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Parents & Citizens' Association Meeting

Thursday 24 March
Via Zoom
7pm

Parent Teacher Evening Years 7 and 12

Tuesday 5 April

Walkathon

Thursday 6 April

Mothers' Committee Meeting

Wednesday 6 April
Library
10am

Parents & Citizens' Association Meeting

Thursday 28 April
Via Zoom
7pm

Mothers' Committee Meeting

Wednesday 4 May
Library
10am

Athletics Carnival

Thursday 5 May

Commencement of Winter Uniform

Monday 9 May

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Students,

I am pleased to report that we have had a positive and more usual start to the 2022 school year and with the further lifting of DoE Covid restrictions for remainder of Term 1, we will see more of our usual school activities underway. This month's Gazette will proudly showcase and report on what has been happening at SGGHS over the past few weeks, and we know that it is these activities that makes our school such a great place to work and learn.

HSC Excellence Assembly



It was a pleasure to welcome back to SGGHS our 2021 HSC Distinguished Achievers who realised personal excellence and extraordinary results across the full range of HSC subjects on Thursday 17 February at the HSC Excellence Assembly.

To achieve excellence in the Higher School Certificate is the persistent result of always striving to do better. As an educator with over 20 years of service experience, I can confidently state that safeguarding educational success is a shared commitment between dedicated school leaders, executive staff and teachers who challenge themselves to improve teaching and learning across the school, motivated students who take greater responsibility for their own learning and supportive parents/carers who share in and support a school culture of collective efficacy, high expectations and shared responsibility.

High achievement and educational success is not an accident and it is certainly not the sole result of natural talent and ability alone. It is an attitude, the result of deliberate intention, hard work, sacrifice and perseverance. "We are not our best intentions, we are what we do" and our distinguished achievers were recognised because of what they did and the effort they invested into their learning that resulted in HSC excellence. This was celebrated throughout the ceremony.



It was a real honour to invite back to SGGHS our top performing students and I would like to acknowledge the St Georgians for generously donating the prizes for this occasion. A special vote of thanks must go to Mrs Margaret James, Treasurer of the St Georgians who joined us as our special guest and who made presentations to the Award recipients.

Working behind the scenes to plan and organise the HSC Excellence Assembly was Events team member, Mrs Nardene Dodd. I would like to thank her for managing the necessary preparations to have our special guests and graduates attend this important celebration.

Swimming Carnival Update

The 2022 Swimming Carnival held on Wednesday 9 February was a great whole-school event and I am pleased to report that the winning House for this year's swimming carnival was Mitamit on **286** points. The next 3 placings were as follows;

2nd – Mirrabooka on 257 points.

3rd – Larool on 211 points.

4th – Mirrabooka on 188 points.

It was great to see the students enthusiastically enter the championship events throughout the day. I would like to thank the PDHPE Coordinator, Mr Spotswood who has compiled the results from the carnival to report to the school community. The talented students certainly displayed their swimming skills on the day and I would like to congratulate the following Age Champions and Runner Up's in 2022.

12 Years Age Champion: Lynn Tang

12 Years Age Runner Up: Ashleigh Nguyen

13 Years Age Champion: Eliana Ugoto

13 Years Age Runner Up: Ria Choi

14 Years Age Champion: Crystal Kwok

14 Years Age Runner Up: Fiona Su

15 Years Age Champion: Tracey Nguyen

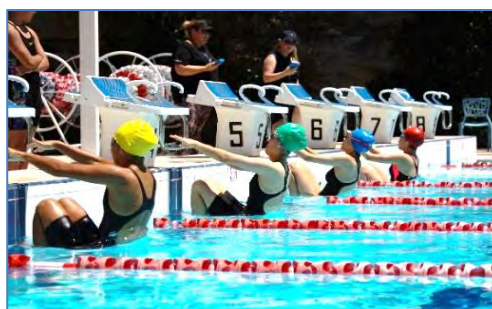
15 Years Age Runner Up: Joey Lu

16 Years Age Champion: Nicole Yu

16 Years Age Runner Up: Gabrielle Ciu

17+ Years Age Champion: Tina Liang

17+ Years Age Runner Up: Carissa Chuan



A very strong St George Girls High School swimming team attended the Zone Swimming Carnival on Friday 25 February and Monday 28 March. A more comprehensive report will follow in the PDHPE Gazette contribution, yet I will report that St George Girls High School was the overall winning school at the Zone Swimming carnival which is a great result.

We wish all of our swimmers the best of luck at the Regional Carnival and I look forward to hearing about their success.

Enviro Council Leadership Day 2022



On Monday 14 February the Enviro Council participated in a Leadership training and planning day organised by our Enviro Council Teacher Co-ordinator Mrs Duffy. The students engaged in a range of activities and discussions throughout the day and I know they have begun to plan a suite of great initiatives to enhance the quality of school life for the students, with a particular focus on environmental awareness and sustainability. I was so impressed to see the level of enthusiasm and engagement on display by the students and I am looking forward to working together with the students to support some of their creative and clever ideas over the year.

SRC Representatives 2022

It is with great pleasure that I officially announce that the following students have been elected into the SRC Executive positions for 2022;

President: Haiqa Qazi
Vice-President: Alyssa Gunawan
Secretary: Selsabeel Al Hariri
Treasurer: Ayana Rahman
New Student Contact: Alyssa Chao
Community Liaison Officer: Sophia McLean

I would like to thank the outgoing SRC Executive; Aneesa Sukkarieh, Anna Cheng, Zaina Siddiqui, Hayley Chan, Catherine Vuong and Lara Murphy for doing such a wonderful job in each of their respective roles over 2021.

I would also like to officially announce and congratulate the following students on being elected as the 2022 SRC Year Representatives;

Year 7: Hoi Yi Wong, Svetlana Rotenko, Leah Cheng, Ariana Nguyen and Helen Li.
Year 8: Samantha Lam, Zoe Lee, Shanvi Awla, Bianca Nguyen and Dominique Chau.
Year 9: Molly Maguire-Ward, Christine Choi, Ester Hyun, Grace Hu and Sophie Nguyen.
Year 10: Vicasini Carthigeyan, Mavis Hong, Rachel Barbey, Isabella Lee and Lydia Allen.
Year 11: Jina Her, Becky Nguyen, Samanya Thokala, Tina Yu, Caitlin Matthews and Erin Ong-Le.
Year 12: Kenda Nadir, Helena Chiu, Catherine Vuong, Sophia Kim, Helena Ly and Stella Serrao-Smith.



On Thursday 3 March the newly elected SRC representatives participated in their 2022 planning day. The students had a highly productive day where they planned a range of initiatives and activities for the students at SGGHS.

I would like to congratulate the students who are about to start their leadership journey for 2022 and I look forward to working with this very talented group of students over the year.

The SRC representatives will be formally inducted into office at our special SRC induction assembly on Monday 4 April. Taking on any leadership role comes with a sense of enhanced responsibility and possibility.

Dragon Pride Day

On Tuesday 22 February the Prefect body hosted Dragon Pride Day which is a day dedicated to enhancing school spirit and raising awareness about the variety of groups, clubs and opportunities on offer at St George Girls High School.



I would like to congratulate the Year 12 Prefects for co-ordinating such a fun and festive day for the school community to enjoy and I would like to thank the students who organised stalls and activities for their peers to engage with during recess and lunchtime. It was great to see the students dress up in school colours for the Mufti Day. It was a fun and enjoyable day for all. The sense of school spirit was obvious throughout the day despite the torrential rain that certainly did not dampen the festivities.





