

Term 4 Week 10

16 December 2022

## ***Principal Matters by Mark Watson***

### **Goodbye 2022**

Everyone I speak with cannot believe how this year has felt as though the time has flown past. I expect having a full year without lockdowns has added to that impression. While we did not lockdown this year, the impact of COVID-19 was ever present. We began the year distributing RATs to students and requesting regular testing during the week. This led to high levels of absenteeism as students and staff tested positive. However, we all wanted life to return to some form of normality, so we did our best to run Year 7 and Year 11 camps during this period, both resulting in an increase in positive cases and the need for students to isolate. As the year progressed, cases declined, restrictions eased and we became better at living with COVID-19. Subsequent ski camps for Years 9 and 10 successfully ran without COVID incidents as did our Duke of Edinburgh hikes. From my point of view, where lockdowns were the challenge of the previous two years, staffing the school has been the challenge of 2022. Initially linked to COVID-19 it is now emerging as a bigger issue facing schools and we are not immune to this. Hopefully the impact of COVID-19 on staff absenteeism will be reduced in 2023 as will the numbers of teachers leaving the profession. This aside, we have a lot to celebrate at the end of 2022. Apart from regular classes, it has been wonderful for students once again to be enjoying sporting competitions, performing arts and other extracurricular activities.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday. I would like to thank the school staff, both teaching and non-teaching, for their efforts this year. I would also like to thank our parent community for their continuing support and our students, well, for being students who are great to be around.

### **HSC Results**

Congratulations to our stunning Year 12 of 2022. Their HSC results were released on Thursday this week and there were many happy faces as students returned for a BBQ lunch to spend time together with their classmates and teachers. There were many stunning results. Gemma Lapins-Silvirs achieved the remarkable result of being named on the All-Rounders Honours List, achieving band 6 in 10 units of study. We had 82 mentions on the Distinguished Achievers list, shared between 43 different students. The Sydney Morning Herald ranked the school in 136<sup>th</sup> position, only 6 positions lower than our 2021 result. Well done Year 12 of 2022!

### **Presentation Day**

Friday, the last day of the year for students to attend was also our presentation day. The presentation day assemblies were held in the school hall, however, because we cannot all fit into the hall, we held three assemblies. Years 9 and 10 were the first year groups to be presented with their awards and this was followed by the Year 11 assembly and then Years 7 and 8 to finish the day. Parents of the award recipients were invited to attend the relevant assemblies, however, the emphasis of the day was for all students to be part of the award ceremonies. One awards assembly is difficult to organise, but three in one day is a mammoth effort. Thanks go to Mrs Morante-Wong for her excellent event management, to her team and to the entire staff in meeting the deadlines Mrs Morante-Wong set for us.

### **Dates for the Diary**

#### **2022**

Dec 16 Last Day for students Term 4

#### **2023**

Jan 27 & 30 Staff return

Jan 31 Years 7, 11 & 12 resume

Feb 1 Years 8, 9 & 10 Resume School Assembly

Feb 7 Swimming Carnival

Feb 8 School Photo Day

April 6 Last Day Term 1



### School Assembly

We held a school assembly on Tuesday this week to distribute numerous certificates recognising student achievement throughout the year. The number was so large we would have run out of time if they were distributed as part of the presentation day assemblies. Students were recognised for a wide range of activities, but most importantly, they were able to be recognised and applauded by their peers.

### Years 7 – 10 High Achiever Morning Tea

Also on Tuesday, a high achiever morning tea was held for the top academic achievers in semester two in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. To receive an invitation, a student had to be performing at the top of all their subjects during the semester. Fifteen students from each of the year groups were chosen, meaning there were 60 students in total at the morning tea, one of our biggest yet! Congratulations go to :

- Year 7 - James B, Keira C, Yulia P, Harper F, Zoe C, Mia K, Caitlin C, Audy H, Matthew J, Madison J, Eva K, Jasmine S, Helena H, Ryan A, Nicholas T.
- Year 8 - Oliver A, Indigo A, Gemma C, Iyaran K, Amy G, Camelia C, Margot B, Caitlyn G, Aaleyah R, Luca M, Sora I, Noah L, Siobhan C, Jude R, Baran A.
- Year 9 - Nova G, Niti K, Myles K, Luke T, Zoe C, Anastasiia K, Jemimah B, Ruby F, Finlay K, Jacob F, Mahan M, Emily C, Oliver J, Ching-En T, Zoe W, Sienna B.
- Year 10 - Maya S, Lazar R, Caitlin H, Daniel H, Carolyn T, Nate R, Zoe J, Naomi S, Sarah K, Myah S, Anabel C, Jessica O, Julia S, Dian M, Wonjun O.



