

Week 10 | Term 4 | 2023



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# NEWSLETTER

## From the Principals Desk

Thank you to our wonderful teaching and non-teaching staff, who have all worked incredibly hard throughout this year to ensure the highest care, support and positive learning experiences for our students. Once again, I am proud of all that we have achieved this year as a school and would like to share some of our recent school events and student successes.

Congratulations to our 2023 cohort of students who have now received their HSC marks. I am extremely proud of all of our students' achievements, especially our distinguished achievers. I am excited to hear many more stories of success - either with tertiary education, work or TAFE. I wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

A reminder that our Year 7 to 10 reports are now available from the Sentral Parent Portal App. Please check your email with instructions on how to register for the portal. Thank you to all of our families for the support you have provided for all of our students this year. May the reports provide you with a snap shot of the effort and dedication your children have put in over the last semester and year.

We also warmly welcomed our new Year 7 cohort for 2024 and their families to our school. Thank you to our staff and student leaders involved Orientation Day and Transition Day, making sure the day ran smoothly. I look forward to our students starting their high school journey with us next year. An equipment list with what students need for next year is available to view on our school website, [here](#).

On Tuesday 12 December, our school celebrated our students' dedication and hard work with a very successful Presentation and Awards Ceremony. Congratulations to all of our deserving recipients, keep up the good work. Thank you to all staff involved in making sure our students get the recognition they deserve.

Finally, I would like to wish our students and school community a safe and happy holiday break and a very happy New Year. I look forward to working together in 2024.



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## Important Dates

- Friday 15 December - Last day of school for students
- Thursday 1 February, 2024 - Year 7, 11 & 12 students commence
- Friday 2 February, 2024 - Year 8, 9 & 10 students commence
- Wednesday 28 February, 2024 - School Photo Day
- Thursday 19 February, 2024 - School Swimming Carnival

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## Year 7

To say that your first year of high school was challenging is an understatement - You had to make new friends, settle into a new learning environment, tackle multiple assessments and subjects and meet all new teachers. But you survived and thrived in 2023, paving the path for success for your high school education!

Next year is your chance to really get to know what subjects you like and excel at, and it will be a good time to start really getting involved in school life - think about joining a leadership team - SRC, House or PR teams - or join a sports team and represent your school.

## Year 8

Congratulations on your successful completion of Year 8! It has certainly been a productive and fun year and I want to thank you all for your efforts. We look forward to seeing you in 2024 as the SJPHS Year 9 class cohort. Be safe, have a fantastic holiday and enjoy your time with your closest family and friends.

## Year 9

Congratulations for surviving Year 9, historically one of the more difficult years at school - as your subjects got harder, expectations got higher, and often friendship groups changed, which is always stressful. But you did a great job at tackling those new challenges!

Next year you will be working hard and consolidating your knowledge and also deciding on the subjects you would like to study during your senior years. Remember to choose subjects that you enjoy and that you are good at. It is a good time to start thinking about where you see yourself in 3-5 years time, which may help determine the path you will take.

## Year 10

Well done Year 10 on successfully completing 4 years of high school and working to complete your RoSA Credential. Your involvement in EX-10-SION over the past 4 weeks has prepared you for your pattern of study in Year 11 and 12. It has been wonderful seeing you in your white shirts and we look forward to you returning next year in full school uniform, ready to learn.

## Year 11

Congratulations on successfully completing your Year 11 Preliminary Course and welcome to Year 12. As you know, your teachers have been preparing and working very hard to support and guide you through the final year of your study at St Johns Park High School. Our advice to you is to work hard, always try your best and to work with and seek support from your teachers. Also, congratulations to our school captains, vice captains and prefects on their newly elected leadership roles.

Be safe over the holidays period and enjoy the break, ready to start fresh and excited for 2024!



