

Week 6 | Term 1 | 2025

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NEWSLETTER

From the Principals Desk

Welcome to the 2025 school year and a special welcome to all of our new families at St Johns Park High School. I wish our new Year 7 students a fabulous start to high school life and I am pleased to see all year groups have quickly settled into their new routines.

Every year I am reminded of how privileged I am to be leading this wonderful community. I look forward to building on last year's achievements and continuing our focus on improving outcomes for all students. At St Johns Park High School, we encourage a personalised learning environment where all our students have the opportunity to pursue their interests, skills, and passions to achieve their personal best. All teachers at our school set high expectations and pursue innovative education to drive strong student outcomes whilst working in partnership with families and the wider community.

Thank you to Antoinette Gravante for her excellent organisation of the primary school taster lessons. The students enjoyed taking a glimpse into the lives of high school students and by providing these opportunities we are able to strengthen our connections with our local primary schools. We also had a great turnout at our Open Night, which was an opportunity to showcase our excellent school, dedicated student leaders and passionate teachers. These nights are all about building stronger relationships with our parents and community. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Finally, I want to remind our community we are a uniform school. Some immediate benefits from all students wearing uniform include fewer distractions, social exclusion, and bullying as students do not need to be worrying about what they and others are wearing. Please support us in ensuring your child comes to school in the correct uniform. For further information, please visit our school website, [here](#).

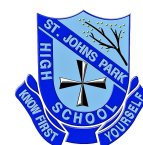


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Important Dates

- Tuesday 4 March - Zone Swimming Carnival
- Thursday 6 March - Student Assistance Evening
- Friday 7 March - School Photo Day
- Wednesday 12 March - NAPLAN exams commence
- Tuesday 18 March - World's Greatest Shave
- Wednesday 9 April - Multicultural Day
- Thursday 10 April - School Athletics Carnival
- Friday 11 April - Last Day of Term 1



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Welcome to 2025

We warmly welcome back our students and their families. We would like to extend a special welcome to our 100+ new Year 7 students and our many new enrolments to the 2025 school year. We look forward to working closely with you to support the learning of your child. This year has gotten off to a positive start and it is going to be a fantastic one.

Year 7 students

Our new Year 7 students have made a great start to their high school journey. Thank you to the Year 7 Deputy Principal Mr Steven Daoud and Year Advisors Ms Nahida Fahel and Ms Brooke Torres, who have delivered an outstanding Orientation Week Program. Students have now begun subject specific learning and have been placed into academic classes for the year. They will start to setting into a learning routine/pattern and become more familiar with their surroundings, their teachers and the expectations of the school.

Student medical information

Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs to change or if a new health condition develops. Information about allergies, asthma, diabetes, and other health-related issues (including prior conditionals such as medical procedures within the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or changes to the contact details of nominated emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your child's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Staying up to date

Our school has a number of different ways that you can keep up to date.

- Facebook - @STJOHNSPKHS
- Instagram - @stjohnsparkhs
- YouTube - @StJohnsParkHighSchool
- Sentral for Parents
- School Bytes

We look forward to working closely with our families and community to support the learning of your child. We wish all our students a wonderful school year.



Dep. Principal

Ms Nicole Sullivan
(M, Tu, W, Th)



R/ Dep. Principal

Ms Donna Draper
(F)



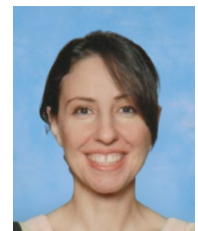
Dep. Principal

Mr Steven Daoud



R/ Dep. Principal

Mr Paul De Carli



Dep. Principal

Ms Maha Adler



Student Wellbeing

Providing a safe and supportive environment

The welfare of the students at St Johns Park High School is one of our highest priorities. Students who feel they are supported, respected, and appreciated have positive self-esteem and a sense of positive wellbeing. We want our students to feel rewarded for their success. Every staff member at St Johns Park High School plays a role in the welfare of our students. Our office staff are often the first 'port of call' for our parents when they contact the school, and these staff members find the best person to help your child. Students needing assistance of any type can always approach any staff member for help.

Visit our school website for more information about student wellbeing, [here](#).

Year Advisors

Each year group has two Year Advisors to care for the needs of students. Any information which will affect the student's ability to participate in school should be directed to the Year Advisors. The Year Advisors at St Johns Park High School are all dedicated and excellent classroom teachers who have a special affinity with their students' wellbeing and want to enhance their experience at school.

