



# SIMS Student Interest Modules 2024





# SIMs

At Moama Anglican Grammar, Year 9 and 10 students have the opportunity to undertake a SIM during period 5 and 6 one day a week. Each SIM will go for 5 weeks and students undertake four per semester.

#### What are SIMs

Student Interest Modules, as the name suggests, are opportunities for students to undertake different activities from the normal school day. They have been suggested by students, parents and staff. We are always on the lookout for new SIMs so suggestions are always welcome.

#### How do students select SIMs

Students will use the web preference selection process that they have used for their electives. In Term 4 students will select the first semester of the following year and in term 1 they will select the SIMs for semester 2.

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**Burkes Backyard** 

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Ceramics Circus

Clay Target Shooting

Coding

Commercial Cooking Creative Writing

Dance Debaters Drawing

Drone Pilot / Commercial / Agricultural Applications

Flower Arranging Girls in GYM Glee Club Golf

**Grandmaster Chess** 

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Mythology Nature Walks Need for Speed Netball Competition Organisational Skills

Philosophy Photography Pilates

Playwright: Bill Shakespeare

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Quick and healthy cooking

Rockets

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Space: The final Frontier Spaghetti Bridges

Stand Up Paddle Boarding

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Whose line is it anyway? WOW" War on Waste

Yearbook Yoga

Zumba

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#### **Academics**

Work on your assessment tasks and further your understanding of the content you are covering in class. With this SIM you need to be prepared to bring your work and be organised to complete it.

# **AFL Strategy**

For players and budding coaches. Analyse plays, positions and work out who will win this year's premiership. A great way to improve your game by studying the elite.

# **Archery**

As the name suggests.. Archery is a chance to learn how to use a bow and arrow to hit a target. Conducted at School with no cost, this SIM is a great option for you.

#### **Aussie Film**

What is your favorite Aussie Film? Appreciate the movie and analyse why it is that Aussie Films make such big statements.

# **Backwards History**

How did different civilisations do what they did without knowing each other? Look back in time to explore early civilisations and how they developed.

#### Basketball

Who is the GOAT? Michael or Lebron? Learn skills, practice that jump shot or dribble around your back. Maybe you could be the next 5 time A grade champion of the Echuca Basketball Association, and follow in Mr Hindson's footsteps!

# **Bike appreciation**

Learn how to fix your bike and other skills required with bike maintenance, whilst riding around the local bike tracks.

#### **Board Games**

Everything it says in the name. Learn to play new board games to develop the mind, skills and tactics.

# **Book Club**

Read a book, and then talk about it! Get to read a team selected book, and then discuss it maybe over a cheese platter or some snacks.

#### **Bridge over the River Murray**

Two bridges actually! This SIM is a chance for you to run the 6km course over the two bridges and beat your best time after completing some training. Another great SIM if you are looking to improve your fitness.

# **Burkes Backyard**

If you want to leave your mark on the school then this is for you. Work with our gardening team to develop an area of the school over the duration of the SIM and know that you helped create that.

# Canva

Learn to use Canva to produce assessment masterpieces of a graphic design master. Chelsea will work with you to expand your skill set on the newest sensation Canva.

# Cash a Can / Recycling

Collect and recycle using the NSW 10c recycling levy. Sort and pack, then use the money raised on a worthy cause.

#### **Ceramics**

Would you like to make a Mug for Mother's or Father's day, well this is the sim for you. Enjoy the art of pottery to craft a keepsake.

# **Circus Skills**

Roll up, Roll up. Would you love to learn skills like juggling, rope walking, and lion taming? A great SIM for those students who are the class clown to formalise your clown training. Please note, no lions will be in this SIM!

# **Clay Target Shooting**

Learn how to hit the clay in a safe and supervised environment. Head to the Echuca Gun club and learn how to shoot clays. This activity will have an extra cost due to the equipment required and transport.

# Coding

Interested in a career in coding or just curious about what it involves then this is the SIM for you. A great way to learn about coding or extend on what you have previously done in your classes.

# **Commercial Cooking**

Step into a commercial kitchen under the supervision of a qualified chef and learn how to cook like a pro. Make meals for the local foodbank at the same time to also give back to the community.

# **Creative Writing**

Meet an author and learn how to improve your creative writing. Produce your own short story and potentially enter it in a creative writing competition.

# **Dance**

This dance unit will give students the chance to be creative and design there own dance performance. Look at a number of different styles and use teamwork to produce a number of dances that can be performed at assembly.

#### **Debaters**

No rebuttal required, this will be a great SIM for those that want to learn debating, or represent the school in the debating competition. Learn how to structure a debate and how it works.

