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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."*

Two prayers have been included in this week's Newsletter as there is a common theme across them and recent celebrations. The theme for NAIDOC Week this year was 'For our Elders' and the Church last weekend celebrated World Day for Grandparents. Throughout all of our lives the elder generations have played a significant role in helping us understand our past as well as providing guidance and direction for the younger members of society. Due to the important role the First Nations Elders and our Grandparents played in our lives it was deemed suitable to acknowledge them each with a prayer.

*Dear Lord,*

*We invite all Australians to join us, their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters, in prayer.*

*We pray for a bright and just shared future for all who call Australia home.*

*We ask that Your grace of acceptance and compassion will guide us.*

*Let the Creator Spirit lead our journey with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People of this land.*

*May we share Your spirit more deeply and celebrate the gifts you have given us.*

*Help us appreciate true harmony and peace just as our Old People did.*

*Keep us strong, make us resilient and remember us in this time.*

*Now is the opportunity to change our Nation's history for the better.*

*Walk with us as we write a new chapter together and may we be one in Your love.*

*Amen.*

*Dear Lord*

*Let us never abandon the elderly,*

*Their presence in our families and communities is precious,*

*For they remind us that we share the same heritage and are part of a people committed to preserving our roots.*

*Amen*

## Staff Changes

Mrs Foye has stepped down from the Religion Leader of Learning position with Miss Gardiner being appointed to the position for the remainder of the year. We offer our thanks to Mrs Foye for her work in Semester One and wish Miss Gardiner all the best for second semester.

## World Youth Day

Every three years the youth of the Church are invited to come together for World Youth Day. This year World Youth Day is being held in Lisbon, Portugal. Three members of the St Paul's staff, Miss Gardiner, Miss Harrison and Mr Morgan joined with Bishop Michael Kennedy and Fr Greg Barker and other pilgrims from the diocese. Prior to travelling to Lisbon, they will spend some time in Israel walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

One of the many highlights of the pilgrimage will be attending mass celebrated by Pope Francis on Sunday 6 August, 2023.



## NAIDOC Day Celebrations

On the first Wednesday of the term, our community gathered for our NAIDOC celebrations. The Assembly was arranged by the Year 12 Aboriginal Studies students, their teacher Miss Gardiner and supported by Ms Stewart.

School Leader from 2022 Mia Robertson came and shared her insights on the impact her elders have had on her during her life.

The banner below was created by the Year 12 Aboriginal Studies class and hung from the Damascus Centre.



## Semester Awards

It was pleasing to see many students in Years 7 - 10 to be affirmed for their efforts throughout Semester One on Tuesday. Students received Academic Excellence, Excellence in Class, Diligence Awards and CARE Group Awards. These ceremonies were led by the respective Leader of Wellbeing and Engagement.

Thanks to the family members who attended to support the students at the ceremonies.



## Year 12 HSC Trial Examinations

Year 12 commence their HSC Trial exams on Monday. Importantly, these exams will provide the students with an indication of where they are at in preparation for the actual HSC exams in Term 4. The exams provide an opportunity to work under exam conditions and concentrate for sustained periods of time.

Some students will be pleased with their results and others will be concerned with the outcome of the exams. Whatever the results from the exams, they will provide the students with the opportunity to work with their teachers and set some goals for the remainder of Term 3 in the lead up to the HSC exams.

As a school community we offer our prayers of support for Year 12 and wish them all the best for their Trial exams.

## ASPIRE Production

Today and tomorrow are the performance days for the students involved in the ASPIRE production, 'The Pirate Code' at the Civic Theatre, in Newcastle. These performances are the culmination of many hours of rehearsal and practice over the previous months. St Paul's has a large number of students involved in the production.

Ms Burt, Miss Garrett, and Mr Baker accompanied a group of students to watch the performance on Friday as well as to support their peers involved in the production.

We wish all students involved in the production all the best for the coming days.



