



April 11, 2025 Vol:3-25

"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 College gathered on Wednesday for our Easter Liturgy which focused on the Stations of the Cross. Easter is celebrated on the middle weekend of the holidays. We offer the following prayer for renewed hope, forgiveness, and a deeper connection to God's love, remembering the joy of Jesus' resurrection.

"Lord, thank You for the gift of Easter, for the resurrection of Jesus, and for the hope He offers us. We praise You for Your love and mercy,"



Also, during the holidays our nation gathers for ANZAC Day to remember our service women and men who made sacrifices for our freedom. We offer the following prayer:

Eternal Lord God we pray for the peace of the world.

We especially commend to your mercy the homeless and refugees;
those who have been dispossessed and have lost their employment;
those whose families have been disrupted and who mourn the loss of loved ones.

We pray for those countries impacted by conflict.

We ask this prayer through Jesus.

Amen

Jesus the Peacemaker
St Paul

Pray for Us
Pray for Us



ANZAC DAY
Left We Forget

Pupil Free Day

Monday 28 April, 2024 will be a Pupil Free Day. Staff will engage in Wellbeing Professional Learning activities on this day. Classes will resume for students on Tuesday, 29 April, 2024.

2026 Enrolments

After the College's recent successful Open Afternoon and 2026 Information Evening the College is accepting enrolments for 2026 in all year groups. These events would not have been possible without the efforts of the staff and the students who assisted. We offer a deep sense of gratitude to those staff and students who helped with these occasions.

Commencing this year, families wishing to enrol their children at St Paul's need to do so online. Information regarding the online process and also where you submit your application is via the link below:

<https://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/enrol-online-now/>

If families need support, they are asked to contact the Main Office for assistance with information about the enrolment process.

2025 Enrolment Vacancies

There are currently some places available in some year groups for 2025. 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.

Year 7 to 11 Interim Reports and Student Conferences

Last week students and families in Years 7-11 received their Term 1 Interim Reports. The Interim Reports are accessible through Compass. These reports provide a snapshot of how students have commenced with their studies in 2025. This information was used for the basis of conversations at the Student Conferences on Tuesday 1 April, 2025. The conferences provide an opportunity for students to be affirmed for their effort and application and to develop strategies for Term 2.

Thanks to the families who attended the Conferences and to the teachers for their input and support of the students learning.

Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday, St Paul's annual Athletics Carnival took place at Glendale. The students in attendance are to be affirmed for their participation in both track and field events. Congratulations to the successful competitors on the day, named Aged Champions.

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



Staff Changes for the Term 2.

- Miss Guest will be on leave at the start of Term 2, Mr Towle will be the Acting Year 8 LoWE during this time.
- Ms Rieck will continue in the Year 10 LoWE role in for Term 2.
- Mr Morgan will continue providing support to students and staff in the LoWE Support role for Term 2.

I will also be on leave for the first six days of Term 2. During this time please contact the College's Main Office and they will assist you and direct you to the relevant person to support you.

I wish everyone a holy, happy, and safe Easter as well as an enjoyable, refreshing, and safe holiday.

Mr Nicholas Wickham
Principal



Term has seen many educational opportunities and achievements for students at St Paul's. As we move into the holiday break, I would like to congratulate students on their application this term and remind them that the start of a new term is always a good time to reflect on their successes and where they need to focus their efforts going forward. The 7-11 parent/teacher/student conferences last week saw many families come with their children to engage in conferences with teachers. Whilst we offer formal meeting times for parents/carers to meet with teachers, if you feel you need to make contact regarding your child's education at any time, please do so. Year 12 conferences and mid-course awards will be held early in Term 2. For Year 12, this is a valuable opportunity for teachers to share feedback on your child's progress to date and support students with how they can best meet their goals.

Professional Development

On Friday teaching staff will be engaging in professional development in the teaching and learning domain. Staff professional learning in 2025 is centred around meeting the goal in our School Improvement Plan- Develop a growth oriented culture of learning for continuous improvement. One area that we are focusing on implementing in 2025 is writing scaffolds across key learning areas that will support and build students' writing skills. Staff in key learning areas have been analysing data and developing faculty action goals to continue improvement in this area.

