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Newsletter



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From the Principal



Global Gender Gap

A recent research summary from the International Coalition of Girls' Schools, Global Gender Gap Report 2023, outlined the challenge for girls and women to find an equal environment in schools and the wider world. This is the seventeenth report by the World Economic Forum, and it benchmarks the state and change in gender parity across four dimensions. These are economic

participation and opportunity, educational attainment, health and survival and political empowerment. This latest report indicates improvement in health and education, but political empowerment is static and economic participation has fallen.

Australia is ranked twenty-sixth globally, third in East Asia and the Pacific, noting that New Zealand ranked fourth globally and first regionally. The report predicts that it will take 131 years more for women to reach full parity, globally. Read the full report [here](#).

Debate as to whether single-sex and co-educational schools provide the best environment for young people will continue and data supporting both sides of the argument will likely be raised. It is up to families to consider and the needs of the individual student are paramount.

At Stella, we value the following:

- all of our leadership positions are for girls,
- all the sports are accessible for girls,
- the diversity in our learning environments meets the needs of a variety of girls.

We value STEM electives, our Food Technology, Textiles Technology, Design and Technology, Multimedia as well as our Performing Arts (including Dance, Drama and Music). These subjects, as well as our core studies in English, Science, Mathematics, PDHPE, History/Geography and Religion, allow our students to explore the diversity of their talents.

The time of adolescence is one of transition and our Wellbeing Team is focussed on ensuring our students are supported during this period - to be the best version of themselves they can be. A safe and supportive environment assists them in this.

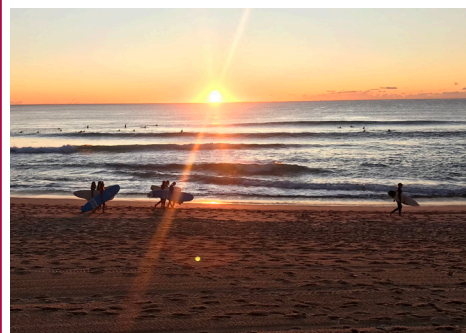
Academically, study of the HSC 'league table' suggests that girls' schools help girls to thrive and perform well. Noting that approximately 40-50% of the top 20 schools are girls' schools might not be initially of note...but when you realise girls' schools represent approximately 10% of high schools in NSW, there is something girls' schools are doing really well.

I believe a girls' school education gives young women the edge and provides the message, 'You can do it!'

Elizabeth Carnegie

Elizabeth Carnegie
Principal

Surfing at Manly



2023 Term Dates

Term 4

Tuesday 10 October - Friday
1 December

Important Dates

November

17 Dance Night

21 Drama Night

29 - 30 Year Group Award
Ceremonies

December

1 Last day of 2024.
School finishes at
approx. 11.00am.

Notices

Christmas Hamper Appeal - last chance to donate!

Monday 20 November is the final day that we will be accepting donations for the Vinnies Christmas Hamper Appeal. Thank you to everyone who has donated to ensure that we at Stella spread a little Christmas cheer to other families in our community.

Feast of All Benedictine Saints

On November 13 we celebrated the Feast of All Benedictine Saints in honour of all the women and men who have lived under the Rule of St Benedict throughout the ages. A short reflection video can be [viewed here](#).

Semester 2 Performance Summer Series

This term we have our Semester 2 Performance Summer Series. Please see below for the following details of each event and how you can reserve a ticket. Tickets will be a \$5 donation which will contribute to the continued work of The Good Samaritan Foundation. We are looking forward to showcasing our amazing students at Stella Maris College.

**Celebration of Dance: Friday 17 November,
5:00pm & 7:00pm**

5:00pm Show:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CMJXB>

7:00pm Show:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CMJXF>

The Drama Gala: Tuesday 21 November, 6:30pm

6:30pm Show:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CMJXR>

Remembrance Day

Congratulations and thank you to Michaela D and Milly D of Year 12 who represented Stella so well at the Remembrance Day Ceremony held at the epitaph on Manly Corso last Saturday 11 November at 11.00am.



Duke of Edinburgh News

Snowy Mountains Hike

Last week, eight Year 10 students were fortunate to complete the Snowy Mountains Silver Duke of Edinburgh Hike. The group, accompanied by Mr Symons and Ms Ferguson, travelled to Perisher National Park and walked 65km.

We commenced day one by doing some 'real life' rock climbing and abseiling, which was challenging but an amazing opportunity. After that, with backpacks packed with our food, tents and equipment, we started on our hike. We did around 14 km on the first day and faced some challenges with navigation but ultimately didn't steer off the track and made it safely to our beautiful camp site for night one.

Day two was a very big physical and mental challenge and through some persistence and quite a few mental breakdowns, we walked 24km and pushed our limits up towards Mt Kosciuszko. Not only was it a long day of walking it also involved many hills, but also provided great views of the Valley! We made a quick detour off track and hiked up to the Mount Kosciuszko highest point sign.

Days three and four were spent recovering and playing many games with everyone and again capturing many moments of the beautiful scenery on our cameras. (Olivia S - Year 10)



Myall Lake Journey

Last week, 16 Year 10 students completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh adventurous journey paddling large canoes on the Myall Lake. This trip consisted of six days canoeing around the lake, travelling a total of 65km and staying in five different camp sites on the banks of the lake. On day one we were challenged with harsh rain and wind and were forced to miss our first paddle, having to go straight to the camp site. The following three days also saw us battling strong winds and flooding to some of the camp sites. On night two we needed to move our tents through the night in order for us to stay dry and stop the water coming in. Our final days saw the whole team come together and work as one united community. With the help of our two guides, Matt and Zoe, and our great Stella teachers, Ms Molloy and Ms Chin, we were able to successfully complete our Duke of Edinburgh Silver journey. (Angalina P - Year 10)



Performing Arts News

Evan Browett - Head of Performing Arts

Last Tuesday, 7 November, over 70+ students appeared on stage at our 'Showcase of Music' Evening (as part of our Performing Arts Summer Concert Series). It was a wonderful celebration of the talent and dedication our music students here at the College have to offer.

