



Prayer for Anzac Day

Gracious and loving God,
 the cross of Christ is the sign
 of your desire for justice and peace for all.
 Open our minds to your vision
 as we remember all who suffered
 through Australia and New Zealand's
 involvement in wars,
 conflicts and peacekeeping operations.
 Grant all servicepersons who sacrificed
 health and life for the good of all,
 the gift of your deep peace.
 May we who inherit the freedom for which
 they fought
 become instruments of your peace
 in our homes, workplaces and world.
 We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/4228/family-prayer-1-anzac-day-25-april-2020.pdf>

Diary Dates

28 Apr	Student Learning Conference 1
3 May	Student Learning Conference 2
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11 May	Yr 10 Parent Information - Seniors Subject Selection - Theatre 7pm
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Dear Stella Community

Welcome back to Term 2

I welcome all the girls and their families back after the Easter break. Year 12 have recent feedback through their reports and other year groups will have feedback from assessments completed during Term 1. The upcoming Student Learning Conferences will provide students and their families with an opportunity to discuss their learning journey and ways in which the girls' learning can be supported both here and at home.

I encourage all our students to be engaged and active learners. The girls should make use of the Stella Tutors to improve any areas that need support and I encourage students to keep working to achieve the best outcomes they can, across all subjects.

Year 8 Retreat

The Year 8 Retreat was held this week at Elanora Conference Centre. Ms Chin and Ms Boyde led the girls and the pastoral care teachers in a reflective program focusing on their relationships and their sense of self. The retreat program running in Year 8, Year 10 and Year 12 is an integral part of our journey with our students, allowing the girls time out to reconnect with own their spirituality, exploring their relationship with their peers and recognising the importance of significant adults in their lives.

Staff Development Day

Monday was a professional learning day for our college staff. In the morning session, Ann-Maree Furney introduced the last element of our pedagogical program, Learning Thinking Scope, exploring the importance of effective feedback. This program has directed our professional learning since 2017 and has guided teaching staff in reviewing their professional practice, encouraging collective efficacy. The teaching staff engaged in collaborative discussion about how feedback could be given and found Ann-Maree's session stimulating.

Our second session, for teaching and support staff, was on managing difficult conversations presented by Andrew McDuaie from Preferred Training Networks. It explored how one can deal with situations in a compassionate and realistic manner in order to achieve a good outcome for all concerned.

Finally, Louise Yeates guided the Heads of Department through the structure of our new report proforma, highlighting the learner profile, that we believe will assist students, providing targeted feedback on their approach to learning in the classroom and acknowledging areas for growth and development.

Elizabeth Carnegie, Principal



Student Learning Conferences

Key points

1. SLCs will be via MS Teams.
2. Three dates to choose from.
3. 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.

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

3. 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*

NAPLAN

During May 2021, students in Years 7 and 9 will sit NAPLAN. The schedule for the tests is as follows:

Tuesday, 11 May

Language Conventions Test (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
Writing Test

Wednesday, 12 May

Reading Test

Thursday, 13 May

Numeracy Test

On Friday 14 May: A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test.

Students may be exempt from the NAPLAN test if they:

- are from a language background other than English, have arrived from overseas and have been attending school in Australia for less than a year before the test; or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer after consultation with the Principal.

1. A parent or carer consent form must be signed.
2. Exemption from the tests must be discussed with the Principal.

All other students are expected to participate.

Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Alternative format test materials are available to meet the needs of individual students (e.g. Braille, large print, black and white test material or the electronic test). Access to disability adjustments can be discussed with the College Inclusive Learning Department via Ms Cath Douglas cathy.douglas@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

For further information about NAPLAN, visit [NESA's NAPLAN website](#).