The Year Advisors care for their students' educational, physical, emotional, and social wellbeing. They organise cohort camps and welfare days for their year to address areas of need or interest to the year group. These days can include performances, presentations, and role-plays. They also organise Incentive Day which rewards the outstanding efforts of our students. Students who achieve Level 4 and 5 in the Level System are invited to Incentive Day, where students spend the day participating in fun activities, with the cost being subsidised by the school.

Visit our school website for more information about our staff, [here](#).

Year 7



Ms N Fahel



Ms B Torres

Year 8



Ms A Gravante



Ms S Huzairan

Year 9



Ms A Pavlovic



Mr B Soliman

Year 10



Mr Y El Abbas



Mr J Suifili

Year 11



Ms T Austin



Mr J Phanthavong

Year 12



Ms D Baldi



Mr B Kaboroff



Student Wellbeing

School Counsellors

In addition to the Year Advisors, St Johns Park High School has School Counsellors most days a week. Our Senior School Psychologist is **Mr Ruslan Epoff**.



Allied Health Professionals

St Johns Park High School employs specialist allied health professionals. These therapists work with individual and small groups of students to help improve the students' learning and emotional resilience. Referral to these therapists can be by parents/carers, teachers, the Learning and Support Team or by the student themselves.

Speech pathologists work with teenagers with language difficulties, oral and reading comprehension issues, and help with written expression, learning new words and the hidden curriculum.

School-based occupational therapists are concerned with assisting children and adolescents through various interventions to succeed in their role as a student. These may include various targeted interventions focusing on fine and gross motor skills, visual and sensory processing, and social skills.

Dietitians work with individual and groups of students around healthy eating choices and how this affects student wellbeing, long-term health, and academic performance.

Our art therapist **Pensri Rowe**, works with students from all year groups, either as individuals or in groups. The students use art as a therapeutic tool to discuss issues concerning their wellbeing, feelings, and peer relationships in a non-judgemental and safe environment.

Student Assistance Evening

Our school participates in the Government's Student Assistance Scheme, which provides financial assistance for educational costs to families who may be suffering financial hardship. Assistance can be sought for school uniform items and course fees.

Year Advisors will be available on Thursday 6 March 2025 to conduct Student Assistance Interviews. These will be held between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm in the school library and will only be held with the parents or legal guardians of the student. If you are in genuine need of assistance, please contact the school office on 02 9610 8035 to book an appointment.

Study Hub

We run an after-school Study Hub homework centre for our students which offers a supervised facility where students can complete their classwork, homework, research, and assignments. Study Hub is open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the library. If you are interested, please collect a permission note from the office and return it as soon as possible.

Robotics Club

Our school is also offering an after-school Robotics Club every Tuesday from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm, from Tuesday 11 March 2025 (Week 7) until Tuesday 25 March 2025 (Week 9). Starting from Term 2, the Robotics Club will run from Weeks 2-9 every term. If you are interested in joining, complete the Google Form, [here](#).

Don't forget to pick up a permission note and the permission to publish note from the front office and return it by Tuesday 4 March 2025 (Week 6).



School Vaccination Program

NSW School Vaccination Program

Immunisation protects your child against serious vaccine-preventable diseases.

In 2025, the following vaccines are offered for free:

- Year 7 students are offered a *single* dose vaccine for diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough) and a *single* dose vaccine for human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Year 10 students are offered a *single* dose vaccine for meningococcal ACWY

Vaccination will only be given at school if consent has been received.

If your child is in Year 7 or 10 this year, you can now give consent online for these routine school vaccinations. Parents/guardians can consent online at any time. However, to help our school vaccination team with clinic planning, we kindly ask that you complete the online consent as soon as possible.

How to provide consent for your child's school vaccination:

1. To complete online consent, visit https://nswhealth.service-now.com/school_vaccination.
2. Follow the steps to log in to your existing Service NSW account. This is the same account you may already use to renew your driver's licence. If you do not have a Service NSW account, refer to the instructions to create one, here.
3. Update or confirm your personal details in Service NSW if needed.
4. Complete the School Vaccination Consent Form for your child. You will need to:
 - Enter your child's personal details
 - Provide the Medicare card details for you and your child
 - Read the linked Parent Information Sheet and Privacy Statement
 - Give separate consent for each recommended vaccine

Translated guides on how to provide consent are also available.

