



July 5, 2024 Vol:7-24

*"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."*

The Church celebrates St Paul's Feast Day on Saturday 29 June. As a school community we celebrated this significant day on the last day of Term 2. As we continue to recognise our 40th Anniversary, we reflect upon the word of our College Prayer:

*Lord, as we journey together at St Paul's,  
Help us to grow, guided by the teachings of Jesus,  
The writings of St Paul and the traditions of our faith.*

*Create in us a generous heart,  
Where our relationship with each other is built on peace, love,  
dignity and justice,  
So that we may experience the words of St Paul, "to live is Christ".*

*Help us to make St Paul's a place of wisdom and learning;  
Where all feel welcomed and safe.  
Guide us in the development of our gifts and talents;  
So that they can be used in the service of others.*

*Spirit of God present in our lives today;  
Inspire us to value the small things of life  
And to meet the great challenges with generous courage.*



St Paul                      Pray for Us

As a school community we celebrated St Paul's Feast Day with the following activities:

- Initially, the community gathered in the Hall for Mass celebrated by Fr Greg Barker and Fr Raphael Madukwe. It was wonderful Fr Greg and Fr Raphael could celebrate Mass for us.

- In the middle of the day, 'St Paul's has Got Talent', saw a variety of students showcase their gifts on stage.
- During the afternoon, the students will get time to spend with their friends in a range of activities, including a Just Dance performance.

It is fantastic the community can come together and celebrate this special day in the life of the College.

Thanks to all the staff who were involved in the organisation of the day, notably Mrs Pola-Kuras for their organisation of the Mass, Miss Rieck for their coordination of all the activities and to the Leaders of Wellbeing and Engagement for their organisation of the stalls and activities.

### **Pupil Free Day**

Monday 22 July, 2024 will be a Pupil Free Day. Staff will engage in Teaching and Learning Professional Development activities throughout the day. Classes will resume for students on Tuesday, 23 July, 2024.

### **Bus Service for Morisset and Cooranbong Students**

As was communicated at the end of last term the Catholic Schools Office is funding two buses to service the Morisset and Cooranbong areas. The two new services will commence on Tuesday 23 July, 2024.

Specific information regarding the Bus Services was distributed to the students yesterday and also communicated to families via Compass.

The introduction of this service will mean the students are directly transported to and from school.

### **2024 and 2025 Enrolments**

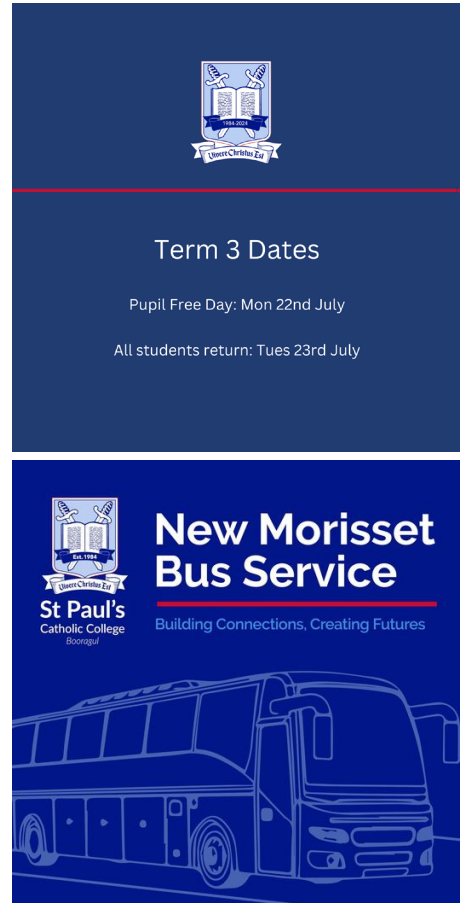
St Paul's is still accepting Enrolment Applications from families wishing to be consider for a place in Year 7 2025. These families are asked to contact the Main Office for further details.

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

### **DioSounds**

On Friday night of Week 7, music students from across the diocese gathered at the Civic Theatre, Newcastle for the annual DioSounds performance. The theme for the 2024's performance was 'Beyond Limits'.

