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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.”

Today the College celebrated International Woman’s Day. Mary the Mother of Jesus has been a role model for all people throughout history , especially women. Pope Francis in his Homily on 1 January, 2024 stated:

“Mary knows our needs; she intercedes to make grace overflow in our lives and to guide them to authentic fulfilment.”

With this in mind, we offer our intentions to Mary the Mother of Jesus to look over us and care for all woman by saying:

*Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

Jesus **Pray for Us**

Mary the Mother of Jesus **Pray for Us**

St Paul **Pray for Us**



International Women’s Day

Today, senior students and staff gathered in the Damascus Centre for our International Women’s Day Breakfast where three inspiring women shared their journey with those present. The theme for this year is Inspiring Inclusion. Aunty Louise Campbell an Education Officer at the Catholic Schools Office joined the gathering as a guest of the College.

Firstly, Emma Outteridge, joined us online from New Zealand, sharing how she has worked with orphaned children in Uganda to support them with their education. Emma shared her philosophy of ‘you can’t do everything, but you can do something’.

Former St Paul’s student, Layne Morgan, offered insights into her journey, from our College to gaining selection as Halfback for the Wallaroos, Australia’s Women’s Rugby Union Team. It was evident from Layne’s presentation she has found her passion for rugby and her commitment to fulfill her dreams was clearly evident. She also spoke about the importance of mentors throughout her career. Furthermore, Layne, touched on one of the challenges the national women’s team faces competing as amateurs against teams throughout the world who are professionals.

Donna Burns reflected on her journey to become the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association and to being on the Board of Directors of Headspace. It was clearly evident through Donna’s insights, she is fully committed to advancing the cause of all women, especially Indigenous women.

The College offers its gratitude to Aunty Louise, Emma, Layne and Donna for joining us for breakfast as well as to Mrs Nicole Burns for organising the event, the other staff who assisted on the day and to the Hospitality Staff and students for providing breakfast.



St Paul’s Open Afternoon and Information Evening



Preparation for the 2025 School Year commences next Wednesday, with the College hosting interested families for our **Open Afternoon, on 13 March, 2024 commencing at 4pm**. Students will lead tours for the families and students. Families will be able to register their details and commence the tour at the College Hall.

The second event is **St Paul’s 2025 Information Evening on Monday 8 April, 2024 commencing at 6pm** in the College Hall. Information about St Paul’s will be presented, and students will provide insights into the life of a St Paul’s student. Registration details will be published on Facebook and the College’s website in the coming days.

Parents and Carers Meeting

Reproduced below is a copy of a letter which was distributed to families yesterday regarding the upcoming Parents and Carers Meeting on Tuesday 19 March, 2024. A link to register or the Meeting can be found towards the bottom of the letter.

In the coming weeks, the College will host its first Parent / Carer Engagement Meeting for 2024 (formerly known as Parents & Friends Association Meeting).

In recent years there has been a small number of parents and carers who have participated in these forums. At our last meeting of 2023, a general discussion centred around how to engage further families in the discussions at the Parent / Carer Engagement Meetings. This discussion was focused around one of the College's goals for its current Strategic Plan which is to foster 'engagement with broader community members and organisations'. As a result of these discussions, it was determined I would write to all families prior to the first meeting in 2024 to outline the general purpose of the meeting as well as provide an overview of the information communicated during the gatherings.

Authentic and productive relationships between schools and families are the foundation of positive outcomes for students, families, and schools. I understand many parents and carers engage with the College in other ways for example, Parent, Student and Teacher Conferences and Subject Selection events, however, the Parent / Carer Engagement Meetings allows for more global dialogue and insights into the operation of the College.

The Parent and Carer Engagement Meetings occur on a Tuesday evening in Week 8 each term. They commence at 6pm and usually conclude by 7pm. These meetings are held online, however there is an option for parents / carers to attend in person. During the meetings information is provided by the Principal and Assistant Principals, these presentations are related to the Religious dimension of the College as well as the learning and wellbeing domains. During these presentations there are opportunities for those present to ask questions or provide feedback on initiatives.

