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Commencement of Winter Uniform
Monday 9 May

Mother Daughter Dinner
Saturday 14 May
Engadine Tavern
6:30pm

**Parents & Citizens'
Association Meeting**
Thursday 26 May
Via Zoom
7pm

Mothers' Committee Meeting
Wednesday 1 June
Annual General Meeting
Library
10am

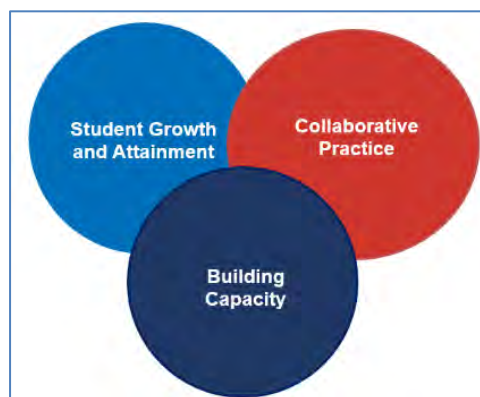
Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

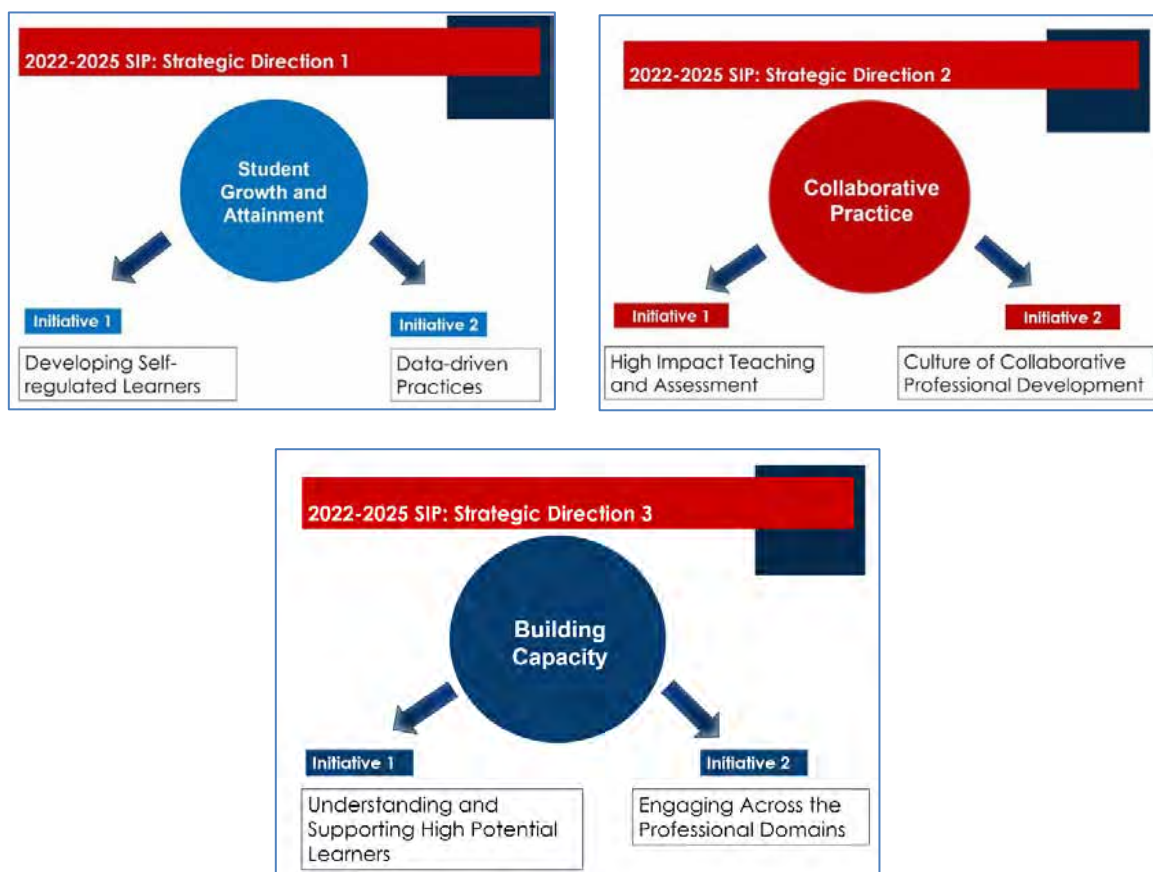
Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you feel refreshed and recharged after the break and are ready to launch into a new term of engaging learning and the exciting school events and activities that are planned to take place throughout the term ahead.

Official Launch of the Revised SGGHS 2022-2025 Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP)

During the Term 2 School Development Day, I had the opportunity to launch the revised 2022-2025 SGGHS Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) to the staff. While much of the original high impact and evidence-based work planned remains in place, we have had the welcomed opportunity as a school to review and further refine our 2022-2025 SIP initiatives and activities following the DoE External Validation process that took place last year. By the end of this term the updated 2022-2025 SIP will be endorsed by our Director Educational Leadership, Mrs Laretta Claus and uploaded on the SGGHS website.



I look forward to undertaking the important body of work contained in the SIP together as a school as I know we have refined a high impact blueprint for further school development and improvement. The visuals below highlight the 2 initiatives that align to our 3 identified strategic directions.



Term 2 Staffing Update

Welcome onboard to Mr Thompson who joins our school in a permanent capacity (3 days per week – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday) in the PDHPE Faculty. I know that Mr Thompson has settled in well to the school and will make a valuable contribution in the years to come.

We also welcome back to SGGHS Mrs Hillier who returns from maternity leave in the English Faculty on Thursday and Friday and Mrs Salisbury who returns to the PDHPE Faculty on Wednesday and Friday. Ms Tang in Social Sciences will work full-time for the balance of 2022, replacing Mrs Rahmi who is on maternity leave and Ms Barbagallo also returns from maternity leave, working 3 days per week - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from the start of this term.

Updated Information for Students and Families Regarding Term 2 School Operations

The COVID-Safe settings that we have now become familiar with will remain largely the same and will continue this term. These 'baseline measures' are aligned to the NSW Government's general community settings and include:

- rapid antigen testing for symptomatic students and staff
- vaccinations – including booster shots (from 3 months after your child's primary Covid-19 dose) are encouraged for all eligible students and their families. Staff and volunteers on school grounds are to follow vaccination guidelines
- ventilation
- good hygiene practices
- enhanced cleaning.



Continuing these 'baseline measures' will allow us to prioritise student and staff wellbeing while giving our learners a consistent and productive learning environment this term.

What's New in Term 2?

As we head into the cooler months, the DoE has updated the Covid-Smart measures in place for school operations in consultation with NSW Health, to provide additional protection to our school community.

Change to close contact isolation requirements

On 20 April the NSW Premier announced that from 22 April 2022, close contacts (including household contacts) could leave home isolation with certain restrictions. The announcement means that from Week 1 of Term 2, students and staff who are identified as close contacts will be able to attend school with the following risk mitigations in place:

- Parents/carers must notify the school if your child has been identified as a close contact and are intending to return to school.
- Your child should conduct a daily rapid antigen test (RAT) and receive a negative result each morning before attending school for **5 subsequent school days** as part of your personal responsibility to minimise the risk of transmission.
- High school students must wear a mask indoors at all times except when eating or exercising, for 5 subsequent school days.
- student identified as a close contact will be permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including school camps.
- Visitors in contact with students including volunteers, allied health partners and staff providing professional learning who are close contacts should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result before attending the school site. They must also wear a mask indoors at all times (except when eating or exercising) if they are 12 years old or over. If attending a school site and interacting with students for an extended period of time, the visitor should advise the school that they are a close contact.
- In line with these changes, students with health conditions should speak with their treating medical practitioner or specialist to review their health support plan or Covid-19 action plan and speak with the school around any local considerations.

Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)

The DoE will continue to supply RAT kits to students and staff to support symptomatic testing and testing for close contacts returning to school. Within the first three weeks of term we will provide **1 multipack of rapid antigen tests per student**. Once these DoE supplied RATs are exhausted, please continue to access PCR tests and store-purchased RATs which are now readily available in the community or let the school know that you need more and we will try and assist.



