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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It seems a very long time ago that I sat at my computer to write a newsletter to our community and I suppose that is true. Much has happened in the past few months including lock-down, remote learning, Year 12 final days and much more. In reality, my last article would have been back in Term One before I took leave. On my return at the beginning of this term, I wrote to the community thanking you all for allowing me to have the renewal time that I needed. I feel good about my return and it is wonderful to be back with friends and colleagues.

The return to school for our students has been very smooth. Like the return that happened last year, I think that the vast majority were keen to get back to face to face learning with their friends. The current mask restriction has been accepted well by the students, but I will admit, it does make us all rather tired at the end of the day. There is nothing better than breathing fresh air! I do feel for our Year 12 students who are also required to wear masks during their exams, but I suppose that they are all in the same boat as every other Year 12 student sitting the exams.

We were able to stage a lovely Farewell to our HSC Class of 2021 culminating with the Final Awards Ceremony and Liturgy. It needed to be a tightly choreographed affair and I would like to publicly thank all the amazing staff who worked so hard to make the events happen so seamlessly. I suspect that when we all got into teaching, we would never have predicted that we would become stage managers, choreographers, directors, set designers, video technicians and sound and lighting experts! The students were so giving of their time and willingness to support what we were trying to do for them under very challenging public health orders. The final thank you goes to Blair Brownlee and Jess Dufty, the Year 12 Leaders of Wellbeing and Engagement who have guided this group through two years of great challenge.

The HSC has commenced with rules and regulations that reflect the time. At the point of writing, English and Music are now complete and by all reports they have been fair and reasonable papers where the students have been able to show their learning appropriately. I hope that I am able to report the same as the exams continue.

COVID restrictions have resulted in many modifications to the ways that we do everyday things including our sports program. At this point we will continue to hold extra lessons on Friday afternoon and include some extra PE lessons for juniors as we can. The biggest hurdle we have is that we cannot mix cohorts and we can only have large groups together outside which makes the use of our hall problematic. I hope and pray that after the HSC is over, the health orders become more school friendly. We continue to follow the COVID regulations with cleaning and mask wearing along with attempted social distancing! In reality, this is the most challenging aspect for all schools, and I suspect the rule makers have a very rose-coloured view of how young people operate. In relation to mask wearing, I do ask that you have a conversation with your children about the need to wear masks on public transport. This includes all school busses and trains. I was speaking to one of the bus drivers earlier in the week and he reported that some of our students are reluctant to follow that particular health order. I thank you for your support.

On Wednesday afternoon this week we also hosted our Year 11 Awards Ceremony. We held the awards in Holland Court (an outside venue) and it was a lovely occasion. Congratulations to all our award winners. Thank you to Mr Cayte Pryor and her support team for organising the event.

The term is moving on very quickly. We are trying to work out how we might be able to have End of Year Activities. Mrs Shipman and a group of teachers are meeting regularly and are in contact with venues that might be able to support the College in having the activities in the final week of the year. More information will be coming out soon.

Enjoy the longer days. I hope that you are able to avoid any storms that seem to be about this time of the year.

Go gently.

Mr Graeme Selmes
Principal



Link to: **St Paul's Booragul Facebook**



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LAST CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY!

SURVEY CLOSING DATE 12TH NOVEMBER

Tell Them From Me (TTFM®) Survey

Last year **parents, staff and students** of St Paul's participated in an online – TTFM® survey.

Newcastle-Maitland Diocese utilise the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve using the valuable feedback in relation to faith, learning, student engagement and wellbeing.

St Paul's Catholic College are asking you to complete the 2021 online survey.

The survey is anonymous, confidential and completely voluntary.

To participate in the 2021 Parent Survey click on the link below

<http://tellthemfromme.com/stpaulsparentsurvey2021>

Mrs Amber Carter

Assistant Principal—Teaching & Learning



Year 9 Leadership Day

Monday 6 December is coming....

Look out for more information in Care Group and join in on this amazing opportunity to have fun together as a Year 9 group and learn fantastic leadership skills.



Burn Bright is a for-purpose, not-for-profit organisation, that works solely to empower and engage young people. They partner with schools to deliver highly dynamic and engaging programs and workshops that excite young people and help them to build solid foundations from which they can fly.

Mrs Libby Lucas
Student Support Coordinator



Year 12 News

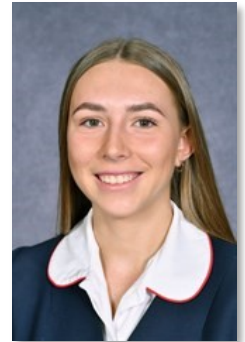


*Lily Ryder – winner of the 12PDHPE
Choosday Choice competition.*

For the latest 'Spotlight' article we arranged to meet Year 12 student **Reegan Bradley**.