#### **Drawing**

Learn to use pencils to produce artistic masterpieces in the local area. Weather permitting, head out into the local area and sketch away.

# **Drone Pilot / Commercial / Agricultural Applications**

Learn all about drones and what they can be used for in the future. Have a go at flying, and talk with experienced drone pilots about careers in this fast developing industry.

# Flower Arranging

What brightens a room more than a fresh bunch of flowers? Two bunches! Learn how to make a flower arrangement look the part.

#### Girls in GYM

Ever wanted to use the weights room but not sure what it involves or how to do it. This SIM provides you with the opportunity to learn what the gym is about and train. You will have your very own instructor with an excellent knowledge of how to train correctly to get the most from your workout and avoid injury.

#### Glee Club

Practice music and perform at assemblies and lunchtimes.

#### Golf

Learn the fine game of golf with our resident golf professional Mr. Townrow. Get out on the golf course and learn a few tips and tricks from Mr Townrow, whilst play 18 holes of golf.

#### **Grandmaster Chess**

Enter the world of Chess to challenge yourself to be the best of the best. Perhaps represent the school at the national school chess championships?

#### Hairstyling

Learn skills from qualified hairstylists that could make your Topsy Tail obsolete.

#### **Horseback Trails**

Head to Billabong Ranch and undertake a trail ride. This activity will have costs associated with it. No experience required. Advanced riding could also be an option.

#### How to be a barista

Learn the basics to get you well on the way to being a Barista. Whether it is a Latte, Cappuccino, macchiato, chai or long black you will make them all. A great way to develop your skills and something to put on the resume.

This SIM will take place at school and you will learn to make them all. You will also get the opportunity to make drinks for the school community during breaks to improve your skills.

#### Italian cooking

Making typical Italian dishes such as tiramisú, eggplant parmigiana, stuffed zucchini, lasagne, home made pasta... and taking it home for the family to enjoy.

# **Jobseekers**

Get your resume in order and start to apply for part time jobs. Get advice from local employers of part time staff about what they are looking for. You never know, you might have a part time job at the end of the SIM.

#### **Lawn Bowls**

A five week tournament at Moama Bowling Club. Learn bowls, then make teams and compete against each other for the title of Moama Grammar's premier bowler!

#### Leaders

Meet a number of different local leaders for some question and answer sessions and then explore the concept of leadership.

#### **Local Businesses**

Ever wondered what local businesses do? Over the course of this SIM visit a range of Businesses and find out first hand what they do and what jobs they have, and how to get into them.

# Lost in Translation (learning about animal behaviour)

Investigate how animals behave and why they do so. How do ants know it is about to rain and move to higher ground? Why do whales beach themselves? How do Barramundi change sex? What is your dog saying to you? If you love investigation, his would be a great SIM for you.

# **MAG got Talent**

Perform an act, or create an artwork for online display and see if you have talent!

# Magic

Have you always wanted to pull a rabbit out of a hat? Do you have card tricks that baffle your friends? Saw a teacher in half? Well, join up for this SIM and learn the art of magic.

#### **Makeup Artistry**

Do you love stage makeup? Learn how to do makeup for the production or your next stage show. There is the potential also for Beauty School for those who would like to explore this industry.

#### **Mechanical Engineering**

Learn what engineers do. Meet with different engineers then work on your own engineering project.

#### **Mock Trial**

For those interested in Law, set up a courtroom and undertake a mock trial.

# **Mousetrap Cars**

Build cars to race against each other. Design it your way to see what the best design is. Who will be crowned champion of the world!

#### **Movie Club**

Discuss and watch the best movies of all time. I am sure Shawshank Redemption will be on the list!

#### **Movie Star**

Make your own short film and enter it in a short film competition

#### **Musical Revolution**

Enjoy watching and experiencing Musical Theater. Meet local performers and learn handy tricks for casting calls and performance.

# Mythbusters

Choose a myth or are you would like to investigate and spend this SIM investigating it. This will be a student led SIM so be prepared to come with big ideas.

#### **Nature Walks**

Nature walks are a great way to get out and enjoy the local surroundings. Taking in the outdoors whilst listening to the Murray /flow on during a pleasant afternoon, this leisurely activity will help students slow down and take a minute whilst being in the outdoors and staying active.

# **Need for Speed**

Learn fundamental movement to improve your running skills to make that improvement in your sporting prowess.

# **Netball Competition**

Do you want to improve your netball skills? Now is your chance! Undertake a range of drills, skills and strategy and then translate that into a game situation. Students from this SIM may also have the opportunity to coach in the Primary competition.

# **Organisational Skills**

Is procrastination your middle name? Do you work late the night before a task is due? Then you could benefit from this SIM. Learn how to prioritise activities and spend time each session reviewing what work you need to complete.