Masks

The latest NSW Health advice recommends wearing a mask for people who have recovered from Covid-19 and recently completed their 7-day isolation period **for an additional 3 days** (from days 8 to 10 after receiving a positive Covid-19 result). Additionally, mask wearing is mandatory for staff and high school students returning to school as close contacts for 5 days.



Responding to our local situation

We will continue to liaise with NSW Health and the DoE Health and Safety case management team to ensure our Covid-Smart settings keep-up with the latest developments. If local conditions require it, this may mean temporarily reintroducing some additional Covid-Smart settings including:

- mask wearing for all staff and students in Year 7 and above
- directing cohorts to learn from home for short periods of time
- postponing or limiting non-essential activities like excursions, indoor assemblies and visitors to the school.

I will make sure to update the community at the earliest opportunity if any of these additional measures are required in Term 2.

Ventilation

The NSW Department of Education is reviewing environmental differences across NSW as part of their winter ventilation planning, ensuring that local climatic conditions at each school are considered. The DoE will provide local guidance to schools, including advice on maximising natural ventilation while balancing thermal comfort and the use of indoor and outdoor learning areas for school activities to support schools to adapt to local climate conditions through the winter months.



Reducing the risk of illness this winter

Finally, it's important to note NSW Health's advice to reduce our risk of not only Covid-19, but also other illnesses that may affect our school this winter like the flu. We can all protect our loved ones and our community by:



- taking a RAT before visiting vulnerable loved ones or going to large gatherings and events
- staying home if unwell
- keeping up to date with our vaccinations – including the flu vaccine, which is available from your local GP or pharmacy. Flu vaccines are free for all children aged 6 months to under 5 years, or for a small charge for those aged 5 years and older
- getting tested immediately for Covid-19 if you become symptomatic and isolating until you receive a negative result
- practicing good hand hygiene by washing regularly with soap and water

DoE Advice for Families

Further updated information regarding school operations for Term 2 2022 is available on the DoE 'Advice for Families' page to support students and parents/carers. This information can be accessed via the following link: education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families

SRC and Enviro Council Leadership Induction Assembly

On Monday 4 April we had the opportunity to formally induct our newly elected SRC Executive, Year representatives and Enviro Council Executive into office for 2022. This was a very special occasion and a sincere thank you must go to Ms Whitehead and Mrs Duffy for making all the necessary arrangements for this ceremony to take place. This is such a special event for our school and when it comes to leading young people, those who take on SRC leadership positions are best placed to lead their peers, as they form part of the student body.



The 2022 SRC Executive and Year Representatives will certainly provide a creative and positive approach towards the planning of all activities they have scheduled for this year. I also know that the staff and whole student body will support our newly appointed SRC representatives in their roles over the year and get behind the initiatives and activities that they have planned to enrich school life. Congratulations again to all of our elected SRC Executive and SRC Year Representatives and I look forward to working together to make this the best year ever at St George Girls High School.



Walkathon

On Wednesday 6 April the SGGHS Walkathon was held. This is always a very special and unique day for our school and the staff and students always have a great day together. Unfortunately, due to wet weather the decision was made not to have the students and staff participate in a supervised walk, yet the Year 12 organised stalls and activities were still able to go ahead. Thank you to our Walkathon organiser, Mr Gordon Moncrieff and the Year 12 Cohort Team – Deputy Principal in Charge of Year 12, Mrs Amber Housego, Year 12 Year Adviser Miss Alex Neave and Assistant Year Adviser Mr Neil Walters for their support in organising this activity. An acknowledgement must also go to our Year 12 Prefect team and students who so capably absorbed the responsibility for providing enough food and activity options to keep everyone engaged and well-fed throughout the afternoon, and for their help cleaning up so diligently at the conclusion of the day. The students also needed to make a number of modifications to their planned stalls to ensure that they comply with the Covid-Safe guidelines in place, adding a further logistical consideration to be managed.





Anzac Day Assembly

Anzac Day marks the anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. Like hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens, who gather at memorials in cities, suburbs and towns across Australia, we as a school hosted our Anzac Day assembly on Thursday 28 April to commemorate one of the most significant events in our national calendar.

It is now a long-standing tradition that on Anzac Day we all pause to remember those that offered up their life in the defence of their nation and community, which is the greatest contribution any citizen can make. This tradition is as relevant today as it was when our troops landed on the beaches of Gallipoli in 1915. We only have to recall those Australians that have died or been injured in recent years on operations overseas and within Australia to protect Australia and its national interests.

Our Year 10 History students led the SGGHS commemorative **Anzac Day Assembly for Years 7, 8 and 9**. I would like to thank our History Faculty, in particular Mr Boland and Mr Nousis for organising this special assembly and the resources and activities that were also made available to students in Years 10 – 12 to commemorate this occasion in classrooms during the assembly time. Each year the Enviro Council also places rosemary from the school garden on the assembly seats for all students and staff to wear as a symbol of remembrance on the day.



Official School Photographers

Over the past few years our skilled student school photographer Caitlin Matthews has creatively captured most of the quality images I have had the pleasure of including in the monthly Gazette.

Caitlin is in Year 11 this year and she has recently coordinated a school-wide photography competition to help select additional school photographers in Years 8, 9 and 10 who will share this responsibility moving forward. Caitlin, Mrs Housego and Mr Batten formed the judging panel to select our additional photographers and they were overwhelmed by the number and quality of student entries into this competition.

I am pleased to officially announce that the following students have been selected as our additional SGGHS official photographers. I have also included their winning images submitted below.

I would like to say a very big thank you to Caitlin for her exceptional contribution, her commitment to this role and for the school service she has kindly provided. Caitlin has played a central role in supporting SGGHS to capture the quality of school life on offer each day, and I am grateful that this role has allowed me to share these images with both the school and the broader community. I know Caitlin will continue to support in this capacity and she is looking forward to sharing this responsibility with our three new school photographers, who I know will do a wonderful job in the years to come.

Year 8: Zoya Azeiez



Year 9: Helena Zhang



Year 10: Chloe Liu



Athletics Carnival

The school Athletics Carnival was held on Thursday 5 May at Sylvania Waters Athletics Track. This is always such a well-supported whole school event and I would like to thank the students for their exceptional level of participation they displayed on the day. I would like to thank the PDHPE faculty and our carnival organiser Mr Geoff Spotswood in particular, for making all of the necessary arrangements to ensure that our Athletics Carnival was again a successful and enjoyable day. This year we saw an increase in the participation rate amongst our students in Years 7-10 in the track and field events and I am grateful for the work invested behind the scenes by the PDHPE Faculty to always think of new and exciting ways to enhance student participation at our school carnivals.



Athletics Carnival



Annual Mother Daughter Dinner

The Mother Daughter Dinner will take place on Saturday 14 May at Engadine Tavern. I always look forward to this special evening and I know that it will again be well-attended and supported by the school community. I would like to thank the Mothers' Committee for their kind invitation to attend the evening and for organising this event this year, I am looking forward to a highly enjoyable and memorable evening. I would also like to thank our Prefects who will play a significant role in providing the entertainment and events throughout the evening. The theme this year is 'Winter Wonderland' and I look forward to reporting about this event in next month's Gazette.



Student Achievements

I am always thrilled to hear about the individual or group achievements of our students. I welcome all parents/carers and students to email me any achievements that I will proudly celebrate in each Month's Gazette correspondence. This month I wanted to congratulate the following students on their outstanding achievements;

- The final selections have been made for the 2022 NSW Public Schools Drama Ensembles. Congratulations to **Eliza Hoh** in Year 11, **Ceara Kearnes**, **Jasmin Morgan** and **Anthea Sebastian** in Year 10 and **Molly Maguire-Ward** in Year 9 on their selection into this elite ensemble that is comprised of students selected from across NSW.
- I was delighted to learn that **Jessica Wang** in Year 12 has been selected for the team to represent Australia in the 2022 International Geography Olympiad that will be held virtually 11-18 July. This is a most noteworthy and special achievement for one of our talented senior Geography students.
- Congratulations to **Venice Lam** in Year 9 who won a food story competition for the Yhunger program. Venice as the competition prize winner will have the opportunity to participate in a 2-day short-film making workshop in July with CuriousWorks, Settlement Services International and NSW Health for young people, to co-produce her food story into a short-film. The food story short-film produced will feature on the Yhunger website that is being built and be used in the training program with health, community, settlement and education services to support the health and wellbeing of young people in NSW.

