

St Mary's Catholic College Gateshead

BE SAFE, BE A LEARNER, BE RESPECTFUL

Newsletter 16.23

Tuesday 17 October 2023



Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

As we reflect on the week that was and absorb the news from Israel and the gross violation of human rights, the loss of life and the human tragedy that is unfolding from this conflict, we pray for peace. Pope Francis, last weekend, called for us to "understand that terrorism and war do not lead to any solution, but only to the death and suffering of so many innocent people," inviting us to pray for peace in Israel and Palestine.

At times, on both an individual and communal level, it is easy to feel so shocked and removed from conflicts such as those in the Middle East and Ukraine, that we cannot fathom how to bring an end to such suffering. What difference can we make? What can we do?

This is where we must pray deeply for peace. And, while we cannot impact immediately on a specific conflict, we can choose to model the way of peace at a local level - *acting locally to make a difference*. What does this mean for us at St Mary's? Acting locally for peace and understanding?

It means engaging in genuine care for "the other", to ensure that St Mary's remains a safe place free from hate, conflict, racism, hate-speech and prejudice. A place where there is love for one another, where we engage in respectful dialogue when we experience difference; where we learn to listen deeply to each other; where we work to restore harmony when our relationships are broken. As parents and educators, we need to challenge the children in our care to be young adults of empathy with respect for difference, modelling ways in which to have respectful dialogue, ways to resolve conflict without resorting to violence, ways to live in harmony with one another - regardless of difference.

Further, in relation to the war in both Ukraine and Israel, it is important that we understand the impact of the images, the news and media, upon the mental health of ourselves, our students and our teachers. From my reading over the weekend may I share the following suggestions as put forward by CNN journalist, Andrea Kane ([CNN Article 14.10.2023](#)):

- **Put your family on a Media diet** – use one or two trusted sources and limit time to 30 minutes per day
- **Don't keep kids in the dark** – we can be honest with them without being graphic
- **Tune into your (and your kids') feelings** – and the impact of these feelings on sleep, mood, diet, functioning, relationships ... acknowledge these feelings, monitor and discuss
- **Build up your stress-busting toolkit** – consider exercise, a walk, an outdoor activity, mindfulness
- **Tap into the goodness of life** – participate in things that make you feel good and practise gratitude, appreciating what gives you joy and happiness
- **Understand that you are not alone** - Family, friends, mental health support and school colleagues/teachers are walking the journey with you.

Finally, we continue to pray for reconciliation between all people and we stand with those who are fearful. We ask God to send a healing spirit upon all involved in conflict and violence in the Middle East, Ukraine and other parts of our world. As a community we will continue to pray for the vulnerable, and for those who are working for enduring peace, whilst we commit to acting as peacemakers in our own community.

Blessings,

Cathy O'Gorman
Principal (Acting)

Year 12 Academic Awards Ceremony 2023

Academic Awards are presented to students who have achieved **First in Course** and those who have placed in the **Top 10% in a Course**.

Diligence Awards are awarded to students nominated by their teachers for application and persistent effort across a **minimum of FIVE subjects**. Students receiving a Diligence Award demonstrate self-management and motivation, independence, and a conscientious commitment to learning. This award is not necessarily a reflection of ability, but rather it is indicative of both **effort and application**. The following students received Diligence Awards in 2023:

Edelle McCarron
Tia Pezet
Mia Egan
Annalise Burrows
Mia Bartley
Samuel Collins
Marshall Blanch
Connor Farrell

Sharlah Ticehurst
Lily Quinn
Zidane Bika
Ben Dezelak
Matilda Brown
Caleb Lane
Sarah le Guier

Greg Fabrikanov
Madison Hatch
Grace Cook
Flynn O'Connor
Bronte Carrigan
Lachlan Macnamara
Ava Knight
Nathan Cooper

MAJOR AWARDS:

Cross-Curricular Academic Excellence

This award is presented to students who have achieved outstanding results across **TEN or more units of study**, achieving either First in Course or in the Top 10% of each of these ten courses.

The student who is to receive this award displayed Academic Excellence and placed 1st in Course in Chemistry, 1st in Course in Drama, 1st in Course in English Advanced, 1st in Course in Mathematics Extension 1 & Mathematics Extension 2, 1st in Course in Physics and showed Scholastic Achievement of achieving the top 10% in the course for Studies of Religion 1 unit.

The recipient of the Academic Excellence Award for 2023 is **Bronte Carrigan**

2023 SMCCG VET Student of the Year

The VET Student of the Year Award recognises the achievements of a Year 12 student who has excelled in the area of Vocational Education and Training – this year the award is sponsored by Yasmin Catley State Member for Swansea.

