



Principal Update



Principal address to our Year 12 College Student Leaders

In *Wisdom Distilled from the Daily*, Sister Joan Chittister writes that in Benedict's

Rule, "All must be given its due, but only its due. There should be something of everything and not too much of anything." Today at Stella maintaining balance is crucial for our girls. They need to work conscientiously in their classes, with teachers who will encourage and challenge them to be the best they can be, and balance that with times of reflection/prayer, rest and relaxation. I have come to recognise balance in prayer and work - *ora et labora* - to be a defining aspect of a Benedictine school.

When I think of strong balanced Benedictine women I particularly think of two individuals. The first is **St Scholastica** whose feast day was recently on 10 February. Scholastica was the twin of St Benedict and she founded a religious community for women near Monte Cassino, five miles from her brother's a monastery. According to the Dialogues of St. Gregory the Great, the brother and sister spent their last day together in prayer and strong conversation. When Benedict went to leave, a severe thunderstorm broke out, preventing Benedict and his monks from returning to the abbey. Benedict cried out, "God forgive you, Sister. What have you done?" Scholastica replied, "I asked a favour of you and you refused. I asked it of God and he granted it."

The essence of Gregory's story is this - strong faith and a strong will can make things happen.

The second Benedictine woman is one a little closer to home for us at Stella Maris College - **Sister Marilyn Kelleher**. Marilyn was born in Marrickville in 1932.

She was educated by the Good Samaritan Sisters under whose guidance she developed a love of the humanities, in particular, History and English.

She first worked as a library assistant at the Sydney City Library before joining the Good Samaritan Sisters in 1961. She studied hard and qualified with a Teachers Diploma in Theory and Practice of Speech from Trinity College London. She taught at St Patrick's College Campbelltown and St Scholastica's College Glebe. She continued to study graduating with a BA, BA Honours and MA Honours in 1980.

From 1982 to 1994 Marilyn guided Stella Maris College as Principal. During her time as Principal at Stella, she encouraged all the young women in her care to work to the best of their ability. She viewed intelligence and artistic and sporting talents as gifts from God that need to be fostered and developed. A role model as a student herself, she completed five units towards a Bachelor of Divinity and in 2001 she was awarded a Doctorate of Philosophy from Sydney University.

So why do I tell you the story of these two women?

I want you to be **passionate** about your learning and talents and **enthusiastic about building community** - find the balance and set yourself high expectations as both Scholastica and Marilyn Kelleher did. I want you to be **happy** to walk through the gate each morning - I want you to **work hard** in class and be **engaged** on the sports field, in your ensembles and academic clubs. **Immerse** yourselves in all that Stella Maris can offer you - it is a wonderful school and can help you grow to be the best person that you can be.

These Benedictine women who have gone before you would ask nothing less.

Elizabeth

Elizabeth Carnegie
Principal

A Reflection on Balance

The idea of order and balance runs through the organisation of the Monastery. "So that everything may be done at the proper time" (47:1); 'everyone is to keep to their regular place' (2:19).

The right ordering of an institution, the right handling of its possessions, the right employment of time, the right respect for its members, are profoundly significant for this is the certain base on which its structure rests. The Rule is to create the favourable environment in which the balanced life may flourish.

Esther de Waal (Seeking God)

Important Dates

Term 1

FEBRUARY

28 Year 7 Camp (ends 02 Mar)

MARCH

01 - 02 Year 7 Camp (continues)

02 - 04 Year 11 Art & Design Camp

08 School Swimming Carnival

16 College Open Evening

24 - 25 Year 8 Retreat

30 Year 7 Parent Welcome Dinner

APRIL

08 End of Term 1

27 Term 2 commences

School Terms

TERM 1

Mon 31 Jan to Fri 08 Apr

TERM 2

Thu 27 Apr to Fri 24 Jun

TERM 3

Tue 19 Jul to Fri 23 Sep

TERM 4

Mon 10 Oct to Fri 02 Dec

Highlights this issue

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Year 12 College Student Leaders

Paris D	College Captain
Alexandra A	College Vice-Captain
Ella McL	College Vice-Captain
Sherry J	International Prefect
Sky B	Liturgy Prefect
Mathilde H	Liturgy Prefect
Emily M	Stewardship Prefect
Elisa R	Stewardship Prefect
Sophie D	SRC Prefect
Chloe H	SRC Prefect
Lara D	Social Justice Prefect
Emily V	Social Justice Prefect
Ruby W	Wellbeing Prefect
Nina W	Wellbeing Prefect
Bronte C	Academic Prefect
Tilli McM	Creative & Performing Arts Prefect
Stella G	Duke of Edinburgh Prefect
Absent: Emily S	Sports Prefect