Reegan is a hardworking student who has demonstrated an admirable dedication to her studies and extracurricular activities.

Reegan's favourite subject is Community and Family Studies (CAFS). She enjoys this subject as she believes it has ample real-life relevance and will be helpful should she pursue a career in Primary School Teaching; a field which definitely interests her.



Some of the content that Reegan has studied in CAFS was recently magnified when she took part in the Vinnie's Sleepout, an experience that gave her and other St Paul's seniors a glimpse into the realities of homelessness. The sleepout raised almost \$2000 which went directly to some of the most vulnerable in our community.

Reegan balances her schoolwork with her casual job in a fast food outlet where she is currently completing her Certificate II in Retail. She enjoys a busy social life and loves sport, especially soccer. One of Reegan's role models is her cousin Cassidy Davis who is mid-fielder with the Newcastle Jets Women's team.

After the HSC, Reegan is keen to study at Newcastle University. She is a hardworking and passionate student who will achieve great things in the future, and we wish Reegan all the best for her upcoming HSC.



By Nishita Tamhane, Alex Reilly and Angelica Lowe (Year 9).

LOST PROPERTY TUB IN THE HUB

THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF SPORTS JACKETS AND DRINKBOTTLES IN THE LOST PROPERTY TUB IN STUDENT SERVICES.

IF YOUR CHILD HAS LOST ANYTHING PLEASE ASK THEM TO CHECK.



Year 10 Poetry – ‘Where I am From’

10 English B have been exploring imaginative writing, poetry and the power of memory. In class, we have discussed that we are from so much more than where we live and our geographical location – we are from our experiences, our families, our friendships, our childhood and our memories.

We hope you enjoy the class samples that follow. Stay tuned for additional pieces in future newsletters!

I Am From...

I am from two different homes,
one is quiet the other loud.

One that smells of mum’s home cooking,
the other smells like the ocean.

I’m from Christmas with all my family
and my nan’s pasta;
hot and rich bolognaise,
piled on my plate.

I am from a family of five,
from every Wednesday,
at Auntie Lou’s.

I am from an Italy heritage,
my dad’s sayings; ‘mungi’,
meaning ‘let’s eat!’

I am from the beaches and the city,
and the lake and bush,
fishing with my dad,
watching movies with mum.

I am from the Paramatta Eels,
to watching them play,
on TV every week.

I’m from riding the streets with my friends,
And staying up late with them at night.

I am from my memories, my mates
and my people.

Kaiden Calo



I Am From

I am Palisade St Edgeworth,
feeling of overgrown grass to the smell of wood chip.
I am Maggie, my first puppy, my first real friend.

I am Nerf fights with siblings and exploring the bush
making a ‘fire’ and discovering new things,
from naming lizards to feeding kookaburra’s.

I am my father’s humour and my mother’s complexion,
from Aboriginal and Polish background,
I am staying up late with my older sister,
getting distracted; one thing after another.

I am Hawaii, Lacey’s first holiday,
celebrating Sam’s birthday.

I am my friends, who have helped make me
who I am now.

I am finally figuring out who I am.
Getting songs stuck in my head and learning them on the guitar.

I am Alani, my best friend for 11 years now,
from Scouts and Venturers, where I met new friends.

I am gaming, from discovering the dinosaur I did not know even
existed,
to taming it later.

I’m meeting an amazing group of people and defeating bosses
together.

I am Christmas mornings at mama’s,
massive breakfasts leaving us full for hours,
from wrapping gifts for ‘family friends’,
bound to be forgotten, discarded.

I am my family, being a role model for my younger siblings
promising to protect them from bullies and boyfriends.

I’m family trips to the snow and getting injured while skiing,
from late night hot chocolates with melted marshmallows

I am all those moments, and the promise of more to come
future memories are mysteries
that I’ll soon figure out.

Abbey Kot



Mrs Nicole Burns and Miss Brianna Robards
English Faculty



A story of Migration - “Thailand to Australia” (*two worlds*)

I am from an ancient Southeast Asian land,
From Nakhon Phanom in the Kingdom of Siam
spices and herbs, sweet sticky rice, durian, and mangosteen.

I am from the rain-soaked rice padi fields,
water buffaloes and the seasonal colours of
the wet monsoon and the dry winter.
I’m from hot days and holidays, Buddhist festivals of
saffron yellow, splashing of water and bright colours of Songkran.

