



STELLA MARIS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Stella Community

Welcome to Stella

I welcome both our returning students and our new students (Year 7 and our new starters in Years 8 to 12) to Stella Maris College. We are a positive and inclusive community and it was great to see the girls' smiling faces as they joined us last Friday.

Getting back into school routines is always a challenge after a long summer break. Ensure your daughter has good night-time habits, preparing her bag for the following day and ensuring she disconnects from her computer and phone when going to bed. I encourage you all to have a charging station in a common area to avoid messaging distractions (and lost sleep).

A great article in the *Conversation* this month has tips for parents to get the right routines back in place.

READ MORE HERE <https://theconversation.com/back-to-school-how-to-help-your-teen-get-enough-sleep-153624>

I also invite families to consider the advantages of your daughter accessing the Stella Tutors who assist students with their learning in the Library after school. These tutors are Stella graduates who are currently studying at university but are skilled in assisting the girls from Years 7 to 12 with homework, assignments or study skills. It would be a good start to the year for the girls to take positive steps to improve areas of learning.

Women of Courage

Over the past few weeks, we have seen some remarkable women of courage step forward.

At Joe Biden's Presidential Inauguration, poet laureate Amanda Gorman recited 'The Hill We Climb' calling on us to have courage to be seen and to be broken, and, to do things differently. At the same ceremony, Kamala Harris became the first woman to be sworn in as US Vice President.

At the Australian of the Year awards, four women stepped forward to be acknowledged. Australian of the Year, Grace Tame, a survivor of sexual abuse, has through her LetHerSpeak Campaign, empowered other victims to speak out. Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann was named Senior Australian of the Year, in recognition for work as an artist, activist writer and public speaker. Isobel Marshall, a social entrepreneur, founded TABOO, to help women around the world by breaking down stigma around menstruation and offering access to hygiene products. And Local Hero, Rosemary Kariuki, was recognised for her work as a multicultural community liaison officer, helping migrants facing domestic violence, language barriers and financial distress.

HSC Congratulations

Congratulations to the 2020 HSC students and to the staff who have worked with them over the past six years. Not only did Stella produce some great individual results but a number of the courses achieved excellent group results compared to State means.

Our ranking of 100 was against all schools but we also placed 16th in Catholic girls' school rankings and ranked 34th in the State in Mathematics Standard 1 and Standard 2.

Elizabeth Carnegie, College Principal



Prayer

This year the College celebrates its 90th year and it is also our Year of Peace and Justice.

God of Justice,

*May there take root in us
a vision of your world as
your love would have it*

*A world where the weak
are protected and none go
hungry or poor*

*A world where the riches
of creation are shared and
everyone can enjoy them*

*A world where different
races and cultures live
in harmony and mutual
respect*

*A world where peace is
built with justice and
justice is guided by love.*

*Give us the inspiration
and the courage
to build it.*

Amen

GSE 2020 Year of Pax Resource

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Courtesy to our Neighbours

I ask that parents and carers are mindful of our neighbours when dropping girls off or picking them up at the College. As you know we have a designated kiss and drop zone on Iluka Avenue which we ask you to use. **Please do not park in our neighbours' driveways** as they are also taking children to and from school and need safe access to their properties.

Diary Dates

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| 19 February | Year 7 Vaccinations |
| 08 March | Swimming Carnival |
| 17 March | Open Night |

Finance Information

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 three equal instalments.

One third of the total bill will be due:

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.

Parish School Youth Mass

On Sunday 14 February at 6pm there will be a Parish School Youth Mass at St Kieran's Catholic Church, King St, Manly Vale. Students from St Augustine's and Stella Maris College together with their families are invited to attend. This liturgy will be tailored specifically for young people with vibrant music, an engaging message and of course Augustinian community. A reminder to please bring a face mask to attend Mass.

This Youth event will be held twice a term on the following dates:

Sun 14 Feb (Term 1)

Sun 14 March (Term 1)

Sun 9 May (Term 2)

Sun 13 June (Term 2)



Australian Government
Department of Education,
Skills and Employment

Collection Notice for parents/guardians

2021 Student Residential Address and Other Information

The Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment (the department) would like to advise you that a request has been made for your child's school to provide residential address and other information as required under the *Australian Education Regulation 2013* (Cth).

The school is required to provide the department with the following information about each student at the school:

- Names and residential addresses of students' parent(s) and/or guardian(s)
- Student residential address (**excluding student names**)
- Whether the student is a primary or secondary student (education level)
- Whether the student is boarding or a day student (boarding status).

