



STELLA MARIS NEWSLETTER

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from the Principal



Prayer for Advent

God of Love,

*Your son, Jesus, is your
greatest gift to us.*

He is a sign of your love.

*Help us walk in that love
during the weeks of Advent,*

*As we wait and prepare for
his coming.*

*We pray in the name of
Jesus, our Saviour.*

Amen.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/prayers/advent-family-prayer/>

Dear Stella Community

Presentation Assembly

This week we came together as a community (socially distanced and some online) in a Liturgy of the Word with Father Dave Austen from St Kieran's parish. Father Dave told the girls to '*be kind to yourself at Christmas, as 2020 has been a difficult year*'. Year 11 (Year 12 2021) led the liturgy and the Performing Arts team of staff and students sang carols that reminded us that Christmas will be with us soon. Thank you to Ms Nicky Chin for organising the wonderful liturgy and connecting the girls to their faith at this time of year - Advent. Thank you also to our Liturgy Captains for their assistance with the liturgy.

We also held our Presentation Assemblies with each Year group this week. The girls were wonderful and it was a good opportunity to celebrate their academic, sporting and community engagement. This year we had video messages from many of our friends and supporters in the community including local parliamentary members James Griffin and Zali Steggall. Thank you to all who made the assemblies smooth and well run, in particular Ms Sarah Metcalfe and Ms Louise Yeates, and congratulations to all the award winners.

Please click here to see the video's from our VIP's

College Board

Michael Regan

James Griffin MP

Bishop Anthony

Danny Casey

The Girls' School Edge

Last week I wrote about The Girls' School Edge developed by the Macquarie Marketing Group which studied PISA data from 2015 to 2018 and garnered information about girls' experiences of schooling and academic outcomes across Australia and New Zealand. Their research indicated that, 'Girls feel more comfortable, self-assured and supported in an all-girls environment, which in turn encourages confidence, resilience and higher levels of participation in all aspects of school life.'

The research also noted that, 'girls' schools create an atmosphere of respect, which encourages girls to participate in subjects and activities that are usually dominated by boys in co-ed schools, such as high-level maths and science, IT coding and robotics.'

Raising confident young women is a goal for many families. The 2018 study, *Hands Up for Gender Equality*, found that Australian girls educated in single sex schools are as confident as boys in single sex schools (Fitzsimmons, Yates and Callan, 2018).

The research also noted that, in Australian and New Zealand schools, girls outperformed girls from co-educational schools on all academic measures (reported in PISA in 2015 and 2018).

Read more on this topic in the review of research literature. **CLICK HERE.**

Local Parish News

Due to Covid 19 restrictions the Christmas celebrations at Manly Freshwater Parish will be a little different with smaller numbers permitted to attend our services. Below are the Mass times and you will see that they have extra Masses at both Churches.

Booking into the Mass you wish to attend will be essential and you are encouraged to book by calling the Parish Office on 9977 5822, or by email to manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au.

The parish will be opening the bookings up to the wider community using Trybooking from 5 December.

Manly: 24 Dec – 4.30pm, 6pm, 8pm, 10pm and 25 Dec – 7.30am, 9am, 10.30am & 6pm

Freshwater: 24 Dec – 5pm, 6.30pm and 25 Dec – 7.30am, 9am

For Christmas mass times in other parishes please [click here](#): The Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

Elizabeth Carnegie, College Principal

inclusive innovative inspiring



Dear Stella Community

*May the peace and joy of Christmas be
with you now and throughout the year.*

Regards

Elizabeth Carnegie

Stella Maris College

*'And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph,
and the baby lying in a manger' Luke 2:16*





Term Dates

2021 School Year

Term 1	Tuesday 12 January	Office Opens
	Tuesday 19 January	Support Staff Start
	Thursday 21 January	New Staff Induction
	Monday 25 January	Office Closed
	Tuesday 26 January	Australia Day (Public Holiday)
	Wednesday 27 January	Staff Development Day
	Thursday 28 January	Staff Development Day
	Friday 29 January	Term 1 Starts
	Thursday 1 April	Term 1 Ends
	Friday 2 April	Good Friday (Public Holiday)
	Sunday 4 April	Easter Sunday (Public Holiday)
	Monday 5 April	Easter Monday (Public Holiday)
Term 2	Monday 19 April	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 20 April	Term 2 Starts
	Sunday 25 April	ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)
	Friday 11 June	Staff Spirituality Day (Student Free Day)
	Monday 14 June	Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)
	Friday 18 June	Term 2 Ends
Term 3	Monday 12 July	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 13 July	Term 3 Starts
	Friday 17 September	Term 3 Ends
Term 4	Monday 4 October	Labour Day (Public Holiday)
	Tuesday 5 October	Term 4 Starts
	Wednesday 1 December	Presentation Evening
	Thursday 2 December	Closing Mass and Term 4 Ends (Half Day)
	Friday 3 December	Staff Development Day
		Student Learning Conferences (Upon Request)
	Monday 6 December	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 7 December	Staff Development Day
	Thursday 9 December	Support Staff Finish
	Thursday 16 December	Office Closes





