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To the Families and Friends of the St Paul's Community.....



Welcome to all our families and friends to the new academic year at St Pauls.

I hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas with family and friends and that you were able to spend a little time with your faith. We have such a massive commercial build up to Christmas, it is so easy to lose perspective of what it is really about. As I drive to work each morning I see a sign outside St Joseph's at Kilaben Bay. It says a very simple thing – "Christ is with us". A simple yet very profound message. I hope and pray that Christ and his unconditional love is with you all as we begin this new year together.

We welcome our Year 7 students along with a significant number of other students in other years to our community this year. I hope that you find our community welcoming and supportive. My own experience of St Paul's is that it is a special place and that we welcome people to our school well. It will be very exciting for some and daunting for others as they begin in this new environment. I can assure our new students that they will be looked after and will feel part of the furniture in a very short time.

We welcome also a number of new staff. St Paul's is blessed with a very stable group of teachers. It would seem that we are the place to be which means we have a very small turnover of staff each year. This is certainly the same for 2017. In saying that, we welcome the following new staff to St Paul's.

- *Miss Roisin McVeigh – Assistant Principal – Teaching and Learning*
- *Ms Michelle Lund – Science*
- *Ms Christine Churchwood – Languages*
- *Mr Riley Warren – Music (Job Share)*

Mrs Cathy O’Gorman has changed roles within the school. The new position revolves around teaching and learning and she will be working with Roisin as Coordinator – Teaching and Learning. **Miss Sarah Adams** will be the new Studies Coordinator– Creative Arts, Languages. **Mrs Nicole Burns** has been appointed permanently to our English and RE teams, replacing Mr Peter Rayner who retired last year. **Mrs Adrienne Haynes** has been appointed permanently to the Maths faculty to replace Mrs Terri Martin who also retired last year.

We welcome back a number of staff from leave as well as temporary staff who will be working in a number of job share capacities.

- ◆ *Mrs Trish Furey – Year 7 Coordinator and PE/RE*
- ◆ *Miss Emma Cameron – PE/RE*
- ◆ *Miss Lauren McCafferty – English/HSIE/PE*
- ◆ *Mrs Melissa Blandford – RE/HSIE*
- ◆ *Mrs Tracey Evans – Year 7 Coordinator and PE/RE*
- ◆ *Ms Siobhan Kelly - Science/RE*

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EXAM RESULTS

The **2016 HSC Results** were, once again, something to celebrate. It was clear that a huge amount of work was done by our Year 12 students to prepare for the exams and as they returned to celebrate with us in December it was wonderful to hear their stories of success and personal best. Congratulations to our Class of 2016 on their wonderful HSC results.

Some standout results among so many success stories include:

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVERS LIST

The following students have been recognised by the Board of Studies for achieving individual excellence (Band 6) in at least one field of study.

Melanie Coyne	Jakob Kitcher	Judith Leslie
Dane Hiles	Madeline Lantz	Holly Pickford
Madison Inkster	David Lerch	Erin Sutherland

- ◇ **Madison Inkster** was our top ATAR recipient with 97.25
- ◇ **David Lerch** received 95
- ◇ **Erin Sutherland** received 92

We also have a number of students who received ATAR scores in the 80's which is a significant achievement.

OUTSTANDING COURSE RESULTS

SUBJECT	MARKS ABOVE STATE AVERAGE
French Beginners	+7.99
Hospitality	+6.52
Industrial Technology Timber	+6.33
English Standard	+5.56
Construction	+4.24
Maths General	+3.74

RoSA

Congratulations must also be extended to our **Year 10** cohort who performed impressively in the first phase of their Board of Studies credentialed work (RoSA). The students listed below have been recognised as amongst the best in the diocese by achieving 6 or 7 'A's across the following subjects: **Religious Studies, English, Mathematics, Science, Australian History, Australian Geography & PDHPE.**

Grace Betts	Charley Lawler-O'Neill
Kiara Conaghan	Daniel Mason
Charlotte Guest	Tully Maurer
Hannah Hickey	Tom Negline
Maximillian Jarmusz	



The Building Program continues and on our return we see the scale of the new wing. The major steelwork has been erected and structural concrete poured. It is hoped that the build will be completed mid Term 2.

It is an exciting year for St Paul's. I hope that we enjoy our journey together and that we strive for our best in everything that we do.

Go Gently

Mr Graeme Selmes
Principal

First P & F Meeting for 2017

Wednesday 8 February

All welcome

Damascus Centre 7.00pm

- ⇒ HSC Update
- ⇒ Meet our new Assistant Principal

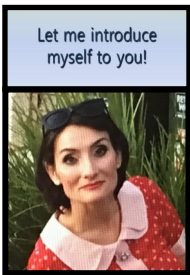


From the Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning

"It takes a whole village to raise a child".

Igbo and Yoruba (Nigeria)

Dear St Paul's Community.....



