

Week 11 | Term 1 | 2025

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NEWSLETTER

From the Principals Desk

The term flies by as we continue to work hard together to create high expectations and drive innovation to improve student educational outcomes. Thank you to Year 7 Deputy Principal Steven Daoud, and our amazing Year 7 Year Advisors, Brooke Torres and Nahida Fahel for organising the successful and highly engaging Year 7 Meet and Greet. It was a great night enjoyed by all.

I want to thank Betty Lieu and Erina Le for their fantastic leadership of the SRC team and organisation of the World's Greatest Shave and Harmony Day fundraising events, as well as Multicultural Day. These student leadership initiatives are all about encouraging a sense of school spirit and community. It is always great to see our fundraising efforts go towards a good cause.

Thank you to the PDHPE faculty for organising our annual Swimming and Athletics Carnivals. These engaging sporting events saw our students push themselves to achieve their best. Congratulations to students who have been invited to represent our school at the Lansdowne Zone Carnivals.

A big thank you to our parents and staff in the role they have played in preparing and supporting our Year 7 and 9 students for their NAPLAN assessments. Parents and carers are crucial sources of support for learning, and the greater the support the better the student academic and wellbeing results.

Finally, I wish our school community a safe and relaxing holiday break.

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Principal



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Important Dates

- Friday 11 April - Last day of Term 1
- Wednesday 30 April - Students return to school
- Friday 2 May - Year 7 Brainstorm
- Monday 5 May - Year 12 Student Contact Week
- Tuesday 6 May - Year 12 Drama SWOOP Workshop
- Monday 12 May - Year 11 & 12 Physics/Chemistry Excursion
- Tuesday 13 May - Cross Country Carnival
- Wednesday 14 May - Year 9 & 12 Drama Excursion



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Assessments

Assessment is the process of identifying, gathering, and interpreting information about student learning. School-based assessment tasks may include activities such as examinations, writer/oral assignments, practical activities, fieldwork, performances, and projects.

Assessments assist student learning, evaluate and improve teaching and learning programs, and provide information on student learning and progress in a course in relation to the syllabus outcomes. They also provide evidence of satisfactory completion of a course, and report on the achievement of each student at the end of a course.

Each student has been issued with an assessment booklet outlining the assessment requirements for their grade, and the assessment schedules for each subject. These booklets were emailed to all students via their DoE email, and can be found their Google Classroom or our school website, [here](#).

If you have any questions in relation to assessment, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Uniform

As the weather cools, we would like to remind students and families about our school uniform policy. Please note that hoodies, beanies, and non-school jumpers are not part of the acceptable uniform and will be confiscated.

We offer water-resistant, fully lined jackets and woollen jumpers that are designed to keep students warm throughout winter. Additionally, students are welcome to wear a plain navy scarf for extra warmth. Female students may also wear fleece-lined opaque stockings under their school skirt.

What happens if a student is out of uniform?

- Students need to bring a note, signed by parents, stating the reason they are out of uniform
- See supervising Deputy Principal (DP) before 8:25 am, explaining why they are out of uniform
- If unable to see DP in the morning, students are to ask their roll call teacher for a uniform pass
- Depending on the circumstance, students may be issued with a new uniform or supplied with uniform for that day
- Students may be issued with a detention, parents may be contacted to bring correct uniform, or students may be sent home
- If any student is in a hoodie, they will be sent to their DP who will confiscate it until the end of day

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that all students adhere to our uniform policy.

We wish our school community a safe and happy holiday break. We look forward to welcoming our students back for Term 2 on Wednesday 30 April 2025.



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Dep. Principal

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World's Greatest Shave

SRC World's Greatest Shave

Our SRC team organised the World's Greatest Shave event to raise money for The Leukaemia Foundation. Students showed their support through gold-coin donations and participated in hair spraying and hair shaving activities. Through their efforts, students raised over \$900, surpassing the SRC's goal of \$500. Congratulations to all students and staff involved in making this day a success!



Creating a safe and supportive environment where students can achieve their best



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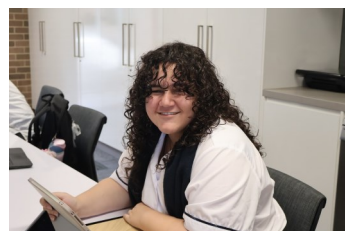
Student Leadership Planning

Leadership by the Cowpasture - Student Planning

Students from our leadership teams were collaborating and planning for the Leadership by the Cowpasture event. We are ready to meet all of the student leaders in our school network soon!



