

Week 5 | Term 4 | 2022



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From the Principals Desk

As we draw to the end of the school year I am proud of the many achievements of our students. I would like to congratulate our Year 12 cohort of 2022, who have now finished their HSC examinations. The completion of high school is a significant milestone and we are very proud of their achievement. I would like to acknowledge and especially thank our Year 12 parents for their support, our dedicated teachers and our Year Advisors Mr Pham and Ms Baldi, they have done a fabulous job over the past six years. They have all played a different but equally important role and they have all been phenomenal with their care and support.

I look forward to working with the families of our 2023 Year 12 students at our HSC information evening soon. By working together I believe we can better support the academic and wellbeing needs of our students over the next twelve months. There will be a wide range of information and online services presented, and particular emphasis on the importance of consistency to sustain top performance.

At St Johns Park High School, we also are currently working towards developing new curriculum delivery that will grant our students flexibility from being locked into a traditional school model. All parents and carers are invited to attend a consultation meeting to discuss the proposed changes. The new schedules will allow students to undertake paid work, volunteering, apprenticeships, work experience, private study, major works, and/or pay more attention to their health, wellbeing and fitness. Students and parents are strongly encouraged to consider these options to get the most benefit from the restructured curriculum delivery.



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Important Dates

- Monday 14 November - Year 10 and 11 Clearance commences
- Wednesday 16 November - Year 12 Clearance Day
- Wednesday 16 November - HSC Information Evening
- Wednesday 16 November - Community Consultation
- Thursday 17 November - Spartan Challenge
- Friday 18 November - Year 10 Picnic Day
- Monday 21 November - Year 10 EX-10-SION commences
- Monday 28 November - Year 7, 8 and 9 Clearance commences
- Tuesday 13 December - Year 7-11 Presentation Evening

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Farewell Year 12

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 12 students for completing their HSC examinations. To the parents and carers – well done! You made it! Parenting is one of the toughest jobs in the world and you alone have raised Year 12 from infants to the young adults they are today. Take a moment to appreciate this achievement and celebrate alongside our students.

Year 12 students will have their clearance on **Wednesday 16 November, 2022** during Periods 1 and 2 in the Conference Room. Students will need to get a stamp from the Library and the Office.

World Teachers' Day 2022

We celebrated World Teachers' Day on Friday 28 October, 2022. Thank you to all of our incredible teachers for their relentless commitment and dedication to providing innovative education.

Proposed Changes to School Day Structure

We have undertaken a review of our curriculum and learning programs, providing us with the opportunity to explore the possibility of restructuring the delivery of our 7 - 12 curriculum. The proposed new learning structure will provide greater flexibility in how we deliver learning programs while meeting mandatory NESA and Department of Education curriculum hours. The proposed changes are suited to our context, will benefit our students and staff and will bring our school in line with other high schools in the area.

Parents and carers are invited to attend our community consultation on Wednesday 16 November, 2022 at 4:00 pm to find out more. Parents and carers can RSVP, [here](#).

Mobile phones

It would be fair to say that parents expect their children to be able to learn in an environment with little or no distractions. St Johns Park High School has clear expectations on the use of mobile phones by students. It is an expectation that mobile phones are silenced and in bags during class time as they are often the catalyst for negative behaviour and a lack of concentration on the student's part. We kindly ask that any parents who wish to contact their child do so by contacting the Office Ph. **9610 8035**. We assure you that we will endeavour to find your child as soon as practically possible to deliver any message.

Attendance and truancy

Without a doubt, absence is the biggest factor influencing a student's progress and continuity of learning. By law, students must attend school consistently and maintain a minimum of 90% attendance.

Attendance at school every day (and in every lesson) will ensure that students can maximise their learning potential. For this reason, attendance at school, including lateness, fractional truancy and half-day leave requests is treated very seriously and parents contacted as soon as possible if we have concerns.