St Paul's Alumni

Thank you to Alex Holliday – Dux Year 12, St Paul's, 2022 who spoke with Year 12 students this week about how to best navigate the HSC journey and University study. We are very grateful to Alex for sharing her insights with our Year 12 cohort. Key tips from Alex included- Active recall- apply knowledge to past HSC and practice papers, start early building study notes and build on them...

Congratulations to the St Paul's students who competed in the 2025 Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Schools da Vinci Decathlon teams recently. Our Gifted Education teacher Carol Patterson has shared an article on their achievements.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring the best educational outcomes for our students.

Dates to note:

Awards Assembly- Year 12- Tuesday May 6 2pm

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences- Year 12- Tuesday May 6 (3.30-6pm)

May all in our community enjoy a well deserved holiday break.



Emma Tierney
Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is defined in the Education Act 1990 (NSW) and schools are required to follow up with parents/carers if students are habitually absent from school. School attendance is critical to a student's academic progress and can impact their learning and progress. Students who attend school less than 90% of the school year are of concern. Parents/carers are informed of student absences daily via sms messages and email. At St Paul's parents/carers are also informed if their child is late to school or if they leave early on Friday's. Partial absences also have a significant impact on a student's academic progress.



Early Leavers on Friday

Students are expected to remain at school on Friday afternoons and complete the sport program that is offered. Students are not to contact parents/carers through the day on Fridays, to provide permission for their child to leave school on a Friday afternoon. If students need to leave school on any given day, a note by the parent must be provided. On Friday's NO PHONES CALLS or EMAILS will be accepted after 12.00pm. On Friday's after 12.00pm parents can place a note on Compass. These steps in the sign out procedure are to be followed, especially on Friday afternoons, to assist with the smooth operation of the school.

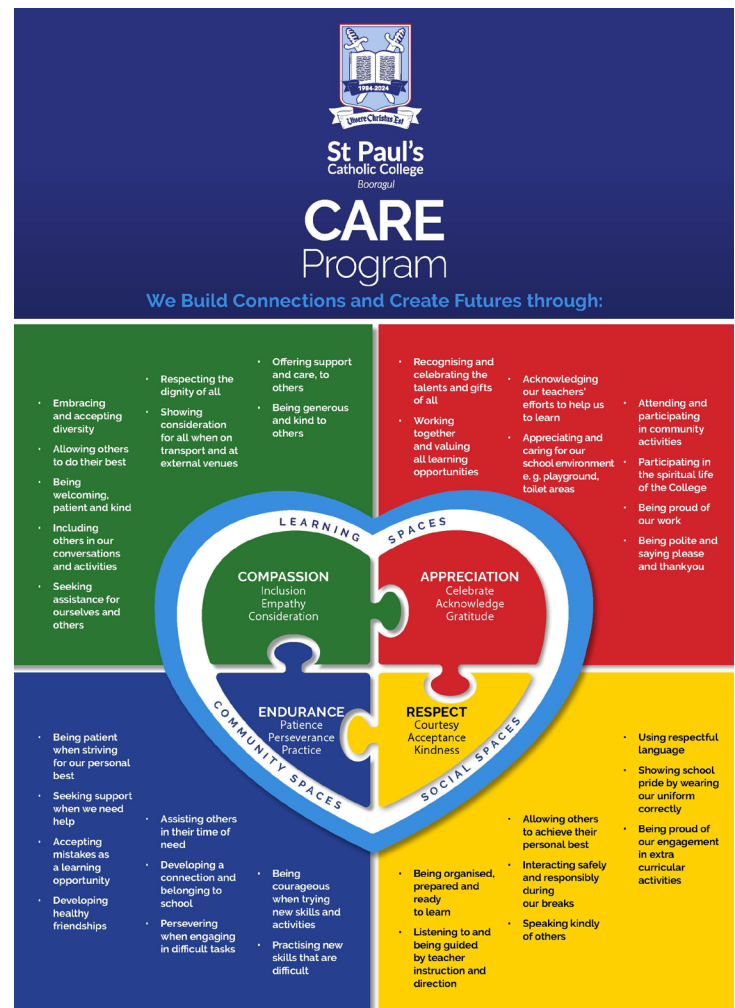
Students Absences

1. A compass email is automatically generated every 7 days and sent weekly informing parents of student absences.
2. All absences must be explained within 7 days of the child being away from school.

