



Week 10 | Term 3 | 2025

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From the Principals Desk

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Graduating Class of 2025. What an achievement, thirteen years of schooling completed. I want to congratulate each and every student for making it to this moment. It has been a long road, filled with challenges, triumphs, and so much learning. Graduation marks the end of one chapter and the exciting start of another. Year 12 has shown dedication and strength, not just with their studies but in the way they have supported one another, creating a community that embodies care and respect.

Our robotics team continues to succeed and deliver impressive results. Congratulations to Angela Waesch and Jacky Nguyen, who organised and supervised six of our students to compete at the International Universal Robotics Challenge in Japan.

I would also like to congratulate Antoinette Gravante for her exceptional teaching and leadership for her HSC Drama class. Under her guidance, our Drama students received two OnStage nominations, a significant achievement and a true testament to their hard work and passion.

Thank you to Jane Andrew for her fantastic work supporting our students with the Education Pathways Program, which provides our students with enriching opportunities.

Also, our students and staff have had the opportunity to vote for our new 2026 Student Leadership Team. Congratulations to our 2026 School Captains, Jade Hoang and John-Paul Khochaba, and our 2026 School Vice-Captains, Kimberlee Huynh and Austyn Yang. I am positive they will be wonderful ambassadors for our school.



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Important Dates

- Tuesday 14 October - Students return to school
- Thursday 16 October - Year 11 Bonding Day
- Friday 17 October - Year 11 HMS Enrichment Day
- Monday 20 October - Leadership by the Cowpasture
- Tuesday 21 October - Year 7 Gala Day
- Wednesday 22 October - Year 8 Gala Day
- Thursday 23 October - ABCN 'My Career Rules'
- Friday 24 October - Special Education Gala Day
- Monday 3 November - Years 7-10 Yearly Examinations



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Year 10 Subject Selection

Subject selection for Year 10 is now complete. If you have not yet submitted your signed subject selection form, please hand it in to Ms Andrew as soon as possible. Successful subject allocations will be communicated to students during Term 4, ahead of EX-10-SION in Week 7.

Students in Years 7 and 8 will have the chance to choose their elective subjects for 2026 early next term. It's a great time to start considering which subjects you excel in and enjoy the most. While Year 9 will have the opportunity to adjust their elective study pattern. Further details about elective subject selection for Years 7 to 9 will be shared at the start of Term 4 and posted on their Year Group Google Classrooms.

School Uniform

As the weather begins to get warmer, we ask for your support in ensuring the students are in the correct uniform each day, whether it be full school uniform or full sports uniform.

- School shirts must be buttoned and undershirts must be plain white in colour.
- Students are to wear black leather shoes when in school uniform, and sports shoes when in sports uniform.
- Students must wear the plain navy blue school caps; other caps are not acceptable.

Final Message to Year 12

Congratulations on graduating from St Johns Park High School! Your hard work, determination, and resilience over the past thirteen years have brought you to this important milestone. You've not only achieved great things individually but have also been supported and inspired by an outstanding leadership team that has guided you every step of the way.

As the Class of 2025, you have shown incredible unity and spirit, qualities that will serve you well no matter where your journey takes you next - whether it's university, TAFE, college, or the workforce. Remember, you are ready to face new challenges with confidence and courage.

As you move forward, keep this thought close: "Don't just follow the path - create your own trail and leave a mark no one else can erase." Stand tall, lead with heart, and embrace what makes you unique. The future is yours to shape! Best of luck Year 12, and may your journey ahead be full of success and happiness!

We wish our school community a safe and happy holiday break. We look forward to a productive Term 4!



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Dep. Principal

Ms Maha Adler



Mobile Phone Restrictions

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We are committed to adhering to the NSW Government's policy regarding the restrictions on mobile phone use in NSW high schools. Parent information can be found in the following link, [here](#).

In accordance with this policy, we would like to remind families that payments for purchases at the canteen and payments at the office may only be made by cash or card only. The use of mobile phones or mobile payment applications for these transactions is not permitted.

We ask for your cooperation in ensuring that students are prepared with either cash or a physical EFTPOS card when making purchases at school. The support of our parents, carers, and students in ensuring compliance with this policy is greatly appreciated.

Social Media Restrictions

Starting Wednesday 10 December 2025, social media platforms will be required to take reasonable measurements to prevent Australians under 16 from creating or maintaining accounts, including platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X (formerly Twitter), YouTube, and others.