- [Arabic](#)
- [Chinese](#)
- [Korean](#)
- [Vietnamese](#)

The benefits of providing consent online:

- Easily update your child's details
- Receive SMS and/or email notifications when vaccinations are given
- Faster upload of vaccination records to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)

If you or your child do not have a Medicare card or internet access, ask our school for a paper consent form. Please complete the form and return it as soon as possible. This is important for the Immunisation Team to plan for the clinics and for you to receive an automated text message 72 hours before, to remind you about the clinic.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families are encouraged to contact the Aboriginal Immunisation Liaison Officer for any questions around the school vaccination program.

For more information on routine school vaccinations, please visit <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination>.



Year 7 Orientation Week

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As part of Year 7 Orientation Week, our students took part in the *Big Fish Little Fish* program, an engaging and supportive initiative designed to help students transition smoothly into high school.

The program focused on building confidence, teamwork, and resilience through interactive activities that encouraged students to connect with their peers and develop a sense of belonging. With the guidance of presenter Natalie, students explored strategies for navigating challenges, making positive choices, and embracing high school life with a growth mindset.

Our students also had the valuable opportunity to meet their Youth Engagement Officers. During the session, the officers spoke about important topics such as online safety, road safety, and public safety, equipping students with essential knowledge to stay safe in different situations. Student also got a close-up look at police equipment and engaged in an open and informative discussion with the officers, asking questions and gaining insights into their role in the community. It was a great chance to build positive connections and learn more about staying safe in everyday life! It was a fun and meaningful experience that helped set the foundation for a successful start to Year 7!



Engaging with our diverse community to drive high expectations and achieve educational excellence



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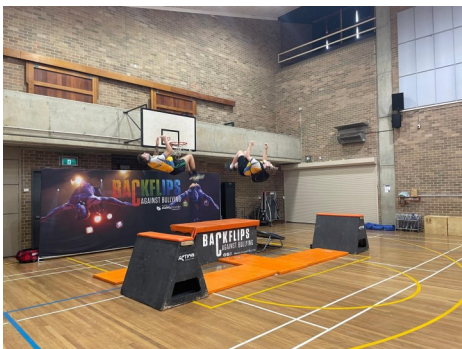


Year 7 and 8 Incursion

Backflips Against Bullying

Our Year 7 and 8 students had the exciting opportunity to experience Backflips Against Bullying. This high-energy, acrobatic performance used parkour and freestyle stunts to deliver powerful messages about respect, kindness, and standing up against bullying.

The program engaged students with impressive tricks while addressing serious topics like cyberbullying, peer pressure, and how to be an upstander. It was an inspiring and entertaining way to encourage positive behaviour and reinforce our school's commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment for everyone. It was an action-packed and meaningful session that left a lasting impact!





School Photo Day

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Year 11 Life Ready Program

Life Ready Program - Driver Safety Awareness

Year 11 students took part in an engaging and educational driver safety awareness session as part of the Life Ready program. The experience combined go-karting with important lessons on road safety, giving students a hands-on understanding of the risks and responsibilities that come with being a driver.

Through practical activities and expert guidance, students learned about key road safety topics such as speed awareness, reaction times, and the dangers of distractions behind the wheel. The session provided valuable insights that will help them make safer choices on the road in the future. It was an exciting and informative day that reinforced the importance of responsible driving!

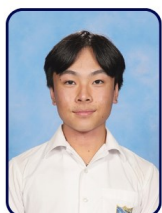


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Congratulations to our Year 12 Class of 2024 on their HSC results!

Year 12 Distinguished Achievers



Ryan Chen
Mathematics Standard 2



Selina Di Bella
Visual Arts



Jonathan Hanna
Ancient History
Food Technology
Legal Studies



Thomas Lim
Visual Arts



Aabid Degia
Mathematics Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1



Orlando Jong
Mathematics Extension 1



Angelina Mann
Legal Studies



Aaron Neou
Mathematics Advanced



Outtara Nhem
Chemistry
Investigating Science
Mathematics Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Physics



Rachana Oeng
Visual Arts



Marcus Nguyen
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Mathematics Extension 1



Orvando Nguyen
Mathematics Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1

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