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"We are in the country of the Awabakal peoples. We respectfully acknowledge their elders, celebrating their continuing culture and the living memory of their ancestors."

National Child Protection Week is recognised from 4 to 10 September, 2022. The theme for 2022 is 'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go'. Coinciding with National Child Protection Week is the diocesan Perpetual Day of Remembrance Sunday 11 September, 2022. This was an initiative of or late Bishop Bill Wright five years ago. The following is a prayer from the diocese for the Perpetual Day of Remembrance.

Ode to the Light of Christ

Come, let us walk in the Light of the Lord.
Let us not fear the past
when our hearts were heavy. (Is. 2:5)
Let us Shine the Light of Christ.

Come, let us bring light from the darkness.
Let us make evil good and find sweet in the bitter. (Is. 5:20)
Let us Shine the Light of Christ.

Come, let us weep together
when the light grew dark with the clouds,
from the darkness and distress. (Is. 5:30)
Let us Shine the Light of Christ.

Come, let us walk with our brothers and sisters,
those who have walked in darkness. (Is. 9:2)
Let them see the great Light of God
and let us Shine the Light of Christ.

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2023 School Leaders

The 2023 School Leaders were recently finalised. Congratulations to Ellarna Gayler, Joseph Plumridge, Regan Loveday, and Benjamin Middleton who were announced as our leaders.



Thanks to all the students who nominated themselves for the 2023 leadership positions, also to Mrs Brownlee and Mrs Dufty for their support of the students and their organisation of the leadership process.

Pupil Free Day

As was communicated in the last Newsletter, **Monday, 10 October, 2022 will be a Pupil Free Day.** On this day staff will be undertaking training in writing strategies which can be incorporated into lessons. **Term 4 will resume for students on Tuesday, 11 October, 2022.**

Parent and Carer Term 3 Meeting

Parents and carers recently received communication regarding a meeting which will provide an update on the 2022 school year at St Paul's as well as seek feedback on some current initiative being considered. The gathering will take place online on Tuesday 13th September, 2022 at 6.00pm. It is anticipated the meeting would be for 1 hour.

The Agenda for the Meeting will be:

- Update on the St Paul's Self – Review and Strategic Planning Workshop.
- Feedback on:
 - Changes to the winter jacket for Year 7 - 10 students
 - Changes to the Boys 7 – 10 long socks
 - Mobile Phone usage at school
- Discussion on frequency of parent gatherings and how best to support family involvement
- General Business

To assist with organisation of the gathering could you please register your details at the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/BWd4uAyG4H>

On the Monday prior to the gathering a Zoom link will be forwarded to those parents and carers who have indicated that they will be joining for the conversation.

Year 8 Reflection Day

In Week 7, Year 8 students participated in their Reflection Day which focused on the environment. The students took part in a liturgy followed by planting trees around the grounds of the school. Thanks to Miss Harrison our Youth Minister, and Mr Doyle for their organisation of the day. Also to the students for their engagement throughout the day and to the teachers who assisted on the day.



Period Poverty Project

Mrs Burns' Year 12 Community and Family Studies class have been advocating for female hygiene products to be made available in the female toilets. Three of the students, Christina Swinsburg, Alexandra Holiday and Charlotte Ferry along with Mrs Burns and Mrs Ferry have been members of a Working Party with other diocesan staff on how female hygiene products can be made available across the diocese.

The students are to be affirmed for the mature and responsible way in which they have promoted the need for the products being provided in schools. This has resulted in St Paul's participating in a trial for the project.

An article about the students work, and the project appeared in the Aurora last weekend. The article can be accessed at the link below:

<https://mnnews.today/aurora/september-2022/55743-inequity-has-young-advocates-seeing-red/>.

R U OK? Day

Last Wednesday saw the college come together for R U OK? Day. The students gathered for picnics during CARE time and recess. On R U OK? Day you are encouraged to check in on friends to ensure they are travelling ok with their mental health and wellbeing. Thanks to Mrs Easterbrook for her organisation of the activities and for the students for their involvement.



Kiss and Ride Area in Primrose Street.

Outside the Primrose Street entrance to the school is a Kiss and Ride area which doesn't allow parking between the times of 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm. Parents, carers, family members and students are advised that the local Ranger patrols the area from time to time.