The floating prayer offerings of Loy Kratong,
of flowers, banana leaves, candles, and incense.
The smile on my grandmother’s face when she
joined us for these festive celebrations.

My family history reaches out to ancient kingdoms of Siam and China,
memories of singing an elephant song as school children.
I’m from the southeast and northeast regions of Thailand,
from Chanthaburi and Nakhon Phanom.

I am from birthdays that smell of panang curry, green curry, and love.
I am disorientated from migration to Australia,
yet hungry to learn more.
Newcastle brings new beginnings, but also a language barrier and confusion.
I am settled with my mother and her partner- ‘Uncle’,
But I hold to two countries and two families.

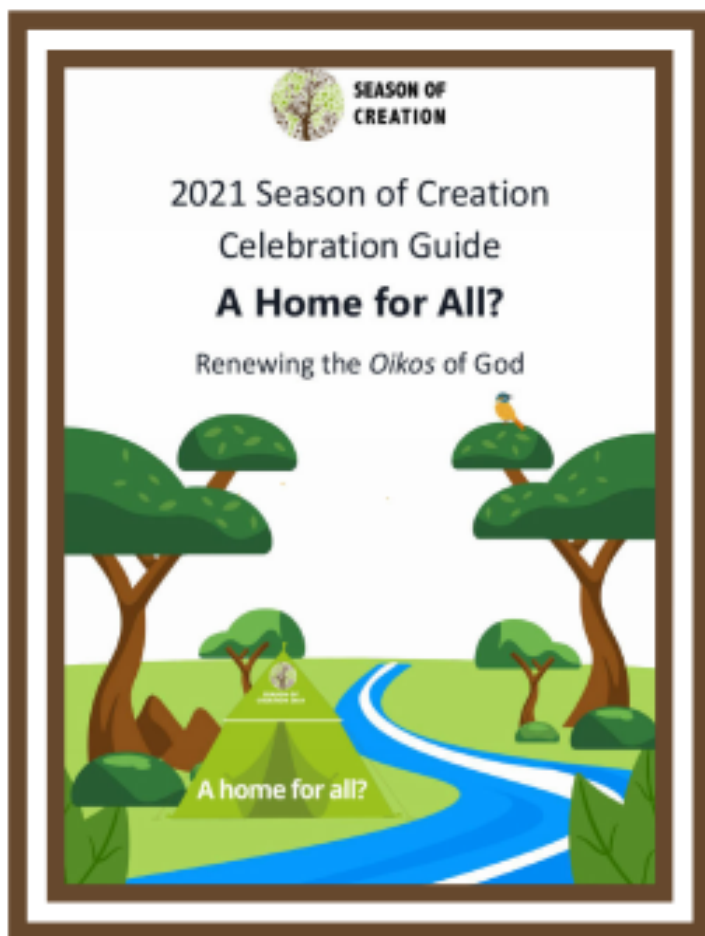
Memories of Thailand remain in my heart,
my journey continues, but it feels uphill.
But I am strong..... I will keep going, and I hope to help my family,

I have kidbua.

Kidbua – Power of positive thinking
Loy Kratong – Buddhist festivals
Song kran – Splashing of water
Nakhon Phanom – Northeast region in Thailand
Chanthaburi – Southern region in Thailand

Sera Saeaiiao





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TOGETHER AND TAKE
ACTION!**

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**You are invited to participate in a competition
that involves creating a 2-minute film exploring
the 2021 Seasons of Creation theme**

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or contact rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au





2022 SUCCESSFUL ASPIRE AUDITIONEES

DRAMA ENSEMBLE

SENIOR

Sophie Fuller Year 9 St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul

Ashlyn Beckwith Year 10 St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul

DANCE ENSEMBLE

Imogen Cowen Year 9 St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul

Zoe Doyle Year 7 St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul

Analeigh McKibbin Year 7 St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul

Cleo Doyle Year 9 St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul

Jamie Pockran Year 9 St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul

Sienna McKibbin Year 9 St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul

VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Isabella Rankine Year 7 St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul

Catherine Voight Year 8 St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul

Kirrily Boslem Year 10 St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul

Gabrielle Brady Year 10 St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul

Tara Cowen Year 11 St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul

STAGE BAND ENSEMBLE

Lisa-Jean Hall (Flute) Year 10 St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul

Michael Pockran (Trumpet) Year 11 St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul

Connor Rankine (Trumpet) Year 8 St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul

"Congratulations to our amazing students who have been successful with their ASPIRE auditions for the 2022 production. Chookas!"