Ms Nicole Sullivan
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Mr Paul De Carli
Tu, F



Ms Tina Mutschall
M, Tu, W



Ms Renee Carniato
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Mr Steven Daoud



Ms Donna Draper



2023 School Travel Applications Are Now Open

Applications for student travel in 2023 are open from Monday 10 October 2022.

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of Term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2023 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new eligibility criteria, we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2023.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Travel from Term 1, 2023

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2023 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year. Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year. Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Introducing our Captains for 2023

My name is Nathan Chen and it is such a privilege to speak to you as your School Captain for 2023. Coming to St Johns Park High School was a new experience for me. I started my high school journey without friends from primary school and found making friends a challenging experience. After these 5 incredible years, I have made many friends that encourage and motivate me to do my best. I joined the Student Representative Council in Year 7 and was lucky enough to work under many fantastic school captains, teachers, and SRC coordinators (shoutout to Ms Le, Ms Lieu, and Ms Pavlovic).



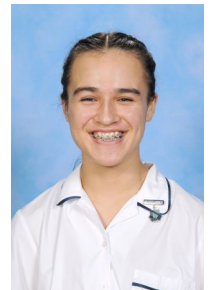
Currently, I am studying English Advanced, Biology, Chemistry, and Earth and Environmental Science. Being part of the Mathematics Accelerated program, I have completed my Mathematics Advanced and Mathematics Extension 1 courses alongside my fellow captains C-K and Aaron.

As the new School Captain, I want to devote my time to finding different incentives to boost morale within the school. These include fundraisers and whole school events. I hope these events encourage students to come to school and promote a caring and friendly environment.

In my spare time, I enjoy running, biking, and training in martial arts, just to name a few activities. I often get asked these questions: "What do you want to do after school?" or "What career pathway do you want to enter?" Well, my answer to that is I want to study the Doctor of Medicine undergraduate course at Western Sydney University or the double degree Bachelor of Medical Studies/Doctor of Medicine at the University of New South Wales, in hopes of one day being a cardiologist or cardiothoracic surgeon.

Nathan Chen - School Captain 2023

Hello everyone! My name is C-K Crosbie, and I have been given the privilege to be your School Captain of 2023. For those of you who find my name vaguely familiar, I have also previously had the honour of holding the position of School Captain at St Johns Park Primary School. I have been participating in school-based leadership roles since I was in Year 2 and have enjoyed learning new things and slowly (and excruciatingly) crawling out of my shell.



I am enrolled in the English Advanced, Biology, Drama and Music 1 courses, and am proud to say I have recently completed my Accelerated courses in Mathematics Advanced and Extension 1 along with my fellow captains Nathan, Aaron and the rest of our class.

As school captain, I would like to take any opportunity I can to positively change our school, community and myself, whether it be through implementing new initiatives at school or aiming to achieve long term goals. I will reflect the respect I have earned from my teachers and peers over the years, lend an ear to their voices and speak on their behalf proudly. My main motivation as School Captain is to serve my school as best I can during my time here, and to inspire others to work harder and dream bigger and implement those ideas with enthusiasm.

In my spare time, I enjoy curling up on a chair to read lengthy adventure/ fantasy/ romance novels, crocheting stuffed animals, practicing drawing, and more recently, watching YouTube (for education more often than recreationally) mainly. A couple of non-school-based goals I aspire to achieve in the coming year and sustaining for future is to walk/ exercise regularly, complete a variety of creative projects I have planned, and receiving certain awards I will not be listing out of secrecy. I can't wait to continue helping others and do more for our community with the direct support of our leadership team in the coming year!

C-K Crosbie - School Captain 2023



Introducing our Captains for 2023

It is an honour to take on the role of Vice-Captain at St Johns Park High School for 2023, and what an incredible opportunity it is to lead, inspire and encourage my peers. I'm Aaron Huynh, an ordinary student striving for excellence, although what made me stand out was my shortness in height. Despite the challenges along the way, I dedicated my time and efforts towards the School Representative Council (SRC) and formed wonderful bonds with my fellow peers and teachers since Year 7. With confidence, I can say that this network has positively impacted my learning and experiences at St Johns Park High School.