FINANCE NEWS

College Fees for 2021 have been added to the College website. Please click [here](#) to view the updated fees.

- Our preferred payment method for school fees is by direct debit.
****Please note that Monthly and Quarterly instalments are only available under a direct debit arrangement.****

For families currently paying by direct debit in 2020, your direct debit will be rolled over in 2021 and your instalments will be adjusted accordingly to commence on 15 February 2021.

- Payment of the full invoice by 15 February will attract a \$250 discount per student with a maximum of \$500 discount per family. This discount applies only where the fees for all siblings are paid in full by 15 February.
- If a direct debit arrangement is not in place, payment of the account must be paid in 3 equal instalments.

One third of the total bill will be due:

15 February 2021

15 May 2021

15 August 2021

Please contact the Finance Office via email if you would like to make changes to your current fee payment arrangement, fees@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au.

To download a Direct Debit Authority, please click [here](#).

The COVID Excursion and Activity Credit has now been processed to fee accounts, and this can be viewed via the Parent Portal. We thank those families who have donated this tax-deductible credit to the College Building Fund, and will be emailing receipts for these donations by mid-December.

The Uniform Shop is only open on the indicated days prior to Week 2 of Term 1.

No appointments are required.

January 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18	19 9:00am - 2:00pm	20 9:00am - 2:00pm	21 9:00am - 2:00pm	22	
25	26 Australia Day - closed	27 12:00pm - 2:00pm	28 9:00am - 2:00pm	29 All years return 8:00am - 4:30pm	

February 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00am - 2:30pm	2 8:00am - 4:30pm	3 8:00am - 4:30pm	4 8:00am - 4:30pm		

Hours during term (from 9 Feb) : Tues, Wed, Thurs 8:00am - 4:30pm.
Email uniform_books@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au. Phone 9976 1819





TRANSPORT FOR NSW

Since introducing the new Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) in October this year, we have listened to your feedback and made further improvements to the ordering process.

Students approaching 16 years of age

Transport for NSW has changed the way we issue Senior Secondary Student (SSS) concession cards for students before their 16th birthday. Schools are now able to order cards up to six months before a student's 16th birthday and they will be issued with an SSS card instead of a Proof of Age (POA) card with a short expiry.

For example: If ordered today, a student who is 16 years old in the next 5 months will receive a SSS card in lieu of a POA card as they are within 6 months of turning 16 years old.

Extended expiry date for Senior Secondary Student concession cards:

We have extended the expiry date on the Senior Secondary Student Concession Cards (for students 16 years and over) to line up with the date the student would complete Year 12. This means the card will be valid for both senior years and you will no longer have to order these cards annually for Year 11 and then Year 12.

Pre-ordering concession cards for the following year:

When you pre-order Senior Secondary Student Concession Cards we require the current grade of the student at the time of ordering.

For example, if you are ordering this year, 2020, and the student is in Year 10 in 2020, you will need to specify the student is in Year 10. This is because the system will automatically calculate the expiry to coincide with when the student would complete Year 12. The same applies if you are ordering for a Year 11 student. You will need to state the current grade the student is in at the time of ordering.

There are no changes to students' eligibility for the cards and conditions of use have not changed. Students must carry their cards with them to prove their entitlement to concession travel.





Hello for the last time.

