



STELLA MARIS NEWSLETTER

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Prayer for Lent

*Create a clean heart in me,
O God:*

*a humble heart,
a meek heart,
a peaceful heart,
a benevolent heart*

*a devout heart which does
evil to no one,
which does not repay evil
for evil, but overcomes evil
with good,*

*which loves you above all
things, thinks always about
you,*

*speaks about you,
gives you thanks,
delights in hymns and
spiritual songs,*

*and has its citizenship in
heaven.
Amen.*

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/prayer/prayers-for-lent-pray-for-strength-from-temptation.html>

Dear Stella Community

Thank you, girls, for your commitment to Stella

Our Year 12 Retreat was held this week at Elanora Heights Conference Centre. Despite the rain, the girls enjoyed the time for reflection and renewal and I thank them for their participation. I thank too, the Pastoral Care teachers, Ms Chin and Ms Burke for their work with the girls over the two days.

Thank you to the Year 11 students and the staff who relocated classes onto Main Campus during the inclement weather this week. It was a difficult week and I appreciate your patience and adaptability.

I wish Year 7 all the best as they head out to Collaroy for their camp. I encourage the girls to engage in the activities and get to know their Year group whilst having some fun.

Five Big Education Challenges

In 2015 Professor Geoff Masters identified the 'big five' challenges in school education. One of the challenges he outlined was to find better ways to meet the learning needs of the students who fall behind their peers in school. According to the PISA data one in five 15-year-olds are failing to meet proficiency in reading and mathematical/scientific literacy. Masters' solution was to target a student's current level of achievement and learning needs and look to provide some learning gains.

https://www.teachermagazine.com/au_en/articles/big-five-education-challenges-the-long-tail-of-underachievement-in-australia?utm_source=CM&utm_medium=Bulletin&utm_term=23March

It is just over twelve months since the world first experienced the novel coronavirus and student learning around the world was significantly affected. In the US, some schools are only now opening up to students face to face after twelve months learning online.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/09/us/schools-reopen-covid.html>

What can we do to ensure that we are working with students to meet their learning needs?

At Stella, this year we have focused on providing frequent and concise feedback to students to help them understand their learning and areas where they can improve. The girls also are encouraged to take ownership of their learning by seeking help from their teachers, coming along to a relevant club (e.g., Stellamatics or Writers' Group) or seeking assistance from the Stella Tutors after school.

Easter Week

I invite families to connect with their local parish communities and engage in the Holy Week ceremonies. Information about our local churches is available online on the Broken Bay website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/places/parishes>.

Elizabeth Carnegie, Principal

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Parents & Friends

WhatsApp for Year Groups

By the beginning of next term we hope to have a WhatsApp group set up for each Year group to help parents connect and organise social events. Thank you to those who have already offered to be Admins for their Year.

Save the Date - Comedy for a Cause is Back!

We are very excited to announce the return of the Comedy Evening for 2021 and ask you to save the date of Saturday, 24 July, for what promises to be a great night out. More information and booking details will be provided next term.

Next P&F Meeting

The next P & F meeting is on Wednesday, 21 April at 7.30pm in the old school library (G201). We will be discussing some more events to lock in for the year ahead so please come along and give us your input. Attending P & F meetings is a great way to find out what's going on at the College and to become immersed in the community. All are welcome and we hope to see you there!

*Kate Lovelace and Andrea Hogan
P & F Presidents*

Year 7 Photo Permissions

Thank you to those parents who have updated their daughter's photo permissions. There are still quite a number of Year 7 families who have not indicated their preferences. If you have a daughter in Year 7 please log into Stella Online (Consent2Go) and check your daughter's photo permissions for 2021.

It is perfectly understandable that you may not wish to give permission for your daughter's image to be used and there is no pressure to do so. There are three usage levels for which we need your permission: print, website, social media.

The consequence of not checking that photo permissions are correct is that your daughter cannot be included in things that may be important to her, like her official class photo, the annual yearbook and achievements or events that may appear in the newsletter from time to time.

Student Learning Conferences

Key points

1. SLCs will be via MS Teams.
2. Three dates to choose from.
3. New login for 2021. Instructions will be emailed to parents well beforehand.
4. One set of interviews per student.

1. MS Teams

The survey response to last year's online interviews was overwhelmingly positive: 84% of parents reported that they prefer to use Teams in 2021 and found the experience as good if not better than face to face interviews. As a result, this year's Student Learning Conferences will again be conducted through MS Teams. In preparation, your daughter(s) will be instructed as to how it will work.

2. Dates

Families from Years 7 to 12 may choose any one of the following dates according to your preference:

Wednesday 28 April 2.30pm - 7.30 pm
Monday 3 May 4.15pm - 8pm
Tuesday 18 May 2.30pm - 7.30pm

Interviews are booked online through an external provider, PTO.

