



from the Principal



A Prayer of Gratitude for Creation

At this time with devastating bushfires impacting many families throughout Australia's east coast, let us remember the gifts of God's Creation that are in our care.

God of the universe we thank you for your many good gifts

For the beauty of Creation and its rich and varied fruits,

*For clean water and fresh air,
for food and shelter, animals
and plants.*

Today, we pray especially for all those who are suffering as a result of bushfires,

We pray that, soon, families will be reunited and homes and lives are rebuilt. We pray for the families of those who have died.

Help us reach out to support all people and all species and help us to willingly share Your gifts with those in need.

Today and always

Amen.

(based on a prayer from Fiona Murdoch, Eco-Congregation Ireland)

Dear Stella Community

Congratulations to our HSC 2019 students

This week we received some great news regarding the practical performances in the HSC Textiles and Design and Design and Technology courses.

Inez Enright's textiles project was selected for inclusion in *Texstyle*, the annual exhibition of outstanding Major Textiles Projects. Congratulations to Inez for this achievement.

In Design and Technology, the following students have been nominated for inclusion in *Shape*, the exhibition of exemplary Major Projects for Design and Technology, Industrial Technology and Textiles and Design: *Madison Carr, Rebecca Chant, Isabel Doctor, Avalon Grygorcewicz, Charli Hammond, Siobhan Hanley, Catherine Hettler, Molly Lennon, Phoebe Metcalfe, Jasmine Stein, Renee Tsagari and, Sophie Wickham.*

Congratulations to the twelve Design and Technology students whose work may be selected for the *Shape* exhibition and thank you to the dedicated teachers in both subjects who supported the girls in producing these commendable works.

Thank you to Volunteers

I would like to thank the volunteers who came to our dinner this week. It was a lovely night and we farewelled some of our Year 12 parents, many of whom have volunteered since their daughters were in Year 7. Thank you to Nora Daly, Bernie McGrath, Cheryl Young and Gail Hickey for the organisation of the evening and for the many teaching and support staff who assisted on the night.

NSW Curriculum Review Interim Report

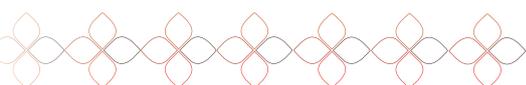
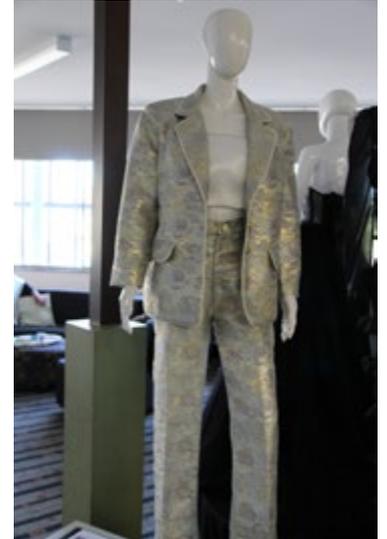
This week I attended a CSNSW Forum with Geoff Masters and I share some of his key points with you: According to Geoff Masters, when it comes to reimagining the NSW Curriculum, we need a new vision for education. It is not possible to just tweak what we have, as we need a new approach and he urges us to consider significant change.

Masters believes that motivation and engagement in the classroom are becoming an issue for young people. The curriculum should promote curiosity, wonder and passion and Masters believes that the current NSW curriculum does not achieve that.

Our syllabuses (particularly in secondary school) are crowded with factual and procedural content and limit meaningful engagement by students. The pressure to move on with the next topic often prevents teachers reteaching key concepts. The future curriculum should be different.

According to Masters we have three tasks:

- 1. Identify the core knowledge and make this the focus of the syllabuses**
- 2. Provide an opportunity for students to apply this knowledge to other contexts, offering them a chance to engage in deeper learning.**
- 3. Reformat the syllabuses to include a sequence of attainment levels that set the benchmarks for student progression.**



One of the difficulties we face is that we have external pressures regarding compliance and accountability and expectations of parents concerning schools and their child’s potential to achieve a great ATAR result. We will have to educate parents and students about what really matters in learning and that learning is lifelong with many pathways to future study.

Some current syllabuses are not well aligned to student readiness. The correlation between age and reading ability is (using NAPLAN data) plus or minus five years in any Year group. This means if we pitch our teaching at age level then we are not assisting the learning of the weakest or the brightest in the classroom.

If we can challenge and encourage every student and there are benchmarks that signify attainment at each level, we will be better meeting the needs of our students. It will help us to discern what next steps in teaching need to occur and to monitor long term learning progress.

