



Aug 2023

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Students

We are fast approaching the concluding stages of Year 12. These final weeks are critical and require ongoing commitment and hard work that every student finishes the year successfully.

The Term 3 break represents a vital opportunity for all students to finish assignments and projects and revise for the November SACE exams. Students need to map out a study schedule that includes a sensible blend of study time, rest and physical activity. **Monday 9 Oct to Wednesday 11 Oct** will be trial exams. More information for the trial exam will be explained at the next Year 12 meeting. It is critical that social functions are limited during this time.

Stage 2 October Trial Exam Schedule 2023 Monday 9 October - Wednesday 11 October RH 101, RH108 and Year 12 Study Room									
Start Time	Monday 9 October			Tuesday 10 October			Wednesday 11 October		
	Subject	No. of Students	Time	Subject	No. of Students	Time	Subject	No. of Students	Time
Morning	English Literary Studies	22	130min	Psychology	21	130min	Mathematics Specialist	12	130min
8.45 am							Modern History	12	130min
Mid Morning	Mathematical Methods	16	130min	EAL	9	130min	Biology	26	130min
11.15am	Mathematics General	28							130min
Afternoon	Physics	35	130min	Geography	11	130min	Chemistry	15	130min
2.00pm				Mathematics Essential	5	130min			

Term 4

In the first two weeks of Term 4, all Year 12 students are required to be in their regular classes to complete a comprehensive revision program with their teachers. There are no changes to the agreed times of arrival and departure. Teachers plan this time carefully to prepare students for their final requirements and so it is very difficult when students do not attend.

Dress Up Day: The Penultimate Day - Thursday 26 October

The concept of a 'Muck Up Day' is definitely not part of the culture of St John's Grammar. Instead, the custom is to 'Dress Up' on the last Thursday. The day begins with a meeting at 8.30am in the JBC Courtyard, followed by a breakfast with their buddies, a series of games and activities and a special Year 12 farewell show. There are no lessons scheduled for the day.

There are some strict expectations on this day:

- Inappropriate behaviour of any sort is not tolerated and will result in that student being sent home with further consequences a possibility
- Students must not leave the School grounds
- All students will need to clean lockers under the supervision of Heads of House
- The morning will include a rehearsal for Valedictory
- All Year 12 students will be dismissed from School at 12:30pm

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Valedictory Day – Friday 27 October

The Year 12 Valedictory Day is a special day in the School Calendar. It is a day where the school community joins to celebrate the successful completion of School for our graduating students. The Valedictory Day Service will begin, in the Sports Centre, at 8.30am, followed by a Valedictory Celebration at **9.15am**, featuring a number of speeches, farewells and presentations. The Year 12 students will also be signing the Year 12 Graduates Book.

At 10.20am, the whole School will join us for a 30-minute assembly. This represents an opportunity for the School to farewell our Year 12 students and wish them all the best for the up-coming exams. The festivities conclude at 11am with the traditional 'Graduation Walk'.

The correct summer school uniform is required, with blazer, and please make sure long hair is tied back. If students are going to have signatures written on their uniform on the day, it is not to be the one that is being worn, and is to be carried separately. Keep in mind that many of the students will be required to receive subject and other special awards later in the year and full summer uniform is required for that event.

This is a special event for our graduating Year 12 students, their families and the whole school community. Extended family members are welcome.

Study Week – Monday 30 October – Friday 3 November

The week of 'Swot Vac' and non-exam days should see Year 12 students continuing with a comprehensive study schedule. Students are welcome at School during that time to access all Year 12 teachers and School resources. School uniform is not required unless students intend to stay for an extended period of the day (over 2 hours).

Students coming in to School must sign in at Student Services and when departing, sign out in accordance with our duty of care procedures.

SACE Board Stage 2 Examinations – Monday 6 to Friday 17 November

Examinations for St John's Grammar School students commence on **Monday 6 November** and conclude on **Friday 17 November**. Students should be at the exam room at least 15 minutes before the scheduled commencement of their examination. The SACE Board Policy states that students will be allowed into the room ten minutes before the time fixed for the examination to begin. School policy is that no students may leave the examination until the completion of the allocated time for that exam.