Your child's school generates a **unique and unidentifiable** record number for each student record. The number is **only** used by the school for this collection. **It is not allowed to be used for any other purpose.** The number indicates to the department that each record provided is for one student.

Purpose of the collection

The Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection (the Collection) informs Australian Government school education policy and helps ensure funding for non-government schools is based on need.

The information collected will be used to inform school funding calculations. It is combined with data held by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to calculate a non-government school community's anticipated capacity to contribute to the costs of schooling.

From 2020, a new measure of capacity to contribute, the Direct Measure of Income (DMI), was introduced. The DMI is based on the median income of parents or guardians of students at a non-government school using data collected through the Collection. More information about the DMI can be found at <https://www.education.gov.au/what-direct-measure-income>.

Use and disclosure of personal information

Your personal information is protected by law under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (Privacy Act). Personal information is information or an opinion about an identifiable individual. Personal information includes an individual's name and contact details.

Any use or disclosure of your personal information must occur in accordance with Privacy Act and the *Australian Education Act 2013* and *Australian Education Regulation 2013*.

Your personal information provided to the department through the Collection may be:

- disclosed to the ABS for the purposes of capacity to contribute calculations and analysis as a part of the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). Further information about MADIP can be found on the [MADIP page](#) on the ABS website.
- disclosed to a contracted auditor where the department may from time to time, carry out an audit of a school's submission to the Collection. The contracted auditor compares the school's submission with the student enrolment information held by the school and will not use the information for any other purpose
- disclosed to its service providers for the purposes of the provision of information and communications technology support services to the department
- used or disclosed where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

The department does not intend to disclose your personal information to any overseas recipients.

The department's privacy policy can be found at www.dese.gov.au and includes information on:

- how individuals can access and seek correction of the personal information held by the department;
- how complaints about potential breaches or breaches of the Privacy Act can be made;
- how the department will deal with these complaints.

The department commissioned an independent privacy impact assessment (PIA). The PIA assesses the flows of information under the Collection, compliance with the Privacy Act and measures in place to safeguard the personal information being collected. The report is being updated, and will be available in 2021 on the [SchoolsHUB Address Collection help and support page](#). The current version is available at <https://docs.education.gov.au/node/51436>.

What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. Your school is responsible for providing the requested details to the department; however, you may wish to ensure that your school has the most up-to-date and correct details for your family.

Contacts for further information

Your school can provide additional information about the Collection process.

Alternatively, please visit the [SchoolsHUB Address Collection help and support page](#).

The summer holidays looked a little different for many of our International students who stayed here in Australia. As a result of COVID-19, these students have been unable to return home for the last 12 months and the College wanted to ensure they had an enjoyable and happy holiday. The students were given the opportunity to partake in two fantastic holiday activities and encouraged to practice a skill, such as swimming or tennis.

On 13 January the International students, along with supervising teachers and volunteer parents, boarded a bus to Jamberoo Action Park for a fun-filled day of water slides, cable car rides and bobsledding! The girls thoroughly enjoyed their time at the theme park, especially going down the tallest, longest and most exhilarating ride in the park: The Perfect Storm. Afterwards we had a wonderful dinner at Korean BBQ in Eastwood. The food was so delicious!

The next activity was a harbour cruise on 15 January, stopping at the Sydney Fish Market for lunch and a beautiful beach in afternoon for a swim. It was a brilliant warm day and the girls had a blast seeing the sights of Sydney by boat.

Thank you to Jiani for organising such a sensational experience for the International students. We also thank our homestay parents and guardians for making sure the girls had a relaxing and meaningful summer holiday in Australia.

Our International students who are overseas were also able to experience something from Australia over the summer holidays, with Christmas gifts organised and sent by the College. We are hoping they can come back soon!



Girls at Jamberoo



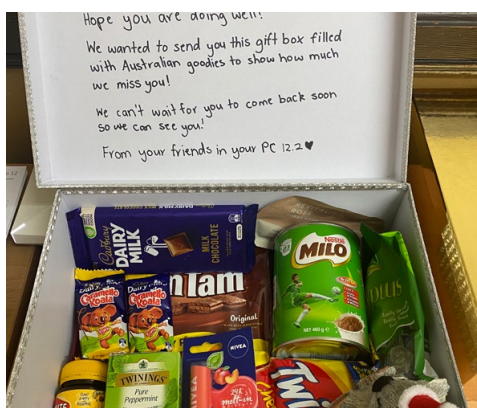
Korean BBQ



Harbour Cruise



Christmas Hampers



Hampers for our Internationals Students overseas

ENGLISH

Book Club and Writing Club

All students are welcome to join the Book Club and/or the Writing Club this year. You can come every week or drop in occasionally if you have a busy schedule.