Miss Morag Aitchison
Leader of Learning—CAPA



ASPIRE NEWS



SENIOR THEATRE MAKERS 2021

ASPIRE's Senior Theatre Makers will be celebrating 10 years of ASPIRE in 2021. The group will be creating a piece that gives an abridged version of each of our large scale original productions – 'The Complete Works of ASPIRE'. It is designed to be a fond and funny trip down memory lane.

Working with Artistic Director Anna Kerrigan and Intern Lily Wetherspoon Mills the group will employ a range of devising and writing tasks as they condense the scripts into just five minutes each! Performers will play a huge amount of characters and develop skills in comedic performance.

Senior Theatre Makers will take place from 4.30 pm – 6.30 pm at the Catholic Schools Office, Newcastle.

The schedule is:

Term 3

Thursday 2 September 2021

Thursday 9 September 2021

Weekend Rehearsal 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Saturday 11 December 2021

Bump In and Rehearsal 9.00 am – 4.00 pm

Monday 13 December 2021

PERFORMANCE DAY 10.00 am – 8.00 pm

Tuesday 14 December 2021 (*Performance at 6.30pm*)

Term 4

Thursday 7 October 2021

Thursday 14 October 2021

Thursday 21 October 2021

Thursday 28 October 2021

Thursday 5 November 2021

Thursday 18 November 2021

Thursday 25 November 2021

Thursday 2 December 2021

Thursday 9 December 2021

Senior Theatre Makers is open to all students in Years 9-11

Course Cost: \$150 (scholarships are available for those in financial need).

To reserve your place please complete a booking form online at the ASPIRE website <http://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au> or call Anne Atkins on 02 4979 1331 or 0404 003 601 for more information. Closing date for registration is **Friday 20 August 2021**

ASPIRE

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INFORMATION SHEET 2022



// HOW TO AUDITION FOR ASPIRE 2022

The ASPIRE Audition Application Process is now online

The following instructions will direct you to the online audition form.

1/ Go to the ASPIRE website: aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au

2/ Click on JOIN US

3/ Click on 2022 AUDITIONS

4/ Click on the link: [CLICK HERE TO APPLY ONLINE FOR ASPIRE 2022](#)

Please contact Anne Atkins if you have any queries regarding auditions by email: anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au or by phone 02 4979 1331

Please note: Registration for Audition needs to be completed and submitted by no later than Friday 17 September 2021

// AUDITION DATES

NEWCASTLE EXHIBITION AND CONVENTION CENTRE (WESTS NEWCASTLE)
SITE OF THE OLD NEWCASTLE WORKERS CLUB

**DANCE
INSTRUMENTAL**
Monday 18
October 2021

JUNIOR DRAMA
Tuesday 19
October 2021

**JUNIOR DRAMA
AND SENIOR
DRAMA**
Wednesday 20
October 2021

VOCAL
Thursday 21
October 2021

// ABOUT ASPIRE

ASPIRE is the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Schools Office's creative and performing arts program. With an emphasis on fostering creativity, ASPIRE has a large number of programs on offer including in school workshops and production support, professional development for staff as well as special projects in areas such as songwriting, scriptwriting, devising theatre and choreography. ASPIRE also produces an original theatrical performance annually where students audition to be part of either the design, drama, vocal, dance, instrumental and production ensembles.

// SAVE THE DATE 2022

ASPIRE @ THE CIVIC THEATRE

Wednesday 27 July 2022 at 11.00 am

Thursday 28 July 2022 at 11.00 am

Friday 29 July 2022 at 11.00 am

Friday 29 July 2022 at 7.00 pm

Saturday 30 July 2022 at 7.00 pm

\$13.50 PER STUDENT

Accompanying teachers free.

Tickets through Civic Theatre Box Office In Term 2 2022

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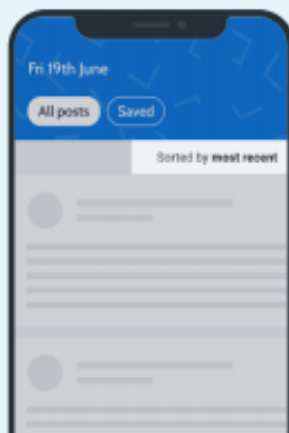
Please refer to the ASPIRE website for all ASPIRE information, forms, updates, photos and the newsletter.

ASPIRE

We've listened: Changes to your Compass App are coming soon!