The diocese has a Parents and Friends Association, and two parents of St Paul's represent the College at these diocesan meetings. These representatives provide feedback at our meetings each term of discussions at these diocesan gatherings.

Parents and Carers attending the meetings are not required to undertake fundraising activities or be involved in volunteering to coordinate school events. The general principles of the meetings are to be consultative and informative for those who attend the forums.

Our first meeting will be held online on **Tuesday 19 March, 2024 at 6pm**. 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). If there is a matter you would like to raise at the meeting can these details be included in the form when you register for the meeting.

Link to Register for Parent and Carer Meeting: <https://forms.office.com/r/ryAEXZjzYx>

Current Agenda Items for the Meeting are:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Acknowledgement of Country and Prayer
- Principal Presentation
- Assistant Principal's Presentations
- Parents and Friends Federation Report.
- Matters raised by Parents / Carers
- General Business.

If parents and carers would like to discuss any of the details outlined above please feel free to contact me at school.

Year 12 Retreat

On Wednesday to Friday of Week 4, the Year 12 students attended their Year 12 Retreat. Students engaged in a range of spiritual and team building activities as a year group, small group, and they also took time for personal reflection in a wonderful natural setting at Bonny Hills. On Thursday evening, Fr Greg Barker celebrated Mass with the students.

Thank you to Mrs Pola-Kuras for developing the program and for facilitating the Retreat. I also wish to acknowledge the teachers who attended the Retreat for three days with the students. Thanks also to our parents and carers, for your support of your children in enabling them to participate in this special experience in Year 12.



Exploring St Paul's Program

In 2024, the College will continue the successful 'Exploring St Paul's Program' for students in our feeder primary schools. During Terms 1 and 2 students from the feeder primary schools will visit St Paul's on Friday afternoons and undertake activities in Science, Food Technology and Drama. The program provides an experience of high school for the students and builds closer links between our feeder primary schools.

Today students from St Joseph's Primary School Kilaben Bay were the first students to visit the College. St Paul's looks forward to welcoming the students from our other feeder schools in the coming weeks.



Enrolment Vacancies

There are currently some places available in some year groups for 2024. If any current St Paul's families are aware of any other families who are considering enrolling their students at the College, please encourage them to contact the school to discuss possibilities.

Mr Nicholas Wickham
Principal



It is hard to believe we are over half way through the term, however much has been done over the past six weeks to support student learning. Learning at St Paul's is characteristic of a school wide approach in using data to inform our strategic direction. Leaders of Learning have worked through analysing the 2023 HSC results of subjects in their Key Learning Areas using a rigorous analysis system to identify areas of success and areas for improvement. Next week students in Years 7 & 9 will sit NAPLAN tests. The schedule for these tests are below. The data from these tests will be used to identify and plan for individual needs of students and areas of improvement for student cohorts in the areas of writing, reading, numeracy and conventions of language. Formative and summative assessment is taking place across all year groups in the school. I encourage students to share the feedback they receive with you so that together we can work to build a culture of continuous improvement.

Assessment

A link to the Assessment Guide for each year group has now been sent to students and parents/carers. These handbooks are located on the school website and include both the procedures for assessment and the assessment schedules for each course. It is students' responsibility to know the procedures for assessment for their year group. It is important that students follow the procedures and if they are unsure of any aspect they ask a member of staff in advance of an assessment task's date for submission. AIM forms (Accident/Illness/Misadventure) are available in hard copies at Student Reception or can be downloaded from the school website.

<https://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/media/6068/year-7-academic-guide-2024.pdf>

<https://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/media/6069/year-8-academic-guide-2024.pdf>

<https://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/media/6070/year-9-academic-guide-2024.pdf>

<https://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/media/6066/year-10-academic-guide-2024.pdf>

<https://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/media/6091/year-11-assessment-guide-2024.pdf>

<https://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/media/6092/hsc-academic-guide-2023-24.pdf>

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Each year students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. NAPLAN tests are just one part of our school learning assessment program and questions are primarily based on knowledge, understanding and skills gained from the prior year of schooling.

