



2022

# Our Year of Hospitality

# Stella Newsletter

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# From the Principal



# **Good Samaritan Education Schools Triennial** - listening, being, transforming

Good Samaritan Education Schools recently held a threeday conference for staff and students of the ten schools. I was privileged to attend on Friday where students from the ten schools provided a presentation on a topic of concern for young people. The topics included:

- Being the light of Christ and living Christianity every day through a student led council of faith
- Ecological conversion through reimagining packaging and recycling of uniforms, and, using eco-friendly cleaning products in our schools
- Ecological conversion through effective waste management and recycling programs
- Listening to the voices of all in the community and being inclusive of others
- Building bridges with our indigenous brothers and sisters through the creation of a book about the history of Australia from the Dreamtime to
- Developing respectful relationships
- Relationships and sexuality education
- The impact of technology on social interaction and an invitation to take back control - disconnect to reconnect
- Educating parents and carers about the impact of social media on young people through the creation of a website resource page
- Students supporting other students though development of a peer support network.

There was much to learn through listening to the voices of our young people in our schools.

I was most proud of the Stella students who had contributed to the development of the Stella Maris presentation on Ecological Justice. Thank you to Belle C, Izzy K, Ruby A, Caitlin T, Emily V, Emily M, Lara D, Elisa R, Ruby A, Caitlin T, Ella Mc and Chloe Mc. Thank you too to Sarah Metcalfe for the many hours of preparation for the day with the students, and to Nicky Chin for assisting the students on Friday and Saturday with their presentations.

Student leaders from our Year 11 cohort also attended on the Saturday to assist conference participants with negotiating the site as ambassadors. Thank you to Charlotte K, Macey S, Anastasia C, Mya I, Molly B and Eva T.

Thank you to members of the Leadership Team (Zita Briones, Nicky Chin, Scott Mellis, Carmel Patterson, Amy Smith and Louise Yeates) and Mission Team (Tiffany Blaikie and Sarah Metcalfe) for their attendance on the Saturday and Sunday. And finally, thank you to Mitchell Smith and Tabitha Lionheart for their professional technical support of the keynote speakers and presenters over the three days.

# **Elizabeth Carnegie**

Principal

# **Highlights**

# **Bodies of Work Exhibition**

Don't miss the opportunity to view the major artworks and designs of Year 12 HSC students.

**READ MORE** 

# **Prophetic Voices Conference**

Congratulations to students and staff involved in the GSE Triennial Conference. **READ MORE** 

### **HSC Music Night**

Our talented Year 12 Music students are ready to **READ MORE** perform.

# **Providing a Term's Notice**

Local families are reminded that the College requires one term's notice of any move to another school or learning environment (please note that overseas enrolments require two terms' notice). There are several reasons for this notice period. Firstly, budgets are set on current numbers, and, as the annual budget is set in September, we need to ensure that we are calculating costs and student numbers accurately. Secondly, once school returns in January, we are unlikely to make up numbers lost for any students who choose to leave without providing the required notice.

Please ensure that if your daughter is leaving at the end of 2022, you have informed the Registrar

(registrar@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au) by the end of Term 3.

# **Prayer**

# Stewardship Prayer - Fragile Earth

God by whom our fragile earth is blessed, make us servants of your creation, respecting and protecting all that you have made.

> Teach us the joy of field and flower, the splendour of forest and tree, the grandeur of ocean and river.

Make us yearn for a world where all may flourish. Show us how to walk gently on the earth and hold all in trust for future generations. Amen.

Anne Marie Coppock/CAFOD

https://environment.worcesterdiocese.org/prayersand-reflections



# Learning and Teaching News Louise Yeates - Assistant Principal Learning and Teaching

Trial HSC Exams continue all next week. Students will return to regular classses on Monday 15 August (except for Extension History students who still have an exam on that Monday).

Please **click here** for this coming week's Trial HSC Exam timetable.

# 2022 School Terms

### TERM 3

Tue 19 Jul to Fri 23 Sep

### TERM 4

Mon 10 Oct to Fri 02 Dec

# **Important Dates**

# **YEAR 7 2025 APPLICATIONS** CLOSE

Friday 5 August

### **BODIES OF WORK EXHIBITION**

Wednesday 17 August

# **FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST**

Friday 2 September

# **YEAR 12 GRADUATION MASS**

Wednesday 21 September

# REMINDERS

# Signing-in

If arriving late to school, all students are required to first sign-in at Student Services prior to proceeding to their timetabled class.