If there are any emergencies or sickness on the day of the exam or sickness whilst sitting an exam, the student must speak to Mr Nick Raimondo (SACE Coordinator) on the same day of the exam, not a day or more later, and must obtain a letter, not a medical certificate, from a doctor. If a student is unwell 2-3 days prior to the exam, they must inform Mr Raimondo immediately.

Students may wear either their summer uniform or PE uniform to sit the exam. Mobile phones must be turned off at all times and left in bags. 'Smart watches' are not to be worn. Answering a phone call or message during the exam is in breach of SACE Board rules and a student could receive a zero for the exam. Water filled drink bottles and soft, quiet snacks are permitted during the exam. Pens, pencils etc should be carried into the exam room in a clear plastic bag.

The school will explain all the requirements with the students at our final Year 12 meeting.



Return of Books

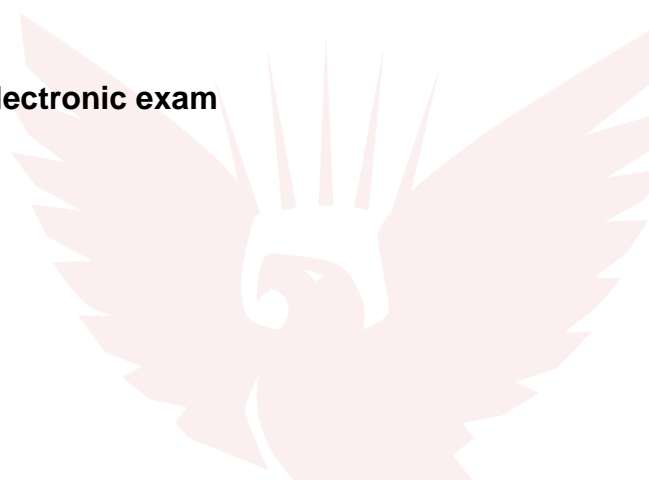
All text & library books for any subjects without exams are to be returned to the library by the end of Week 2. Lockers will no longer be accessible after the end of Week 2.

For subjects with exams, text and library books will need to be returned to the Library after that exam has been completed.

SACE BOARD Stage 2 Subject Examinations Timetable 2023

Date	South Australia 9 am	South Australia 1.30 pm
Monday 6 November	Mathematical Methods 130 minutes	General Mathematics 130 minutes
Tuesday 7 November	English as an Additional Language 160 minutes	Chemistry 130 minutes
Wednesday 8 November	No Exam	Essential Mathematics 130 minutes
Thursday 9 November	Physics 130 minutes	No Exam
Friday 10 November	Biology 130 minutes	Modern History 130 minutes
Monday 13 November	English Literary Studies 100 minutes	Indonesian (continuers) 130 minutes
Tuesday 14 November	Psychology 130 minutes	Japanese (continuers) 130 minutes
Wednesday 15 November	Specialist Mathematics 130 minutes	No Exam
Thursday 16 November	No Exam	No Exam
Friday 17 November	No Exam	Geography 130 minutes

Subjects in **blue text** denote an electronic exam



Graduation Dinner – Wednesday 22 November

This is a formal School function, quite distinct from Awards Night, aimed to celebrate and farewell the Class of 2023. The Graduation Dinner will be held in the brand-new building at the Morphettsville Racecourse from **6.20pm** until approximately 10.30pm. Parking is available in the Members' carpark (enter via Morphetts Road). Invitations are limited to just parents and the students themselves. A significant number of staff will also be in attendance to share in these celebrations. The evening is the final opportunity for our Year 12 students, their families and the school to celebrate the year.

The evening will commence with a pre-dinner drink and canapés and continue with a set menu meal, including dessert, tea and coffee. The main course is a choice between Beef Medallion and Free Range Chicken Breast. Main courses are accompanied by the chef's selection of seasonal garden vegetables. The cost of the evening has been set at \$110 per head. Please note that the pre-dinner drinks upon arrival is included in the price, subsequent drinks can be purchased at the cash bar but must be consumed at your table. If you are vegetarian, vegan or have any special dietary needs, please advise on the reply slip at the end of this letter.

We are expecting that all Year 12 students will wear appropriate smart casual attire and also will sit with their family members. Tables will be set to accommodate groups of 10 people and it is envisaged that there will be three family groups per table. If you wish to be seated at a table with another family or families, please nominate those that you wish to be seated with on the reply slip at the end of this letter.

