



Important Dates

**Reception Welcome
Assembly**

Monday 17 February 2025

**Yr 6 Caritas Fun
Run/Walk**

Monday 24 February 2025

Pupil Free Day

Friday 7 March 2025

Public Holiday

Monday 10 March 2025

**Naplan for Years 3
& 6**

Wednesday 12 March 2025

**Naplan for Years 3
& 6**

Thursday 13 March 2025

Sports Day

Friday 14 March 2025

**Naplan for Years 3
& 6**

Monday 17 March 2025

**1st Session -
Sacrament of
Reconciliation 7pm**

Tuesday 18 March 2025

Harmony Day

Friday 21 March 2025

Year 5 Camp

Monday 24 March 2025

**Parent Workshops
Literacy and
Numeracy 6PM**

Wednesday 26 March 2025

**Parent Workshops
Literacy and
Numeracy 9AM**

Thursday 27 March 2025

From the Leadership Team



WELCOME TO 2025:

Welcome to 2025! It is a great joy to be back at Stella Maris celebrating our 69th year of offering an education to families in the South-West of Adelaide.

As I reflect on what our school looks like today and compare it to what it would have looked like back in 1956, there are no doubt some major differences. Even over the last few years we have experienced some significant changes to our school environment. But I have no doubt that at the heart of what we do – and many of the values we hold as vital to our existence today would be quite similar to what they were back then and what they have been through our history.

As I have watched and interacted with our students and staff over the last few weeks, I have seen them living our hard held school values with examples of Compassion, Inclusivity, Respect and Courage, every day. I have seen them become aware of the importance of living our school theme – with moments of Joy, Hope and Gratitude all over the place.

It has been a fantastic start to our year!

NEW FAMILIES AND STAFF:

We have a large number of new Reception families joining our school and we look forward to our Welcome to Stella assembly for our Receptions next Monday. We also welcome a number of other new families to our community who have begun with us including:

Dishant (Y2), Kiansh (Y1), Mason (Y3), Sanvi (Y3) and Kole (Y1). We welcome them and their families to Stella Maris.

I also extend a very special welcome to some new staff who have begun with us this year. Welcome to Sara LeCornu (Y4), Lauren Daw (Administration), Jade Black (ESO) and Lachie Scannell (ESO) to our community.

SCHOOL LEADERS:

It was a great delight to officially announce and congratulate our 2025 School Leaders at our Community gathering in Week 2 of this

term. This group of students were elected as our School Leaders after a very thorough selection process late last year. Please join me in congratulating:

School Captains:

Harper, Bryn, Myah, Moksha

House Captains:

Carmel – Koby and Lily

Polding – Sam and Maya

Murphy House – Oscar and Kirby

Sontrop House – Patrick and Lucy

A BUSY TERM:

All terms are busy of course, but Term 1 is as always, a very busy one. This week we held our **Welcome to 2025 Whole school mass** which provided us with the opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist together for the first time and further unpack our school theme of Joy, Hope and Gratitude. It was great to have Fr Joseph celebrate our mass and we look forward to our ongoing partnership with him this year.

During week 1 and 2 of this term your child may have come home telling you that they “are not doing any work” – if they did, I can tell you that they were wrong! It is actually just different “work” than what they are used to! Here at Stella, we believe that Wellbeing - feeling positive, connected and flourishing is an essential element of our learning program. As such, we make a focussed decision to ensure that a vast majority of Week 1 and Week 2 is spent connecting in relationships, having some fun and getting to know their classmates, teachers and the ESOs who your child will work with.

During the first couple of weeks students will also complete a class code of conduct, unpack our annual school theme, revise our school values and school expectations about behaviour and let our teachers know what is important about them. By doing this, we are beginning the vital process of ensuring students feel comfortable, safe and positive about coming to school.

Next week (Week 4) we hold our **Parent-Teacher conversations**. These are a great way to start the year off in a positive manner and to discuss the year ahead with your child’s class teacher. Information about this has been sent out via Kirralee in the front office. Please contact her if you need any further information about them.