In preparation for NAPLAN 2024, students in Years 7 & 9 were given the opportunity to complete Practice tests to become familiar with the format and functionality of the online tests. Students and parents can access from home the [public demonstration site \(https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site\)](https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site) if they would like to familiarise themselves with NAPLAN and the types of questions and tools available.

The schedule for the 2024 NAPLAN test dates is below:

NAPLAN Schedule 2024		
Date	Test	Time
Wednesday, 13 March	Writing	Periods 1 & 2 Yr 9 Periods 3 &4 Yr 7
Thursday, 14 March	Reading	Periods 1 & 2 Yr 9 Periods 3 &4 Yr 7
Monday, 18 March	Conventions of Language	Periods 1 & 2 Yr 9 Periods 3 &4 Yr 7
Wednesday, 20 March	Numeracy	Periods 1 & 2 Yr 9 Periods 3 &4 Yr 7

Students will need the required equipment to complete Practice Tests in Week 3:

- 1. Laptop- Charged (Ipads cannot be used to complete the tests)**
- 2. Pen/pencil**
- 3. Headphones- compatible with device**

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact myself by email or telephoning the school.

ELEVATE Education

On March 21 Year 11 students will participate in seminars and workshops designed to help students in the areas of study techniques, motivation, confidence, and exam performance.

Parents are invited to attend a parent information session in the evening to compliment the information students received that day.

The parent information session will be held at St Paul's Catholic College from 6-7pm. Please RSVP your attendance by emailing Maree Lawrie at maree.lawrie@mn.catholic.edu.au

Three reasons you should attend Elevate's Parent Study Skills Evening:

- 1 Do you want to support your child, but aren't sure how?**
Whether it's due to changes in system or introduction of new technology, it's easy to feel unequipped supporting your child through their own academic journey.
- 2 Ensure the skills are followed up at home**
Our parent evening will provide you with methods to help your child develop and maintain productive study habits!
- 3 Get on the same page with your child**
Ensure you and your child are a team! We'll give you strategies to support your child without becoming the enemy.

Elevate's 60-minute parent study skills evening covers the following topics:

- ✔ How parents can help their children effectively manage their time
- ✔ How parents can help their children become motivated and stay motivated
- ✔ The different types of work students should prioritise across the year to maximise results
- ✔ How parents can help children work effectively with technology whilst minimising distractions such as social media sites

“ Thanks to you and all the staff involved for organising the superb parent's night this evening. It was so informative and interesting! I am very blessed to have my son in a school where you can clearly see that the staff are putting a lot of love and effort into their teaching. He has had nothing but good things to say so far. Thanks again.”

Parent - Carine Senior High School

Please see flyer for much information about the Parent Information Session.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or Teaching, LOWE or Leader of Learning if we can support your child in any way.

It is a privilege to be working with you and your child supporting them to reach their best academically.



Emma Tierney
Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning

Year 12 Retreat

As our final academic year progresses, it's essential to pause and recognise the moments that shape us beyond the classroom. This month, I would like to extend congratulations to our Year 12 students for their active participation in the recent school retreat.

The retreat served as a profound opportunity for our seniors to reflect, recharge, and reconnect with themselves and their peers. Throughout the retreat, students engaged in various activities designed to foster personal growth, resilience, and camaraderie. From team-building exercises to moments of introspection, each experience offered valuable lessons and memories to carry forward.



A huge thankyou to Mrs Pola-Kuras for her exceptional organisation and dedication in planning such a meaningful retreat. Her commitment ensured that every aspect of the retreat was thoughtfully planned and executed.

I would also like to express my appreciation to all care group teachers and staff who provided invaluable support and guidance to our Year 12 students throughout the retreat. Your presence and encouragement played a pivotal role in nurturing a sense of community and belonging among our seniors, fostering an environment where they felt safe to open up, reflect, and grow.

Year 12, let us carry forward the lessons learned and the bonds forged during the retreat. May the insights gained and the connections formed serve as guiding lights as you embark on the next chapter.