School community members who are parking near the entrance to the school are also asked to be respectful of our neighbours and not block access to their driveways when visiting the school.

To view the College Road Safety Plan please click the link below:

<https://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/about-us/school-life/college-road-safety/>

Mr Nicholas Wickham
Principal



R U OK? Day

This week we recognised R U OK? Day which aims to “inspire and empower everyone to meaningfully connect with the people around them and start a conversation with those in their world who may be struggling with life.” St Paul’s students had picnics with their peers and sharing food is one of the best ways we as humans can build relationships. Year 7 and 8 students made sunflowers and balloons were shared around to help brighten the day and act as a reward for our conversation bingo winners who demonstrated an ability to ask but also listen. St Paul’s LoWE’s are here to listen and truly help our students who may not be OK .





***Mrs Emma Easterbrook
Leader of Wellbeing and Engagement***

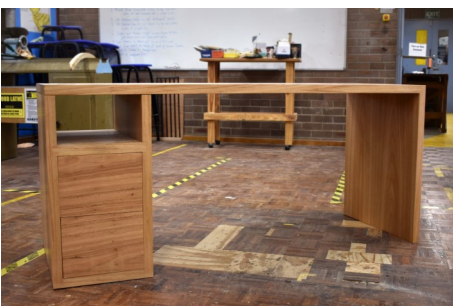
HSC Industrial Technology Timber

Over the past year, our HSC Industrial Technology Timber students have been incredibly busy designing, fabricating and assembling their major projects.

This year our students have created the following:

- Tasmanian Blackwood timber chair and accompanying table.
- Blackbutt modern desk incorporating a waterfall edge and cabinetry.
- Tasmanian Oak modern poolside chair and accompanying table.
- Hoop Pine and epoxy river table with a hidden drawer.
- Tasmanian Oak desk incorporating cabinetry and a minimalistic curved leg
- Spotted Gum and Tasmanian Oak Scandinavian designed dining room table to seat eight.
- Tasmanian Oak Hallway Cabinet incorporating tapered legs and a dovetailed carcass.

Brilliant projects by our brilliant students. Well done Year 12 Industrial Technology!



Mr Samuel Davidson
TAS Faculty



Mr Samuel Heagney
TAS Faculty



Recently, Year 12 shared a picnic together in the sun as a way of celebrating the end of their schooling. It allowed a bit of down time, conversation and community amongst the students and their CARE teachers. Some of the students really know how to cater for a picnic very well! Lots of yummy food to share.





Mrs Cayte Pryor
Leader of Wellbeing and Engagement - Year 12



Our Year 10 girls were fortunate to take part in a PPEP Talk on Monday 29th August. The PPEP Talk is a Federal Government Department of Health funded program and focuses on developing awareness and education in teens regarding Endometriosis and pelvic pain.

Sylvia from the Pelvic Pain Foundation Australia, presented lots of valuable and insightful information on the female reproductive system and associated pain. The female students walked away with useful ways to relieve symptoms, knowing when to seek advice and support, why we experience pain, and how to advocate for their own health.

There will be a webinar and Q+A in November with further information regarding the information presented. All those students who provided an email address will be sent the link to access this.

Mrs Jodie Woolley



Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Parent Survey 2022



Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to invite you to complete the **Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey**. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

The survey window will be open until 4:30pm on Friday 7th October 2022

<http://tellthemfromme.com/parentsurvey2022>

Year 9 Food Technology

This term in Year 9 Food Technology we have been learning about food equality. As a class, we decided to raise money for the global hunger crisis. We organized a bake sale that sold cupcakes and brownies, and were able to make a substantial donation to Plan International. By Pyper McAllister



Mrs Alice Grant
Leader of Learning - TAS



Year 8 Reflection Day

On the first day of spring, our Year 8 students planted over 100 native plants as part of their Reflection Day.

The day began with a liturgy at our parish Church. The 1st of September is a day of prayer for the care of creation. We reflected on a reading from Saint Paul: "There is no limit to the blessings which God can send you" (2 Cor 9:8-11) and the Gospel parable of plants growing in rich soil (Mt 13:1-9).

Each Care Group was allocated a patch of garden on the school and church grounds. They set to work weeding, planting, mulching and watering. By the end of the day the school gardens had over 100 new native plants and a herb garden for one of our Hospitality classes.