Working in partnership to promote an inclusive school community



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School House Meeting

Whole School House Meeting

Early on in Term 1, our school held a whole school House meeting for both students and staff. During this meeting, we introduced student to our House Patrons and Captains, explained the House points system, and outlined the expectations for the Swimming Carnival and the upcoming Athletics Carnival. This was a great opportunity to foster school spirit and a sense of belonging for all.





Year 10 UNSW Gateway Program

Year 10 UNSW Gateway Program School Workshop

The Year 10 class actively participated in the Gateway Workshop, exploring and discovering post-school options and linking these to their values.

Students used the resources to identify personality traits, and shared their findings within small groups of the same values. Students also discussed fields of interest and compared the reason why they had chosen their particular fields.

The UNSW Ambassadors led the workshop and provided guided discussions, supported with a presentation and the “Pocket Guide to me Future” resource was helpful.

Students' feedback included:

- “Learned of a different way of looking at my values”
- “Enjoyed the workshops as I had the opportunity to hear different viewpoints”
- “The discussion questions made me think and reflect more about my post-school plan”
- “The Ambassadors were young and they had different perspectives from my teachers”





Year 11 Life Ready Program

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During Week 3 and 4, students in Year 11 engaged in the Life Ready course activities. This program is designed to prepare and support our senior students with situations related to health and safety and prepare students on their journey to becoming more independent. Thank you to the PDHPE faculty and all teachers who supported our students during this week of valuable learning experiences.

Road Safety Awareness Program

Students engaged with numerous hands-on activities at Minto Kart Lane to gain a valuable understanding of the importance of road safety. This included learning about the elements of a car such as engine fluids and braking mechanisms, as well as how to effectively follow road safety rules. Students also had fun driving the go karts on the track to develop their driving skills. Overall, it was a successful and fun day for all involved and it was great to see our students so well behaved.

Creating Chances

The Creating Chances Life Ready program is a youth development initiative designed to prepare high school students for life after graduation by focusing on building essential life skills like resilience, effective communication, and positive decision-making, often utilising sports-based activities as a key learning tool. It is a program offered by the organisation 'Creating Chances' which aims to empower young people through sport and personal development.

Police Talk

Detectives from the NSW Police Child Protection Unit engaged students with an online safety presentation about the dangers of online environments and how to apply strategies to remain safe.

Sexual Health Workshop

Students engaged in hands-on sexual health workshops with a range of local and accessible youth health services such as FLYHT, Headspace, CORE community and Anglicare. Students thoroughly enjoyed the workshops and were equipped with accurate information to assist them in making informed choices in the future.

Money Vest Financial Literacy

Dominic Aarsen, founder of the Moneyvest money program led our students through the financial literacy workshop, highlighting the importance of creating a savings account with high interest returns to secure financial success. Students also reviewed key elements of payslips to effectively monitor future income.

Paul Wade Resiliency

Paul Wade incorporated a fun, motivational presentation to engage students with his life experience when faced with adversity. Paul is one of the most highly experienced and sought after speakers in the industry, offering a unique insight into the world of professional sport and how the principles he learned can be applied to everyday life.