It is with great excitement and pleasure that I introduce myself to you as the School's new Assistant Principal (Teaching and Learning). However, before I do, it would be remiss of me not to share with you some comments I received about the school and your children.

Prior to me settling here, I drove up from Sydney most weekends, in search of somewhere to live. I was keen to familiarise myself with the area and did so by visiting local tea shops! On hearing my accent and knowing that I wasn't a local, one café owner asked me was I on holidays. I told her that I wasn't, but instead was moving to the area to teach at a local high school. She proceeded to ask me which one and I had no sooner said the name St Paul's when she beamed with joy and began to deliriously explain what a **'jewel in the lake's crown'** it was! She then set about describing the attributes of a St Paul's student. She told me that she and many other neighbouring businesses often employ St Paul's students, on account of how they conduct themselves in public. She told me that in the wider community, St Paul's students are renowned for being courteous, hardworking and honest young people.

Be assured, however, that this is not an isolated remark. The wider community has a genuine respect for the unique qualities of a St Paul's student, a respect that makes me reflect upon the Nigerian proverb **"It takes a whole village to raise a child."** It is common practice for schools and home to exist as silos when it comes to a child's education. However, I sense this is not the case at St Paul's. I get the impression that we work in union to nurture the whole child. It is obvious that our school and our families mirror the cultural thinking of the Igbo and Yoruba people. I can see the relationship between both the school and the home is built upon mutual respect with a genuine want to enrich and enhance the life of each and every child in our care.



As for me, I am originally from Belfast, in the North of Ireland. I came to teaching late in life, having been influenced by comments from fellow Irish men such as the poet W.B. Yeats; *'it is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire that defines education'* or George Bernard Shaw who tells us that *"teachers long to see a child in pursuit of knowledge."* This pursuit brought me to Australia twelve years ago.

I began my teaching career in Australia with the Catholic Education Office in Sydney, spending ten very happy years with the Patrician Brothers' in the South West of the city. Prior to my appointment at St Paul's, I was the Head of Teaching and Learning (P -Year 12) at an Independent Anglican School on the North Shore. Working with staff and

students in a Pre-school to Year 12 context was a wonderful experience, an experience that has further built my skills in the area of whole school review and improvement. However, I greatly missed Catholic Education; I missed its moral purpose and the values it instils in both its staff and students. I missed the fact that it is a deeply human education; I missed being part of an organisation that inherently serves its community by ensuring that each and every child in its care, develops spiritually, socially, personally and academically. But fundamentally, I missed being part of a community of Catholic educators, who assist its children in making sense of their world; who prompt their children to act with moral and ethical integrity; who help their children develop into resilient and confident individuals; who guide them in making informed decisions and judgments, and who encourage them to treat every individual with human dignity and respect and urge them to see Christ in everyone they meet.

For the past seven years, I have been blessed with leading school wide change in teaching and learning. I have had the opportunity to work with teachers to enhance their teaching practices; I have been able to create school wide learning models, based upon contemporary pedagogical practices; I have been able to design and implement initiatives that have made significant impact on student learning outcomes, and have had the opportunity to help build the capacity of our Middle Leaders in their roles as Leaders of Learners.

Unlike Pope Francis, I don't tweet! I have, however, borrowed this following comment from his twitter account to say to you and the staff at St Paul's; ***Thank you: educating is an important mission, which draws young people to what is good, beautiful and true.***

I look forward to the year ahead as we continue to build a community of learners.

God bless

Miss Róisín McVeigh
Assistant Principal (Teaching & Learning)

From the Assistant Principal - Welfare

Welcome to the 2017 academic year at St Paul's. I especially welcome 164 new students in Year 7 and hope your time at St Paul's will be an enjoyable one. I extend an open invitation for all parents to contact me either by phone or email regarding their child's individual pastoral care or wellbeing.

Key Wellbeing Roles

For the benefit of new and returning families, I would like to draw attention to the following **Student Coordinators** and the Year Levels they will be responsible for in 2017:

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| * Year 7 – Mrs Evans/Mrs Furey | * Year 8 – Mr Mulhearn |
| * Year 9 – Mrs Pryor | * Year 10 – Mrs Brownlee/Ms Guest |
| * Year 11 – Mrs Shipman | * Year 12 – Mr Wilson |

This is a very experienced team at St Paul's with a collective net experience of nearly 100 years of student welfare management in Catholic Education. Please do not hesitate to contact them for any Year Level issues.

Each Student Coordinator is ably supported by their respective **Tutor Group teachers** who will foster the daily pastoral and administrative duties of their Tutor Group. Tutor Group teachers will be the initial point of reference each morning and address the expectations of students in regards to:

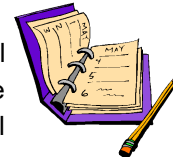
- ⇒ Jewellery/piercings/hair
- ⇒ Uniform (including when sports uniform should be worn)
- ⇒ Correct style of shoes
- ⇒ Administration of absences
- ⇒ Liaising with families in regards to general pastoral/wellbeing issues.

