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

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As the year rushes to its conclusion, this is the final major newsletter for the term. We will be sending a short newsletter in week 10 with some final information to formally end the year.

We are still in the final stages of staffing for 2020. I am pleased to announce that Renee-Pola-Kuras has been appointed to the permanent Ministry Coordinator position. Renee has held this position in an acting capacity this year and has lead the College through two Continuum of School Improvement processes, led our wonderful staff at last term's Spirituality Day where we began work on reviewing our College Mission and Vision Statement as well as her ongoing work in leading Student retreats and reflection days. We are excited to have Renee join our staff permanently from 2020.

We had a visit from our new Assistant Principal – Teaching and Learning this week. Amber Carter joined the leadership team in our planning day and she was able to have a tour of the College, meet some of the staff informally as well as pop into some of our classes. She is very excited to begin her work next year.

We enjoyed the visit on Tuesday from all our new Year 7 students for 2020. A wonderful day was spent orientating them to the College and they were made most welcome by our Year 9 Peer support team, some sports leaders from Year 8 and Year 10 alongside a group of our teachers. I would like to thank Tracey Evans for all the work that she did with her team in organising and running the program.

Next week, the College will host our final Awards Ceremonies. On Wednesday afternoon, we will have our final sports Awards Ceremony. On Thursday, we will host our major Academic and Cultural Awards beginning with Stage 4 in the morning and Stage 5 after recess. After lunch, we will host our final Advent Liturgy and farewells for staff. This will be a day of celebration for our community. All students are asked to be here on this most important day. End of Year Activities begin on Friday 13th December, running for 4 days. The final day of school is Wednesday 18th December. It is hoped that all students engage in our program of activities. Our staff have worked very hard planning and preparing these activities for the benefit of all our students.

Finally, I would like to share with you a short reflection about the Advent season. Thank you all for your wonderful support of St Paul's during 2019. It is amazing to consider that we are now one fifth the way through this century! Time seems to rush on far too quickly. From the staff of St Paul's Catholic College, have a wonderful, prayerful and peaceful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

"In the hustle and bustle that leads up to our celebration of Christmas, many of us find

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ourselves asking, "What's it all about?" We sometimes wonder in the rush, the stress and the hurry, whether we have somehow missed the real meaning of it all. I have been pondering that question myself as I prepare for Christmas, and I hope that some of my reflections might help you to enter more fully into this celebration of the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Christmas is, first and foremost, about Love, God's Love. How much does God love us? God loves us so much that God gave us the most precious gift imaginable, Jesus, God's own Son. That's the heart of Christmas. This great and wonderful love calls us to love one another. We share love in and through our human relationships. Love isn't always a warm and cozy feeling; love is a commitment and a decision to stick by others, come what may, through thick and thin, when the going is easy and when the going gets more challenging. The love that we share in our human relationships is a reflection of the love of God, calling us to give of ourselves for others.

At Christmas, we remember that Jesus was born in poverty, in a stable among the poorest people and the farm animals. What does this mean for us today? You and I are called to look for the face of Christ in the poor, those at our own door and in places far from here. Love can look like a cup of coffee offered, a hand held, a smile shared, and a story heard. I firmly believe that, in the end, we will be judged by how we care for the poor.

And Christmas is also about repentance and forgiveness. Love takes commitment and work, and sometimes we don't get it right. We're not perfect. But with God there is mercy and forgiveness, and second chances. And so must we offer those gifts to others. Christmas is a time of renewal, of fresh starts and coming together.

We often hear the phrase "Keep Christ in Christmas" and we wonder how to do that. I think that Jesus himself gave us the best insight; if you want to keep Christ in Christmas, look around you, and look for Him. He is here. Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, forgive the guilty, welcome the stranger, care for the sick, visit the imprisoned, and love your enemies. "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Merry Christmas to you!

In Christ,

Most Reverend Martin W. Currie, D.D.

Archbishop of St. John's

(Archbishop Currie is a Canadian Bishop from Newfoundland)

Go gently.

Mr Graeme Selmes
Principal



As I write this newsletter I would like to offer my deepest thank you to all in the community for your ongoing support and loyalty across my time here at St Paul's. As I prepare to leave St Paul's I have had time to reflect on the experiences and lessons learned here in this community. Thank you to the many students I have had the privilege of working in relationship with - in my various roles here at the College - particularly the amazing and creative Drama students I have been blessed to have taught. I thank the parents and families who have supported my work here at the College and for attending so many events, concerts, exhibitions and plays! Most importantly, I wish to thank the staff here at St Paul's for their support of each other; their tireless devotion to enabling students to reach their best; for their joy and love of life - the spirit in which they serve and support this community; and for their selflessness - always giving time and support far beyond the classroom walls. It has been a privilege to work alongside each of you and as my time ends here in this community, I say thank you to all - I have been truly blessed to have had this time with you and I wish all a happy and peace-filled Christmas, and a prosperous 2020!

Housekeeping Matters:

All My Own Work - any Year 10 who did not complete this course will need to collect a workbook from Mrs O'Gorman ASAP as enrolment into NESA for Year 11 cannot be completed until the Course is finalised.

National Minimum Standards Tests - Congratulations to the second cohort of Year 10 students who have reached a level $\frac{3}{4}$ in the Literacy, Numeracy and Writing tests this week. Well done!