These new rules are designed to safeguard young people from the pressures and risks associated with social media use. Such risks include features that promote extended screen time and exposure to content that may negatively impact their health and wellbeing.

There is a wide range of websites and articles available with advice on how parents can support and prepare their children for the change. Below are some easy steps to support your child:

Talk early - Start talking with your child before the changes take effect. Ask them:

- What do they know about social media?
- What do they think about the new rules?
- How will the changes affect their day and talking with their friends?
- Are they worried about anything?

Check what they already use - Look at the apps and websites your child uses. Some children may change their birth data to use apps meant for older kids (13+). Talk about:

- The dangers of using apps for older children.
- What kind of bad or scary things they might see.

Slowly reduce social media - Help your child use social media less now. This way, when the new rules start, it won't feel too hard or upsetting.

Find other ways to connect - Your child still needs friends and activities. Think about:

- Sports, clubs, hobbies, etc.
- Safe websites or games for families

Look at your own social media use - Children learn from watching adults. Think about how you use social media and if you want to make changes too.

For more information, you can visit the following websites:

- [eSafety](#) - Social media age restrictions
- [Headspace](#) - The social media ban
- [The Conversation](#) - The social media ban is coming, whether families like it or not



Robotics Exhibition

Robotics Exhibition

We proudly celebrated 11 student-created robotic inventions, addressing Sustainability Goal #1: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

A heartfelt thank you to our Relieving Direction of Educational Leadership - Mr Jason Conroy, CEO of EduTech Australia - Ms Eman Soliman, our Principal - Mr Moisisdis, Deputy Principals, parents, and guests for joining us in recognising the creativity and innovation of our students. It truly takes a village and thank you for being ours!



High expectations and innovation drive strong student educational outcomes



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Robotics Exhibition

Celebrating our Student Innovators

Congratulations to our robotics students, who designed innovative robots to address real-world issues as part of the 2025 Universal Robotics Challenge - Australian Idea Contest Division.

Congratulations to the following students:

- **1st Place:** Adam, Eskandar, and Vincent with their robot - Rescue Bot
- **2nd Place:** Aala and Sargon with their robot - CyBot
- **3rd Place:** Megan with her robot - BlazeBuster
- **4th Place:** Ansh and Ethan with their robot - Flood Detector
- **5th Place:** Adrian and Liam with their robot - Shelter Saver
- **6th Place:** Kay and Sara with their robot - VitaPod
- **7th Place:** Annalise and Skylah with their root - AquaBot
- **9th Place:** Lujain, Marita, and Stella with their robot - The Buzz Pro 2000

Students' video submissions have been posted to YouTube, [here](#). Their work has been submitted on the international platform, an exciting next step for their innovation and dedication! We are so proud of all our students who continue to shine through their hard work and teamwork.

Preparing our students for future success



Universal Robotics Challenge News

URC Virtual Simulator Participants

We are so proud of our six students who are bravely competing in the 2025 Universal Robotics Challenge Virtual Simulator International Competition! Best of luck as they showcase their skills on the global stage. A huge thank you to EduTech Australia for sponsoring this incredible opportunity!



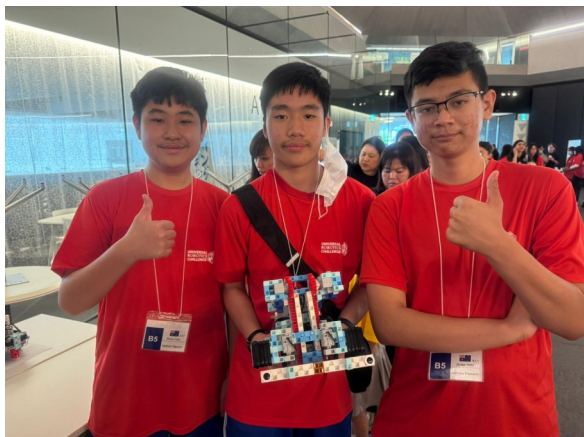
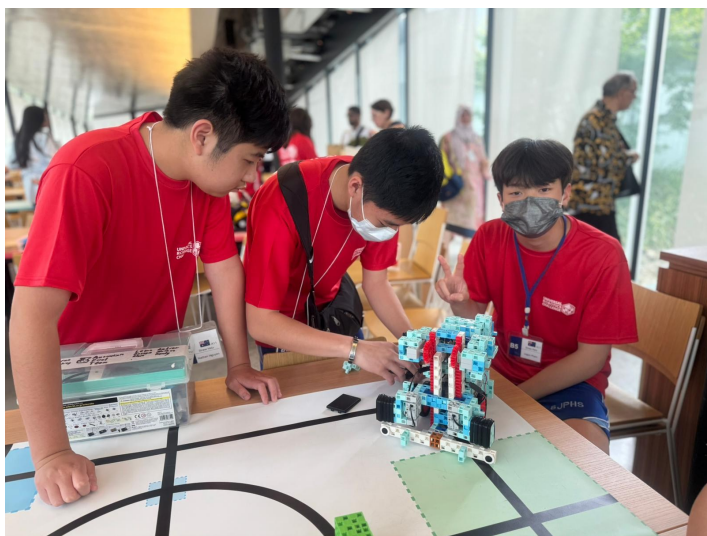
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URC Japan Excursion

