

Newsletter No. 07

September 2016

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### **Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau**

'Lord, your world is an awesome place and we are part of it.

We ask you Lord, to help us understand your purpose in creating us and this wonderful life you have given us.



Help us to respect ourselves and others.

Help us to use our minds, bodies and talents to make your world a better place.

And when we are in danger of disrespecting your world, your creation, reach out in love and gently lead us in the right direction'

#### Winter Sports Season - Congratulations!

There has been outstanding performances in many areas of sport this season. Congratulations to all those individuals and teams that have represented Sancta Maria College and upheld the Fair Play Charter. There has been some terrific challenges against teams from other schools and I am sure we are better prepared and positioned to build on our sporting success in the 2017 season.

It was a pleasure for Mrs Heffernan and myself to attend the Netball Prizegiving Ceremonies at the weekend to celebrate Netball achievements, to acknowledge team members and give thanks to those who have made it all possible – coaches, managers, drivers, sideline supporters and umpires. Special thanks to those Sancta Maria Netball Club committee members who worked tirelessly to ensure the season ran smoothly. Thank you Robyn Leaning, Paulina McLennan, Leanne Farmer, Nikki Dempsey, Janet Williams and Jeanette Vercoe for your stewardship and organisation.

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### September

22 Early finish – 2.00 pm

22 Senior Parent/Teacher

Evening

23 Last Day – Term 3

#### October

10 Term 4 begins

19 Sports Prizegiving

24 Labour Day – School closed

25 BOT Meeting – 6.00 pm

27 Recognition Merit
Assembly

#### November

2 Thanksgiving Mass Senior Prizegiving

3 Year 11 Prizegiving

16 New Parent Evening Auditorium

22-25 Year 10 Camp

26 Uniform Sale Day Auditorium

28 BOT Meeting – 6.00 pm

#### December

2 Senior Clearance Day

5 Year 13 Leavers' Mass/Dinner

12 Year 7/8 Prizegiving

13 Year 9/10 Prizegiving

14 Final Day of 2016

Please visit the Sancta Maria College Website Portal for details of school events





Late last week we learned that Dominic Stolten has been selected for a trial with the U17 Blues Team for 2017 and we wish him well as he prepares for the trial. We also wish the 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby Team well for their trip to St Peter's College in Palmerston North at the weekend.

Thanks again to all those parents who continued to support the college and our students in a year that has seen Mr Crummer, Director of Sport transition into his role and the college in Term 2. The Sports Department are currently developing a strategic plan and we thank the many parents who have given Mr Crummer, feedback during the winter season and we look forward to sharing the plan with you in 2017.

#### Parent-Teacher-Student Conferencing for Years 11-13

Senior students have recently completed school mock exams and staff value the opportunity to meet with parents face-to-face with your child present. The Parent-Teacher-Student Conferencing will be held in the Auditorium 3.00 pm to 7.00 pm with a dinner break for staff at 5.00 pm to 5.30 pm. Thank you for booking your 5 minute interview.

We strongly recommend that students accompany their Parents/Caregivers to the interview. As the interviews are about their academic progress it is important that they are part of the discussion and have a clear understanding of what their next steps will be.

Please note the college will close at 2 pm and buses have been organised except for the Beachlands/Maraetai buses which will depart at the usual time.

#### **Upcoming Events in Term 4**

There are a number of key events to celebrate outstanding achievement and successes across sports, arts and academia with you, students, staff and our wider community. Alongside are the dates of significance for you to put into your calendars. I hope you can join us to share in these successes and achievements.

#### **Exam Preparation**

The holiday period is a good time to make a study plan and set aside some regular time for effective revision. Staff will again hold tutorials for students and these have been communicated to the students. We hope that they take-up this extra support that is being made available.

#### 2017 Starting Back and Term Dates

Planning is well underway towards next year. Please click into the link provided for the 2017 Starting-Back and Term Dates <a href="http://www.sanctamaria.school.nz/index.php/2015-09-29-02-29-48">http://www.sanctamaria.school.nz/index.php/2015-09-29-02-29-48</a>. Details about time will be confirmed later in Term 4.