Our **Annual General Meeting** will take place on Tuesday the 11th March at 6:00pm. This is a great opportunity for our community to hear about the great things that have occurred over the last 12 months and the plans afoot for the year ahead. Everyone is welcome to attend our AGM.

On Monday night this week we held our first **School Board** meeting of the year. We have a very collaborative and involved Board, with excellent discussion and conversation about our school occurring during our meetings. At this Board meeting, I shared our 2025 Annual Improvement Plan which summarizes the key areas of focus and attention for us this year. If you would like a copy of this plan, please feel free to contact us here at school. This will be discussed at the AGM in March.

During Week 5 of this term we will hold our first in a series of **Parent Workshops** aimed to support parents in helping their children be ‘the best they can be’. These workshops will focus on how we can support our students develop and practice skills in Literacy (Reading) and Numeracy (Number) at home. These will be very practical workshops with ideas and suggestions for you to use at home with your child. Please see the flyer in the Newsletter further down for more information and booking details.

In Week 7 (Friday 14th March) we will hold our annual **Sports Day**. Traditionally this has been held in Term 4 at Stella. Over the last few years we have had a number of issues with our Sports Day – with both rain and heat causing havoc with our planned Sports Day. As such, we have decided to move Sports Day to term 1 with the hope that it will present us with a more ‘consistent’ day weather wise, but also allow for rescheduling to occur more easily should we need to. Our Sports Day will take place at Bowker St oval and be a similar format to previous years. More information will be sent out to parents in the coming week.

We are very much looking forward to another ‘Stella year’ here at Stella Maris. We thank you for your ongoing support and interest in our school and we look forward to sharing more of the outstanding highlights of the year as it progresses.

Regards,

The Leadership Team

Volunteering at Stella Maris

To volunteer at Stella Maris there are 3 steps to take:

- Complete the online **RRAHN training** (see flyer) and forward the completed certificate to the office.
- To have your catholic **Working with Children Check (WWCC)**.
- To complete the **onsite induction** and fill out the necessary forms.

To obtain your **WWCC** you can bring 100 points of identification to the school office, and we can start the process for you.

If you have a DHS clearance, you can provide your certificate, and we can forward it to obtain a catholic clearance.

Please contact the office E: contact@smcps.catholic.edu.au for more information.

Our Patch Holiday Program - Stella Maris OSHC Provider

our patch group

Hello to all the families at Stella Maris,

Welcome back for a new year. With a special welcome to our new families

This year at Oshc we are extending on our stem resources and have created a science table, this will provide opportunities for the children to get hands on with a range of different science resources and experiences. We have started with a new light board, microscopes and some natural resources and creatures to explore. This is already being enjoyed by the children while educators monitor and reminding children of the expectation set for the respectful and mindful use of these resources . Over the coming week we will be offering some resources about the human body, the children can explore the pumping of the heart, listen to their own heartbeat with a stethoscope, explore the human skeleton and internal organ and magnify their fingerprint, hair and skin.





Term 1's, specialty offering, will be offered on Monday afternoon's and we are having Acro/gymnastics from cube Sport running a 1-hour session between 4pm and 5pm. this will involve the children learning new skills as they explore balance, coordination and manipulate apparatus relating to rhythmic gymnastics

As you are aware, we have changed our booking app to Xap this year. I hope the transition has been challenging as I understand the enrolment was detailed and complicated, but now they all seem to be completed, and the booking seemed to be running smoothly. For future casual bookings, families can contact the Patch Leader Linda on **0422 363 189**. These booking will need to be confirmed via a msg to ensure Our Patch has written permission to place the casual booking you request.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable week.

From your friendly OSHC staff Linda, Benjamin, Stef, Harrison and Teagan



NOONE

Welcome to the Noone School Uniform Shop!

To ensure personalised attention, **all fittings and trying on of uniform is available by appointment**. To schedule your appointment or place an online order, simply visit our website: <https://www.noone.com.au/>



We recommend all new students to have a uniform fitting before starting, or if unsure about sizing, to guarantee a proper fit. Appointments are available throughout the year, and our online ordering portal features size charts to assist you with your order.