Currently, I am studying English Advanced, Biology, Physics and Music and thank goodness for the opportunity here at St Johns Park High School, I have completed the Mathematics Advanced and Extension 1 courses early—along with my incredible classmates (including C-K and Nathan).

I believe a positive and equitable learning environment is important. As Vice-Captain, I seek to support my peers by proposing and promoting innovative ideas that will certainly make their mark. It will be my responsibility along with my fellow captains to lend our voices for an excellent change within our school.

When away from my role of leadership, I enjoy spending time exercising at the gym with my family, spotting out for cars, listening to music and I've recently started watching American dramas. I aspire to become a Nutritional Physiologist and fulfil my aspirations of entering the health-related workforce. This brings me so much excitement and joy knowing that I have the absolute amazing opportunity to work with our lovely school leaders. There is so much to look forward to, especially the idea of working towards a brighter and connected future at St Johns Park High School.

Aaron Huynh - School Vice-Captain 2023

Hello! My name is Amira Lee, and I'm thankful for the position of Vice-Captain for 2023. I love talking, and those who know me, know I'm a very big talker. One of the things I always try to do is to get people who seem excluded involved in the conversation. Making sure people belong is one of the main reasons I became motivated to run for captancy. My vision for the school is to help nurture an inclusive and united school community.



Currently, the subjects I am studying include Standard Mathematics and English, Legal Studies, Biology, Community and Family Studies, and Hospitality, though now I wish I had picked Business Studies due to the fact that my dream is to run my own business. One of my future goals is to someday open a cafe of my own, which is why being Vice-Captain is such a fantastic opportunity for me to learn to improve myself as a leader for my future employees.

Due to wanting to open my own business, I spend a lot of my time planning and designing it, but that isn't the only way I spend my free time. I also enjoy binge-watching Asian dramas, reading supernatural stories, and getting more in touch with my culture by studying and learning more of my language, Khmer.

Overall, I'm thrilled and enthusiastic about this new experience and cannot wait for the events that I'll be lucky enough to organise and participate in. I am also looking forward to working with our staff and leadership teams to contribute in promoting a more positive and connected school community!

Amira Lee - School Vice-Captain 2023

Congratulations to our School Captains & Vice-Captains of 2023

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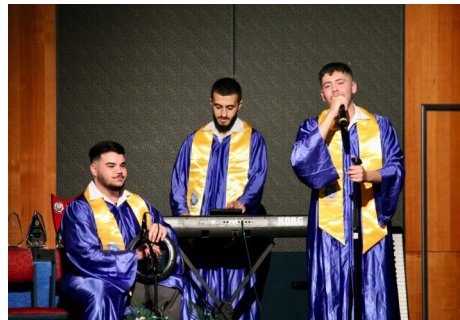
Year 12 Graduation



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Year 12 Graduation



*Congratulations to the graduating class of 2022.
We wish you all the best in your future endeavours!*



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Year 12 Formal



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Year 12 Formal



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Edrolo

We are partnering with Edrolo to give our teachers and students in our senior school extra superpowers in 2023! Our students are using Edrolo to:


- **Time travel:** Students can watch videos prior to class and get ahead on key concepts, so they're ready to ask questions in class. Plus they can revise and revisit content taught in class (especially useful if they need extra time to learn a concept or miss a class)
- **Read minds:** Video solutions and assessment rubrics so they can understand content and what assessors are looking for in responses.
- **Have x-tra focus:** All lesson content and questions in one place, easy to navigate and track their progress.



Our students in most Year 11 and 12 subjects have access to Edrolo online. If they've missed school or are absent, they can reach out to their classroom teacher for assistance when they're at school too. Edrolo is used by 250,000+ students in 1,100+ schools across Australia, and we're excited to be offering Edrolo to our students.