Canteen Roster

MON 21 FEB

Jacki Reimer
Kendall Traverso
Lindie McKay

TUE 22 FEB

Meaghan Wellings
Rianny Tanner
Heather Lawson
Kim Singleton

WED 23 FEB

Amanda McNally
Peta Alpen
Jude Furniss

****Helpers needed****

THU 24 FEB

Daniella Hazell
Monique Franks
Lesha Evans

****Helpers needed****

FRI 25 FEB

Alison Kelly
Brooke Bennett
Alison Vaubell
Katie Spillane
Kristin Laird



We invite prospective and current families to attend our

Open Evening

16 March 2022

Please share our upcoming Open Evening with family and/or your friendship community.

To assist us in hosting a COVID-19 safe event, at this time, we are limiting attendance to a maximum of 2 attendees per family (2 parents/adults or 1 parent 1 child).

To register your attendance follow below link.

» [REGISTER](#) your attendance to the Stella Maris College Open Evening

P&F Committee

Kate Lovelace & Andrea Hogan - P & F Presidents

epandf@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

We warmly invite all parents to join one of our Term 1 P&F Meetings on **Thu 3 March at 7.30pm**. This term's meeting will take place on Microsoft Teams (due to COVID-19). If you would like to join us (and we hope you will!) please register below to Ms Fleur Tichelaar where you will receive a MS Teams meeting link on the day.

Attending the meetings is a great way to find out about activities at the school, learn how we support the school and to meet other parents.

Would you like to join the P&F?

We currently have a vacancy on the P&F Executive Committee for the position of Treasurer. The responsibilities are not too arduous and involve meeting with the committee once a term, attending the P&F meetings once a term and oversee the financials for P&F social events. We would also love to welcome new general members.

If you would like to make some new friends and give back to the community, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact us:

epandf@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Stella Open Evening

Volunteers are needed to help man the BBQ and serve food at the Stella Open Evening on Wednesday, 16th March from 4-7pm. We also need some friendly COVID-19 Marshalls to help remind our visitors of the COVID protocols, and also to answer any questions they may have about the school.

CLICK to volunteer and help showcase our wonderful school. The roster is in one hourly increments, so we only ask for one hour of your time! We hope to see you there.

Upcoming P & F Committee Meeting

We invite our Stella Community to join our next meeting:

Thursday | 03 March | 7:30pm
Via MS Teams

Contact Ms Fleur Tichelaar to register your attendance and a MS Teams Meeting Link will be sent to you on **the day of the P&F Committee Meeting.**

fleur_tichelaar@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

College Fees

e fees@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au
t 9976-1812 or 9976-1813

Thank you to our families who have paid their 2022 fees.

We have had a non-traceable fees deposit made on 2 February and on 14 February.

If you made a transfer without your name showing or putting the CRN number as reference please contact the Fees Department.

If you had a Direct Debit Arrangement in 2021, this will automatically be continued for 2022. Your instalments will be adjusted and commence 15 February 2022.

Please note that Monthly and Quarterly instalments are only available under a Direct Debit Arrangement.

If you do not have a Direct Debit Arrangement in place, payment of the account must be paid in three equal installments.

One third of the total invoice will be due:

15 February 2022
15 May 2022
15 August 2022

2021 COVID Excursion and Activity Credit

The COVID Excursion and Activity Credit for 2021 has been processed and applied to your 2022 fee accounts. We thank those families who have made a tax deductible donation of this credit to the College Building Fund.

If you would like to make any changes to your current arrangements, please contact a member of our Fees Team.

» **EMAIL** Fees Team
» **VIEW** 2022 College Fees
» **CLICK** to access Direct Debit Authority Form

Year 7 Camp

Linda Silburn

Our Year 7 Camp is only a couple of weeks away. The Camp runs for 3 days, **departing school on Mon 28 Feb and returning Wed 2 Mar.**

This is a great experience to bring together our Year 7 cohort and and enjoy a range of fun activities.

When

Depart: 8:30am - Mon 28 Feb
Return: 1:30pm - Wed 2 Mar

Location

Great Aussie Bush Camp
Kincumber



Collection Notice for Parents/Guardians

2022 Student Residential Address and Other Information

Stella Maris College has received a request for the College to provide the Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment with some student information as required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013.