Starting Week 3

Book Club and Writing Club 2021

Library
1.45pm

Monday

Year 10 Book Club Mrs Christensen
Year 7 Writing Club Mrs Tedman

Tuesday

Year 9 Book Club Mrs Christensen
Year 8 Writing Club Ms Bryson

Wednesday

Year 8 Book Club Mrs Christensen

Thursday

Year 9/10 Writing Club Mrs Tedman

Friday

Year 7 Book Club Mrs Christensen

PERFORMING ARTS

Welcome to the new families at the school. All our ensembles welcome and encourage new students to join in.

Please see below for information about all Performing Arts (Music, Dance, Drama) at Stella Maris College.

DRAMA

Please come if you would like to join these ensembles at the below times. New members always welcome. Please contact philip.wood@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au if you have any queries regarding Drama.

Year 7 Drama - Monday Mornings 7.30am in the Drama studio directed by Mr Wood

Year 8 Drama - Monday Mornings 7.30am in the Theatre directed by Tabitha Magnan

Year 9/10/11 Drama - Friday Mornings 7.30am in the Drama studio directed by Tabitha Magnan

MUSIC

Please come if you would like to join these ensembles at the below times. New members always welcome. Please contact leanne.haines@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au if you have any queries reading Music.

Performance Band - Wednesday mornings 7.30am in G201 directed by Mrs Maker

Vocal Ensemble - Thursday mornings 7.30am in G201 direct by Mrs Maker

Jazz Band – Thursday Lunch in G217 directed by Mrs Maker

Junior Music Club – Monday Lunch G217 with Mr Sutcliffe

Group AMEB Theory Lessons – Please contact leanne.haines@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

At the College we offer private music lessons in: piano, guitar and bass, vocals, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, french horn, trombone, euphonium and drums. Please email leanne.haines@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au if you have any questions or would like to sign up for lessons.

DANCE

Dance auditions through Rochelle Jones. Please contact rochelle.jones@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au if you having queries regarding Dance.

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Update

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is offered to Stella Maris students from Year 9 to Year 12. The Award is a leading youth development program, empowering all young Australians aged 14 to 25 to explore their full potential.

Year 10 Bronze Hike 2021

14 and 15 March
Information to follow

Bronze Hike Training

Lunchtime
11 February and 24 February
Old library.

NOTE: Attendance at both training sessions is required for this hike.

Year 9 Bronze 2021

Opportunity Awaits
Information Evening
Monday 2 March

Bronze Award 2021

Registration for new participants will commence this term. If you are in Year 9 or a parent of a student over the age of 14 and would like to learn more about the Award, please come to the information session from 5.30pm to 6.30pm in the Theatre, Thursday 18 March.

Duke of Ed Tours 2021

Following the great success of these tours in the past we are excited to offer Award participants the opportunity to walk from the Jenolan Caves on the Six Foot Track in the Blue Mountains and participate in adventure tours in the Snowy Mountains and Tasmania later in the year. These tours are a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the girls and places are strictly limited so please watch this space for more information.

Silver/Gold Hike

TBC, 15 – 20 April
Jenolan Caves 6 Foot Track

Gold/Silver

TBC 3rd – 10th December
End of Year Adventure Tour
Snowy Mountains

Service Opportunities

Gold Award Service Opportunity:
After school peer tutoring in the Inclusive Learning Centre. Please see Ms Douglas asap if you are interested.

Stella Sailing

Students will set sail next Wednesday for the first of eight sailing sessions. If you would like information please email ann_obrien@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Last term our thirty one Stella sailors worked together displaying tenacity, courage and a great joyfulness for each moment. Even the daunting and cold and wet moments.

Congratulations girls!