- Congratulations to **Stella Serrao-Smith** in Year 12 who has been offered a place at the Solo Vocal Camp and concert held at the Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort from Sunday 22 to Thursday 26 May 2022. This is an outstanding achievement and I know that Stella will enjoy participating in this enrichment opportunity.
- Congratulations to the following students on their performance at the inaugural SGGHS Champion of Champions Cross Country Event held on Tuesday 5 April.



ST. GEORGE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
2022
CHAMPION
OF CHAMPIONS!
CROSS COUNTRY
Overall placings:

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS: ZARA MCNALLY (17 YEARS)
RUNNER-UP: MAJELLA MURPHY (13 YEARS)

3. Salam Khalil (15 years)	22. Eliana Ugto (13 years)
4. Nicole Yu (16 years)	23. Lorna Yu (13 years)
5. Joey Lu (15 years)	24. Michelle Ciu (14 years)
6. Molly Maguire-Ward (15 years)	25. Carey Tan (14 years)
7. Emily Yung (15 years)	26. Kathy Xu (12 years)
8. Bonnie Li (17 years)	27. Antonia Lin (14 years)
9. Nandha Sajish (15 years)	28. Isabella Zhu (15 years)
10. Sai-Vibha Pothuganti (15 years)	29. Carrie Chen (15 years)
11. Dana Arenas Valentin (16 years)	30. Sophia Zhou (16 years)
12. Amalee Doyle (13 years)	31. Eily Miyakis (16 years)
13. Serena Giang (15 years)	32. James Milo (15 years)
14. Lily Smith (12 years)	33. Rachel Shen (14 years)
15. Rayani Jayawardana (14 years)	34. Tracey Nguyen (15 years)
16. Mia Liu (13 years)	35. Arwen Huang (12 years)
17. Jerilyn Fourfouris (13 years)	36. Chelsea Wang (13 years)
18. Jacqueline Pham (12 years)	37. Aarushi Kafle (13 years)
19. Grace Tan (13 years)	38. Fatema Pervin (16 years)
20. Kyna Li (17 years)	39. Emmy Ma-Li (14 years)
21. Riya Amin (15 years)	40. Nicole Chen (16 years)

I would like to wish you all members of our community a great term and I look forward to seeing many parents at the P&C meeting later this month on Thursday 26 May at 7:00pm hosted via Zoom as well as at the various events and activities that are planned to take place this term.

As always, if you have any questions or queries about any school matters you are very welcome to contact me at school at any time.

Ms Betty Romeo
Principal

Deputy Principals' Report – Teaching and Learning

Year 7 P&C Welcome BBQ

It was great to finally be able to hold our Year 7 Welcome BBQ for our new students and parents/carers at the end of last term, after it was postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions in place at the start of the year. Year 7 students participated in some follow-up transition activities with their Peer Support Leaders and Cohort Team and also engaged in activities across the cohort to build new friendships. In the afternoon the P&C held a BBQ for our Year 7 student and parents/carers, providing a valuable opportunity to meet informally and converse with parents of our school community.



HSC Enrichment Day

As part of the school's HSC Strategy, Year 12 students participated in an HSC Enrichment Day on Monday 2 May. The Senior Executive, School Psychologist and Year Adviser delivered a variety of workshops that focused on building understanding around the HSC process, effective evidence-based study strategies, building motivation in students, and understanding the SGGHS HSC Top 2 Band Targets and data. The aim of this new initiative was to ensure that all students are well-equipped with essential information, knowledge and skills required for a successful and rewarding final two terms of their education and learning. The agenda for the day is outlined below. The students are now completing an evaluation of this new initiative and we look forward to receiving the feedback which will inform the planning of this valuable day for next year's cohort.

Session	Time	Activity
1	9.00am – 9.30am	<p>HSC Kahoot Students will test their knowledge on everything related to the HSC examinations by participating in an HSC Trivia Kahoot.</p> <p>HSC Top 2 Bands Target During this session, Ms Romeo (Principal) will introduce to students the 2022-2025 SGGHS Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) outlining the key focus areas the school will be targeting in 2022. During this session Ms Romeo will unpack the school's HSC Top 2 Bands target and outline the school's 'HSC Strategy' in place to support students maximise their HSC achievement.</p>
2	9.30am – 10.10am	<p>Reflection and Goal Setting: Where are you now? During this session, Ms Abson (Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning) will work through activities that will allow students to reflect on how they are currently progressing in their learning and commitment. Students will reflect on the positives in their learning and identify the obstacles that are hindering them to strive for personal best. Through a number of reflection activities related to engagement and motivation, students will identify growth goals for the next two terms.</p>
3	10.10am – 10.40am	<p>Staying Motivated and Focussed Our School Psychologist, Ms McAlpine, will provide some key support that links to motivation.</p>
Recess	10.40am – 10.55am	Light refreshments to be provided.
	10.55am – 11.30am	Students to attend School house meetings in preparation for the Athletics Carnival.
4	11.30am – 12.30pm	<p>How the HSC Works, Effective Study Strategies and Tools & Resources Ms Abson will go over key information about how the HSC works, including school-based assessment, HSC moderation and the judging process. Students will then be presented with some evidence-based study strategies, key information on effective study techniques and useful resources and links for active studying, including how to access and use the NESA standards packages and the study skills website resources.</p>
5	12.30 – 12.45pm	Year 12 Cohort Team Fun Activities
6	12.45pm – 1.15pm	<p>Thriving Towards the Exams During this session, Ms Housego (Year 12 Deputy Principal) will work through key information to ensure students are well-prepared, and are ready to achieve personal best and excellence in the months ahead leading up to their HSC exams.</p>



SGGHS Professional Learning Update

Term 2 School Development Day (SDD)

Our recent School Development Day focused on key initiatives outlined in the new 2022-2025 SIP. Staff participated in the following three sessions:

Session 1: Workshop Rotation

In the morning session, staff rotated through three workshops that linked to the SIP and school procedures. The three sessions were an introduction to the updated 2022-2025 SIP, Explicit Teaching and Learning Intentions/Success Criteria and the introduction to School Bytes – a new platform that has been implemented to streamline and enhance school processes for staff.

Session 2: CESE: Revisiting Gifted Education Literature Review

Staff completed the CESE online professional learning module that provided the opportunity for staff to engage with the literature review and reflect on the research and evidence-based practice linked to high potential and gifted (HPG) learners. Staff completed reflection questions that allowed them to consider their current thinking around teaching practice for HPG learners and identify areas for future focus as part of their own professional learning and teaching practice.

Session 3: Faculty Improvement Plan (FIP)

In the afternoon session, faculties focused on finalising their Course FIP which was developed following a comprehensive analysis of the 2021 HSC data that was undertaken in Term 1. Course FIPs across all faculties are linked to the HSC Top 2 Bands DoE target, identifying modifications that will be made to teaching programs and/or practice, teaching and learning strategies, resources required to implement changes, professional learning needs to support the developed plan for the 2022 HSC cohort and an evaluation plan.

Engagement in Professional Learning

Since the March Gazette, staff at SGGHS have continued to participate in many professional learning opportunities even with Covid-19 restrictions limiting the opportunities for staff. Most professional learning was conducted online and focussed on curriculum and HSC support.

Curriculum Professional Learning

- HSC Professional Learning Courses – PDHPE, Biology, Business Studies, History, Visual Arts, English, Mathematics
- Teaching Writing in History Workshop
- Conferences – History Teachers Association, Legal Studies Conference, Secondary English
- Syllabus Programming: PDHPE, History Extension, English, French, Japanese
- Network Meetings – St George Principals' Network

Upcoming Free Parent Webinar: Encouraging Good Behaviour

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



Dr Justin Coulson presents: Encouraging good behaviour

Discipline is one of the most confusing and challenging topics that parents grapple with. When you look up the word discipline in the dictionary the first definition is "punishment". But this is a relatively new way of understanding the word. Until a couple of hundred years ago, to be disciplined meant to be shown a way to follow. This webinar, presented by Dr Justin Coulson is for every parent who has ever been so desperate to get their kids to 'behave' that they've tried Triple P, Super-Nanny, 1-2-3 Magic, and pretty much everything else out there, and still found themselves stuck. It explores the concept of discipline and how parents can encourage good behaviour in children.