# Year 12 Trial HSC Exams - Illness Protocols

For Year 12 students who cannot make their exams due to illness the following applies:

### Illness - non-COVID-19 related

Notify Ms Heraghty - Head of Year 12 before 8:30am. A Doctor's Certificate will be required to confirm illness. If the student is unable to get an appointment with your family doctor or medical centre, a telehealth appointment should be able to provide you with a certificate. Please send a copy of the certificate to Ms Heraghty - Head of Year 12 as soon as possible.

# Illness - symptoms associated with COVID-19

Notify Ms Heraghty - Head of Year 12 before 8:30am. The student is to conduct a RAHT test. If result is positive, the student is required to have a PCR test. The text confirmation of a positive PCR result must be sent to Ms Heraghty as soon as possible.

# **Bodies of Work Exhibition**

The Stella Maris Community is warmly invited to the 2022 HSC Bodies of Work Exhibition. Don't miss the opportunity to view the major works of our Year 12 students on Wednesday 17 August. The exhibition brings together the artwork and innovative designs from 71 talented students who chose to study Visual Arts, Design and Technology, Textile and Technology and Industrial Multimedia. We encourage all Year 10 and 11 students with an interest in these subjects to attend and take the opportunity to talk to Year 12 students about their work and learning experience. You might get inspired by the amazing work they have produced. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Date:** 17 August, 2022 Venue: Benedict Campus **Time:** 6.30pm - 7.30pm





# **Prophetic Voices Conference**

Sarah Metcalfe - Teacher of History and Social Justice Program

On Friday and Saturday 22 and 23 July, the Prophetic Voices Conference

# Get in Touch

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### **Student Enrolments & Exits**

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# Canteen Manager

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# College Fee Enquiries

fees@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

### **Uniform & Text Books**

uniform\_books@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

# **Canteen Roster**

# **MONDAY 8 AUGUST**

Abi Sweet Ayesha Ballesty Nicole Margetts Camilla Zervas

# **TUESDAY 9 AUGUST**

Majella Brady Sharon Fountain \*\* help needed please \*\*

# **WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST**

Amanda Smerdon Joanne Robinson Eve Harvey Georgia Smith Sarah Chirgwin

# THURSDAY 11 AUGUST

Jane Egan Taemar Handes Kelly Hindman Anna Anderson Lucy Stephenson Grace Mason Stacey Kelly

### **FRIDAY 12 AUGUST**

Melissa Pitkin Kate Bambrick-Browne Gemma van Hamburg Maree Hayes Cindy Fordham schools from around Australia attended.

For several months, the MAD (Making a Difference) team, Social Justice and Stewardship Prefects prepared a pitch to present to the other nine GSE schools. The pitch aimed to demonstrate ways in which Stella Maris

was held as part of the Good Samaritan Education (GSE)

Triennial Conference. Students from all ten GSE

addresses Ecological Conservation and showcased practical strategies for the other GSE schools to potentially implement into their own school setting.

The theme of the Prophetic Voices and Triennial Conference was 'Listening, Being, Transforming; Co-Creators in Christ' and focused on how faith provides guidance to heal social justice issues. During the development of our pitch, we mapped Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si' to our suggested strategies and highlighted that it is within our power to "be the change we want to see" in our world and that we need to urgently care for our common home, the Earth.

On Friday the students visited St Scholastica's, Glebe. Throughout the day the students workshopped their pitch ideas and all ten GSE schools finally decided to morph all the pitches into four key areas. Our pitch morphed into climate action and indigenous protection of country for all as well as a focus on "respectful relationships".

The schools worked together to create action proposals and steps of implementing these ideas into their own school context. Such as our key ideas of:

- · A multi bin system
- The planting of native flora to produce bush tucker in consultation with local indigenous elders.
- Another idea from Mt St Benedict's was to recycle old school uniforms to be made into class room furniture items.

The Saturday event was held in North Sydney at Mary MacKillop House and included multiple workshops. These focused on leadership, education, and spirituality. Overall, the students enjoyed the event and are all excited to see the eventuation of their ideas.

I would like to acknowledge the incredible work and genuine passion of the students involved in the whole process, including Emily V, Emily M, Elisa R, Lara D and Ella Mc of Year 12; Izzy K of Year 11; Chloe Mc, Emily D and Belle C of Year 10 and Ruby A and Caitlin T of Year 9. The girls were passionate advocates for caring for our Earth and were the real "prophets" seeking to bring about positive change for the future.