In 2010, the school leaving age was raised to 17 years but rather than ask what needed to change, nothing changed about what we were offering in the senior years. Learning remains focused on post-school destination requisites. This narrowness results in focusing on ATAR as the ultimate outcome.

NSW Curriculum Review – **CLICK HERE**

Navy News Update

Last week I wrote of the visit to HMAS Penguin that Jessica Dunn, Lani Olivey and I made. Attached is the subsequent report in the navy news. You will see that the girls were invited by Commander Bernadette Alexander, a Stella Alumna, to receive the parade with her. It was an honour for the girls and they represented their school with grace.

<https://news.navy.gov.au/en/Nov2019/Events/5550/Penguin-opens-its-doors-for-Ceremonial-Sunset.htm#Xcpl3C1L2L4>

Elizabeth Carnegie, Principal

Upcoming Events and Important Information 

11 Nov - 29 Nov	Year 10 Advancement
2 Dec	Presentation Night (Compulsory event)
3 Dec	End of Term 4

<p align="center">PRESENTATION NIGHT MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 2019 C3 Church, 34 Wakehurst Parkway, Oxford Falls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance is compulsory for all students. Full school uniform must be worn. If it is cold, make sure you bring your jumper or blazer. All students are to arrive by 7.00pm to have their name marked by their PC Teacher, and are to be seated by 7.20pm, ready for proceedings to begin at 7.30pm. All students are to sit in their PC Groups with their PC teachers. All students are to remain silent during the evening, as this is simply a sign of good manners. There are to be no verbal responses to items, only applause. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who are receiving an award will need to come onto the stage to receive it and remain on stage until all of your Year group has been called. It is courteous to remain until the end of the evening. Don't just take your daughter if she has received her award/prize or finished performing. Please ensure that you have gone to the toilet before proceedings begin. No food is to be consumed. Students involved in the rehearsal earlier in the day will leave on the buses on Monday morning and return in time for school buses in the afternoon. There is no shop onsite and all girls will need to bring their morning tea and lunch plus ensure they have water with them.
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Stella Maris College Annual Presentation Evening, 2019

Keynote Speaker, Commander Bernadette Alexander,
Stella Maris College Alumna, Class of 1987

We are very excited to have Commander Alexander as our Keynote Speaker at this year's Presentation Evening. Commander Alexander has fond memories of her time at Stella Maris College under the Principalship of Sr Marilyn Kelleher. Since graduating from Stella in 1987 she has worked hard to achieve an impressive career journey and is currently Commanding Officer of the Royal Australian Navy's HMAS *Penguin*. Commander Alexander has a diverse and varied service history with land and sea postings to HMA Ships *Mermaid*, *Melbourne*, *Brunei*, *Success*, *Wollongong* and *Fremantle*. In recent years she also served as Navy Women's Strategic Advisor to the Chief of the Navy. Within an area that has been largely male dominated, Commander Alexander has made inroads into the Defence Force and has blazed a trail for future female recruits. Commander Alexander has pertinent messages for our students that are affirming and empowering.



Students in Years 10 and 11 have had the chance to meet with Commander Alexander throughout this year. The most recent event was the HMAS *Penguin* Traditional Ceremonial Sunset Evening. Jessica Dunne and Lani Olivey were able to attend and both reported to have had a lovely evening. The girls had the chance to chat to many senior Naval Officers and cadets. Elizabeth Carnegie, Principal, commented that Commander Alexander went to a particular effort to make Jessica and Lani feel at ease and welcomed.

Remembrance Day Memorial Service

Monday, 11 November
Manly War Memorial, The Corso

On the 101st anniversary of Remembrance Day, Tiana Quattroville represented Stella Maris College at this very important and solemn service to pay our community's respects and to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in times of armed conflict.

One of the speakers at the service was ex-veteran and Executive Manager Ben Webb from the Veteran's Centre Sydney Northern Beaches. Ben spoke about the commitment and courage that the Defence Service personnel display and also how they are still deeply affected once they are no longer on active service duty. The Veteran's Centre does important work with a network of advocates that assist current serving personnel and their families experiencing a medical discharge. Their focus is on former service men and women and their families to ensure they have opportunities for growth through accessible support.



Sarah Metcalfe, Teacher of History



2020 MUSICAL

The Stella Maris and St Augustine's Musical for 2020, will now be staged at Stella Maris College in our Star of the Sea Theatre.