3. New Login and Instructions for 2021

Please do not attempt to use login details from a previous year or your Stella Online login, as neither will work.

Instructions will be emailed the day before bookings open as follows:

Year 12

Instructions for obtaining your login will be emailed to parents on 29 March.
Bookings open at 9am Tuesday 30 March

Years 7 to 11

Instructions for obtaining your login will be emailed to parents on 19 April.
Bookings open at 9AM Tuesday 20 April (Term 2)

It is highly recommended that you leave at least a 6-minute gap between interviews (do not make bookings back-to-back).

4. One set of Interviews

Both Parent/Carer emails have been set-up in PTO, but please only make **ONE set of interviews per daughter** unless it is absolutely necessary for you to attend separately.

*Jennifer Molloy
Director of Administration, Risk and Compliance*

Languages

Congratulations to all the girls who participated in the recent **Education Perfect Languages Championships**.

Stella Maris College is:

591st overall globally out of 1,894 schools

93rd overall in NSW out of 343 schools

17th in NSW out of 104 schools in our category

6th in Australia out of 165 schools for Spanish in our category

31st in Australia out of 283 schools for Japanese in our category

Silver Certificate

CJ Ward Yr 8 Spanish

Bronze Certificates

Catherine Barton Yr 8 Japanese

Talia Hogan Yr 8 Japanese

Jessica Yr 8 Japanese

Credit Certificates

Sara Trimboli Yr 8 Spanish

Destiny Juul Yr 8 Spanish

Asia Dyer-Brown Yr 8 Japanese

Visual Art

We had a wonderful day out with our Year 12 Visual Art students yesterday. The cloud and rain cleared and left us with glorious sunshine and crisp clear skies to walk through Sydney exploring some art exhibitions currently showing.

We visited Art Express at the Art Gallery of NSW, the Sydney Morning Herald Photography Exhibition at the State Library and finally, Express Yourself at the Manly Art Gallery where the Curator, Ross Heathcote, gave the girls a guided tour of the exhibition and helped engage them in the process of 'unpacking' artworks.

Jade, Valentina, Madi, Mika, Katie, Jemma, Isla, Eliza, Hallie, Priscilla and Breeze were marvellous representatives of Stella Maris College: enthused and engaged with the day and absorbing all the wonderful art works we were lucky enough to experience. The exhibitions were highly relevant as our Visual Arts students are currently deep in the process of making their HSC Body of Works. We were able to see stand out works from last year's HSC Body of Works in these galleries and glean inspiration and momentum from them.

We would highly recommend you visit each of these exhibitions as the experience of seeing art works in real life is invaluable.



Year 7 Ancient History



On Monday and Tuesday of this week, Year 7 participated in three Ancient History workshops to complement their study of Investigating the Ancient Past and Ancient Egypt. The Macquarie University program is designed to provide students with the opportunity to engage in higher-order thinking tasks such as critical analysis and the evaluation and synthesis of written and material sources in a fun and engaging manner.

I absolutely LOVED the History excursion. My favourite room by far was the mummification room because it was the most interesting and we got to do lots of activities. (Maisie)

I love learning about history and this just made it better. I loved having real artifacts. (Amalia)

I really liked digging up the bones and gold and silver. I also liked discovering if the bones were male or female. (Bruna)

Selina Han
Head of History

Careers: The T in STEM

Do the T Quiz: What tech degree is right for you?

Should you study a Bachelor of Information Technology or a Bachelor of Computer Science? This quiz will reveal what tech path you should walk!

So T is definitely your favourite letter in STEM? But what does that mean for your future study and career path? Take the quiz below to see what popular tech degree is right for you – a Bachelor of Information Technology or a Bachelor of Computer Science.

<https://careerswithstem.com.au/quiz-what-tech-degree-is-right-for-you/>

Interactive ICT Career Wheel

Find out about every possible IT career here for every walk of life. IT is everywhere and there is a place for you:

<https://www.careersfoundation.com.au/>

Visit our Stella Careers Website

- Want a quick overview of what's going on? [Click here](#) to take you to our calendar of events
- Check out our weekly Careers News (25 March 2021 Career News) [here](#) and select the first dot point.

AFL

Congratulations to our Years 7 and 8 AFL team who have qualified for the grand final of the Independent Schools Competition! Our team have had a great season and will play against Abbotsleigh at PLC this Saturday. Well done team on making the Grand Final and best of luck this weekend!



The AFL team goofing around after a great win!

Cross Country

The Stella Cross Country Carnival will take place next Wednesday 31 March. This year the students will need to sign up to participate in the event. All students in Years 7 to 12 have been sent the link to the survey to complete so they can participate. Entries close at 9am on Monday morning.

Details will be emailed to all students and parents of those participating.

The carnival will take part across lunch time and Period 5 around the local area of the lagoon and beachfront.