TERM 1 SPORT DATES

Representative sport

- 15 Feb:** NSWCCC Cricket selections
- 22 Feb:** NSWCCC Softball Selections
- 23 Feb:** BBSSSA U15 and Open Touch
- 1 Mar:** NSWCCC Tennis Selections
- 8 Mar:** Stella Maris Swimming Carnival
- 10 Mar:** NSWCCC Volleyball Selections
- 11 Mar:** BBSSSA Swimming Championships
- 15 Mar:** NSWCCC Water Polo Selections
- 17 Mar:** BBSSSA U13 Touch Football
- 17 & 18 Mar:** Tildesley Shield Tennis
- 22 Mar:** NSWCCC Hockey Selections
- 26 Mar:** IGSSA Swimming and Diving Championships
- 26 Mar:** NSW Touch Open Championships
- 29 Mar:** NSWCCC Swimming and Diving Championships
- 30 Mar:** NSW All Schools Triathlon (individual)
- 31 Mar:** NSWCCC Touch Championships

NSW ALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Emily Smith who competed at the 2020 NSW All Schools Athletics Championships over the school holidays.

Emily had an absolutely amazing run in the 16 years 400m hurdles. Emily won the race by a huge margin, and was very close to breaking the NSW record, currently held by former world champion Jana Pittman! Well done Emily on this outstanding achievement!



BBSSSA TOUCH FOOTBALL GALA DAY TRIALS

The U15 and Open BBSSSA Touch Football Gala Day will be held at Nolan's on 23 February. We will be holding trials to select one Open and one U15 Stella team to compete at this event. Students in Years 8 to 12 have been sent the link to sign up for the trial. Trials will be held next Wednesday 10 Feb at Kierle Park at 7.30am (U15 team) and lunch (Open team). Anyone who would like to try out for either of these teams will need to register their interest by completing the form emailed to them.

Please note: Swimming and Touch Football registrations are through the Diocesan/ Association pathways. Students will be selected into BBSSSA teams at the BBSSSA gala days for these championships. Students and parents are unable to register for Swimming and Touch unless they are selected into the BBSSSA team.

For further information go to the CSNSW Sport website Sport pages. csnsw.sport/

TERM 1 EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORT

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| Monday | 7.15am - 8.15am 3.30pm - 4.30pm 4.15pm - 8.15pm 7.00am - 8.30pm | Tennis Volleyball Yr 7 & 8 Basketball Water Polo |
| Tuesday | 7.15am - 8.15am Lunch 3.30pm - 4.30pm 3.30pm - 4.30pm 3.30pm - 4.30pm | Basketball Touch Touch AFL Rugby |
| Wed | 7.15am - 8.15am 7.15am - 8.15am 3.30pm - 4.30pm 4.15pm - 8.15pm | Basketball Tennis Touch Year 9 & 10 Basketball |
| Thursday | 7.15am - 8.15am 7.30am - 8.20am Lunch 3.30pm - 4.30pm | Basketball Pilates Sprint Training Rugby |
| Friday | 7.00am - 8.30am 7.15am - 8.15am 7.30am - 8.30a 7.30am - 8.20am 4.00pm - 8.15pm 5.00pm - 9.00pm | Tildesley Tennis Basketball Aerobics Cross Country (from mid March) Basketball Water Polo |
| Saturday | 1pm | AFL |

NSWCCC SPORT REGISTRATIONS 2021

Students who play sport at an elite level are invited to trial for NSWCCC teams. All information regarding NSWCCC sport is found on the Catholic Schools NSW website. Students need to be of a certain age and at a high level in their sport to register to trial. Please contact Jenny Wickham should you require more information regarding trials for NSWCCC sport teams.

jenny_wickham@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

One Individual Nominations Sport Registrations

- Cricket 15 Years Girls 15 February
Closes 10 February
- Softball Boys & Girls 22 February
Closes 12 February
- Tennis Boys & Girls 1 March
Closes 22 February
- Cricket U16 Boys 1 March
Closes 18 February
- Baseball Boys 3 March
Closes 26 February
- Golf Boys & Girls 8 March
Closes 25 February
- Volleyball Boys & Girls 10 March
Closes 5 March
- Water Polo Boys & Girls 15 March
Closes 11 March
- Hockey Open Boys & Girls, 16s Girls
22 March – Closes 15 March
- Diving Boys & Girls 29 March
Closes 19 March

Welcome to Careers 2021

Hello Stella Community! My name is Mrs Lisa Walsh and I am the new Careers and Pathways Advisor here at Stella Maris College.

I am delighted to work closely with our wonderful girls along with their parents to help navigate their learning journey and post school pathways.

I endeavour to provide you with regular information and updates. For more detailed information and careers specific newsletters on upcoming courses, UAC info and other interesting things happening please head to our Stellacareers website www.stellacareers.com.

