We should love someone for who they are, not for what we want them to be.

At the end of the day we prayed and celebrated. Overall I feel that the retreat helped me develop skills and in the process it was a fun and enjoyable day with Father Kevin and my friends.

YEAR 11 RETREAT

By Alana Butler

On Friday the June 26, Year 11 went on their annual retreat at Curl Curl Sports Centre, run by Chris Doyle. It was a very enjoyable day that taught us to feel better about ourselves and communicate with each other as a group. After a little while we all started to relax and spent much of the day expressing our musical and artistic skills. The day was a great success and was enjoyed by all Year 11 students.

LANGUAGES

Bon Appetit!

One fine day before the start of the half-yearly school break, Mrs Slater had a great idea. Since the girls had been learning so much about French food, why not give them a practical lesson and let them have a French lunch? This would be a great way for the girls to experience the variety of traditional French food that they had been learning about. Hooray! We were all so excited about being able to stuff our faces in French class, that we could hardly concentrate on our work. Thoughts of chocolate croissants, Quiche Lorraine, hot chocolate and creme caramel filled our thoughts and blocked out the vocabulary we were supposed to be learning. We were counting down the days! So in the first few days back, we paired up, chose the food that we wanted to prepare and cooked up a French storm. The day was a great success! The food that we feasted on included Quiche Lorraine, Spinach Quiche, French bread and cheese, biscuits with French onion dip, a French Caesar salad, croissants, pancakes and, for dessert, creme caramel and profiteroles.

Anne Verhoeven (Year 8)

Year 8 German Lunch

On the August 19, the year 8 German class had a picnic lunch using the words that we had learnt in class. We were studying food and decided that it would be good practice. Before the picnic we learnt how to ask for things like apples, oranges etc.

One way to ask for bread was to say "reich mir das Brot". Miss Pilgrim put on a German tape and that made it really funny because we didn't know what they were singing. The picnic was great fun and everyone really enjoyed themselves.

Rebecca, Katie, Claudia, Michelle, Katherine and Angelique



SISTER COLETTE EGAN INFORMATION CENTRE 1998 EVENTS

(Previously STELLA MARIS COLLEGE Library)

"The search for truth should be the central focus of learning and schools. Deep reading and deep thinking are dual processors which inform such a search and lead us toward sight and illumination... The post-modern school will raise a generation of highly skilled 'free range students' capable of simultaneously grazing the Net and reading deeply."

Jamie McKenzie 1997

Keeping the above philosophy well to the fore has paid dividends as I have watched students this year develop their skills in a wide range of areas. As information accumulates in "packets or messages, pages or books" students are reading their way to deep thinking... "This reading is a matter of sorting, sifting, selecting, ingesting and then digesting the most important parcels and morsels." An example of the above has been a recent exploration in Year 10 into Volcanoes via books, magazines, CD ROMs and the Internet. Most assignments are now encouraging a similar use of mixed information sources, and requiring students to ask questions, not just seek answers. Computers are constantly in use, both in the Information Centre and the 2 Computer rooms, for research, communications and presentation of assignments.

Fiction reading has not been forgotten, with a large number of teachers booking in classes to promote WIDE reading. There have been many fiction titles bought this year, catering for all age groups and tastes.

What physical changes have taken place this year?

The College Library refurbishment started at the end of 1997 and was greatly aided in the last stages by mothers, Lisa Brown, Cheryl Maynard and Zlata Stanisich. A VERY BIG THANK YOU to these mums, as well as Library staff members Anne Leon, Patricia Leslie and Rosetta Coletta who moved countless 1000s of books backwards and forwards!!

Chaos and upheaval gave way rapidly in the first week of 1998 to a superbly designed and organised Information Centre. A Teacher Librarian Conference held at the Information Centre in March this year had 45 Teacher Librarians from Independent Schools GREATLY admiring the Library Refurbishment that the College had undertaken. There are now 3 functional class-size work and research areas plus an air-conditioned senior study room.