### Year 11 Urban Challenge

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, Year 11 took part in the Urban Challenge school camp program to wrap up the year. The Urban Challenge is designed to develop teamwork among the students against the wonderful backdrop of the beautiful city of Sydney. Teamwork is always an important skill, one that can be very effective in the HSC year leading to better HSC results for all. Thanks go to Ms Zaki for organising the challenge and to the team of teachers who assisted her. See further photos later in the newsletter.



### Year 8 Raging Waters

To make up for not going on a camp in 2022, Year 8 had a celebration day at Raging Waters on Wednesday this week. It was a great way for students to spend a day together outside of the classroom before breaking for the year. Thanks go to Ms Brown for organising the day and to the team who assisted her.



### IEC Graduation

During the week, a graduation ceremony was held for the 108 students leaving the IEC at the end of this term. Students attending the IEC take part in an Intensive English Program that typically lasts for 3 terms. At the completion of the program, the students enrol in their local high school to complete their high school education. This is the largest group of students we have had graduate from the IEC since it was established at St Ives High School. The Graduation ceremony continued into a celebration for all of the students enrolled at the IEC to celebrate the end of the school year. A big thank you to all of the staff at the IEC for the work they do preparing their students to receive the remainder of their education in Australia in English.

### SRC Holiday Mufti Day

On Monday this week, the SRC began the final week of school with a mufti day with a Christmas theme to get into the festive spirit. Students and staff came dressed in a Christmas theme. A big thank you to the SRC for organising the day and bringing us a little cheer to end the year.



## Staff Leaving

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to the following staff who will not be returning to us in 2023. I thank each and every one of them who have made a tremendous difference to the school because of their efforts over the years. Thanks go to :

Ms McMullen (English)  
Ms Cremin (Spanish)  
Ms Rouzbehi (Mathematics)  
Ms Brown (TAS)  
Ms Crundwell (TAS)  
Ms Gray (Tas)  
Ms Urquhart (Tas)  
Ms Mirzaeipoueinak (Mathematics)  
Ms Utterson

## P&C Meeting

Last week, the P&C held their first general meeting under the new executive elected at last month's meeting. At the meeting, parents were given some initial points about the recent Year 7 and Year 12 Parent Surveys. An update was provided about the recent boundary changes to the school's catchment area and what it means for current and future enrolments. We were also treated to a sneak preview of a segment from the school's musical movie – "Plan B".

## Holiday Work

The school will be a hive of activity over the holiday break. Work on the COLA is expected to be completed before the start of the new school year. All of our blocks will be linked via covered walkways with work on these to hopefully be completed early next year. Finally, we have 4 new demountable classrooms being delivered over the break.

## Congratulations

For this final week of the school year, congratulations go to;

- Keetan S and Isla J (2021 HSC). Both Keetan and Isla have had their Science Extension research from last year included in the Department of Education's Journal of Science Extension Research. (See the report in this newsletter.)
- All of the Year 10 students who took part in work experience during Week 9 and a big thank you to Mr Holmes for organising the week. See report in this newsletter.
- Ms Fong for being the recipient of the Early Career Teacher Award for the work she did this year establishing the Talented Athletes Program for gifted and talented athletes this year.
- Caitlin C (Year 7), Mia K (Year 7) and William R (Year 8) who received a Young Historian Bronze Award in the National History Challenge this year.
- To the Male and Female teams who participated in the national volleyball championships held in Brisbane last week.
- Hanna C (Year 8). Hanna has been selected to represent Australia in the under 18's Women's Australian Ice Hockey team at the world championships being held in the UK during January.

Have a great holiday everyone!

Best wishes

Mark Watson  
Principal

## SIHS SCIENCE EXTENSION STUDENTS ARE PUBLISHED AUTHORS

St Ives High School's two Science Extension students from the 2021 HSC year group, Keetan S. and Isla J., have had their student research reports included in the inaugural 'Journal of Science Extension Research' which has been published by the Department of Education.