Again, congratulations Year 12 students on your involvement in the school retreat. Your enthusiasm, resilience, and willingness to embrace new experiences are a testament to your remarkable spirit and potential. We look forward to witnessing the continued growth and success of each and every one of you.



Mr Samuel Heagney
PDHPE Faculty



Diocesan Swimming

Well done to all the students who participated in the Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Wednesday. Congratulations to the following students for being selected to represent the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle at the NSWCCC Swimming Championships:

- Jaydn Raven Yr 10
- Jett Jenkinson Yr 10
- Beau Jenkinson Yr 9
- Brody Kohl Yr 10

A very special mention and congratulations to Jaydn and Jett who were the Age Champions for their age group for the Diocese.

St Paul's community is extremely proud of you both.

Sport Calendar - What's Coming Up?

SPORT	Age	Date Registrations Close	How do I register?
Girls Netball – for Term 2 Friday Sport Interschools Comp	Years 7 -10	Monday 11 th March	Put your name down with Mrs Woolley
Boys Basketball – For Term 2 Friday Sport Interschools Comp	Years 7 -10	Monday 11 th March	Put your name down with Mrs Woolley
Football - Boys and Girls Gala Day	Years 10-12	ASAP	Name down with Mrs Ellis
CCC Volleyball	Opens	15 th March	Online CSNSW Portal
Diocesan Netball	15s or Opens	22 nd March	Online CSNSW Portal
CCC Diving	Opens	22 nd March	Online CSNSW Portal
U14 Cochrane Cup	U14s	Play 28 th March	
Fast 5s Netball	Senior Students	ASAP	Name down with Mrs Woolley and Mrs de Winter
Diocesan Cross Country	All years	2 nd April	Names and times to Mrs Woolley
Diocesan Football	Opens Yr 10-12	5 th April	Online CSNSW Portal
15s CCC Girls AFL	15s	19 th April	Online CSNSW Portal

Term 2 Sport Choices

Sport selections for Term 2 will open next Friday 15th March. Students will be sent an email with a link to Edval to make these selections. Once selections close in Week 10, online consent and payment will be available through Compass (Events).

Students are required to select a sport they are interested in and willing to participate in every Friday. We understand paid sports are expensive and therefore offer a large range of no-cost sports. If your child is planning on doing a school sport, they are still required to make a selection. If they DO NOT make a selection for Term 2, they will be placed in a sport and will remain in this sport for the duration of Term 2 - NO SPORT CHANGES will occur. Students' are reminded of their responsibility in this matter.



Harmony Day

Harmony Week is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. The message of Harmony Week is everyone belongs. It is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

St Paul's Catholic College will be celebrating Harmony Week on Tuesday 19th March. See the postcard below for further information.



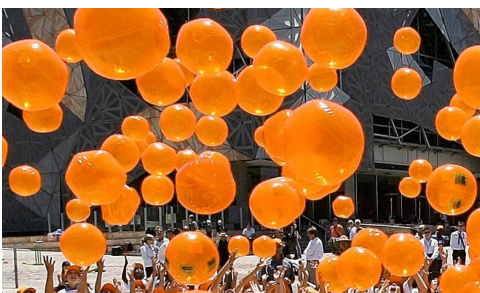
St Paul's Catholic College will be celebrating

Harmony Day on Tuesday 19st March 2024

- Out of uniform- wear **orange** to symbolize that everyone belongs. Appropriate shoes (must be enclosed) & clothing (no singlets or midriffs).
- Please bring a gold coin donation to raise money for Caritas.
- Students will listen to Keynote Speaker at a whole school assembly.