A combination of glass and open space design has given the illusion of increased space, and it is now possible to have a wide range of activities being performed successfully at the same time.

Students' artworks are constantly on display. The atmosphere is one of relaxed but studious endeavour, with the Centre generally FULL of students actively involved in learning.

Thank you to the following parents who have helped this year:

Barbara Woodland, Angelina Coletta, Carmel (Bernadette) Covich, Anne Bourne, Jacky Higgins and Jane House. Their help has been most appreciated.

We have had a small but valuable group of Library Monitors who help us out in our busy lunch hours. Thank you for your dedication.

If you have not yet managed to visit the new Information Centre, please feel free to come anytime.

Irith Gouiric
Teacher Librarian

STUDENT PERSPECTIVES ON THE NEW INFORMATION CENTRE

Christina Fernandez – Year 7

I think that the Library has really great resources. All the books you need on any subject are there. My old school Library is very small compared to this one. It has nice new tables to work on and the computers have really interesting programs on them like the Internet and Encarta.

Antonina Coletta – Year 7

The Library always looks clean and pleasant. It is open at lunch times so that you can do some studying. The Library is really peaceful and quiet so that you can do all your work. Whenever you have an assignment Mrs Gouiric has all the books prepared for you. She also knows where everything is so if you have any trouble finding something she can easily help you.

I think the Library is great! Everything you need is there and the computers are really helpful!

The Library is a great place to relax, study and use the computers for typing up assignments. You can also choose books to read either for school or for leisure. The colours in the Library are bright, making you feel happy, cool AND warm. The students' artworks show life and are creative.

Alisha Allan and Elizabeth Cohen – Year 10

As you know there were a lot of renovations done last year. This year the students have been able to use more than one source of research materials such as CD ROMs, the Internet and Books and it has been great.

Samantha Wijaya – Year 12

Our Library has improved "humungously" since last year. The low old wooden desks have been replaced by those smart new computers, which we can thank for helping us with our assignments (and Leisure!) Its like stepping out of the Stone Age to 1998, (well at least maybe out of the Bell-bottom Era!)

As a Year 12 student, I have used the past HSC papers installed on the computers as well as the Internet (particularly useful for communication with my family overseas through Hotmail.).

My favourite part of the Library is the lovely lounge area near the study room where you can relax, look outside and contemplate life! Well, it's been an extraordinary year and I'll never forget my time spent at Stella Maris Library.



PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

The recent Manly Arts Festival is another new initiative to showcase talent. Stella Maris Dance and Drama students were involved in a variety of venues on Saturday mornings. The Dance team performed "Weather" in the Corso and at the Totem Shopping Centre. Year 9 students performed "Where the Wild Things are" by Maurice Sedak as a dramatic story telling piece of children's theatre, under the big Oak tree in the Corso.

Year 10 dance performed "Tourist/Art/Shopping Daze" in the Corso and at the Manly Art Gallery. A group of the private Speech and Drama students also performed. Year 8 Drama performed their original character creations on the Manly ferries and were so convincing they created quite a stir!. Year 12 performed the HSC pieces as street theatre in the Corso, on Saturday in the pouring rain. Two Showcase Evenings were held on successive Mondays featuring highlights of Stella's participation in the Festival. A great effort for the first of what is to be an annual event.

A group of Drama students from Years 8-12 entered the Electra scene in the Macquarie University Ancient History/Greek Tragedy Competition. We qualified for the Grand Final by winning the Regional Final. Laurie Jones and Sarah Buchanan of Year 12 led a dedicated cast of junior drama students. Laurie's and Sarah's energy, disciplined and outstanding performance skills were an inspiration to the younger performers. We also celebrated Shakespeares' birth on the 24th of April with an Elizabethan Extravaganza of Drama and Dance performances, which became Stella's entry in the Annual Schools Shakespeare Competition, also for the first time.