Key learning and discussion points include:

- why the centuries-old strategies we still cling to should be left in the past
- how we get discipline wrong and why
- real world examples of discipline that are as imperfect as parents and their kids, but that still work
- Ideas for discipline that turn everything you thought you knew about the topic on its head
- applicable strategies for everyone

WEBINAR DATE 8 JUN 2022, 8-9 PM AEST COUPON CODE ENCOURAGE COUPON EXPIRES 8 SEP 2022

Future webinars include:

- Changing parenting gears for the teenage years (31 August)
- Handling tricky friendship days (2 November)

Parenting Ideas – ‘Insight’ Article

Growing up is not straight-forward

A child has a developmental clock that keeps ticking, but it's their experiences that determine their maturity, resilience and adaptability.

Study Skills Tip for May – How to Start Writing an Assignment

This month's study skills tip is ***'How to start writing an assignment'***. When helping students with assignments, the focus is often just on the research process. These tips will focus on getting started with the writing.

Save The Date – Years 7/8 Parent/Student Study Skills Evening

This year, the combined study skills evening with Sydney Technical High School will be conducted online as a live webinar, interactive session. **All Year 7 and 8 parents/carers will be emailed the information flyer** about this very valuable evening in the coming week and then the session materials and login details a few days prior to the event. Please see below for some general information about the evening.

When: Monday 30 May 2022

Time: 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Online: Live Webinar

Materials: Will be emailed to parents/carers prior to the session

Upcoming Cohort Activities/Events

Upcoming key events and activities across the year groups include:

May 11 – Year 10 and 12 Study Skills Sessions with Dr Prue Salter

May 16 – Year 12 Personal Best Interviews

May 18-20 – Year 9 Camp

May 30 – Year 11 Personal Best Interviews

June 2 – Year 12 HSC and Careers Expo

Ms Pam Abson

Deputy Principal Teaching and learning

Deputy Principal – Years 7, 9, 11

Deputy Principal's Report – Curriculum

School Projects and Facilities Update

The Multipurpose Sport Court Facility

The Sport Court upgrade is now in its final stages of completion and is starting to take shape. Over the school holiday break, heavy drilling occurred to allow for all court posting and structures to be installed and the grandstand seating and overhead covering was completed. The final stages, over the next four weeks, will include the installation of a perimeter fence, painting of the court surface and the installation of bench seating around perimeter grassed areas.

Weather permitting, this space should be completed and ready for use by the school community in the second half of the term. It is very exciting to see this space come to life and to know that completion and handover of the new SGGHS Sport Court is not far away.



LED Lighting Upgrade

In 2021, St George Girls High School was chosen to participate in an initial audit for a Department of Education LED upgrade program, which looked into the replacement of inefficient fluorescent tube fittings throughout the school. The audit took place to record the quantity of fluorescent linear tube fittings throughout the school and specific data was gathered to inform the replacement phase of works, if selected.

Early last term, the school was notified that we have been selected to be a part of the LED light replacement program and this work will be carried out throughout a number of DoE schools in Term 2.

The scope of work at our school has been assessed and finalised, and the contractors completing the upgrade have now been assigned to our school. Each light fitting across the school will be replaced, resulting in a large scope of works, **901 light fittings in total!**

This replacement work will be completed out of school hours and is likely to commence in June/July. Outcomes of the program are expected to include a more efficient and lower operational cost for schools and more importantly a better, brighter learning environment for students and staff.

Installation of Fresh Air Ventilation Fans

An inspection of all NSW state schools was undertaken over the Christmas holiday break to assess the adequacy of ventilation in classrooms and shared spaces. As a result of the inspection, the Department of Education (DoE) has initiated the installation of fresh air ventilation systems in a number of spaces to supplement existing natural ventilation.

This term, an installation of some permanent fresh air fans and associated control systems will be occurring in a select number of classrooms across the school. These fans are designed to draw fresh air from outside, into the room, improving room ventilation and increase fresh air supply where possible. The school has worked closely with the DoE Asset Management team to determine the most effective locations for these fans to be placed and the installation process will occur in the coming months. The following images reflect the types of fans being installed in rooms.



Installation of New Outdoor Furniture – Seating and Umbrellas

Throughout the term, in various locations around the school, the outdoor furniture will be replaced. The range selected has been chosen to match the new furniture being installed in the grassed areas around the new sport court. Outdoor furniture upgrades will take place in the Year 12 Quad, Year 11 Quad, Library area (including a staff outdoor lunch area), outside the demountable classrooms and next to and behind the new sports court area. I would like to acknowledge and thank the Mothers' Committee, SGGHS SRC and the class of 2020 and 2021 for their significant contributions towards the purchasing of this furniture. It will certainly bring new life to the outdoor spaces around the school.



Winter Uniform Change Over and Uniform Update

As we continue to work through the transition to the new SGGHS Uniform from 2022, I am aware that the availability of some legacy uniform items are now running low for students in Years 8, 9, 11 and 12. Stock availability of the junior legacy winter tunic is quite low and (as this item is completely phased out in the new uniform change over), no additional orders for this item have been made. The school is allowing students in Years 8 and 9 to wear the summer tunic with the long sleeve shirt and school tie if parents/carers are unable to purchase a new tunic in the correct size. I also know that availability of the legacy school tie is quite low and the uniform shop has sought out second hand donations from students to fill that gap if required.

During the changeover for our Year 10 students, the uniform shop will be selling the existing senior skirts first, as there is not too much variation between the existing skirt and the new design. The existing stock of blazers will also be sold first before the order for new blazers is received.

As is the case with any uniform change over, the wearing of correct uniform will be a little inconsistent until all existing stock is depleted, and all year groups move through the transition. Families are able to purchase some of the uniform options available from the new uniform suite for their children in particular the new cardigan, jumper and sports uniform if replacement items are needed.

The school uniform is a vital element that unifies our students. Overall the standard is very high, however we would like to see this maintained particularly throughout the cooler months.

Upcoming NAPLAN Tests

NAPLAN tests for all students in Years 7 and 9 is fast approaching and will commence at our school on Tuesday 10 May. Students from both year groups will be sitting four tests, each with varying durations. The four tests, listed in order of completion, are as follows.

- 1. Writing – 42 minutes**
- 2. Reading – 65 minutes**
- 3. Conventions of Language – 45 minutes**
- 4. Numeracy – 65 minutes**

As was the case in 2021, St George Girls High School students will be completing the NAPLAN tests using the online NAPLAN platform. There are many benefits to using the online platform and the school has found it to be an important diagnostic tool that assists our students engage further in the assessment and ultimately perform at a higher level.

The organisation of NAPLAN online is slightly different to when students complete the tests on paper. The NAPLAN online organisation runs over a 9-day test window, which helps schools facilitate the two-year groups within the technology infrastructure that exists within the school already.

The NAPLAN online tests require a 'lockdown browser' app, which when in operation, shuts the computer off to any other operations ensuring no students are able to access external content, websites or support. Due to the secure nature of the online lockdown browser, all NAPLAN tests at St George Girls High School will be facilitated using the school desktop computers and IT infrastructure. The testing sessions and the number of students that can participate in each session is ultimately controlled by the number of computers in these spaces and has been planned accordingly.

Each test session has been scheduled over a double period, however, if students experience technical delays or issues arise that delay the start time, some tests may run over into the next period. On identified testing days, during the periods where students will not be participating in a NAPLAN test, normal classes will run as per the school timetable, continuing with current coursework.

Please find outlined below the school schedule for NAPLAN online, including the specific periods that each cohort and class will be completing the tests.