Louise Moore **Principal** 





#### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

#### Healing

God has made you in such a wonderful way,
That your sick and tired body often restores itself.
Sometimes God heals you through medicine,
Or through surgery, or through special treatment.
Sometimes God heals you directly in answer to special prayer,
Or specific prayer for your special need.
However it may happen that you get well,
It is God who is the Great Physician.

So when you are well again,
And when you give thanks to all have helped you
During your time of illness,
Remember to thank the Great Physician first of all –
And above all!

And then use your healed body, and all that he gives Joyfully to serve the Lord!

"Ask and it will be given to you/ seek and you will find; Knock and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7

#### Father Kevin Murphy SM

#### Sancta Maria College Young Vinnies Making a Difference

Sancta Maria College are back this year at Monte Cecilia Emergency Housing Trust ready to give back to their community. The senior students came out each week during term three prepared with fun games and activities which kept the kids on their feet and full of laughter. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to service.







#### SADD event shows students the consequences of dangerous driving

Police, St John's Ambulance, Auckland Transport and the Fire Brigade were all in attendance as Sancta Maria College SADD (Students Against Dangerous Driving) committee organised a mock car accident scene.

SADD New Zealand empowers youth to create, promote and employ strategies which encourage their peers to adopt safer attitudes and behaviours around driving.

The Y13 students participated in the events which culminated in a staged accident in which three of the senior boys were shown trapped, badly injured, inside a crashed car. The Fire Brigade demonstrated how they would make the car safe, then take it apart using the "jaws of life" and other specialist equipment, in order to rescue the trapped occupants. It showed clearly how long such a rescue took as safety is a priority for all concerned. A weighty reminder that excess speed, over confidence, alcohol and driving do not mix.

Prior to this the students had rotated around interesting and informative demonstrations from the other groups present: the Police, St John's Ambulance and Auckland Transport. All of whom play a key role in keeping us safe on the road and cleaning up the mess made by those who risk the life shattering results of excessive speed, risky manoeuvres and drunk driving.







#### Sancta Maria College School Term Dates 2017

#### Start of Term 1 2017

Thursday 2 February Yr7 Students (time to be confirmed)

**Yr11-13 students** (time to be confirmed) Students to attend in full school uniform

Friday 3 February Yr7-8 Students (time to be confirmed)

**Yr9-10 students** (time to be confirmed) Students to attend in full school uniform

Tuesday 7 February Full School

All Year Levels

Report by 8.40am for normal school day

3.15pm finish

School Term Dates 2017 Sancta Maria College				Teacher-Only Days (The school is closed for instruction)
Term 1	See above for different Year group starting dates.  Times to be confirmed.	to	Thursday 13 April	Tuesday 31January and Wednesday 1 February
Term 2	Monday 1 May	to	Friday 7 July	Tuesday 6 June
Term 3	Monday 24 July	to	Friday 29 September	Friday 1 September
Term 4	Monday 16 October	to	Thursday 14 December	-

#### Public Holidays in 2017

Term 1 • New Year's Day - 1 January

Day after New Year's Day - 2 JanuaryWaitangi Day - 6 February (Monday)

Good Friday – 14 April
Easter Monday – 17 April
Anzac Day - 25 April

Term 2 • Queen's Birthday - 5 June (Monday)

(Teacher-Only Day follows - Tuesday 6th June)

Term 3 • Labour Day - 23 October (Monday)

• Christmas Day - 25 December

• Boxing Day - 26 December



#### **SPORTS RESULTS**

#### AIMS Games swimmers make a splash!

The recent AIMS Games swimming finished late on the Tuesday night at Baywave Aquatic Centre with over 300 swimmers from around the country competing and some great results with all three Sancta Maria swimmers making the finals last night.

There were outstanding performances from triple gold medal winner Trelise Dance who came 1st in the 200m breaststroke, 100m breaststroke and 50m breaststroke, 4th in the 50m freestyle and 5th in the 200m individual medley.



Alicia Choo finished 6th in the final of the 100m fly and the final of the 50m freestyle while finishing 9th in the 100m freestyle. Aaron Spencer gained 6th place in the 50m breaststroke final, 7th in the 100m breaststroke and 10th in the 200m breaststroke.

Congratulations to all three for their exceptional swimming week.