St Paul's will again have the services of **Mrs Lucas** as the **Student Coordinator – Support role** and **Miss Lancaster** as the **Pastoral Care Worker** (Thurs-Fri) for 2017. In addition to this we will have the services of CSO Psychologists **Mrs Mitchell** (Mon-Wed) and **Ms Huens** (Thurs-Fri) each week working at St Paul's as our **School Counsellors**.

I would encourage parents to make use of these roles and seek assistance where needed to support their son/daughter throughout the academic year.

Student Diaries

With the implementation of BYOD, St Paul's has made the decision to begin phasing out the traditional school diary. Students in Years 7 and 9 will be given student diaries this year, all other years will be using their BYOD as an organisational tool. Key information normally outlined in the student diaries will be made available on the school website.



As this is a new initiative from the School Executive I would welcome any feedback from families.

Study Skills

As we begin the academic year, I have included an article by *Prue Salter* on managing Technology and how it can assist students in their study. St Paul's subscribes to this studyskills website and all families have access to its resources.

I would encourage all students as part of 'getting organised' in Term One, to look at this website and see the study resources available to students regardless of which year level they are in. The details are as follows:

Learn more this year about how to improve your results and be more efficient and effective with your schoolwork by working through the units on www.studyskillshandbook.com.au . Our school's access details are:

School's Username – **stpauls**

School's password – **52success**

Top 10 Tips for Students for Managing Technology Distractions:

1. **Allocate specific times for work and for technology**- this can be tricky given that much of the time students need to use technology for research. However, making a timetable which clearly identifies time for homework/study, games and other online activities, means you know that you will soon get an opportunity to get back online. It's best to make these blocks in the time when you aren't at your most "productive" with work.
2. **Turn off your technology distractions** - turn off as many things as you can eg. phone, ipad, ipod, Facebook, Instagram, even your computer if you don't need it for that piece of work. If you aren't aware of messages or notifications coming in, then you won't need to check them. Try it for half an hour and then get back to your messages once you've finished that work block.
3. **Set clear goals** - once you have achieved your work goal, reward yourself with technology. Allow yourself 20 minutes of guilt free online time.
4. **Set a timer** – if you can't stop gaming or checking facebook, even when your allocated time is up, set an annoying timer...which you place away from where you are playing, so that you have to get up to turn off. Once it's off, you have already broken the connection to the game and it should be easier to get on with your work.
5. **Install software on your computer to help manage distractions** – there are lots of different packages available to assist you in controlling your computer use – how long you use particular programs for and what you use.
More information is available for subscribers to www.studyskillshandbook.com.au in the Managing Distractions Unit of the Study Skills Handbook http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au/inside/inside_content/home5c.html
6. **Don't make in-App purchases** – lots of us have downloaded a "free" app only to get caught up in the cycle of "in app" purchases so we can just get one more level or win. Making a deal with yourself to wait for a while to have another go at a game both saves money and gives you 20-30 minutes to focus on schoolwork instead.
7. **Remember TV is technology too** - working in front of the TV can be just as distracting as other forms of technology. Save up your easy work – like title pages, or filing, to do in front of the TV and use your technology free time to focus on more challenging work.
8. **Enlist some help** – ask your parent or sibling to help you manage your technology distractions by sitting near you while you work to monitor what you are doing, testing you on your current topics or holding on to your devices for you.
9. **Find a different place to work** - some work can be done outside, or while you are exercising. Why not step outside to review your study notes, or read your novel? Record your notes or listen to a podcast when you are out walking the dog?

10. **Do some mental skills development** – if you really need to improve your focus, attention and memory, try doing some specific exercises. <http://www.cogmed.com.au/schools> offers a formal school based program. Also <http://www.lumosity.com/> <http://www.mindgames.com/brain-games.php>

I hope the above information will be helpful this year and the Term starts well for all students and families as we begin the 2017 academic year.

Mr James Furey
Assistant Principal (Welfare)
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**Don't know how to study properly?
Can't manage your time?
Struggling to hold on and stay on
top of everything?**



Don't despair!

Visit www.studyskillshandbook.com.au and get on the path to success at school!

By working through the units on this site you will learn about skills and techniques to help you complete your work for school more effectively and improve your academic results, helping you move towards your personal best at school and beyond.

username: **stpauls**
password: **52success**



**Enhanced Learning
Educational Services**
"the study skills specialist"

Welcome to a new year, a new educational stage and new opportunities. I hope that everyone's Christmas was joyous and that the new year brings success.



You will remember from the letter sent in the holidays that I wished success for every Year 9 student this year and realise that 'success' for each individual will be different. For some it will be academic success, for others resilience, for others it will be improving their attendance etc. I would like each student to consider what would be something that they can strive for

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this year to be successful.

We welcome six new students to our cohort – **Mia, Alexie, Brayden, Wade, Riley and Ella**. We hope your time with us is comfortable and successful.