# **Notices**

# **Missing Lunch Containers**

There are many lunch containers in a box outside the canteen awaiting collection. They have been washed so please check your cupboards and ask your daughters to collect if you're missing any.

# **After School Stella Tutors**

Did you know that Stella offers after-school tutoring across many subjects and year levels? From Monday to Thursday (3.20pm - 5.30pm) in the Library, some of Stella's recent graduates are available to provide free academic assistance to students. To book a tutor, students should contact Library staff in person or via <a href="mailto:library\_notices@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au">library\_notices@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au</a>

**Click here** for the schedule of tutors.

# **Youth Mass**

Our next Youth Mass will be celebrated at St Kieran's Manly Vale at 6.00pm on Sunday 14 August with the Stella Maris, St Augustine's and parish community. Please join us to celebrate the Eucharist.

# **HSC Year 12 Music Night**

The Stella Community is invited to experience the incredible talent of our Year 12 HSC students on Tuesday 23 August at the Balgowlah RSL Wine

Tickets are \$50 for a two course meal or \$20 for canapes.

**Click here** for tickets.

Best wishes to our performers:

- · Ruby S Voice
- Ruby W Voice
- Lara D Voice
- Ciara C Drums
- Maddison H-W Guitar
- Ellen H Voice
- Tilli Mc Voice
- Amelia W Piano

# Stella Maris College presents 2022 Year 12 HSC Music Night Tuesday 23rd August Balgowlah RSL Wine Room Doors open 6.30pm. Tickets \$50 2 Course Meal \$20 Canapés Please book tickets through: https://www.trybooking.com/CBKPX

# Job of the Week

Lisa Walsh - Careers and Pathways Adviser e lisa\_walsh@stellamaris.edu.au

# **Fitter**

### What do Fitters do?

Fitters are qualified tradespeople who shape, assemble, and fit machinery parts (generally made of metal). You might be putting together brand-new parts as a Fitter and Turner, or repairing and maintaining old parts as a Maintenance Fitter. If you like to work with your hands and have a mind for maths, this could be the perfect job for you.

# How do you become a Fitter?

**Click here** to learn more about this job and pathways to get there. Please visit our very own **Stella Careers Website** for all your career needs.

PLUS, our regular weekly careers newsletters can be read **here**.

# **Uniform Shop**

Operating Hours
Tue | Wed | Thu
8:00am - 4:30pm during term.

# **Summer Uniforms**

Please purchase winter skirts, pants or blouses before 18 August when they will be packed away to make room for summer uniforms on the shelves.

# Winter Uniforms Click here for uniform prices.

Some winter items are available **online**. Junior and senior skirts have now been added.

# Stationery items

The Uniform Shop stocks a large range of stationery items that can be purchased in store. These include:

- Calculators
- Art supplies
- A3 and A4 Display folders
- Pens, lead pencils, glue sticks, Bernina bobbins

Please go to the **Stationery** section online to see what items can be purchased.

# **Second Hand Uniforms**

The Uniform Shop does not accept second hand uniforms. Please go to the **P&F's Facebook** page to buy and sell uniforms.



We were so excited to welcome 'Golden Ridge Farm' to Stella this week for a Year 7 Visual Arts incursion. Our budding artists spent the morning developing their drawing and observation skills... learning a little about 'life drawing': drawing something in real life that is often moving and changing! They also experimented with a variety of materials: charcoal, graphite, and white pencil on black paper to experience the different results, and experiment with tone, texture and composition.

The students had a lovely time and were thoughtful with the animals, being quiet and calm as well as doing a wonderful job focusing on the task in hand. We have some incredible drawings from the morning which the students can develop upon in class.

It was so lovely to have the animals visit and a bit of a treat for the other year groups (and teachers!) to come and say hello as well.















# **Debating Club**

Alexander Mascarenhas - Teacher of English and Geography

Last Friday Stella Maris competed in Round 2 of the Schools Debating Network Competition at St. Ignatius' College Riverview. The teams continued to participate with enthusiasm and pride! Round 3 will be held this Friday at Roseville College where we will be debating "Pop Culture".

Good luck!

# **Topic of the Week**

That all students in Years 9 and 10 should be required to do one day of work experience every fortnight.



# P&F Update

Kate Lovelace & Andrea Hogan - P&F Presidents

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# **Comedy for a Cause**

Thank you to all who came along to the Stella Comedy for a Cause evening last Friday. It was a fantastic night and raised \$2207.32 for the Stella Parents & Friends Association - funds which will be used towards future events in the spirit of connecting our wonderful Stella community.