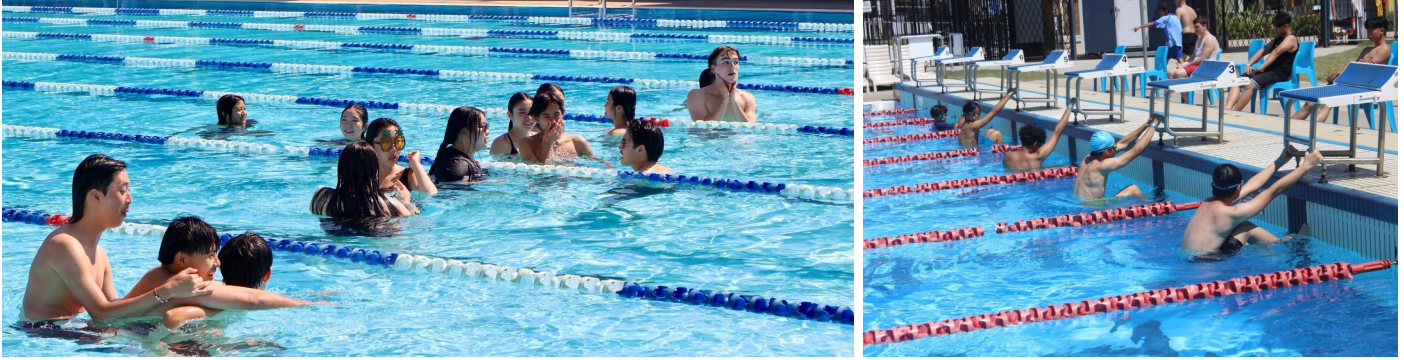




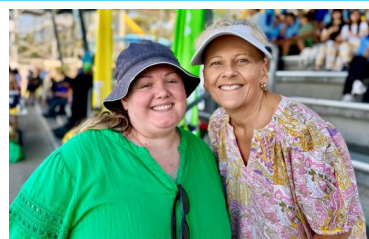
Swimming Carnival

School Swimming Carnival

Our Swimming Carnival was a fantastic celebration of school spirit, athletic excellence, creativity, and fun! From thrilling races to colourful team cheers, students showcased their skills and enthusiasm, making waves both in and out of the pool. A huge congratulations to all our competitors for their incredible efforts, and a heartfelt thank you to the staff who made this day possible.



Providing students with opportunities to pursue their interests, skills, and passions



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Swimming Carnival



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Open Night

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Our Open Night was a great success showcasing the exceptional work of our talented staff and students to our vibrant school community. Thank you to everyone who joined us!



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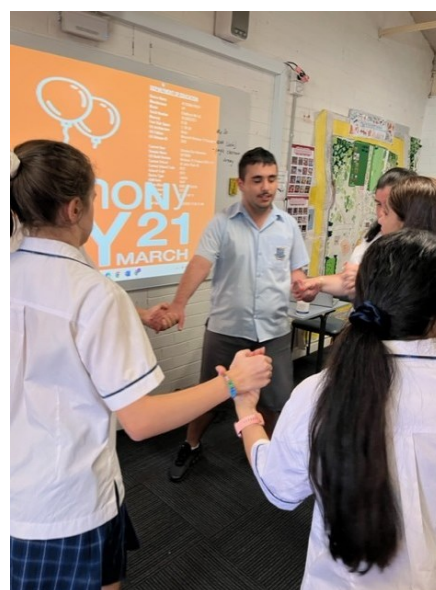


Classroom Features

Classroom Feature - OALS1 & OLS1 Harmony Week

Both OALS1 and OLS1 classes had a combined celebration for Harmony Day. Students presented their Canva-created 'All About Me' posters to their teachers and peers. This included information about their family, hobbies, and cultural background.

OLS1 students also attended an excursion to source ingredients from Greenfield Park Shopping Village IGA, which students subsequently used to create a Harmony Day feast for both classes. Students made tacos and rice paper rolls which were thoroughly enjoyed!





Classroom Features

Classroom Feature - OALS1 & OLS1 Community Participation at Greenfield Park

During the term, OALS1 and OLS1 have participated in excursions to Greenfield Park Shopping Village. Students gained real world skills in budgeting, shopping, and travel training. During the excursions, students purchased items, interacted with staff, and ordered food. These hands-on experiences help build independence, confidence, and essential life skills.



Classroom Feature - OLS1 Community Participation at Circular Quay

OLS1 went on their postponed all-day excursion into the city. Students worked together to research transport options, decide on activities and plan meals while staying within budget. Students used public transport and spent the day looking at key landmarks, including the botanical gardens. It was great to finally complete the excursion and we look forward to undertaking similar opportunities with the students later in the year. Thank you to Ms Manduci and Ms Naim for their support on the excursion.