Our College's VET student for 2023 has showcased a commendable level of dedication, commitment, and passion in her chosen course over the past two years. She is a warm and friendly student who displays patience and kindness to her peers. She has willingly lived out our College motto *Ready to Serve* through her work in our College Café for three years. Her Leadership and ability to work in a team has been commented upon on numerous occasions by many teachers dropping into the Café.

Our VET student of the year is a School Based Trainee who recently received an Academic Excellence Award from TAFE, and a Letter of Recommendation from her Nursing Unit Manager from the John Hunter Children's Hospital. She is a great example of how students can thrive in a school-based traineeship. Her Traineeship in Health Services has only grown her passion for Nursing and has given her direct entry into university for 2024.

Our 2023 VET student of the year has thrived in Vocational Education and Training and is the College's nominee for the Catholic Schools Office VET Student of the Year Award.

Congratulations goes to **Olivia Cullen**.

Vice Chancellor's Award for Academic Excellence

This prestigious award, sponsored by the University of Newcastle, is presented to a student who has displayed commitment to, and excellence in, their academic performance throughout the year.

The **Vice Chancellor's Award for Academic Excellence** consists of a certificate and a scholarship offer of \$2000 if the student enrolls in an undergraduate program with the University of Newcastle in 2023.

While there are several students who have worked impressively throughout their senior years, there are none more deserving than this student, whose commitment and desire for excellence has been exceptional.

This student has demonstrated throughout the HSC year, a commitment to growth, an openness to learning from feedback, perseverance, and a genuine desire to learn and develop academically. Teachers have identified this student as someone who exhibited the ability to work both collaboratively and independently; who has well-developed organisational skills; is proactive in their learning, seeking assistance when required. They are considered inclusive and respectful in their relationships and have always sought continual improvement; insightful and being a deep thinker, came up in many of this students' report comments.

Further, this student has studied across a breadth of subjects, demonstrating high-level problem-solving skills, meticulous attention to detail and resilience. The academic achievement of this student includes 5 x First Places and 1 x Second Place from SIX courses completed, all achieved with quiet grace, humility and commitment.

The recipient of the **Vice Chancellor's Award for Academic Excellence 2023 is: Bronte Carrigan.**

The Principals Award sponsored by the Lions Club of Charlestown:

The Principal's Award is presented to students who enhance the culture of our college through their actions and attitudes. These students live the values and ideals of our community, quietly giving life to the College motto, Ready to Serve. With humility and strength, they go about making St Mary's Catholic College a better place for others. We have three award recipients this year:

Our first recipient is a diligent student, always giving of her best. She applies herself with goodwill and determination in all situations, tirelessly giving her time in support of both the social and cultural life of the College. She was an active contributor to the Student Leadership Team assisting with the organization of the International Women's Day Breakfast, the Push Up Challenge, and the Anzac Day Liturgy. Staff commented that she consistently works toward her goals, seeks feedback, and integrates this into her approach to learning, she is a very proud member of our community.

The first recipient of a Principal's Award for 2023 is ...

Matilda Brown

Our second recipient of a Principal's Award has been an active contributor to College life for 6 years and is also a valued member of the Student Leadership Team. She has contributed to the social and cultural life of the College through contributions to Feast Day activities, the Colour Run, Vinnies Winter Appeal and the International Women's Day breakfast. According to staff, her consistent effort, desire to improve, friendly and approachable manner, and willingness to help, set her apart.

The second recipient of a Principal's Award is ...

Mia Bartley

Our third recipient of a Principals award has over his time at the College achieved both academically and in the sporting arena. He has been able to balance his commitment to a semi-professional high-performance sport while maintaining high achievement in his senior academic pathway. He has been commended by staff for his capacity to maintain strong positive relationships within the College community while training intensely within the Swans Academy. We wish him all the best in his future sporting endeavours, the third recipient of a Principal's Award is ...

Lachlan Macnamara

The ADF Long Tan Leadership Award:

Each year the ADF presents an award for Leadership and teamwork. The recipient must be a student who demonstrates leadership within the community, a team player whose knowledge, appearance, and behaviour demonstrate respect for the values of the school and the community. The recipient must be an enthusiastic problem solver who cooperates and communicates well with others and who involves themselves in community activities.

This year's award recipient exceeds these criteria in many ways....