Tuesday 10 May – Year 9 Writing (42 minute test)

	Computer Room 1	Computer Room 2	Computer Room 3
Period 1/2	9 Green	9 Red	9 Blue
Period 5/6	9 Orange	9 Yellow	

Wednesday 11 May – Year 7 Writing (42 minute test)

	Computer Room 1	Computer Room 2	Computer Room 3
Period 1/2	7 Yellow	7 Green	7 Blue
Period 4/5	7 Orange	7 Red	

Thursday 12 May – Year 9 Reading (65 minute test)

	Computer Room 1	Computer Room 2	Computer Room 3
Period 2/3	9 Yellow	9 Green	9 Blue
Period 5/6	9 Orange	9 Red	

Friday 13 May – Year 9 Conventions of Language (45 minute test)

	Computer Room 1	Computer Room 2	Computer Room 3
Period 1/2	9 Green	9 Orange	
Period 7/8	9 Red	9 Yellow	9 Blue

Monday 16 May – Year 9 Numeracy (65 minute test)

	Computer Room 1	Computer Room 2	Computer Room 3
Period 1/2	9 Green	9 Yellow	9 Blue
Period 4/5	9 Orange	9 Red	

Tuesday 17 May – Year 7 Reading (65 minute test)

	Computer Room 1	Computer Room 2	Computer Room 3
Period 1/2	7 Orange	7 Red	
Period 5/6	7 Yellow	7 Green	7 Blue

Wednesday 18 May – Year 7 Conventions of Language (45 minute test)

	Computer Room 1	Computer Room 2	Computer Room 3
Period 1/2	7 Red	7 Orange	
Period 4/5	7 Green	7 Yellow	7 Blue

Thursday 19 May – Year 7 Numeracy (65 minute test)

	Computer Room 1	Computer Room 2	Computer Room 3
Period 4/5	7 Red	7 Orange	7 Blue
Period 7/8	7 Green	7 Yellow	

If you are aware your daughter will be absent on any of the identified test days, please send a notification email to the school and a rescheduled test session will be arranged. Additionally, where possible please ensure medical appointments are not booked throughout school time on the testing days.

Mrs Amber Housego
Deputy Principal – Curriculum
Deputy Principal – Year 8, 10 and 12

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.

Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA)

Term 2 is an extremely busy term for CAPA and all students and teachers are working creatively.

This term we have our annual Visual Arts Taronga Zoo excursion for Year 7 students, our Music Camp at Stanwell Tops, the In Concert Secondary Choral Festival and a visit from acclaimed composer and university lecturer, Dr Jim Coyle to workshop HSC compositions. Later this term we will present our annual Drama and Music Showcase Evenings on 22 June and 24 June.

These extra-curricular opportunities are so valuable for our students and I would like to thank all of the CAPA staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make these events happen.

Also, we are thrilled that 5 of our St George Drama students successfully auditioned for the DoE's Arts Unit State Drama Ensembles. A big congratulations go to Ceara Kearnes, Anthea Sebastian, Jasmin Morgan, (Year 10) Eliza Hoh, (Year 11) and Molly Maguire-Ward. (Year 9) This is a wonderful achievement for these students.

We look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming Showcase events.

Ms Lisa Wright
Head Teacher CAPA

Creative and Performing Arts



Mask Work in Drama



State Drama Ensemble Members, Jasmin, Anthea and Ceara



State Drama Ensemble Members, Eliza and Molly

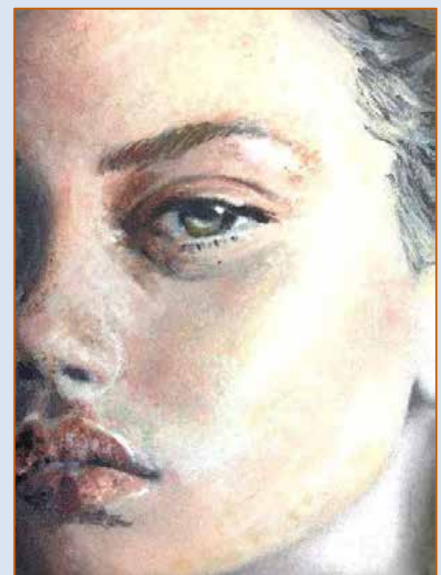


Year 12 Drama Assessment Workshop

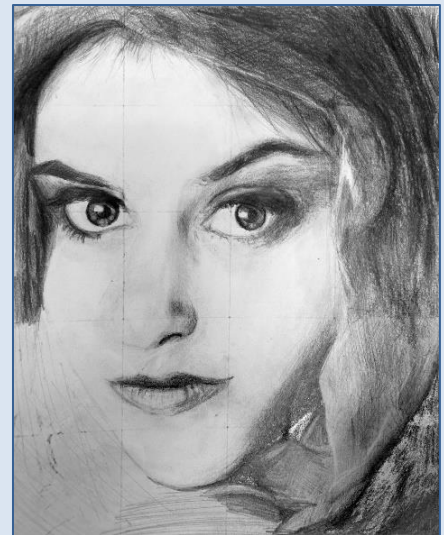
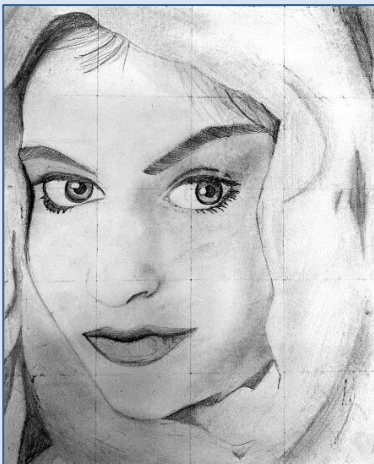


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Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is an International program that has been operational for over 50 years, and St George Girls has been proudly involved with the award for almost 50 years.

The program encompasses regular participation in activities covering physical activity, skills and volunteering in addition to the adventurous journey where the students learn camping and outdoor skills. It has the benefit of consolidating and recognising many of the activities that students are already participating in, helps to develop confidence, resilience, teamwork, leadership as well as planning and organisational skills.

At St George Girls, students from Year 9 upwards are involved with the various levels of Duke Edinburgh Award from Bronze through to Gold levels.

Covid-19 was a very challenging time for both participants and organisers of extra-curricular activities and 2021 was very tough for the provision of this program, with all the adventurous journeys in the second half of the year having to be postponed.

It was fantastic to have an opportunity to participate and organise some catch up camps during Term 1 and I look forward to a return to the regular camps in the second half of the year.

Duke of Edinburgh Silver (2022 Year 11) Sunday 6 February to Tuesday 8 February

The Year 11 Silver Duke of Edinburgh group went on their practice Adventurous Journey earlier this week. This consisted of hiking part of The Great North Walk to Crosslands Reserve followed by a two-day canoe trip to Calabash Point and back. A great effort and congratulations to all students involved.



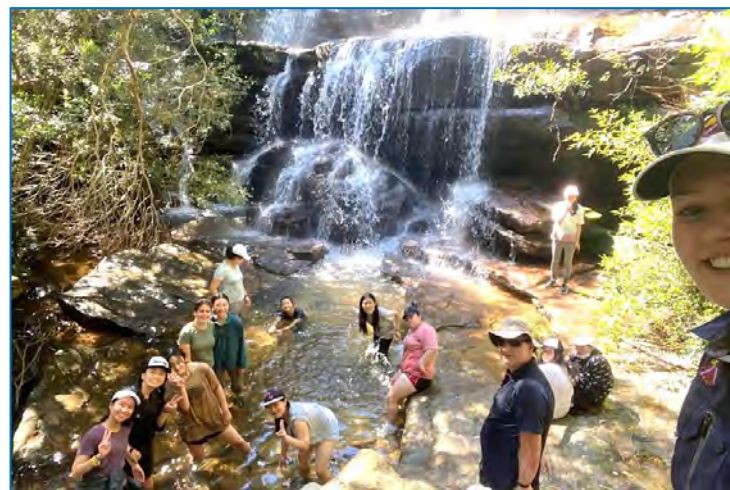
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze (2022 Year 10) Monday 21 March – Tuesday 22 March

Year 10 after a year of waiting were finally able to start their Duke of Edinburgh journey with the camp from Waterfall to Heathcote and return. The sunshine was out and despite the challenge of Covid-19 with some students having to withdraw last minute 56 students had an amazing experience that challenged them both mentally and physically.

While the sun was out, and it was warm enough to have a dip in the pools of Karloo and Uloola falls, the paths were still quite wet after the rainfall we have had, with plenty of mud and water on the paths.