#### Crashes and injuries can't stop Sophia

Sophia Milantoni represented the College at the AIMS Games in multi-sport. This is a completely different, unique event. It is a timed multi-sport Run-MTB-Kayak event with a very steep and technical downhill mountain biking section.

Competitors complete 2.4km off road run, followed by steep up and downhill 4.0kmTB course, finished off with a 1.0km Kayak and sprint to the finish line.

The multi-sport atmosphere was charged with energy and camaraderie. While it was competitive, the students who came



from all corners of New Zealand were exceptionally supportive of each other and this added to the value of the event.

There were multiple crashes on the bike course and despite training weekly at Woodhill and in the Redwoods, Sophia came off badly, but in the spirit of the games, picked up her broken bike and ran it to the transition area to go on to complete the Kayak section. The fall cost her position in 9th place, but the emphasis was on participation and experience and that did not dampen her spirits, her injuries are like her trophies... To quote Pierre de Coubertin the founder of the Olympic Committee "the important thing in the Games is not to win, but to take part; the important thing in Life is not triumph, but the struggle; the essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well."





Sophia Milantoni also competed in the Cross Country at AIMS Games Tauranga on Sunday 4 September. She had a great time at the Cross Country. It was a very fast 3.0km run with some national records broken. Sophia placed 122/162 with a time of 14:21.68 for the 3k. Zachary Saunders competed in the Y8 boys finishing 114/160 in a time of 12:26.75 for 3.5k.



#### **Tricky winds prove testing for AIMS Games sailors**

Saturday saw all sailors arriving at the Tauranga Yacht and Powerboat Club for registration and safety checks of all equipment. The first race day, Sunday, saw a long delay waiting for the wind to fill in, but eventually it came, and 3 races were sailed.

Year 8 student Callum McRae got off to a blistering start with a 3rd place in Race 1. Monday, Day 2, again suffered a long 4 hour delay, this time for too much wind. It turned out to be a tough day for the sailors and race committee on and off the water, with just one race sailed. The race started in a 20 knot Westerly with a strong outgoing



tide. Wind gusts approaching 30 knots were experienced during the race, resulting in conditions towards the upper limit for the class.

With the effect of the tide, coupled with the strong wind, many boats, including Callum, did not make the start line in the 5 minute window. Of 80 entries, only 25 manage to start the race, and only 7 finished. Fortunately Callum was able to exclude this score. Day 3 was what sailing is all about with wonderful conditions and 4 races completed.

At the completion of the 8-race regatta, Callum placed 15th out of 80 entries, and 9th Year 8 boy, with his best race results being 3rd, 9th and 10th places. Recent Rio silver medallist Molly Meech and her brother, Sam, who won bronze in the Laser class, were on hand to encourage the sailors and sign autographs.

#### Rapid rise up rankings for Zeth

For Zeth Oliver, who only took up the sport of jujitsu fourteen months ago, taking out the silver medal in both regional and national finals is no mean feat. Zeth, a Y9 student at Sancta Maria College, said that his result at the National Championships was, "beyond all my expectations." This was particularly so as Zeth, a yellow belt, had to defeat the regional gold medal winner on his way to the final. Zeth took up jujitsu because it is an individual contact sport.



"Rather than relying on other team members," he said, "you rely only on yourself, your endurance, your skill." Zeth is now in training for the next regionals which take place in two or three months' time. This time round he is aiming for gold. Zeth is waiting to see where the sport takes him and would like to compete internationally in the future.



#### **Basketball - Strong performances bode well for 2017**

This group of Year 9 and 10 Boys were selected from our U15, U17B and U17A teams who played throughout the 2016 Counties Manukau Basketball competition. Competing in the Premier Grade was always going to be a tough challenge but it was also an incredible opportunity for the players and coaches to gain exposure to some of the best teams in the North Island.