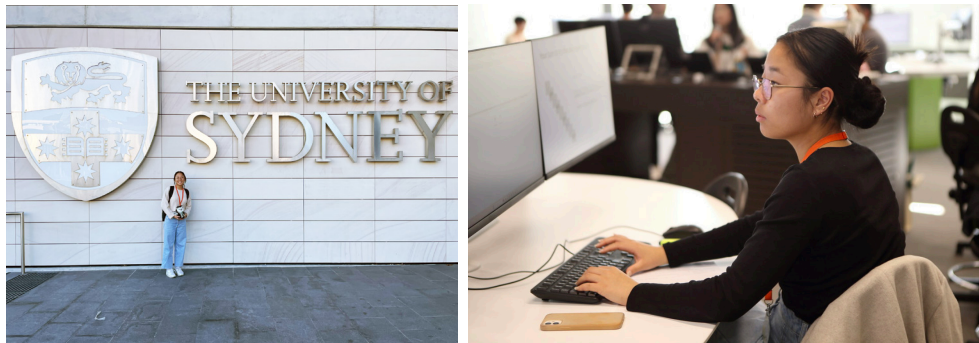
## Lara Wrightson - International Science School

During the July holidays, Lara Wrightson of Year 11 was fortunate to participate in the International Science School held at the University of Sydney. She participated in numerous activities involving first year physics, chemistry, molecular biology, engineering, and a little bit of philosophy alongside many international and Australian students.

Lara said “it was a great opportunity to not only meet new people from around the world, but also learn more about myself and what I might want to study in the future. The experience strengthened my knowledge surrounding my current subjects and allowed me to explore other areas of interest, such as marine biology, astrophysics, and neuroscience. During the two weeks I was able to interact with many university and PhD students, as well as lecturers and professors at the university. This has inspired me to pursue a career in biomedicine and hopefully one day, complete my PhD.

Overall, the program was extremely insightful and full of a variety of activities that were both challenging and exciting. I highly recommend any students who are interested in STEM or wanting to learn more about possible degrees and careers in Science, to apply and participate in this once in a lifetime opportunity.”

It was wonderful Lara found the opportunity over the holidays to be so rewarding.



## Real Women Flyer email from Sue Campbell 2-7-2023

Members of the Boolaroo, Warners Bay and Booragul Parish Real Women group have arranged an event for Monday 14 August, 2023 commencing at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall at Warners Bay. The guest speaker on the evening will be Luke Connors from Talk2meBro. Further information can be found, on the flyer included with the Newsletter.

**Mr Nicholas Wickham**

**Principal**





## **HSC Trial Examinations**

Year 12 commence the HSC Trial examinations on Monday with English Standard and English Advanced Paper 1. The examination timetable is available on Compass along with Student Responsibilities for Examinations. Students are expected to be familiar with the arrangements for examinations. The HSC Trial examinations are an opportunity for students to rehearse for the HSC which includes preparing for an examination block and managing the examination 'stress'. A certain level of stress is normal and students have been provided with strategies and techniques to assist in managing this stress through the Elevate workshops. Students can also manage stress by establishing a regular pattern of revision and seeking feedback on their understanding from their teachers. Even if a student has not established an effective pattern of preparation leading to the HSC Trial examinations, they have several months before the HSC to reflect and refine their approach. Teachers will be working closely with students to prepare a gap analysis of the HSC Trial examinations and to identify goals for improvement.

The HSC can also be thought of as a team effort. When each student brings their best to the Trial HSC and final examinations, then a collective sense of excellence is cultivated. I often refer to the phrase 'marks in the bucket' when speaking with students about the importance of treating the HSC as a collective effort. This does not mean that one student's result directly affects the whole group. Rather, this phrase refers to the influence we have on each other to give our best effort. This is particularly important when some students have already secured a post-school pathway such as early entry to university, an apprenticeship or employment. These are applaudable achievements, however, all students have a responsibility to maintain the effort in striving for their best because that positive approach will lift the whole group.

## **NAPLAN Student Results**

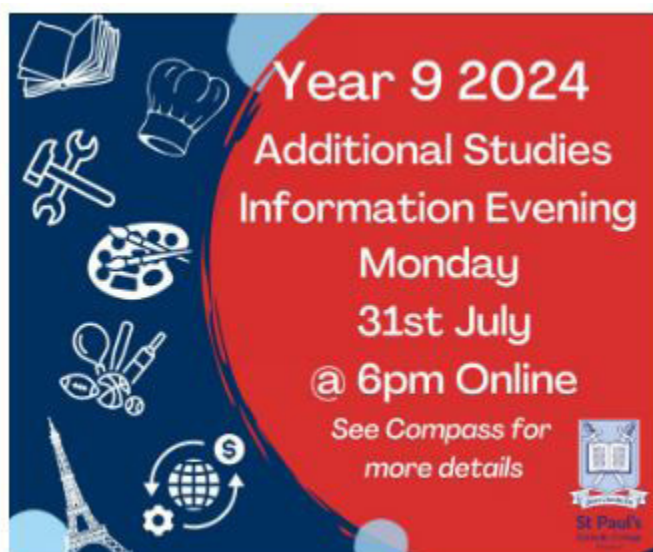
The NAPLAN students results have been received by the College and will be posted to families next week. This year, new proficiency standards with 4 levels of achievement for each year level replaced the previous 10-band structure that covered all 4 levels tested and the old national minimum standard set in 2008 when tests were on paper.