The Rock Eisteddfod was the usual epic of frenzied rehearsal but was a very rewarding experience for all involved. Over 100 students participated in the performance, based on the themes Beat the Pressure, won seven awards and in each section, including best choreography, best set design, best stage manager (Zena Condell) and best cast photo. won a Polarod camera for the College.

The Dance Team burst onto the celebrity scene with performances at Australia's Wonderland, The Opera House and a glittering VIP reception for overseas students at Sydney Town Hall. An amazing feat for such a recently formed group. Congratulations Dance Team!

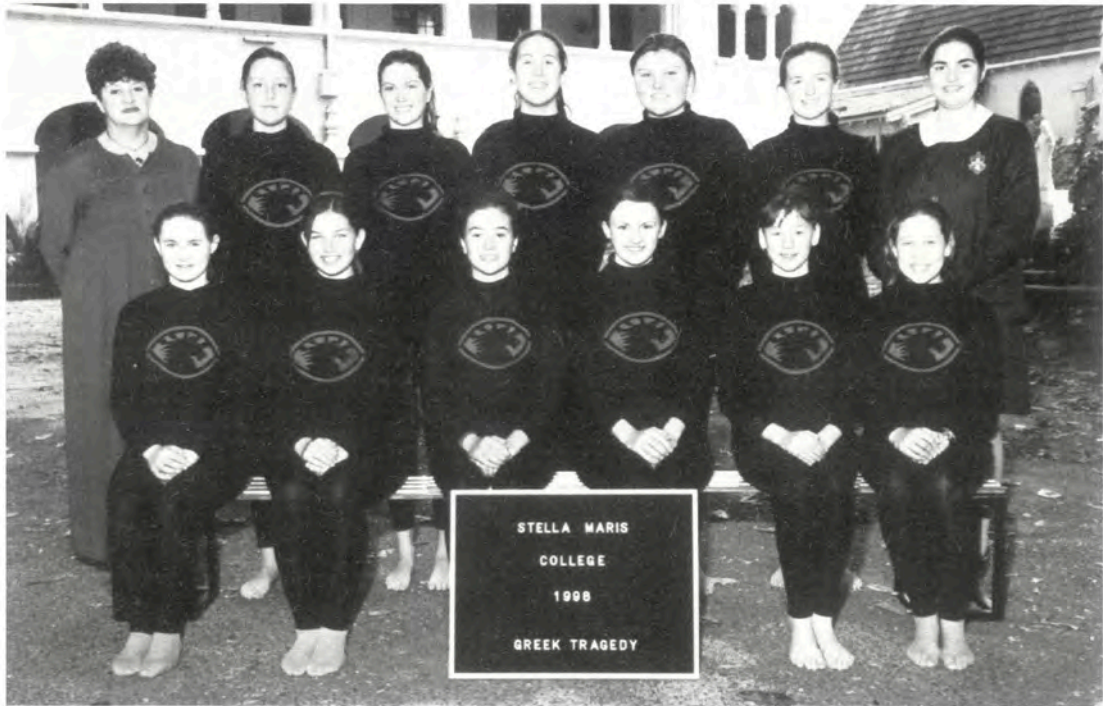
The Film Club on Tuesday evening is another new development in an increasingly diverse range of performing arts activities for students to choose to be involved in. Six short films, made by students, were featured at the Manly Film Night. The most recent initiative is the setting up of a casting agency in association with the theatrical agents, Agro Management. The purpose of this is to give student the opportunity to work professionally in the entertainment industry and provide a pathway to a career in film, television and theatre, if students so desire.

The Performing Arts Awards Presentation afternoon was held on November 20 amid entertainment spectacular! Kym Wilson, our very own home-grown celebrity, agreed to present the awards. Bryony Proctor was the winner of the Stella Maris Performer of the Year award, for the second year in a row. Jessica Gigliotti won Dancer of the Year and Ashley King won Dance Participant of the Year. Laurie Jones was also our Creative Arts Prefect for 1998 and did a great job. Thank you Lauri.

It has been a busy and exciting 1998, with lots of opportunities and ongoing challenges. Well done everybody!!