As College Leader he has demonstrated a willingness to build relationships across the College with both staff and students, he has proven himself to be both personable and professional in his conduct, communicating and cooperating successfully throughout the academic year. Staff comment included: He is constantly striving to improve himself as a learner and deepen his understanding; he isn't about beating others but about beating himself; he sets and achieves goals in both his academic studies and life beyond the school gates; and is quite intentional in each 'next step' to improve. He is driven but understands the importance of building respectful relationships with all those he works alongside.

The recipient of the 2023 Long Tan Award is.....

Ben Dezelak

ADF Future Innovators Award:

Each year the ADF presents the Future Innovators Award. The recipient must be a student who has demonstrated a passion for and skill in the areas of mathematics, science, and technology. The recipient will have been identified by the teaching staff as an exceptional learner and one who is likely to contribute new and innovative thinking in their chosen field of future study. Staff feedback on the recipient this year included that he is a student with a particularly astute mind, that he is a conscientious and mature learner, a high achiever who excelled across a range of academically challenging disciplines.

The recipient of the 2023 Future Innovators Award is.....

Caleb Lane

Sporting Excellence Award

This award recognises a student who has excelled in a range of sporting endeavours, demonstrating virtues such as fairness, self-control, determination, and courage both on and off the field.

Our recipient this year has achieved excellence across a range of sports and enjoyed success in the following pathways:

- Participation in the swimming and athletics carnivals each year from 7-12
- Participation in representative basketball, soccer, futsal, and touch football.
- She was selected in the Bill Turner U15' & Diocesan U18's soccer and futsal teams
- She competed in the Diocesan Futsal team and was selected in the Northern NSW team which went on to win the regional tournament.
- She was selected and played in the NSWCCC soccer team in 2022 & 2023. In both years the team won the State Championships.

- She was selected in the Junior Matilda's camp at the Institute of Sport in 2021, 2022 & 2023.
- She currently plays first-grade soccer in the National Premier League

The recipient of the SMCCG Sporting Excellence Award for 2023 is.....

Maddie Howard

Citizenship Award sponsored by Pat Conroy Federal Member for Shortland

The College award for citizenship is presented to a student who is friendly and approachable, who has been involved in a wide range of school activities to assist in the building of the College Community and who has an exemplary attendance and behaviour record.

This year we have two worthy recipients:

The first is a young woman who has demonstrated an ongoing selfless commitment to the community throughout her time at the College. She has according to staff been a committed student, abided by the mantra, lived up to the motto *Ready to Serve*, worn her school uniform with pride always showing kindness and respect to her peers. As a College Leader she has shown herself to be a team player always ready to assist others, listen to their point of view and contribute to the organisation and animation of College events. She is a young woman of the utmost integrity.

The first recipient of the Citizenship Award for 2023 is.....

Mia Egan

Our second recipient this year is a well-mannered, caring young man who engages all he meets with courtesy conveying a deep sense of respect for the other. Staff comment included: he is always looking out for those around him whether that be his peers, his teachers or those in younger years. He is always in uniform, often volunteering and is always ready with a smile & a kind word to share. He understands the true sense of community & is a willing participant in all school activities. Often seen on the handball court he models safe and respectful behaviour - play by the rules, take turns and just have fun!

It gives me great pleasure to announce the second recipient of the SMCCG Citizenship Award for 2023 is.....

Joseph Hogan

Award for Integrity sponsored by Reuben F Scarf:

This award recognises a student who has a unique strength of character, demonstrated by a steadfast commitment to the achievement of their personal goals and an overarching integrity that unites and aligns their efforts. They are a student who is humble and hardworking, a student who has committed themselves to the achievement of their personal goals but have still found ways to give of themselves generously both within the classroom and to the broader community.

Our recipient this year is a determined young lady who has impressed many with her personal resolve and willingness to stand up for her beliefs. Staff comment includes: she is a true citizen of the College, someone we can be proud of, she has been a regular volunteer at breakfast club for many years, but does not broadcast the fact, she has a strong social conscience and a true servant heart. She is always helping others but expects no accolade in return. She advocates for others, demonstrating a social conscience, an open mind and the courage to express her opinion while able to acknowledge opinions different to her own.

The recipient of the Reuben F Scarf Award for Integrity is.....

Ava Knight

All Rounder Award sponsored by AMPOL

This award recognises a student who has participated in a wide range of activities and achieved across a range of academic, cultural and community service fields. The recipient of this award possesses characteristics that the College strives to instil in all its students because they are the cornerstones of success and the hallmarks of a richly integrated life.