School and Subject Contributions 2022

I wanted to thank our school community for supporting the school through their swift payment of the school and subject contributions for 2022. Reminder invoices will be emailed home to families who may have missed the 1 March deadline. Schools do rely on the support from their community to continue to provide the quality educational resources and experiences for the students and I certainly appreciate the support from the families that have already paid their fees for 2022. I would like to remind families that as has always been the case, if any parent or carer would like to apply for financial assistance, they are welcome to contact me at school at any time.

The Walkathon is Happening

On Wednesday 6 April the annual St George Girls High School Walkathon will be held in its usual format after 2 interrupted years and different formats of the event needed to accommodate DoE Covid guidelines. This is always a very special and unique day for our school community and the staff and students always have a great day out together. The students and parents have received their online permission advice about this event which does involve all students walking under the guidance and supervision of staff to Peter Depena Reserve. The Year 12 students prepare food and entertainment stalls for the students and staff to enjoy once they arrive safely at the park. Students return to school from the park via bus transportation.

This highly anticipated school event highlights the real sense of school spirit that exists at St George. Such events are only possible because of the wonderful students we have at the school and this event showcases the very best of St George. Thank you to the Walkathon organiser Mr Moncrieff and the Year 12 Cohort Team, Deputy Principal Mrs Amber Housego, Year 12 Advisor, Miss Alex Neave and Assistant Advisor Mr Neil Walters for their support in organising this activities at the park for us all to enjoy. A very BIG thank you to our Year 12 Prefects and students who will take the responsibility for providing enough food and activity options to keep everyone engaged and well fed over the day.

Winter Uniform Change Over and Update

As the cooler weather will soon approach, I wanted to remind our community that the official date for the start of winter uniform will be **Monday 9 May (Term 2 Week 3)**. The school uniform is a vital element that unites our students. Overall the standard is very high, however I would like to see this maintained particularly throughout the cooler months. I strongly encourage parents to check the status of their daughter's winter uniform and if you find that you need to purchase items, be sure to do so early while stocks are available.

For our Year 7 families who will be wearing the new SGGHS winter uniform suite, an email will be sent out shortly with information from the uniform shop manager about when pre-ordering will commence through their online uniform ordering system. As soon as the uniform shop receives delivery of the new winter uniform, these pre-orders will be packed and students will be able to pick up their orders at school on a class by class basis before the end of term.

For students in Years 8 and 9 who remain in the existing winter uniform, I am aware that stock levels for the winter tunic are very low. Students in Years 8 and 9 are permitted to wear their summer tunic with the long sleeve winter shirt as an alternative if their winter tunic no longer fits or they are unable to access a winter tunic. As we are transitioning to a new uniform suite we are not ordering any further legacy uniform items as we attempt to reduce and sell out of the existing stock on hand.

For students in Years 10, the next delivery of new senior skirts has arrived and are available for ordering. I am aware that many families only purchased one skirt due to stock levels. If you would like to purchase additional senior skirts to rotate through the week, you are now able to do so.

Important Information for SGGHS Students and Families regarding School Operations for the Remainder of Term 1 2022

Thank you for your continued efforts in supporting our school, staff and students throughout the pandemic. It has not been an easy 2 years, but with the recent lifting of some of the restrictions in place for the remainder of Term1, we certainly feel like we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. We are excited for our school to start getting back to teaching and learning in an environment enhanced by all the extra things that make schools such a wonderful place for students to learn.

From **Monday 28 February**, the following changes have come into place:

- Schools will move to symptomatic RAT testing. Tests are to be used at your discretion such as if your child is symptomatic or there are cases in their class or cohort. Our school has provided each student and staff member with **8 tests per student and staff to use for this purpose**. Beyond that, students and staff can access PCR tests or buy their own rapid antigen tests as these are now freely available and accessible in the community.
- Masks are no longer be mandatory for students in Year 7 and above or staff. However, those who wish to continue to use them will be supported to do so.
- Visitors are allowed back on school sites regardless of their vaccination status. The DoE will consider activities such as assemblies, parent-teacher meetings and other gatherings in the coming days. We will let you know how these activities can proceed within our school in a COVID-smart way as soon as this updated advice is received.
- All visitors must only enter the school via Reception and will need to check-in using the QR code available at Reception upon arrival.
- Cohorting is also no longer required on the playground and students will no longer be required to be kept in year groups or in cohorts for school activities. We will no longer be required to use staggered finish times, yet will continue to use the core layered COVID-smart measures for minimising risk when planning activities and events.

Although these changed protocols will largely see a return to a school life that we are familiar with, I do want to reiterate that we are still very conscious of operating in a COVID-safe manner. The health, safety and wellbeing of all members of our community, remains our highest priority. All of our school activities and parent participation will continue to be guided by health guidelines where possible, including vaccinations, maximising natural ventilation in learning spaces, continued good hand hygiene practices and enhanced cleaning.

A reminder of some of the practices that are continuing to ensure we all work effectively together for the health and safety of everyone in our community:

- Please continue to keep your daughter at home and test them using a RAT if they are displaying any symptoms at all.
- Advise the school if your daughter has tested positive for Covid and we will continue to notify the community more generally of cases (not individuals). This is to help you assess your own circumstances and to monitor for symptoms if your daughter is in the class or cohort of any confirmed cases. All students who are close household contacts or who test positive to Covid are still required to self-isolate for 7 days and notify the school as soon as possible.
- All positive RAT results should also be registered on the Service NSW website.
- Anyone working on a school site (including unpaid volunteers) are still covered by the Public Health Order requiring them to be fully vaccinated.

As a community, we have worked together throughout this pandemic with patience, a pragmatic approach and with perseverance. I acknowledge that for families who have dealt with significant illness, job loss, financial strain and separation from loved ones this has been a particularly challenging period.

Our students have been remarkable and their resilience over the last two years has been nothing short of extraordinary. I also want to also acknowledge the incredible hard work of our Senior Executive, Executive, teaching and Administration and Support Staff (SASS) who have walked this journey together with professionalism and a 'can do' attitude. And finally I thank our parents/carers - you have been absolutely wonderful to work with over the past two years. Together we have moved mountains to make our school a safe and supportive place for our students to learn and grow under challenging and changeable circumstances. We should all be very proud of what we have collectively achieved and I am very grateful for your unconditional support.

Student Achievements

In each Gazette, I like to share any specific individual or group achievements experienced by our students. I am always proud to share our student successes with the community and I know that our students are represented in such a wide variety of areas. I don't always hear about these achievements and therefore welcome updates from students, parents and the community to ensure that I am made aware of any special activities or achievements. Over the past month I have been informed of the following achievements that I wanted to share;

- Congratulations to the following students who have achieved recognition in the NSW Geography Competition.

Certificates of High Distinction were awarded to:

Ruby Easton, Julia Hoang, Janice Lin, Alexandra Baeha, Bethany Hong, Chelsea Hong, Julianne Liwanag, Zara Mc Nally, Erin Ong Le, Adelle Ruys, Sanavi Sanap, Joy Shi, Sophie Stevens and Christy Wu.

Certificates of Distinction were awarded to:

Vidhi Amin, Shelly Chen, Amanda Cho, Gabrielle Ciu, Sabrina Deng, Evalyne Duong, Alyssa Gunawan, Jacqueline Han, Jennifer Leung, Caitlin Matthews, Sophia Mc Lean, Maysa Oukrit, Esther Park, Anika Prasad, Jacinta Samera, Samaira Sehgal, Daanya Sudesh, Larissa Vongsuvan, Melody Wang, Breena Woodbury, Silvia Zhou and Aizah Zuhair.