The information on each student comprises:

- 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).

This information informs the Australian Government school education policy and helps ensure funding for non-government schools based on need.

Please note that your personal information is protected by law under the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth).

You do not need to do anything. The College is responsible for providing the requested details.

» **READ the full information sheet** as provided by the Australian Government - Department of Education, Skills and Employment

Manly Freshwater Parish invites you to

Youth Mass + Youth Group

COME FOR FELLOWSHIP, FUN AND FOOD

SUN 20 FEB

at the 6:00pm Mass (Manly)
followed by pizza & fellowship.

Our youth group is gathering on the 3rd Sunday of February (Feb 20th) 7:00pm - 8:30pm in the Parish Centre following the 6:00pm Youth Mass!

Free pizza, soft drinks and games will also be provided.

Contact Youth Ministry for more information:

FACEBOOK: Manly Freshwater Catholic Youth
INSTAGRAM: manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth
EMAIL: manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com

Get in Touch

General Enquiries & Feedback

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9977-5144

Student Absences & Enquiries

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9976 1817 or 9976 1885

Student Enrolments & Exits

registrar@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Alumni Enquiries

Donna_Stimson@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au
9976 1825

Canteen Manager

Bernie_McGrath@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

College Fee Enquiries

fees@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Uniform & Text Books

uniform_books@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Uniform Shop

Operating Hours

Tue | Wed | Thu
8:00am - 4:30pm

Current conditions:

- One student per visit
- Mask mandatory
- Hands to be sanitised

Online Ordering

Visit our Online Store to order your uniform needs.

Please remember to order using your daughter's name.

Orders can be collected during recess or the next trading day.

» **SHOP** now

COVID-19 Isolation Protocols

Where your daughter is a **positive case**

she must remain in isolation for 7 days as per the NSW Health Guidelines. Your daughter can return to face-to-face learning 7 full days (24hrs x 7) after testing positive, and no symptoms present.

If your daughter is a **household contact**

she must remain in isolation for 7 days as per the NSW Health Guidelines. Your daughter can return to face-to-face learning **after the person who has tested positive** has completed 7 full days (24hrs x 7) of isolation and providing she has no symptoms present.

If feeling well at home, your daughter can continue her classes by remote learning, checking for her work in SEQTA.

NSW School Student Travel

For students who travel to/from school via the **public school transport system** and use a School Travel Pass (OPAL card) please read the Parent Information Newsletter from NSW Government - Transport for NSW.

» [READ](#) NSW Government Newsletter

Reminder - Upcoming Traffic Disruptions

We have been advised that the NSW SLS Championships are taking place at Queenscliff SLSC from 24 February thru to 13 March.

With 5,000 competitors expected every day, it is predicted there will be heavy traffic congestion at the following times and locations (Competition days):

Pittwater Rd at Kierle Park/Hinkler Park
(Dog park on Pittwater Road)

24 – 27 February

between 5:30am – 8:30am & 3:00pm – 5:00pm

2 March – 6 March

between 5:30am - 8:30am & 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Hinkler Park, Kierle Park as well as Lagoon Reserve will be utilised for competition parking on event days.

It is expected there will be increased traffic flow towards Hinkler Park, along Collingwood Street and Eurobin Avenue throughout the entire Championships.

To avoid getting caught in this traffic and adding to the increased congestion, we suggest parents do not drop their daughter(s) to school by car and ask that all students catch the bus to and from school each of these days where possible to do so.

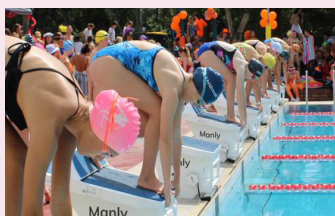


School Swimming Carnival - 8 March

All students are encouraged to compete in the upcoming Swimming Carnival. You will need to wear a swimming cap in **your House colour** so your fellow house mates can cheer you on.

Swimming caps can be purchased from our Online Uniform Shop. Caps are \$5 each. Once you have placed your order, you can collect from Recess on Tue, Wed and Thu.

» **ORDER** your Swimming Cap



Campion Books on backorder

Not all Campion text books were available at the time of ordering.

The Backorder has now been delivered.

Students awaiting delivery of books on backorder have been notified.

Please collect from the Uniform Shop.