Universal Robotics Challenge in Japan

Our robotics team had the trip of a lifetime and proudly represented our school and Australia at the Universal Robotics Challenge in Osaka, Japan. Out of so many talented teams, our students achieved an outstanding 12th place, a huge accomplishment on the global stage. Our robotics team also had the chance to explore some of Osaka's most iconic spots and soaked up the sights and energy of the city. Thank you to everyone who made this incredible opportunity possible!



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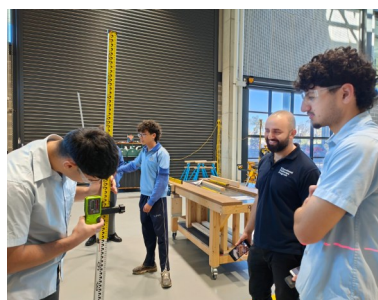
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Educational Pathways Program

EPP - Institute of Applied Technology Construction (IATC) Try a Trade

Year 10 students interested in pursuing a career in the construction trade had the opportunity to attend an immersive experience day at the IATC in Kingswood TAFE campus. Students had an interactive try-a-trade session with the Electrotechnology, Carpentry, and Plumbing sectors, experienced WHS training with simulators and VR headsets. The last session was a career talk with a focus on Workplace Health and Safety as a career pathway in construction. This engaging event provided a holistic exploration of career, training, and further education pathways in the construction industry.



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David has expressed the desire to enter a career in the Horticultural field. He is seeking full time apprenticeship for next year. David has a passion for working with nature and has researched courses available at Padstow TAFE. David was very appreciative of receiving the Educational Pathways Program Work Ready Pack to support his post-school career planning.

Encouraging our students to pursue their interests, skills, and passions



WSU Fast Forward Program

Year 9 Western Sydney University - Fast Forward Program

Our splendid and enjoyable excursion to Western Sydney University, Parramatta South campus has enhanced our perspective of our future. This program has allowed for our skills to be discovered and know in which fields of studies to employ it. We interacted with other schools and other students, developing our communication skills with others. As we were introduced to the campus, we were given a series of activities that allowed us to explore and get to know the university. This experience gave essential insight on what to expect in the future. Our school was crowned second in the competition on the day, showcasing our ability to work as team successfully. A special thanks to Ms Magiropoulos for organising this memorable event, and Ms Drury for taking us.

On behalf of Year 9 Fast Forward students

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Classroom Features

Classroom Feature - Year 9 Timber

Our Year 9 Timber students have proudly completed their Low Foot projects with outstanding results. Using biscuit joints, jigsaws, and mortise and tenon joints, students have demonstrated impressive design skills and safe workshop practices. Each handcrafted stool is a reflection of their creativity, craftsmanship, and pride in learning.



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Classroom Features

Classroom Feature - OLS and JLS Special Education

Our Special Education OLS & JLS students participated in a recent Badminton Tournament, showcasing their skills on the court. Students demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, encouraging one another and celebrating each other's achievements. Their determination and perseverance were evident as they gave their best effort in every match. Working together, students displayed strong teamwork, supporting their peers and collaborating with a positive spirit. Most importantly, our students represented themselves as safe and respectful learners, setting a wonderful example both on and off the court.



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School Captains' Farewell

Congratulations **CLASS OF 2025**

It is with great honour that I find myself writing for the St Johns Park High School newsletter one last time. Looking around the school and seeing my classmates, my peers, my friends, and my best mates celebrate and cherish our final days at school makes me incredibly euphoric. During these final days, take the time to connect and celebrate. Feel the moment and grasp it. It will only be a matter of time until it all becomes glimpses of nostalgia.