3. If an absence is not explained within 7 days the absence is recorded as unexplained. This CANNOT be changed retrospectively.

Student Support and Wellbeing Framework

The Student Support Framework supports student achievement and behaviour and is instrumental in assisting students to achieve to their potential. Evidence based research has been considered and a Positive Behaviour for Learning Model has been adopted and adapted to meet the context of St Paul's. The CARE – Compassion, Appreciation, Respect and Endurance - values have been used to create the positive behaviours which will be reinforced to students throughout their daily interactions with one another in the Learning Spaces, Social Spaces and Community Spaces. These positive behaviours will continue build the connections our students have with their community and enable our students to create their own successful futures.



Along with this, a Multi-Tiered System of Support will be used to meet the individual needs of students. This multi-tiered system will include developing support structures for students, so they are able to meet the College expectations. This tiered system will use interventions to provide the students with the opportunity to self-regulate. All students will begin in the green tier and if interventions are necessary move through to a yellow, amber or red tier if they are unable to meet College standards and expectations. Students and families will be involved in this process and clear communication will outline, when necessary, if a student is moving into another tier which requires extra support. At times this may include removing students from college activities if they continue to be unsafe and/or unproductive. By providing supports and interventions students will then be able to have time to consider their unsafe and/or unproductive behaviours and can move back into the green tier. Students are always expected to be engaged in their own learning, allow others to learn and allow the teacher to teach.

School TV

The website link: <https://booragul.catholic.schooltv.me/category-latest-newsletter> provides many articles, advice and discussions on adolescent issues such as friendships and belonging, resilience, positive parenting, eating disorders, school transition, body image and many more.

Cybersafety

The most recent edition is on Cybersafety with an introduction by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, followed by other experts in the field of cybersafety. It is a highly recommended resource for parents and carers. There are a number of strategies provided for parents/carers to assist their children in the social media space.

Cybersafety



Dr. Michael Carr-Gregg

"We must equip young people with the skills and knowledge to navigate the digital world safely. A comprehensive approach - incorporating cybersafety education in schools and empowering parents to guide responsible digital behaviour - is essential."

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

Anne-Maree Shipman
Assistant Principal - Wellbeing & Engagement



Athletics Carnival



da Vinci Decathlon

In Week 10 **Years 5-10 Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Schools da Vinci Decathlon teams** competed in the 2025 da Vinci Decathlon at Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College. This rigorous academic competition challenged students across ten disciplines, all centred around this year's theme: **Sustainability**.

Students worked collaboratively across **Mathematics, English, Science, Code Breaking, Engineering, Ideation, Creative Producers, Art and Poetry, Cartography, and Legacy**, applying their critical and creative thinking skills under competition conditions.

Selected in the Year 7 team from St Paul's were Oliver McEwan and Caine Platt, and in the Year 10 team was Ivy Sternbeck

The Year 7 Team achieved the following results -

- 1st Science
- 1st Code Breaking
- 2nd Engineering Challenge
- 2nd Ideation
- 2nd Cartography
- 3rd Mathematics

Overall, Second Place

The Year 10 Team achieved the following results -

- 1st – Mathematics
- 1st – English
- 3rd – Code Breaking
- 3rd – Cartography

Congratulations to our St Paul's representatives. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school displaying a fantastic effort demonstrating high potential and gifted learning in action.



Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)

In Term 2, students in Year 7 will participate in the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). This test evaluates students' reasoning abilities in three key areas essential for success in school:

1. Verbal Battery: Assesses students' ability to reason with words and concepts, crucial for reading comprehension, critical thinking, writing, and verbal learning tasks.
2. Quantitative Battery: Measures students' ability to reason with quantitative symbols and concepts, which are vital for problem-solving in mathematics and other disciplines.
3. Nonverbal Battery: Evaluates students' ability to reason with geometric shapes and figures, requiring them to implement strategies for solving novel problems.

These batteries provide a comprehensive view of each student's learned reasoning abilities, identifying both strengths and areas for improvement. CogAT aims to support differentiated practice in education by helping teachers adapt instruction to meet the unique needs and abilities of each student.

It's important to note that CogAT scores are not integrated into report grades or other conventional measures of school achievement. The focus is on tailoring instruction and fostering a supportive, inclusive learning environment based on each child's ability.

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's academic progress or specific educational needs, please schedule a meeting with your child's teacher. They will discuss your child's strengths and areas for growth based on various assessments. Additionally, you can contact our Gifted Education Mentor Project Officer (GEM PO) Carol Paterson or Leader of High Potential and Gifted Education, Maree Karaka (maree.karaka@mn.catholic.edu.au), for further assistance.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring the best educational outcomes for our students.

Carol Paterson
Gifted Education Mentor - Project Officer - Catholic Schools



Lake Mac Awards

We have always known what an amazing young person Cleo is. Now everyone in Lake Macquarie does as well. On Friday night Cleo was nominated for three awards in the Lake Macquarie City Council Awards.

- Lake Mac Artist and Creator
- Lake Mac Creative and Performing Arts Leader
- Lake Mac Young Citizen of the Year

Cleo was awarded Highly Commended in the Lake Mac Creative and Performing Arts Leader category. Not every award had a highly commended, only those that were very close. This is a remarkable achievement for a high school student.

Cleo also said the Acknowledgement of Country and St Paul's Aboriginal dancers performed two dances, one of which was choreographed by Cleo. The dancers were Claudia, Alyssa, Destiny, Jamie, Trinity, Lola, Kyarah and Sienna. After the formalities, many people approached Cleo and commended her and the dancers on this performance.



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St Paul's Canteen Price List

Hot Food 	Price \$		Drinks 	Price\$
Chicken Burger w/lettuce & mayo	\$4.00		375ml Cans	\$2.50
Beef Pie & Sauce	\$4.00		600ml Soft Drinks	\$4.00
Cheese Bacon Pie & Sauce	\$4.70		390ml Drinks	\$3.00
Sausage Roll & Sauce	\$3.50		250ml pop top Juice	\$2.00
Cheese & Bacon Roll	\$2.20		500ml Juice (large)	\$3.20
Chicken Pattie	\$2.20			
Garlic Bread	\$1.70		300ml Flavoured Milk	\$2.30
Sauce (only)	.40		600ml Flavoured Milk	\$3.50
			600ml Dare Flavoured Milk	\$4.00
White or Grain Sandwiches/Rolls			500ml Iced Tea	\$3.00
Salad	\$3.30		600ml Water	\$1.70
Salad Wrap	\$3.30			
Full Chicken Wrap	\$3.50		Frozen Foods	
			Ka-Bluey	1.00
Packet of Chips	\$2.40		Icy Pole	\$1.80
Finger Bun/Lamington Muffin	\$2.30		Paddlepop	\$2.20
			Frozen Yogurt	\$2.50
			Golden Gaytime	\$4.20
			Milo Scoop	\$4.70
Seasonal Fruit	Prices may vary		Winter only  Pasta & Cheese	\$4.00

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders taken(and paid) before Care group <u>*No lunch orders on Friday's*</u>			
			