Please click on [4 Feb 2021 Subject Careers News](#) for the latest information.

NOTE: open TOP file on the left.

Please feel free to reach out as needed. I look forward to the year ahead with great excitement.

Lisa Walsh
Careers and Pathways Advisor
lisa_walsh@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au



Stella Ex-Students Association (SMESA) Mentoring Program

Are you able to help our girls make their way into their first career? Give them some advice or moral support? It doesn't matter where you are located.

The College is looking to form connections between former and current students by way of a mentoring program for career development.

Mentoring may take any form that suits the participants: personal meetings, phone calls or emails and can occur as often as you suits you, whatever works for you.

It may take the form of advice on which university courses are preferred, where internships are available, building a career path, or even how best to apply for positions in your field.

You may find your next 'Employee of the Month' right here at Stella.

If you are a former student of the College and would like to participate as a mentor, please email donna_stimson@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au or call Donna on +61 2 9976 1825.

Interested in Medicine?

If any students in Year 12 are considering a career in medicine or dentistry, they will need to sit a compulsory entry exam known as the UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test) before they can apply for relevant placements in the aforementioned fields of study within the universities.

Registration for UCAT is open now and closes at midnight on **17 May 2021**.

[Find out more about UCAT](#)

Need help preparing for UCAT?

The following workshops/webinars will allow students (and their parents) to gain an understanding of the admission process into university medical courses, as well as the essential skills and knowledge to successfully complete the UCAT.

UCAT preparation is highly recommended. Being UCAT-ready means practising UCAT-style questions consistently over a longer period of time as opposed to leaving it until the time when students need to devote their full attention to their Year 12 work.

Free Info Session! UCAT, Interviews, Pathways into Medicine & Careers in Health UCAT NIE presenting a free information webinar about UCAT, interviews, the undergraduate pathways into medicine, dentistry, and some other health science programs. This is NOT an advertising seminar. The session is PACKED with invaluable information. Register via: <https://www.nie.edu.au/ucat-free/free-ucat-information-sessions> Ph: (02) 4367 0404 enquiries@nie.edu.au / www.nie.edu.au

Intensive Training UCAT Workshop - LIVE ONLINE INTERACTIVE (2-day event) Proudly conducted by the National Institute of Education (UCAT NIE) When? Workshop start date: 27 Feb 2021 Parents are invited to Day 2 of the workshop (Pathways into Medicine and Medical Interviews). TO ENROL: <https://www.nie.edu.au/products-listing/product/216-simulated-ucat-day-workshop> Phone (02) 4367 0404 Mobile 0404 197 178 or 0412 439 115 www.nie.edu.au enquiries@nie.edu.au



Canteen Roster

Hours are 9.30am to 2.30pm

Monday 8 Feb

Abi Sweet
Ayesha Ballesty
Louise Lewcock
Nicole Margetts

Tuesday 9 Feb

Rebecca Kristensen
Sharon Fountain
Jane Dal Bianco

Wednesday 10 Feb

Margaret Roberts
Jo Daley
Eve Harvey

Thursday 11 Feb

Brenda Kimball
Kelly Hindman
Elia Royle
Lynda Macadam

Friday 12 Feb

Steph O'Flynn
Kath Walker
Sophia Hennessey
Gemma Van Hamburg
Jacinta Norton

Can't make it?

Please call Bernie on 9976 1826 to arrange a replacement

Uniform Shop

Open

8am to 4.30pm Tues, Wed, Thurs.

School holiday opening times are advertised on the website and in the Newsletter as they approach.

During the pandemic Stella Maris is not encouraging parents on site. Your daughter is able to come to the Uniform Shop to make her purchases.

Student Card

Does your daughter have sufficient funds on her Student Card for purchases at the Uniform Shop? Please top up her card the night before as it can take a few hours to load. We also accept debit/credit cards.

Stella Hat

We are now selling the new Stella hat! Optional for all Years at a cost of \$75. Come to us 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 the 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/>

Winter uniform

Will be available online and in-store in March.

Face masks

The current advice is that if girls are travelling to school on a bus they must wear a mask. If they forget to bring one, disposable masks are available from the Uniform Shop for a short time for \$1. Policy changes will be updated in the College Newsletter as they arise.

More Uniform Information

[Click here for full price list](#)

[Click here to go to the College Uniform webpage](#)

You can also contact Gail or Peta
9976 1819

uniforms_books@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au



Optional College hat already making its way onto some Year 7 heads!