VIVIEN DOUGHENEY
DANCE/DRAMA

GREEK TRAGEDY



Front Row: Katie Turnbull, Skye Nicholson, Sally Bourne, Ammabelle Jones, Claire Johnston, Vara Arnold

Back Row: Rebecca Morehead, Sarah Buchanan, Julia Nadin, Britt-Cheri Havenstein, Gabrielle Bemrose, Michelle Murdocca



GREEK TRAGEDY

ROCK EISTEDDFOD



DANCE & DRAMA

GREASE GROUP



WEATHER

OLD STELLA LADIES



BASKETBALL

All our teams had great success this year in the local competition with 3 out of 4 teams reaching the Grand Finals. Our U19 Division 1 team won their Grand Final just one hour before this years presentation evening! Special thanks to their coaches and managers, Mr. Karl Treacher, Mrs. Linda Buko, Ms Roslyn Ode and Rebecca Powe for their help and support throughout the year.

Catholic Girls Secondary Schools Sports Association Championships (CGSSSA)

JUNIOR

C. Galati	C. Mairs
K. Longobardi	R. Powe
T. Speechley	L. Maruca
C. Townsend	M. Mastroianni
A. Beck	

INTERMEDIATE

T. Lund	A. Mountfield
J. Laird	K. Bourke
G. Crichton	L. Williams
B. Alley	R. Currey
S. Thomas	E. Perry
L. Hillman	J. Dorrington

SENIOR

R. Gruca	V. Thomas
C. Kirkpatrick	N. Adams
L. Parkins	K. Alley
G. Crichton	C. Tuita
E. Perkins	

RESULTS:

Junior	2nd in pool
Intermediate	1st in pool
	3rd overall
Senior	2nd in pool

Manly Warringah Basketball Association Competition (MWBA)

U19 DIV 1

A. Mountfield	E. Perry
J. Dorrington	T. Lund
B. Alley	B. Cargill
M. Pagliuso	K. Hall

U19 DIV 2

C. Kirkpatrick	R. Gruca
L. Parkins	K. Alley
V. Thomas	N. Adams

U16 Div 2

R. Powe	J. Sarhan
M. Mastroianni	C. Tuifua
K. Longobardi	L. Maruca
C. Galati	

Year 7/8

S. Longobardi	S. Smith
M. Williams	L. Buko
L. Callaghan	A. Beck
T. Speechley	N. Nero



*1998 U19 DIV 1 Basketball
Erin Perry, Joanna Dorrington, Marissa Pagliuso, Alana Mountfield,
Tanya Lund, Kylie Hall, Brooke Alley.*



*1998 U19 DIV 1 Basketball (B)
Christine Kirkpatrick, Katrina Alley, Vanessa Thomas, Rigil Gruca,
Natalie Adams, Lauren Parkins.*

SPORT



U19 DIV 2 Basketball
*Nicole Heap, Ruth Currey,
Tiffany Ashton, Catherine Tuita,
Sayaka Yoshitake*



1998 INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL

*Brooke Alley, Grace Crichton, Ruth Currey, Lauren Hillman, Tanya
Lund, Catherine Tuita.*

*Laura Williams, Joanna Dorrington, Alana Mountfield, Jenny Laird,
Kelly Bourke, Erin Perry, Samantha Thomas.*

Alana Mountfield (Year 10) and Rebecca Powe (Year 8) both received Scholarships in the Intensive Training Center Program

BASKETBALL

SENIOR BASKETBALL

Emily Perkins, Lauren Parkins, Natalie Adams, Rigil Gruca, Vanessa Thomas, Katrina Alley, Christine Kirkpatrick



*U16 Div1 Basketball
Jasmin Sarhan, Connie Galati,
Rebecca Powe, Mary Mastroianni,
Linda Maruca*



Junior Basketball

*Back Row: Carly Townsend, Cynthia Tuifua,
Rebecca Powe, Connie Galati,
Cassani Mairs*

*Front Row: Tiffany Speechley, Sally Longobardi,
Jasmin Sarhan, Linda Maruca,
Mary Mastroianni, Ashley Beck*

SPORT

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball has proved to be a popular new competitive sport at Stella Maris this year. The team began training early in the year on Friday and Saturday mornings at 7.00am. The competitions were held on Sunday nights at the Narrabeen Academy. All girls participating showed considerable improvement in their skills over the course of the year. Special congratulations to Vanessa Coman (Yr 10) who received the Best and Fairest Award in the Manly Warringah Women's Volleyball Association Competition.