I would like to thank the teachers who participated in the camps this year so far - Ms Quah, Mr Georgiou and Mr Bayer. The Duke of Edinburgh program could not operate without the volunteering and time of these teachers. I would like to also thank the ongoing support of the Executive group of the Duke of Edinburgh program and also the parents who contribute so much support with travel to the camps and with all the other elements of the program.

Mr Neil Walters
Award Leader



Green Corner



Fact of the Month: The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is a collection of trash and waste. It's twice the size of continental America. The patch contains about 100 million tons of garbage stretching from the West Coast of North America to Japan along the Pacific Ocean.

Hello St George, welcome back to Term 2! We hope you've enjoyed your break because the Enviro Council has a jam-packed term, filled with exciting environmental events and initiatives that we are looking forward to announcing!

Leadership Induction: The Enviro Council Executive participated in the School Leadership Induction Assembly held at the end of Term 1 where they received their badges for holding office for 2022. This event combined the SRC and Enviro Council Leadership inductions and was held in an assembly with Years 7 to 9.



Speaking 4 the Planet

Speaking 4 the Planet (S4P) is an art-based competition based in Sydney which aims to allow students to be creative and connect with like-minded peers over the shared concern of environmental sustainability.

This year, St George Girls is participating in the in-house competition and the regional competition, which contains: speaking, song, art, writing, performance poetry, and short video categories. The Enviro Council is running our school competition with our own prizes for each category. The winners will then be entered into the Local Government Area S4P Competition. The final date for school entries was **Wednesday 4 May (Week 2 Term 2)**.

The result is inter-school, large-scale awareness of the importance of our environment. Give it a go, you have everything to gain and nothing to lose!

Upcoming Events

- ✓ **Clean Up Australia Day 2022** – The official event has been moved to this term. A report in the next Gazette will follow up on this event.
- ✓ Sign up for the following teams operated by the Enviro Council: Gardening, Paper Recycling and Worm farm. Unfortunately due to consistent rain throughout last term, we were unable to run gardening for a majority of the term. Taking this into account, we will still be awarding service certificates to any students who were able to make it the few weeks the weather was still dry :)
- ✓ **Return n Earn** – This team is nearly up and running, so get excited!
- ✓ **WIRES** – The Enviro Council will be fund raising early in this term

Jashan Singh, Year 12
President Enviro Council Executive
Enviro Journalist (Year 12)



On this day in History, May 5

May 5, 1912: Soviet Communist newspaper Pravda begins publishing.

May 5, 1961: Alan Shepard becomes the first American man in space. The first man was actually Russian, Yuri Gagarin.

May 5, 1945: Holland and Denmark are liberated from Nazi control.

May 5, 1935: African American athlete Jesse Owens breaks the long jump world, He would go on to star in the 1936 'Nazi' Olympics in Berlin, proving the false nature of Nazi ideology.

A cracking start to the year for all our students and staff in the History faculty. I would like to pay tribute to the committed 2021 Modern, Ancient and History Extension students who did themselves and the school proud. Headed by high achievers such as school Dux Tammy Lee, Modern and Ancient History were amongst the top 5 performing subjects in the school. Other great results included Thais Tsovolos and Katerina Kalogerakis in Ancient History, Mariam Abbas and Katerina Pistevo in History Extension and Celine Tang and Samantha Edvell in Modern History. We wish you all the best with your studies!



Above you can see some photos from a special annual experience for our Year 10 History students – a visit to the Sydney Jewish Museum to learn from the exhibitions and take part in the increasingly rare opportunity of being able to listen to a Holocaust survivor. One of our guest speakers this year, was the remarkable Jack Meister. Jack was born in Poland and was only 11 years of age when the Nazis came to Poland. He survived a death march before Poland was liberated by US troops. He would migrate to Australia in 1949 and to this day dedicates his time to sharing his experiences and educating generations of Australian students. You can see student Sarina Sainju asking Jack a question above.



Below, you will also see our Year 10 Historians leading a school Anzac Day ceremony. It was special to be able to have Years 7, 8 and 9 commemorate the day in a Covid-Safe assembly. Thank you to Mr Boland for his organisation, kudos to the students for speaking so well and a special thank you to Year 12 student, Grace Walsh, who played the Last Post for the final time and to Salam Khalil, who played the Rouse. It really adds to the experience to have our students playing these pieces.



We look forward to an action-packed Term 2 with Year 11 Ancient History students joining their Latin cousins in an excursion to the Chau Chak Wing Museum at the University of Sydney, where they will see mummies, statues and countless other artefacts. As for Year 12, they will make their annual pilgrimage to the History Teachers Association HSC study days, also at USYD for Ancient, Modern and Extension students.

Finally, the History Faculty warmly welcomes our new practicum student, Davina Oh. It is especially humbling, as Davina is a proud product of St George Girls High School and historian who has chosen to follow in our footsteps!

Library Matters

Ms Beth Hinton, relieving Teacher Librarian



Premier's Reading Challenge

Over 120 students from Years 7-10 have now signed up for the Premier's Reading Challenge. Over 900 titles currently in the Library are on the Premier's Reading Challenge list for Years 7-9. Please encourage your daughter to sign up for the challenge!

Staff Picks

Students are enjoying reading what their teachers have read and liked. Currently, Ms Zhang from Science and Ms Treacy from English are our featured teachers on our 'Teacher Favourites Stand'.

Photocopying

We have one photocopier in the Library and it runs hot during assessment periods. Students are able to print assignments during recess and lunch and will need their student card to do so. It is recommended that students give themselves plenty of time to print assessments and to save time, printing at home is always the best option.



Student Review

Northern Lights – by Phillip Pullman

A true work of intelligence and imaginative storytelling.

Without realising it, you will be drawn deeper and deeper into Pullman and Lyra's world, forgetting all you were supposed to accomplish with only three things: breathing, reading, and turning the pages.

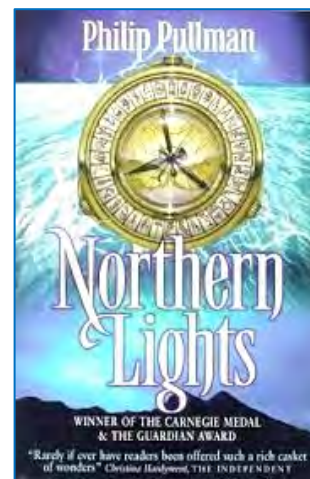
It's not Harry Potter, and it's definitely for older readers, but it's just as good, if not better.

If you haven't read this book yet, I pity you because you will have missed out on the tremendous pleasure of reading and will wonder where this book has been all your life and why you haven't read it sooner.

This isn't the type of book you read over and over again; in fact, this type of book is far superior. It's the kind of book you'll remember for the rest of your life, the kind of book you'd pay a thousand dollars to be able to forget and reread with the same enthusiasm as when you first read it. If you've read it, you'll understand what I'm talking about, and the only novels you'll ever discover that are as good as or even better than this one (depending on your tastes) are the second and third.

I wholeheartedly suggest this book, and I hope it will change you as much as it did me.

Lisa Kataoka
Year 7



More Library Matters

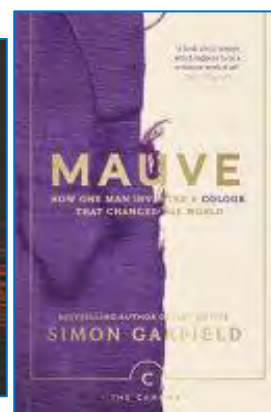
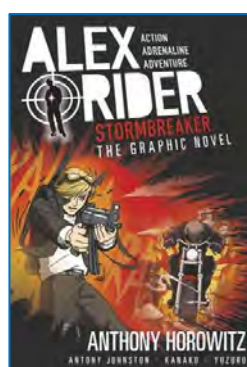
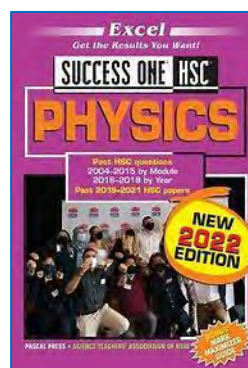
Ms Rowena Penniment, Teacher Librarian

New Books In The Library

My thanks go to Ms Beth Hinton, who took on the role of Teacher Librarian last term when I was on leave. Ms Hinton has been developing and promoting our graphic novels and Manga collections, which continue to be very popular.