# P&F Meeting this Thursday 11 August (7.30pm)

After several meetings conducted on Zoom, this term we are returning to a face-to-face meeting! We are excited to be able to meet you in person once more so please come along to the Old School Library at 7.30pm on Thursday. Find out what's going on at school and meet some new people. All welcome, see you there!

Year 8

Dee Why Hotel Friday 5th August 7pm

# Year 8 Mums' Night Out

Tonight is our Year 8 Mums' Night Out! Come along for a drink or dinner too - this will be a casual evening with both options available. Look forward to seeing you!

# **Diary Dates**

Thursday 11 August at 7.30pm - Term 3 P&F Meeting, Old Library. All welcome!

Friday 18 November – Parent End of Year Drinks (all year levels).

# **Stella Buy Sell Swap Facebook**

A reminder, when requesting to join our Buy/Sell/Swap Uniform and Books

Facebook Page, please don't forget to answer the admin question (are you a Parent/Guardian of a Stella Maris College student?) and agree to the rules - as otherwise your membership request can't be approved!

# WhatsApp Groups

If you are new to the school you may not yet have joined up to your Year Group's WhatsApp Group. These groups are set up by the P&F to help you connect with other parents in your daughter's year group. They are used to organise social events and are very handy for asking questions.

To join, please email us at **pandf@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au** and include your phone number so we can ask the WhatsApp Administrator for your year group to add you.

# Year 7

Administrator: Kelly Hindman

Year 8

Administrator: Belinda Hay

Year 9

Administrator: Holly MacKenzie

Year 10

Administrator. Molly McKenzie

Administrator: Janet Sajowitz

Year 12

Administrator. Carrie Hobday

# **School Fees**

For those families not under a direct debit arrangement, this is a kind reminder that the third and final instalment of your 2022 College fees is payable by

# 15 August 2022.

We remind our families that the College requires one term's notice of any move to another school or learning environment (please note that overseas enrolments require two terms' notice). Please email any enrolment changes to: registrar@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au as soon as vou are aware the enrolment may change to ensure a notice fee is not incurred.

### **EDSTART**

Families may like to consider Edstart as a flexible payment provider. Edstart assists families to manage their school fees and education costs. Feedback from Stella families is that the application process is easy and seamless. **Click here** to learn more about Edstart.

# Disclaimer:

Stella Maris College does not provide any recommendations, brokering or advice services, nor do we receive referral fees, commissions or other renumeration from Edstart.





Jenny Wickham - Sports Co-ordinator and Teacher of PDHPE

### Toucl

Congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 Touch Team who competed at the NSW Touch State Final at the Central Coast Regional Sport Complex on Tuesday 2 August. The Stella team was outstanding, playing a very high level of Touch against strong teams from all over NSW! The Stella team only lost one game all day to Murrumbidgee Regional High School. We were very unlikely to miss the final when we were eliminated on a very close countback.

Congratulations to the team on being one of the top five teams in NSW!

The Stella team:

Kayla A, Crlotte B, Summer B, Matilda B, Giselle B, Indi C, Riley Mc, Lara M, Elisabeth P, Rileigh S and April U.

# **Snow Sports**

Congratulations to Lara H (Year 7) who has qualified for the NSW State Interschool Snow Sport Championships for Snow Boarding. This will take place in Perisher on the 22 – 26 August. Good luck Lara!

# Rugby 7s

Training has commenced for our Years 7/8 and Years 9/10 Rugby 7s teams. The teams will be playing at the NSW Schoolgirls Rugby 7s Gala Day on 23 August. Compulsory training is held every Wednesday morning at Kierle Park. Any student who would like to play but has not yet signed up should email Mrs Jenny Wickham.

### Golf

We are calling for Expressions of Interest for students who would like to play at the BBSSSA Golf Championships. This will be held at Tuggerah Lakes Golf Club on 2 September. Students who wish to enter must have a valid golf link number and be an affiliated golf club member. Students have been emailed a link to express interest in entering this event.

### **Athletics**

Our Stella Athletics Team has been working hard in preparation for the BBSSSA and IGSA Athletics Championships which will be held later this month. Some of the team have been competing at the IGSA Twilight Carnivals which are held at Sydney Olympic Park on Friday evenings

throughout July and August. We look forward to some great results at the Championships events in the coming weeks!