We were entertained by the Performance Band, Vocal Ensemble, Year 7 Ensemble, Year 11 Elective Music Class, two original compositions and numerous solo and small group performances. There was even music trivia and games threaded through the evening hosted by Vianney S (our Creative and Performing Arts Prefect) and Year 11 Music students. Congratulations to all the students that took part and a huge thank you for the ongoing contributions they make to the musical culture here at Stella. These nights could not be possible without the support of our amazing music staff - Leanne Haines, Rob Sutcliffe and Ines Paxton.



Connect with Us!

A very warm invitation to connect with us on social media. Click on the icons below to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.



PRAYER

God of transforming love,
as we set out on the path
together

we desire fidelity to a way of
being that is different from the
world's ways:

that your transforming love is
evident in all we do.

May our hearts be humble, that
we may see you. Amen.

AMEN

(GSE Year of Neighbour Prayer
Resource 2023)

Job of the Week

Lisa Walsh - Careers and Pathways Adviser
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Interpreter

What do Interpreters do?

Interpreters understand and translate speech into a different language. Often they work in real time, providing instantaneous translation between parties. They can work in a huge variety of settings such as business, government, the arts, legal, and in the community. The difference between an Interpreter and a Translator is that Interpreters work with spoken language, while Translators decipher written text.

If you have great communication skills, speak another language fluently, and have a passion for helping people, this could be the perfect job for you.

How do you become an Interpreter?

[Click here](#) to learn more about this job and pathways to get you there. Visit our very own [Stella Careers Website](#) for all your career needs (now on the students' SEQTA landing page). PLUS, our regular weekly careers newsletters can be read [here](#).



Canteen Roster

Bernie McGrath - Canteen Manager

Monday 20 November

Agnes Villanyi
Lindie McKay
Belinda Robinson

Tuesday 21 November

Theresa Buchanan
Louise Stedman
Amy Keary
Sara McHugh

Wednesday 22 November

Peta Alpen
Jude Furniss
Hollie Seibold
Cathy Shanahan

Thursday 23 November

Jill Sholl
Rosetta Papallo
David Laime
Melanie Crea

Friday 24 November

Kylie Church
Rebecca Kristensen
Danielle Bennett
Nicole Hodgkinson
Lisa Hung

Note to parents/carers:

If you place an online order for your daughter, please let her know that she has this order and to pick it up at the canteen. We are finding that some students don't know they have an order so please make sure they are aware before they leave for school. Thank you!

Uniform Shop

Trading Hours

The Uniform Shop is open 8.00am – 4.30pm Tuesdays to Thursdays during term.

The Uniform Shop's last day this year will be Thursday 23 November. Please ensure all online orders are collected by then.

Years 7 - 12 2024 booklists are available to order through www.campion.com.au. The access code is RJF4

Summer Uniform

Year 9 need to purchase the senior dress or shorts before Thursday 23 November as these will be worn from Term 1. Parents have been emailed with particulars of times.

Online Orders

Please use your child's name on the order. Orders are available to collect from recess. Confirmation is emailed at time of order. Please note that reminders are not sent.

Second Hand Uniforms

Please visit the [P&F Stella Maris Buy, Sell, Swap Uniform, Books/Equipment and Sports Gear Facebook page](#) for all second hand purchases.

P&F Update

Clare Cahill (P&F President)

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What would you like to see in 2024?

Based on your feedback, we have a few events in the works for 2024. Preparations are in progress, allowing you to mark your calendars in advance. To facilitate our planning process, including gauging interest, estimating attendance, and securing venues, please give us two minutes of your time to indicate your potential attendance at each event. Pour yourself a cup of your favourite beverage, click on through, and give us your feedback [here](#).

Would you consider being a Year Level P&F WhatsApp Admin in 2024?

As we reflect on the amazing support from our current Year Level Admins in 2023, we're excited to welcome new faces to join our Stella Maris College WhatsApp channels as Year Level Admins for the upcoming year.

If you're keen to be a part of our vibrant Stella community and play a crucial role in fostering communication and support, we would love to hear from you! Your involvement as a Year Admin will include:

- Making communication within the year group a breeze.
- Creating a positive and respectful environment on our WhatsApp channels.
- Offering valuable support and guidance to fellow parents and students.
- Optionally, taking the lead in organising year-specific events.

Whether you're a seasoned pro or a first-timer, your enthusiasm and commitment matter most.

To express your interest, feel free to contact your current admin or drop a friendly email to the P&F via email pandf@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au.

We're looking forward to building an even stronger community together in 2024!

P&F WhatsApp Groups

Year 7

Administrator: Emma Flett
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LUydz4A57KYAXKM01oXJUp>

Year 8

Administrator: Kelly Hindman
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DTV8mc1S1RgDu8Bw2WEzce>

Year 9

Administrator: Belinda Hay
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Ld26FUW8TDsD2xRTICaVUW>

Year 10

Administrator: Holly MacKenzie
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HHMUa6P9oXM1Q6QScPrwF>

Year 11

Administrator: Molly McKenzie
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HxFeVIPxrqW15dqno44mEG>

Year 12

Administrator: Janet Sajowitz
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/InVnTvMt9NFAkoR99H2bxC>

Stella Fellas

Administrators: Nick and Brendan
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KHHVDH2ziSE3ZNilaxXwmz>