Staff comments on our recipient this year included:

She is a natural leader, contributing her gifts to the academic, sporting, and cultural life of the college. She works systematically, listens intently, and applies feedback to the improvement of her work, she understands that she has something to learn something from every person. Over the last two years, regardless of a significant academic workload, she has participated in and won the Lake Macquarie One Act Play Festival; she has represented the college at numerous community events and participated with enthusiasm in sporting carnivals, dress-up days, and community activities. She is deeply respectful of the College Mantra - wearing her uniform with pride and dedicating herself to growing as a learner. She demonstrates kindness and generosity in sharing her talents, possessing a quiet humility.

The recipient of the All-Rounder Award for 2023 is.....

Bronte Carrigan

Being a leader requires strength, resilience, patience, empathy and creativity. Within our community we also expect that our leaders emulate a Christ like selfless humility, anticipating and serving the needs of the community – we expect a lot!

Our student and College Leaders in 2023 have honoured the Sisters of St Joseph and the heritage of St Mary's Catholic College community in the way they have risen to the challenge of authentic Christian leadership and lived our College motto Ready to Serve. We are incredibly blessed to of been graced by their presence and efforts this year.

The 2023 Student Leadership Team are:

Mia Bartley
Matilda Brown
Poppy Carter
Chloe Fabrikarov
Leah Henderson
Ava Knight
Edelle McCarron
Lucas Mclvor
Tia Pezet
Harry Roughan

This wonderful team was led by our 4 College Leaders:

Mia Egan
Lily Quinn
Ben Dezelak
Cirdan Peihopa

Congratulations, we thank you for your service. Always - Ready to Serve.



Assistant Principal - Learning & Teaching

Year 11 Reports, Awards and Interviews

Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews have been scheduled for Week 3 Term 4. This time has been put aside for students and parents to follow up on Year 11 Course Reports as well as plan with teachers their future directions and goals for Year 12 studies. This time provides an opportunity for teachers to “feed forward” – establishing expectations for students as they move into their final HSC year.

All students are encouraged to attend the interviews, allowing them to set realistic and aspirational goals for the next twelve months.

Year 11 Awards will be held and celebrated on the same day as the Interviews.

All Year 11 families are invited to attend the Awards ceremony in the College COLA commencing at 2pm.

Week 2 Friday 20 October 2022	Year 11 Reports Published Student, Parent, Teacher Interview Bookings OPEN via Compass
Week 3 Wednesday 25 October 2022	Year 11 End of Course Awards 2pm Venue: College Cola Student, Parent & Teacher Interviews after School Venue: College Library 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Please do not hesitate to contact the College via email admin@gatesheadsm.catholic.edu.au if you require additional information.

Belinda Flood

Acting Assistant Principal – Learning and Teaching

NOTICE

Due to Staff Professional Development on Tuesday 17 October, 2023, the students will be released from classes at 2.40pm. There will be supervision of students until they catch their usual buses home.

UNIFORM REQUEST

Dear Parents of Year 12 2023

If you have any senior uniform items, particularly blazers, that you wish to sell or give away, please post items onto the parent Facebook page of size, price, quality and your preferred method of contact:

The Facebook page is **St Mary's catholic college Pre-Loved School Uniforms**

There are many Year 9 families who are keen to purchase or acquire senior uniform items for 2024. These parents will be directed to the facebook page in coming weeks to communicate directly with Year 12 parents about the purchase of your unwanted pieces.

Please also consider donating directly to St Mary's for our emergency clothing pool - items will be gratefully received at Student Services.

Thank you
Leaders of Wellbeing Team



TOP TIPS FOR STUDYING FOR TESTS

Studying effectively for tests and exams is a SKILL that can be developed and make a significant difference in your academic success. Here's a checklist to help students identify and improve their study habits:

- **Make Notes Regularly:**
Instead of cramming all your studying into the last-minute rush, make it a habit to make study notes regularly. This will help you understand the material better as you go along, making studying for tests less overwhelming.
- **Plan Ahead:**
Don't wait until the last moment to finish your study notes. Start early, ideally weeks before the exam, so you have ample time to review and understand the material thoroughly. Avoid last-minute stress by planning ahead.
- **Create Organised Study Notes:**
Create structured and easily digestible study notes. Use headings, bullet points, and diagrams to make your notes visually appealing and comprehensible. This will make it easier to review and memorise key information.
- **Use Active Learning:**
Don't just passively read your notes. Test yourself on the material to gauge your understanding. Use flashcards, quizzes, or teaching the topic to someone else. Active learning reinforces your memory and comprehension.
- **Use Diverse Study Techniques:**
Don't rely on a single study technique. Experiment with various methods like mind maps, mnemonic devices, or group study sessions. Explore what works best for you and adapt your study routine accordingly.