A special mention must go to Kay Hong who received recognition for achieving in the Top 1% of candidates, a very noteworthy achievement.

- A very big congratulations to Caitlin Matthews in Year 11 who broke 2 records this year. The first record she broke was her own record for the full-day Marathon swim (for the third year in a row), swimming an impressive 112 laps. Caitlin also broke the half-day marathon, swimming 80 laps, breaking the previous record set by A. Greenbaum in 2010 with 74 laps.
- Congratulations to Amalee Doyle and her team who won the Junior Australian Oztag Championships.



I am looking forward to the final weeks of the first school term and I would like to wish our school community an enjoyable, safe and restful end of term break. I look forward to working together in Term 2, which commences on Wednesday 27 April for the students.

Ms Betty Romeo
Principal

Deputy Principals' Report – Teaching and Learning

Assessment Booklets

Students and parents/carers are able to access all assessment information through the portal, including the assessment policy and procedures, calendar overview of scheduled task dates and subject outlines. It is important that students understand their responsibilities in regards to completing tasks and what to do if they are sick or late on the day of a task. Students are strongly encouraged to keep a copy of the calendar either in their folder or above their desk and highlight when their assessment tasks are scheduled so they can prepare and organise their time effectively. Please note that the dates published may need to change for various reasons. All students will be notified by their teacher in writing of any date changes and the assessment notification should always be what the students follow as the correct scheduled assessment task date.

SGGHS Professional Learning Update

Professional learning for all teachers and executive is a vital component of the performance and development process. It facilitates growth and enhances the quality of teaching and learning for students. Professional learning and collaborative practice is a priority at St George Girls High School and will continue to feature prominently in the 2022-2025 Strategic Improvement Plan and Strategic Direction initiatives.

Staff actively engage in a wide range of targeted professional learning opportunities throughout the year which link directly to a curriculum area, identified goals outlined in individual Performance and Development Plans, or to the school's strategic directions and key initiatives. In the first half of Term 1, SGGHS staff have engaged in the following professional learning:

2021 HSC Analysis

Due to the restrictions applied to the School Development Day structure to start the year, the scheduled 2021 HSC Analysis activities were restructured and have been undertaken by all staff across the faculties throughout the term. The HSC analysis sessions have provided the opportunity for staff to work collaboratively with colleagues on completing a course specific analysis of 2021 HSC results. The activities focused on targeting the top 2 HSC Bands (Band 5 and Band 6), identifying areas of strength, areas for development, modifications needed to teaching programs as well as teaching and learning strategies, resources required to implement changes and professional learning needs to support the developed plan for the 2022 HSC. In the final few weeks of the term, all faculty Head Teachers will meet with the Senior Executive to discuss their analysis and plans to support the delivery of the 2022 HSC courses.

HSC Professional Learning: A quality teaching practice initiative

The innovative '*HSC Professional Learning: A quality teaching practice initiative*' has continued this year with targeted professional learning available in Term 1 for Stage 6 teachers across a number of KLAS, including Science, TAS, Social Science, English, Mathematics, PDHPE, CAPA and History.

These professional learning workshops explore proven methods for achieving student lift with expert HSC Teachers and colleagues from across the state. SGGHS staff will be engaging with these workshops in the areas of Modern History, Biology and Visual Arts. As more key learning areas and specific courses are added over the coming terms, SGGHS staff will be provided with the opportunity to attend these highly valuable professional learning workshops.


Staff have also engaged in further professional learning and programming in curriculum areas, including:

- History Teachers Association – HSC Debrief Webinar
- Meet The Markers – Chemistry, Biology, Physics
- UNSW Careers Advisor Day
- HSC Professional Learning – Legal Studies
- Syllabus Programming and Resource Development – History Extension

Upcoming Free Parent Webinar: Building lasting happiness in children

The first parent webinar for 2022 is scheduled for this Month. The attached pdf provides all information regarding registration and accessing this webinar.

Hear from parenting experts from the comfort of home



Dr Jodi Richardson presents: Building lasting happiness in children

When you ask parents what they want for their kids, by far the most common reply is "I just want them to be happy". And though this desire goes hand-in-hand with such things as good health, an education and a safe place to call home, happiness is a really difficult area for parents to navigate or seek assistance with. Nobody denies the importance of happiness, but how many parents have ever been shown how to model and implement it? In this webinar, Dr Jodi Richardson explains how lifelong happiness stems from how we think and what we do, rather than from what we have.

Key learning and discussion points include:

- a new definition of happiness
- what stands in the way of happiness
- why the science says "more stuff" doesn't make us happier, and what to do instead
- the skills of happiness - quantifiable, helpful areas of output for parents to nurture in their children
- evidence-based strategies to increase happiness

WEBINAR DATE 23 MAR 2022, 8-9 PM AEDT **COUPON CODE** HAPPY **COUPON EXPIRES** 23 JUN 2022

Future webinars include:

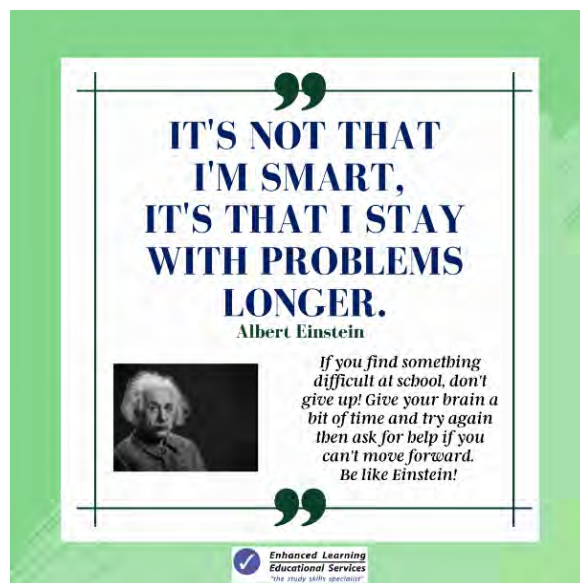
- Encouraging good behaviour (8 June)
- Changing parenting gears for the teenage years (31 August)
- Handling tricky friendship days (2 November)

Parenting Ideas 'Insight' Article for March: Building strong working relationships with teachers

This month's article is '***Building strong working relationships with teachers***'. A healthy parent-teacher relationship contributes greatly to student success. The article outlines key strategies that will help build a healthy working relationship with teachers in the year ahead.

Study Skills Tip for March – Student Quotes

Each week, there will be a study skills quote posted on the Cohort Google Classroom for students. These quotes will provide some reflection questions or tips to use to further enhance engagement and commitment to their learning. Below are some examples of the weekly student quotes that are provided by Enhanced Learning.



Upcoming Cohort Activities/Events

Upcoming key events and activities across the cohort groups include:

- March 14-16 – Year 11 Camp
- March 25, 28 – Year 8 Check-in Assessment
- April 6 – School Walkathon

Ms Pam Abson
Deputy Principal Teaching and learning
Deputy Principal – Years 7, 9, 11

Deputy Principal's Report – Curriculum

Sport Court Update

Prior to the last couple of weeks of rain, there was great progress on the sport court construction work. The contractors managed to get half of the slab down before the heavy rains, the next concrete pour is scheduled to occur once the rain subsides. The image below is an aerial shot to give you a great visual understanding of how vast the space will be. We are very excited for work to recommence and I look forward to sharing more updates with families once this wet weather passes.