The journal can be downloaded from the following website:

[https://issuu.com/doecurriculum/docs/journal\\_of\\_science\\_extension\\_research\\_vol\\_1\\_2022](https://issuu.com/doecurriculum/docs/journal_of_science_extension_research_vol_1_2022)

Tim Smith  
*Head Teacher Science (rel.)*  
*High Potential and Gifted Education Program Coordinator*

The Journal of  
**Science  
Extension Research**



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## SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023

<b>Term 1</b> 11 weeks	Friday, 27 & Monday 30 January - School Development Days - Staff return to School Tuesday, 31 January – Years 7, 11 and 12 students return to school Wednesday, 1 February – Years 8, 9 and 10 students return to school Thursday, 6 April – last day Term 1
<b>Term 2</b> 10 weeks	Monday, 24 April – School Development Day - Staff return to school Wednesday, 26 April – Students return to school Monday, 12 June – Queen’s Birthday (Public holiday) Friday, 30 June – last day Term 2
<b>Term 3</b> 10 weeks	Monday, 17 July – School Development Day – Staff return to school Tuesday, 18 July – Students return to school Friday, 22 September – last day Term 3
<b>Term 4</b> 11 weeks	Monday, 9 October – <u>All students and staff</u> return to school Friday, 15 December - <u>Last day of Term 4 for students</u> Monday, 18 & Tuesday 19 December – School Development Day – Staff only

### Uniform shop news

#### Opening hours

Monday 8.30-11.30 am  
 Tuesday 8.30-11.00 am  
 Wednesday closed  
 Thursday 10.30-1.00 pm  
 Friday closed

#### Orders

Please collect all orders before the end of term.  
 Last opening day will be Thursday, December 15  
 10.30am—1.00pm

#### 2023 Special Openings

Friday January 27      8.30am—11.30am  
 Monday January 30    8.30am—11.00am  
 Tuesday January 31   8.30am—11.00am  
 Wednesday February 1 8.30am—10.30am  
 Thursday February 2   8.30am—11.00am

#### Donations

We continue to accept pre-loved uniforms from students and ex-students. We are grateful for good quality second hand items. Please wash garments and leave in the office or Uniform shop. For Year 12 who are leaving school we would be most grateful for your donations

#### Volunteers

If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer at the uniform shop, please use the link below <https://signup.com/go/mLmjya>. This term is especially busy so would be grateful for any support

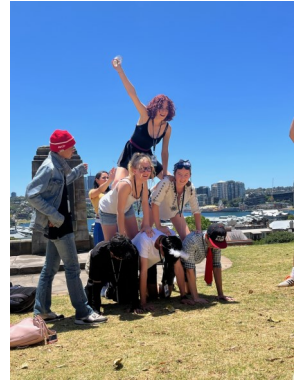
#### Online ordering

You can continue to order online and will receive confirmation when your order is ready to collect. Any orders placed now will not be ready for collection or sent out for delivery until the above dates as the uniform shop is now closed for the school holidays.

If you have any queries, please email Nicky [uniforms@stivespandc.com](mailto:uniforms@stivespandc.com)

Nicky Nolan- Uniform Shop Manager





# YEAR 11 URBAN CHALLENGE



## STAFF APPRECIATION MORNING TEA

The Staff Appreciation Morning Tea for December hosted by Class of 2023 was a resounding success! Tables decorated with "Festive Flair" - Three tables of delectable goodies and one table chock full of Gluten Free goods. The staff thoroughly enjoyed themselves and loved the variety of food.

A BIG thank you to the following parents who kindly donated food and/or assisted with setting up. I couldn't have done it without you. It was nice to put all my Xmas Platters and Plates to good use! (It justifies me keeping them for all these years 😊)

Sanaa Zaki, Kylie Chadban, Mai Anh, Estelle Box, Paula Opfer, Beatrice Hofmeyr, Maria Alvarez, Megan Wiegold, Christine Bardajian, Nigel Calmiano, Prue McKeon, Rebecca Hill, Hilary Simpson, Kat Williamson, Prue Hill.

Kerren Lumsden  
Class of 2023 P&C Year Coordinator



## 591 BUS APPLICATIONS FOR 2023

The 591 Bus has a current limit of around 50 students due to it being a public bus. Given this small capacity it is essential to apply for a push pass to gain entry onto the bus. If your child wishes to take the 591 in 2023, please check the eligibility details listed below and then proceed to fill out the application form. **Applications close Friday Week 10, 16th December 2022.**

### Eligibility Details:

Only students who live in North Wahroonga, Wahroonga, Hornsby, North Turramurra, Turramurra.