Stella made a strong showing at the Peninsula High Schools Beach Volleyball Championships. In May, with the Stella Wavelets undefeated in their round games, winning their Quarter Final and eventually being defeated in the Semi-Final. The girls competing on the day were:

YEAR 12

B. Orlando	C. Riddett
J. O'Sullivan	F. Kelsall
A. Vukovic	E. Lynch
N. Creak	M. Robinson
K. Dutfield	

YEAR 10

V. Coman	A. Mountfield
C. Robertson	K. Gowlett
E. Thornton	P. Numa
J. Francis	P. Proctor

YEAR 8

K. Harrison

KAYAKING

Kellie Vernon (Yr 12) has produced outstanding results in Kayaking this year. In March, at the Burley Griffin Bash in Canberra, Kellie came first in the K1 20km Junior Ladies and 1st in the K2 (with partner). She is the current Under 18 National Kayaking Champion. She has gone on to receive medals and representative

honours at national and international levels. Kellie was last year's recipient of the "Pierre De Coubertin" Award given by the NSW Olympic Committee. We will all be looking forward with anticipation to her future achievements, and hope to see her smiling face at the Sydney 2000 Olympics.



TENNIS

PENINSULA INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITION

This competition was played throughout Term 1 on Tuesday afternoons at various courts along the Peninsula. Both our teams made it through to the semi-finals, with the Intermediate team being narrowly defeated by St. Luke's. The Junior team defeated St. Luke's in the semi-final, but was beaten by Manly High School in the Finals. An excellent effort by all the players.



JUNIOR TEAM

**Joanne Greco, Julianne Calvi,
Michelle Gray, Claudia Walker**

INTERMEDIATE

**C. Manley
L. Miller
P. Numa
J. Harris
D. Morris**



SECONDARY SCHOOLS TENNIS CHALLENGE

Two competitions were held this year (March and November). Stella finished 5th and 7th respectively, with some excellent pairs results.

BBSSA TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

An excellent effort from all our girls despite the "downpour". Our Junior A and Intermediate teams made the finals, with the Open A team missing out by one one point. Well done girls!!

OPEN A

A. Mountfield S. Alagich J. Greco

OPEN B

C. Manley R. Bollen J. Marker

INTERMEDIATE

C. Manley L. Miller P. Numa J. Harris D. Morris

JUNIOR A

C. Mairs C. Walker M. Gray

JUNIOR B

S. Nicholson J. Sheehan C. Baldwin

NSW COMBINED CATHOLIC COLLEGES TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. Mountfield (Yr 10), K. Bourke (Yr 9) and J. Greco (Yr 8) were selected to represent the Broken Bay Diocese (BBSSA) at the NSW CCC Tennis Championships in Wollongong in September. The girls fought well through the preliminary rounds and were narrowly defeated in the semi-final. Congratulations to the girls on their fine effort.

GYMNASTICS

The Stella Maris Gymnastics Squad was coached for the second year running by Agi Sagjal, with early morning training sessions on several week days as well as Saturdays. Five of the girls participated in the CGSSSA Gymnastics Championships at Five Dock Leisure Centre on June 17.

LEVEL 1

A. Downey (Year 7) A. Heffernan (Year 8)

LEVEL 3

C. Mairs (Year 8) V. Arnold (Year 9) S. House (Year 10)

RESULTS

A. Downey 1st Overall (individual)
Level 1 team 1st Overall
Level 4 team 4th Overall

Special congratulations to Alison Downey who also represented the Peninsula Region in Level 1 at the State Championships.

