

ST LUKE'S
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

2026 PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

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Welcome to 2026 at St Luke's Grammar School. I hope you have had a wonderful summer break and are feeling energised and refreshed for the year ahead. We are excited for the start of the school year and have been working hard to prepare the processes, pedagogies and opportunities that will help our students flourish in both learning and life.

As we begin the year, we celebrate the School's 2025 HSC results that reflect the outstanding achievements by our students over their learning journey at St Luke's. I hope you have taken the opportunity to read through the full report on the results sent to families in December. Although the HSC is an incredibly important pathway for our students, it is also worth celebrating the enormous number of Early Entry offers our students received for university placement. From our cohort of 127 students in Year 12, 2025, there were 412 early offers to university. Medical and Allied Health (133), Commerce (78), Science & Technology (88), and Engineering, Design & Construction (83) were the areas of most interest to our graduating class of 2025 and we look forward to seeing where the future takes them.

Each year, the school executive articulates a strategic focus for the year ahead. For 2026, we have chosen the mantra **"Be Engaged."** Our Professional Learning this week has focused on engagement and motivation and has been broken down into the three key areas of Rigour, Relevance and Relationship.

Rigour is striving for excellence in everything we do. I shared with staff an expression I love by Tom Peters who famously said, *"Excellence is not an aspiration. Excellence is what you do in the next 5 minutes."* **Relevance** is the recognition that meaningful and deep learning always involves emotions. We want our students to care about ideas, not just about task completion or the marks they get. **Relationships** are fundamental to our philosophy of learning and wellbeing. Students and staff need to be seen and known to be engaged and flourish.

Over the last few days, our guest speaker, Professor Andrew Martin, introduced staff to the Motivation and Engagement Wheel, sharing strategies to maximise positive engagement. Our teaching staff are committed to continuous improvement and are working together to elevate the learning culture at St Luke's.

As we begin the new school year, I thank you for your support in helping our students start well. Please read through the Student Guide on the Portal, as we will begin the year with a renewed focus on uniform standards and high expectations for learning readiness.

I look forward to welcoming all students back next week and pray for a fantastic and rewarding 2026 for all in our school community.

GEOFF LANCASTER,
PRINCIPAL



ST LUKE'S STUDENTS ARE RESOURCEFUL, REFLECTIVE, RELATIONAL, RESTORATIVE + RESILIENT.

SHOWING KINDNESS, JUSTICE, GRACE, HUMILITY, COMPASSION & JOY

2026 LEADERSHIP TEAM



Geoff Lancaster
Principal



Scott Bedingfield
Deputy Principal



Jane Hughes
Business Manager



David Chilton
Head of Ministry and Service



Jenny Pollock
Deputy, Academic Strategy



Mark Liddell
Head of Learning and Innovation



Alana Koch
Head of Wellbeing



Kathryn McDonald
Head of Senior School



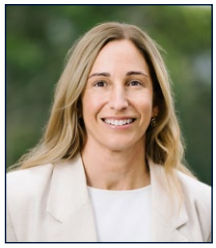
Melanie Bryden
Head of Junior School Dee Why



Peter Scott
Head of Junior School Bayview



Rob Currer
Dean of Students (7-9)



Gaby Smith
Dean of Students (10-12)



Ross Andersen
Assistant Head of Junior School Dee Why



Rebecca Willis
Assistant Head of Junior School Bayview



Craig Baker
Director of Operations



Stephen Buchanan
Director of Performing Arts



Alison Milton
Director of Teaching and Learning (C-6)



Sam Powell
Director of Studies (7-12)

INTRODUCTIONS

SCOTT BEDINGFIELD
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



I am thrilled to be back at St Luke's Grammar School as your Deputy Principal; returning to this role and community truly feels like coming home. For those who may not know me, I previously served as Deputy here from 2018 to 2022 before moving to the Southern Highlands to lead Oxley College. While that was a privilege, my family and I are very happy to be back on the Northern Beaches with this wonderful community.

My educational philosophy is grounded in the belief that education is fundamentally about relationships. I am passionate about "whole person" education that balances academic excellence with character development, all underpinned by a genuine commitment to Christ as the centre of why we do what we do. I am excited to continue to work alongside the staff at St Luke's to ensure every student flourishes in both learning and life.

Beyond my role in school leadership, I am a passionate Mathematics teacher, though not necessarily a mathematician! I have a deep love for the outdoors, particularly snowsports, having volunteered with NSW Interschools for two decades. You might also catch me watching nearly any sport, admitting to a fondness for Marvel movies, or thanks to my two daughters, learning to appreciate the world of musicals. I look forward to connecting with you all personally in the coming weeks.

ROB CURRER
DEAN OF STUDENTS (7–9)



I am delighted to be joining St Luke's Grammar as the Dean of Students (7-9). I have long admired St Luke's as a school that seeks to shape both the intellect and character of its students.

For the past eight years, I have worked as a Mathematics teacher at Trinity Grammar School in Summer Hill, with additional roles in pastoral care and academic administration. Prior to this, I worked in boarding at Geelong Grammar School in Victoria.

Outside of school I enjoy spending time with my family. My wife Rebekah and I have two children, Grace (4) and Hugo (2) and we attend the Bridge Church in Neutral Bay. In my spare time I try to stay as active as possible by running and swimming, and I enjoy all sports. Last year we spent four months at Regent College in Vancouver, Canada, where I began some theological study which I am continuing by correspondence.

My role at St Luke's will be supporting our Year 7-9 students to make positive choices, working closely with the Senior School leadership team and Year Coordinators to oversee student's academic progress and well-being. I hope to enable them to grow in self-confidence and resilience in preparation for their final years in school and for their lives ahead. Above all, I hope to contribute to the work of St Luke's in nurturing the students to be young men and women of faith and integrity.

