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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."*

As the world continues to seek peace for those countries impacted by conflict, we offer the following well known prayer from St Francis of Assisi

*Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.*

Jesus Pray for us and for peace in the world.

St Paul Pray for Us

## Year 12 Graduation Ball

It was wonderful to gather with the Year 12 students, their families, and staff to celebrate the end of their formal schooling last Friday night at their Graduation Ball. The students are to be affirmed for the way they conducted themselves on the evening. Several significant awards were present on the evening. The awards presented and their recipients were:

**Community Award:** Jessica Robinson

**Sister Jacinta Award:** Arlia Coleman

**Zim Award:** Rosemary Hale

**Bishop's Award:** Connor Liley

**Sunshine Award:** Luke Williams

**Principal's Award:** Michael Pockran

Thanks to Mrs Brownlee, Ms Walker, Mrs Lucas, and Mrs Reaney for all their effort to make the night a success. Thanks also to the parents and carers for supporting the students throughout their lives, especially over the past 12 months.



## 2024 Senior Leaders Retreat

This week our 2024 Year 12 Leaders Kirrily Boslem, Kasey Crebert, Jian Grasso and Lucas Walz attended a three day retreat with the other Senior Student Leaders from across the diocese. We offer our thanks to Mr Baker and Mrs Pola-Kuras who accompanied the leaders at the retreat.

On Wednesday, Bishop Michael celebrated mass for the leaders followed by dinner with Secondary School Principals, and System Leaders. At the dinner our Youth Minister, Summer Harrison provided the Keynote Address.

On Thursday and Friday, the students became familiar with some of the other agencies of the diocese, gaining an understanding of how they support the mission of the Church. The leaders also undertook activities which explored what it means to be a Student Leader in a Catholic School.



## School Musical – Alice in Wonderland

This term in Week 8 St Paul's Year 7 – 11 students will be performing a full length production of Alice in Wonderland, the musical. The students commenced practice and rehearsals towards the end of last year, many hours of practice and preparation have gone into the performance.

There will be a number of performances throughout the week, including shows for our feeder primary school students. Members of the broader community invited to attend the evening performance on Thursday 30 November, 2023 in the College Hall commencing at 6.30pm.

Thanks to the efforts of the Creative Arts teachers who have been directing the rehearsals and performances.



## 2024 ASPIRE

The school was recently advised the following students had been selected from the ASPIRE auditions to participate in the 2024 ASPIRE production.

### Vocal Ensemble

- Kirrily Boslem
- Gabrielle Brady

### Stage Band

- Mya Stitt - Piano

### Drama Ensemble

- Beau Jenkinson
- Scarlett Levy
- Sophie Fuller
- Emily O'Grady

### Dance Ensemble

- Zoe Doyle
- Jamie Pockran
- Cleo Doyle
- Imogen Cowen
- Sienna McKibbin

We offer our congratulations to these students and wish them all the best for the production.

## Term 4 Parent and Carer Engagement Meeting

The Term 4 Parent and Carer Engagement Meeting will be held online on **Tuesday 28 November, 2023 commencing at 6.00pm**. Parents and Carers are asked to register at the link below (some people indicated they would prefer to attend the meeting in person, if this is the case then I ask that those people indicate this option via the link below).

Current Agenda Items for the Meeting are:

- Overview of and Feedback on proposed Student Support and Wellbeing model for St Paul's.
- Family and Community Engagement Model – input form representatives of the diocese and the P & F Association
- Parents and Friends Federation Report.
- General Business.

Regarding the Family and Community Engagement model your feedback will assist the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle to build on the strengths of both PEGS and P&F Associations that are currently operating amongst its system of schools. As such, it would be wonderful to have as many parents and carers in attendance as possible, to ensure your views are well represented.

Link to register for the Parent and Carer Engagement Meeting:

<https://forms.office.com/r/DzLCxH1WBJ>

On the Tuesday morning prior to the gathering a Zoom link will be forwarded to those parents and carers who have indicated that they will be join the meeting online.

## 2023 School Fee Accounts

Thanks to those families who have finalise their 2023 School Fee Accounts. A reminder accounts need to be finalised by 30 November, 2023 unless there have been other arrangements put in place through a fee agreement.

Families can contact the College's Finance Officer, Mrs Gale, [finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au](mailto:finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au) if they have questions about their finalising their 2023 accounts.



*Mr Nicholas Wickham  
Principal*

# REMINDER!

## END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

Selections can be made from **Monday 20 Nov, 5pm** and must be submitted by **end-of-day Friday 1 Dec.**



## Finishing Well

Earlier this week a student reminded me that after this week we only have 16 days of school before End Of Year Activities start – that is 16 days of lessons and learning at school! As we look ahead to the end of the year it is important to remember there is still teaching and learning to be done before we can put the books away and enjoy our break. For students this means to maintain organisation like bringing a charged device everyday and to make sur they have all the necessary equipment to allow them to engage in the learning opportunities presented to them. This is one way students can set themselves up to finish the year well.