The Performance Dates:

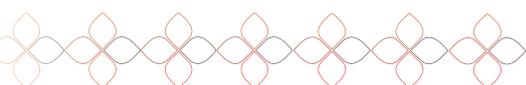
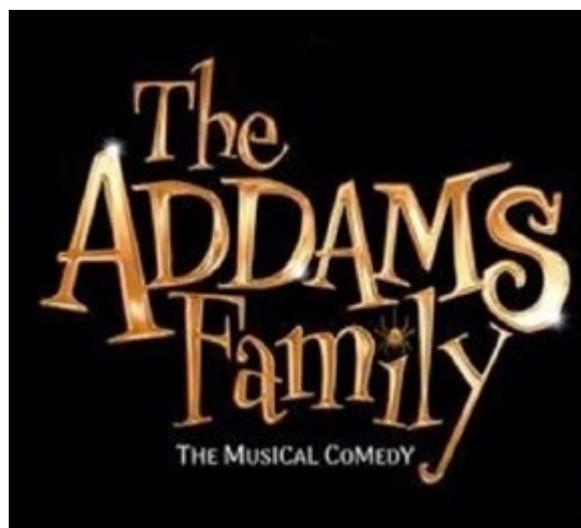
Wednesday 25 March 5.00pm – 10.30pm
Thursday 26 March 5.00pm – 10.30pm
Friday 27 March 5.00pm – 10.30pm
Saturday 28th March Matinee 12.30pm call time and Saturday 5pm – late

The Performance Week Rehearsals:

Monday 23 March ALL DAY 9.00am – 4.00pm Ohio Cast
Tuesday 24 March ALL DAY 9.00am – 4.00pm NY Cast

Please note this a change from the original dates, now a week later, due to the relocation of performances to Star of the Sea Theatre.

Jessica Maker, Head of Performing Arts





CANTEEN ROSTER

Hours are 9.30am - 2.30pm

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

Mon 18 Nov	Tues 19 Nov	Wed 20 Nov	Thurs 21 Nov	Fri 22 Nov
Francine Scali Terese Cunningham Libby Hampson Stephanie La Greca	Christine Campbell Stephanie Jones Julia Laaman	Miluska Rich Nikki Lawson Tracey Fowler Cathy Shanahan Hollie Seibold	Ruth Mayoh Katrina Harvey Catherine Griffin Karen Currie Kristina Porteous Lisa Zwart	Alison Kelly Elia Royle Sandra Berryman Amy He Freya Elliot

A reminder to please let Bernie know if you will be coming back on canteen next year. I will be preparing the roster over coming weeks so need to know asap. If you haven't let me know, I will assume you won't be coming back. We'd obviously love to see all our volunteers return but understand due to work and family commitments, it isn't always possible so a quick email, text or phone call would be appreciated.

You can contact me on 0414519108 to let me know. Thanks, Bernie

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times

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

Second Hand Uniforms

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

Summer Dresses

These are now available for purchase. Some second hand dresses are available in limited sizes.

Year 10 2020 summer dresses

The current Year 9 girls will wear the senior dress next year when they are in Year 10. We encourage the girls to come and buy their senior dresses during recess and lunchtime for the remainder of November as we will be busy at other times of the day with Year 7 2020 fittings. Dresses cost \$80.

Payment can be made by Student Card or credit card.

New Students in 2020

If you have a daughter starting at Stella next year, we require you to book online for her summer uniform fitting and stationery purchases. Please go to www.trybooking.com/BEZCN. Online fitting dates are from 12 – 28 November and 3 December.

Textbooks 2020

The girls have been emailed the booklists for next year. Books need to be ordered online at www.campion.com.au using the code ENJ6 by 16 December 2019 to ensure delivery to you by the start of the school year. Current textbooks can be sold online through StellaBay. The girls have been given lists of which books are able to be sold and this can also be found on StellaBay.

Uniform Prices

- Junior and senior dresses \$80
- Cream socks \$8
- Collapsible Stella umbrellas \$15
- Wool and cotton jumpers \$72
- Sport shorts \$34
- Sport polo \$43
- Previous style water polo costume (can be used for water sport) \$65

Full Uniform and Stationery Price Lists

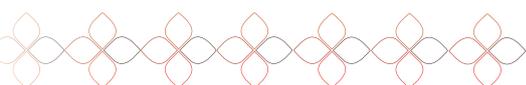
These are available on the website. Please refer to [Enrolments>Our Uniform](#).