We got off to a shaky start to the tournament by dropping our opening game against Fraser High School (8th seed), losing 89-90. Our next game was against the 2015 defending champions, Rosmini College and we received a true welcome to the Premier Grade, losing 37-111. Game three was one of our best but came in a losing effort. We played 9th seed Northcote College and weren't expected to challenge them at all. Led by incredible performances from Year 10 Thomas Wood (19 points & 14 rebounds) and Year 9 Eujohn Romero (22 points, 6 assists, 7 steals & 7 rebounds) we were tied 62-62 with 4 minutes remaining. Unfortunately we weren't able to bring home the win, going down 69-76 but we earned major respect from the opposition and unleashed the potential of our team. We then completed pool play with a dominant display against St Peters Cambridge (17th seed), winning 95-52.

This put us into the 9th – 16th playoffs against Avondale College (6th seed) which we lost 41-75 thanks to a very low energy effort. This moved us into the 13th – 16th Semi-Final vs. Orewa College (12th seed). Orewa defeated our U15 boys by 20 points at the Auckland Championships just 10 days earlier so this was a great opportunity for us to seek revenge. The game began as a tight contest but we turned the screws with outstanding defensive pressure and eventually ran away with the game, winning 85-63. This set us up with the 13th/14th playoff game against 13th seed Otumoetai College where we won comfortably 68-48. A consolation for us was that Fraser High School who defeated us in pool play finished the tournament in 15th place. This demonstrated the improvements that our team made throughout the last four days.

We completed the tournament with three wins from seven games, finishing in 13th position. This experience enabled us to identify our potential and give us a great launching pad for the 2017 season. We have some outstanding players who will return to this tournament next year and I'm confident they'll take the lessons of this season into the next and continue to represent the College with pride.

Mr Jason Crummer, Director of Sport







#### **Tournament Week**

An exhausting week comes to a close and the curtain is drawn on the season for our senior girls' teams. Many thanks to our reporters, Kendra Williams (netball), Miss Bradley (hockey) and Miss Goulding (football) for their daily updates. How did the teams fare on the final day? See below to find out.

It was an exciting last day at UNISS for the Premier netball girls. After being neck in neck in each quarter of their first game, the team was able to pull ahead and come out with a win. In their afternoon game, they unfortunately lost. However, they still had a great time. The Year 13 players were especially sad to be playing their last game of the season. Overall UNISS was a great



experience where the girls met like-minded people, made new friends and learned new skills.



Tired and injured bodies hit the turf this morning as the football girls came up against One Tree Hill College in the play off for 17th and 18th position. The Sancta Maria girls got off to a slow start against the Ellerslie school girls with sloppy defending leaving them 1-0 down early in the first half. After a tough team talk at half time Sancta Maria went out ready to leave everything on the turf. With goalie Orla Edwards out of action for the second half due to illness, Kelsey Stowers took one for the team and played in goal for the second half.

The girls fought valiantly and certainly picked up their game but with 2 more goals slipping through, and no reply from Sancta, the girls had to settle for 18th.

With this being the girls' first tournament it was a great learning experience and to come away with 3 wins and a draw along with the 4 losses is a pretty good effort all round. Big thanks to the supporters and all those who helped organise everything. Bring on top 16 next year!

The hockey girls lost 0-2 in their final game to finish 14th in their competition.



#### Rugby 5th Grade

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade rugby team was, this year, made up of Year 8 to Year 12 boys from four different schools - Sancta Maria College, Mission Heights Junior College, Elim Christian College and Ormiston Senior College. There were boys who had never played rugby before, and yet each and every one of them, played with pride and commitment, for Sancta Maria College, and for themselves.

This year the team went one better than last year, and made the final of the 5C competition. They came up against a very good team in Glendowie College, who had not been beaten all season. It was a very tense game, with Glendowie just coming out on top, 10-5.

Overall the team had a fantastic season, with a great bunch of boys. Hopefully they will all return next year, and encourage more students to play rugby, with a view to having three teams, including a 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade team. This will ensure there is a place for younger players to join in the fun and play for Sancta Maria College.















Photos by Elizabeth J Photography



#### **EVENTS**

#### Merci et Félicitations tout le monde!

On September 14, Sancta Maria College held the annual South Eastern Auckland Junior French Speech Competition. Along with representatives from Sutton Park School, King's College, Macleans College, and St. Peter's College, the Sancta Maria College students participating talked about a range of different topics, from Tahiti, Teens during the French Revolution, and even Dr. Who!