This term there will be some updates to your NewsFeed, let's take a look at what's new:

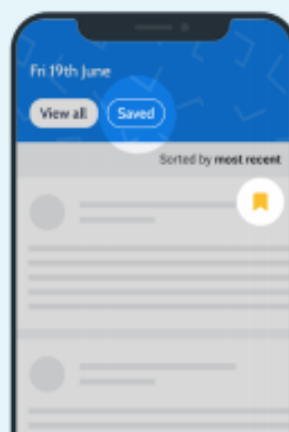
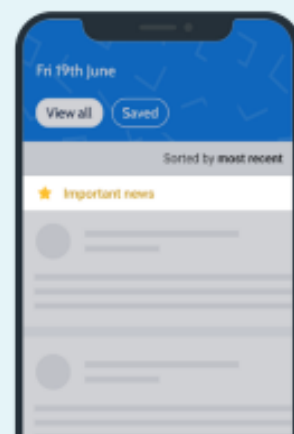


Sort by

We've redesigned your NewsFeed, making it simpler to navigate and easier to manage. You will now have the ability to sort your news by 'most important' or 'most recent', to ensure that you're up to date with all interesting and important school news!

Important news

Never worry about missing an important update again! To help you stay in the loop, all priority notifications will be highlighted and flagged as 'Important news'.



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Our saved posts help you keep track of school communications. Using the bookmark icon, you will be able to create a customised shortlist of NewsFeed posts for when you need them.



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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 2021 Family Discount and Diocesan Pastoral Contribution Form, please follow the link to the Website above to download, complete and return to college office.

Excursions Coming Up

School Fee Payments

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

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4. Cash

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.

Opening Hours for Payments to the Finance Office

Parents: Due to COVID restrictions please contact the office for contactless payment options.

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Step 3 Find our school

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Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

For more information about QKR visit our website

www.booragul.catholic.edu.au



Mrs Betty Harris—Finance Officer

finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au



Billing of School Fees



As you are aware we have moved to an annual billing cycle.

School fee statements will be sent out at the end of the month. We ask that parents who have not yet returned their **Payment Frequency Form** please complete and return to the Finance Office as soon as possible (copy available on the website).

We remind you the fee payment should have commenced by now and if paying by instalment we ask that accounts are finalised by 30 November 2021. If paying in full please finalise prior to 30 June 2021.

Payments can be made via BPay, direct debit or credit card.

For families experiencing financial hardship, or wishing to discuss other payment arrangements please contact the College to arrange an appointment (4958 6711).



Term 4 2021

Week 7	Mon 15 Nov	HSC Continues
Week 8	Mon 22	HSC Continues

Please see website for further Calendar dates

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

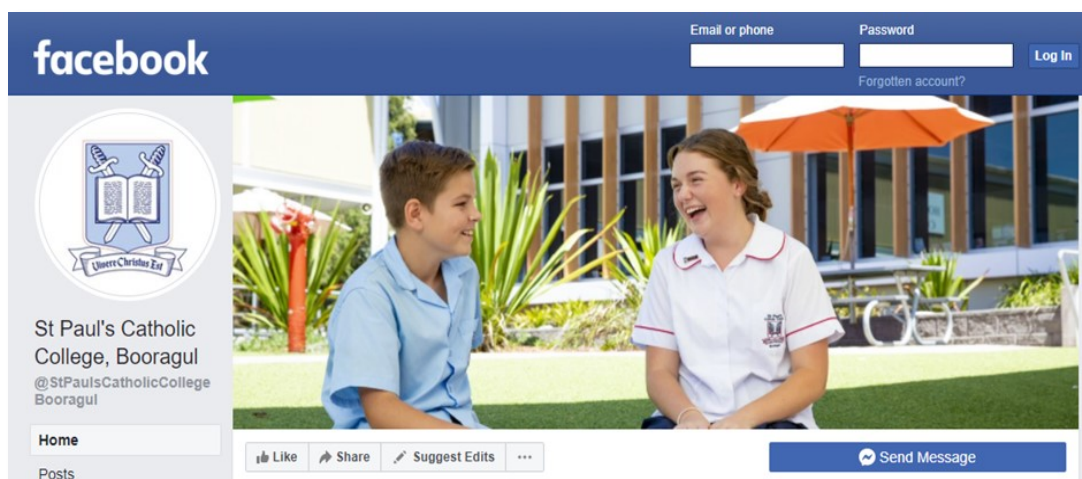


Please be aware that the events and dates listed on this school calendar are subject to change. Please check regularly.

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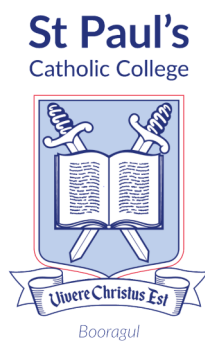
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Parents! For more information and resources,
please check out our Kids Helpline parents section

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