Job of the Week Jewellery Designer

Lisa Walsh

What do Jewellery Designers do?

Jewellery Designers conceptualise and design all different kinds of jewellery and accessories, including rings, necklaces, piercings, watches, brooches, and much more. They can work with a variety of materials, including metals, precious stones, glass, plastic, and others. They may work individually with a client looking to create a specific vision, or design unique pieces to sell to retailers or direct to the public.

If you are creative with an eye for detail, can keep up with the latest fashions and trends, and want a job that can give you freedom and flexibility, becoming a Jewellery Designer could be ideal.

How do you become a Jewellery Designer?

» **CLICK** to learn more

» **VISIT** the Stella Maris College Careers website

» **W** www.stellacareers.com

Student Lunch Orders

Bernie McGrath & Cheryl Young

e Canteen@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Great news!! Our Canteen is returning to face-to-face service, allowing students to purchase food items during Recess and Lunch. Our popular items of dim sims, gyozas and dumplings are back on the menu and are enjoyed by many of our students.

Face-to-face purchases commence Mon 28 February (Week 5)

Online ordering will only be available for sushi orders. Sushi orders will continue to be ordered via online with the order placed no later than 8:00am each day.

We realise online ordering has been popular and well received, however we are unable to meet the high volumes of both online and face-to-face ordering.

Our daily menu includes a selection of freshly made hot and cold rolls, garlic bread, chilli chicken rolls, meal boxes, snacks, drinks and ice creams.

As we are a cashless canteen, students are required to have sufficient funds on their My Student Account for their purchases.

If your daughter requires a gluten free option, we can certainly accommodate her dietary needs and ask you email us with her order no later than 8:00am.

Volunteers

We want to encourage our parent/caregiver community to assist in our Canteen, particularly as face-to-face service is returning.

It is a lovely day where you get to enjoy the smiling and polite faces of the students, and a sense of our wonderful student community.

Hours worked can contribute towards your annual Maintenance Levy. It is preferable that volunteers either hold, or are willing to obtain, a free Volunteer Working with Children Check. You can apply online from Services NSW.

Canteen

Contact Bernie McGrath to learn more or complete the Canteen Form below.

» **EMAIL** Bernie McGrath

» **COMPLETE** Canteen Volunteer Form

Uniform Shop

Contact Gail Hickey or complete the Volunteer Form below.

» **EMAIL** Gail Hickey

» **COMPLETE** Uniform Volunteer Form

Come and join our dedicated and wonderful team of volunteers

Online Uniform Orders

We have a few orders awaiting collection from the Uniform Shop. Please ask your daughter to come and collect either before school or during Recess/Lunch.

Disposable face masks

A reminder that students are responsible to bring their own face masks. We encourage students to have a few extras in their backpacks.

As a backup, paper masks can be purchased for \$2. Please ensure there is sufficient funds on your daughters' My Student Account.



Duke of Edinburgh Service Opportunity

Volunteers needed!

Queenscliff, North Steyne and Freshwater Surf Life Saving Clubs are excited for the first time to be hosting the NSW Surf Lifesaving Championships from 24 February -13 March.

It's the largest event on the surf sport calendar with members from clubs across the State competing over 12 days of competition.

The Championships will provide a significant injection into the local economy with events for all ages and abilities.

If you are a student participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award and are seeking to increase your hours the Surf Clubs would appreciate your help.

Anyone who volunteers, will receive FREE Club Membership for remainder of the season and a "Thank You Pack"

You can sign up for one shift or many. No experience necessary!

To register as a volunteer, visit [Queenscliff Surf Life Saving Club](#)

Please also let Ms Silburn know via email that you have volunteered to help.
[EMAIL](#) Ms Silburn

Great work to all the Year 10 students who are steadily completing their Bronze awards. Once complete these girls can register for their Silver award via the online record book.

Duke of Edinburgh

Linda Silburn

What is the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award?

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.

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is an internationally recognised program for young people, building their skills to equip them for life and work. By creating opportunities for young people to develop skills, get physically active, give service and experience adventure, the Award can play a critical role in their development.

For further information, visit the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award website:

» [LEARN](#) more about the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

How can I join the award?

The Bronze Award is the first step to getting involved in The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award and you can then continue your Award by getting involved at Silver Level and then Gold Level.

What is involved in the award?

The Duke of Edinburgh has 3 Award Levels and you can choose the level that's right for you - Bronze, Silver or Gold. Each level has different time commitments. To finish the Bronze and Silver levels you have to complete 4 Award sections, and 5 Award sections for the Gold Level.