Volunteers

- Tuesday 19 November Jackie Frawley
- Wednesday 20 November Leanne Farquhar
- Thursday 21 November Natalie Neary and Janine Silva

Gail Hickey and Peta Creighton
9976 1819

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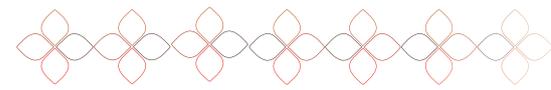
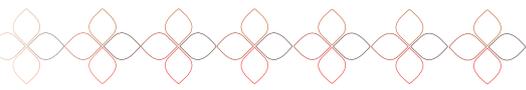
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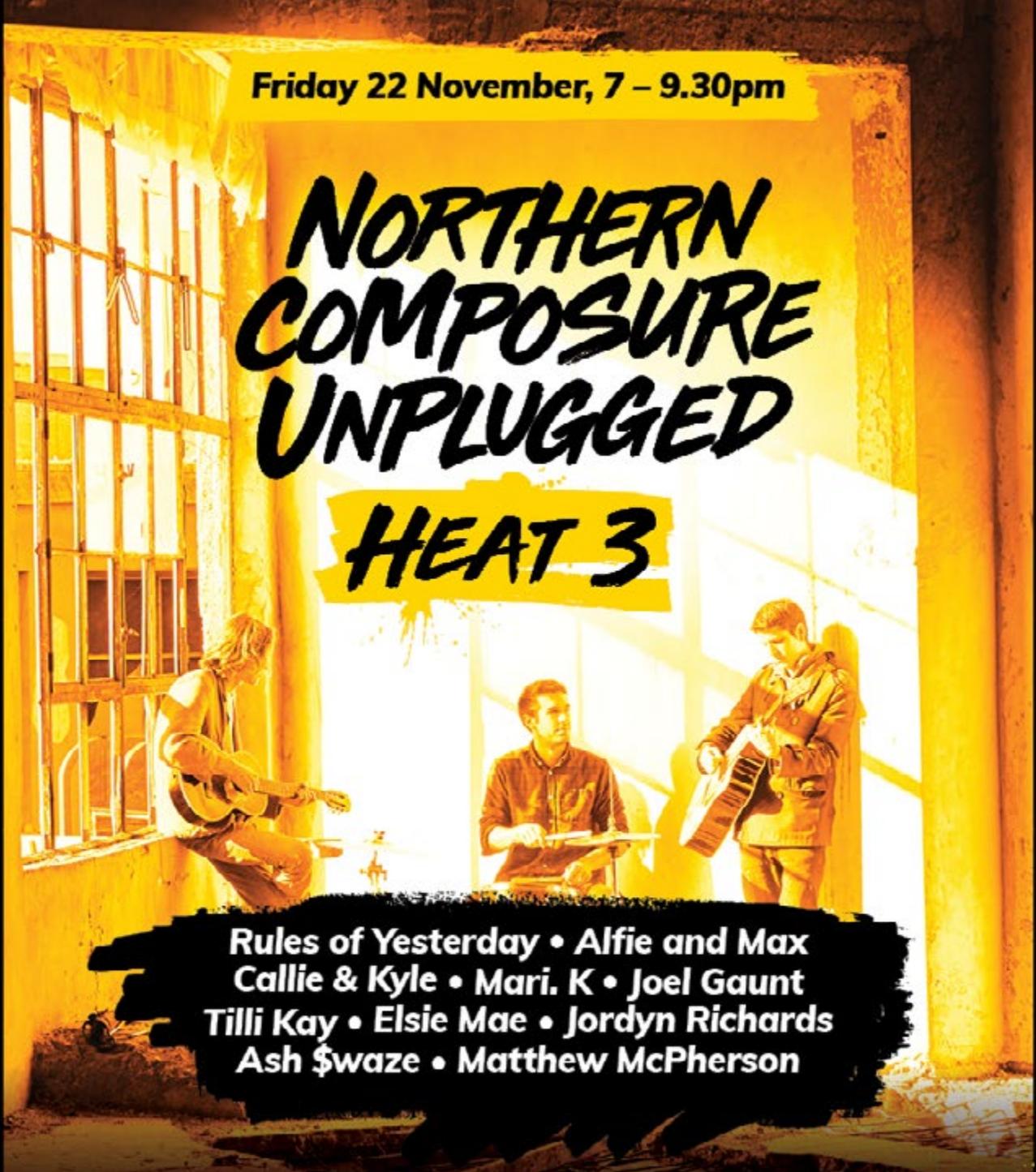


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Friday 22 November, 7 – 9.30pm

NORTHERN COMPOSURE UNPLUGGED HEAT 3



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Callie & Kyle • Mari. K • Joel Gaunt
Tilli Kay • Elsie Mae • Jordyn Richards
Ash \$waze • Matthew McPherson**

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Forestway Shopping Centre,
Frenchs Forest

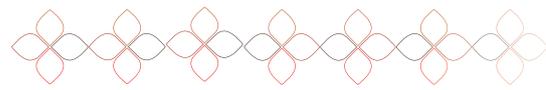
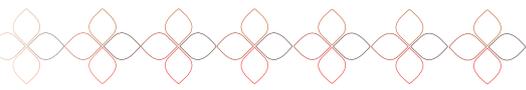
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