Only students who live between Bobbin Head Road Turramurra and Palmerston Road Hornsby.

### Application Form:

<https://forms.gle/Kx9wSEpmJ4Wt5sFCA>



# THANK YOU



Thank you to Madison J (Year 7), Kevin J (Dad) and Grandfather J who spent time last weekend cleaning the school entrance on Yarrabung Road and the stonework at the front of the school.

We truly appreciate our beautifully clean grounds.

See the before and after photos!







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## Creative and Performing Arts 2022 Showcase

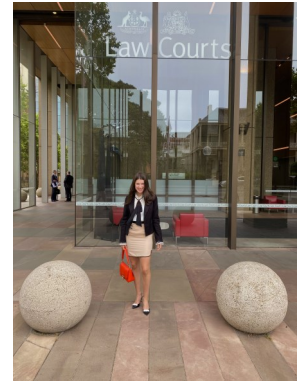
Our students' artworks should be seen, and their performances heard!  
The Creative Arts faculty are pleased to launch the 2022 section of the  
CAPA website so check us out using the link below!

[SIHS 2022 Creative Arts Website](#)



## YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 work experience occurred during Week 9 from the 5-9th December. For many students, it was their first opportunity to experience the working environment. Others, such as Makybe N and Olivia C, were lucky enough to gain employment following their work experience. One student, Kiki M, provided a reflection on her work experience week. "Having the ability to undergo work experience at a criminal defence law firm in the city was undoubtedly a privilege and an eye-opening opportunity that offered me real-life insight into the industry. Throughout the week I underwent training in law-specific office skills such as client file organising, evidence file indexing for court, and trial preparation/research. I also had the unique opportunity to sit in on various criminal court hearings and trials around District Courts in NSW as well as observe a particularly high-profile case at the NSW Supreme Court. This experience enabled me to gain invaluable insight into the legal profession and the everyday working life of a lawyer in private practice. I overall found the week to be incredibly rewarding and insightful and would highly recommend this experience to other students interested in pursuing a career in the legal sector."

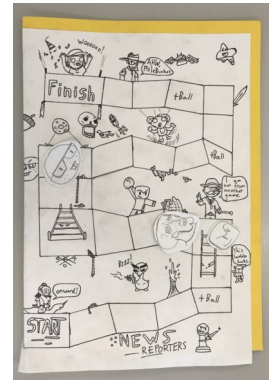


Adrian Zaboklicki  
Year 10 Year Adviser

## YEAR 7 AND 8 - DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

This term students collaborated to design and create board games. This week they have been enjoying adding the final touches to their rules and presentation, as well as playing each other's games. Thank you to students for their engagement and enthusiasm in this unit. It has been a pleasure to see fabulous ideas being generated and then realised.

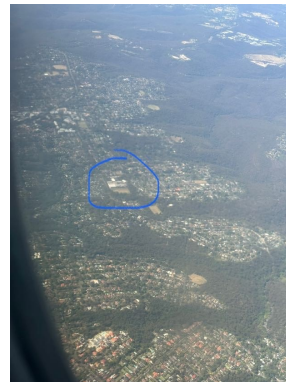
Carrol Quadrio  
TAS Teacher



## AVSC GOLD COAST – THE SQUAD RETURNS HOME

The travelling volleyballers returned home on Sunday after a very successful week playing in the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup. Mrs Joynes even managed to spot a sight of home from the plane! The students have represented the school with pride, demonstrating respect and enthusiasm on and off the court. The sight of the rooster hat and mid-point dance breaks will live long in the memory of our new friends. Congratulations to both teams for their outstanding efforts during the week! After our final playoff matches, the boys placed 20<sup>th</sup> and the girls placed 5<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing the AVSC Squad and all of our volleyballers back on the court next year.

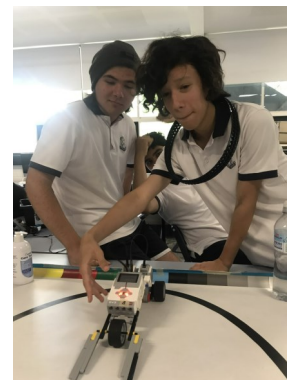
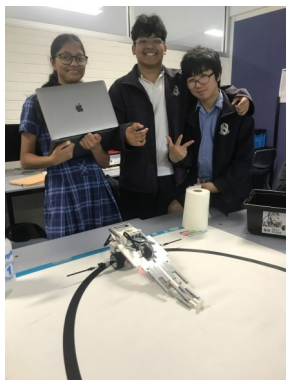
Kiatin Williamson and Daniel Sutanto  
Volleyball Coordinators



## YEAR 9IST - ROBOTICS

We have just completed the final aspect of this unit. Our work culminated in a Sumo Battle of the Bots. Students engaged in battle rounds to see who could claim ultimate victory in the ring. Congratulations to Maksim and Faris.