It is indisputable that our graduation was only made possible by the people who have guided and influenced us along the way. We are a tapestry of those who have loved us and believed in us. I want to say a thank you to my family who have supported me unconditionally and allowed me to thrive every step of the way. To my chosen family here at school - Cindy, Ngoc, and Ruby - you girls have gotten me through many exams and many tears! A HUGE thanks to Ms Gravante, Mr Fergusson, Mr Duong, Ms Cagorski, and Mr Khadar for enabling me to bloom in my subjects, and providing me with the knowledge and understanding of the world that will lead me for the rest of my life.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to begin the next chapter of my life studying law. I've been fortunate to receive a couple of early entry offers, which have given me both reassurance and motivation to continue working hard. For me, pursuing law is about more than a career but following a lifelong passion to stand up for others, give people a voice, and make a difference where I can.

To our newly elected captains, Jade and John-Paul, and the rest of the upcoming Year 12 Leadership Team, I have no doubt that you will leave a handprint on the school, just as the 2025 Leadership Team has. Lead with authenticity, embrace the responsibility, and remember that your greatest impact comes from how you lift others. St Johns Park High School is the place that it is because of our community. The people are the ones who make it supportive, welcoming, and somewhere we can all be proud to belong. Continue to do so, in and outside the school.

Signing out one last time,

Aijannah Valencia - School Captain 2025



I am not the same person I was before I walked into St Johns Park High School for the first time. Six years is a long time. But, that life we've been thinking about for the last 17-18 years, is tomorrow, and every day after that. Break 1 tomorrow, someone else is sitting at our lunch table. Someone else is going to the Swimming Carnival. Someone else is going to our school everyday. But, it was a good time. I look back with few regrets and many thanks.

I speak for everyone in saying to every member of staff; I struggle to represent the collective gratefulness of the Class of 2025 in doing anything other than thanking you. But I speak for myself in

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School Captains' Farewell

saying that I will always be grateful for you being there, all of you. We have thanklessly fallen back on you for six years, and that ends today. There are some special mentions from me. Ms Gravante and Ms Eath, our Deputy Principals and Year Advisors, Ms Carniato, Ms Mutschall, Ms Adler, Ms Ilia, Ms Baldi, and Mr Koboroff. You have all had a profound impact on all of our lives, and we are forever grateful for your support. This year is also the final year of Ms Cooper's incredible career. I have had the honour of being her student three years in a row. Ms Cooper is the reason I am pursuing climate science as a career, and in more than twenty years of teaching, I am proud to join the incredibly large club of alumni whose lives she has impacted for the better.

On a more personal note, in our time as School Captains, AJ and I have redefined Multicultural Day, revamped Teacher's Appreciation Day, reformed the election process, and much more. I leave knowing that I can trust no one better with our work than Jade and John-Paul. But, what stands out as my legacy is our celebration of Wear it Purple Day, a day of unparalleled inclusivity that encompasses every principle I have aimed to uphold as your School Captain. I would argue it is the most important thing that the SRC does, because I have always viewed our primary purpose as leaving St Johns Park High School better than we found it; and I can graduate knowing we have.



Max Bowen - School Captain 2025

I now find myself at the end of my six-year high school journey, a heartwarming and emotional milestone. Each year has brought on many unexpected lessons, both within the classroom, and also life. I have learned a lot from the late-night study sessions, school events, friendships, and academic challenges, whether they were chaotic or exciting, they will always be one of the greatest memories I will cherish. Do not regret any choices or what has happened in high school, because it shapes who you are today. Now, it is time for us to leave and pursue whatever dream we have in life, making our own choices about anything and everything. I wish the best for all of us.

Such little words cannot describe the many things I want to express. I will be forever grateful for this opportunity to serve as your School Vice-Captain. I am grateful for the wonderful experiences I have had working together, organising school events, and creating deep bonds with everyone. Thank you for not only believing and trusting in me, but also doing the same for the hardworking Prefect Team. To my teachers, precious friends, and family, thank you for your ongoing and unwavering support, and for believing in me even when I've doubted myself. These memories and lessons will remain with me as I enter the next stage of my life.

Being your Vice-Captain has taught me many valuable lessons, such as the importance of showing up, time management, and teamwork. These lessons allowed me to step out of my comfort zone and navigate obstacles and turn them into opportunities.

To the upcoming leaders of our school, I have never doubted your skills and dedication, and I believe you will fulfil your roles and make not only the school proud, but yourself as well.