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Ms Nicole Sullivan  
(M, W, Th)



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Ms Donna Draper  
(Tu, F)



**R/ Dep. Principal**  
Mr Paul De Carli



**Dep. Principal**  
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(M, Tu, F)



**Dep. Principal**  
Mr Steven Daoud



ST JOHNS PARK HIGH SCHOOL

# STAFF FAREWELLS

*We wish you all the best in your new chapter!*

## Farewell Ms Effie Niarchos

Together we say a heartfelt farewell to a great leader, our Principal Ms Effie Niarchos. Ms Niarchos has been more than just a principal; she has been a guiding force, an inspiration, and a person of support. Her leadership has been marked by a deep commitment to education, a passion for fostering an environment of inclusivity, and a relentless pursuit of excellence. Ms Niarchos' continued support has been an important foundation for many of us. She not only believed in the potential of our school but, more importantly, she believed in our school. Effie has cultivated an atmosphere where students and staff alike feel valued, encouraged, and motivated to reach their fullest potential.



We wish you the very best at your new school, and may your journey be as enriching as the legacy you leave behind.

## Farewell Ms Shenna Walker

Thank you to Ms Sheena Walker for her commitment and dedication to our school. She has been working and supporting students since 1989 - her whole career at St Johns Park High School. Ms Walker has shown great passion for teaching Science, Biology and student wellbeing. For years, she has been the driving force behind countless students discovering the wonders of the natural world and the joy of scientific inquiry. Ms Walker will be sorely missed and we wish her all the best in her retirement!



## Farewell Ms Nin Eath

Congratulations to Ms Nin Eath on her appointment as the Head Teacher Social Sciences at Penrith Selective High School. A huge thank you for the years of service you have provided at St Johns Park High School. Thank you for everything you have done for the HSIE/Languages faculty. Ms Eath leaves a strong legacy of innovation, passion and commitment to teaching and learning. She will be sorely missed by both staff and students and we hope that you know you leave the school a better place. We know she will thrive in this next adventure.







# Orientation Day 2023

## Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day

We welcomed our 2024 Year 7 students and their families to our school. It was a great opportunity to meet new friends, participate in fun activities across the school and hear from their peers, School Captains, Year Advisors, Deputy Principal, and Principal.



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# Transition Day 2023

## Year 6 into 7 Transition Day

The Year 6 students who attended this day enjoyed a series of fun activities such as Sport, Drama, Science, and Art, as well as racing around the school in an Amazing Race. Students were able to make new friends from other schools and meet Year 10 mentors that will help them navigate Year 7 next year.



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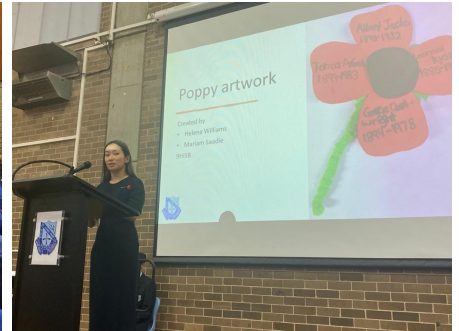
# Remembrance Day Ceremony 2023

## Remembrance Day Service

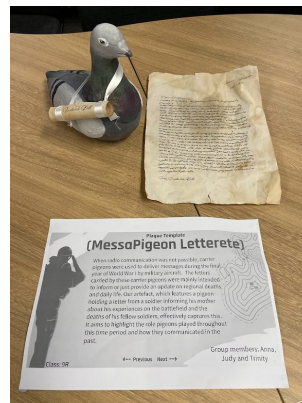
We held our Remembrance Day Service to acknowledge the courage and sacrifice of those who served their country and acknowledge our responsibility to work for the peace they fought hard to achieve.

Our History team presented our PBL exhibition as part of the ceremony. Student artefacts commemorated our involvement in WW1 - rigorous and inspired learning with lots of creativity.

Congratulations to our wonderful teachers and students!



## Innovative education driving student learning







# Student Leadership Induction 2024

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On Monday 4 December, we celebrated our 2024 student leaders from the SRC, HOUSE and Public Relations Teams with teachers and families.

Thank you to Ms Le, Ms Lieu and Ms Waesch for their unwavering support on their leadership journey & thank you everyone for being there.