You design your own program around the things that interest you most.

How to sign up

Later this Term, Year 9 will receive a presentation about the award in their Year Meeting and Year 9 parents will be emailed detailed information about the components and expectations of the Award. This information will also include equipment requirements and an outline of how the award is organised at the College. Interested students are then invited to register their Bronze Award and start their Duke of Edinburgh journey.

Beach2Beach Walk

Year 10 – Year 12 beaches hike will be held from **Sat 26 March through to Tue 29 March**

Students will be walking for two to four days, depending on their Award Level. Please make sure to read all the hike information carefully and keep up-to-date with your emails to know when the training sessions for the hike will be held.

All participants on this hike will be joining the Beach2Beach charity fun run as part of the highly successful Stella Maris College team. We encourage all Stella families to join our team.

All money raised from the Beach2Beach is donated to **The Happy Days Charity run by local icon Mike Pawley** and helps raise vital funds for a local village school in Siem Reap Cambodia that our Gold girls have the opportunity to visit in Year 12.

» [CLICK](#) to register and join our more about the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award



Uniform and Jewellery

A reminder students may wear **discreet** jewellery only. This may be a small cross on a simple chain, sleeper type earrings or studs in the ear lobes. Other visible piercings must be worn with clear plastic spacers. Hair is to be **natural** in colour, brushed and **tied back** at all times. No tattoos are to be visible at any time.

» **VIEW** Uniform Policy

Student Health Care Plans and Medications

The medical health of your daughter is important to us.

Please ensure all Health Care Plans and medication is recorded in Consent2Go.

Any prescription or over-the-counter medication held onsite must be in-date.

You may be contacted to replace any expired, or soon to be expired medication(s).

Use of Mobile Phones

We ask students and parents to familiarise themselves with our **Acceptable Use Protocols for Mobile Phones**. We limit device time to encourage students to create new relationships, build connections and be involved in a range of school activities.

Student refusal to follow guidelines may result in confiscation of the mobile device which can be collected from their Head of Year at the end of the school day.

» **VIEW** Acceptable Use of Mobile Phones Policy

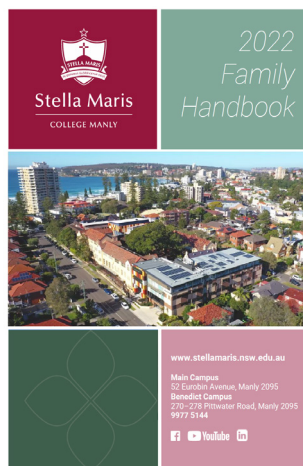
2022 Family Handbook

The 2022 Family Handbook is available in SEQTA Engage via Stella Online.

Once you are logged in, it will be located under the "Documents" tab on the left hand side of your screen.

The Family Handbook is a one stop shop for all things Stella. Please refer to it for important information regarding a day in the life of a Stella girl ranging from Term Dates through to Transport, College Uniform and College Policies.

You'll find the information in the handbook very useful, and we recommend downloading a



Student & Parent Reminders

e studentreception@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au | t 9976 1817 or 9976 1885

Absences

We remind our parent/guardian community to notify the College of student absences by **8:00am** or earlier where possible.

Advise the name of your daughter, reason for absence and expected return date.

In this current COVID-19 climate, some medical absences may require further explanation of symptoms.

This will enable our Student Services Team to notify class teachers of your daughter's absence and maintain accurate records.

Early Exit

We understand there are times students need to leave before the official end of the school day.

We require parents to notify Student Services.

The student will need to obtain a Leave Pass to present to their teacher to leave their lesson.

Before exiting the grounds, the student must officially check-out at Student Services.

Lost Property

We often have school jerseys, jackets, scarves, wireless devices and other items handed into Lost Property. Many items cannot be returned to the student as they are unlabelled.

We ask that personal items be labelled so they can be returned to the student.

Late Arrivals

Where students arrive late for school, the student is required to visit Student Services to explain reason for late arrival.

Parents may be contacted for verification purposes.

Kiss and Drop Zone

A reminder students can be dropped or collected from school at the designated Kiss & Drop Zone located in Iluka Avenue. Please park responsibly and avoid obstructing neighbouring driveways.

P Plate Drivers

There are a number of parking restrictions in the local area which carry significant penalties.