Swimming and Diving

Best of luck to the Stella swimming team who will compete at the IGSA Swimming Championships at Sydney Olympic Park on Friday 26 March. This is a big carnival and we wish our team all the best.

Good luck to Andie Milligan, Tilda Brownlow and Elisha Cuthbert who are competing at the NSWCCC Swimming Championships on Monday.

Good luck also goes to Elissa Mackenzie who will compete at the IGSA Diving Championships and NSWCCC Diving Championships this week.

Tennis

Well done to Alyssa Cameron on her outstanding results at Tildesley Tennis and the NSW All Schools Tennis Championships over the last week.

Alyssa played so well at the Tildesley event, and was unlucky to lose to strong competition in the quarter finals. Alyssa then went on to represent NSWCCC at the NSW All Schools Tennis Championships in Bathurst. The tournament began on Monday, but unfortunately the rain interrupted play and was unable to be finished. The NSWCCC team was in the lead

when play was suspended and Alyssa was playing very well. Congratulations Alyssa on these outstanding achievements!



Term 2 Sports

Information is being sent out to the students for the many sports that will be on offer in Term 2. Notes are now available on the SEQTA page for both students and parents to access.

Some of the sports available in Term 2

Aerobics: Friday mornings at school

Athletics: Tuesday mornings at Keirle Park, Thursday afternoons at Narrabeen

Basketball: Continuation of Term 1 competition.

Cross Country: Friday mornings in local area. Various carnivals

Netball: Tuesday afternoons at Curl Curl

Pilates: Thursday mornings at school

Rugby 7s: Tuesday and Thursday afternoons

Sprint training/Speed Clinics with Mel GT: Thursday lunch times

Tennis Lessons: Monday mornings at Keirle Park Tennis

Tennis Squad: Friday mornings at Keirle Park Tennis
Touch Development and State Competition training: Tuesday/Wednesday tbc

Volleyball: Monday afternoons Queenscliff beach

Water Polo: Opens games Friday nights, Year 8/9 games Monday nights.

All information will be uploaded on SEQTA and emailed to students when finalised.

Canteen Roster

Hours are 9.30am to 2.30pm

Monday March 29

Deb Ristuccia

Kendall Traverso

HELP NEEDED PLEASE

Tuesday March 30

Ainsley Johnstone

Paula Curley

Debbie Morley

Kate Lovelace

Louise Stedman

Wednesday March 31

Heidi Horne

Learnie Farquhar

Abi Sweet

HELP NEEDED PLEASE

Thursday April 1 - Last day Term 1

Cindy Attanasio

Joanne Gruber

Lisa McGregor

Justine McKee

Monday April 19

Staff Development Day

No students

Tuesday April 20 - First day Term 2

Tanya Moss

Jo Rolfe

Louise Stedman

Helen Rouvray

Wednesday April 21

Hollie Seibold

Nicki Lawson

Cathy Shanahan

Tracey Fowler

Thursday April 22

Daniella Hazell

Lesha Evans

Michelle Malouf

Claire Littler

Friday April 23

Alison Kelly

Tara Edgtton

Alyson Perry

Simone Selinas

Sandra Berryman

Thanks to all our volunteers for all your hard work during Term 1. It has certainly flown but we hope you have a good, restful and safe break. We look forward to seeing you all in Term 2.

Regards, Bernie & Cheryl

Can't make it or would like to volunteer?

Please call Bernie on 9976 1826 or **0414519108** to arrange a replacement

Uniform Shop

1. 9am late opening last day of Term 1, Thursday, 1 April.
2. Next Thursday, 1 April, is the last day for girls to buy their winter uniform!
3. Stella winter pants are \$65.

Open

8am to 4.30pm Tues, Wed, Thurs during term.

At this time 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. Please order under your daughter's name. All items are available for pick up from recess the next Uniform Shop trading day. Please ask your daughter to collect her order the next day. We have been holding uncollected paid orders for some time. Please see the link below to access our online store, this link can also be found on the portal and school website. If you have any queries please email us.

<https://uniformshoponline.stellamaris.nsw.edu.au/>

Winter uniform

We are now selling winter uniform to all Year 7 and 10 and all new students who have started at Stella since Term 4. Year 11 need to buy the pink blouse.

Face masks

The current advice is that if girls are travelling to school on a bus they must wear a mask. Regular bus users should consider a reuseable cloth mask. If they forget to bring one, disposable masks are available from the Uniform Shop for a short time for \$1. Please ensure your daughter has money on her student card to pay for her mask.

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

Rise Academy is a fairly recent addition to the Peninsula music scene, begun by the highly talented and qualified Tina Alcorace, a former student of Stella (Class of 2010). We wish her all the best in her new endeavour. riseacademyofmusic.com


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WEDNESDAY 7TH APRIL
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