#### **Philosophy**

Seek to understand fundamental truths about yourselves, the world in which you live, and the relationships to the world and to each other.

# **Photography**

Learn how to use a camera and utilise photoshop to develop their images.

# **Pilates**

Students will travel off site to undertake pilates for the duration of the SIM. Get that core activated, whilst also enjoying stretching and relaxing at the same time. This activity will have a cost.

#### **Playwrights**

Making and performing a play of your choice for the primary school including all aspects of production including costume design.

#### **Pre-Season Training**

Are you gearing up for the season and want to improve your fitness? This is the SIM for you then, no matter which sport you are training for, this will be a great way to get fit. This SIM will use the school gym and surrounding areas.

#### **Primary School Helping**

Do you like teaching the younger generation? Well this is the SIM for you. An opportunity to help in a class and create connections, teach a range of skills and have some fun. Please note, due to demand you might not be able to be placed in Mr Moon's class.

# Quick and healthy cooking

Prepare for leaving home but upgrading your skills in the kitchen. Learn easy to cook recipies that are both quick and healthy. A great SIM as you will get brownie points at home when you offer to make dinner!

#### **Rockets**

Get a rocket kit and build a rocket to go to Mars! Investigate the best designs and what makes them work.

# **School Newspaper**

Work on your journalistic skills to produce a school based newsletter. A great way to develop school spirit and keep everyone informed on the happenings of our school and the community.

#### **School of Rock**

No Jack Black here, but the same premise as students 'form a band and try real hard". In this SIM students can work on original material or just learn some tunes and then perform at the end of the SIM to a crowd.

#### **School Podcast**

Follow in the tradition of 2022, continuing to develop the school podcast. Learn how to record, edit and publish as well as meet some podcasters and radio producers to improve your skills.

# **School Production**

If you are in the production or want to be part of it, you will get a head start with this SIM. Work on your production skills, or create sets in this SIM or band rehearsals

# **School Socials**

Do you consider yourself a budding influencer? Learn how the world of influencing works and look at promotion on social media through the school social media. Take over the media for the day and show what can be done.

#### **Self Defense**

Join a local instructor to undertake a five week intensive course in self defense. This SIM will have a cost associated with it.

# **Space: The final Frontier**

Learn how to use the school's telescope and explore the universe. This SIM will have you at school late to look at the stars and have an out of this world experience.

# Spaghetti Bridges and engineering

Make bridges and test your engineering skills. Meet local engineers who create on a much larger scale and look at the different designs through history.

#### Stand Up Paddle Boarding

Travel down the Murray River on your own board taking in the surrounding nature. A great break from the day to day grind of Year 9 and 10. Please be aware, you may fall in!

#### **Team Games**

Undertake a range of games to develop teamwork. Winning isn't everything, and in this SIM it is all about being a productive member of a team.

You will need Sport uniform.

#### **Textiles**

Design and create a stunning fashion item. Learn everything from threading a needle on a machine, to cutting patterns and sewing them together, this SIM teaches you how to sew and create something from scratch.

# **Touch Typing in no time**

What do we spend more time on each year and no time practicing? Is your typing skills a little like two finger pointing, well never fear touch typing is only 5 weeks away.

#### **VET Instruction**

For students who are currently studying a VET program to complete competencies. This will be a compulsory SIM that must be undertaken at least once during the year for all VET students.

# Volunteering

Volunteering is a rewarding opportunity. If you would like to be involved in assisting in the local community then this would be a great SIM for you. Students will be involved in choosing where we volunteer and this can go towards completing your Duke of Ed award.

#### Wearable Art

Design art, create it and wear it.

#### Whose line is it anyway?

Theater sports are always a barrel of laughs so join in this SIM and have some fun.

# War on Waste

As global consumers we produce a huge amount of waste, our land fill areas are over flowing, what can we do? You as a "Young Designer" will be challenged to solve environmental issues through a recycle, renew, reuse approach to designing.

#### Yearbook

Work with publications to create the end of year almanac that will be the reminder of 2023 for years to come. Whether it is photos, reports or interviews, work to get the school magazine ready for publication.

#### Yoga

Relax and unwind with Yoga. Spend this SIM taking a well-earned break from the rushes of life. Lose yourself in the sessions with your Yoga instructor and take a minute to stretch your body. This SIM may have a cost associated with it.

You will need Sport uniform.

#### Zumba

Dance away your energy in this upbeat activity where you move to the music whilst burning energy and closing that exercise ring. Zumba is a high energy activity that will make you feel great during and after the class. This SIM will have a cost associated with it.

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