- **Simulate Exam Conditions:**
To prepare for the pressure of exam day, practice under realistic conditions. Set a timer at home when doing questions, avoid looking at your notes, and simulate the exam environment as closely as possible. This helps build your confidence and adapt to time constraints.
- **Use Varied Sources:**
Don't limit your study materials to just one source. Diversify your resources by using textbooks, online materials, practice exams, and teacher-provided resources. This broadens your understanding and exposes you to different perspectives.

By incorporating these study habits into your routine, you can significantly enhance your preparation for tests and exams. Remember that consistency and early planning are key to success in high school and beyond.

Our school's subscription details to www.studyskillshandbook.com.au are –

Username:

Password:

NEW SPORT IS A HIT!

Introducing..... Fishing! The lucky students that attended loved the new experience. Jason from Tackle World was so good with the students - there was some geography and marine biology and genuine passion mixed in with our sport last Friday and the boys had a ball! And yes, the fish were thrown back 😊



Aboriginal Education



Aboriginal Numeracy Gala Day

Last term a number of Year 7 students attended an Aboriginal Numeracy Gala Day at McDonald Jones Stadium. Students took part in a range of activities, both on the field and in the dressing sheds to develop their numeracy skills. Well done the students for the positive and enthusiastic way they interacted on the day!

Cultural Workshops with Roo

This week Aboriginal students in Yr 9/10 joined Roo for a Cultural Workshop to review identity. Roo shared his own family story, how he is connected to Gomeroi and Awabakal culture and the road to becoming a teacher. We also looked at the support students may seek when moving forward into their careers. Students will be sent an email with the next steps in their journey. Year 7/8 will join Roo next week. Families can contact Roo or myself if you have any questions or would like to discuss support.



Paul McKay

Aboriginal Education Teacher

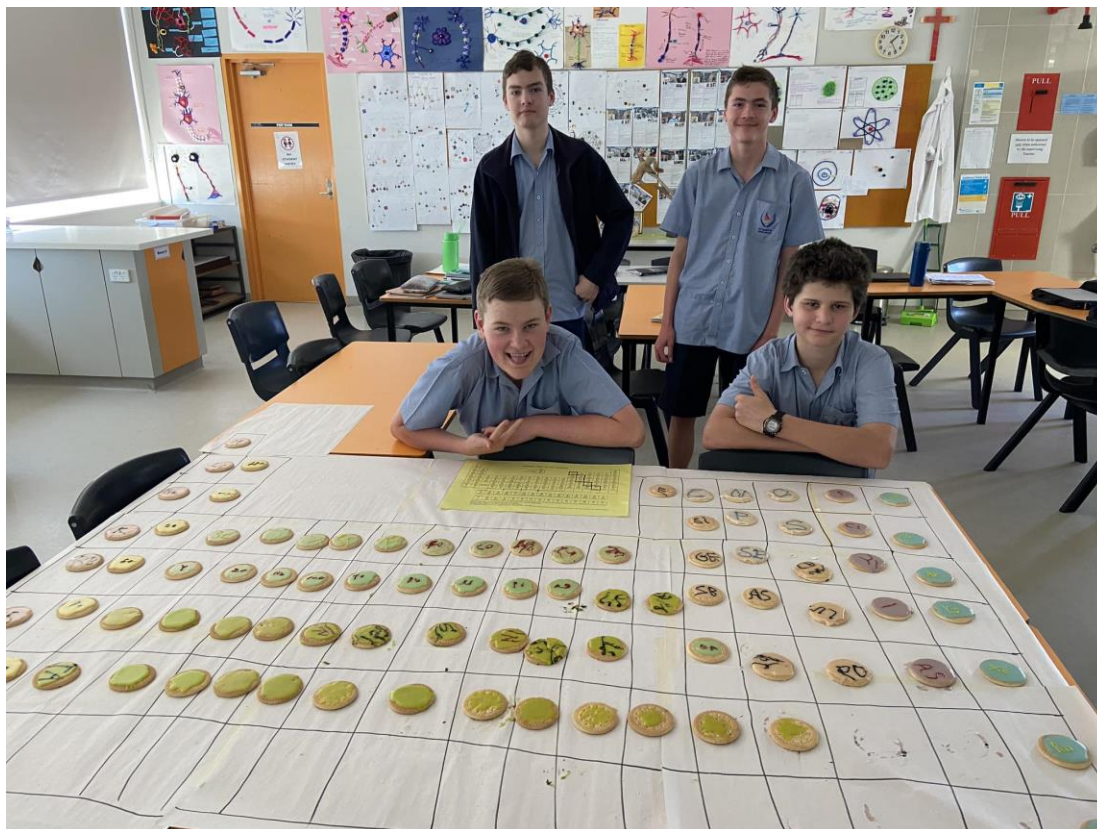


SCIENCE FACULTY

Who knew learning about the periodic table could be so tasty?! 🤩🍪🍪

Today, our Year 9 students had a sweet lesson on the trends in the periodic table. They used biscuits and icing to create an edible periodic table, complete with symbols, atomic numbers, and colours for different groups. They learned about the properties and patterns of elements in each group, such as metals, non-metals, halogens, and noble gases. They also got to taste some of their creations and share them with their classmates. 🍪🍰🍪