Attendance Matters



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Attendance Matters

Students must maintain a minimum of **90%** attendance



Parents can notify the school of student absences by:

- Calling 9610 8035
- SMS Text Message
- Letter

Attendance every day counts. If you are not receiving absentee messages, please contact the school to confirm we have the correct mobile number.



Leadership by the Cowpasture

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Leadership by the Cowpasture Day 2 celebrated student initiatives actioned in our network! Thank you to Deb Summerhayes and Hon. Chris Bowen MP for inspiring our young leaders!



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leadership skills for
life beyond the
school gates*



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Year 8 STEAM Robotics Exhibition

EduTech Universal Robotics Competition

Congratulations to our Year 8 students for building some of the most innovative robots in the country! Our students successfully designed and engineered robots with specific functionalities that would address the driving question, 'How can we improve road safety using robotics?'. Through this learning journey, our students developed 21st century competencies such as collaboration, critical and creative thinking, and communication through the active use of technology.

Their creations ranked in the Top 12 across Australia, as part of EduTech's Universal Robotics Challenge.

3rd Place - Straw Hats (Brightden & Logan)

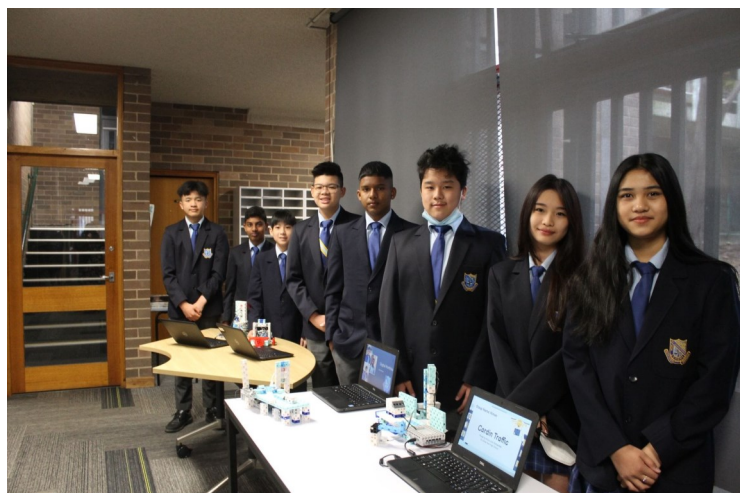
8th Place - KIMAN (Kimberlee & Anna)

9th Place - HP Boyz (Austyn, Leon & Jason)

11th Place - IC Techno (Jordan & Keshav)

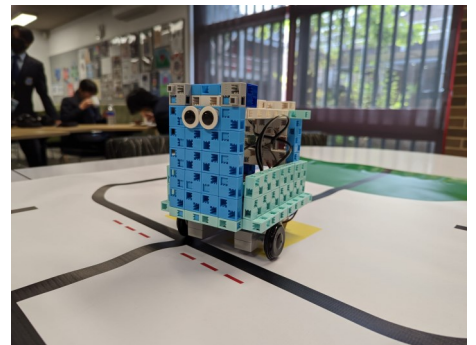
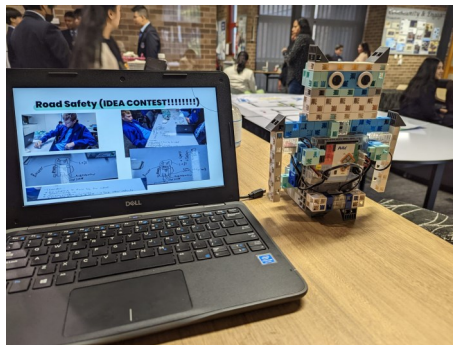
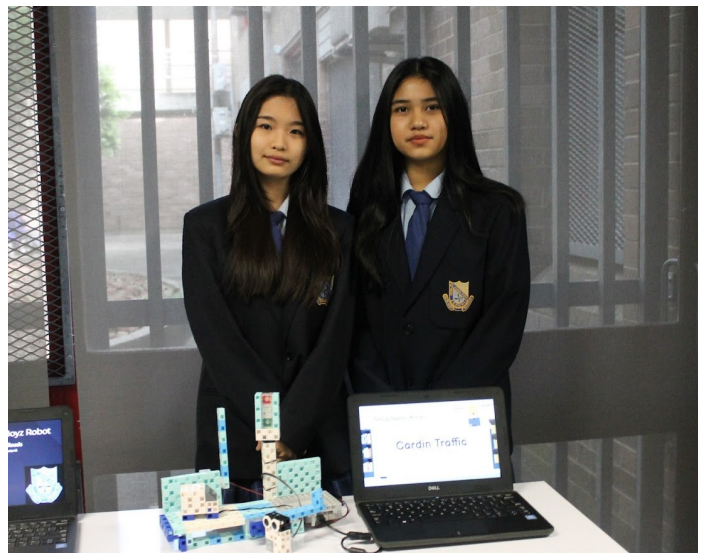
12th Place - HT Empire (Hilton & Isaac)