St Paul's students performed wonderfully with Year 12 Music students performing 'Smiley Faces'. The second performance saw the Music, Drama and Dance students come together to replicate the Kenny Loggins hit 'Footloose'. It was great to see the students on the stage enjoying the opportunity to perform in front of a live audience. Thanks to Ms Garrett, Mrs Patterson and Ms Burt for their preparation and support of the students.



**Term 3 Dates**

Pupil Free Day: Mon 22nd July

All students return: Tues 23rd July

**New Morisset Bus Service**

St Paul's Catholic College  
Building Connections, Creating Futures





## Creative Arts Showcase

On Wednesday evening, the Creative Arts students had the opportunity to display their artistic, musical, dance, and drama talents at the Creative Arts Showcase.

It was wonderful many parents and extended family members were in attendance to support the children. The Creative and Performing Arts teachers invest significant amounts of time with their students to prepare them for the evening. We offer our thanks to these teachers and to Ms Burt for her coordination of the evening.



## Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday, St Paul's annual Athletics Carnival took place at Glendale. Whilst the weather was miserable the students in attendance were willing participants in both track and field events. Congratulations to the successful competitors on the day, those who were crowned Aged Champions.

Thanks to Mrs Woolley for her organisation and running of the carnival.



## Year 9 Camp

Last week, Year 9 attended Y Camp Yarramundi site near Richmond. The students enjoyed the opportunity to undertake a range of challenge activities. It was pleasing to see the students mixing with each other and encouraging their peers during the activities. Thanks to Ms Guest for her initial organisation of the Camp and to Mrs Shipman who finalised arrangements and lead the camp. Thanks, is also extended to the staff who attended. For photo gallery from Year 9 Camp please click the following link: <https://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/news-events/galleries/year-9-camp/>



## Real Women Event

Members of the Boolaroo, Warners Bay and Booragul Parish Real Women group have arranged an event for Saturday 3 August, 2024 commencing at 1.30pm in the Parish Hall at Warners Bay. The guest speaker will be Tinah Deluca-Tohi. Tinah's presentation will focus on loss, faith and hope. Further information can be found on the flyer included with the Newsletter.

## Staff Changes for the Term 3.

- Miss Guest has temporarily stepped down from her Year 9 LoWE role, although she is continuing to teach in the English Faculty. Miss Rieck is filling the LoWE position.
- Mr McLoughlin is continuing his leave and Mrs Grant (VET and TAS LOL), Mrs Anderson (TAS LOL) and Mrs Burns (Careers Advisor) are continuing in their Middle Leadership roles from Term 1.
- Mr Reville's classes will continue to be taught by Mr Cootes.
- Mrs McBride is working in a Job-Share capacity with Mrs Foye while Mr Cootes is covering Mr Reville's classes.
- Mr Edwards' short contract has finished, and we thank him for his efforts through Term 2 and wish him all the best for the future. Miss Tranter will return to the HSIE Faculty for Semester Two.
- Mr Nesham secured a permanent position at Cessnock High School; we thank him for his contribution to the St Paul's community over the past 12 months and wish him all the best for the future. The College is currently undertaking a process to replace Mr Nesham.

I wish everyone an enjoyable, refreshing, and safe holiday.

Mr Nicholas Wickham  
Principal





## **Semester One Reports & Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences**

In Week One next term, a record of students' learning for the semester will be published on Compass. Parents/carers will receive a Compass notification when the Semester One Reports are published. I encourage you to use this document to speak with your child/children about determining how they may go about using their strengths to consolidate good practices of learning already established or areas of learning they need to address. All parents/carers are invited to book a conference time either on Tuesday July 30 (Week 3, Term 2) from 3.30-6pm or Wednesday July 31 at our Parent/Teacher/Student Conference day. The booking process will be made available in Week One Teaching staff at St Paul's welcome all parents/carers to meet with them to discuss the progress of your child's learning. We hope that you take up this formal opportunity to come to the school and meet.

## **Semester One Award Ceremonies**

The Semester One Award Ceremonies will take place throughout the day on Tuesday July 30 in the College Hall at the following times:

Year 7: 10am

Year 8: 11.30am

Year 9: 12.30pm

Year 10: 2pm

Families are welcome to attend their child's award ceremony at the allocated time.