Mrs Cathy O'Gorman

*Assistant Principal—
Teaching & Learning*



Years 7-10

2019

Semester Two

Awards

Ceremony

St Paul's Catholic College Hall Thursday 12 December 2019

Our Semester Awards are a celebration and recognition of:

Academic Excellence—First in Course

Scholastic Achievement—Top 5% in Course

Consistent Effort and Improvement

Years 7 —9.10am—9.55am

Years 8 —9.55am—10.40am

Years 9 —11.10am—11.55am

Years 10—11.55am—12.40pm

The Awards Ceremony will be followed by our
Christmas Liturgy,
Staff Farewells and Celebration

As we begin to close out the school year it is time to reflect on all that has been achieved and conquered throughout this past twelve months. In my first year as Assistant Principal at St Paul's I have had the privilege of witnessing the many extraordinary achievements of students who daily, pass through our gates. These achievements, whether they be academic, social, behavioural, cultural, sporting, emotional or spiritual need to be celebrated. The achievements and daily triumphs that we witness as educators certainly makes our job rewarding and fulfilling. I know that this time of year always enables me to be grateful for the role all teachers play in the development of the young men and women in our community.

As we have successfully celebrated the completion of another HSC with the class of 2019, we begin a new journey and welcome the 2020 Year 7 students into our school community. On Tuesday these students enjoyed an orientation day together led by our Year 7 Student Coordinator, Mrs Evans. Similarly, the Year 10 students, with the help of Ms Guest have been preparing for their transition into Year 11, with the completion of subject selections, an Information Evening, All My Own Work and interviews. This past week, Year 9 have also had an opportunity to take part in a Leadership Day and build their own sense of community. This day, organised by Mrs Milajew, enabled the Year 9's to prepare for an opportunity to be Peer Support Leaders which have now been selected.

Train Travellers

It was wonderful to receive a compliment for the students who travel by train. I know at the beginning of the year this was an area that needed to be addressed on several occasions with students, but it is great to see that respectful and courteous behaviour is acknowledged and appreciated by the general public. Below is a section of an email sent through to the school regarding our students:

"So, today's experience was a breath of fresh air. The students from your school were very polite to other passengers and they talked quietly amongst themselves when they joined the train and when they alighted, they were disciplined and courteous. Your students were a credit to the school and their families They should be congratulated on their behaviour."

2020 Timetable Structure

In 2020 the daily timetable will see some changes. There will be a five-period day with lessons running, on most days, at 63 minutes. The day will begin at 8.48am with Period 1. Recess and Lunch will be two even breaks of 31 minutes. Recess will be after period 2 and Lunch will be after period 4. Wednesdays will include a Whole School Assembly/Form Assembly/CARE group activities after Period 2 and before recess.

These changes mean that Tutor Group will no longer run every morning. All administration and notices can now be accessed by Compass therefore students and families are encouraged to use this platform to keep up to date. All written absent notes can still be returned to the office. Tutor Group will see a name change to CARE Group. CARE Group will occur on alternate Wednesdays and explore some of the core values of St Paul's which includes Compassion, Appreciation, Respect and Endurance. On Friday's there will be 3 lessons followed by sport for 7-10. Year 11 & 12 will have timetabled classes.

2020 SRC Structure and Leadership

As a result of the timetable change there will be no Tutor Group Representatives. Instead SRC Representatives will be called for from years 7-10. Five SRC Representatives will be elected for each year group and these students will become members of the Student Representative Council. 8 House Leaders in both Year 11 & Year 12 will also be elected as members of the SRC. The College Leaders will be automatic members of this group. With the increased numbers in the SRC it is hoped that students will have a stronger voice and create a more active and vibrant presence in the school community.

Uniform

The correct wearing of the College Uniform will once again be a focus in 2020. Currently students who have 3 uniform infringements receive a warning letter and on the fourth occasion that a student arrives at school in incorrect uniform, an afternoon detention is issued. This process will continue in 2020, however, an extra step will be added. ***On any day that a student is incorrect uniform they will be issued with a lunchtime detention on the day of the infringement.*** It is hoped that ongoing issues with incorrect shoes, socks and jackets will be rectified over the holiday break.

Award Ceremonies

Next week will see us recognise and celebrate the academic and sporting achievements of students at St Paul’s. Parents are invited to join with us in these celebrations. The schedule and times for these Award Ceremonies have been sent through to parents/carers.

In closing, I wish all families a Safe, Happy and Holy Christmas. I hope you find the time to spend with those that you love, to consider giving to those in need and to loudly sing along to your favourite Christmas carols. Enjoy the break relaxing and finding your inner peace. I look forward to sharing another year together in 2020.

“It isn’t enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn’t enough to believe in it. One must work at it.” — Eleanor Roosevelt


Take Care



Mrs Anne-Maree Shipman
Assistant Principal—Community & Wellbeing

2020 Bell Times

	MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY		WEDNESDAY		FRIDAY
Roll call & Period 1	8:45-9:51	Roll call & Period 1	8:45-9:41	Roll call & Period 1	8:45-9:51
Period 2	9:51- 10:54	Period 2	9:41 – 10:34	Period 2	9:51- 10:54
Recess	10:54-11:25	Assembly/ Pastoral Period	10:34 – 11:04	Recess	10:54-11:25
Period 3	11:25 – 12:28	Recess	11:04 – 11:35	Period 3	11:25 – 12:28
Period 4	12:28 – 1:31	Period 3	11:35 – 12:28	Lunch/Sport	12:28 – 12:59
Lunch	1:31 – 2:02	Period 4	12:28 – 1:31	Period 4 (Yr11&12)	12:59 – 2:02
Period 5	2:02 – 3:05	Lunch	1:31 – 2:02	Period 5 (Yr11&12)	2:02 – 3:05
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Vinnies Christmas Hampers.