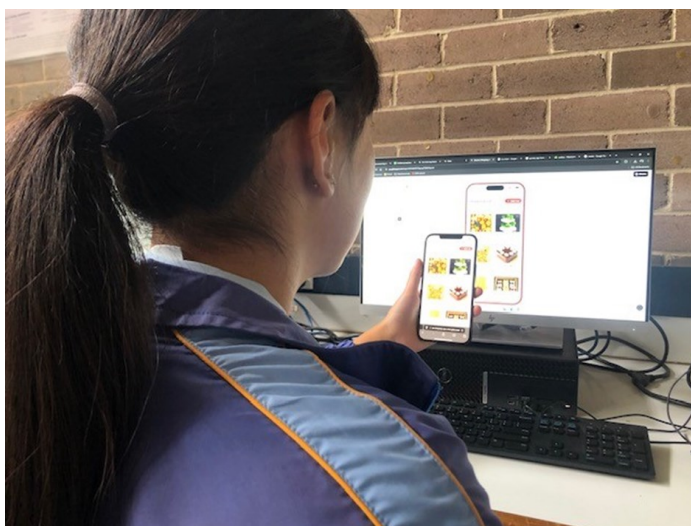
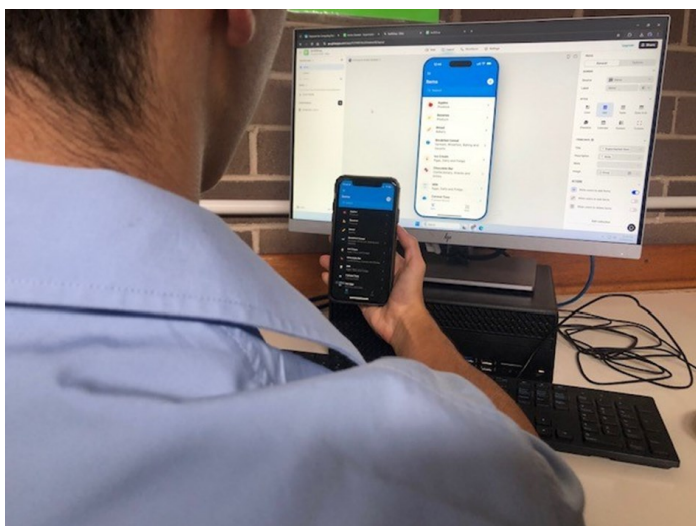




Classroom Features

Classroom Feature - Year 10 Computing Technology

Year 10 students in the new Computing Technology course have been learning about Designing for User Experience. Students learned about the functional and non-functional requirements for digital products and the properties that should be considered for the best design and accessibility. Students successfully created a shopping list app and will do on to design and document their own apps for the next assessment task.



Classroom Feature - Year 11 Food Technology

This term, Year 11 Food Technology students have been exploring the social, political, and economic factors that have impacted food availability. To deepen their understanding, a practical cooking lesson was organised, blending culinary skills with an examination of global social, economic, and political issues. This hands-on experience allowed students to confront social injustice by experiencing the unequal distribution of ingredients. Using Trade Simulation cards, students participated in a trade war, negotiating with other groups to acquire more ingredients for their pizzas. This task presented challenges, as each group's negotiations were influenced by the specific Trade Simulation card they received - such as trade conditions, sanctions, embargoes, countries at war, and economic stability. Students were highly engaged throughout the lesson, and the experience effectively triggered the intended emotional response, reinforcing the theoretical concepts they have studied in class.

Results of Lucky Dip:

Showing Affluence, Poverty and Injustice





SBAT Student Achievement

School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships students

Congratulations to George, Rabeel, Johnny, Ashton, Kiah, and Daniel for working diligently with our Careers Advisor/Head Teacher Careers and Senior Pathways Ms Jane Andrew to secure and undertake School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs) in plumbing, carpentry, and juvenile justice.

In recognition of their efforts, and to support their entry into the SBATs, the student received a Cowpasture Work Ready Pack, which includes a notebook, pen, water bottle, back-sack, Opal card and a Totally Work Wear voucher. Well done students!



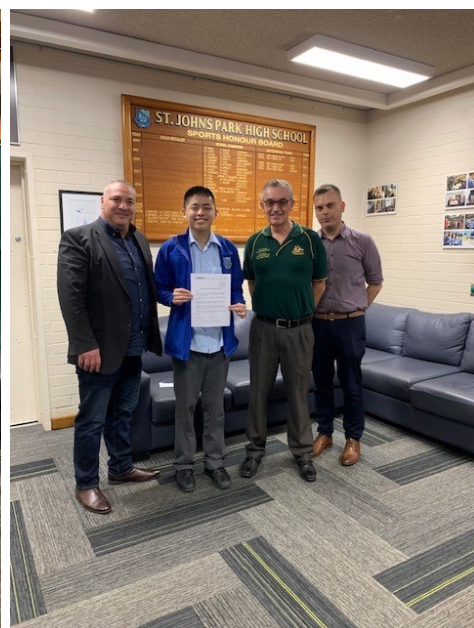
Student Achievement

Scrabble Champion

Congratulations to Nathan Minh Tang in Year 10 who has been invited to represent Australia at the 2025 World Youth Scrabble Championship to be held in Malaysia!