## **HSC Trial Examination Timetable**

Students studying the HSC this year were given a copy of the 2024 HSC Trial Examination Timetable. The timetable has also been sent to parents/carers on Compass (Monday August 5- Monday August 19).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their ongoing dedication to providing rich and engaging learning experiences for St Paul's students.

Wishing everyone a restful holiday break and look forward to working with both students and staff in Term 3.

*Emma Tierney*  
Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning



## HSC Workshops

Please see below the HSC workshops being offered for students studying the HSC this year:

PO Box 194 Boolaroo NSW 2284  
T: (02) 4958 6711  
F: (02) 4958 6145  
3 July 2024



**St Paul's**  
Catholic College  
Booragul

Dear Parents & Carers,

Please see below the HSC workshops offered at St Paul's Catholic College during the July Holiday break.

The office will be unattended during these times. Please ensure your child has a mobile phone with them in case you need to contact them.

HSC WORKSHOPS			
Subject	Date/Time	Teacher Attending	Classroom
Drama	Monday 8 July <b>9.30am-1.30pm</b> Tuesday 9 July <b>9.30am-1.30pm</b>  Monday 15 July - <b>TBC</b> <b>9.30am-1.30pm</b> Tuesday 16 July - <b>TBC</b> <b>9.30am-1.30pm</b>	Cassie Burt <a href="mailto:cassie.burt@mn.catholic.edu.au">cassie.burt@mn.catholic.edu.au</a>	A18
Society & Culture	Wednesday 10 July <b>9am-12.00pm</b> Thursday 11 July <b>9am-12.00pm</b>	Melissa Chapman <a href="mailto:melissa.chapman@mn.catholic.edu.au">melissa.chapman@mn.catholic.edu.au</a>	Library
Textiles	Wednesday 10 July <b>9.30am-1.30pm</b> Wednesday 17 July <b>9.30am-12.30pm</b>	Lynda Espinola <a href="mailto:lynda.espinola@mn.catholic.edu.au">lynda.espinola@mn.catholic.edu.au</a>	A17
PDHPE	Tuesday 16 July <b>9.30am-11.30am</b>	Jodie Woolley <a href="mailto:jodie.woolley@mn.catholic.edu.au">jodie.woolley@mn.catholic.edu.au</a>	E2
Community & Family Studies	Wednesday 17 July <b>9.00am – 12.10pm</b>	Blair Brownlee <a href="mailto:blair.brownlee@mn.catholic.edu.au">blair.brownlee@mn.catholic.edu.au</a>	E14
Physics	Friday 19 July <b>9.00am-2.00pm</b>	David Oakden <a href="mailto:david.oakden@mn.catholic.edu.au">david.oakden@mn.catholic.edu.au</a>	B9

Yours sincerely



Nicholas Wickham  
**Principal**



# *Athletics Carnival*





## *Year 9 Camp*





# *Creative Arts and Languages in the Spotlight*

What has been happening in Term 2!!!

## **DramaFest**

On the 6th of May Ms Burt, Mrs Patterson and 24 Drama students from Years 8 to 12 travelled to the Town Hall in Newcastle to spend a day working with other Drama students from across the diocese and industry professionals for DramaFest run by ASPIRE. Students participated in workshops including puppetry, stage combat, monologue, characterisation and physical theatre. All students who attended the workshops enjoyed the day and said that the workshops complemented what they were doing in the classroom.

## **DIODRAMA**

Anna Kerrigan ASPIRE director spent two days, 9th May and 30th May workshopping, developing and rehearsing our Diodrama production with 30 drama students from Years 8 to 12 in our drama space. The result was 'Mysteries, Mazes and D Grade Celebrities'. This play is what happens when a distant member of the royal family, a politician, a rockstar grieving the love of their life, a background actor and many more interesting characters find themselves stuck in the set of a reality television show. Not just any reality show, a haunted house where budget cuts have been made and the employees are both cooky and incompetent. This collaboration with the amazing Anna Kerrigan and Drama students from Years 8 to 12 from St Pauls Catholic College takes a look at societies obsession with catching that "moment" in the media for entertainment's sake, with a few digs at the state of the economy at the same time. We were very excited to be involved in DioDrama with St Pius for the second year in a row, the professional theatrical experience we have in the Civic Playhouse, experimenting with the elements of production and devising a play from scratch gives us a holistic experience of the theatrical world complementing our study of Drama in the classroom. We had our technical rehearsal on Tuesday 11th June and our performance Wednesday 12th June at 6pm.