We encourage students to read all parking signage and seek adequate parking options.

Performing Arts Staff

Jessica Maker
Evan Browett
Rob Sutcliffe
Leanne Haines
Phillip Wood
Mitchell Smith
Tabitha Magnan
Rochelle Jones
Elle Preece

Private Music Lessons

We offer 1:1 music lessons on a range of instruments.

Lessons take place during the school day for 30 minutes. All our Tutors are able to take you through AMEB Grade Examinations.

Lessons are currently available on
Flute, Clarinet, Oboe,
Saxophones, Trumpet,
French Horn, Trombone,
Euphonium,
Drums/Percussion,
Piano, Guitar, Bass, Voice
and Ukulele.

» [CLICK](#) to express interest in Private Music Lessons

Performing Arts

Jessica Maker

Drama & Music Ensemble Timetables:

Monday

7:30am - 8:30am

Drama Ensemble - Year 7
Ms Magnan
Drama Studio

7:30am - 8:30am

Dance Performance Group
Ms Preece
K204

3:30pm - 5:30pm

Matilda Rehearsal
Mr Smith & Ms Magnan
Star of the Sea Theatre

Tuesday

7:30am - 8:30am

Matilda Cast
Vocal Rehearsal
Ms Maker
G201

7:30am - 8:30am

Jazz Company
Ms Jones
K204

7:30am - 8:30am

Jazz Ensemble
Ms Preece
Star of the Sea Theatre

1:30pm - 2:15pm

Jazz Band
Ms Maker
G217

Wednesday

7:30am - 8:30am

Performance Band
Ms Maker
G201

7:30am - 8:30am

Extension Jazz Company
Ms Jones
K204

7:30am - 8:30am

Lyrical Ensemble
Ms Preece
Star of the Sea Theatre

1:30pm - 2:15pm

Vocal Ensemble
Ms Maker
G217

3:30pm - 5:30pm

Matilda Rehearsal
Mr Smith & Ms Magnan
Star of the Sea Theatre

Thursday

7:30am - 8:30am

Drama - Years 9, 10, 11
Ms Magnan
Drama Room

7:30am - 8:30am

Lyrical Company
Ms Jones
K204

1:30pm - 2:15pm

Matilda Orchestra
Ms Maker
G217

Friday

7:30am - 8:30am

Drama - Year 8
Ms Magnan
Drama Room

Upcoming Rehearsals

MON 21 FEB

Matilda
Year 7
Drama Ensemble
Rehearsal
Star of the Sea Theatre
7:30am - 8:30am
==All cast required==

Matilda Drama Ensemble
Star of the Sea Theatre
3:30pm - 5:30pm
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Acting Rehearsal
Matilda, Acrobat,
Escapologist, Mrs Phelps,
Ensemble members

Dance Rehearsal
All Ensemble
Miracle

TUE 22 FEB

Matilda Vocal Ensemble
Star of the Sea Theatre
7:30am - 8:30am

All Acting Ensemble &
Lead Principals

WED 23 FEB

Matilda
Drama Rehearsal
Star of the Sea Theatre
3:30pm - 5:30pm
==All cast required==
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Nigel, Tommy
Lavender, Eric
Amanda, Alice
Big Kids, Scary Kids
Little Kids, Bruce
Scary Big Kid
Miss Honey
== Pgs 11 - 16 ==

THU 24 FEB

Matilda Orchestra
Rehearsal
1:30pm - 2:15pm
G219



Mitchell Smith

Rehearsals for Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical have kicked off. Well done on our second week of rehearsals for Matilda! It is so great to see everyone so involved in the rehearsal process so far.

If your character has lines (either dialogue or in song), now is the time to continue learning them. As we move forward to your scenes in rehearsals, we will be able to be super productive so it is time to get learning those lines!

RehearsScore is now available with all of the songs on it! Students have been invited to download the app. So, if there are any issues with downloading it, please email Mr Smith and he will help you further.

Our rehearsal schedule for next week is below - please be aware that all cast members, including dancers will be required to Monday's rehearsal as we will be adding dance choreography to our first song **Miracle**.