STAFF MOVEMENTS

2026 ARRIVING STAFF

WHOLE SCHOOL

Scott Bedingfield
Deputy Principal &
Senior School Teacher - Mathematics

BAYVIEW CAMPUS

Charlotte Bailey
Junior School Teacher - Year 5

Nicole Holgersson
Junior School Teacher - Year 4

DEE WHY CAMPUS

Emma Batten
Senior School Teacher - Social Science

Sam Bresnik
Senior & Junior School Teacher - PDHPE

Alana Cheetham
Performing Arts - Administrative Assistant

Rob Currer
Dean of Students (7-9) &
Senior School Teacher - Mathematics

Kieran Gamble
Head of Spoken Arts &
Senior School Teacher - English

Tina Graham
Senior School Teacher - TAS

Michael Green
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator &
Senior School Teacher - Science and Social Science

Monique Layton
School Nurse

Orla Neville
Junior School - Teacher's Aide

Jenna Peche
Senior School Teacher - Science

Ella Sheppard
Senior School Teacher - English

Elise Tamatea
Senior School Teacher - Dance

Chris White
Senior School Teacher - Science

CURRENT STAFF IN NEW / AMENDED POSITIONS

DEE WHY CAMPUS

Jaymee Birch
PA to Head of Senior School

Melanie Bryden
Enrolments Team (Week 5)

Sharon Fewtrell
Community Liaison & Library Assistant

Brodie Fortescue
Senior School Teacher – Christian Studies

Marian Hutson
Risk and Compliance Coordinator

Josh Irving
Surfing Coordinator (Joint)

Jaimee Jackson
Assistant Head of Science

Alana Koch
Acting Head of Junior School, Dee Why (Week 5)

Ethan Lowry
Surfing Coordinator (Joint)

Alice O'Connell
Acting Head of Macarthur House

Merryn Robinson
Learning Enhancement Teacher

Gaby Smith
Dean of Students (10-12)

Becky Warne
Cottage Teacher (PT)

2026 LEAVE

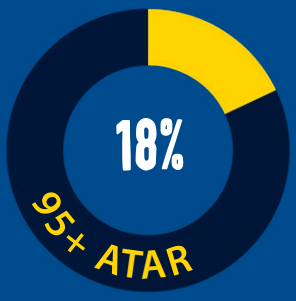
Tamryn De Brincat
Maternity (Terms 1 - 3)

Nicola McMenamin

Nick Meakes

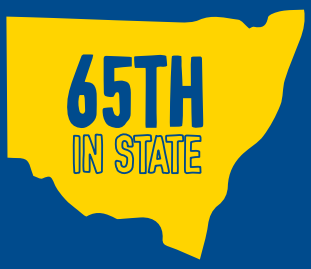
Michael Rogan
Long Service

2025 HSC RESULTS

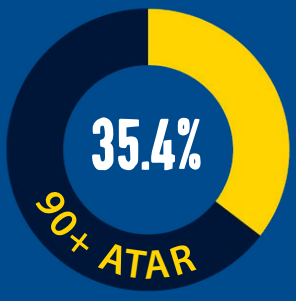


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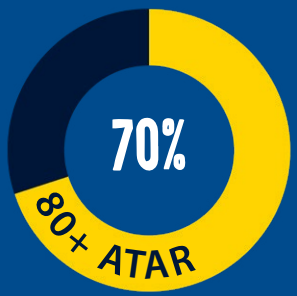












STATE RANKINGS

1ST	MUSIC 1
4TH	BIOLOGY

1ST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

ON THE NORTHERN BEACHES

ALL ROUNDERS

- ALANA CHEETHAM
- AVA-LAUREN CLARKE
- ISOBEL FESTA
- HARRY GILL
- BENJAMIN GRIMMER
- LIV GRIPPER

2026 LEADERSHIP

JUNIOR SCHOOL

SCHOOL CAPTAINS – BAYVIEW



Audrey Love



Milani Maninjwa

SCHOOL CAPTAINS – DEE WHY



Lorenzo Humel-Clarke



Annie Reid

SENIOR SCHOOL

SCHOOL CAPTAINS



Charles Byford



Louisa Stokes

SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS



Noah Booker



Emily Hovey

LEARNING PREFECTS



Marc Salama



Chloe van Meurs

SERVICE PREFECTS



Sophia Crowe-Maxwell



Timothy Hayman

STUDENT VOICE PREFECTS



Paige Hewlett



Harrison White

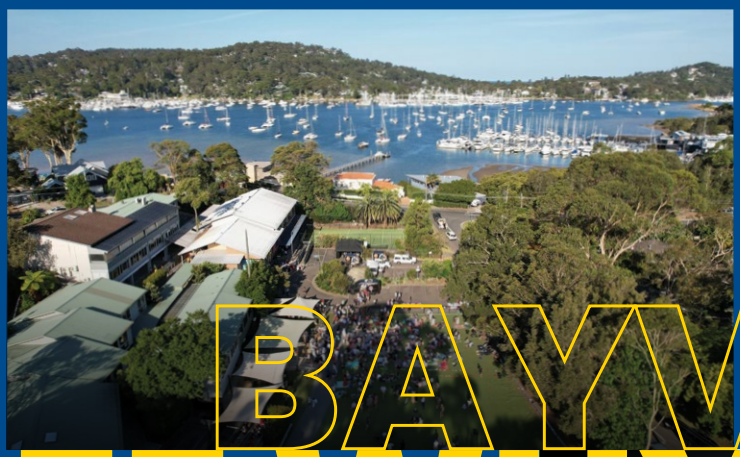
WELLBEING PREFECTS



Chloe Breden



Harrison McGuirk



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