Thank you to Eman Soliman (EduTech Australia), Dai Le (Independent member for Fowler), parents and our principal, Ms Effie Niarchos for acknowledging the wonderful student and teacher leadership in driving robotics STEM learning to address real-world issues.





Year 8 STEAM Robotics Exhibition



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Classroom Features

Classroom Feature - Year 9 Science

It's great to see Year 9 science students engaged in every class. Building models, having discussions and dissecting hearts, lungs and livers!



Check out our students and teachers featured in the Sydney Opera House trailer for BUILD - a STEAM initiative!

View the video, [here](#).

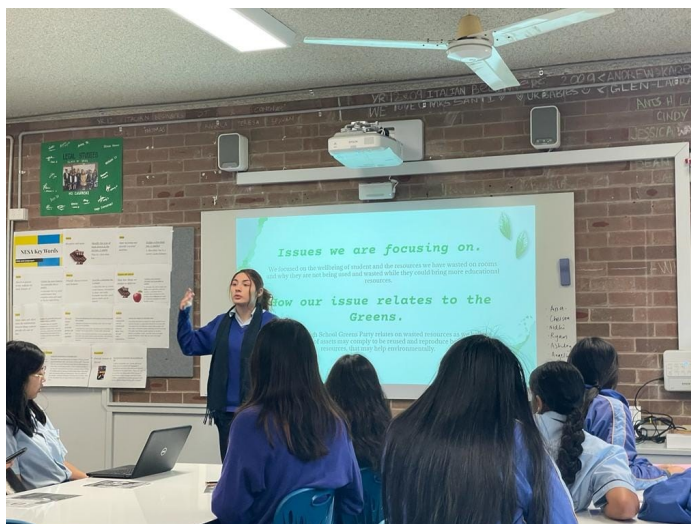
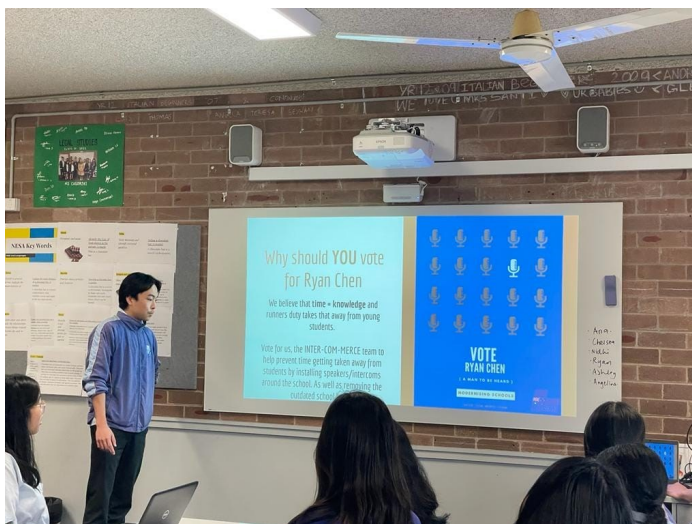
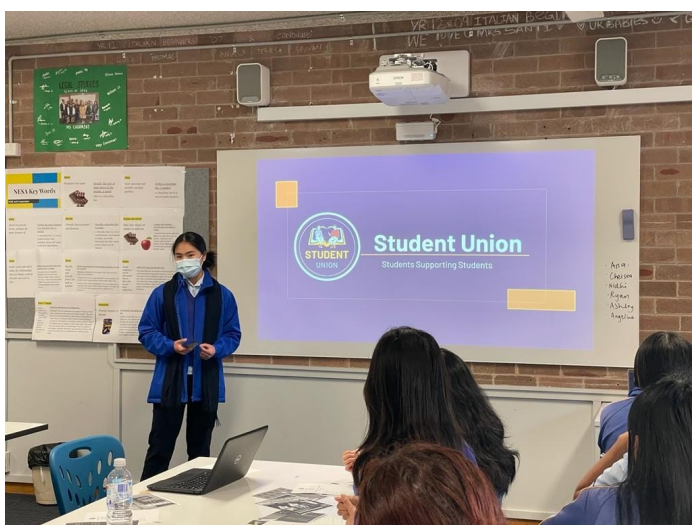
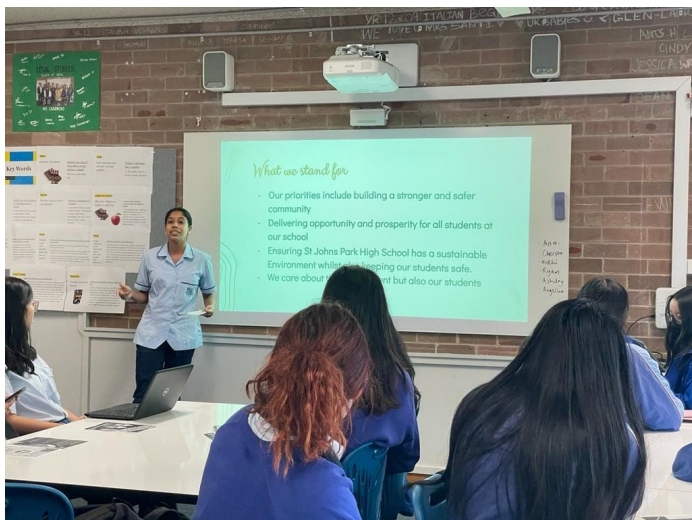
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Classroom Features

Classroom Feature - Year 10 Commerce

Year 10 Commerce students presented their political campaigns, addressing a range of issues relevant to the electorate of SJPHS. Well done to Nidhi and The Environmental National Party who won election with their convincing campaign on providing better shelter for students and installation of rain water tanks!