Reminder..!

Items for the Vinnies Hampers are due by...

Wednesday 11 December 2019

Religion News

Last week in Religion we were looking at Christian lifestyle choices, including: Marriage, Single, Religious and Priesthood.

Year 10 were given the challenge of creating an outfit out of newspaper that had to include a range of statistics, symbols, links to the faith and comments on why an individual may be guided towards their particular lifestyle.

In true form, the class rose to the challenge, designing these runway ready pieces in the space of thirty minutes!

Miss Eleanor Martin
Organising Teacher



We are now a quarter of the way through the HSC year! *How did you go? What would you change or do better?* This is what I asked the cohort on Thursday at our Form Assembly. Hopefully this is food for thought for the remainder of their time in study.

At the Assembly, students were reminded:

- to return Prelim texts
- that money for **Retreat** is due **by 14 December**
- to be considerate of our neighbours when **parking** outside the school grounds
- to **sign out** when leaving the school
- about contributing to the *Vinnies Christmas Hampers*
- participating in the *Senior Study Time* that is made available on Wednesdays and Thursday
- that **Exam** block is in Week 9
- that there are many **Assessment Tasks** due next week and protocols need to be followed for any misadventures.

They were also told about:

- completing *Private Travel Consent* forms when **driving** to school or being driven by a friend.
- inviting them to **volunteer** to assist in the Canteen at lunchtime.
- how to order and pay for a **senior jersey** (refer to email and QKR) **by 14 December**
- why the *Senior Hub* is closed for the rest of the year.

Mrs O’Gorman spent time with the students in revising and updating their NESA documentation. This will be reviewed again later in the HSC year. She reminded students to make sure they can access their Students Online account.

I look at this long list and realise how generous our staff are in what they are offering our students in time, effort, and resources. I thank them for this. I also talked to the students about their generosity and giving of themselves without expecting something in return.

I would like to thank the *Jersey Committee* of Bailey McDonald, Matthew Webster, Gabbie Loveday, Portia Elliott, Natasha Ireland, Courtney Hall and Sophia Wills for all their time, thoughts and effort in organising the design for the 2020 HSC jersey. More thanks goes to our *Fundraising Committee* of Madison Freeman, Lucy Reid, Jessica Hector, Ellie Knorre and Mackenzie Bednarz who have started our fundraising efforts for the Year 12 school gift and charity by running a Christmas Lolly guessing Competition. Congratulations to Mr Pearce on correctly guessing 189 lollies!

Some dates for early next year, 2020:

- 31 January Friday (Week 1): Year 12 return to school
- 5 February Wednesday (Week 2): Opening School Mass
- 11 February Tuesday (Week 3): Swimming Carnival
- 12-15 February Wed-Fri (Week 3): Retreat

Being the last Newsletter for the year, I would like to wish you all well for the break, and a blessed Christmas period with your families.

Mrs Cayte Pryor

Student Coordinator

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Year 8 SCIENCE class project:

Over the past week, 8SCIL science class has been investigating the durability and strength of two samples of Kleenex tissue. They have undertaken research on how tissues are made, completed measurements on the two sample types, compared actual measurements to literature, and conducted experiments on the tissues comparing them for strength when dry and wet. After analysing their results, the class decided that they preferred one tissue sample to the other, and wanted to write to Kleenex and express their opinions backed up by their experimental results.

Kimberley Clark responded to their investigation in a long letter thanking them for their interest and analysis of their product. *“It is through our customers feedback that we can assess the effectiveness of our manufacturing controls and continue to develop superior products for everyone to enjoy using”. “We really appreciate the time you have taken to write to us and share the findings of your experiment. We were interested to read your methods for testing durability and strength – you have done a very thorough job!”*. The letter was posted in a large box with samples of tissue boxes for the students to share. Well done to 8SCIL science on their investigation.



Thank you to all the parents and students who came to the **Transition Evening** on Monday. I hope the information was helpful and that you found value in our new procedure. All forms should now have been returned to the school. Please return ASAP if you have any outstanding.

A reminder that we will all be heading to the **University on Thursday for a Careers Excursion**. The program has been designed to look at a range of post-school options and we are asking that all students attend in uniform.

Peer Mediators for 2020 have been selected and they will be undertaking their training on December 10. Please join me in congratulating the following students:

Kent Azas	Kian Livingstone
Reegan Bradley	Charlotte Mace
Jacinta Chapman	Anastasia Prajogo
Alanna Collin	Charlotte Pratt
Christine Connell	Wyeth Scott
Reegan Connors	Occy Shadwell
Riley Cullen	Matt Sheather
Lachlan Kelly	Macy Taape
Molly Larnach	Lauren Wilmen
Kala Liu	Claire Wilson

Other leadership opportunities for next year have already been advertised via email and Compass. Transport Monitors should have already put their names forward and those seeking the position of House Leader should be ready to apply first thing next year.

We have quite a number of students leaving our College at the end of the year. Many have gained places at Hunter Trade or SFX, many have gained apprenticeships or employment. All leavers will need to collect a leavers form from the main office on 6 December and have that completed before the last day of school. I won't list our leavers as I am worried I may miss someone and I don't want to cause any offence. Wherever their journey leads them now, we wish them the best of luck and hope that they look back on their time here fondly.