EVERYONE BELONGS

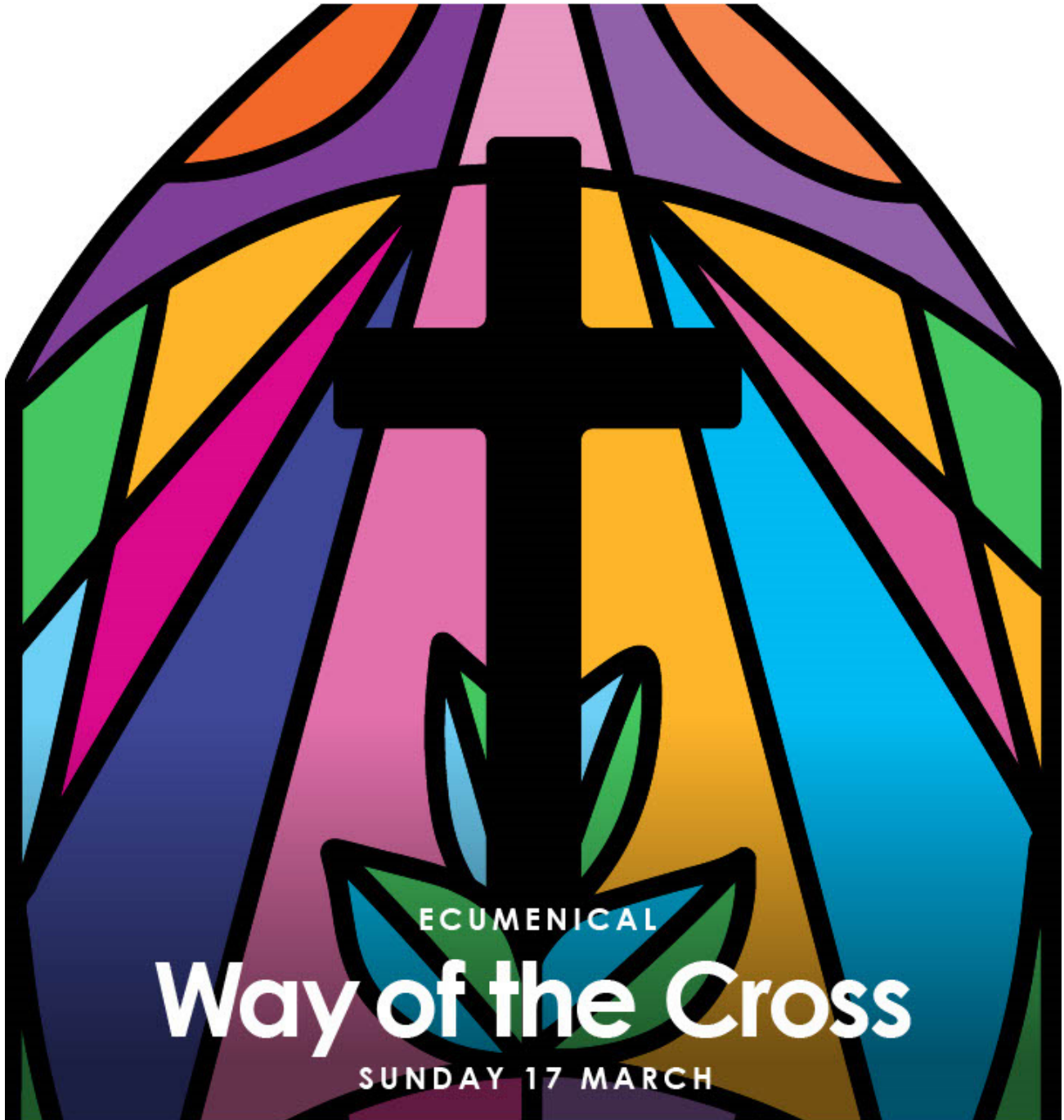
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HARMONY
WEEK



ECUMENICAL
Way of the Cross
SUNDAY 17 MARCH

This year's Ecumenical Way of the Cross invites us into a multicultural journey of remembrance. As we relive the story of Jesus' Passion, we recall the stories that have brought us together.

3PM (You are invited to gather from 2pm)

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Community Notices

LAKE MAC
WOMEN IN SPORT
FESTIVAL

LEADERSHIP AND
CAREERS EXPO

BELINDA
CLARK

AND

CHLOE
DALTON

QANTAS

As part of Lake Mac's Women in Sport Festival we are holding a [Leadership and Careers Expo](#) featuring Chloe Dalton and Belinda Clark.

