Welcome!

We are pleased to welcome you and your daughter to Year 8 in the Senior School.

Here are the basics you need to know to get started as a Year 8 parent:

Our Team

**Tutor:** Your daughter will be in the same tutor group for Years 8 to 12. Every day starts with a tutor group meeting. Your daughter’s tutor is your first port of call for most queries – you can email or use the School diary for communication. Your daughter will meet him or her on Sunday 31 January. Parents will also have an opportunity to meet Tutors on Monday 8 February at the Years 7/8 Parent Tutor Meeting.

- **Sophie McCann** Head of Year 8 – sophie.mccann@sthildas.wa.edu.au
- **Diana Stanley** Dean of Students – diana.stanley@sthildas.wa.edu.au
- **Leonie Jongenelis** Head of Boarding – leonie.jongenelis@sthildas.wa.edu.au
- **Suzanna Russell-Smith** School Psychologist – suzanna.russell-smith@sthildas.wa.edu.au

We have a very proactive approach to caring for our students. You should contact one of our team as soon as possible if you have any questions.

How do I find out what is going on?

- Every Friday during term time, you will receive our enewsletter – *Bay View News*. This is a parent update that will give you the latest news, notices, events to get involved in and diary dates.
- Check your daughter’s diary every week – we would also like you to sign it so we know you are keeping updated.
- Check our website – [www.sthildas.wa.edu.au](http://www.sthildas.wa.edu.au) Our website calendar on the Home Page has all the details of our events, sporting and music fixtures.
- Twice a year we publish a magazine - *The Ammonite*.

How will I know how my daughter is going with her school work?

- Interim Report in Term 1 and a written report each semester. You will be notified when reports become available on the Parent Portal.
- Parent/Teacher Evening - Monday 1 May
- You can also contact a subject teacher for specific queries

You might like to read/download the Year 8 Handbook that provides full curriculum details – go to [www.sthildas.wa.edu.au/parent-resources/senior-school](http://www.sthildas.wa.edu.au/parent-resources/senior-school)
FAST FACTS
For Year 8 Parents

We’re a ‘cashless’ school

New students will receive a Smartrider/Student card in the first few weeks of Term 1. This card has photo ID and a bar code and is used to pay for items at school such as photocopying, Café food, School Shop and for public transport. (Note: New Year 8s can use cash at the Café until their card is issued). You will receive an email outlining how the ‘mystudentcard’ account needs to be set up in the first week of the school year.

Absences and Lateness

If your daughter is sick, you need to ring us on 9285 4150 (24 hour line) as soon as you can. We call the roll at the beginning of each day and each lesson. If your daughter is not at school in the morning and you haven’t notified us, we will SMS you by 11.00am.

If your daughter has an appointment during school hours, eg dentist, physio, you need to email us (student.services@sthildas.wa.edu.au) or call 9285 4258.

Leave of Absence

If your daughter is to have an extended weekend and/or holiday, an Application to be Absent must be sent through to the Principal, Mrs Kim Kiepe, for approval. Once this occurs, you will receive confirmation of the accepted absence and the Head of Year will inform the student’s teachers of your daughter’s absence. Application forms can be found on our website at www.sthildas.wa.edu.au/parent-resources/senior-school

Wearing our uniform

Our uniform is distinctive and we expect our students to wear it with pride. As a parent, we ask that you ensure your daughter arrives at school with a clean and well-fitting uniform. Uniform items are purchased from the School Shop on Palmerston Street.

For full details go to our website: www.sthildas.wa.edu.au/shop

Our School Day

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Getting to and from St Hilda’s

However you and your family travel to and from St Hilda’s, we want you to do it safely and in good time. Full information on bus and train services is available on our website at www.sthildas.wa.edu.au/transport

If you have any queries, please contact Student Services on student.services@sthildas.wa.edu.au

Going on camp

As part of our Outdoor Education Program, all Year 8s attend camp at Margaret River (20 - 24 March). This is a compulsory part of our curriculum.

How do I get involved in the St Hilda’s community?

There are many opportunities to get involved and we rely on parents/family support to provide many of the services our girls benefit from. You will receive information from your class parents and through our weekly Bay View News.

We are looking for more volunteers to be class parents, so please contact the Communications and Engagement Office on 9285 4239 if you are interested.
Support Groups

There are a number of support groups focussed on specific areas in the School. If your daughter is particularly interested in sport or music, for example, this is a good way for you to support her and become involved in school activities.

Please contact the Communications and Engagement Office at sthildascommunity@sthildas.wa.edu.au if you would like to get involved with any of these groups.

Parents’ and Friends’ Association

Auxiliary

FOLASH (Friends of the Library at St Hilda’s)

MASH (Friends of Music at St Hilda’s)

DASH (Friends of Drama at St Hilda’s)

Support (Friends of Sport at St Hilda’s)

St Hilda’s Café

Information Handbooks

For details on our extensive music and sports programs, you can view/download our Handbooks from the Senior School Parent Resources page on our website.

Contact Us

Call: 08 9285 4100

Email: sthildas@sthildas.wa.edu.au

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