DRAMA REHEARSALS

Lead Principals, Acting Ensemble Members

Continue

MON & WED

3:30pm - 5:30pm

Star of the Sea Theatre

Monday

All cast required as we will be splitting the rehearsal into 2 parts
(Dance rehearsal: Miracle & Drama rehearsal for Pgs 16 - 18)

Dancers will be required to be at this rehearsal

Wednesday

Drama rehearsal for names mentioned above

[EMAIL](#) questions to Mr Smith about Dance/Drama Rehearsals

VOCAL ENSEMBLE REHEARSALS

All Lead Principals, Acting Ensemble Members

Continue

TUE 22 FEB

7:30am - 8:30am

G201

All cast members (Leads & Ensembles) are required to attend
Songs: Miracle & School song

[EMAIL](#) questions to Ms Maker about Vocal Rehearsals

ORCHESTRA REHEARSALS

Commence

THU 17 FEB

1:30pm - 2:15pm

G219 (Music Room)

[EMAIL](#) questions to Ms Maker about Orchestra Rehearsals

DANCE ENSEMBLE REHEARSALS

Pippa Ravenscroft, Anastasia Colohan, Sami Winter and Sophie Whelan are our choreographers and will be lending their talents to assist with choreography

[EMAIL](#) questions to Mr Smith about Dance Ensembles

NOTE

If you are feeling unwell or are away,
please ensure to stay home and look after yourself.

Email Mr Smith the morning of rehearsal day
if you will be absent.

Dance levels

Dance Company (Years 7 - 12)

for the advanced, experienced and dedicated Dancer.

Rehearsals one morning a week for each style, before school and some Sundays.

Routines in Jazz, Commercial Jazz, Lyrical and Contemporary. Approximately 3-4 Eisteddfod Competitions, 2 Dance nights (concerts at school), Dance Camp and Presentation Night

Dance Ensemble (Years 7, 9/10)

for the intermediate dancers with experience who want to compete, however may not have the time commitment compared to the Dance Company

Rehearsals before school, one morning a week for each style.

Routines in either Jazz/Musical Theatre and Lyrical/Contemporary.

3-5 Eisteddfod competitions and 2 Dance nights (concerts at school).

Performance Groups (Years 7 - 10)

A semesterly program for the beginner or dancer who may or may not have previous experience and wants to dance for fun.

Rehearsals one morning per week before school. One routine per semester in either Jazz/Musical Theatre or Lyrical/Contemporary.

This group will work towards Dance Night (concerts at school) performances in Terms 2 & 4 and will not compete at Eisteddfods.

Students may join in Semester 1 or Semester 2 or participate the entire year.

There is no audition required for the Performance Group, anyone is welcome!

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO AUDITION Week 4 - final week of auditions

After this week there are no further auditions

Auditions this week are:

Tue 22 Feb

7:30am - 8:30am

Jazz Ensemble

Ms Preece

Dance Studio - K204

7:30am - 8:30am

Jazz Company

Ms Jones

Star of the Sea Theatre

Wed 23 Feb

7:30am - 8:30am

Lyrical Ensemble

Ms Preece

Star of the Sea Theatre

7:30am - 8:30am

Contemporary Company

Ms Jones

Dance Studio - K204

Thu 24 Feb

7:30am - 8:30am

Lyrical Company

Mr Maras

Dance Studio - K204

**Auditions have closed for
Commercial Jazz (Ms Elton)**

AUDITIONS ARE STILL TO COME FOR

Commercial Lyrical Company (Ms Jay)

Please email Ms Jones or turn up on the day if you would like to audition.

[EMAIL](#) Ms Jones

==This is the last opportunity before groups close==

OPEN FOR ANYONE TO ATTEND

Mon 21 Feb

7:30am - 8:30am

Dance Studio

(K204)

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Dance Performance Group

All ages and all levels of ability welcome (Ms Preece)

There is
NO AUDITION

required for this group.

Come along if you love to dance and just want to have some fun!

Bring your friends and dance up a storm!

Term 1 Sport Carnivals

February

23	BBSSSA Open & U15 Touch - Nolans Reserve
27	IGSA Rowing - Penrith

March

8	Stella Maris Swim Carnival - Manly Boy Charlton Pool
13 - 14	Tildesley Tennis – Pennant Hills Park
21	BBSSSA Swimming Championships
21 - 22	NSW All Schools Tennis
23	BBSSSA Netball trials – Pennant Hills
25	IGSA Swimming Championships - SOPAC
29	BBSSSA U13 Touch – Nolan's Reserve

Stella Maris Cross Country Carnival - TBC

April

7 - 8	NSW All Schools Triathlon
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Sports Update

Jenny Wickham

Rowing

Congratulations to the Stella rowing crew who competed at the NSW Rowing Championships at the International Regatta Centre last weekend. Our crew competed in the Championship Schoolgirl Four. The girls performed amazingly and finished in 6th place! Well done to all members of the crew on this outstanding result: Pip Y, Catherine W, Grace B, Leisha C and Julia U.