Year 12 – HSC Assessment Block 2

Year 12 students have now commenced their next HSC Assessment block and this will take place from Monday 7 March until Friday 18 March. As this is a formal assessment block, students will not be expected to attend school unless they have a scheduled task. All students and families are strongly encouraged to read through the assessment instructions provided with the assessment block schedule, as well as consult the 2022 SGGHS HSC Assessment Policy and Procedures documentation for further procedural information.

In the case that a student is unable to attend on the day of a scheduled task due to illness/misadventure, please contact the front office who will inform the Year 12 Deputy Principal – Mrs Housego, of their absence. A rescheduled time for the task will be arranged in the next available examination slot. Please ensure for any missed task, medical advice is accessed on the day of the missed task and that medical documentation is provided to the school upon returning.

To ensure the health and safety of all students completing these assessments, we encourage students to sustain symptomatic testing using the allocated rapid antigen test kits provided last week. Tests are to be used at your discretion, such as if your child is symptomatic, and you are encouraged to use these the day before and/or morning of the exam. Surveillance testing during the assessment period will provide an important additional layer of protection for our students and staff. If a positive result is received, please contact the school and the Year 12 Deputy Principal – Mrs Housego will follow up to discuss the rescheduling arrangements for any missed tasks.

Year 8 to complete the DoE Check-in Assessment

Commencing in Week 9, all Year 8 students will be completing the NSW Department of Education Literacy and Numeracy Check-in Assessment. The Check-In Assessment comprises of 2 online tests, one numeracy and one literacy test and they will be completed over a double period session.

These tests are designed to be quick and easy to complete, approximately 40 minutes in duration and are mapped to the NSW Syllabuses and National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions.

The primary purpose of facilitating the Check-In Assessments, in addition to our scheduled school-based assessments, is to gather important literacy and numeracy student data to help inform our planning for the year ahead. The observations and information gathered from these assessments will enable the school to tailor the learning and support mentoring programs in place to effectively meet the needs of our students and promote positive personal growth across all students. Additionally, the assessment is designed to provide teachers with consistent and up-to-date information about their students' skills and abilities in literacy and numeracy and identify the students requiring additional support to successfully engage with stage relevant learning outcomes.

On Friday 25 March and Monday 28 March, the test sessions have been scheduled over a double period and the classes participating in each session has been planned around any scheduled school activities and class assessments. The Check-in Assessment schedule for the two days are as follows.

Friday 25 March – Literacy Assessment

Class	Date	Periods	Room
8 Red	Friday 25 March	5 - 6	Computer Room 1
8 Orange	Friday 25 March	1 - 2	Computer Room 1
8 Yellow	Friday 25 March	1 - 2	Computer Room 2
8 Green	Friday 25 March	1 - 2	Computer Room 3
8 Blue	Friday 25 March	5 - 6	Computer Room 2

Monday 28 March – Numeracy Assessment

Class	Date	Periods	Room
8 Red	Monday 28 March	7 - 8	Computer Room 1
8 Orange	Monday 28 March	1 - 2	Computer Room 1
8 Yellow	Monday 28 March	1 - 2	Computer Room 2
8 Green	Monday 28 March	1 - 2	Computer Room 3
8 Blue	Monday 28 March	7 - 8	Computer Room 2

On the identified assessment days, students are required to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. Earbuds used for mobile phones or other portable devices may be suitable for use during the assessment, the type of computer connection needed is a jack or USB.

Parent Teacher Interviews

We have our first scheduled Parent Teacher Interviews for the year occurring on Tuesday 5 April, and this will be for Years 7 and 12 students and families. We have been closely following the DoE Covid-Smart guidelines regarding parent meetings onsite and we are very pleased to be able to hold these valuable meetings, face-to-face on school grounds again this year.

The interviews are scheduled to commence from 3:10pm and the details regarding how the afternoon will run, the venues in use and the safety measures in place will be communicated in more depth to parents in the coming week. As per usual all bookings will be made via the School Interviews platform and will be available on the website at least two weeks prior to the interviews ensuring that families have enough time to book appointments with their daughter's class teachers. It is advisable to make your bookings as soon as the documentation comes out, as spaces and times will be limited.

For our new Year 7 students and families, Parent Teacher Interviews provide a welcomed opportunity for you to visit our school, meet with your daughter's teachers and discuss how your daughter is managing the transition into High School.

For Year 12 students and parents, this will be a valuable opportunity to receive feedback on current progress as well as identify areas for continued refinement and consolidation. In the case that families are unable to attend, Year 12 students will receive their Mid-Course report early in Term 2 and this too will provide students and families with targeted feedback and guidance for continued improvement towards the HSC.

We look forward to welcoming parents and families back on site, facilitating important conversations around personal growth, high expectations and each student can maximise their talents.

School Clubs Information

In week 5, our Year 12 School Prefects held an amazing Dragon Pride Day to recognise and celebrate the diverse range of fantastic teams, clubs and extracurricular opportunities offered at St George Girls High School.

During Recess and Lunch, the Hall played host to a wonderful expo with a range of clubs and teams on display allowing students to find new ways to connect and be a part of our school community. Listed below is some general information to help parents and families understand what each club is about and what opportunities they offer.

- All Sorts Club

All Sorts Justice Club is a student led club at St George Girls High School which helps promotes diversity. All Sorts aims to create a safe environment where everyone can share their thoughts and feel accepted for who they are. The All Sorts club facilitates Wear It Purple Day each year and if you are interested in joining, the All Sorts Justice club meets every Tuesday Lunch in Room 16. Everyone is welcome.

- Anime and Manga Club

The Anime and Manga Club is a leisure club hoping to provide a casual medium for anime fans of all kinds to gather, have fun and make friends along the way. This club is hosted on Thursday lunches in room 17, and anyone is welcome to join the fun.

- Badminton Club

With Badminton being one of the fastest growing sports in the world, we are excited to be offering a SGGHS girls Badminton club in Term 2. We aim to provide a supportive space for students of all skills levels and abilities to come and enjoy a friendly game of badminton. As the club continues, we hope to offer a competitive game for those who want to improve their court awareness and tactics for success

- Composition Club

The Composition Club is a space provided for aspiring songwriters and composers to familiarise themselves with their composing process, as well as growing alongside peers in their creative journeys. Students can connect with their peers and share musical ideas, concepts and techniques to express themselves however they like.

- Debating

The St George Girls High School Debating teams are filled with passionate debaters from Years 8-12. Students selected in these teams get to participate throughout the year in different debates with other schools. During the year, students will engage with different current affairs and practise debating skills by attending team meetings at lunch. Debating allows students to develop collaborative and public speaking skills and is a fun way to discuss different topics and relevant issues. Debating is a wonderful way to make new friends, and student team are a great way to form friends with like-minded students.

- Duke of Edinburgh: Gold, Silver and Bronze Adventures

The Duke of Ed is a program offered to students from Year 9 onwards, allowing young people to embark on adventurous journeys and make a lifetime of memories through the experiences of the trip. The program encourages participants to try new thing, build life skills and get students out of their comfort zone. Depending on the award level students are participating in will determine the types of adventures and overnight activities undertaken. Take the leap, get involved and enjoy creating friendships along the way that will last a life time.

- Enviro Council and Sub-committees

The Enviro Council at St George Girls High school consists of three sub-committees including, worm farm team, held every day outside the junior toilets, the gardening team held out on the hockey field and the paper recycling team, held in room 5 on Tuesdays.

Here at St George Girls High School our students are always looking for new ways to reduce the impact we make on the planet, and take their responsibility for caring for the environment very seriously. The school worm farm team feeds our worms, which helps to fertilise the gardens around the school. The gardening team grows its very own vegetables which staff and students take home to eat when ripe and ready. Our students support and participate in the Return and Earn enviro initiative, allowing both students and staff to recycle their plastic bottles and aluminium cans. Finally, the paper recycling team makes our school more sustainable by emptying the recycling bins every Tuesday! There are many ways to get involved in enviro teams so be sure to join!