We are proud to congratulate all of the students who participated in this competition. Congratulations to Norje Abuyan, Stephen Fu, Adam Martis, Daniela Romero-Mittelstaedt, Lorenzo Cruz, Tahlisa Stevens, Franchesca Fernandez, and Katrina Chan for successfully delivering their speeches.

Special congratulations to:

Nathan Pereira – 3rd Place in Year 8 Division
Samantha Bottom – 3rd Place in Year 9 Division
Francesca Adams – 2nd Place in Year 9 Division
Kelly Mascarenhas – 3rd Place in Level 3-4 Advanced Division
Danica Loulie-Witjenburg – 1st Place in Level 3-4 Advanced Division

We also thank the Year 10 French class for helping this event come to life! And we especially thank our HOD French, Madame Read, for making this day a complete success!

Merci et Félicitations tout le monde!

Faith Cruz

#### **Wallace Trust Secondary Schools Art Awards**

Congratulations to Brunelle Dias and Timae Opperman for getting through to the finalist exhibition for the Wallace Trust Art Awards.

Their work was chosen from 500 entries. The awards ceremony took place on Monday September 12 at the Pah Homestead. This was an inspiring event that was attended by students from all over New Zealand with their families and friends. The exhibition is running until the November 6, so go take a look. The venue is fantastic too and the café has amazing date scones. Enjoy!



http://www.tsbbankwallaceartscentre.org.nz/education/





#### **Library Week Review**

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies (said Jojen). The man who never reads lives only one."

— George R.R. Martin, A Dance with Dragons

Last week the library became a place of solace and enjoyment, especially among senior students who will be sitting mocks next week. Library week for 2016 enabled students to reignite or spark their love for books, reading or simply to find the greatness in the peace that the library contains.



Thank to Mrs Munro and Mrs Norton, this Library Week was packed with a myriad of activities that were enjoyed by all. Every lunch time there were interesting activities running in the library such as: Where's Wally, Library Kahoot and the very competitive Staff vs Students Lit Quiz. The students put up a great fight, yet the many book-passionate teachers rose to become this year's amazing winners. Furthermore, double house points were given to every book borrowed, plus there were more activities that went on for the entirety of the week: Guess the Mystery Book, Colouring Competition and Guess the Hidden Object.

Overall, this year's Library Week has been a total success. It has not only allowed students to get a break from the hard work they've been putting in for studying, but it has also given the teachers some fun as well! *Angelika Bilbao* 

#### **Bandquest**

Saturday night was a big one for pop bands at Sancta Maria College. Three of our Year 7 & 8 bands represented us at the Manukau heats of Bandquest, which is the pop band competition for New Zealand schools at intermediate level.

DMG, Six Strings and Petram Legenda all took the stage at Auckland Girls Grammar School with eleven other bands vying for three places in the national finals.



All three bands did us proud, playing with skill and energy whilst learning a lot and having fun in the process. Whilst we did not see any of our bands make the top three, the judges were suitably impressed with our players: Andrew Choi of DMG was awarded the prize for Best Keyboard Player and Kayla Kippen was presented with the award for Best Female Vocalist.

We look forward to much more from all three bands next year as they hopefully take their first tilt at the big time with the older students in Rockquest, the pop music competition for senior schools.





#### Helta Scelta moves audience

Sancta Maria College vocal group Helta Scelta performed at the Vodafone Events Centre in the final of Stand Up Stand Out. Helen Pahulu, Lauren Chalk, Adora Rodrigues, Catherine Vaiangina and Anton Vargas performed their moving rendition of 'Oceans' as one of only four finalists in the group vocal category.

Their performance was wonderful – again our students were a credit to the school - and matched the astonishingly high standards of the twenty other acts who were on stage that night. The audience were clearly moved as Helta Scelta's singing



prompted a flurry of mobile phone lights to spread across the darkness in the best tradition of arena concerts.

Sancta Maria College is showing the people of Auckland that its music students can mix it with the best and we hope to hear much more of this fine music in the future.