On a personal note, thank you for your support over the last two years. It has been a real honour getting to know your children and watching them mature and grow. We have had some great fun, shared some sadness together and hopefully learned a lot about ourselves and the world along the way. Mrs Brownlee is lucky to be getting such a terrific year group with such an amazingly supportive bunch of parents and carers.

Don't forget that our **final day for lessons** is **12 December**. This is also the day of our **Awards Ceremony**. It would be lovely to see you there to celebrate the successes of our year group. If not, please have a merry Christmas and I hope that you all get to have some time off to spend time with family and to rest from such a busy year.



Ms Kerrie-Lee Guest
Student Coordinator



“Don’t find fault, find a remedy.” Henry Ford

The **Burn Bright Leadership Day** was a great success for Year 9 last week and I would like to personally thank all of those involved in the organisation and particularly thank the students who engaged wonderfully in the activities.

“At Burn Bright we encourage, challenge and develop students through tailored experiential leadership and wellbeing programs. Burn Bright programs create a vibrant learning environment that involves: activities, sharing of personal stories, music and video to establish a safe space for freedom of thoughts and self-expression.”

Congratulations to the students from Year 9 who have been chosen to be **Peer Support Leaders** for 2020. The Peer Support Program is enriching and develops confidence and skills in leading small groups here at school.

This will be the final opportunity for me to formally thank the Year 9 Tutor Group teachers for 2019 and I want them to know that I have been grateful for their individualised care of the students under their watch this year.

End of Year Activities are about to begin, and I look forward to enjoying some down time with Year 9 as they participate in the variety of activities on offer this year.

“How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”

Mrs Elisa Milajew

Student Coordinator and Religion Teacher



This year has certainly flown, and we are now at the end of students' first year of high school. Having just met the Year 6 students that we will welcome next year, it is interesting to look back on just how far some students have come this year. It has been a time of growth, physical, social and emotional, and I congratulate students on the year. Next week we will celebrate some of the academic, sporting and community service achievements of students. It is important to take time to celebrate and reflect and I encourage all students to think about their first year of high school and start to set some goals for Year 8, 2020.

Year 7 Community Day

Last week we celebrated our Year 7 Community Day and had a fantastic time both at school and Merewether Baths. Students were really engaged in all the activities and I would like to commend students on their behaviour. As the name says, it was a community-building day. Some photos of the day are included in this newsletter.

I am really looking forward to continuing as the Coordinator of this wonderful group of students next year. We have had a fun, challenging, exciting year and I am really proud of the way students have adapted to high school. Thank you to parents and caregivers for your support. I wish all Year 7 students and their families a blessed and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Take care,

Mrs Tracey Evans
Student Coordinator



Year 6 Orientation Day

On Tuesday 3rd December, we welcomed over 120 Year 6 students for our yearly Orientation Day. It was a day of games, getting-to-know-you activities and a treasure hunt around the school. Year 6 students met lots of new people, including their Peer Support Leaders that will help them settle into high school life next year.

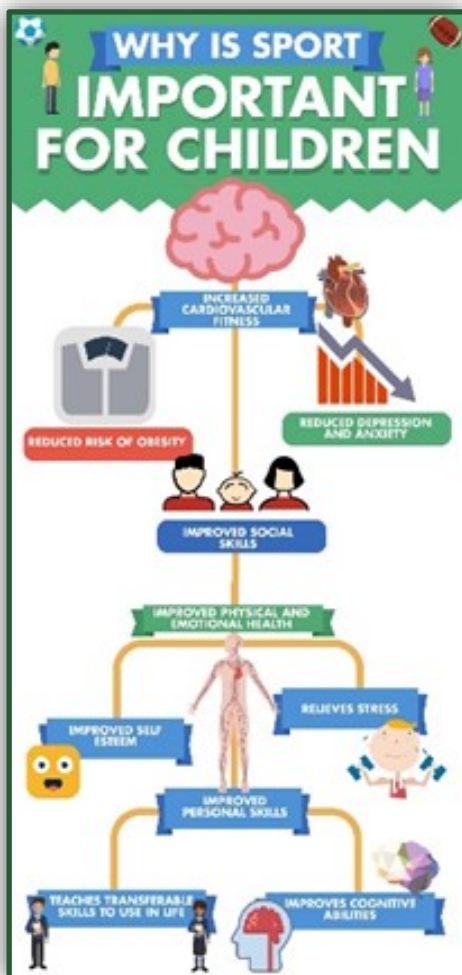
A huge thank you to the Year 6 students that joined us for the day and challenged themselves to experiencing a day in the life of St Paul's Catholic College. We hope you had an enjoyable day.

We also want to thank the 100 or so St Paul's students from Year 8, 9 and 10 that gave up their time to help on the day as Peer Support Leaders or as student helpers coordinating different activities. Without your contribution to the day, it would not have been as successful.

Sports Awards

Wednesday 11 December 2019

Period 6 (2.20pm)





We are in the first week of **Advent**. In Week 1 of Advent we light the candle of *Hope*. What are you hopeful for in your life this Christmas? Hope is a very fitting theme to focus on. Whilst Christmas is a time to reflect and give thanks for all the blessings God has bestowed upon us in the form of our family and friends, it is also a time of stress and heartache for many. Our students over the last month have been generously collecting hundreds of hygiene products to donate to the needy in our community. The SRC have chosen Jenny's House, an organisation offering support to women and their children affected by domestic violence, and BaptistCare who offer the opportunity for the less fortunate to shop for groceries, as our recipients of these hygiene products.