Year 9 now has only eight tutor groups from a previous nine in 2016, but all your tutor group teachers opted to follow through with their tutor groups from last year. This says a lot for the relationship that the TG teachers have with their TG's.

I have not relaxed over the break on my stance on uniform, lateness or attendance. Please ensure that the correct uniform is being worn on the correct day and worn appropriately. When I get PE uniform information I will make it available to parents. The school day starts at 8.40am and students are expected to be here at school for the start of TG every day. I hope that absences are kept to a minimum and that the school is informed when students are away or are going to be away for extended periods – anything longer than two days.

Your child's wellbeing is my primary concern, so please keep me up to date with any concerns that you have so that I can support your child here at school. I really enjoy my job and feel privileged to have my student coordinator position where I can build relationships with students and their families, since we both have only the child's best interest at heart. This support can only come if I know about any situations or concerns, and am allowed to support the child.

Congratulations to **Harrison Kettles** who is a **finalist** in the **Lake Macquarie Sportsperson of the Year Award**. Best wishes Harrison.

Have a great 2017.

Mrs Cayte Pryor
Student Coordinator
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Year 10 News



WELCOME BACK

A big welcome back to all Year 10 students and their families as we begin 2017. An extra special welcome goes out to the new students starting with us this term.

Mrs Brownlee remains your Student Coordinator but with **Miss Knott** enjoying maternity leave, **Ms Guest** will fill the void on Tuesdays.

Challenge Camp is an exciting part of the Year 10 experience and is fast approaching on May 3-5, 2017. Please return your \$50 deposit and permission note to the Finance Office to express your interest.. More information will be forthcoming.

It is an exciting year with all Year 10 students now required to Bring Your Own Device. This will open up a lot of learning opportunities and help prepare the students for senior school. A reminder to students, you are expected to bring a charged device every day.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind students that the correct uniform must be worn every day. Pleasingly, last year most students complied with the policy but there were a few common mistakes. Please take the time to read the uniform policy but a special reminder that:

- Black socks are NOT part of the uniform.



- Skirts should be of a modest length meaning no more than 5cm above the knee.
- Nose piercings are NOT permitted in the junior school.
- Sports uniform is only to be worn on Fridays and timetabled days for PE practical and practical PASS.



Your tutor group teachers will be checking so make sure you are doing the right thing. It is also a good time to remind you to be punctual to all classes but especially tutor group.



There will be lots of important opportunities for Year 10 this year, including careers, training, curricular and leadership opportunities. All of this will be communicated through the notices so make sure that you are there and listening.

We love celebrating the achievements of our cohort, so if you have done something awesome, let us know! We would like to let the rest of the year and the school community know about your achievements.

2017 is going to be a great year! We look forward to continuing your journey with you.

Mrs Blair Brownlee & Ms Kerrie-Lee Guest
Student Coordinators

St Paul's High School Parents & Friends Meetings for 2017 - Damascus Centre		
Term 1		
Term 1, Wk 2 Wed 8 Feb	7.00-8.30pm	Normal Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016 HSC Update • Meet our new Assistant Principal Teaching & Learning — <i>Miss Róisín McVeigh</i>
Term 1, Wk 7 Wed 8 March	7.00-7.30pm 7.30-8.30pm	Annual General Meeting Normal Meeting



Please beware of speed limit when using the school driveway.

Also, when buses are arriving/departing, please drop off / pick up students outside the front gate.



Targus TANC Laptop Bag

By absorbing shocks, bumps and drops, the TANC bag doesn't just prevent laptop, screen and other damages, it minimises the need for laptop repair.

Will suit 13.3in devices, and Dell Latitude E6430 model. Now available from the school

Cost: \$10, please pay at the Finance Office

Enquiries to Mr Graham Hancock - Technology Support Officer



Important Sporting Dates Term 1

School Swimming Carnival is Monday 6th February at Lambton Pool



Diocesan Sport

- ⇒ Wednesday 2nd March – Diocesan U'15 Rugby League Trials (Nomination Closing Date 16th February)
- ⇒ Tuesday 7th March – Diocesan Swimming Carnival
- ⇒ Thursday 6th April – Diocesan Football Trials (Open Boys and Girls – Nomination Closing Date 23rd March)
- ⇒ Friday 31st April CCC Swimming Championships - Homebush

Students wishing to trial for the U'15 Rugby League and Open Football teams **MUST** complete a Diocesan nomination form and submit by the due date. See Mrs Shipman for Nomination Forms and all relevant information.

Combined Catholic Colleges PATHWAY SPORTS

Students have the opportunity to trial for a number of sports at Combined Catholic Colleges Representative level. Students can nominate for the following sports in Term 1. If students are considering nomination for any of the sports below please discuss with Mrs Shipman. This nomination process is to be completed online via the CSSS website. Information on how to do this is below.