The Gymnastics Squad also provided some great entertainment at the Stella Maris Presentation Night at the end of the Year.



*1998 Gymnastics Squad
Annie Heffernan, Carly Townsend,
Cassani Mairs, Vara Arnold, Rebecca
Poss, Samantha House, Katie Turnbull,
Tessa Immens, Alison Downey.*

HOCKEY

Despite a good start, the first Stella Maris Hockey team eventually had to fold due to a lack of attendance by the girls who initially expressed interest in playing for the school. This was quite disappointing. Our thanks go out to Dahni Baron who coached the girls who did make the effort to attend training sessions.

SOFTBALL

Congratulations to both Rigil Gruca (Year 12) and Tanya Lund (Year 10) who were both selected for the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Softball Team (NSWCCC). This was an excellent achievement for both girls and the second year in a row for Rigil!

CROSS COUNTRY

In early February this year, Cassani Mairs (Year 8) received the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Sports Assoc. **BLUES AWARD** for her representation in Cross Country during 1997. This is a great honour as there are only 2 awards given per sport in any given year.

Our Cross Country results for 1998 were our best yet.

NSWCCC CHAMPIONSHIPS
JUNE 11, EASTERN CREEK

12 Years T. Speechley (32)

14 Years C. Mairs (19)

16 Years A. Mountfield (2)

17 Years K. Vernon (22)

BBSSA CHAMPIONSHIPS
MAY 29, FAGAN PARK, GALSTON

12 Years T. Speechley (1)
N. Robb (8)

13 Years A. Kirkpatrick (16)
M. Brumby

14 Years C. Mairs (1)
K Bourke (13)
J McKee (14)
L O'Malley (21)
K. Harrison

15 Years L. Williams (10)
J. Markwart (13)
B. Havenstein (16)
S. Thomas (22)
C. Wilkinson (31)

16 Years A. Mountfield (1)

17 Years K. Vernon (5)



NETBALL

Our netball players have produced some outstanding results at various competitions throughout this year.

CGSSA

Netball Championships (May)

RESULTS

Juniors 3rd
Intermediate 1st

Stella was placed 3rd Overall

BBSSA Netball Championships (July)

RESULTS

Intermediate 2nd
Senior 3rd

Team members (as above)

Special congratulations to two of our Year 10 students- Tanya Lund and Joanna Dorrington who were selected in the U16 NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Netball Team (NSWCCC) to play at the NSW All Schools Championships. Tanya went on to be selected in the NSW All Schools U16 Netball Team who finished as medallists at the Australian All Schools Netball Championships (in Melbourne in August). An outstanding achievement for both girls.



JUNIOR

C. Townsend	M. Pritchard
A. King	S. Springall
L. Rigon	M. Hickie
N. Aouad	L. Dowsett
T. Speechley	L. Polito
L. Bettison	

INTERMEDIATE

T. Lund	K. Bourke
E. Mathison	M. Davies
J. Dorrington	E. Thornton
L. Hillman	B. Alley
J. Laird	



SENIOR

K. Dutfield	F. Esterman
K. McCreath	J. O'Sullivan
L. Kalcina	A. Markwart
K. Vernon	B. Orlando
R. Currey	N. Haraldson
L. Johnston	



SPORT

TOUCH FOOTBALL

Our students participated in the Broken Bay Diocese Touch Football Championships (BBSSA) at Terrigal on the Central Coast in early April. All students enjoyed the challenge and showed great sportsmanship in all matches. Our Senior team finished 3rd which was our best result yet in Touch Football.