We warmly invite you to the Stella Maris College

Mothers' Day Breakfast

Mothers, Grandmothers, Guardians or Mother figures are invited to attend our Mothers' Day breakfast on

Friday 7 May, 7.30am-8.30am on the College Deck

A light breakfast of granola with yoghurt, muffins, croissants etc. will be served along with complimentary tea and coffee

Please click [here](#) to RSVP via TryBooking, by Monday 3rd May.
Please ensure you list any dietary requirements on the Try Booking ticket system when booking ticket

St Kieran's Parish School Youth Mass

After the success of the last Youth Mass, the St Kieran's Parish School Youth Mass will take place twice in Term 2.

1. Sunday 6pm – 9 May
2. Sunday 6pm – 13 June

This is an important opportunity for all young people and their families to deepen their spiritual connection and strengthen their relationship with God. This is a valuable experience for members of our Stella Maris and wider Catholic Community. As this celebration takes place on Mother's Day, our Mums will receive a special blessing during the Mass.

We hope to see you there.

Student Success

The talented Tilli McMahon in Year 11 recently entered the Northern Composure Competition. There are 27 competitors from 12-19 years of age with only 10 being selected to reach the finals.

Voting closes on Sunday 25 April with finalists announced on Monday 26 April. We would love Stella to support Tilly and vote on the Northern Composure Unplugged Webpage: <https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/node/30272>

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL INFORMATION

DATE: WEDNESDAY 5 MAY 2021

VENUE: SYDNEY ACADEMY OF SPORT, NARRABEEN

TIME: PC WILL BE HELD AT SCHOOL AT 8.40AM. BUSES DEPART STELLA FROM 8.45AM AND WILL RETURN BY 3.20PM. BUSES WILL BE PROVIDED TO TRANSPORT ALL STUDENTS TO AND FROM THE CARNIVAL.

WHAT TO WEAR: ATHLETICS CLOTHES IN HOUSE COLOURS OR FULL PE UNIFORM

THE CARNIVAL IS A COMPULSORY SCHOOL DAY. Parents/guardians should follow regular absentee procedures if their daughter is unwell.

- The format will be the same as the swimming carnival in that there will be Championship and Non-championship events. Entries for Championship events are open on Moodle and will close on Friday 30 April. Students may enter the non-championship 100m, 200, 400m and 800m on the day.
- PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL FIELD EVENTS (THROWS AND JUMPS) ARE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS. IF YOUR DAUGHTER WOULD LIKE TO COMPETE IN A THROW OR JUMP EVENT, SHE WILL NEED TO ENTER ON MOODLE.
- Javelin will be held on the morning of the carnival at 9.10am. If you wish to compete in javelin. Students competing in the javelin must catch the first bus to the carnival.
- There are no finals for any event. Overall placings will be calculated on times.
- All students should try to enter at least two events.
- Please bring sun cream and hat.
- There will be very limited access to the canteen. Students are asked to pack their own healthy lunch and water bottles.

THE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL SHOULD BE A FUN DAY. WE ENCOURAGE ALL STUDENTS TO GET INVOLVED IN ALL EVENTS!

BBSSSA Soccer

Congratulations to the Stella Maris Open Soccer team who competed at the BBSSSA Football Championships at Cromer Park on Wednesday 21 April. The Stella team did exceptionally well. Due to a number of injuries, the Stella team was quite low on numbers, so the team played the full day without reserves. After a close loss in the first game, the girls went on to win the rest of their pool games convincingly, to qualify for the semi final against Mt St Benedict. It was a close game, and the Stella team were very unlucky to lose 2-1. Congratulations to all members of the Stella team on a fantastic day:

Neive Demery, Niamh Fitzgerald, Mikayla Frandsen, Maddy Harrison-Williams, Rori Herbert, Sophie Mather, Beth Moran, Grace Pearson, Piper Simons, Izzy Stein, Holly Wickham and Mia Zemann.

Well done to Shay Hollman, Izzy Stein, Piper Simons and Beth Moran who have been selected into the BBSSSA team. They will now play at the NSWCCC Championships in May. The Junior and Intermediate Gala days will take place in the coming weeks. Good luck to the Stella teams playing in these events.



Athletics

Congratulations to Emily Smith (Year 11) who won the U18 400m Hurdles at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships this week.