Continuing into our Advent celebrations, our school is preparing for our annual **Vinnie's Christmas Appeal**. Each tutor group is in charge of bringing in an item to create a hamper that will be delivered to families in our local area. Your support in helping our students donate items is much appreciated.

Last week, our final year group had the opportunity to participate in our annual reflection days. Year 7 spent the day celebrating the importance of teamwork. They spent the morning celebrating a liturgy and participating in our 'Tutor Group Olympics' events. In the afternoon we headed to Merewether Baths for a swim and some ball games on the sand. Year 7 were exceptional representatives of the school in their behaviour and interactions with one another. Thank you to the students, tutor group teachers and Mrs Evans for a wonderful day.

Mrs Renee Pola-Kuras
Ministry Coordinator



Learning Technology News

The **Bring Your Own Device** Program at St Paul's allows students to fully access current resources and programs, develop skills in using technology and prepares students to be digitally literate as they continue to learn and work in the 21st century. An important aspect of our pedagogical practice at St Paul's is that students are equipped with a device which will service their learning needs throughout their time at St Paul's. Many subjects rely on students having a device and therefore it is expected students have these devices with them **daily** (and that the device is fully charged to last the whole day) in order to complete their own learning needs.

This is even more important given the requirement for students in Years 7 & 9 to participate in NAPLAN testing and Year 10 students to complete the NATIONAL MINIMUM STANDARDS TESTING. Both of these programs involve students using their own devices.

St Paul's BYOD minimum specifications for devices are available [here](#) on our Website.

It is understood that at times, devices require maintenance however, for students whose device is being repaired, a loan device through the College Library can be borrowed. To make arrangements for a loan device please contact the relevant Student Coordinator.

Mr Mark Newell
Learning Technology Coordinator





Career Thought of the Week:

“Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle.”

Christian D. Larson

Holiday- Casual Employment



Don't miss out - Now is the time to apply for work over the summer holidays!

Many companies/employers are taking applications and hiring now ready for the busy season.

Consider the below for your best chance at gaining employment in a highly competitive environment.

Preparing Written Job Applications

Job Applications/Cover letters are very important. No matter how impressive your resume is, a poorly written cover letter can be the undoing of any chance of acquiring an interview. However, don't underestimate the power of providing a cover letter.

This should be a single page letter at the front of your resume, and you should use a different one for each job application.

There are different kinds of cover letters depending on your needs. See some examples below.

Cover letter when you have no work experience <https://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/jobs-and-careers/applying-for-a-job/what-is-a-cover-letter/sample-cover-letters/cover-letter-no-work-experience>

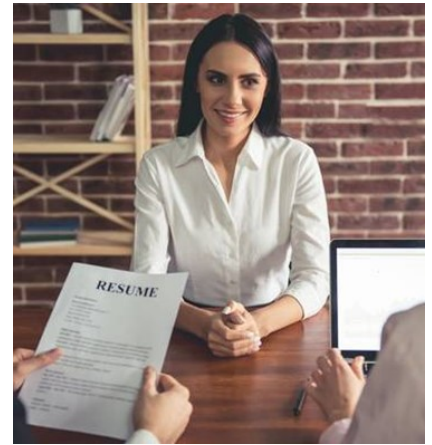
Cover letter when you have some work experience <https://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/jobs-and-careers/applying-for-a-job/what-is-a-cover-letter/sample-cover-letters/cover-letter-some-work-experience>

Cover letter when no resume is required <https://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/jobs-and-careers/applying-for-a-job/what-is-a-cover-letter/sample-cover-letters/cover-letter-when-no-resume-is-needed-no-paid-work-experience>

Cover letter when there's no job advertised <https://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/jobs-and-careers/applying-for-a-job/what-is-a-cover-letter/sample-cover-letters/cover-letter-when-no-job-is-advertised>

Important steps to keep in mind when writing a cover letter:

- 1 Address the letter to the name of the person hiring and include their position and title. If you don't have this information, endeavour to find it out.
- 2 Introduce yourself.
- 3 Show that you meet the job requirements by reflecting on the actual job advertisement and highlighting the skills you have that meet these requirements. For example, if the job involves customer service, you may highlight certain communication skills.
- 4 Be specific. For example, rather than making a general comment: "I have strong skills in Word" say "I have 2 years' experience using Word in my previous employment at Shelly's café typing and designing weekly menus."
- 5 Don't just focus on yourself, that is what your resume is for. Show that you meet their requirements, but also highlight why you would be a valuable part of their team or organisation. Research the company, so that you can demonstrate a genuine interest in the position.
- 6 Make it clear you want this job and give reasons why.
- 7 Check spelling and grammar! Perhaps have someone proofread it for you.



Creating a Cover Letter, Resume or e-Portfolio has been made easy for you

Just go to the **St Paul's Catholic College School Careers Website** and under the "For Students" menu is the "Student Secure Area" – here you can create your own account so that all your documents are automatically saved. You can log in any time and update, download or print them off as required.



Youth Parliament



Any student who wants to explore creative solutions to the problems you believe are facing NSW and debate those ideas in NSW Parliament House in front of real Members of Parliament, apply to be a participant now!

For more information go to:

<https://www.ymcansw.org.au/community-services/youth/youth-parliament>

Social Enterprise – Is it for you?