Thanks also go to Mrs Stone, our library assistant, who is always on the lookout for new series or new titles in existing series, and is in the process of re-labelling these books to make it easier for students to identify the series number.

The HSC and Fiction collections are constantly evolving and growing as we add new titles to meet student needs and interests. The Library staff are always keen to hear about student and staff suggestions for new titles to be added to the collection, so make sure you have a chat next time you're in the Library.



Premier's Reading Challenge 2022

Last year, 200 students completed the Challenge. This was an outstanding achievement and I'm hoping 2022 will be another successful year. The Challenge opened on February 28. Ms Hinton has been encouraging students to select books from the official reading lists and start logging their finished titles in their online student reading records. The official booklists can be accessed here: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

Champion of Champions Cross Country

St George Girls High School students competed in the inaugural Champion of Champions Cross Country in glorious sunshine. This unique 3 kilometre event was conducted at Scarborough Park on the 5 April.

100 students from Years 7 to 12 competed against each in one race to determine the best cross country runners in the school.

The top performers in Years 7-10 from their 12 minute run performances in PDHPE and nominating Year 11 and 12 students were invited to participate.

The event decided Age Champions and was a final selection for the school team to represent at the Zone Championships.

The top ten runners from each age group (12 – 17+ Years) qualify for the school team to compete at the Zone Championships.

Final Placings

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| 1. Zara McNally (17 years) Time: 12.58 | 21. Riya Amin (15 years) Time: 18.13 |
| 2. Majella Murphy (13 years) Time: 14.03 | 22. Eliana Ugto (13 years) Time: 18.15 |
| 3. Salam Khalil (15 years) Time: 15.18 | 23. Lorna Yu (13 years) Time: 18.25 |
| 4. Nicole Yu (16 years) Time: 16.03 | 24. Michelle Ciu (14 years) Time: 18.41 |
| 5. Joey Lu (15 years) Time: 16.04 | 25. Carey Tan (14 years) Time: 18.46 |
| 6. Molly Maguire-Ward (15 years) Time: 16.13 | 26. Kathy Xu (12 years) Time: 18.47 |
| 7. Emily Yung (15 years) Time: 16.21 | 27. Antonia Lin (14 years) Time: 18.48 |
| 8. Bonnie Li (17 years) Time: 16.28 | 28. Isabella Zhu (15 years) Time: 18.49 |
| 9. Nandha Sajish (15 years) Time: 16.40 | 29. Carrie Chen (15 years) Time: 18.50 |
| 10. Sai-Vibha Pothuganti (15 years) Time: 16.42 | 30. Sophia Zhou (16 years) Time: 18.51 |
| 11. Dana Arenas Valentin (16 years) Time: 16.49 | 31. Elly Miyakis (16 years) Time: 18.53 |
| 12. Amalee Doyle (13 years) Time: 16.50 | 32. James Milo (15 years) Time: 19.01 |
| 13. Serena Giang (15 years) Time: 16.51 | 33. Rachel Shen (14 years) Time: 19.02 |
| 14. Lily Smith (12 years) Time: 16.52 | 34. Tracey Nguyen (15 years) Time: 19.04 |
| 15. Rayani Jayawardana (14 years) Time: 17.11 | 35. Arwen Huang (12 years) Time: 19.10 |
| 16. Mia Liu (13 years) Time: 17.21 | 36. Chelsea Wang (13 years) Time: 19.15 |
| 17. Jerilyn Fourfouris (13 years) Time: 17.33 | 37. Aarushi Kafle (13 years) Time: 19.22 |
| 18. Jacqueline Pham (12 years) Time: 17.38 | 38. Fatema Pervin (16 years) Time: 19.24 |
| 19. Grace Tan (13 years) Time: 17.49 | 39. Emmy Ma-Li (14 years) Time: 19.27 |
| 20. Kyna Li (17 years) Time: 18.00 | 40. Nicole Chen (16 years) Time: 19.33 |

Mr Geoff Spotswood
PDHPE Coordinator

Athletics Carnival

The annual school Athletics Carnival was held on 5 May at Sylvania Waters Athletics Track in fine weather.

A new initiative to increase participation was introduced this year with all Year 7-10 students expected to enter two events.

The student response was overwhelming with record numbers of students competing in field and track events. There were many fine performances on the day with the House Competition hotly contested.



My sincere thanks to the teaching staff who performed their duties outstandingly especially with the increased number of students competing in both track and field events. Many students also willingly volunteered to assist in the running of the carnival which highlights the generous and gracious nature of the students at St George Girls High School.

The final results of the carnival will be reported in the next edition of the Gazette as some events still need to be completed at school.

Congratulations to Amalee Doyle (Year 7) for winning the school 100m Champion of Champions Event.



Mr Geoff Spotswood
PDHPE Coordinator

NSWCHS Touch Knockout

The open touch team reached the third round of the competition and performed very well in all matches. The first round against Strathfield GHS resulted in a 9-0 victory despite it being their first game together, the team displayed tremendous teamwork and determination.

The students created many opportunities to score for themselves and the first half finished with a score of 6-0 with St George dominating. The students showed a greater understanding of the game throughout the second half and defended exceptionally well.



Round 2 against South Sydney HS proved a much tougher task as this school has a fine reputation in touch. In driving rain, St George Girls battled hard and finally winning 3-2 in a well-contested game played in excellent spirit from both sides.

The team's final match was against Cronulla HS at their school. Our opponents dominated the game and displayed excellent teamwork and game awareness to win convincingly.

The team has trained regularly and developed strong relationships with team members coming from Years 7 to 12. Special thanks to captain and assistant coach Serena Giang (Year 10) who as well as being an excellent player, passed on many useful coaching points to the team.

The team's next match is against South Sydney High School on Thursday 28 April.

Team: Serena Giang (Captain), Becky Nguyen, Majella Murphy, Marie Sikiotis, Amy Le, Bonnie Li, Joey Lu, Nicole Chen, Isabelle Phan, Amalee Doyle, Alana Liao, Brianna Liao.

Coach: Mr Spotswood and Assistant Coach: Serena Giang.

Athletics Carnival



Social Sciences

Assess for Success

Year 8 Commerce began the year with an in-depth study of the topic 'Investment'. Students were provided detailed instruction on the purposes of investment, types of investment options such as superannuation and debentures, and the benefits derived from investment decisions.

To consolidate and extend student knowledge and understanding, students were given the freedom to select an investment option that they found the most interesting and present a poster.



The posters were factually accurate, well-researched and provided a visually attractive representation of the information. The knowledge acquired from this formative assessment task will be useful for future studies in both the Stage 5 Commerce and Stage 6 Business Studies.

Year 12 Geography Bate Bay

On 18 February, Year 12 Geography attended an excursion to Bate Bay (Cronulla) to investigate a coastal dune environment and perform fieldwork on an ecosystem at risk.

Fieldwork is an integral part of the Geography curriculum and the students had a first-hand opportunity to experience the environment, investigate human impact and witness the effectiveness of strategies used to manage the threatened ecosystem.

Blessed with a blue-sky day during Sydney's rain, the students thoroughly enjoyed learning in the outdoor classroom.



Student Representative Council

On Thursday, 31 March students wore white and purple accessories to celebrate International Women's Day. International Women's Day is celebrated annually on 8 March to appreciate women's achievements. The Year 9 SRC representatives organised stalls and sold badges, books, and raffle tickets to commemorate this important day. The raffle was held during lunchtime and winners received calendars and journals. The winner of the raffle was Kira Pringori of Year 7, second place was Namratha Sathishkumar also of Year 7 and third place went to Michelle Budiarto of Year 8.



Upcoming in regard to the SRC Executive in Term 2, the Year 11 SRC leaders are planning a "Decade Day" in Week 3. Students will be able to dress in mufti from their favourite decade and participate in some fun decade related trivia.

Walkathon

On 6 April, Year 12 showed their cooking, baking, designing and stall-running skills to the eager students of St George at our Walkathon. Despite the last-minute venue change due to the weather, Year 12 were able to set their stalls up across the Hall, Canteen and the Gym, allowing students to support the fundraising efforts of Year 12, which will be put back into the school. Year 12 offered 30 stalls of savoury meals, sweets, drinks, games and other activities to entertain the students on an otherwise rainy and miserable day.