Classroom Features

Classroom Feature - Year 12 Business Studies

Year 12 Business Studies students had a productive day investigating the operations of Barangaroo Precinct and Crown Sydney. They learnt what it takes to run high-quality establishments.



Working in partnership to provide opportunities for our students to learn



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PR Team Photography Workshop

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Our amazing Public Relations team presented their Photography Workshop at our Gili Gili Birrung (Shining Stars) event to students from 8 high schools with raving reviews!



Our students giving back to our inclusive school community



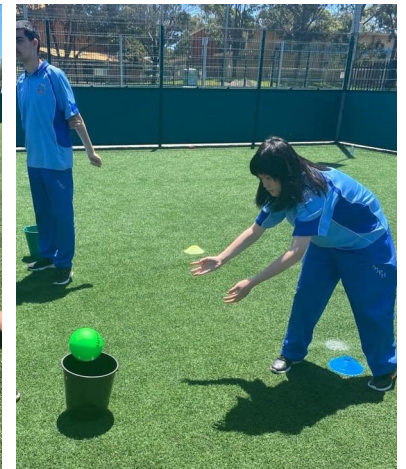
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Gala Day 2022

Year 7, 8 and Diverse Learners Gala Day

Our students participated in the Lansdowne Zone Year 7, 8 and Diverse Learners Gala Day. Hosted by Fairfield High School, student's demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and teamwork. A big thank you to Year 11SLR1, Year 10GAP and PASS coaches who helped the students.