Is there an issue you care deeply about? The Future of Young Australians describes a Social Enterprise as “kind of like a non-profit or charity, but with one key difference. Rather than collecting money from sponsors and donations, a social enterprise takes the same approach to making money as a business. That is, they sell a product or service and then spend their profits on the supporting a cause.”



For their 5 tips For Starting A Social Enterprise go to:

<https://www.fya.org.au/2016/01/05/our-top-5-tips-for-starting-a-social-enterprise/>

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

This is the last Careers newsletter of the year and with that I wish every member of the St Paul’s community a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



UAC Important Dates

<https://www.uac.edu.au/key-dates>

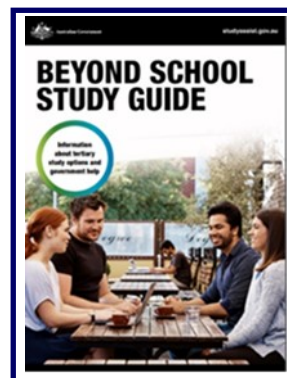
UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET				
KEY DATES FOR 2019-20				
<i>Times indicated are based on Sydney time.</i>				
APPLICATION DATES				
Monday 30 September 2019	Early bird applications close**			
Friday 7 February 2020	Applications close for semester 1, 2020			
Some courses have early closing dates set by the institutions. Check the course descriptions on UAC's website at uac.edu.au/search .				
** To avoid a higher processing charge, early bird applications must be completed, paid for and submitted by midnight on Monday 30 September 2019.				
PROCESSING CHARGES				
Early bird			Standard	
Wednesday 3 April – midnight Monday 30 September 2019	\$70		Tuesday 1 October 2019 – Friday 7 February 2020	\$200
All fees and charges are in Australian dollars, not refundable under any circumstances (except as required by law) and subject to change after 30 June 2019. Applications must be completed, paid for and submitted by midnight on the relevant closing date.				
YEAR 12 RESULTS AND ATAR DATES				
All dates determined by external organisations are subject to change.				
2019 NSW HSC students			2019 ACT Year 12 students	
Tuesday 17 December 2019			Tuesday 17 December 2019	
2019 NSW HSC results released by NESA			Statement (including ATAR) issued by ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies. Students should collect their certificates from their college on or after this date.	
ATARs released by UAC on UAC's website and the My UAC app from 1pm			ATARs released by UAC on UAC's website and the My UAC app from 1pm	
OFFER DATES				
All dates are subject to change. For the latest information, check uac.edu.au/key-dates .				
Undergraduate				
To ensure your application is assessed in time for a particular offer round, apply and provide your additional documentation as early as possible.				
Offer round	Apply and pay by midnight on	Provide hardcopy documents by 4.30pm / upload PDF documents by midnight on	Change preferences by midnight on [†]	Offers released at 7.30am on
May Round 1	Thu 18 Apr 2019	Thu 25 Apr 2019	Sun 28 Apr 2019	Thu 2 May 2019
May Round 2	Thu 25 Apr 2019	Thu 2 May 2019	Sun 12 May 2019	Thu 16 May 2019
May Round 3	Thu 9 May 2019	Thu 16 May 2019	Sun 26 May 2019	Thu 30 May 2019
June Round 1	Thu 23 May 2019	Thu 30 May 2019	Mon 10 Jun 2019	Fri 14 Jun 2019
June Round 2	Thu 6 Jun 2019	Thu 13 Jun 2019	Sun 23 Jun 2019	Thu 27 Jun 2019
July Round 1	Thu 20 Jun 2019	Thu 27 Jun 2019	Sun 7 Jul 2019	Thu 11 Jul 2019
July Round 2	Thu 4 Jul 2019	Thu 11 Jul 2019	Sun 21 Jul 2019	Thu 25 Jul 2019
August Round 1	Mon 29 Jul 2019	Fri 2 Aug 2019	Sun 11 Aug 2019	Thu 15 Aug 2019
August Round 2	Thu 8 Aug 2019	Thu 15 Aug 2019	Sun 25 Aug 2019	Thu 29 Aug 2019
September Round 1	Thu 22 Aug 2019	Thu 29 Aug 2019	Sun 8 Sep 2019	Thu 12 Sep 2019
September Round 2	Thu 5 Sep 2019	Thu 12 Sep 2019	Sun 22 Sep 2019	Thu 26 Sep 2019
October Round 1	Thu 12 Sep 2019	Thu 19 Sep 2019	Sun 6 Oct 2019	Thu 10 Oct 2019
October Round 2	Thu 3 Oct 2019	Thu 10 Oct 2019	Sun 20 Oct 2019	Thu 24 Oct 2019
November Round 1	Thu 24 Oct 2019	Thu 31 Oct 2019	Sun 10 Nov 2019	Thu 14 Nov 2019
November Round 2	Thu 7 Nov 2019	Mon 11 Nov 2019	Sun 24 Nov 2019	Thu 28 Nov 2019
December Round 1	Mon 11 Nov 2019	Fri 15 Nov 2019	Sun 8 Dec 2019	Thu 12 Dec 2019
December Round 2	Mon 18 Nov 2019	Fri 22 Nov 2019	Thu 19 Dec 2019	Mon 23 Dec 2019
January Round 1	Fri 29 Nov 2019	Wed 1 Jan 2020	Sun 5 Jan 2020	Fri 10 Jan 2020
January Round 2	Fri 10 Jan 2020	Wed 15 Jan 2020	Sun 19 Jan 2020	Thu 23 Jan 2020
February Round 1	Fri 24 Jan 2020	Thu 30 Jan 2020	Sun 2 Feb 2020	Thu 6 Feb 2020
February Round 2	Fri 7 Feb 2020 [†]	Fri 7 Feb 2020	Sun 9 Feb 2020	Thu 13 Feb 2020
March Round 1	Fri 7 Feb 2020 [†]	Fri 28 Feb 2020	Sun 1 Mar 2020	Thu 5 Mar 2020

[†] There are short periods before each offer round when you are unable to change your preferences in your application.
^{††} This is the final closing date to apply for courses starting semester 1, 2020. If you apply close to or on this date, you may not have seven days to provide any documents that you need to include with your application.