- ISCF

Lighthouse Christian group is a group of students who read the Bible, learn about God and Jesus, pray, play games, and just hang out!

- Programming Club

The Programming club was designed to create a space for students with a passion for technology, for exploring their fascination within the subject and to allow students to foster their passion with others of the same interest. This term the club will focusing on topics such as Cybersecurity, Game Design & Robotics. The Programming club can be found in Computer Room 1 on Monday After-School or Friday lunch and we encourage all students who want to facilitate their interest in technology to come along.

- Poetry Club

Poetry Club is a safe space for all aspiring poets to show off their skills and improve on them! In this club students write, analyse and recite poetry, and, increasingly more this year, students will be given the opportunity to choose what your pieces we will be exploring.

- Music Ensembles

If your daughter is an aspiring musician, would like to expand her musical ensemble skills and play her favourite pieces with a bunch of your friends then she should consider joining one of our many Music Ensembles. Joining the music ensembles is a fantastic way for students to make friends, learn many valuable skills and develop their confidence to perform in front of an audience. Our school ensembles cater to all instruments and abilities as well as provide the opportunity to attend annual music camps, road trips and international trips.

All of the clubs at St George Girls High school have a designated teacher co-ordinator who supports the students provide these opportunities. If you would like any further information about the clubs and teams listed above, please contact the school for assistance.

Mrs Amber Housego

Deputy Principal – Curriculum

Deputy Principal – Year 8, 10 and 12

The English Faculty has the pleasure of welcoming back Angela Tran (Alumni 2018) as a preservice teacher this term. She is in her fourth year at USYD. We asked her to tell us a little bit about her experience of returning to school as a teacher.

Some questions to answer:

**What drew you to English Teaching?*

**Did you ever expect to be on the other side of the desk at your old high school?*

**What changes have you noticed about SGGHS since you graduated?*

**What hasn't changed at all?*

**What special image or memory will you take from your practicum?*

**Any words of wisdom for your fellow St Georgians?*

It was surreal to be back. If you told my 18-year-old self that this wouldn't be the last time I was leaving the school gates after my HSC Drama exam and that in 4 years time I'd be entering and leaving a total of 15 times before I was maybe saying a proper farewell, I'd think you're crazy! In the last 4 years since I've graduated, I've spent the majority of my time at the University of Sydney studying an Education/Arts degree. Returning to St George Girls High School to complete my 3-week teaching practicum was an immensely nostalgic moment and humbling experience. I remember on the first day I was there, I was observing Ms Delprat's Year 12 Advanced class in period 1 and a student in that class said, "Oh a student teacher!" I hadn't even registered who I would be at this point, I was still experiencing the shock of having to call some of my past teachers by their first name. By the time I had taught my first lesson, I was introducing myself as Miss Tran and signing off my Google Classroom posts with that name too. After high school, it was an easy decision made about doing English teaching. I had spent 5 years in such an enriching schooling environment, admiring the way my teachers had taught me English, which made it so easy for me to fall in love with the subject. A few years on, to be in the position where I could hopefully provide that same space to the students of St George Girls, was a literal dream. Especially if that dream was unexpected.

Observing St George from the front of the classroom, the most obvious change I noticed was the purple chairs in classrooms – I love it! Over the past few years, the physical changes are showing. There's aircon in classes and greater access to a wide range of technological resources – the groundwork to revolutionising 21st century learning. What hasn't changed is the school spirit and pride from both the students, who are eager to learn, and teachers who are passionate about the subject they're teaching. I hope I was able to contribute to the sense of collaborative learning over the 3 weeks of my practicum. I couldn't even begin to pick a favourite memory, but some of my utmost cherished moments include discussing some of my much-loved books with Year 11 Advanced and hearing new and amazing insights from them. Also, a special mention to Year 10 who I hoped crawled out of their shell a bit and became comfortable with sharing answers in class. I'm very proud of the students and their individual efforts – it hasn't gone unnoticed.

I also want to take this moment to particularly offer my immense gratitude and thanks to Ms. Laela Delprat and the whole English Faculty. Her continual support and guidance over the course of the 3 weeks has cemented my love for teaching and imparting knowledge. I feel so lucky to have been guided by the best teachers I've been honoured to have teach me and now to teach alongside.

To conclude my report, something I would like to say to my fellow St Georgians, past and present, is to seize everything with both hands. We have been raised, both in our upbringing and at this school, to believe that everything is ours for the taking, and these words will always be true. My time as a student teacher at St George has only deepened my faith in the people who will shape that future. We have been given the individual gifts to contribute to our society and the world in a positive way and that is what I hope you will all set out to do, one day at a time.

Best,
Miss Tran

Green Corner



Enviro Fact: Glass does not decompose easily and is categorised as one of the longest-landing human made materials and can take over 1 million years to decompose.

2022 Senior Executive Team

At the end of last year, the executive council voted in a new team of senior executive leaders and here we'll introduce them: President – Jashan Singh, Vice presidents Year 12 – Jenny Lee and Fiona Jian, Year 11 Parul Taya



Leadership Day

“Leadership is not about a title or designation, it’s about impact, influence and inspiration”.

We as enviro executives are proud to take on a similar approach and everyday strive to inspire and influence the school community on the environment and sustainability. On Monday 14 February, the enviro executives along with Mrs Duffy, participated in a whole day Leadership Day in the school library to develop their skills as leaders of the school as well as organise environmental events for the school. The day was a total success thanks to Mrs Duffy’s hard work but also to the Enviro Council president and vice presidents (Jashan Singh, Parul Taya and Jenny Lee) for their utmost dedication to ensuring this day ran smoothly. We completed many leadership enriching activities and were fortunate to have been treated with ice blocks and a lolly bag throughout the day!

Dragon Pride Day

Dragon Pride Day was held on 22 February 2022. For the Enviro Council, the day featured a showcase of the Enviro Council teams of which included the paper recycling, worm farm and gardening and provided students the opportunity to join these clubs. It also promoted the very much famous Green Day and the activities associated with it.

Upcoming Events

✓ **Clean Up Australia Day 2022** – official Clean Up Australia Day is Sunday 6 March. You are encouraged to become involved with your local community events.

The school event will be Friday, 1 April (week 10). The sign-up sheet will be up soon for anyone interested in upholding our image as an anti-littering, pristine school.

✓ **Earth Hour 2021 Global Event** is officially on Saturday, 26 March 8:30pm to 9:30pm with the THEME “MAKE THE #SWITCHFORNATURE AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR A RENEWABLES FUTURE!” for more information go to <https://www.earthhour.org.au/>

✓ **Earth Hour School Event** – Watch this space

✓ **WIRES** – Watch this space – The Enviro Council will be fund raising early in Term 2.

Jashan Singh, Year 12
Enviro Journalist

Green Corner



Leadership Day



Finance Office Hours

8:30am – 1:50pm

Please be advised that the Finance Office closes at 1:50pm every day and we are unable to take any payments or telephone calls after this time. Students are requested to make payments before school, at recess or at lunch. Payments can no longer be taken over the phone.

Online payments are the preferred method of payment. You should have already received a statement of account from noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education. If you have not, please check your junk mail folder or contact the school to confirm your email address.

The email contains a link that will take you to your statement of account. If you have fees in advance (e.g. credit from a refund), this will be noted and you will be able to allocate the fees in advance to the payment you are making. Select the items you are paying and follow the prompts to complete your payment.