Thank you to the school's Youth Minister, Summer Harrison, for organising the event. The plants were donated by Lake Macquarie Landcare, gardening gloves were donated by Bunnings Glendale and soil was donated by Saddingtons Building Supplies.

The day concluded with a BBQ lunch on the grounds of The Museum of Art and Culture Lake Macquarie, yapang (MAC).

Thank you to all the staff and students involved for their generosity. Your contribution to the school and the local environment is appreciated.





Mr Michael Doyle
Ministry Coordinator

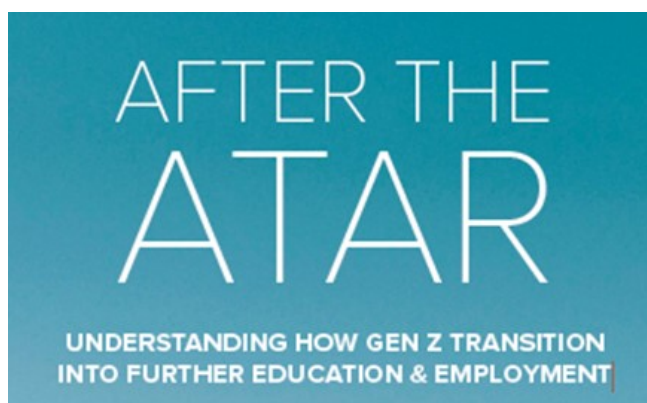




Career Thought of the Week:

“There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it’s going to be a butterfly”

R. Buckminster Fuller



Recommended Reading for all Yr. 12 Students and Parents

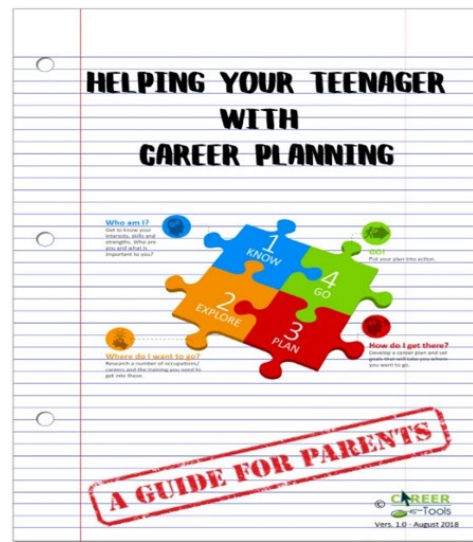
‘**After the ATAR: Understanding How Gen Z Transition into Further Education and Employment**’ is designed to provide industries with insights into how youth are feeling about life, high school, the ATAR and the transition into further education and employment. This paper will align Year13’s findings with industry statistics to paint a vivid picture of youth engagement in the transitional landscape. This paper is comprised primarily of data mined from two surveys of Australian youth conducted by Year13 in 2017. These surveys were designed to inform communication strategies and to gain a better understanding of how industries could engage with youth more effectively.

Link to the full article is: [After ATAR: Understanding How Gen Z Into Further Education and Employment](#)

Note For Parents

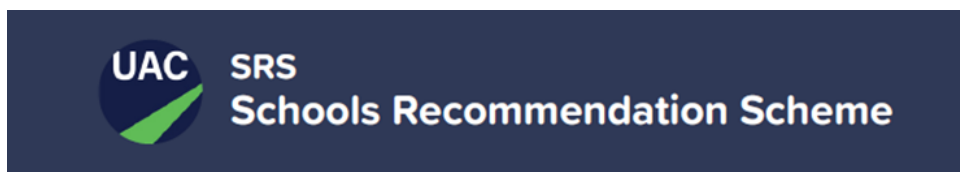
There is a great new Parent Guide called “**Helping Your Teenager with Career Planning**” that can be accessed via our School Careers Website under the “For Parents” menu.

[St Pauls Booragul \(stpaulscareers.com\)](http://stpaulscareers.com)



Attention Yr. 12 Students UAC Survival Kit

A special UAC Survival Kit NEWSLETTER has been emailed to all Yr.12 students last week, be sure to check your student email accounts to access this information.



Just an update and reminder regarding SRS this year. **Students must have applied by 19th September.** If you need any help please see me or refer to previous emails regarding application. I will be available each lunch time to help Yr. 12's navigate this process. I will also be running these information sessions in D9 each Monday and Wednesday until the end of Wk. 8/9 if numbers dictate.