Stella is very proud to have an Australian Champion athlete!

The Stella Maris Athletics Squad will commence training next week. The squad is open to all students and will offer training twice a week: Tuesday mornings at Keirle Park and Friday afternoons at Narrabeen. All members of the squad will have the opportunity to compete in a number of inter-



school athletics carnivals. We look forward to having a big group of Stella students train and compete together in the athletics squad. There will be coaches to train the girls in sprints, hurdles, distance, throws and jumps. Permission notes have been emailed to all students and are available on SEQTA.

Water Polo

The Open water polo competition will continue this term, with games being played on Friday evenings at the Warringah Aquatic Centre.

The intermediate (Year 8 and 9) competition will commence in the coming weeks. Games will be played on Monday evenings at the Warringah Aquatic Centre. Trainings will be held on Friday evenings. Permission notes are available on SEQTA and have been emailed to Years 8 and 9.

Touch Football

Touch football development will be held on Wednesday afternoons, 3.30- 4.30pm Keirle Park throughout Term 2. We will have 2 groups training in this program: development and advanced. The squad will be preparing for the NSW All Schools Championships which will be held late in Term 2. Permission notes are available on SEQTA

Netball

The Peninsula Cup netball competition will commence next week. Stella has 18 teams playing in this competition this season. All games are played on Tuesday afternoon at Curl Curl. Good luck to all Stella teams!

AFL

Congratulations to Annabel Lynch and CJ Ward (Year 8) who travelled to Wagga to play in the NSWCCC AFL this week. It was a tough competition and both girls did extremely well. Well done to Annabel who was selected into the NSWCCC team. She will now go on to play at the NSW All Schools event later this term.



*Jenny Wickham
Head of Sport*



MACQUARIE University

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Macquarie University Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Program

You could be rewarded with an early offer to study at Macquarie University in 2022 if you have been performing well at school in Year 11 and if you can demonstrate initiative and commitment through leadership, community, sport, or casual work activities.

Who can apply?

To apply for Macquarie Leaders and Achievers, you must be:

- completing the New South Wales Higher School Certificate, ACT Senior Secondary Certificate or International Baccalaureate in 2021
- performing consistently well at school
- can demonstrate leadership qualities and commitment to community through leadership, service or work activities completed in Year 11 and/or Year 12.

Register your interest

To stay updated about the Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Scheme, including when it opens, register your interest below.

<https://www.mq.edu.au/study/admissions/entry-requirements/domestic/macquarie-entry/macquarie-leaders-and-achievers>

Visit our Stella Careers Website

www.stellacareers.com

- 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 (23 April 2021 Career News) [here](#) and select the first dot point.

Lisa Walsh

Careers and Pathways Advisor

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Canteen Roster

Hours are 9.30am to 2.30pm

Monday April 26

Ikuyo Feldman
Milu Rich
Bernadette Hickey

Tuesday April 27

Rose Giardina
Riany Tanner
Margie Mort
Sam Lynch

Wednesday April 28

Peta Alpen
Jude Furniss
Helena Mooney
Sharna Mulcahy

Thursday April 29

Linda Moon
Taemar Handes
Karen Currie
Jodie Franks

Friday April 30

Sam Economos
Mria Dunn
Danika Windrum
Mandy Fitzgerald
Wendy Bierer

*Can't make it or would like to
volunteer?*

Please call Bernie on 9976 1826 or 0414 519 108

Uniform Shop

1. The Uniform Shop will not be open during the school holidays.
2. Stella Pants: Please come to the Uniform Shop for sizing. The pants can be worn in Terms 2 and 3 by all Years. Cost \$65.
3. Winter uniform: Weeks 1 and 2 of next term are a changeover period. Girls may wear winter or summer uniform. By Week 3 all girls are to be in winter uniform.

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.

Scarves

These are now in stock. Cost is \$12.

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/>

Disposable Face masks

Disposable masks are available from the Uniform Shop for \$1.

More Uniform Information

[Click here for full price list](#)

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

You can also contact Gail
9976 1819

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