## **DioSounds**

We recently participated in the annual Diocesan Dio Sounds concert held at Newcastle's Civic Theatre where over 40 of our finest musicians, vocalists and dancers joined other secondary schools from across the diocese to perform to sold out audiences. Our school items were "Smiley Face" by Gnarles Barkley, arranged by Year 12 student Molly Herbert, and performed by the students in the Year 12 Music class and our very own version of the toe-tapping, crowd favourite "Footloose", choreographed by Year 11 Dance students Cleo Doyle and Jamie Pockran. Both pieces were joined together by a phenomenal drum solo by Year 10 Music student Ethan Goymer.

Our students lit up the stage with their flawless moves, exceptional musicianship, and spectacular voices. The joy they showed through their performance was infectious, getting the crowd singing and clapping along in both performances. Their dedication to the rehearsal process definitely paid off and the memories they made through this experience will last forever. Thank you for all your hard work. You are all stars in our eyes!!!





## **French Film Festival**

Students in Year 9 and 10 elective French classes enjoyed the French Film Festival at Kotara on 20th May. They enjoyed a French film along with other students in the region and represented the school superbly.

## **Year 8 Street Artists**

Graffiti artists attacked St Paul's Friday 28th June!!! Year 8 exploring street art created some amazing tags and pasted them around the playground. Street art presents a fantastic new form of creativity. Anything is art if it has a meaning to you, it is about the intention of the artist.

The desire to express ourselves is a connection with our deepest creative roots: a signal from the ice age where human beings loved drawing on walls. In the ice age people pressed their hands against cave walls and spat ochre pigment to create a red outline. A similar technique to that used today when street artists spray paint over a pre-cut stencil to leave a quick image. Street art mystically returns to the primal urge to make a mark on a blank surface.

I say keep up the good work!!!

Ms Cominos

## **Sean Choolburra Performance**

First Nations Students, Year 11 Aboriginal Studies and all of years 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to watch a performance by Australian Aboriginal Comedian, singer, hip hop dancer Sean Choolburra. His performance Live and Deadly is uniquely Australian. He blends pop culture, dance, comedy and hip hop in a high energy, feel good show. This was an excellent opportunity to combine music, drama and Aboriginal perspectives.



## **&Juliet Excursion**

What if Romeo's ending, was Juliet's beginning? This musical flips the script on Shakespeare in this hilarious story of self-discovery and second chances. Alongside the story, comes a playlist of songs with music from Katy Perry, Britney Spears, The Backstreet Boys, Ariana Grande, Pink, Justin Timberlake, and SO many more! And 50 lucky Year 7 to 12 students from our school had the opportunity to travel to the Lyric Theatre in Sydney on 19th June to watch the production with Ms Burt, Ms Garrett and Mrs Patterson. Not only did we see the production but we had the chance to listen to a Q & A with the actors and creative team after the production to find out how things happened on stage. We also had a fun bus ride with our driver Rob the Rocket who gave us the opportunity to select the music playlist on the way home and sing bus karaoke.

## Showcase Evening

Our semester 2 showcase took place on Wednesday 3rd July in the school Hall. It was fantastic to see so many students from Years 7 and 8 Compulsory Music performing on the evening along, with our elective music and drama students from Years 9-12. The showcase is an important day for the Creative Arts Faculty with many hours of planning and preparation by students and staff. These public performances provide students with an opportunity to display their talents and build their confidence. Our art exhibition was of a high quality and also highlighted the skills of our talented artists, designers and photographers.