JUNIOR

S. Ternacz
R. McDowell
L. Palmisano
S. Springall
A. King
A. Heffernan
H. Brown
A. Kirkpatrick
J. Nadin
H. Horwood
J. Marker
M. Davies



INTERMEDIATE

R. Bollen
E. Thornton
J. McIntosh
M. Davies

C. Johnson
S. Murrell

N. Crawford
S. Ferguson
S. Bourne
V. Scandurra
V. Coman
S. Wilkinson
J. Markwart
G. Kelly
C. Robertson
B. Hancock



SENIOR

C. Rowan
B. Proctor
K. Dutfield
E. Perkins
K. Ellis
A. Markwart
C. Perkins

C. Riddett
J. O'Sullivan
A. Immens
L. Kalcina
F. Kelsall
B. Orlando



The Swimming Carnival

This year the swimming carnival was held on Friday March 6. All of Year 12 turned up dressed as nuns in their house colours ready for a hard day of marshalling, swimming and the screaming of war cries.

The carnival commenced at approximately nine o'clock and before we knew it, the gun had sounded the beginning of the first race. Most of the events ran smoothly with every student trying their hardest to gain points for their colour houses.

A big congratulations goes to Amelia Johnson (Rosaria) of Year 8 who won the Open invitation 50m Freestyle against the other seven fastest swimmers in the college. Thank you to Miss Byrnes, Miss Molloy and all other teachers who helped during the day. A big thank you also to the other house captains, Kellie Vernon, Christine Thornton and Belinda Orlando. The results were as follows:

House Results

Fatima 771 Points
 Rosaria 656 Points
 Lourdes 602 Points
 Carmel 504 Points

War Cries

1st Carmel
 2nd Lourdes
 3rd Fatima
 4th Rosaria

Age Champions:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
12 Years	A. Short	N.Robb	S.Longobardi
13 Years	R. McDowell	L.Rigon	S.Rigg
14 Years	A.Johnson	A.Sullivan	C.Malicki
15 Years	E.Thornton	T.Lund	C.Sym
16 Years	M.Bell	J.McIntosh	S.Yoshitake
17 Years	K.Dutfield	C.Thornton	K.Vernon
18 Years	Z.Condell	F.Kelsall	L.Roelvink

Congratulations to all participants. Your house captains appreciated your efforts and enthusiasm.

Katie Dutfield
Sports Captain



WATER POLO

Congratulations to Christine Thornton (Yr 12) who represented the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges at the NSW All Schools Championships in March. This was Christine's 4th consecutive representation.

Our Water Polo players had an exciting year of competition.

The 13 Years Team were keen participants throughout the season and made great improvements in all aspects of their game. Special thanks to their dedicated coaches Lucy Bills and Amy Tilden who are both ex-students of Stella.

The 15 Years Team did not progress to the final rounds of the competition, but did have many close games. They performed well throughout the season and developed good team play. They hope that next year brings them greater success. Again, thanks to their coaches Lucy Bills and Amy Tilden.

The Open B Team had fantastic success by winning the Grand Final against Mackellar Girls High. They have proven that persistence pays off, as many of the girls have been playing together for five years. Many thanks to their fine coach, Mr Colin Lund. The Open B Team also competed in the CGSSSA Water Polo Championships on November 18. (The team also included two other members, Rebecca McDowell and Erin Perry). Despite annihilating the opposition in the rounds, they eventually were beaten in the semi-finals to finish in 3rd place. Congratulations Open Bs!



**OPEN B TEAM
GRAND FINAL
VICTORY**

WATER POLO



15 YEARS WATER POLO TEAM

Left to Right: Debbie Prosser, Amanda Sullivan, Josephine, McKee, Rebecca McDowell
Lauren Kavanagh, Danielle Byrnes, Hayley Horwood, Skye Nicholson,
Annie Heffernan



UNDER 13 WATER POLO TEAM

Front Row: Melita Brumby, Gemma Bills, Lucienne Howard, Lisa Bills, Sara Collins-Stevens
Nyssa Sharp

Back Row: Heidi Donnelly, Alyssa Beach, Samantha Dias, Jenny MacIntosh, Aleaya Roberts

SURF CARNIVAL

Twenty students participated in the Mater Maria Invitational Surf Carnival on March 20 at Collaroy Beach. We were blessed with both great weather and great results. Congratulations to all participants.