Please allocate approximately 30 minutes for each appointment. As each student requires an individual fitting, please remember to book a separate time slot for each child.

We welcome walk-ins, however during our busy periods, to avoid possible delays, we recommend booking for fittings! Use the above link to schedule your appointments and access the updated price list.

For any assistance with the online system or if you have inquiries, please contact the Campbelltown location via email or phone

Your designated uniform store is located at 10 Newton Rd, Campbelltown. Entry is via Newton Rd and parking is available at the front or rear of the premises (access rear parking via Weymouth St).

We encourage families to purchase all required uniform items during the fitting appointment or place a pre-order for collection at a later

date. Additional items can be fitted and ordered online as needed.

In the event of sizing issues, exchanges can be made provided the items are unworn and in their original condition and packaging. Proof of purchase will be required.

For any enquiries, please feel free to reach out to our friendly shop staff via phone or email:

08 7095 2535

campbelltown@noone.com.au

See you soon!

Noone Team

Boost Education Australia

A Bright Future Starts With A Solid Foundation

Quality Literacy and Maths Tutoring for Primary Aged Students

- All sessions run by a qualified and experienced teacher
- The convenience of in-home tuition
- Personalised to meet the individual needs of the student
- Individual or group sessions
- Make/choose your own group

Number Of Students

Fee Per Session (1hr)

Individual.....	\$117.00
2 Students.....	\$66.00ea
3 Students.....	\$48.00ea
4 Students.....	\$40.00ea
5 Students.....	\$35.00ea

Create a group and host (provide the learning space)

Get 50% off for your child!

Offer valid for 6 sequential sessions if booked prior to 28/2/2025



Contact Luke Burns

E: admin@boost-ed.com.au

M: 0422 679 758

Student Absence Notification

Please use one of the following options to notify the school that your child will be absent:

Select **Option 1** when calling **telephone 8306 4888** to advise absentee information. If after hours please leave a detailed message.

Or **EMAIL** to absent@smps.catholic.edu.au

Uniform Information



Stella Maris Parish School
SEACOMBE GARDENS, SA

Contact Details

Uniform Shop Location: [10 Newton Rd Campbelltown SA 5074](#)

Phone: 08 7095 2535

Email: campbelltown@noone.com.au

Trading Hours

Monday 8:00 am – 1:00pm

Tuesday 10:30m – 5:30pm

Wednesday 8:00am – 1:00pm

Thursday 10:30am – 5:30pm

Friday 10:30am – 5:30pm

Saturday 9:00am – 12:00pm

[Stella Maris Parish School | Noone](#)

<https://www.noone.com.au/school/stella-maris-parish-school>

The full range of uniforms and sizes are available for fittings at SMPS. Please contact Tony in the office to make an appointment. **Sizing Guide** available on their website.

WHS Inductions for Volunteers

Please contact the office to arrange a time.

E: contact@smps.catholic.edu.au

P: 8306 4888

Holy Spirit Church

Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 9am - 2pm

Phone: 08 8298 1044

Email: stannparish@adam.com.au

Address: 24A Ramsay Ave Seacombe Gardens SA 5047

PARISH MASS TIMES:

St Bernadette's Church:

Sunday 10:45am

Wednesday & Friday 12 noon

Holy Spirit Church:

Saturday 6pm

Music Tutors

Guitar - Chris Larsson

Mobile: 0424 241 040

Email: chrislarsson01@gmail.com

Piano - Patricia Heller

Mobile: 0403 645 271

Email: patricianheller@gmail.com

Singing - Hallmark Music Studio

Email: kylie@hallmarkmusicstudio.com.au

Violin - Jenny McDonald

Mobile: 0410 441 974

Email: jenjen7@outlook.com

Drums - Gianni Pedicini

Contact Kylie - Hallmark Studios

Ph. 8277 8656