Entry to the Graduation Dinner is by pre-payment only. Seats must be pre-paid by **Friday 27 October** (Valedictory Day) online, or cash only at Retreat House Reception.

We look forward to an enjoyable occasion for all families.

Year 12 Baby Photos

To assist with our graduating celebrations, we require baby photos of all Year 12 students. This will be used in our Valedictory service and the graduation book that will be presented at the dinner. Please assist us by emailing this photo to Tracey Wilson (twilson@stjohns.sa.edu.au) or hand it in personally so that it can be scanned and returned. Please forward the photo by end of Week 6. (1 September)

Awards Night – Tuesday 12 December

Year 12 students will be notified ahead of the evening if they have achieved an award and will therefore be required for the rehearsals on **Tuesday 12 December** from 12pm to 1pm in the Sports Centre.

The majority of awards for Year 12 students, including subject prizes and Dux, will be awarded in a special assembly in 2024. This is scheduled for **Friday 2 February** at 8:40am.

Year 12 Gift to the School

Part of the graduating tradition involves the Year 12 group presenting a 'gift' to the School at the Graduation Dinner. Past gifts have included a scholarship fund for Sudanese students, portable scoreboards, outdoor furniture and the 'Rock' for the Asian Fusion Garden. The contribution for the parting gift is \$10 per student and this will form part of the required pre-paid Graduation purchases.

Year 12 students make the decision of what the gift will be and discussions are already underway.

Replies to invitations

Please complete the attachment at the end of this letter for the Graduation Dinner and return to Tracey Wilson, in Retreat House no later than **Friday 27 October**, (Valedictory Day). This will greatly assist in the extensive organisational requirements that need to be in place for the Year 12 celebrations. If you do not intend to attend the Graduation Dinner, please also advise Tracey.

In Summary

Wednesday 25 October	House Farewells
Thursday 26 October	Dress Up Day Meeting 8.30am Music Courtyard & Buddy Breakfast Followed by games/activities and a special farewell show, concludes 12.30pm
Friday 27 October	Valedictory Day Service Farewell Service, 8.30-10.20am Secondary Sports Centre Whole School Farewell 10.30-11am Secondary Sports Centre (Parent Event)
Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November	Study Week
Monday 6 November to Friday 17 November	SACE Exams SACE Board subject timetabled exams for St John's Year 12 students
Wednesday 22 November	Graduation Dinner Morphettville Racecourse, 6.20pm-10.30pm (Parent Event)
Tuesday 12 December	Awards Night Sports Centre, 7pm-9pm Secondary School Awards Night (Parent Event)
Friday 2 February 2023	Celebration Assembly Sports Centre, 8:40am, Year 12 Subject Awards, Dux and Top Guns



On behalf of all St John's Grammar School staff, I wish your child the very best with the final stages of their secondary schooling. We look forward to your presence in making these upcoming occasions most successful and joyous.

With anticipated thanks for your full support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "C Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'C' and 'M'.

CARLEE MITCHELL

Head of Senior School



St John's Grammar class of 2023

Valedictory Service

St John's Grammar Sports Centre
Friday 27 October
8.30am - 11am

Graduation Dinner

Morphettville Racecourse
Wednesday 22 November
6.20pm - 10.30pm



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Please return this section to Tracey Wilson by Friday 27 October 2023

Name of Year 12 student: _____

Graduation Dinner Reply

Number of parents attending the Dinner (including student): _____

Please list a table of 10 (including students) who, If possible, you would like to be seated with

Does any family member /student have any dietary needs, e.g. diabetic, gluten-free, vegetarian, allergies etc.

If so, please give details: _____

Menu selection will be collected on the evening (Chicken or Beef)



Please return this section to Retreat House Reception

Student Name: _____

Graduation Dinner and Year 12 Gift Payment

No. of people attending including Year 12 student _____ @ \$110 per head

Tickets \$ _____

Year 12 Gift to School \$10 _____

Total: \$ _____

Graduation Seats and the Gift to the school to be pre-paid by **27 October 2023**

☐ Online payment <https://www.stjohnspayment.com.au/index.php>

(Please select Year 12 Graduation Dinner in Events Payment)

☐ Cheque

☐ Cash at Retreat House Reception