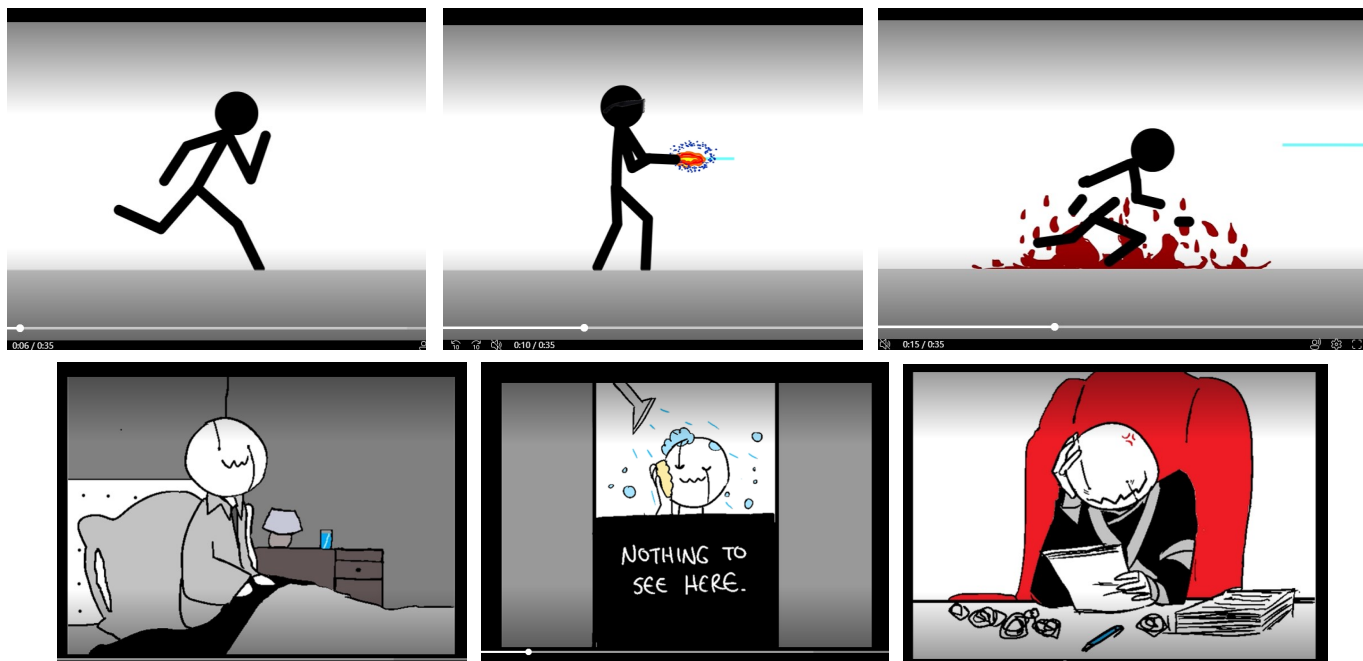
Carrol Quadrio  
TAS Teacher



## YEAR 8 STEM - ANIMATION

This term students produced animations using Adobe Animate. Here are samples of the work produced.

Carrol Quadrio  
Tas Teacher



## YEAR 8 FRENCH EXCURSION

This week, Year 8 French had a wonderful French café experience at 'Frenchy's', Georges Heights. Many enjoyed a 'croque monsieur', 'crêpes', or a 'croissant'. It was a wonderful way to celebrate a fantastic year of French! Thankfully the sun was shining and the weather was perfect for a walk down to Balmoral to take a glimpse at the sparkling water! If we had used our imagination a little, we could well have imagined that we had just jetted off to the French Riviera!!

S. Crooks & P. Regan  
Language Teachers





## Want to Help Families in Need this Festive Season?

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*a hand up for people in need*

**Can you spare \$15?**

**Times are tough**

For some, times have always been tough, whilst for others this is a new and scary experience.