*Congratulations to all of our  
fantastic students leaders*

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# Connection to Culture 2023

## Connection to Culture Day

On Friday 27 November, our students and their friends, family and teachers participated in our end of year Connection to Culture Day. Thank you all involved and Dalmarri for helping us add a beautiful garden to our Yarning Circle.



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# Fun Run 2023

## School Fun Run

Our school Fun Run was enjoyed by Stage 4 students. Thank you to all the teachers and students for organising this messy fun day!



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# Film by the Pasture 2023

## Film by the Pasture - Online Premiere

We celebrated our Year 8 students' creativity and success, watching the 2023 Film Festival online premiere. Thank you to all the teachers involved for creating this amazing learning opportunity!



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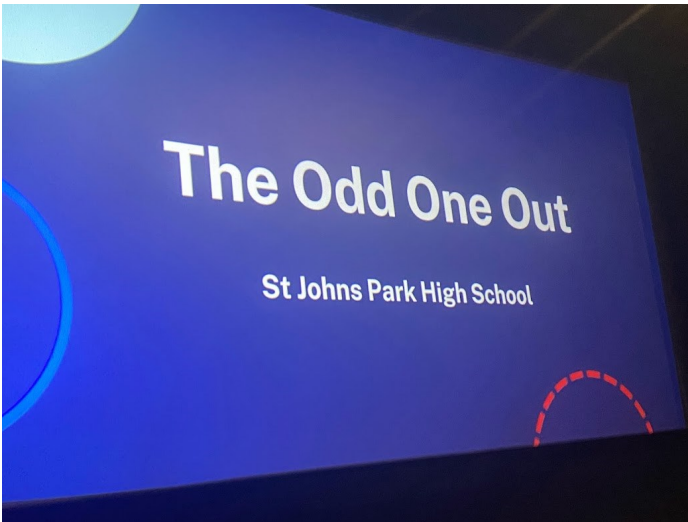


# Film by Invitation 2023

## Film by Invitation - Red Carpet Event

Our interdisciplinary project, student-created film “The Odd One Out” won second place in NSW! The Film by Invitation organised by The Arts Unit, celebrated the Top 22 films in the state at a red carpet event at Hoyts Entertainment Quarter, Moore Park.

Thank you to our brilliant staff and students for this amazing achievement!







# EPP Barbering Workshop

## Educational Pathways Program - Innovating Careers Education Skills Course

We hosted this invaluable workshop at school for four of our Year 10 students with a keen interest in barbering. Each student was motivated to learn and upskill their barbering techniques.

They learned fundamental barbering skills such as correct clipper grip, posture, fading, blending, and styling from an experienced barber, MJ (Mohamad El Haj) from the Ministry of Barbers and Nicholas Chambour - Head Teacher Careers (Cowpasture) while each receiving a fresh fade.

MJ demonstrated a step-by-step breakdown of giving a haircut whilst sharing his barbering career journey and mentoring about positive choices. The students actively participated in the day through ongoing discussions and had the chance to demonstrate what they learnt after watching MJ using mannequin heads made of human hair.

We would like to acknowledge all the support given by MJ, Nicholas and Mr Moisidis. The students greatly appreciated the workshops, advice, and support shown by the many staff members involved. To view our feature of MJ's TikTok video, click [here](#).



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# EPP Engineering Excursion

## Educational Pathways Program - Industry Immersion Tour

Our Year 12 students participated in an IPP industry immersion tour to two local manufacturing employers. W&S Plastics and Moxon Industries graciously hosted these students and engaged them in informative tours and interactive activities relevant to their respective fields. CAD drawing, CNC programming, machine purging, product assembly and welding - students got the opportunity to deep dive into the multi-faceted nature of manufacturing. They spoke to operation managers, team leaders, engineers, tradespeople and apprentices about careers and educational pathways in manufacturing. It is always great those 'aha!' moments during these tours.

Thank you to EPP HT Careers, Nicholas Chambour, Yogi Singh, Engineering teacher and Jane Andrew, HT Careers and Senior Pathways for organising the event.