This prestigious event is open to the world's best youth Scrabble players, with approximately 200 players competing from around 20 countries.

Well done Nathan!

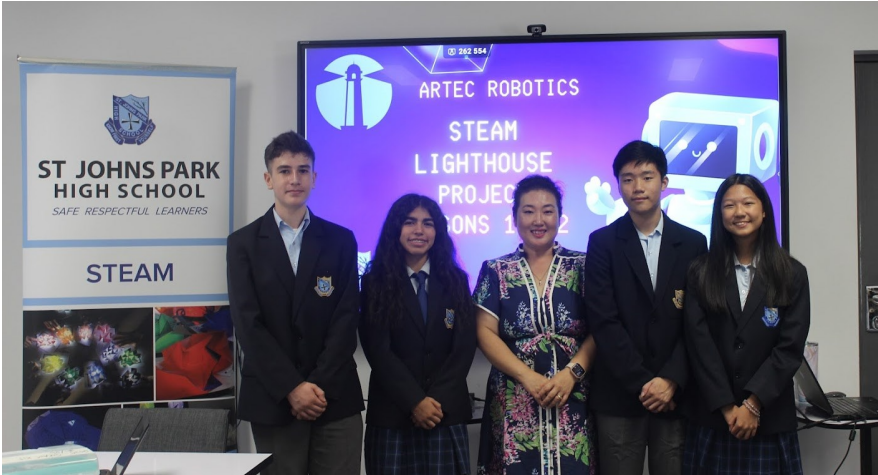




Primary School Taster Lessons

Primary School Taster Lesson - Edensor Park PS

We welcomed amazing students from Edensor Park Public School into our Science and Robotics laboratories. Students dove into coding, experimented with hands-on activities, and embraced the excitement of discovery. Well done to all the young innovators!





Primary School Taster Lessons

Primary School Taster Lesson - Harrington Street PS

We had the pleasure of welcoming students from Harrington Street Public School for an exciting day of learning and fun. From lighting up fire in Science to shooting hoops in PDHPE, students embraced every moment with enthusiasm. Well done to all!



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Primary School Taster Lessons

Primary School Taster Lesson - Governor Philip King PS

We had a fantastic time welcoming Governor Philip King Public School to our campus. From coding robots to baking delicious pizzas, it was a day full of fun and learning. A huge thank you to our amazing teachers for making it all possible!



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Primary School Taster Lessons

Primary School Taster Lesson - Bonnyrigg PS

Welcome to St Johns Park High School, Bonnyrigg Public School! We loved seeing you develop collaboration, communication, and critical thinking skills through coding robots and making pizzas. Well done on your fantastic work, you smashed it!



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Harmony Day

SRC Harmony Day Fundraising

Our SRC team held an orange themed Harmony Day sausage sizzle and juice stall to celebrate our community's cultural diversity and to promote inclusivity. We raised close to \$400 to donate to All Together Now, a reconciliation charity.

Thank you to all the students and staff who supported the fundraiser!



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Zone Swimming Carnival

Lansdowne Zone Swimming Carnival

Our school was proud to host the 2025 Lansdowne Zone Swimming Carnival, where the top student swimmers in our area competed for glory in the pool. The day was filled with incredible talent, determination, and sportsmanship. Congratulations to all the competitors!





Year 7 Numeracy Competition

Year 7 2025 Numeracy Competition

Attention Year 7 students! Are you ready to put your problem-solving skills to the test? Join our exciting Numeracy Competition and show off your mathematical mastery!

- Tackle engaging, topic-related mathematics challenges in class
- Earn points by demonstrating full understanding
- Reach 100 points to claim an award and a school voucher

This is your chance to sharpen your numeracy skills, compete with you peers , and win some awesome rewards. Who will be crowned the Numeracy Champion? Get involved and start solving today!

YEAR 7 2025 NUMERACY COMPETITION

SJPHS's Ultimate Numeracy Challenge

- ✓ Tackle engaging, topic-related maths challenges in class
- ✓ Earn points by demonstrating full understanding
- ✓ Reach 100 points to claim an award and a school voucher



Will you be crowned as the **Numeracy Champion**? Get involved and start solving today!

See Mathematics Teacher/Staffroom for more info.

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