Representative from local professional sporting groups showcasing the wide range of career options in sport will be present. Please share with students, administrators and your networks.

Saturday 9 March 10am – 1pm drop in anytime.

Reserve your place for free – [Book Here](#)

Venue: [The Place Charlestown Community Centre - Google Maps](#)

2024 School Fee Information

School fees comprise of Resource, Tuition, Diocesan Family School Building Levy (DFSBL), Camps/Retreats and Electives and are the responsibility of parents/carers of students enrolled at the school.

Tuition Fees Year 7-10 \$2033, Year 11-12 \$3089

The Diocesan Tuition Fee is set each year by the Diocese.

Family discount on full rate diocesan tuition fees is available to parents who have more than one child attending a Catholic School in this Diocese.

- 1 child family - 0% - full rate
- 2 child family - 15% - each child
- 3 child family - 25% - each child
- 4 + child family - 50% - each child

Concessions on Tuition fees are also given to account holders of a current Health Care/Pension card. An application form must be completed along with providing a copy of original card.

Diocesan Family & School Building Levy (DFSBL) \$1638

The DFSBL is charged to the oldest child for each family. The levy is pooled to contribute towards past, present and future costs for building projects across all existing schools, and for the development of new Catholic schools within the Diocese.

Resource Fees Year 7-10 \$860, Year 11-12 \$810

The resource costs are set by each individual school. Fees are used to pay school resources, educational activities, student textbooks, various low cost excursions/incursions, photocopying, computer technology and amenities.

Elective Fees Year 9-12

Students who choose to undertake specific subjects, will be required to pay additional charges per year to cover specific expenses associated with the individual subject.

Retreats/ Camps

The Year 7 & 9 Camp and 10 & 12 Retreat are compulsory, and it is expected that all students attend as per conditions of enrolment in a Catholic school. Costings are calculated based on all students attending, venues and buses have to be paid when booking is first made. Your understanding of this would be very much appreciated.

Friday Sport Payment & Consent

For your convenience, you can now consent and pay for your child's Friday sport through Compass each Term. The account holder (name on your statement) is the only one who can access Compass to make these payments, if you would like joint access to Compass so both parents can make payments please complete and return the attached joint access form.

<https://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/media/5915/compass-joint-access.pdf>

Support

The Catholic Schools Office declares that genuine inability to meet tuition and other fees does not exclude access to a school within the system by a child of a family genuinely committed to Catholic faith and practice.

For families experiencing financial hardship or wishing to discuss other payment arrangements please contact the College Principal or Finance Office to make an appointment. These discussions and arrangements regarding fees are strictly confidential.

The collection of all school fees is to ensure the best possible learning environment for your child.

Account Statements

All fees are billed yearly in February, and it is recommended a regular weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalment is made from February to November to ensure your account is fully paid by 30 November, 2024. Our preferred method of payment is via Bpay (BPay detail are on your monthly statement) however fees may also be paid via EFT, Credit card, cheque and Centrepay. If you require assistance with calculating your weekly, fortnightly or monthly payment amount, please email finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au

2024 School fee account can be viewed at any time through Compass and updated statement are emailed at the beginning of each month. Families who have a nil balance will not receive a statement.


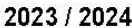

Finance Contact Details: Erica Gale
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College Uniform

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






SCHOOL UNIFORMS
St PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

		RRP
GIRLS ALL SEASON UNIFORM		
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
BOYS ALL SEASON UNIFORM		
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
SPORTS		
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
SENIOR BLAZERS		
98410 Navy Collarless Blazer		\$219.95
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Finance Office
Hours: 8.30am to 2.30pm
Email: finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au

Canteen
Telephone: 4946 3115

Clothing Pool: Please see the main office for uniform needs.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Open Evening: March 13

Parent/Carer Engagement Meeting: March 19

Harmony Day: March 19

Information Evening: April 8