Here is a photo of their amazing work. Well done, Year 9!



Minecraft Battle!

In the first Minecraft E-Sports battle at St Mary's, it was the RED Team consisting of **Alexander McMichael-O'Brien**, **Jordan Bika**, **Tahj Purnell**, **Dylan Wilks** and **Wendi Harris** that were victorious. In the 5v5 battle to capture the opposition flag they came out victors 3-0. The return battle wars as an event not to be missed!



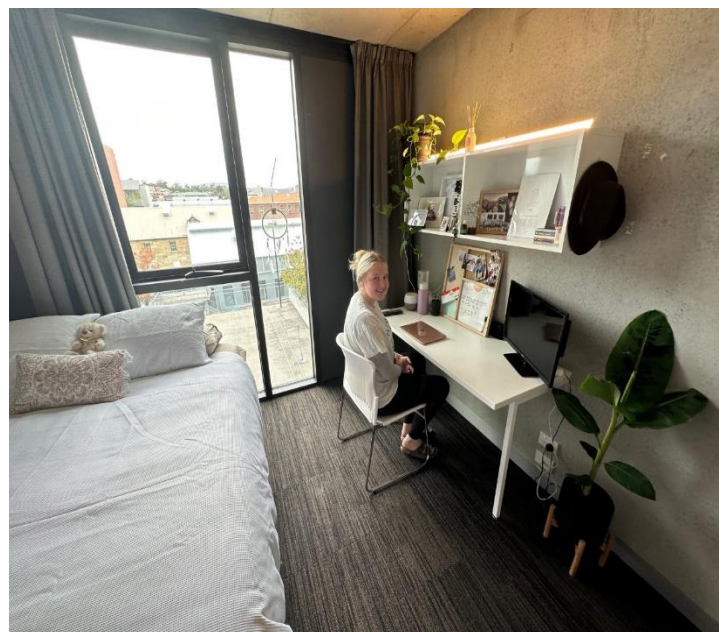
Exciting times for one of our alumni

Madison Hillard completed her HSC here at St Mary's in 2022, she then accepted a placement at the University of Tasmania (UTAS) into the institute of Marine and Antarctic Sciences (IMAS). She is enjoying her studies, and the hands-on experiences provided in a double major degree; 'Marine and Antarctic Governance' and 'Marine Resource Management'. Madison participates in an excursion once a fortnight and has visited a sustainable oyster farm and the Tasmania salmon farms amongst other excursions. She has become super independent and lives on Youth Allowance of \$300 a week in Uni housing. The university is within walking distance, and she has access to a 24 helpline with a student officer to assist her if she needs any support. Madison was also able to access a relocation scholarship to help with the costs of flights and moving house. The university provide peer assisted study sessions in which 3rd year students assist others to overcome any complex concepts.

Madison is part of a close-knit group of students who all support one another, particularly as they are all a long way from home and have no family close by to support them. Madison is highly interested in the areas of United Nation Marine Conservation and Environmental Protection and sustainable fishing. She has clearly moved on from her years at St Mary's but is embracing the exciting opportunities ahead of her. A trip to Vietnam is in the works on an International Sustainability Program and a research journey to NZ is likewise being planned. I feel enthusiastic to hear where this study will take Madison, but I am guessing it will be a long way from her humble beginnings in Standard English with Mrs Milajew, and Earth and Environmental Sciences with Mrs Piper!

"Oh the places you'll go!"

Mrs Milajew.



BOOTS *and* BALL GOWNS

SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2023, 5-9PM
MCDONALD PAVILION, MAITLAND SHOWGROUNDS

AN EVENT FOR ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS RAISING FUNDS
TO SUPPORT OUR NEW MAITLAND HUB. CATERING BY THE
GALS FROM **HOT LUCK**. MUSIC FROM **KAREN SOPER**. KIDS
ENTERTAINMENT BY **YABADOO & SILLY STREET FACE PAINTING**.