CCC Sports available in Term 1 are:

- ⇒ U'19 Boys Cricket (Closing Date 9th February)
- ⇒ Open Boys and Girls Softball (Closing Date 14th February)
- ⇒ All Schools Triathlon (Closing Date 15th February)
- ⇒ Open Baseball (Yrs 9-12 students only) (Closing date 15th March)
- ⇒ Open Girls & Boys Tennis (Closing Date 28th February)
- ⇒ U'15 & Open Boys & Girls Volleyball (Closing date 17th March)
- ⇒ Open Girls Cricket (Closing Date 2nd March)
- ⇒ Hockey (Closing Date 23rd March)

Sporting Success

Arbi Watt and Liam O'Neill (Year 11) travelled to Hervey Bay, Qld on Boxing Day 2016 to compete in the 2016 **Sailing Hobie Cat National regatta**. The boys raced over four days between Christmas and New Year competing against a fleet of other youth sailors from across Australia. The boys finished a creditable second in the regatta!! This is a tremendous result for the boys given they have sailed together for just over 12 months, improving as a team throughout that time.

The boys will now represent St Paul's at the upcoming CHS regatta at Easter where they will enjoy more success.



Mrs Anne-Maree Shipman
Sport Coordinator

TO NOMINATE AND REGISTER A CHILD TO TRIAL FOR CCC TEAMS PLEASE FOLLOW

THE TWO STEPS BELOW:

1. **Create a Login** (If you don't already have one). The login/Account is ONE per family (not per child). If you have an account and your child has moved schools use the "Edit" tool to change your child's details.
And
2. **Register Your Child** for their specific sport

1. CREATING A LOGIN

If you have not used the website you will need to create a Log In. Go to www.csss.nsw.edu.au/nswccc-home.aspx

- ⇒ Click Help
- ⇒ Click on I am a Parent/Guardian for a student
- ⇒ Click on Secondary student (NSWCCC)
- ⇒ Click on 'How do I get a login for the website?'
- ⇒ Scroll down to the information 'If you don't have a login '
- ⇒ Click on 'Click here to get a new account and login'
- ⇒ Complete the page titled Parents Register Here and click Register after you have completed all fields. Only parent email addresses and mobiles are to be used as these contact details will be used to send updates. You will now need to check your email account for the password and the login. You will receive a computer generated text and email with your password (you may need to check your Junk Mail if you don't receive an email)

If you wish to change your password, go to my account and Edit my Details. Here you can change your password and add other children. Please note that your child will stay in the system and will go up an age group each year. The only time a parent will need to edit their child's details is if your child changes schools or personal details change. Each year the system will roll over to progress your child to their next school year. **Always remember to click 'Save your details' button on the bottom of the page.**

2. REGISTERING YOUR CHILD TO A SPORT

- ⇒ Login to your account using the CSSSid number or email address that was used to set up account (Top right hand corner)
- ⇒ Go to NSWCCC Home Page
- ⇒ Go to the Sports link (e.g. SWIMMING, ATHLETICS, CROSS COUNTRY, FOOTBALL, TOUCH FOOTBALL)
- ⇒ Click on Register
- ⇒ Click on the sport/team you wish to register for (it is a hyperlink) and follow the prompts to register. Click on Register Expression of Interest for this Sport to complete your registration
- ⇒ Once you have successfully registered, both the Sports Coordinator and Principal of your child's school will be notified of your nomination. Your registration will then be accepted or declined based on whether your child meets the criteria as set by NSWCCC. Consent will then be given by Diocesan Rep, Principal and/or Sports Coordinator.
- ⇒ PLEASE NOTE: You will be unable to register if the Closing Date has passed. Please check the Sports Specific Information page for these dates.
- ⇒ You can log in at any time to see the status of your registration
- ⇒ Please make sure your details (email address and mobile) remain up to date so that you can be emailed or sent a text message.



Career Thought of the Week:

“My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there”



Charles F Kettering

Welcome to 10/11/12 Students & Parents....



As a way of introduction to new students and parents, my name is Mr Craig McLoughlin (Mr Mac) and I am the Careers and Vocational Education Coordinator for St Paul's High School. Each week I will endeavour to keep you up to date with events planned inside and outside the school. Part of my role at St Paul's is to coordinate and manage all VET courses. If a student takes one of the following: **Construction; Hospitality; Business Services;** or they attend a **TAFE course (TVET)**, or have been successful in obtaining a **School Based Traineeship (SBAT)**, all these courses are part of my responsibility. If a student or parent has a concern regarding any of these courses, please phone or email me to discuss any issues as they arise.

Something for Year 12 to consider.....



Every year, so many Year 12 students fail to take on suggestions and advice from Careers Advisers, parents and teachers regarding planning for the year and for life beyond school, and miss out on work, university and TAFE opportunities as a result.

Year 12 is a stressful time, but can be managed with the support of people around you that care, and with good time management skills. Study, part time employment, sport, family and social occasions must be carefully managed and balanced – you need to do it all, but too much of a good thing can be detrimental, not only to your health, but also opportunities that may (or may not!) present themselves as a result. Give some thought to what you want out of this year and go for it!! Good luck and have a great 2017.