The Prefects had a strong hand in coordinating the stalls in the weeks prior to the event, and worked efficiently to ensure that stalls were approved, packaging was sent out, budgets were made and that everything went smoothly on the day.

Despite the rain, Year 12 were able to create the usual buzzing atmosphere of the Walkathon. Their hard work paid off, with each stall proving to be highly successful. In fact, they achieved the great success of having every single stall sell out!

The Prefects would like to thank their cohort for their enthusiasm throughout the whole event, as well as the teachers and staff who were pivotal to the running of the day - Ms Romeo and Ms Housego for helping to work through each stage of the stall approvals, Ms Neave for her huge help in dealing with reimbursements, Mr Boland for keeping us on-track with our organisation, the staff on the barbeque for their cooking skills and all other teachers and staff who helped make the day so successful. Special thanks must go to Mr Moncrieff for his amazing organisation of this incredibly complex event and its multiple contingencies!

Thanks once again to the Prefects and to Year 12 for their hard work making such an amazing day possible, and to all of the students who raised funds on their Walkathon cards and helped to make the stalls so successful. Fingers crossed for a sunny 2023 Walkathon!

Parents and Citizens' Association

ur April Zoom meeting last month was very well-attended. Thank you to Mr Stanger for his informative talk on Science in SGGHS. As parents it's helpful to understand the structure of Science learning throughout the high school years.

We have booked our first Gelato stall to run at the school on Tuesday 10 May 2022 as part of 'How You Doing?' Day and we are hoping for a sunny day and big sales. Please spread the word to your daughters, provide some pocket money and support our fundraising event. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sue M via sggh.pca@gmail.com.

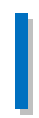
A reminder we now have the 2022-2023 digital Sydney Entertainment Book for sale. You will receive instant access to the Entertainment digital Membership app that allows you to redeem great offers directly from your iPhone or Android and is guaranteed to pay for itself through all the great discounts on offer. To celebrate Mother's Day, a bonus \$20 or \$40 e-gift card is available for the month of May. 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 26 May 2022 as a virtual Zoom meeting. The link will be provided closer to the date. The P&C looks forward to connecting with all parents and carers at these meetings throughout the year to support our daughter's education. For those not receiving the links, please email sggh.pca@gmail.com to be included in the P&C mailing list.

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

Mothers' Committee

hope everyone enjoyed their holiday break. We held our recent monthly Mothers' Committee meetings on 6 April 2022 (by Zoom) and 4 May 2022 (on site). In April, Ms Romeo reported that although the annual Walkathon had to be cancelled due to wet weather, the Year 12 stalls went ahead with much enthusiasm from the students who had been planning them for a long time. The Years 7 and 12 Parent-Teacher interviews were well-attended on 5 April and Term 1 operated in a fairly uninterrupted way. Ms Romeo wished everyone a good holiday break, with students returning on Wednesday 28 April in summer uniform for the first two weeks.

The Mothers' Committee voted to fund outdoor tables, seating and umbrellas for the new sport court area which is currently under construction. These will be sturdy and beautifully constructed with colourful umbrellas. This was received with much appreciation from Ms Romeo who has worked hard to improve the internal areas of the school over the past few years with new carpeting, painting, blinds, furniture, hall staging and lighting and outdoor fencing enhancements now complete. It will be great for the students to enjoy the outdoor areas with sun and rain protection. The Mothers' Committee is very happy to be able to fund this part of the outdoor project and we look forward to seeing them installed later this term.

We also discussed the Mother Daughter Dinner which will be held at Engadine Tavern on Saturday 14 May 2022 at 6.30pm. The theme will be 'Winter Wonderland'. A flyer has since been released with further details including how to purchase tickets. As usual, we will have raffle prizes and would appreciate donations of quality goods and services to be handed to the school office by 10 May 2022. Seating will be in year groups with daughters accompanying their mothers. It is sure to be a great night.

At our May meeting we finalised details for a document which has been compiled explaining the 'Roles and Responsibilities' of the Mothers' Committee Executive members, so anyone who is interested in holding one of these positions in the future may be interested in reading this. Ms Romeo also advised that she has organised a direct phone number extension to the uniform shop, where messages can be left for Mandy Nguyen and this will be available soon.

Our next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting (AGN) on 1 June at 10am in the Library, where a new Executive Committee will be formed for the upcoming year. Please consider getting involved with your daughter's school in this way.

I would like to thank all our regular attendees at meetings over the past year, especially Ms Romeo, the Executive Leadership team, Mothers' Committee Executive, the Uniform Shop Manager, Mandy Nguyen and all those who have assisted in some way. As my daughter is finishing Year 12 this year, I wish you all the best for the future.

Cathy Anderson
President
Mothers' Committee

SGGHS Uniform Shop News

Term 2 is off to a busy start with the successful distribution of winter uniforms to our Year 7 students. Any students yet to collect winter uniform items can do so as a matter of priority as ***Winter Uniform is compulsory commencing Term 2 Week 3.***

The Uniform Shop has returned to regular shop trading hours on Wednesday from 1:00pm to 3:30pm.

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 parents whilst helping out our school, then we would greatly appreciate you 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

Mandy Nguyen
Uniform Shop Manager
Ph: 0401 484 877

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

St Georgians

2022 Annual Reunion Luncheon – Saturday 22 October.

After two years of postponements and cancellations we are at last ON TRACK to hold our Annual Reunion Luncheon in The Sapphire Room at St George Motor Boat Club, Sans Souci on Saturday 22 October 2022. All ex students and staff are invited to attend.

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 students of St George and to provide student prizes. We look forward to a bigger and better get together in 2022 filled with shared memories, great conversation and laughter!

Student Thank You Messages

We have received several thank you letters from students who received prizes at the recent 2021 HSC Excellence Ceremony. The St Georgians are proud to be able to contribute towards the awards presented at this event.

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.

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Coming Events

Monday 9 May	Commencement of Winter Uniform
Tuesday 10 May	Gazette issued on school website and emailed to parents and students Zone Cross Country Year 9 NAPLAN – Writing In Concert Rehearsals, Salvation Army Congress Hall
Wednesday 11 May	Year 7 NAPLAN – Writing Year 10 Study Skills Presentation Year 12 Study Skills Presentation
Thursday 12 May	Years 10 and 11 Latin and Ancient History Excursion, Chau Chak Wing Museum Year 9 NAPLAN – Reading
Friday 13 May	Year 9 NAPLAN – Conventions of Language
Saturday 14 May	Mother Daughter Dinner, Engadine Tavern, 6:30pm
Monday 16 May	Year 9 NAPLAN – Numeracy Year 12 Personal Best Interviews
Tuesday 17 May	Year 7 NAPLAN – Reading
Wednesday 18 May – Friday 20 May	Year 9 Camp
Wednesday 18 May	Year 7 NAPLAN – Conventions of Language
Thursday 19 May	Year 7 NAPLAN – Numeracy Music Performance, City Year 10 Shakespeare Incursion, School Hall
Friday 20 May	Year 12 Music Composition Workshop
Monday 23 May	Year 8 'Art Around the Harbour' Excursion
Tuesday 24 May	Year 7 and Year 8 NSW Da Vinci Decathlon
Wednesday 25 May – Tuesday 31 May	Year 12 Assessment Block 3
Wednesday 25 May	Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 NSW Da Vinci Decathlon
Thursday 26 May	Parents and Citizens' Association Meeting, Via Zoom, 7pm
Monday 30 May	Year 11 Personal Best Interviews Year 10 Visual Arts Excursion Year 7 and Year 8 Parent/Student Study Skills Evening, 6pm
Wednesday 1 June	Mothers' Committee Meeting, Annual General Meeting (AGM), Library, 10am
Thursday 2 June	Year 12 Careers Expo, Hordern Pavillion Year 11 Mathematics Talented Student Day
Monday 6 June – Wednesday 8 June	Music Camp, Stanwell Tops
Tuesday 7 June	Year 9 IST Robogals Workshop
Thursday 9 June	Year 11 Biology Field Student, Royal National Park
Monday 13 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

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