PRIZES FOR THE BEST VINNIES PURCHASED OUTFIT, MAKE
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RAFFLE & LUCKY DOOR PRIZES. WIN \$500 IN BUNNINGS
VOUCHERS!

TICKETS:

PH: 4967 6277
OR ONLINE VIA QR CODE



ALCOHOL FREE EVENT | NO TICKETS AT THE GATE | ALL TICKETS INCLUDE CATERING



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Praise & Worship Group

All are invited to participate in our next planning meeting as we explore the thrilling potential of these upcoming events. We warmly welcome passionate musicians and vocalists to be part of our enthusiastic ensemble.

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

Wednesday 25th October

5:30 - 7:00pm

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED



Cafe Night

Real Women

Placing Value on Womanhood

Date : Monday, 20 November 2023

Time : 7.30pm – 9.15pm
Tea or Coffee served from 7.00pm

Place : St Mary's Catholic Church Hall
Bayview Street, Warners Bay

Guest Speaker: Sr Paula Volchek

Sister Paula Volchek has described herself as "really spoiled by God". Born and raised in Belarus and now a Sister of the Holy Family of Nazareth working in Pastoral Ministries in the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, she has a wonderful story to share of her faith-filled journey.

Cost: Donation of \$15 per person –

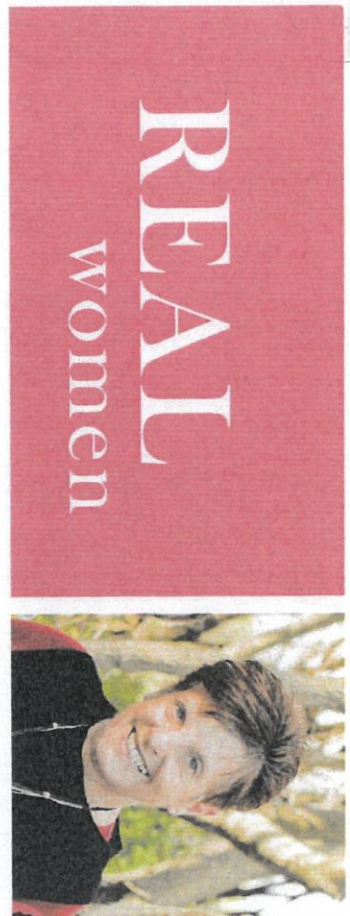
* Specific diet requirements will be met as far as possible. Please advise when purchasing tickets.

Bookings will open at St Mary's Hall, Warners Bay on Saturday 21 October 2023 10am to 12pm.

Bookings may also be made by phone if you are unable to be at hall.

Phone: Sue - 0417 091 255 or Marie – 0429 191 245.

Catholic Parish of Boolaroo/Warners Bay



St Mary's Catholic College Uniform Shop Booking Calendar



Dear Parents and Carers,

OUR BOOKING CALENDAR IS NOW OPEN.

We welcome all students new to St Mary's Catholic College to visit the Uniform Shop for a fitting.

We encourage you to take this opportunity to learn your child's sizing and secure your uniforms for 2024. During your appointment, we will walk you through your child's uniform requirements for the coming year. We are excited to get you ready for this new chapter - don't leave your uniforms until the last minute!

HOW TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT



Register or Sign In

Visit www.alintaapparel.com.au
Select 'Uniform Shop' then 'Register' or 'Sign In'.



Book your Fitting Appointment

Select 'Appointment' and choose from the available appointment times. You will receive an email confirmation once you have made your booking.



Attend your Fitting Appointment

You will be sent a reminder the day before your appointment. You will have the opportunity to place your order at the time of your appointment. We offer lay-by with only 20% deposit required.

FAQ



What if I need to cancel or reschedule my appointment?

To cancel or reschedule your appointment, go to 'My Account' then 'Appointments Calendar'.



I have multiple children to get fitted, how many appointments do I need?

Fitting appointments are one per child. Please book an appointment for each of your children.



Can I return or exchange?

We understand children can change and grow at rapid rates. We offer 12 month returns and exchanges on eligible items for your peace of mind. Our full policy and eligibility requirements is available under 'Terms and Conditions' on our website.



Special Make Up/Custom Garments

We offer special make up orders/custom garments for any students who require a size or fabric outside our range. If you think this may be you, please contact us *as soon as possible* to allow time for the garment to be made. Our SMU service caters for fabric allergies and sizes outside our standard range.



0435 954 372



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The Uniform Shop @ St Mary's Catholic College - Pacific Highway, Gateshead NSW 2290



St Mary's Catholic College Uniform Shop

Year 10 Blazer Fittings



Dear Parents and Carers,

A friendly reminder to Year 9 boys to visit the Uniform Shop during Term 4 to be fitted for your trousers and blazer.