All payments made prior to 6pm will be cleared overnight, payments made after 6pm will not show as paid for 2 days.

Please remember to save this email (noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education) to your contacts as you will regularly receive statement of accounts, invoices for excursions and going forward, excursion information from this email address.

Library Matters

The Premier's Reading Challenge has begun! This competition runs from March through to August. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Last year, over 150 St Georgian's successfully completed the challenge.

All students in Years 7-10 are encouraged to join up and begin reading the books on the list. There are over 400 titles that are on the list available in the school library and others available in e book.

Good luck and happy reading!!

Ms Hinton
Relieving Teacher Librarian



Languages

We have had an amazing start to the year with students and teachers back in the classroom. In Languages we love our interactions with the students in class and the ability to undertake learning face-to-face gives us the opportunity to engage students with activities that inspire and encourage them in a fun way.

The classes have settled in well. Year 7 are undertaking a smorgasbord course of Languages where they will study French, Japanese and Latin in rotation, while Year 8 are engaging in classwork in their chosen language. Our aim is to instil a love for Language learning in our students so they will see it as a valuable part not only of their school life but of their future as well.

This year we are looking forward to a range of exciting co-curricular activities such as the Ozclo competition and excursions to a French restaurant and the Japanese language centre. The students always look forward to these days and gain valuable cultural understanding and language enrichment.

Mr Wilson (Head Teacher Administration), a French and Japanese specialist, has joined our Languages team this year. He's had many years of experience at selective schools and brings with him a breadth of knowledge on how to engage high potential and gifted learners. We look forward to working with him.

HSC Results

We have had some outstanding results in Languages this year. It has been particularly hard for our language students who graduated last year. They had numerous lockdowns and constant changes to their routine. I am so impressed with the diligence and perseverance our students have shown throughout this time. They are to be commended for all their hard work and application to learning both in class and online.

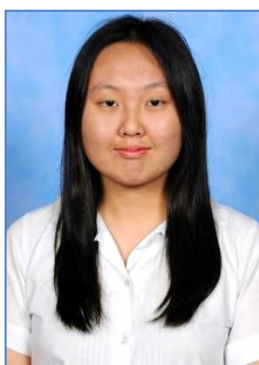
All courses achieved excellent results. In Latin Continuers 40% of students achieved the top two bands while in Latin Extension 80% of students achieved the top two bands. In Japanese Continuers 92% of students achieved the top two bands while in Japanese Extension 100% of students achieved the top band. Congratulations go to Michelle Xu, Dana Choi and Sabrina Hou who received first in course in Japanese Extension and Sabrina Hou who achieved first in course in Japanese Continuers. In Latin congratulations go to Jamin Hossain for first in course in Latin Continuers and Katerina Kalogerakis for first in course in Latin Extension.

Ms Georgius

Head Teacher Languages



Sabrina Hou



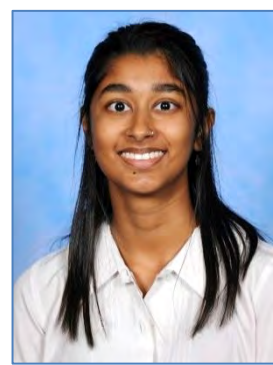
Dana Choi



Michelle Xu



Katerina Kalogerakis



Jamin Hossain

OzCLO Competition

This year, 54 students across Years 9 and 10 French, Japanese, and Latin competed in the Australian Computational and Linguistics Olympiad (OzCLO). Students compete in teams to solve problems using real ancient and modern languages, transferring their language learning skills to decipher vocabulary and sentence structures from Norse runes, to Dutch, to Urdu, or Indigenous languages across the world. Teams are awarded at Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels, with the top teams from each Australian region having an opportunity to compete in international rounds.

Ms Thai

Latin Teacher

Languagenut

This year, students in Years 9,10 and 11 French classes have subscribed to the online learning platform: **Languagenut**. Year 8 students will continue to use **Education Perfect** for French.

Languagenut Secondary has been designed to support teachers and students with French language learning in Years 7-12.

The extensive secondary school language resources are ideal for developing exam skills, through engaging exercises and activities, ranging from listening, speaking and grammar exercises to challenging exam-style questions.

Languagenut is a great resource as it enables students to reinforce their vocabulary, whilst simultaneously practising the four key skills of Modern Foreign Language learning, namely Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking.

Languagenut Secondary includes:

- 8,000 comprehensive **exam-style questions**
- Extensive vocabulary bank of more than 2,500 words in **French**
- 14 challenging activities covering **all four key skills**
- 20 regular and irregular **verb conjugation** exercises across tenses
- Over **50 unlockable achievements**
- Ability for teachers to create targeted content
- Chrome and Apple tablet access

Ms Dooner

French Teacher

Nengajou Competition

In December last year, Year 8 Japanese students entered the Japanese Teachers Association of NSW's Nengajou competition. Nengajou are Japanese postcards sent as a New Year's greeting. Carmen Lee's entry was awarded 3rd place in the Stage 4 category and Sophie An received a "Highly Commended" prize for her entry. Both Carmen and Sophie's entry featured strong design elements and effectively integrated Japanese language into the composition. The scenes depicted were complex, very animated and engaging.

We would like to congratulate Carmen and Sophie on this wonderful achievement!

Ms Galea

Japanese/French Teacher



Mathematics

The Mathematics faculty welcomes all students to a new school year and particularly to Year 7.

This year we challenge you to set high expectations for your mathematics and to strive for them. We will aim to build your skills further to meet these expectations through problem-solving tasks, ICT and literacy activities.

HSC Results 2021

The Year 12 Mathematics students achieved some outstanding HSC results in 2021 and we congratulate them all for their achievements.

A special congratulations goes out to Tammy Lee for achieving first place at St George Girls High School in Mathematics Extension 1 and Mathematics Extension 2 and for receiving the prize for the Top Performing Mathematics Student donated by Rae Wang.

I look forward to seeing terrific results from this year's Year 12 students.

Some Tips for Success for all Students!!

- Start **'planting the seed'** early on in the school term with a good schedule at home that should include: a good homework routine, a good time for bed and of course a **responsible use of electronic devices which includes when and where** the electronic devices will be turned off for the night.
- **Separate homework time from screen time.** This allows for better concentration and focus on the concepts and questions when attempting them.
- Always allow 20 minutes at the start of the week to plan your homework/study routine for that week.

Homework Routine

- Homework is an important process to master concepts and content in Mathematics.
- Homework is usually given at the end of each lesson.
- When completing homework tasks it is important to show working (where necessary), mark the work and resolve any errors.
- If students are having difficulty understanding a concept or a particular problem, then they should:
 - seek assistance from the teacher
 - review the notes and examples in class (and make summary notes) and/or
 - attend the Mathematics Homework centre.

Mathematics Homework Centre

The Mathematics Homework Centre has been running for 6 years and it is on again this year. This year the Centre will be open on **Thursdays between 3:30pm and 5pm** and it is held in the school library. Students have a chance to request specialised help from talented mathematicians and tutors, while also making a head-start on their homework. If you're not already taking advantage of this excellent and targeted assistance, collect a permission form from the Mathematics staffroom. We are grateful to the P&C and Mothers' Committee for their continued support of this program.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

The PDHPE faculty is dedicated to providing opportunities for students to:

- ⇒ develop knowledge, understanding, skills and attitudes their own and other's health
- ⇒ be empowered to make wise decision regarding their health and well being
- ⇒ enhance movement skills and concepts to enable participation in a range of physical activities.