#### **APPA Choir success**

The Junior Choir took part in the first full-size rehearsal for the Auckland Primary Principals' Association Festival at Remuera Intermediate. Our 25 singers joined a mass choir of almost 500 students from all over Auckland for the first full run-through of their concert, which is to take place at the Town Hall on the evening of 23 November. Our young musicians continue to do Sancta Maria College proud. Jade Pereira successfully auditioned for a solo part – she has been selected to be one of the soloists when the National Anthem is performed.

All of our singers were very much on song, working through a hugely varied set that includes songs such as Bohemian Rhapsody, Mary Did You Know and You'll Never Walk Alone. We have just two more major rehearsals before the big night in November.







### **Supporting Your Child Following Separation and Divorce**

Is an innovative education programme that provides parents with the opportunity to better understand the experience of separation and divorce from a child or young person's perspective?



Supporting Your Child following separation and divorce offers a range of discussions and activities that allow parents to learn about ...

- How children react to change and loss
- What they can do to help their child
- Communication with their child
- The Seasons for Growth approach to understanding and managing change, loss and grief
- Caring for themselves as a parent and a person

Supporting Your Child following Separation and Divorce seminar will be held on ...

**Saturday** 26<sup>th</sup> November

**Venue** Pompallier Diocesan Centre (The Delargy Room)

30 New Street, Ponsonby 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

**Cost** \$20

Registration is essential by Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November



Seasons for Growth is dedicated to the spirit of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. A woman who believed in the dignity of every human being and encouraged all she met to, "never see a need without trying to do something about it." The writing of Seasons for Growth was inspired by this challenge.







#### **Companion Training Workshop**

**Seasons for Growth** is a peer support program which assists people of all ages to understand and manage the changes they experience when a significant loss occurs.



#### Through this program we recognize the ...

Innate dignity of every human being.

Value of each person's unique experience.

Importance of building networks of support.

Strength of psychology and education working together

#### Who is a COMPANION?

An effective Companion is a person who:

- Cares deeply about supporting people to understand and accept their grief.
- Can listen deeply and effectively.
- Is not burdened by their own unresolved grief.
- Can act supportively.
- Respects the uniqueness of each person's life story.
- Is willing to participate fully in the Companion training.

A 2 day Companion Workshop will be held on

#### Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th October, 2016

At Pompallier Diocesan Centre (The Poynton Room) 30 New Street, Ponsonby 10.00 am – 4.00 pm



#### REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL by Thursday, 20th October

To register or find out more about this program,

**Contact:** 

Delia 09-360 3027 ,or deliar@cda.org.nz

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## ElizabethMichael

Orders for Made-to-Measure school uniforms need to be placed by

# Special Fittings for Sancta Maria College Uniforms

Elizabeth Michael Uniforms offers a Made-to-Measure service at no extra cost to those students who fall outside our school uniform size range (please see side panel).

In order to be able to offer this service we need all students to visit us at our Elizabeth Michael Uniforms

If you do not place a uniform order by this date we are unable to guarantee you will have a uniform for the start of 2017.

Due to the time it takes to measure someone we are unable to offer this service on the "open uniform day" at your school.

All student's who do require this service must visit us at Elizabeth Michael Uniforms.

Please phone us on 09 358 1680 ext 1 to book in your made-to-measure session with our in-house experts.

Elizabeth Michael Uniforms is open 6 days a week:

Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm Friday 9am - 4pm Saturday 9am - 12pm

Please note our special fitting service is available on Tuesday - Friday only and not on Mondays and Saturdays.

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www.elizabethmichael.co.nz

Orders for Made-to-Measure school uniforms need to be placed no later than...

Friday 11th November 2016

- Are you exceptionally tall or have very long arms for your age?
  - i.e. the length of sleeves or body length in regular clothes is usually an issue for you?
- GIRLS are you smaller than a size 4 or larger than a size 22?
- BOYS are you smaller than a 64cm waist or a 2XS shirt?
- BOYS are you larger than a 116cm waist or a 3XL shirt?
- Please note all Elizabeth Michael garments are 'adult' sizes.

At the time of ordering you are required to pay a deposit of 50% for your uniform.

- This service is offered to those who require a "Made-to-Measure" service, we do not make special garments for minor differences.
- Hem and sleeve shortening is the responsibility of the individual. Elizabeth Michael Uniforms do not offer an alteration service for standard size garments.