RSA/RCG Courses 2022

(Responsible Service of Alcohol /Responsible Conduct in Gaming.

- **Responsible Service of Alcohol – RSA**
- **Responsible Conduct of Gambling – RCG**



These courses will be run after the HSC is over and before Graduation Night. They are accredited and nationally recognised. In fact, you must have these to work in the ‘club’ and ‘hotel’ industry and many of the local restaurants.

The RSA and RCG will be run at school on Monday 7th November & Tuesday 8th November 2022 from 8am until 2.30pm both days.

Students will also need to bring a valid photo ID on the first day and have their USI number. Registration is to be completed online for both courses and payment made to BARMAX training.



An Interim Statement of Attainment is issued to all students successfully completing each course and theory exam. Students then can obtain their Photo ID Card from **Services NSW (Old RTA)** at the completion of the course.

The cost to complete the RSA and RCG courses is **\$250 Total (RSA \$ 145, RCG \$105)**

For the courses to 'run' there must be a minimum of **16** and a **maximum of 30 students per trainer**. Therefore, it will run on a first in best dressed basis. **Registration and Payment can be made online from Monday 22nd August through until Friday 23rd September or until the maximum of 30 students is reached.**

To register go to the registration link emailed to all Yr. 12 Students last week.

Any questions regarding these courses can be directed to Mr McLoughlin at school Phone 4958 6711.

Teacher Training Scholarships CSO 2023

Yr. 12 Students 2022

The Catholic Schools Office, with the support of Federal Government funding from the National Partnerships Teacher Quality initiative intends to offer up to FIVE (5) **Scholarships** to current **Yr. 12 students** in our Catholic schools, who intend to commence undergraduate courses in teacher training in 2023. Under the program each student will receive a total benefit of up to \$7000 over four years. This is an effort to develop a targeting of scholarships recipients for potential employment in Catholic schools.

Application forms can be obtained at the Careers Office.

Closing date for all completed applications is **Friday 23rd September 2022.**

Career in Interior Design

According to the Good Careers Guide, Interior Designers design and supervise the construction or redevelopment of building interiors. Successful Interior Designers are creative and have an artistic flair, as well as having an aptitude for technical drawing and illustration. The Good Careers Guide goes on to state that 'Interior design requires an understanding of building construction, lighting, colour, and furniture. Interior designers may work individually as consultants or with a design group.

They visit clients in their homes and offices, and can often work long hours, including evenings and weekends. They usually work for clients on an agreed fee basis.

To become an Interior Designer students must go on to further study after finishing Year 12.

At the very least, a diploma qualification is required, but students can also study bachelor's degrees in design, offered at numerous institutions.



Important Dates for Term 3 2022

Aug-Sept UAC Applications

Aug- Sept UAC Sessions

19th Sept SRS Applications close

30th Sept UAC Closing date

Casual Positions/Employment Links:



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.



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We are recruiting 1st Year Apprentice Bakers for our bakeries at Green Hills and Rutherford.

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Student Laptops (Year 7 and Year 10, 2023)

Whilst we recognise that many students already have a laptop from Primary school, as an **additional option** for families looking to purchase a laptop for student use at **St Paul's Catholic College**, we have engaged a supplier to provide a parent portal for easy ordering and payment of devices. Next Technologies are a leader in student devices and technology for schools with over 30 years' experience. They have worked closely with Diocesan schools since 2018 in supplying BYOSD devices.

There are significant advantages if you purchase one of these devices for student use. The chosen devices have been selected based upon their designation as a "Student" device – stronger hinges for multiple opening each day, rounded corners and stronger edges, a "garaged" pen for ease of use and avoid losing it, increased performance over similar retail models, standardised USB-C charging .

3 Year on-site Premier Support

3 Year Battery Coverage

3 Year (3 claims) Accidental Damage and Protection (with \$0 excess)

Most warranty/repairs are completed in 1-2 days.

Learning benefits to students include:

Equity for all learners (payment plans available where necessary)

Consistent hardware and software that can enhance engagement, deepen learning, increase feedback, personalise learning, and make the best possible use of classroom time

Minimises classroom disruptions caused by incompatible hardware and software

Allow staff and students to assist with minor troubleshooting

Allow access to business grade devices, warranties, and repairs

Provide volume discounting and reduced costs

Ability to streamline ICT support and warranty and repair processes

We have selected 2 devices as recommended for student use in 2023. Schools currently using these devices have reported excellent student reviews.