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Western Sydney University Fast Forward

Year 9 WSU Fast Forward Program

Our Year 9 students, as part of the Western Sydney University - Fast Forward Program, went on their first excursion to the Campbelltown Campus. Students explored which future possible careers suit their personalities and interests through Howard Gardeners Multiple Intelligence Quiz.

Along with other schools, students participated in various team building activities and interactive challenges. This involved receiving an intelligence briefing and working together as a team to solve the crime, using various clues given as they explored the campus in an amazing race game. Congratulations to our students for achieving overall equal first place in the days various challenges. A most enjoyable day was had by everyone.

Thank you to all Western Sydney University staff working with our school teachers to make sure that our students have these type of opportunities to aim higher for their future.



Preparing and guiding our students to achieve future success



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Student Leadership Camp

Student Leadership Camp

Our 2022 students leaders enjoyed a two day conference at Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort developing the following skills:

- Getting to know each other
- Creating activities using design thinking
- Supporting one another
- Improving effective communication skills
- Building teamwork
- Learning about processes
- Learning to collaborate

It was a huge success in planning 2023 activities. Thank you to our teachers and students for creating this valuable team building experience!

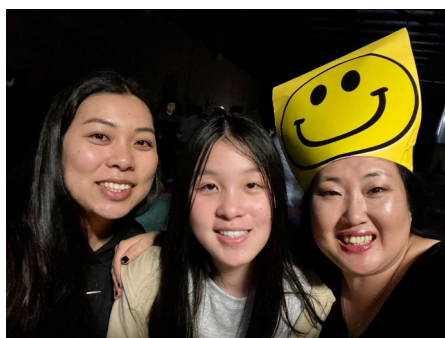


*A safe and supportive environment
for our students to thrive*

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Student Leadership Camp



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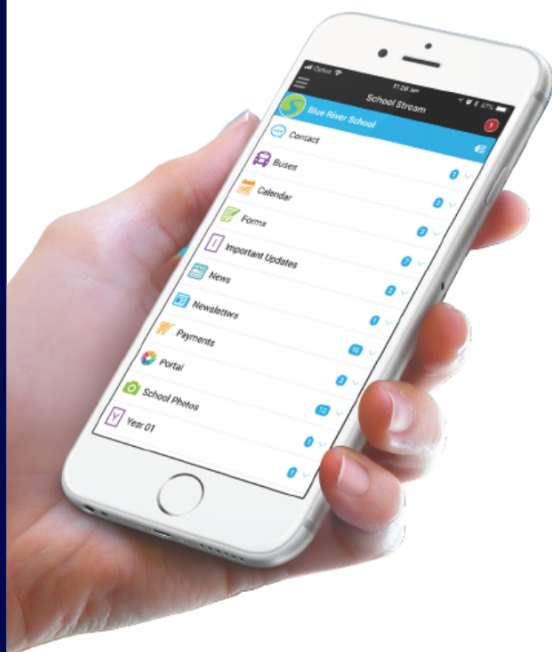


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(Android).

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ensure you agree to
"Push Notifications"
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login to create an account.

For more detailed instructions, go to schoolstream.com.au/download



Community Consultation



Proposed Changes to Day Structure

— Community Consultation —

RSVP required via QR code or link

Wednesday 16 November, 2022

Commencing at 4:00 pm
School Common Room



STRIPES Program has returned!

Tuesday & Thursday Mornings
@ 7:15 am - MPC

St. John's Park High School ensures that student, parent and staff privacy in our newsletter is maintained. If photographs or written material offend or permission was not given please contact the school and notify Lisa Ida or Renee Carniato. We apologise for any inconvenience.

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