This marks the chapter of a new beginning. Farewell St Johns Park High School. These friendships and memories will always be carried with us, no matter where life takes us.

Ha (Ruby) Phan - School Vice-Captain 2025





Year 12 Graduation



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Year 12 Advisors' Message

Formal Speech - From the Year 12 Advisors

Good evening everyone,

On behalf of us, your Year Advisors, it is our privilege to welcome you all to this very special night. Tonight is a celebration - not only of the incredible journey our Year 12 students have completed, but also of the friendships, memories, and milestones that will stay with you for a lifetime.

Year 12 is never an easy road. It takes commitment, determination, and resilience - and you have all shown those qualities in abundance. We are so proud of the people you've become and the futures you are stepping into.

We also want to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude. Thank you to the teaching staff and office staff who have given up their time to be here tonight to celebrate with our students. Your support, guidance, and encouragement have played such an important role in their success.

In particular, we'd like to acknowledge and thank Lisa, Sue, Belinda, Edward, and Lena - your efforts and care behind the scenes have not gone unnoticed, and we are deeply appreciative of everything you've done to support this group.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to our Principal, Mr Moisisdis, and Deputy Principal, Ms Adler. Your leadership, dedication, and unwavering support of this year group have made a lasting impact, and we are very grateful.

As your Year Advisors, it has been an honour to share this journey with you. Remember, tonight is not just the end of your schooling - it's the beginning of something new. Take with you the lessons you've learned, the friendships you've formed, and the confidence to take on whatever comes next.

On behalf of all of us, we wish you every success and happiness in the years ahead.

Congratulations Year 12, we are so very proud of you.

Ms Daniella Baldi, Ms Magrete Ilia & Mr Brent Koboroff - Year 12 Advisors 2025





Children's Book Week

Book Week Celebrations

To celebrate Book Week, our school library hosted a Book an Adventure competition during Public Education Week. To take part in this very exciting event, students had to imagine they were going on an adventure into the world of a book, and design a postcard detailing the adventures they had when travelling to this setting.

We had so many wonderful entries. Congratulations to the following winners:

- **1st Place** - Marious Jameel (Year 10) who won a \$50 voucher
- **2nd Place** - Jacinta Carroll (Year 8) who won a \$30 voucher

Also, a special mention to Sarkon Sarkis (Year 8), Nahida Elfata (Year 8), Elhama Elfata (Year 11), Norman Ajja (Year 7), Fahad Khajik (Year 8), Ethan Vuong (Year 8), Sam Jammoo (Year 10), Melissa Khiyo (Year 8), Roudy Shito (Year 10), and Kiah Cronan (Year 11), who all received a gift for their wonderful efforts.

A big thank you to the judges and all the staff involved for your support and assistance. If you wish to see their work, students' postcards are on display in the library!



School Basketball Court Update

Basketball Court Refurbishment

Our basketball court upgrade is progressing nicely. We eagerly anticipate further progress and look forward to utilising it!

Providing our students with a safe environment



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Community News

IGA Supporting our Students

Thank you to Vic's Fresh IGA at Greenfield Park Shopping Village for your generous donation in support of our students' excursion to Japan to compete in the Universal Robotics Competition! Your contribution helps make this incredible opportunity possible!



School Bus Changes

School Bus Service Changes

From Sunday 14 September 2025, changes to the school bus services have been implemented, including adjustments to some route numbers and route paths.

We encourage all students to check their bus timetables on the [Transport NSW](https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/) website, or use the [Trip Planner](#) application. Students can also check the new bus timetables for our school on the [NSW Transit Systems](https://www.nswtransit.com.au/) website.



Back To The Future: The Musical

Our Drama teacher, Ms Antoinette Gravante was invited to the exclusive Back to the Future: The Musical Media Launch.

It was a great night of networking and music.

EXCLUSIVE COCKTAIL EVENT

BACK TO THE FUTURE THE MUSICAL

YOU AND A GUEST ARE INVITED

to an exclusive industry and media launch event for **BACK TO THE FUTURE: The Musical** with cast appearances and performances. Be the first to meet our stars ahead of the show's Australian premiere in Sydney in September.

Date: Thursday 14 August

Time: 5:30pm arrival for a 6pm start

Venue: Sydney Common
Sheraton Grand Sydney Hyde Park
161 Elizabeth Street, Sydney

RSVP by 31 July to groups@ticketmaster.com.au





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