Beyond School Study Guide

The new [Beyond School Study Guide](#) is designed to help senior students navigate their way into higher education. It provides information on

- higher education pathways
- higher education fees and government loans
- student support services.



Important Dates for Term 4 2019

2019 NSW HSC students:

Tuesday 17 December 2019 NSW HSC results released by NESA Statement (including ATAR after this date. ATARs released by UAC on UAC's website and the My UAC app from 1pm.

Yr. 10 University Experience Day

Thursday 5th December

ATAR/HSC Results BBQ

Tuesday 17th December


Career Links Junior Positions Vacant



02 4967 1050

www.careerlinks.nsw.edu.au

These links are available on the SPCCB Careers Website and emailed to students in Years 10/11/12 through their school email accounts each Monday. Examples are:

 <p>FIND THE ALDI IN YOU</p> <p>Retail Assistant - Warners Bay & Cardiff - 15hrs p/w</p> <p>At ALDI, our people are the key to our success.</p> <p>We're looking for high energy team members who love to keep active and busy. A Retail Assistant at ALDI needs to be able to thrive in a fast paced, team environment and always be willing to go the extra mile for their customers and team. The role is physical in nature, so you'll need to enjoy hands-on work and meeting deadlines and our shifts can start at 6am some mornings, and finish at 10pm others, so being flexible and available any 5 out of 7 days is important. Finally, prior experience in a fast paced, retail environment will be viewed favourably, however a positive attitude and hardworking spirit are an absolute must.</p> <p>What's in it for you?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Market leading remunerationBe a part of a leading international retailerCareer opportunities in our rapidly growing store network including progression to Store Management TraineeExtensive training and developmentRotating roster and limited contracted hours.4 weeks annual leaveWork alongside friendly and supportive colleagues <p>You will be responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Maintaining and replenishing stock storewideOperating manual pallet moving equipmentMerchandising stock storewideServing and assisting customers in a professional and efficient mannerOperating tills and calculating change manually	<p><u>Junior Dental Assistant</u></p> <p>We are looking for a Junior Dental Assistant to join our team in our busy modern inner city practice. No experience necessary. If you are looking for a new career we are looking for someone eager to learn and develop new skills. The successful applicant will be offered ongoing on the job training as well as possible training opportunities within TAFE.</p> <p>We are looking for someone who will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Be confident within their job- Have a friendly and caring nature- Competent with technology- Outstanding Communication Skills- Ability to think and learn quickly- Empathetic- Responsible- Have initiative and be willing to work in a fast paced environment.- Be flexible working extend hours and possible Saturdays. <p>This Position is a casual with potential for full time employment in the future.</p> <p>Please apply to kbonner@ovalbeathdental.com.au</p>
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Mr Craig McLoughlin
Careers Adviser

Year 10 PASS

Our **Year 10 PASS** students went to Raw Challenge at Doyalson on Tuesday 26 November. It was an extremely hot day but this didn't deter our students from having a great day. They all participated well and got very muddy as well as exhausted from the many obstacles they faced throughout the course. Thanks to Miss Jacqui Moriarty for her organisation of the day and thanks also to Mr Sam Heagney for his assistance and participation on the course.

Mrs. Christine Pakalniskis
PDHPE Teacher.



My name is Miss Kelly O'Brien and I find myself at St Paul's on placement from the University of Newcastle. I have had the privilege of working with Miss Eleanor Martin in the Drama room, as well as with her Year 7 Religion class. During my time here Year 9 Drama have had loads of fun exploring comedy and character. This week they delved into the world of Commedia dell'Arte, expressing character through movement and sound. Using stock character masks inspired by the 16th Century theatre style, the students created and embodied their own unique characters. The masks were kindly lent to our class by Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus Drama department. While my time here at St Paul's is short I am grateful for the learning opportunities presented, and for the wonderful students I had the honour of working with.

Miss O'Brien





Dear Parents,

The Duke of Edinburgh Award has now been running at St Paul's High School since 2010. Students from Year 9 (aged 14) may join the program. The Award is a self-development program available to all young people. We have our Bronze and Silver Award up and running this term. We are aiming for our first over-night camp to be held late in Term One 2020. If your child is interested it's not too late to sign up. We are hoping to have numbers **finalised by Week 9**. Notes are available in the office.

The award is non-competitive and encourages young people to set and achieve goals at a level appropriate to their needs.

There are four sections that must be completed for a young person to qualify for an award: **Volunteering, Skills, Physical Recreation and Adventurous Journeys**. These activities provide an opportunity for students to acquire and develop skills and build initiative and self-esteem which will help them become more confident and contributing members of the community. The Award is highly regarded in many scholarship applications, university applications and employers.

Participants design their own program by selecting activities they are interested in, setting their own goals and striving to achieve their own potential. The Award has three levels: **Bronze, Silver and Gold**.