## Curriculum Reform

The NSW education system is reforming the curriculum which is taught in all classrooms from Kindergarten to Year 12. The new curriculum, as a result of the NSW Curriculum Reform, will give students more time to focus on key learning areas so that they can acquire a deeper understanding of central concepts. It will ensure students develop strong foundations for learning, life and work in a complex and fast-changing world.

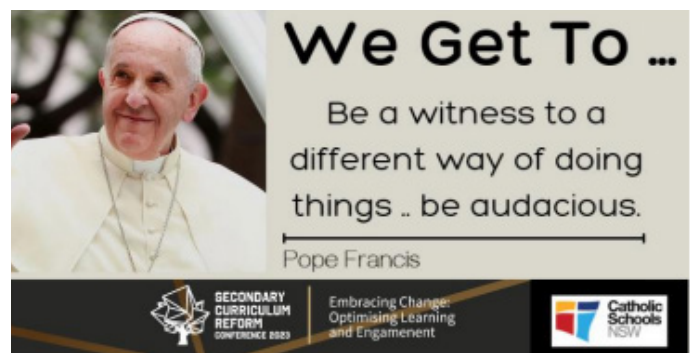
This reform has been informed by extensive research and consultation with families, teachers and education experts. New syllabuses will provide us with a unique opportunity to re-focus and place curriculum at the heart of our school planning.

Along with significant changes to the K-2 English and mathematics syllabuses, key curriculum changes include:

- an entirely new curriculum from 2022 with new syllabuses focused on what is essential to know and do in early and middle years of schooling, and key learning areas in the senior years.
- providing more time for teaching by reducing the hours teachers spend on extra-curricular topics and issues and compliance requirements.
- strengthening post- school pathways with new learning areas for Years 11 and 12 that clearly link learning to future employment and study options.

The new curriculum will ensure every student develops strong foundations for learning, life and work. The reforms are vital for the young people in our schools today, and for those who will arrive in the years to come.

Throughout the year the Mathematics, English and TAS faculties have been working towards implementing new syllabuses in Year 7 and Year 9. Next year Creative Arts And Languages (CAAL), Science, and PDHPE faculties will be planning for implementation of new syllabuses in 2025. Throughout this time of transition, we remember that our theme is 'We Get To ...', as in we get to re-imagine what learning can look like in our schools, not 'we have to ...'.



## Year 7-10 Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT)

7-10 students have completed PAT over the past two weeks. These tests, which focus on mathematics and reading, are used by teachers to identify areas of strengths in these domains for cohorts and for individual students along with identifying areas for growth. The information obtained from the tests does not contribute to students' grades and is just one indicator used for future planning in teaching and learning.



## 2024 HSC Academic Guide

Year 11 students were issued the 2024 HSC Academic Guide earlier in the term along with the NESAs HSC Rules and Procedures booklet. The Academic Guide outlines the College Assessment Policy and Procedures and also includes the Assessment Schedules for each course. An outline of the information within these documents was presented to students along with the following resources to help keep them on track throughout the HSC year. Links to the resources discussed with students are as follows:

- 2024 HSC Academic Guide
- NESAs 2024 HSC Rules and Procedures Guide
- HSC Past Papers
- HSC Past Papers (superseded syllabuses)
- HSC Standards Materials
- HSC Multiple Choice Builder

Students are reminded of their responsibilities as an HSC student in completing classwork and assessments to the best of their ability. There are also a range of academic and wellbeing supports available for students and students are encouraged to reach out to Mr Baker, Mrs Shipman, Mr Wickham or myself if they need to seek support.

## Year 10 Stage 6 Transition Program

In week 9 this term, Year 10 students will engage in learning similar to what they will experience in their selected Stage 6 courses next year. We will be running a week of Stage 6 lessons in week 9 and students will be learning about the skills and capabilities needed for each of their courses. Importantly, during this week, students will complete All My Own Work (AMOW) which is a requirement of NESAs before students can be enrolled in their Stage 6 courses next year. Student attendance during this week is expected and if they miss the AMOW session they will be required to attend school one afternoon to ensure they have the necessary information to commence their Stage 6 studies. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Mr Connell or myself.

## Free Elevate Webinar – How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child

We're excited to announce that Elevate Education's next free webinar will be taking place on Wednesday 22nd November

Elevate Education works with our students, delivering high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series you will learn how you can help better support your children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school:

**Wednesday 22nd November @ 6:30pm (AEDT)**

**How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child**

**[Click here to register for free](#)**

In this webinar Elevate will be showing parents:

- What resilience means, what it doesn't mean, and why it's important;
- How to help build your child's resilience levels, both in and out of school
- How to help your child break their 'fear of failure'

[Click here to register for free](#)

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



# Graduation Ball





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## Upcoming Sport Events

Tues 21 November	<b>NSWCCC Boys U18 Cricket</b>	Riverwood
Wed 22 November	<i>Individual Selection Trial</i>	
Fri 24 November	<b>U14 Girls 9s Rugby League</b>	Raymond Terrace