The faculty is indeed fortunate to have dedicated and passionate teachers in Mrs Farlie Pirini, Mrs Krys Macready and Mrs Olivia Serougi who set high expectations and encourage students to always give their best, respect and support others and have pride in all endeavours.

The 2021 HSC cohort performed outstandingly and after with a comprehensive analysis the Stage 6 teachers are implementing strategies to maximise student learning outcomes for the current Year 12 students. A key focus this year is to improve the PDHPE HSC results and students have been vitally involved in the process and are excited by the innovative initiatives planned for them.

The Year 7 to 10 mandatory PDHPE program is well underway with students fully engaged in athletics in the practical component of the course. In theory lessons units of work are designed commensurate with students' stage of development – Year 7 Who are we? Year 8 – Exploring risk, Year 9 – Best version of me and Year 10 – Diversity.

St. George Girls High School has a proud tradition in sport and Mrs Farlie Pirini our Sports Organiser is providing many opportunities for students. The Friday sports program involves outside professional providers delivering a varied program for students in Years 7-10.

Teachers across the school are spending many hours coaching and organising matches as part of the NSW Combined High Schools Knock Out competitions. The students and the school is indebted to our dedicated teaching staff.

The school swimming carnival was held Angelo Anestis Aquatic Centre on Wednesday 9 February in glorious summer weather with staff and students working together to make a very successful day. Students swam whole heartedly with Year 12 students providing excellent entertainment in the lunch break.

Age Champions

- 12 Years – Lynn Tang
- 13 Years – Eliana Ugto
- 14 Years – Crystal Kwok
- 15 Years – Tracey Nguyen
- 16 Years – Nicole Yu
- 17+ Years – Tina Liang

House Results

- 1st – Mitamit – 286
- 2nd – Mirrabooka – 257
- 3rd – Larool – 211
- 4th – Allunga – 188

Zone Swimming Carnival

St George Girls High School had a strong team of 30 students represent at the St George Zone Swimming Championships on Friday 25 and Monday 28 March at Roselands Pool.

Our students competed outstandingly and finished first in the overall pointscore.

School Pointscore

1st – St George Girls High School – 683 points

2nd – Canterbury Girls High School – 518 points

3rd – GRC Peakhurst Campus – 333 points

Age Champions

12 Years

1st – Lyn Tang – 46 points

2nd – Ashleigh Nguyen – 44 points

13 Years

4th – Eliana Ugto – 37 points

14 Years

4th – Crystal Kwok – 43.50 points

5th – Fiona Su – 24 points

15 Years

1st – Tracey Nguyen – 57 points

5th – Joey Lu – 30 points

16 Years

2nd – Nicole Yu – 60 points

4th – Gabrielle Ciu – 32 points

Students representing at Regional Championships on Monday 14 March are Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre, Homebush are:

12 Years

Lynn Tang, Grace Gunn, Ashleigh Nguyen, Chloe Li, Yirim Jiang

13 Years

Eliana Ugto, Cecilia Chen, Emily Sun, Sophia Xie, Ria Choi

14 Years

Michelle Ciu, Crystal Kwok, Fiona Su, Coco Zheng

15 Years

Tracey Nguyen, Ellie Dang, Emily Yung, Serena Giang, Joey Lu, Bonnie Wu

16 Years

Nicole Yu, Gabrielle Ciu, Emily Zhou, Disha Patel

17+ Years

Chloe Xu, Kayla Huang, Mindy Liu, Tina Liang

Mr Spotswood

PDHPE Coordinator

Prefects Report

Even though we are only a few weeks into the year, your 2022 “Perfects” have been hard at work, somehow finding the time amidst their studies to help enrich the school and provide wonderful opportunities for their fellow students. Here are just a few of the things they’ve been working on to date:

- **Dragon Pride Day** – the Prefects connected with a variety of club and team leaders to promote their groups, such as Duke of Ed, Poetry Club, ISCF and “All Sorts” Club. They set up the hall with decorations, stalls and music and sold Dragon Pride badges and stickers designed by the winners of the sticker designing competition, Grace Walsh, Eden Kim and Alyssa Chao.
- **Swimming Carnival** – the students assisted in co-ordinating practice sessions for the whole grade and sectionals to learn and perform their iconic dance.
- **Walkathon** – the Prefects have been working hard with Year 12 to co-ordinate food, games and drinks stalls for the park, including working with teachers to help organise one of the most anticipated events on the school calendar. Students will have a variety of stalls and foods to choose from. Posters will be coming out very soon!
- **Prefect Afternoon Tea** – Our Prefects have also begun to connect with student leaders and prefects from all over Sydney and are in the early stages of planning.

On behalf of the entire school, I'd like to thank this extremely diligent and dedicated group of Prefects for all of their efforts.

Thank you,

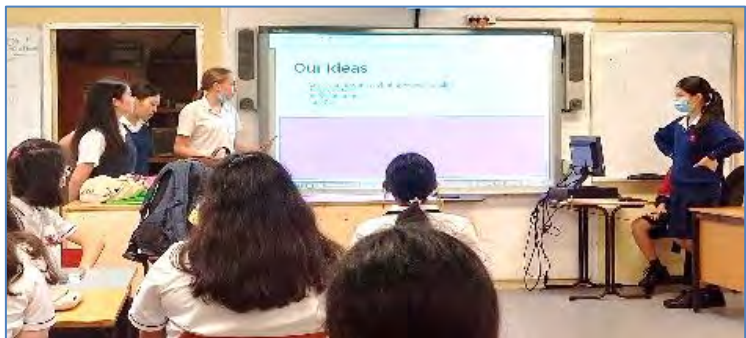
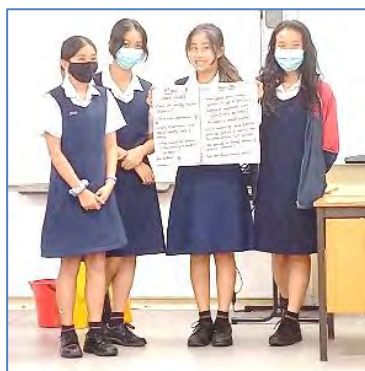
Mr Boland
Prefect Co-ordinator

Student Representative Council

SRC Leadership Day

On Thursday, 3 March all of the SRC representatives and the SRC Executive participated in an SRC Leaderships Day. We talked about our leadership skills and brainstormed ideas for fundraisers in the school for the remainder of the year. We participated in fun activities such as a scavenger hunt around the school and enjoyed some lolly bags made by our vice president.

Sophia McLean
Year 11



Wellbeing

Routine School Vaccination being Offered in 2022

NSW Health is working with schools to offer the following routine vaccines to Year 7 and Year 10 students in 2022 to protect them from preventable diseases:

Year	Vaccine	Number Of Doses
Year 7	Human papillomavirus (HPV)	2 doses at least 6 months apart
	Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough (dTpa)	1 dose
Year 10	Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY)	1 dose

NSW Health will also be offering catch-up vaccination during 2022 to students who missed **HPV**, **dTpa** or **MenACWY** vaccinations in 2020 and 2021. Where this is not possible, parents/guardians will be contacted and recommended to access free catch-up vaccine for their child at their local GP.

Please note that any vaccine offered to students at school requires the signed consent of parents/carers.

More information about the NSW School Vaccination Program is available at

www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination

Scheduled dates for vaccinations at St George Girls High School are:

Year 7

Dose #1: Tuesday 3 May 2022

Dose #2: Tuesday 22 November 2022

Year 10

Dose #1: Tuesday 14 June 2022

Year 7 consent materials will be distributed mid-March. Please return consent cards by 31 March to the office.