The standard for proficiency is set at a challenging but reasonable level. If your child is in the Strong or Exceeding category, it means they have demonstrated proficiency and that their literacy or numeracy skills are where they should be at this stage of their schooling. If your child has not yet achieved proficiency, then they will either be in the Developing category or the Needs additional support category. The proficiency standards have already proved useful as we have analysed results and identified students who require intervention to improve their literacy and numeracy skills. Information regarding individual student reports can be found at the following link: <https://nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/faq-individual-student-report.pdf>

While a useful measure, NAPLAN results also need to be placed into perspective within the wider context of learning at the College. NAPLAN tests are point in time tests and do not encapsulate the uniqueness and exceptionality of each individual student. The strengths and gifts of students are not measured through point in time tests and while teachers may use this information to implement targeted interventions, it is only part of the complexity of meeting the needs of each student.

If families have any questions regarding the NAPLAN results please contact me at the College.

### **Year 9 2024 Additional Studies Information**



Year 8 students and their families have been invited to an online information session regarding the College's Additional Studies program. This session is scheduled for Monday 31 July starting at 6pm and a link to the Teams meeting will be sent through Compass on Monday. Students and families will also be issued with the Additional Studies booklet next week. Following the information session, students will take part in a face-to-face workshop on Thursday 3 August during the day so they can ask questions and engage with the Leaders of Learning and teachers about the courses that are on offer. Students will select their Additional Studies courses through WebChoices and the link to this site will be sent to students on Thursday 3 August.



***Mrs Amber Carter***  
***Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning***



# Semester 1 Awards





## Dribble Frenzy - Senior Competition

Semi finals between Team B & C took place on St Paul's Day with Team C the winners overall. Congratulations to Team C!

Team B	Team C
Taj Williams	Grady Platt
Daniel Moir	Jian Grasso
Ethan Lunn	Raphael Keo
Shiv Dube	Mitchell Barnes
Koby Malmgren	Orlando Maratos
Kaiden Johnson	Charlie North
Toby Tindall	

**Emily Sheehan - Fundraiser for the World's Greatest Shave!**

Congratulations to Emily who raised over \$850 for the World's Greatest Shave! We are so proud of you for completing the shave and for raising the money for cancer research. Emily completed the shave on St Paul's Day with the help of her friends and family.



Over the weekend, **Natalia Hogan** completed the marathon she was raising money for. She ran 3hours 34minutes in a 'brutal marathon'. Palcing first in her division.

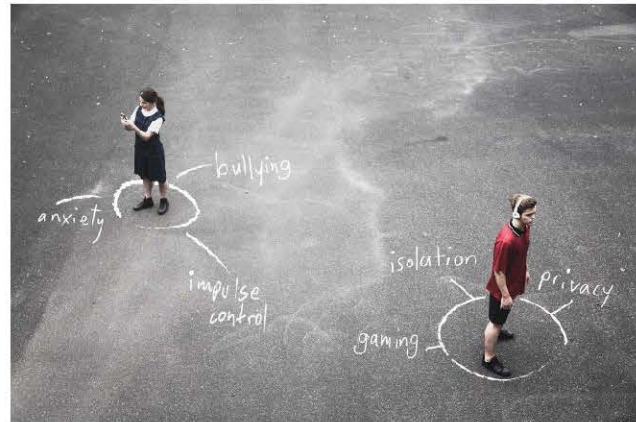
Natalia raised over \$4,500 for the Samaritans. She asked me to pass on her thanks to everyone at St Paul's who supported her in this endeavour.



# Brainstorm Productions

## BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS Award-Winning In-School Theatre Performances

### Cyberia



On **Tuesday 15 August**, Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their student wellbeing program 'Cyberia' for **Years 7 and 8**, during periods **4 and 5**.