AFL

The Sydney Independent Schoolgirls AFL competition kicked off last Saturday. Unfortunately one Stella team had a wash out game due to field closures, but our Year 7 team had a great first game. The girls led from start to finish and had a great time in winning their first game 46 def 10. Well done girls on a great first game. Best of luck to both teams in Round 2 this weekend!

Water Polo

Good luck to the Year 7 Water Polo teams who play in their first game of the Northern Beaches Water Polo competition this Friday night. We have 4 Stella teams playing the competition! Enjoy your first game girls!

Basketball

The Manly Warringah Basketball competition kicked off this week. Stella has 12 teams playing in this competition this year. Most teams played their first games this week, with all teams enjoying the fun competition. Well done to all teams on a great round one!



Tennis

Tennis is really taking off at Stella! We have a big group of girls enjoying Tennis Lessons on Monday mornings, and another big squad training for the Tildesley Tennis Tournament on Wednesday and Friday mornings. The groups are really enjoying the sessions, and the improvement in the standard and skill of all players is amazing. Tennis is offered all year round at Stella, with all trainings being held at Keirle Park Tennis before school.

Softball

Congratulations to Le'Anette T and Jemima M (Year 9) who recently attended the BBSSSA Softball selection trial at St Leo's. Both Le'Anette and Jemima played extremely well. Both were successful in being selected to represent BBSSSA to play at the NSWCCC Softball Championships in March. Well done girls!

Touch Football

Good luck to the Stella Open and U15 teams who will be competing at the BBSSSA Touch Championships at Nolans Reserve next Wednesday 23 February.

Expressions of Interest are now being called for the Year 7/8 Touch Football development sessions. Stella will be offering Touch Football training sessions with very experienced coaches, Roha Paki and Gloria Berryman. These will be held at Keirle Park on Wednesday afternoons, 3:30pm – 4:30pm, commencing Wednesday 2 March.

Students who are interested should complete the Expression of Interest form that has been emailed to all of Year 7 and Year 8 (and available on SEQTA Sport Notices). Full details of the sessions will be sent to interested students. Players of all abilities are welcome to join the touch program, as groups will be split according to ability and experience.



STELLA MARIS COLLEGE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Tuesday 8 March

Manly Andrew Boy Charlton Swim Centre

The Stella Swimming Carnival is a compulsory school day for all students in Years 7 – Year 12.

Time

All students should be at school by 8.40am for PC. Students will walk to the pool in PC groups. All students are required to walk back to Stella at the conclusion of the carnival and will be dismissed from school at 3.20pm.

What to wear

All students will need a one-piece swimming costume and house coloured swimming cap. You may purchase these from the uniform shop.

Students will be advised next week of the 'theme' of the carnival.

Students are encouraged to wear house colours in the theme of the day! No singlet tops or inappropriate length shorts.

Other important information

- Bring a hat and plenty of suncream
- No coloured hair spray or coloured streamers allowed at the pool
- Students must remain in their seating areas when they are not competing. The indoor pools and children's pools are out of bounds.
- Normal school rules apply for the day.
- Parents will receive an email to give permission on Consent2Go.

The Events

There will be two divisions of races:

- Championship and
- Non-Championship.

To be considered for age champion or the Stella swimming team, you must compete in the Championship event for that stroke.

Entries for the Championship events will open on Monday 21 February and will close on Tuesday 1 March.

On Monday, students will be sent a link to a survey to enter the Championship races they would like to compete in. (Link will also be on the sport notices on SEQTA). The age group is the age that you turn this year.

Students who do not want to enter championship events will be able to enter non-championship races on the day. Ribbons will be awarded in both championship and non-championship events. You do not need to pre-register for non-championship events.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT ALL STUDENTS WILL PARTICIPATE.

You can only swim each stroke and distance once. For example you cannot do 50m championship freestyle and 50m non-championship freestyle. However, you may do 50m championship breaststroke and 50 non-championship freestyle.

WE ENCOURAGE ALL STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE! IT IS A FUN DAY AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE STELLA GIRLS SWIMMING, CHEERING AND BEING INVOLVED IN THIS GREAT EVENT!

More details to follow in next week's Newsletter