RESULTS

N. Robb (Year 7)	2nd Jnr sprint	E. Perry (Year 10)	2nd board relay
	3rd Jnr flags	J. Dorrington (Year 10)	4th sprint relay
	4th sprint relay	R. Bollen (Year 10)	4th sprint relay
E. Thomas (Year 7)	4th sprint relay	B. Cotter (Year 11)	2nd board relay
N. Aouad (Year 7)	2nd board relay	A. Butler (Year 11)	2nd board relay
R. McDowell (Year 8)	2nd Jnr board		
	2nd board relay		
	4th sprint relay		
E. Thornton (Year 10)	2nd board relay		
	4th sprint relay		



DIVING

Congratulations to Carly Townsend (Year 8) and Gemma Clark (Year 11) who were both selected for the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Diving Team (NSWCCC). The girls competed in the championships on Tuesday March 17 at Auburn Pool. Gemma finished 1st in the 16 years and Carly finished 2nd in the 13 years.



SOCCER

The Broken Bay Diocese Annual Soccer Championships (BBSSA) were held at Miller's Reserve, Manly Vale in April. All girls competed with great gusto and there were some very closely contested matches.

RESULTS: U15 4th

U15 TEAM

R. Bagnato (Year 10)
B. Cargill (Year 10)
D. Pascuzzo (Year 10)
C. Sym (Year 9)
J. Laird (Year 9)
B. Alley (Year 10)
L. Williams (Year 9)
S. James (Year 8)
M. Carmalt (Year 7)
J. Byrnes (Year 7)
M. Hickie (Year 8)
M. Burgess (Year 8)
A. Kirkpatrick (Year 8)
A. Owen (Year 8)
E. Perkins (Year 11)
A. Talarico (Year 9)
N. Aouad (Year 7)

OPENS 5th

OPENS

C. Kirkpatrick (Year 11)
B. Amato (Year 11)
H. Covich (Year 11)
L. Protich (Year 11)
K. Ellis (Year 11)
R. Nicastrì (Year 10)
A. Mountfield (Year 10)
B. Costa (Year 11)
M. Fera (Year 11)
A. Immens (Year 11)
V. Cicione (Year 11)
J. Gigliotti (Year 11)
L. Kop (Year 11)

J. Rulli (Year 11)
C. Rowan (Year 11)



BIATHLON

Two of our bravest and fittest students participated in the St. Augustine's Invitational Biathlon at Shelley Beach on November 5. Belinda Cotter (Year 11) and Cassani Mairs (Year 8) competed against students from Pittwater House, Narrabeen Sports High, St. Paul's College, St. Augustine's, Balgowlah Boys High, Mater Maria and St. Leo's. Belinda finished 9th overall and Cassani finished 10th. Well done girls.



**BRONZE MEDALLION
AT QUEENSCLIFF POOL**



VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball has proved to be a popular new competitive sport at Stella Maris this year. The team training began early in the year on Friday and Saturday mornings at 7.00am. The competitions were held on Sunday nights at the Narrabeen Academy. All girls participating showed considerable improvement in their skills over the course of the year. Special congratulations to Vanessa Coman (Yr 10) who received the Best and Fairest Award in the Manly Warringah Women's Volleyball Association Competition.

Stella made a strong showing at the Peninsula High Schools Beach Volleyball Championships in May, with the Stella Wavelets undefeated in their round games, winning their Quarter Final and eventually being defeated in the Semi-Final. The girls competing on the day were:

YEAR 12

B. Orlando
C. Riddett
J. O'Sullivan
F. Kelsall
A. Vukovic
E. Lynch
N. Creak
M. Robinson
K. Dutfield

YEAR 10

V. Coman
A. Mountfield
C. Robertson
K. Gowlett
E. Thornton
P. Numa
J. Francis
P. Proctor

YEAR 8

K. Harrison



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