Powerful, compelling, Cyberia is an unflinching live theatre experience about cyber bullying and its devastating repercussions. Cyberia depicts two teen characters that are increasingly using texting, tweeting, online gaming, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, MSN and (embarrassing) selfies to express themselves. In time this takes a nasty twist leading to cyber bullying and the spreading of hurtful rumours online. The characters suddenly realise they can't just press the "undo" button to save their relationships, reputation or their dignity. Cyberia will encourage students to think carefully before they 'post', 'tweet' or 'snap' and to stop, think and reboot.

Cyberia is part of our student wellbeing curriculum and the program has been developed in consultation with teachers, psychologists, as well as real-life student experiences. The methodology of the program is safe, supportive and nonjudgmental and designed to provide students with positive and useful tools that they can use in their everyday lives.

More than 350,000 Australian students have already benefited from Brainstorm Productions multi award-winning educational theatre programs over the past twelve months. Their programs cater to the specific wellbeing needs of students, helping to create a healthy and harmonious school environment. If you would like to know more about Brainstorm Productions, visit their website at [www.brainstormproductions.edu.au](http://www.brainstormproductions.edu.au)



# Brainstorm Productions

## The Flipside

On **29 August, 2023** Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their student wellbeing program 'The Flipside' for **Years 9 and 10 during Periods 4 and 5.**

Powerful, current, and thoroughly contemporary, The Flipside is an unflinching live theatre experience about our online behaviour and its potentially infinite ramifications. The Flipside depicts two teen characters that are embedded in the online community including gaming, social networking and content creation. The sheer magnitude of online interactions, selfies, videos, memes and mash-ups uploaded every minute means that posts quickly disappear into the ether, but not always. As these characters find out, online posts last forever and some can come back to haunt you, even years later. The characters suddenly realise they can't just press the "undo" button to save their relationships, reputation or their dignity. The Flipside will encourage students to think carefully before they 'post', 'snap' or sign up.

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St Paul's Catholic College *Booragul*

# CREATIVE ARTS FACULTY SHOWCASE

**WHEN:** THURSDAY  
AUGUST, 2023

**WHERE:** SCHOOL HALL  
**WHAT:** 5PM FINGERFOOD  
AND ART EXHIBITION  
WITH PERFORMANCES  
BEGINNING AT 5-30PM  
**ALL WELCOME**







# 2023 Future Choices

## Transition Expo for Students with Disability

**Wednesday 2 August |  
9.00 am - 1.00 pm**

McDonald Jones Stadium,  
Turton Road, Broadmeadow

**Wednesday 30 August |  
9.00am - 1.00pm**

Mingara Recreation Club,  
Mingara Drive, Tumbi Umbi

Everything students, families-carers and schools need to know about moving to life after study with disability... university, VET, apprenticeships/traineeships, employment, community connections, advocacy, disability services, support services, technology and more!

You may not think of yourself as having a "disability" but the definition is broad and includes learning disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder, medical conditions, mental illness, physical conditions, sensory impairments, intellectual disability, and much more.

Do you have to put in extra effort during study because of your disability or condition? If so, then this Expo is for you

**FREE ENTRY | LOTS OF PARKING | YOUR ANNUAL ONE STOP SHOP**

**Questions for BOTH EXPOS, contact: Ashlee Kelly**

➤ [Click here to register your School](#) ☎ 02 4967 1050 @futurechoices@careerlinks.nsw.edu.au ➤ [www.careerlinks.nsw.edu.au](http://www.careerlinks.nsw.edu.au)





# CCSP Upcoming webinar Online Relationships and consent: Sending nudes and sexting

As part of the Catholic Council of School Parent's ongoing collaboration with eSafety the Term 3 parent education webinar Online relationships and consent: Sending nudes and sexting will be held on 15 August 2023.

This 30-minute webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people in secondary school.

The Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT in collaboration with eSafety are presenting a free 30-minute webinar:

The webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people in secondary school.

It will cover:

- the impact of sharing nude images without consent
- practical suggestions for starting the chat about respectful relationships, consent and pressure to send nudes
- where to get support for a young person who has experienced abuse.