St Paul's Career Information 2017.....



Due to the amount of information coming in regarding Careers, Information Sessions, Open Days etc... I have decided rather than filter and second guess relevant content for the students within this fortnightly newsletter, I will forward this through to students via their school email accounts.

Any information that needs further clarification, please contact me.

Years 11 and 12 Career Appointments



A booking sheet linked to my timetable has been completed and will be available for any students in Years 11 and 12 who require any information about post school studies. These appointments can be made during study periods and matched with my free periods. So drop in to the Careers Office and get a head start in this important decision making process.

Applying for Medicine in 2017?.....



UMAT 2017

In 2017, UMAT will be held at various locations across Australia on Wednesday, 26th July 2017. Registrations for UMAT open in April and close on Friday, 2nd June 2017. Late registrations close on Friday, 16th June. Fees apply. Registration must be completed online at www.umat.acer.edu.au

All enquiries concerning UMAT should be directed to the UMAT Office: UMAT Office ACER Assessment Services
Private Bag 55
Camberwell, VIC 3124.
Tel: (03) 9277 5746 / 5502 Email: umat@acer.edu.au
Website: <http://umatweb.acer.edu.au>

Tax File Numbers for School Students-Reminder



At the end of 2014, the ATO stopped allowing schools to process TFN applications for students. To apply for a TFN students will need to apply online and participate in an interview at a post office, or complete a paper based application form.

How to apply

If you are an Australian resident for tax purposes and able to attend an interview at a participating Australia Post retail outlet, you can apply for a TFN on the web.

See: <https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Ind/Apply-for-a-TFN-on-the-web/> for detailed information and links to the application form online.

Otherwise, you will need to complete a paper form Tax file number – application or enquiry for individuals (NAT 1432). You can get a copy of this form by phoning 1300 720 092, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

If you don't have a TFN you could have more tax withheld from your pay, or be unable to receive the government benefits you are entitled to such as Youth Allowance or enroll in a CSP (Commonwealth Supported Place) at university.

Casual Positions/Employment Links:

These are ready to view on the school site MN Live, go to News & Events and click on Student News. These are also emailed to students in Years 10-12 through their school email accounts.

Mr Craig McLoughlin
Careers & Vocational Education Coordinator



Creative Arts and Languages News



Welcome back to our many creative students within the St Pauls community, I am sure that you have had a much appreciated break. A huge welcome to all our new Year 7's, we cannot wait to meet you and discover all your wonderful talents.

There have been some changes within the Creative Arts and Languages team this year, with some teachers stepping into different roles and fresh new teachers joining us from around the Diocese. As some of you may know, **Mrs Cathy O'Gorman** has accepted a new role as **Leader of Learning–Curriculum Administration/Staff Development**. A brilliant opportunity for her and for the school. Luckily, she will still be teaching Drama and remain an invaluable member of our team. Mrs O'Gorman's movement to the new position has allowed myself the opportunity to take on the role of **Acting Creative Arts and Languages Coordinator**. I am very appreciative of this chance and will dedicate myself to serving the St Pauls community. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to **Ms Christine Churchwood** who has joined us to teach French and German, and to **Mr Riley Warren** who will be job-sharing the role of Music Teacher with **Ms Nikalla Garrett**. We are very excited to have them as part of our team. Good luck to everyone on their creative endeavours this year, I look forward to working with you all!

Senior Drama Excursion

On Thursday 9th February Year 11 and 12 Drama students will attend OnStage at the Seymour Centre, Sydney. The day will comprise of a morning at Writers OnStage/OnScreen, a selection of three short films and two staged readings of outstanding scripts. Students will also see a number of design works in the morning. In the afternoon we will see Group and Individual performances selected from across NSW for exhibition in OnStage. Permission notes for this excursion were sent home at the end of 2016 and all students are reminded that payment and permission notes are now due. Please contact Mrs O'Gorman cathy.ogorman@mn.catholic.edu.au if you have any questions or require a copy of the permission note.



Miss Sarah Adams
Acting Creative Arts and Languages Coordinator

Opening Hours for Payments to the Finance Office

Parents: come to Reception from 8.30am to 2.30pm
 Students: mornings from 8.30am until tutor group bell
 all of recess time and all of lunch time

School Fee Payments

1. Qkr
2. BPay *through your own home banking via the Internet*
3. Eftpos **Minimum payment \$10**
4. Cheque
5. Cash

Excursion Payments

1. Qkr
2. Eftpos **Minimum payment \$10**
3. Cheque
4. Cash

QKR is a great way to pay fees and excursions



For more information about QKR visit our website

www.booragul.catholic.edu.au

For your convenience, when paying for excursions the new Qkr! app is now live for families of our students. Qkr! by MasterCard can be downloaded for free from Apple's app store for iPhones, iPad users can also download the iPhone app or from Google Play for Android phones. Simply:

Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

Scan the QR code or search for our school name. Our school will also appear in "Locations Nearby" if you are within 4kms of the school

Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.