Hornsby Connect helps those in need by providing low cost groceries and hygiene items.

To keep doing this, we need financial support.

**A \$15 donation would allow us to provide enough groceries to feed a client for one week.**

All donations we receive will be spent 100% on items for our clients.

**Donate**

**Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.**

**THANK YOU**

*Any donations received, be it monetary or physical, are given to Hornsby Connect in good faith and left to our judgement as to how they are used. Unless specifically noted by the donor to be applied in a particular way, any donation received may be used by Hornsby Connect in any way that benefits the charity and its clients, including for the purposes of cost recovery and the funding of operational issues.*

## FROM THE COUNSELLORS' DESK....

Headspace National is offering a new webinar for parents and carers – *Supporting young people in school holidays: practical tips for parents and carers.*

Please see flyer or click the link to register for a session via Eventbrite: [bit.ly/3UVkYQM](https://bit.ly/3UVkYQM),  
The first 5 session dates are:

- Monday 12 December, 12-1pm
- Tuesday 13 December, 6-7pm
- Wednesday 14 December, 12-1pm
- Monday 19 December, 6-7pm
- Tuesday 20 December, 6-7pm

Headspace will schedule more sessions in the new year, so please keep checking back.  
**The SIHS school counselling team wish you all a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a safe, relaxing school holiday break.**

**Emmy Druce**  
School Counsellor



### supporting young people in school holidays: practical tips for parents and carers

headspace National are hosting education sessions for parents and carers across NSW who are supporting young people during school holidays.

These sessions aim to:

- Identify challenges and opportunities of the school holiday period
- Offer practical ideas for parents and carers
- Provide information about additional support services
- Highlight the importance of self-care

#### Where:

Online webinars.

#### When:

We will be offering this session multiple times around the school holiday period. Sessions will be held at 12 - 1pm AEDT or 6 - 7pm AEDT.

Session dates will be listed on Eventbrite.

#### How do I register?

Click the link to register for a session via Eventbrite: [bit.ly/3UVkYQM](https://bit.ly/3UVkYQM), or copy the URL into your web browser. Alternatively you can scan the QR code:



After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email which will include the Zoom webinar link.

You will receive a digital information pack after the session that includes key messages and links to resources and support services.

#### Need more information?

Email us: [programsupport@headspace.org.au](mailto:programsupport@headspace.org.au).

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Dominic Perrottet MP  
Premier of New South Wales



Dear Parents,

As the 2022 school year draws to a close, I wanted to thank you and all parents, students and teachers for your extraordinary efforts this year.

I also want to let you know about a new program that will ease pressure on household budgets by helping to pay for your children's school supplies at the start of the next school year.

**From 12 December 2022, NSW parents can access a \$150 Premier's Back to School NSW Voucher for each child in primary school, secondary school or home-schooling in 2023.**

Vouchers can go towards the cost of school uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks, or stationery purchased from registered businesses. You can apply for the vouchers via the Service NSW app, and for more information, visit [service.nsw.gov.au](http://service.nsw.gov.au), call 13 77 88 or attend a Service NSW Centre.

This new program is part of our plan to give families a more secure financial start to the year.

It has been fantastic to see so many students back in the classroom and thriving in 2022 after so many disruptions, and 2023 is shaping up to be an even bigger year for education in NSW.

We're rolling out a new, back-to-basics curriculum; making changes so students are even better prepared for employment and further education; doing more to recognise and reward our best teachers; and making it easier for parents to connect with your children's education.

It's all about taking those important steps to make NSW education the best it can be, so we can set up our children for future success.

Thank you again for all your efforts this year. I wish you and your family a safe and happy summer - and don't forget to download your Premier's Back to School NSW Voucher from 12 December.

Yours sincerely,

Dominic Perrottet MP  
Premier

## St Ives High School

### School Photography Date: 8/02/2023

Dear Parents,

School photography day is coming up soon. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the link below or by returning the order envelope with your payment to our photographer on school photo day.