For Year 7 (2023) Students



Part #: 50138627-B

\$1,219
Inc GST

HP Pro x360 Fortis 11 G10 Convertible Notebook

A durable, convertible 11" notebook designed for student use.

- HP Pro x360 Fortis 11 G10 Convertible
- Intel® Pentium® Silver N6000 Processor
- 8GB DDR4 RAM
- 256GB NVMe SSD Storage
- 11.6" HD Touchscreen Display
- HP Slim Rechargeable Pen
- Windows 11
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For yr 10 (2023) students



Part #: 6K584PA-B

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Inc GST


HP ProBook x360 435 Convertible Notebook
A larger screen, convertible 13" notebook designed for student use.

- HP ProBook 435 x360 G9 Convertible
- AMD Ryzen 5 5625U Processor
- 8GB DDR4 RAM
- 256GB NVMe SSD Storage
- 13.3" FHD Touchscreen Display
- HP Slim Rechargeable Pen
- Windows 11
- **Bundled with 3 Year Onsite Warranty**
- **Bundled with 3 Year Accidental Damage Protection ([Read PDS Here](#))**

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Optional laptop sleeves are also offered for both devices -



\$29
Inc GST

Everki ContemPRO Laptop Sleeve for 11" Notebooks
Everki ContemPRO Laptop Sleeve w/ Memory Foam, 11.6" - Black (EKF861N511) - Suits Lenovo 500w and HP ProBook Fortis 11

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We strongly recommend students use a sleeve with their device to keep it protected.

Ordering process

Next Technologies have created an easy and safe parent portal for students. The portal is provided and managed by Next Technologies Pty Ltd. The portal can be found at:

<https://stpaulsbooragul.parentpurchase.com.au/>

The ordering process has been broken into two steps:

1. Select appropriate model and place the order by **Thursday 16 September 2022**. Any orders after this time cannot be assured delivery in time **for the start of 2023**.
2. Make final payment by **30 November 2022**. Devices will not be issued to students unless full payment has been made. A range of payment options are available in the portal.
3. **21 January 2023**: Notebooks shipped to the school for collection

If you have any difficulties, please call Next Technologies on 1300 738 237.

Warranty and Accidental Damage

The products, software, and services provided on this portal are not sold directly by St Paul's Catholic College. The two devices sold through this portal have been bundled 3 Year OnSite + Premier Support and 3 Year Battery Coverage (with \$0 excess). Details regarding the warranty and accidental damage can be found on the portal.

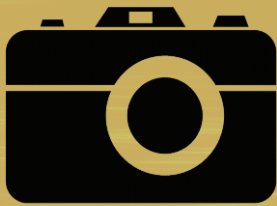
Mr Mark Newell
Learning Technology Coordinator



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St Paul's
Catholic College
Booragul

Just a reminder enrolments for Year 7 2023 are open.

Please submit applications as soon as possible.



Are you eligible to join Saver Plus & receive \$500 for your back to school costs?

Must meet all eligibility criteria:



Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment*



Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)



Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*



Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible



► Play Water Polo with Lake Macquarie Dolphins Water Polo Club



Come & Try and Information Day

- 17 September 2022 @ Swansea Swim Centre

Grades

- Flippaball (ages 6-10)
- Juniors (u12s, u14s, u17s)
- Seniors (A, B and C grades)



Training:

- Wednesdays @ Speers Point Swim Centre
- Thursdays @ Swansea

Competition:

- Starts 15/10/22

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

Also, if you have not completed 2022 School Fee Information Form, please follow the link to the Website above to download, complete and return to college office.

School Fee

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

Excursion Payments

1. Qkr

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.

Opening Hours for Payments to the Finance Office

Parents: Payments can be made at Reception between 8.30am and 2.30pm

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

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

Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of the school, or search for our school by name.

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

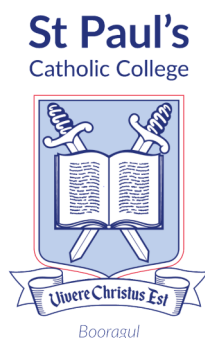
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