## Fairfield City's School Garden of the Year

Our Agriculture Farm won the Fairfield City Schools Garden of the Year Award! The judges were very impressed. Our school gardens featured an impressive agricultural program with sustainable produce, composting, colourful flower beds, Indigenous monuments and animals such as llamas, goats and chickens.

Thank you to Mr Iqbal, Mr Soliman, Mr Prinzi, Mr MacPherson, Mr Vaccari, Mr Lanzoni and our students for all of their hard work in maintaining our school environment.







# Primary School Taster Lessons

## Primary School Taster Lessons - Edensor Park Public School

We welcomed Edensor Park Public School to tour our school and participate in various activities in Home Economics and Industrial Arts. Thank you to all staff and students involved in making this a successful day.



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# Primary School Taster Lessons

## Primary School Taster Lessons - Prairievale Public School

We welcomed Prairievale Public School to tour our school and participate in various activities in Art and Home Economics. Thank you to all staff and students involved in making this a successful day.



*Connecting with our school community*



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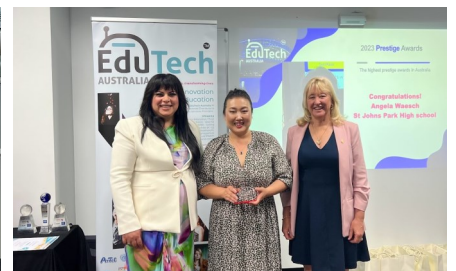
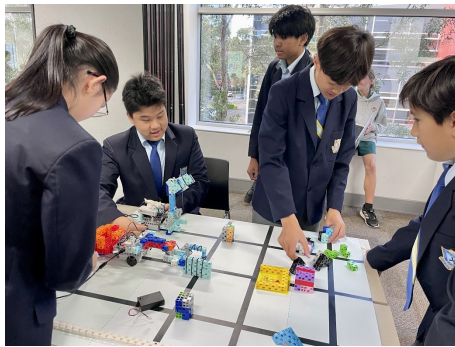
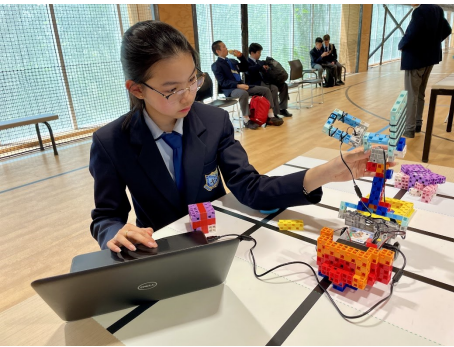


# Universal Robotics Challenge F2F

## Universal Robotics Challenge Australian Real Robotics

Congratulations to our Year 7 to 9 students who participated in the 2023 Universal Robotics Challenge Australian Real Robotics High School Division.

Loved their passion, agility and support for each other, which was just amazing to see! Congratulations and we are very proud of you!



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# White Ribbon March

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Our student leaders from Years 8, 9, and 11 attended the 'Every Step Counts' march to Terone Park to undertake the pledge, along with fellow students from the Cowpasture Network.







# Out of School Hours Italian Program

## Why learn Italian?

The benefits of learning a second language go beyond the skills gained in speaking and writing a new language. Our year-long course provides your child with an extensive range of learning benefits including:

- an increased ability to communicate with people from other cultures
- a deeper understanding of global diversity
- a sense of personal achievement, satisfaction and confidence
- transferable skills useful in many sectors and professions including hospitality, tourism, customer service and commerce

The Co.As.It. OSH program will immerse your child in Italian language and culture. Students will:

- Enjoy free supplementary educational aids
- Participate in competitions
- Perform in end-of-school year Italian performances
- Have the chance to win a Minister's Award for excellence

## About the curriculum and the teachers

This program is supported by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation through the Italian Consulate General in Sydney and the Embassy of Italy in Canberra, as well as the NSW Department of Education – Community Languages Program. Co.As.It. teachers are friendly, dedicated, experienced and approved to teach by the Department of Education – Community Languages Program. Our teachers follow the OSH teaching program developed by Co.As.It. in conjunction with the K-10 Italian Syllabus of the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

## How to enrol



**Online**  
coasit.org.au



**By email**  
learning@coasit.org.au



**In person**  
Casa d'Italia  
67 Norton Street  
Leichhardt NSW 2040

Scan here to visit our website.