White/Grain Sandwiches/Rolls/Wraps	Price	Sandwiches (can be toasted/untoasted)	Price
Chicken or Ham	\$3.70	Cheese	\$3.00
Ham or Chicken with Cheese	\$4.30	Ham & Tomato/Cheese	\$4.90
Ham or Chicken with Salad + Cheese	\$4.90	Chicken & Cheese	\$4.30
Egg & Lettuce	\$3.80	Ham & Cheese	\$4.30
Egg	\$3.20	Cheese & Tomato	\$3.60
Chilli Chicken Salad Wrap	\$4.30		
Chilli Chicken Salad Wrap + Cheese	\$4.90		
Salads		Hot Food	
Salad in a bowl (+Cheese 60c)	\$3.40	Chicken Burger with salad & cheese	\$5.20
Meat Salad bowl	\$4.90	Chicken Burger with salad	\$4.60
Meat Salad Cheese Bowl	\$5.50	Veggie Pasties	\$3.50

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** Hampers may include fresh fruit and veg. Hamper contents will vary.

College Uniform

Please see below the updated Uniform pricing from LOWES Glendale as well as the link to the website here:
<https://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/about-us/school-life/uniform/>

School Price List

School D-3902 St Paul's Catholic College - Booragul

					Current Promo	Retail Price	New Retail Price.		
Everyday									
Summer	All	56313	Sky Blue Overblouse			\$48.95		\$49.95	
		92268	Snr Ss Overblouse White With Red Piping & Emb			\$44.95		\$47.95	\$47.95
		84257	Ss White Shirt With Emb			\$44.95	\$56.95	\$51.95	\$56.95
		84258	Ss Sky Blue Shirt With Emb			\$47.95	\$59.95	\$52.95	\$59.95
		78143	Ladies Ink Navy Tailored Shorts			\$39.95		\$41.95	
		78144	Ladies Charcoal Tailored Shorts			\$39.95		\$41.95	
		91876	Blue/Grey Check Skirt			\$63.95		\$66.95	
		91881	Navy Skirt-Senior			\$84.95		\$88.95	
		95047	Mid Grey PQS Shorts			\$54.95		\$56.95	
Winter	All	97030	Mid Grey PQS Trousers			\$67.95		\$70.95	
		97032	Navy College Trousers			\$67.95		\$70.95	
		96579	Navy Pullover With Emb			\$81.95	\$98.95	\$85.95	\$99.95
		86260	Navy Jackie Tights			\$8.95		\$9.95	
All Season	All	97906	White Sports Socks			\$5.95		\$6.95	
		97975	White Trafalgar Crew Socks			\$5.95		\$6.95	
		99011	Black Leather Belt			\$22.95		\$23.95	
Sports									
Summer	All	85062	Sky Polo Top			\$47.95	\$50.95	\$50.95	
		79003	Navy Shorts			\$45.95	\$47.95	\$47.95	
		96326	Navy Shorts			\$45.95		\$47.95	
Winter	All	57493	Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Jacket			\$69.95		\$72.95	
		57494	Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Pants			\$52.95		\$54.95	
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(blank)	(blank)	79221	Ladies Ink Navy Tailored Pants			\$50.95		\$52.95	
		79337	Navy/Red/Sky Tie With Emb			\$27.95			
		95051	Navy Deluxe College Shorts			\$49.95		\$51.95	
		99877	Navy Softshell Jacket With Emb			\$94.95		\$96.95	



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

Email: 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. Please provide a copy of original card to finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au

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
finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au
Telephone: 4958 6711

Mrs Erica Gale - Finance Officer
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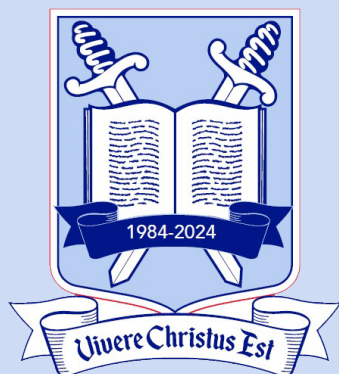
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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

28th April: Pupil Free Day

30th April-2nd May: Year 7 Camp

6th May: Year 12 Awards

6th May: Year 12 Student Conferences