## Upcoming Closing Dates for Sport Nominations

7th February	NSWCCC Softball Selections
17th February	NSW All Schools Triathlon Championships
23rd February	NSWCCC Tennis Selections
29th March	NSWCCC Volleyball Selections

For information on all individual and team pathway events, please go to <https://csnsw.sport/>



Mr Brad Melville  
Sport's Coordinator





St Pauls Catholic College Booragul, Creative Arts Faculty presents our production of the musical **Alice in Wonderland**, Week 8 this term. Over 25 student performers from Years 7 to 11 have been rehearsing this production weekly during sport time throughout this year and we are very excited to perform to a live audience. Student and teacher directors, choreographers, vocal coaches, set and costume designers have all been working on putting together this production and we are very excited we are almost there. This production is suitable for all ages to attend, there is something for kids and adults alike.

Shows will take place on Wednesday 29th November, Thursday 30th November and Friday 1st December in the mornings at 10am for primary school students and on Thursday 30th November at 6-30pm we will be having an evening performance for all community members.


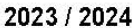

For the evening performance tickets are available at the door for \$10 or follow the link/s below to prepurchase tickets.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CMWOS>



# College Uniform

Please see below the updated Uniform pricing from LOWES Glendale as well as the link to the website:






**St PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE**

		<b>RRP</b>
<b>GIRLS ALL SEASON UNIFORM</b>		
56313 Sky Blue Overblouse - Junior		\$48.95
92268 S/S Overblouse White With Red Piping & Embroidery - Senior		\$44.95
78144 Ladies Tailored Shorts Charcoal	from	\$34.95
78143 Ladies Ink Navy Tailored Shorts - Seniors		\$39.95
79221 Ladies Ink Navy Tailored Pants - Seniors		\$50.95
91876 Blue/Grey Check Skirt - Junior		\$63.95
91881 Navy Skirt - Senior		\$84.95
96579 Navy Pullover with Embroidery	from	\$81.95
57493 Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Jacket		\$69.95
57494 Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Pants		\$52.95
99877 Navy Short Shell Jacket with Embroidery		\$94.95
97975 White Trafalgar Crew Socks		\$5.95
86260 Navy Jackie Tights		\$8.95
<b>BOYS ALL SEASON UNIFORM</b>		
84257 S/S Deluxe White Shirt with Embroidery	from	\$44.95
84258 Sky Blue Shirt	from	\$47.95
95047 Mid Grey Short		\$54.95
95051 Navy Deluxe College Shorts		\$49.95
97030 Mid Grey PQS College Style Trousers		\$67.95
97032 Navy College Trousers		\$67.95
96579 Navy Pullover with Embroidery	from	\$81.95
99877 Navy Short Shell Jacket with Embroidery		\$94.95
97975 White Trafalgar Crew Socks		\$5.95
99011 Black Leather Belt		\$21.95
<b>SPORTS</b>		
85062 Sky Polo Top	from	\$47.95
96326 Navy Microfibre Stretch Short		\$45.95
79003 Navy Knit Shorts	from	\$45.95
57493 Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Jacket		\$69.95
57494 Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Pants		\$52.95
97906 White Sport Socks		\$5.95
<b>SENIOR BLAZERS</b>		
98410 Navy Collarless Blazer		\$219.95
98590 Navy Blazer		\$219.95


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EXUBERANT CATHOLIC  
**PRAISE & WORSHIP**  
*Planning Meeting*

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND OUR FINAL PLANNING MEETING FOR THE YEAR. WE ARE LOOKING TO COMMENCE THIS EVENT MID 2024.

*If you have a passion, talent, or simply a strong desire to be part of something meaningful, we want you to lead or join our teams!*

*The time is ripe to make your mark by shaping an exciting new Praise and Worship event for our vibrant faith community.*

- **Music** (musicians and singers)
- **Research**
- **Marketing**
- **Hospitality**
- **Presenters**
- **Logistics**
- & more...

WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER  
MACKILLOP PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE  
7 MILSON STREET, CHARLESTOWN  
**5:30 - 7:00PM**  
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED



**SUMMER  
JAZZ  
CAMP 24**

**Katoomba, NSW      1-5 January**

ages 10 - 18  
all instruments  
amazing teachers, inspiring peers  
Famously good fun

**Jazz Workshop**  
Australia

**“one of the best experiences of my life.”**  
T.S, student

**“Jazz Camp is the hippest thing happening in this country”**  
Eric Dunan, jazz director, Wollongong Conservatorium

**“She loved the friends she made and all the great things she learnt. You have managed to turn Jazz from an interest to an obsession! ”**  
Tina, parent

Details & booking online:  
**www.Jazz.camp**

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



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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

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



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Switch/Reception  
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Finance Office  
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Canteen  
Telephone: 4946 3115

Clothing Pool 8.45 - 10.30am Thursday



**St Paul's**  
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### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**21st Nov:** Year 9 Leadership Day

**22nd Nov:** Year 11 Reflection Day

**30th Nov:** School Musical