As I am retiring from Stella Maris and as Careers Advisor, may I wish our Year 12 cohort the very best for their desired results and for their future. Needless to say I have spent more than half my life at Stella and will miss the interactions I have had with both parents and the girls and the real family feeling that I have experienced here. I thank everyone for their kind words and wish you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas. With warm regards, Jeanette Ferguson

Event Name: The University of Sydney | Why you should study humanities – history, society and culture

Date: 2nd Dec 2020

Time: 5-6pm

Venue: Zoom Webinar

Cost: FREE

Contact: Pavel Grozdov : pavel.grozdov@sydney.edu.au

Register now: https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_L8U2TM8bQJ-06a9IU4ZRPA

Event Name: ACU Guided Visits

Date: 10th Dec 2020

Time: Sessions All Day

Venue: ACU Strathfield, ACU Canberra, and ACU North Sydney

Cost: FREE

Contact: Tully Jocumsen : tully.jocumsen@acu.edu.au

Event Description:

Still want to explore your campus and discuss your study options? Book a guided campus visit with our friendly staff (max 5 people per visit).

Register here: <https://www.acu.edu.au/student-life/experience-uni-before-you-start/explore-your-local-campus/campus-tours>

Event Name: ACU Know Your Options North Sydney

Date: 18th Dec 2020

Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm AEDT

Venue: ACU North Sydney Campus

Cost: FREE

Contact: Paige Swaine : Paige.Swaine@acu.edu.au

Event Description:

Come along to Know Your Options, an event where you can learn about alternative entry and admission pathways, chat to our staff about your course and career path.

Register here: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2020/december/know-your-options-north-sydney-campus>

Event Name: UTS Info Days (18-19 December)

Date: 18th Dec 2020

Time: 10am-4pm

Venue: Online and on campus

Cost: FREE

Contact: UTS Future Students : Future.Students@uts.edu.au / (02) 9514 1711

Event Description: Join UTS on campus and online over two days to learn more about your undergraduate study options, alternate admission pathways and get your last-minute questions answered before close of UAC preferences.

Register: <https://uts.ac/utsinfodays>

Job Opportunity for Year 12 School Leavers

Peninsula Personnel have been sourcing local talent for local business for over 25 years and are currently looking for a Year 12 school leaver for a traineeship.

The client is based in Warriewood and has been supplying quality equipment to the medical testing industry since 1989. They are looking for a school leaver who has an aptitude for Science/Maths and willing to commit to a traineeship.

An apprenticeship or traineeship is a learning pathway that combines paid on-the-job training and formal study with a Registered Training Organisation. It is a great way to gain a nationally recognised qualification while earning a wage working!

Below is the link with all the details about how to apply: [Click here to view this opportunity](#)





Uniform Shop



Opening Times

During School Terms: 8am to 4.30pm Tues/Wed/Thurs.

NOTE: For the remainder of November only recess and lunchtime will be available for all Uniform Shop purchases. Under these current conditions the Uniform Shop is only serving students, unless other arrangements are made.

Stella Hat

The Uniform Shop is now selling the Stella Hat. This is optional for all Years and costs \$75. Please come to the Uniform Shop next term for sizing.

Online Uniform Shop

The College now has an online uniform shop allowing parents and students to conveniently purchase items online. All items are available for pick up from recess the next trading day from the Uniform Shop on our normal trading days. Therefore if you order an item on Thursday night it will be ready for collection at recess on Tuesday. Please see link below to access our online store. This link can also be found on the portal and school website. <https://uniformshoponline.stellamaris.nsw.edu.au/>. Orders placed 2 December 2020 to 18 January 2021 will be available for collection 19 January 2021 12.00 – 2.00pm.

Please refer to the Uniform Shop Holiday Opening Times in this newsletter. During January the ordered items will only be available on

2021 Booklists

These are now available at www.campion.com.au Use the code **MW72** to access. s. Orders are to be placed by 16 December 2020 for delivery 15 January 2021.

2021 Stationery Requirements are on the portal and have been emailed to the girls.

StellaBay

Now open for buying and selling second hand texts. This is accessed through Moodle. Each Year has been emailed a list of texts that can be sold. Not all texts are used next year, so please follow the guide.

Texts can be posted on StellaBay now and a sale arranged. Year 8 are encouraged to post their Science text on Year 7 StellaBay now. Year 7 2021 parents are currently looking for second hand Science texts.

Summer Uniform Prices

Dresses \$80

Socks \$8

Sport shorts \$34

Sport polo \$43 Only the current style polo with the red collar is to be worn.

Athletic shorts \$50 (for extra-curricular activities)

Wool and cotton jumpers \$72

Collapsible Stella umbrellas \$15

Full Uniform and Stationery Price Lists

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

Volunteers

None required thank you.

Gail Hickey and Peta Creighton

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