To attain the **BRONZE AWARD** students must complete the following Sections:

Skills:

A cultural or social activity must be pursued, leading to a deeper knowledge of the subject and the attainment of a reasonable degree of skill such as playing a musical instrument or studying a language. (3 months regular commitment averaging at least 1 hour per week).

Physical Recreation:

Participation in an individual or group physical activity. (3 months of regular commitment averaging at least 1 hour per week).

Volunteering:

Voluntary unpaid community service spread over 3 months such as peer reading, "meals on wheels", or surf life saving. (3 months of regular commitment averaging at least 1 hour per week).

***Note: All Bronze participants must complete an extra 3 months in one of the above sections.**

Adventurous Journey:

Complete Preliminary Training, a Practise Journey and then a self – sufficient Qualifying Journey (a total of 2 overnight trips or 2 x 2 overnight trips for Silver). In previous years this has either been run through the Broken Bay Recreation Centre with experienced trainers or through St Paul's Catholic College, with staff and an experienced guide. Equipment, other than sleeping bags can be hired for a low cost as required. This **Adventurous Journey section** will incur a cost beyond the **award entry fee**. Future camp costs will depend on student numbers.

The registration fee for the Duke of Edinburgh program is \$140 which covers the NSW Duke of Edinburgh administration, the bronze certificate, insurance and school administration costs. Unfortunately this registration fee is non-refundable so please make sure that your child is committed to doing the award.

If you would like any further information do not hesitate to email me at jessica.knott@mn.catholic.edu.au or call (02) 4958 6711. Alternatively you can visit www.dukeofed.com

May peace and love surround you and your families over the Christmas break.

Regards,

Mrs Jessica Dufty
Duke of Ed Coordinator



From the Finance Office

For all Finance enquiries please use the following email address: finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au

To calculate your Weekly, Fortnightly or Monthly payment amount, please go to our Website and use the calculator. <http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/about-us/finance/fee-calculator/>

If you have not already done so, please ensure I have copies of relevant updated Health Care / Pension Cards.

Also, if you have not completed 2019 Family Discount and Diocesan Pastoral Contribution Form, please follow the link to the Website above to download, complete and return to college office.

Mrs Betty Harris—Finance Officer

finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au

Opening Hours for Payments to the Finance Office

Parents: Come to Student Reception or Reception from 8.30am to 2.30pm

Students: Mornings from 8.30am until tutor group bell, all of recess and all lunch times

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



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For more information about QKR visit our website

www.booragul.catholic.edu.au

Step 1 Download Qkr!

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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.

Canteen Roster

Monday 2 December—Friday 6 December

Mon	Karen Lee, Kath Liley
Tues	Christine Bathman
Wed	Dianne Fennell-Fraser
Thurs	Rochelle Loveday, Nadine Steenson
Fri	Anne Negline

Monday 9 December—Friday 13 December

Mon	
Tues	Amanda Holt, Janelle Haggerston
Wed	Joanne Bower, Pamela Amos
Thurs	Michelle Hall, Kylie Smith, Sharon Roberts
Fri	Kim Dickson

Monday 16 December—Friday 18 December

Mon	Lisa Kelly
Tues	Mel Dobosz
Wed	Linda Gesell, Kim Harding
Thurs	
Fri	

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 or contact Carolyn.

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

Term 4 2019

Wk 8	Mon 2nd Dec	Newcastle High School 7-8 Indoor Soccer Championships
	Tues 3 Dec	Year 7 2020 Orientation Day
	Thurs 5 Dec	VET/Careers Day Year 10
Wk 9	Tues 10 Dec	Peer Mediation Training
	Wed 11 Dec	Sports Award Ceremony (P6) 7-10 Reports Published
	Thurs 12 Dec	7-10 Awards Ceremonies EOYA (End of year activities)
Wk 10	Mon 16th Dec	EOYA (End of year activities)
	Tues 17 Dec	HSC & ATAR results released
	Wed 18 Dec	Last Day Years 7-10 ATAR Results BBQ (12noon)
	Thurs 19 Dec	Pupil Free Day

Please see website for further Calendar dates

<http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/news-events/events-calendar/>

The **Canteen** is in need of volunteers

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Paul Dillon – Drug and Alcohol Research Training Australia (DARTA)

Paul Dillon has been working in the area of drug education for more than 25 years. Through his own business, Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia (DARTA) he has been contracted by many agencies and organisations across the country to give regular updates on current drug trends within the community. He continues to work with many school communities across the country to ensure that they have access to good quality information and best practice drug education.

In 2009 his best-selling book for parents was published titled 'Teenagers, Alcohol and Drugs' and has since been released internationally, being translated into a number of languages. With a broad knowledge of a range of content areas, Paul regularly provides media comment and is regarded as a key social commentator in Australia, appearing on a wide range of television programs including Sunrise, TODAY and The Project discussing topical issues.

DATE Thursday 12 December, 2019
TIME 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start – 8.00pm
VENUE St Mary's ASC Maitland Hall
RSVP <https://mncso.news/PD19>









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- DAY:** Tuesdays
DATES: 18 February - 7 April 2020
TIME: 4-5pm
SUITABLE FOR: Female high school students
BOOKINGS: Complete/return booking forms available here www.ywcahunterregion.org.au/self-defence
VENUE: YWCA Hunter Hall, 24 Dawson St, Cooks Hill
FEE: \$120* for the 8 week course

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