Excursions Coming Up

Please **pay for all excursions by the due date written on the excursion notes** which are sent home with your child. This date is important as excursion costing is calculated on the number of students who should be attending that particular event. Venues and buses have to be paid when the booking is first made. Your understanding of this would be very much appreciated.

Year	Subject	Date	Venue	Cost	Money Due
11/12	Drama Yrs 11/12-2017 Students	9 February 2017	Onstage—Sydney	\$70	Finalised
12	Retreat 2017	22-24 March 2017	Elanora Heights	\$50 Dep	Friday 3/3/2017
12	English Advanced	30 March 2017	Sydney Opera House	\$40	Finalised
10	Year 10, 2017	3-5 May 2017	Broken Bay Sport & Recreation Centre	\$50 Dep	Friday 24/2/2017

Health Care Cards and Pension Cards If you (**the Fee Payer, not the child**) are in receipt of a health care or pension card, please bring it in and you **may** be entitled to a reduction in **tuition fees**.

Please let the School know if you change your email address. School Accounts & Receipts are sent via email.

Please return the "Family Discount Application Form for 2017" that was mailed out to all families.

This form needs to be returned to the Finance Office as soon as possible so that any discount on your fees can be processed before billing.

Mrs Betty Harris
 Finance Officer
finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au



Canteen Roster



Tues 31 January - Fri 3 February 2017

Mon	Pupil Free Day
Tues	Vicki Blundell, Maree Adams, Sally Joliffe
Wed	Di Fennell-Fraser, Christine Forrester, Anneka Rhodes
Thurs	Kim McManus-Smith, Rochelle Loveday, Nadine Steenson
Fri	Julie Lerch, Anne Negline, Chantelle Lakin

Monday 6 - Friday 10 February

Mon	Swimming Carnival
Tues	Amanda Holt, Janelle Haggerston
Wed	Joanne Bower, Pamela Amos, Karen Gilmore
Thurs	Michelle Hall, Kylie Smith, Sharon Roberts
Fri	Leanne Maher, Michele Pippen, Cathy Feenan

Monday 13- Friday 17 February

Mon	Mel Parker, Kristy Baker, Sharyn Kiely, Lisa Kelly
Tues	Emma Boslem, Paula Tripney, Christine Jones
Wed	Linda Gesell, Nannette Preston, Kim Harding
Thurs	Paula Douglas, Mel Dobosz, Kelly Cameron
Fri	Megan McInnes, Jenifer Barrett, Carol Crabbe

Canteen Supervisor: Carolyn Phone - 4946 3115

Canteen Hours: 9.00am to 2.30pm

If you are unable to come on your day, please try to arrange a swap

Please be aware that the events and dates listed on this school calendar are subject to change. Please check regularly.

Term 1 2017

Week 3	Mon 6 Feb	Swimming Carnival
	Tues 7 Feb	School Assembly DIO Awards
	Wed 8 Feb	School Photos—Yr7 & new Students
	Thurs 8 Feb	P & F Meeting - 7pm
	Thurs 8 Feb	Yrs 11/12 Drama Excursion
Week 4	Wed 15 Feb	Yr 11 Study Skills
	Fri 17 Feb	Opening School Mass
Week 5	Mon 20 Feb	NSWCCC Cricket Boys Selections
	Tues 21 Feb	HSC / ATAR Evening
	Wed 22 Feb	NSWCCC Cricket Boys Selections
	Thurs 23 Feb	CCC Softball
	Thurs 23 Feb	Yr 7 Immunisations
	Thurs 23 Feb	All Schools Triathlon
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Week 6	Mon 27 Feb	Yr 7 Information Evening
	Tues 28 Feb	Launch of Project Compassion
	Wed 1 March	Ash Wednesday
	Thurs 2 March	DIO U/15 Rugby League Trials
	Fri 3 March	Yr 11 Brainstorm Production
	Fri 3 March	Yr 7 Brainstorm Production
Week 7	Mon 6 March	CCC Cricket Girls Selections
	Tues 7 March	Catholic Schools Week Mass
	Wed 8 March	DIO Swimming Carnival
	Wed 8 March	Yr 11 Marine Studies & Bio Exc.
	Wed 8 March	CCC Tennis Selections
	Wed 8 March	P & F Meeting - 7.00pm
Week 8	Mon 13 March	CCC Cup Rugby League Gala Day
	Tues 14 March	Yr 11 DT & HTT Excursion Sydney
	Wed 15 March	Yr 11 Marine Studies Excursion
Week 9	Mon 20 March	Yr 6 Parent Information Evening
	Tues 21 March	CCC Basketball
	Wed 22 March	Yr 12 Retreat
	Wed 22 March	CCC Rugby League Gala Cup
Week 10	Thurs 30 March	Yr 12 Adv English Excursion
	Fri 31 March	CCC Volleyball
	Fri 31 March	CCC Swimming & Diving Champs
Week 11	Mon 3 April	Yr 10 Information Evening
	Thurs 6 April	Yr 12 Marine Studies Exc.
	Fri 7 April	Dio Football
	Sunday 9 April	Last Day of Term 2
	Sunday 9 April	Way of the Cross—Kilaben Bay

When Leaving School Early

Leaving school without Parent/Guardian:

If students are leaving school early they must bring a note from their parent/guardian to leave class early.