[Order school photos here](#)

visit: [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)

And enter online order code: WW9 V7F PMM

School photography information:

- **Online orders** - *do not* require an envelope returned to your school
- **Sibling Photos** - Don't forget to pre-order your sibling photos online up to 24 hours before photo day. We provide your school with a list of sibling orders right up to the day of photography, so no one misses out. If you miss the online order deadline, you can submit a completed sibling order envelope first thing in the morning of the day of photography, so your school is aware you want the photo taken and can bring your children together in time for it. Sibling photographs only apply to children enrolled at your school. Please note not all schools offer sibling photos
- **Late fees** - a late fee will be applied to each package purchased after photo day due to the additional cost of producing these packages separately
- **Package delivery** - School photographs will be returned approximately 6 weeks after the day of photography. Please note this delivery timeframe is dependent on proofing and additional photography days at your school.
- **Previous Years' photos** - Past years' photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups are also available to order under the 'previous years or group photo' tabs at your school's *advancedorder* site when you click on the 'Order School Photos Here' button above. You can also order past packages, portrait images and gifts from your child's unique, individual and secure *advancedyou* image archive site using the unique 9 digit image code found on packages you have ordered in the past

### **20% Discount on Sports & Co-Curricular Group Photos available until 20/12/2022**

Dear Parents,

These school sports and co-curricular groups were photographed on 19/08/2022:

Hearing Support
IEC
International Students
Year 12 Muck Up

You can now view and purchase the group images listed above and if you place your order before 20/12/2022 you will get a 20% early order discount. Just click on the link below. Please note the discount will be automatically applied at checkout.

Images can also be viewed by visiting [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) entering the code: WW9 V7F PMM and clicking on "Group Photos"

#### **Important**

- Sports and co-curricular group photos can only be purchased online, **PLEASE DO NOT** return payment to your school
- If your child's group or team is scheduled to be photographed at a later date, you will receive an additional email notification when the images are ready to be ordered
- Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after the discounted **early** order period has closed





## Hornsby Waitara Community Hub Term 1, 2023

The Community Hub offers a range of free, flexible and innovative programs for families of young children aged 0-5. The Community Hub aims to build programs that support families, parents and foster cooperation and positive relationships with local services and organisations.

<b>Chinese Supported Playgroup</b> 小星星游戏组	Kate's Place, Waitara 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb -4 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Every Tuesday: 10am – 12pm Address: 23 Yardley Ave, Waitara NSW (Entry from ramp via church car park)
<b>Parents and Bubs Supported playgroup</b>	Kate's Place, Waitara 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Every Wednesday: 10am – 11:30am Address: 23 Yardley Ave, Waitara NSW (Entry from ramp via church car park)
<b>Kids on the Block Multicultural Supported Playgroup</b>	Kate's Place, Waitara 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Every Friday: 10am – 12pm Address: 23 Yardley Ave, Waitara NSW (Entry from ramp via church car park)
<b>Tuning into Kids parenting program – English</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb– 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 Registration essential, limited places!	Tuesdays: 10am – 12pm Address: Level 1, 1 Coronation St, Hornsby Register here: <a href="mailto:northernsydneyservices@missionaustralia.com.au">northernsydneyservices@missionaustralia.com.au</a>
<b>Circle of Security parenting program – Mandarin 普通话</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 Registration essential, limited places!	Thursdays: 10am – 12:30pm Address: Level 1, 1 Coronation St, Hornsby Register here: <a href="mailto:northernsydneyservices@missionaustralia.com.au">northernsydneyservices@missionaustralia.com.au</a>

For more Info or to register contact us!

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16 December 2022

Dear community members

St Ives High School has been advised that members of the school community have recently tested positive to COVID-19.

Students in all years and staff may have had contact with a person who was infectious with COVID-19.

While testing and isolation is no longer mandatory for being exposed to someone with COVID-19 in school settings, NSW Health has provided advice on testing and isolation requirements for our school communities following **exposure to COVID-19** that should be considered when making decisions for your child and family if this situation arises at your school.

You are reminded that students and staff cannot attend school if they are showing any **symptoms of COVID-19**. These include fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell/taste, muscle/joint pains, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting, extreme tiredness, unexplained chest pain or conjunctivitis (eye infection).

If symptoms occur at any time, your child should not attend school and should undertake a rapid antigen test. If the rapid antigen test is positive, your child should isolate as someone who has tested positive to COVID-19. If you cannot access a rapid antigen test, you can attend a PCR (nose and throat swab) testing clinic.

You must register any positive test on the **Service NSW website** or **Service NSW app** so that you can be linked to important health care support and advice. Parents and carers are reminded to please ensure that you select your school name when prompted when registering a positive test for your child.

The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff across NSW are paramount at all times. As such, we will continue to ensure that all necessary health advice is closely followed.

Thank you for your support.

NSW Department of Education