A friendly reminder to Year 9 girls to visit the Uniform Shop during Term 4 to be fitted for your blazer.

No appointment is necessary to visit during shop hours.

The College blazer is mandated on formal occasions throughout the academic year - it will be required early Term 1, 2024.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

0435 954 372

stmaryshigh@alinta.com.au

The Uniform Shop @ St Mary's Catholic College Gateshead - Pacific Highway, Gateshead NSW 2290



UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES DURING HSC

- Monday 9th October 8:30am-3:30pm
- Tuesday 10th October 8:30am-3:30pm
- Wednesday 16th October 1pm-3:30pm
- Wednesday 23rd October 8:30am-1:30pm
- Mon 30th October until Friday 3rd November – No days available to open so it will be web orders only.

The Uniform Shop can be contacted on 0435 954 372 and stmaryshigh@alinta.com.au

DONATIONS KINDLY REQUESTED

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

WE WOULD WELCOME PRE-LOVED UNIFORM FOR OUR NEEDY FAMILIES AND EMERGENCIES. IF YOU HAVE GOOD QUALITY UNIFORM, PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO ST MARY'S.

ANY ITEMS OF SCHOOL UNIFORM WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED AT STUDENT SERVICES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT.

TERM 4 - Week 2 (B Week)	
Mon 16 October	HSC Examinations continue
Tues 17 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended PLM – Students released from school at 2.40pm Year Assemblies
Wed 18 October	Billy Elliott – Civic Theatre
Fri 20 October	Bookings Open for Year 11 Parent Student Teacher conferences
Week 3 (A Week)	
Mon 23 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSC Examinations continue Weeks 3 to 6 PAT Testing Years 7-10
Tues 24 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bookings Close for Year 11 Parent Student Teacher conferences College Assembly
Wed 25 October	Year 11 Awards (Period 4) and Parent Student Teacher conferences
Fri 27 October	Newsletter 17.23 published
Week 4 (B Week)	
Mon 30 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Examination Week Year 11 Formation Day
Tues 31 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doug Pitt Memorial Shield – Staff v Students Year Assemblies Extended PLM – Students released at 2.40pm TBC
Wed 1 November	Cultural Identity Workshops
Week 5 (A Week)	
Mon 6 November	Year 12 Graduation Formal – NEX
Tues 7 November	College Assembly
Wed 8 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSIE Youth Forum (selected students) Year 10 – The Effects of Alcohol/Risk Taking Landcare
Fri 9 November	Newsletter 18.23 published
Week 6 (B Week)	
Mon 13 November	Year 7 to 10 PAT Testing Week
Tues 14 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year Assemblies Extended PLM – Students released at 2.40pm TBC The Project – History Extension Seminar (selected students)
Wed 15 November	2024 Senior Leaders Retreat
Fri 17 November	U16 Girls NRL 9's
Week 7 (A Week)	
Mon 20 November	Year 10 Community Day TBC
Tues 21 November	College Assembly
Wed 22 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 2024 Orientation Day for Students – 9.00am to 12.30pm (sports uniform to be worn) Year 7 2024 Orientation Evening for Parents (and students) – 7pm The Josephite Centre Year 9 Drama Excursion
Fri 24 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Spirituality Day – Pupil Free Day U14 Girls NRL 9's Newsletter 19.23 published
Week 8 (B Week)	
Mon 27 November	Year 10 (Year 11 2024) Senior Interview week – no attendance by Year 10 unless attending interview
Tues 28 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended PLM – Students released at 2.40pm TBC Year Assemblies
Wed 29 November	Year 10 Semester Two reports published
Week 9 (A Week)	
Mon 4 December	Year 10 Alternative Timetable TBC
Tues 5 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended PLM – Students released at 2.40pm TBC Staff Emergency Care, Anaphylaxis and CPR Training - PM Landcare
Wed 6 December	Year 10 Awards Ceremony – details to follow
Fri 8 December	Newsletter 20.23 published (final for the year)
Week 10 (B Week)	
Mon 11 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Assessment week Years 7-9 Semester Two reports published
Wed 13 December	Years 7-9 Awards Ceremony – details to follow
Thurs 14 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day for Years 7 to 9 HSC Results released
Friday 15 December	Pupil Free Day – Staff PD and Organisation
Week 11 (A Week)	
Mon 18 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day of Term 4 (in lieu of Twilight PD sessions) Pupil Free Day – Staff PD and Organisation