The note should be shown to the class teacher to be dismissed from the class.

The student must then go the Front Office, hand in the note and swipe out.

Leaving school early with Parent/Guardian:

If students are leaving school early during class time with their Parent/Guardian they must bring a note from the parent/guardian (as Students may not be contactable e.g on PE Prac or in a class room without a phone)

The note should be shown to the class teacher to be dismissed from the class.

The student must then go the Front Office, to meet their Parent/Guardian.

A note is not necessary if leaving with a Parent/Guardian at recess or lunch.

Clothing Pool

Clothing Pool

Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 8.30am - 9.30am



Location: E Block (near the basketball courts) – students & adults welcome

- ◆ We can sell your near new items on Consignment (must be \$20 and over).
- ◆ Please put a label/tag on **each** item with the **price, name, address and phone number** of the person who is to receive payment.
- ◆ When the item is **sold**, a P&F cheque will be issued.
- ◆ 10% commission applies for items less than 3 years old.
- ◆ *Any items under \$20 are donations to the P&F Clothing Pool.*



Catering Uniforms

Available at reduced prices !

Uniforms

All NEW uniform items are available at Lowes Glendale and Verdun Hiles, Toronto.

Blazers

There are a few **BRAND NEW BLAZERS** still available from Clothing Pool .

Normally selling for \$150.00 - **Now only \$100.00.** Please pay at the Finance Office.

Special

LARGE RANGE OF JUMPERS AND SPORTS UNIFORMS IN STOCK NOW

For further information please contact Kathleen Dyett at: kathleend@extrabuild.com.au

Senior Uniforms

Large range of boys and girls sizes.

Shirts, shorts, skirts, ties, blazers.

Cash or cheques only

Uniform Shop - P & F Notice

The Uniform Shop currently has a large number of **uniforms on consignment** and these items in some cases, have been in the shop for some time.

The P & F Committee has recommended that consignment items that have been in the shop for more than 18 months will be reduced in price by 15%. This reduction will begin at the end of March 2017.

If you currently have items on consignment and you are aware that they have been in the shop for more than 18 months and you do not wish to have the priced reduced, I ask you to make contact with the Uniform Shop before the end of March 2017.

School Rewards Program

Next time you are shopping at:

***The Athlete's Foot, or
Lowes***



Please mention you are a member of the St Paul's High School, Booragul Community and the school will receive School Rewards

Simply go to:

www.torontoschoolandofficesupplies.com.au

Select the school and student year from the dropdown box at the top of the page and you're ready to go!

These packs have been put together in collaboration with St Paul's High School. Year 7 2017 book packs are available now from Toronto Newsagency.

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2017 Netball Registration

Online registrations are now open, please email cardiffnetballclub@y7mail.com for more information or we will be at the Clubhouse for assistance...

When: Thursday 2 February 5pm – 7pm and Saturday 4 February 9am – 12pm

Where: Cardiff Netball Clubhouse, cnr Newcastle & Myall Roads Cardiff

Contact: Katie 0412781739

All players/coaches welcome new & experienced.



**BECOME A SOUTHLAKES ROOSTER
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Registrations are now open online for returning players

Registration days for existing and new players

New registrations will need birth certificate to register

Saturday 4th February 2017 10.00 to 12.00

Monday 6th February 2017 4.30 to 6.30

REGISTRATION FEE'S

Under 6's \$50.00

Under 7 to Under 16 \$110.00

Under 17 \$130.00

All registrations cost include

Insurance, shorts, socks and training gear

Information on registrations please Call Michelle
0419188531



SOUTH CARDIFF FOOTBALL CLUB
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Under 15's Team

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 Dave: 0420680093
 Chelle: 0425375056

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Go online to www.playnrl.com/register and follow the links to Glendale Junior Rugby League Club.

OR

Sunday 5th & 12th February 10am - 1pm

- UNDER 6's - \$80
- UNDER 7's - 8's - \$95
- UNDER 9's - 12's - \$110
- UNDER 13's - 17's - \$130

Registration is a one off fee and it covers all players insurance & referee fees. We **DON'T** charge a weekly fee as some clubs do.

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- Friday 10th February
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- Sunday 12th February
10am-2pm at Walters Park

REGISTRATION

- 7s \$120 Early bird price of \$110
- 8s and 9s \$160 Early bird price of \$150
- 10s - 17s \$190 Early bird price of \$180

FAMILY DISCOUNTS

- 2nd child \$30 off
- 3rd child \$50 off
- 4th child Free

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**SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY 9.30AM - 11AM
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