Date and time: Tuesday 15 August 7.30pm – 8.00pm

Register: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5491931265697591563>

QR Code:



# GREAT MATES

YOUNG MEN EMPOWERED

**FREE AFTER-SCHOOL  
LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM  
FOR TEENS AGED 12 – 16**

Make friends  
Enjoy FUN activities  
Be a Great Mate!  
**All resources & materials provided  
Runs over 8 weeks**

**Facilitated by Well Education  
at The Place Charlestown Community Centre**

For Youth aged 12 - 16  
When: Thursdays, 27 July - 14 September  
Times: 4pm - 6pm  
Refreshments provided

**Bookings Essential**  
Call: 02 4032 5500  
Email: youthprograms1@theplacecharlestown.org.au  
Scan below



# GREAT MATES

YOUNG MEN EMPOWERED



**Free After-School  
Life Skills Program  
For Young Men Aged 12-16**



# Cafe Night

Real Women'

*Placing Value on Womanhood*

**Date :** Monday, 14 August 2023

**Time :** 7.30pm – 9.15pm  
Tea or Coffee served from 7.00pm

**Place :** St Mary's Catholic Church Hall  
Bayview Street, Warners Bay

**Guest Speaker:** Luke Conners from Talk2meBro.  
Luke heads the Newcastle sector Talk2MeBro – a great initiative in encouraging people to talk about their mental health, in an aim to have suicide a thing of the past. Luke balances a very busy lifestyle, personally and professionally as he runs his building company and is also a first time dad.

**Cost:** Donation of \$15 per person –  
\*Specific diet requirements will be met as far as possible. Please advise when purchasing tickets.

**Bookings will open at St Mary's Hall, Warners Bay on Saturday 22 July 2023 10am to 12pm.**

Bookings may also be made by phone if you are unable to be at hall.

**Phone:** Sue - 0417 091 255 or Marie – 0429 191 245.

*Catholic Parish of Boolaroo/Warners Bay*

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EXUBERANT CATHOLIC  
*Praise & Worship*  
NIGHT

Join us for a meeting on 23 August to discuss all of the exciting possibilities for this new event, 5.30pm-7.00pm  
Refreshments will be provided  
Cafe at St Mary's Catholic College, 47-49 Pacific Highway, Gateshead, 0466 140 066



INVITING ALL  
**MUSICIANS & VOCALISTS**

DO YOU HAVE A GIFT TO SING OR PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?  
WOULD YOU LIKE TO USE YOUR GIFTS TO BUILD A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?  
WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS AND JOIN AN AWESOME COMMUNITY?  
IF YOU ANSWERED YES, WE WOULD LOVE TO INVITE YOU ALONG TO AN INFO SESSION FOR AN EXCITING NEW CATHOLIC PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, 23 AUGUST, 5.30PM-7.00PM  
CAFE AT ST MARY'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, 47-49 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, GATESHEAD

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED  
FOR MORE INFORMATION P 0466 140 066

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PLAY WITH YOUR MATES.**

Lake Macquarie Junior Cricket Club has a range of teams and competitions to suit all ages and abilities from 5 to 17 years.

- 2024 season starts October
- 10% 'Early Bird' Discount\* applies, register by 20 August \*n/a for Cricket Blast
- Saturday age cricket (7-17 yrs)
- Saturday Girls Cricket U11, U13 & U15
- Woolworths Cricket Blast (5-10 yrs) Tuesday's & Wednesday's
- Summer Smash (6-10 yrs) Monday's from Term 1
- U18 Friday Premier League
- Monday T20 competition U14, U15 & U18
- Turf and Synthetic grounds and practice facilities.
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Search Lake Macquarie Junior Cricket to register online NOW!

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For all Finance enquiries please use the following email address: [finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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/> (Please take the figure to the next five cents)

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

## 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

## QKR is the way to pay fees, excursions and Friday Sport



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

### Step 1 Download Qkr!

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

### Step 2 Register

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

### Step 3 Find our school

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

[www.booragul.catholic.edu.au](http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au)



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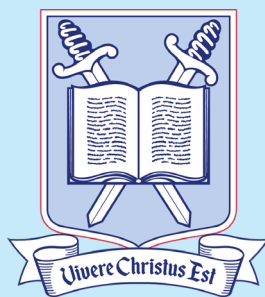
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Web Site: <http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/>

Switch/Reception  
Hours: 8.15am until 3.30pm

Finance Office  
Hours: 8.30am to 2.30pm  
Email: [finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au](mailto:finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au)

Canteen  
Telephone: 4946 3115

Clothing Pool 8.45 - 10.30am Thursday



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### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**31st July- 11th Aug:** HSC Trials

**31st July:** Year 9 2024, Additional Studies Evening (Online)

**10th Aug:** Creative Arts Showcase Evening

**16th Aug:** HSC Info Evening