Parents and Citizens' Association

Thank you to parents who made the effort to attend our first 2022 meeting! Thank you to Ms Romeo for her informative talk on the 2021 HSC performance, the school's Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) directions, the High Potential and Gifted Education policy and What is planned for 2022. It's always insightful to hear about the school programs that bring out the best in our daughters. We also heard about the positive uptake of the new school uniform for Years 7 and 10 and new socks for the whole school.

Our next P&C fundraising event will be a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Warehouse Rockdale on Sunday 20 March 2022. Any funds raised will go towards the upgrade of the bathroom facilities in the school hall. As always, assistance is required for the best outcome. If you can volunteer two hours of your time on the day, please email our Event Coordinator Cathy Anderson at phil.anderson@optusnet.com.au.

We understand that weekends are extremely busy for everyone and it may be hard to help out physically at the BBQ. However you can still help the school and the P&C by contributing to the cost of running the event. For example, \$30 buys a case of drinks, \$20 buys 40 sausages, \$15 buys 10 loaves of bread and \$10 buys a bag of onions.

If you wish to contribute, please go to the <https://stgeorgegi-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/> website and click on "Make a payment". Enter in your daughter's details and make sure you enter "Bunnings BBQ donation" as the reference. All contributions are appreciated and will go a long way in ensuring a successful event.

A reminder we now have the 2022 digital Sydney Entertainment Book for sale. You will receive instant access to the Entertainment digital Membership app that allows you to redeem great offers directly from your Iphone or Android and guaranteed to pay for itself through all the great discounts on offer. Purchase the new 12 month digital memberships at our payment page here

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/203j324>

The P&C committee meets every 4th Thursday of the month during school terms. Our next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 24 March 2022 as a virtual Zoom meeting with guest speaker, Ms Elizabeth McAlpine, the school psychologist. The link will be provided closer to the date. Everyone is welcome to attend. The P&C looks forward to connecting with all parents at these meetings throughout the year to support our daughters education.

Regards

Sharon Khan
P&C President
sggh.pca@gmail.com

Mothers' Committee

We were fortunate to be able to hold our March Mothers' Committee meeting on site at the school and we were very pleased to welcome two guest speakers this month, Ms Pam Abson, Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning and Mrs Jodie Jospie, Relieving Head Teacher Wellbeing and Careers Adviser. Our speakers explained the avenues in place at SGGHS for seeking help with both academic and wellbeing issues, including Careers information. It was very interesting to hear about some of the established special programs in place for different year groups, such as the Year 7 Transition Program, the Year 10 Careers program, the Year 11 SEED Program and Years 7-9 High Potential Learners Program, in addition to guest speakers for different cohorts. We appreciate the time and effort that goes into looking after our daughters at school and thank our speakers this month.

Our annual Mother Daughter dinner is booked for Saturday 21 May. This is a great opportunity to meet other mothers and daughters throughout the school, and it is always a fun night. More details including the theme for the night and how to purchase tickets will follow closer to the event.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday 6 April at 10am in the school Library (Walkathon Day).

Cathy Anderson
President
Mothers' Committee

SGGHS Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop trading hours are: **Wednesday from 1:00pm to 3:30pm**, and rest assured the store is being run in accordance with the Covid-Safe School Operations model.

When ordering, we encourage families to use our online shop <https://schoolshoponline.net.au> as this ensures your order is packed and ready for a hassle free pick up.

The legacy/current uniform is on sale at discounted prices, so be sure to pick up some bargains.

If you have some free time on a Wednesday and are interested in meeting friendly school parents whilst helping out our school, then we would greatly appreciate your volunteering to assist at the Uniform Shop.

If this sounds like you, or if you have any questions or require assistance with your order, please feel free to contact us at sgghsuniform@gmail.com.


With best wishes to you and your family,

Nadisa Milo
Vice President and Uniform Shop Coordinator
Ph: 0404 424 364

All profits from the sale of uniforms are donated back to our school.

St Georgians

2021 HSC Excellence Awards

ur Association Treasurer, Margaret James, had the pleasure of representing The St Georgians at the recent Year 12, 2021 HSC Excellence Assembly. The St Georgians are proud to sponsor these awards. The students achieved wonderful results across all subjects despite the difficulties 2021 placed in their path. Well done to all Year 12, 2021 students. Congratulations on your achievements.

Change of Date

Our 2022 Annual Reunion Luncheon will now be held on Saturday 22 October 2022

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic situation we have regrettably postponed our 2022 luncheon from 23 April to Saturday 22 October 2022

The luncheon will be held in The Sapphire Room at St George Motor Boat Club, Sans Souci. We hope that you will be able to support us at this event as funds raised through raffle ticket and merchandise sales on the day and a portion of all reunion ticket sales are donated to the school to be used as needed to improve the experience of the girls of St George and to provide student prizes.

We look forward to a bigger and better get together in 2022.

If you need any information about the St Georgians please don't hesitate to contact us at the email or numbers below. We have also formed a "closed group" – simply search Facebook for The St Georgians and choose The St Georgians closed group and ask to join.

TheStGeorgians@hotmail.com

Kim Archibald
President
0410 582 636

Heather Jennings
Secretary
9501 4641



Coming Events

Monday 7 March – Friday 18 March	Year 12 Assessment Block 2
Tuesday 8 March	Gazette issued on school website and emailed to parents and students School Photo Catch-up Day Year 11 Debating Competition Sydney East Netball Knockout, Bellingara Netball Courts Students Dismissed 2:25pm
Wednesday 9 March	Year 11 Geography Biophysical Interactions Excursion, Sutherland Under 15's Netball Knockout
Thursday 10 March	Year 10 Jewish Museum Excursion Sydney East Futsal Competition, Alexandria
Friday 11 March	CHS Cricket Knockout
Monday 14 March – Wednesday 16 March	Year 11 Camp
Monday 14 March	Sydney East Swimming
Tuesday 15 March	Students Dismissed 2.25pm
Wednesday 16 March	Year 10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Training, 3:15pm
Monday 21 March – Tuesday 22 March	Year 10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Journey, Waterfall
Tuesday 22 March	Students Dismissed 2:25pm
Thursday 24 March – Friday 25 March	Year 11 Assessment Block 1
Thursday 24 March	Parents and Citizens' Association Meeting, Via Zoom, 7pm
Friday 25 March	Year 8 Check-in Assessment – Literacy
Monday 28 March	Year 8 Check-in Assessment – Numeracy
Tuesday 29 March	Students Dismissed 2:25pm
Wednesday 30 March – Friday 1 April	NSW CHS Swimming, Sydney Olympic Park
Monday 4 April	SRC Induction Assembly
Tuesday 5 April	Years 7 and 12 Parent Teacher Evening Students Dismissed 2:25pm
Wednesday 6 April	Walkathon Mothers' Committee Meeting, Library, 10am
Friday 8 April	Final Day of Term 1
Monday 25 April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 26 April	School Development Day, Staff Only
Wednesday 27 April	Term 2 – Students Return
Thursday 28 April	ANZAC Day Assembly Parents and Citizens' Association Meeting, Via Zoom, 7pm
Friday 29 April	Year 12 Chemistry Depth Study Incursion
Monday 2 May	HSC Enrichment Incursion
Tuesday 3 May	Year 7 Vaccinations – Dose 1
Wednesday 4 May	Mothers' Committee Meeting, Library, 10am
Thursday 5 May	Athletics Carnival
Monday 9 May	Commencement of Winter Uniform

It is important that payment for excursions is made to the Finance Office or Online prior to the due date.