## Online learning

Your child can learn Italian from any location via online lessons and enjoy all the benefits and opportunities of face to face classes.

**2024**

## Out-Of-School Hours Italian Language & Cultural Program

Children who learn languages today take on the world tomorrow

**(02) 9564 0744**  
**coasit.org.au**



## Who can participate in this course?

Classes cater for:

- Children aged 5 to 17 currently enrolled in a day school;
- All levels from absolute beginners to advanced learners.

Classes are organised according to the following levels:

### Primary (Kindergarten to Year 6)

- Primary Classes: Early Stage 1 – Stage 3
- Italian Club (Advanced level. Subject to entry examination)

### Secondary (Year 7 to Year 12)

- Secondary Classes
- Stages 4 – 6
- HSC Support (Year 11 & 12)

## Where and when are the courses held?

Classes are held outside normal school hours (Monday to Saturday) in 16 centres across NSW. Classes commence on Monday 12th February 2024.

## What is included in the cost?

The annual program provides each student with 37 weeks of quality Italian lessons, a textbook and interactive activities starting from \$520.

As a registered provider of the Creative Kids Program you can redeem your voucher when you enrol in our program. For less than \$8 per hour, students engage in fun, educational experiences that allow them to explore the wonders of all things Italian.

Our **Basic K-12 program** will engage your child in fun Italian language and cultural activities.

Our **Premium K-5 program** will give your child the edge and deepen their knowledge of the Italian language through the use of our digital resources and full immersion days.

Our **Premium 6-12 program** is your child's passport to Italy. Our full immersion days will give them a leading advantage when sitting the internationally recognised CILS exams.

*\*See table for all program inclusions*

For further information regarding enrolments, terms & conditions, times, classes, early bird and sibling discounts, please call (02) 9564 0744 or visit our website (scan QR code on back page).

Program Inclusions	Basic K-12 \$520	Premium K-5 \$699	Premium 6-12 \$1200
2-hour weekly lessons (Total 37 weeks)	✓	✓	✓
Textbook	✓	✓	✓
Access to Minister's Awards competition	✓	✓	✓
Access to Co.As.It's Settimana della Lingua Italiana competition	✓	✓	✓
Unlimited access to on-line activities		✓	✓
Exam preparatory materials and dedicated educational channel with digital resources			✓
Three Italian language experiences in Meadowbank during school holidays		✓	
Six Italian language development days in Leichhardt during school holidays			✓







## Share Our Space

### Share Our Space

Share Our Space is holding free holiday activities in our local school community during the holidays. The activities are open to everyone. Participants will get the opportunity to:

- Chat with local Police, Fire & Rescue and check out a police car and fire engine
- Free arts and craft activities for kids
- Fun sports games
- Learn about local support services available to Fairfield families

#### Event details:

School location: Canley Heights Public School

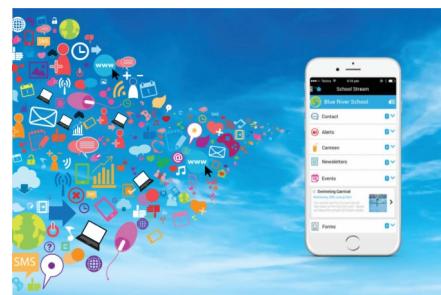
Date: Thursday 18 January, 2024

Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

RSVP, [here](#).

## Download our School App School Stream

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## ST JOHNS PARK HIGH SCHOOL

### STUDENTS RETURN TERM 1, 2024

**YEAR 7, 11 & 12**

**YEAR 8, 9 & 11**

**01 THURSDAY  
FEB, 2024**

**02 FRIDAY  
FEB, 2024**

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