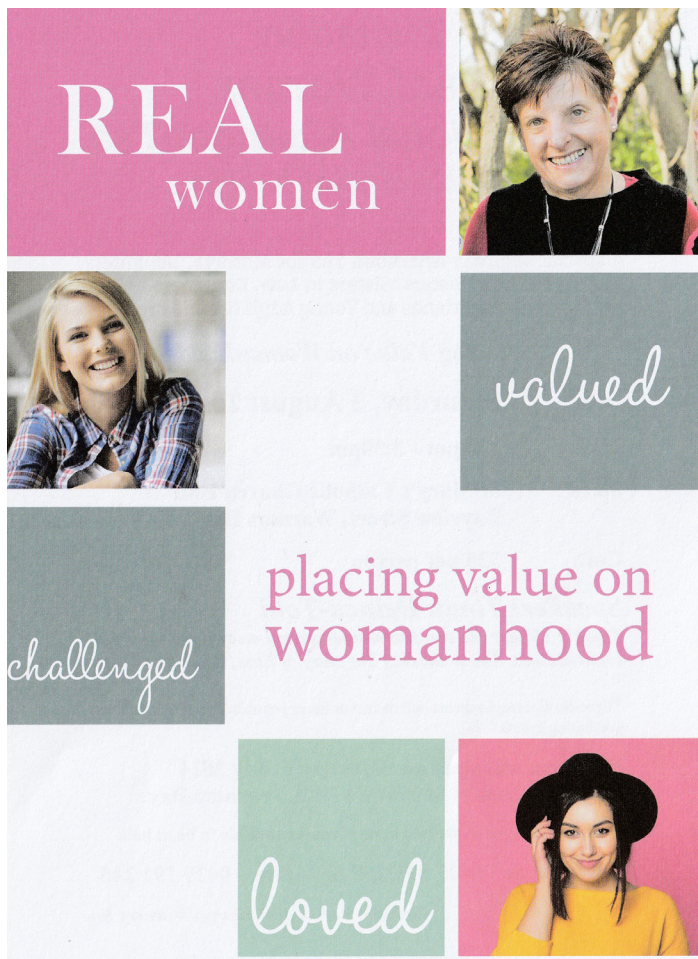


## Year 12 News

Thank you and congratulations to our incredible Year 11 and 12 students for their support and generosity during today's charity dress-up in pyjamas event. Your enthusiastic participation helped raise funds for Bowel Cancer Australia. Your enthusiasm and community spirit is very much recognised, and we couldn't be prouder of your efforts. Well done!







**Invitation**  
**Real Women**  
**Inspirational Afternoon Tea**  
*With a glass of bubbles*

A special Saturday Afternoon Tea for Mothers, Daughters, Mothers in Law, Sisters, Sisters in Law, Daughters in Law, Aunties, Nieces, Friends and Young Adult Granddaughters

**Placing Value on Womanhood**

**Date :** Saturday, 3 August 2024

**Time :** 1.30pm – 3.30pm

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

**Cost:** \$30 per person

**Speaker: Tinah Deluca-Tohi**

*Tinah's 15 year old son Emmanuel passed away to an incurable brain disease. She is sharing her story of Loss, Faith and Hope.*

\*Specific diet requirements will be met as far as possible. Please advise when purchasing tickets.

**Bookings will open on Saturday 6 July 2024**  
**10am to 12pm** at St Mary's Hall, Warners Bay.

Bookings may 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*



Please notify the main office by email of any changes to personal or medical details.

Email: [admin@booragul.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@booragul.catholic.edu.au)

### Clothing Pool

Located at the hall end of the Student HUB

Open : 8.30am-9.30am  
Thursdays

For all uniform/clothing pool needs outside of these hours please contact the main office.





## **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](mailto: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  
finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au  
Telephone: 4958 6711

Mrs Erica Gale - Finance Officer  
finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au



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

		<b>2023 / 2024</b> 	
<b>St PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE</b>			
<b>GIRLS ALL SEASON UNIFORM</b>		<b>RRP</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

**ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO ALTERATION**

**Glendale**  
387 Lake Road, Glendale, 406 2285  
(02) 49568570



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Switch/Reception  
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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: Please see the main office for uniform needs.



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**22 July:** Pupil Free Day

**24 July:** Year 10 Retreat

**30 July:** 7-10 Awards

**31 July:** Pupil Free Day/7-11 Conferences

**5-16 August:** HSC Trials