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To the Families and Friends of the St Paul's Community.....



Welcome to the season of Advent – a time set aside in the Church calendar that we might adequately prepare for the celebration of Christ’s birth through reflection and prayer.

The word ‘Advent’ derives from the concept of ‘coming’ and hence at this time we are called to contemplate the significance of the original ‘coming’ of Jesus as Saviour, while we also anticipate his promised second ‘coming’. Yet in the busyness of our lives we are also called to consider during this time how we, as individuals and as a community, facilitate the ‘coming’ of

the Kingdom of God every day. How do we make real Jesus’ message of peace and hope?

Perhaps the reflective words of the ancient Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu can provide us with some insight into how we might bear these concepts of peace and hope to the world.

*“If there is to be peace in the world,
 There must be peace in the nations.
 If there is to be peace in the nations,
 There must be peace in the cities.
 If there is to be peace in the cities,
 There must be peace between neighbours.
 If there is to be peace between neighbours,
 There must be peace in the home.
 If there is to be peace in the home,
 There must be peace in the heart.”*

Jesus Christ never travelled the globe to institute change, but rather undertook his mission of bearing God to the world, close to home. How during this Advent season, might we bring peace to our hearts, homes, and neighbours, so that our cities, nations and world might better reflect the ‘Advent’ call – to prepare for the coming of Christ?

Prayers and Thoughts



During the past week we have had the sad news of the passing of family members of a number of staff. We extend our support to all of these families during this difficult time.

HSC Success

While the HSC results are still several weeks away, we received some fantastic news this week of the achievements of **Kristian Brymora** in **Industrial Technology Timber**. His major work has been nominated for consideration for *DesignTech* which brings together some of the finest projects from throughout the state. Congratulations to Kristian, Mr Redman and the team of teachers who have worked with him.

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Year 8 Orienteering

One of the highlights of the Year 8 calendar is the annual orienteering event organised and run by Mr Reville and his enthusiastic team. It was fantastic to witness the wonderfully positive energy of the students as they embarked on this challenging adventure. Both staff and students reported that this was a memorable day – well done to all!

Years 7 - 10 Award Ceremonies

As the school year begins to draw to a close, we will seek to recognise the achievements and efforts of our students next **Wednesday, 7th December** through our junior award ceremonies.

We extend a warm welcome to all families who may like to join us for these ceremonies. Each year group is allocated a period for the presentation of their awards commencing with **Year 7 in Period 2, Year 8 in Period 3, Year 9 in Period 4 and Year 10 in Period 5. See the notice below.**

We will conclude the day with an **Advent Liturgy during Period 6.** We look forward to heralding the achievements of our students on this occasion.

Enjoy your week.

Mr Greg Ptolemy
Acting Principal

Dear Parents / Carers

You are invited to celebrate our
Semester 2 Awards 2016



Venue: **St Paul's Hall**

Date: **Wednesday 7 December**

Times: **Yr 7: Period 2 9.45 - 10.35am**

Yr 8: Period 3 10.45 - 11.30am

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Yr 9: Period 4 12.00 - 12.45pm

Yr 10: Period 5 12.50 - 1.35pm

Our Semester Awards are a celebration and recognition of:

Academic Excellence - First in Course

Scholastic Achievement - Top 5% in Course

Outstanding attendance

Consistent Effort and Improvement

Congratulations...!



Looking forward to celebrating this special time.

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Followed by a:

Christmas Liturgy

and farewell to departing teachers at:

2.20pm

All welcome



P & F News

Dear Parents and Friends

You are invited to the last P & F meeting for 2016



*Wednesday 7th December
St Paul's Damascus Centre 7.00pm*



"Please bring a plate of food to share. Drinks are provided."

During the evening there will be a short P & F meeting

*All Parents, Caregivers and Friends are most welcome to join us
(regardless of how many meetings you have attended during the year).*

2017

School Return Dates

Tuesday 31st January—Year 7 & 11

Wednesday 1 February—Year 8, 9, 10 & 12

Vinnies Christmas Hampers

Christmas is approaching quickly. Most of us celebrate this special time with family, friends, presents and food. For many in our community who are financially struggling for all sorts of reasons, a Christmas like this is not possible.

Our local St Vincent de Paul Conferences (Morisset, Toronto, Booragul, Boolaroo) assist these individuals and families throughout the year and at Christmas. This is where the generosity of our St Paul's students and families play a part.

Traditionally each student chooses an item from a list in their Tutor Group (food, serviettes, bon bons etc). They are then asked to bring this item in to school in the next few weeks. All items are made into hampers.

We will be presenting the hampers to the Vinnies Conferences at our Advent Liturgy on 7th December.

Thank you in advance for your generous contributions.

Ms Fran Heard and Mrs Brigid de Winter

Study Skills weblink:

I would encourage all students to look at this website and see the study resources available to students regardless of which year level they are in. The details are as follows:

Learn more this year about how to improve your results and be more efficient and effective with your schoolwork by working through the units on www.studyskillshandbook.com.au . Our school's access details are:

- ◆ School's Username – **stpauls**
- ◆ School's password – **52success**

Generation Next Blog:



This Might be Why Depression is Rising among Teen Girls !!!!!

Posted 25 November, 2016 by Generation Next

There has been a significant climb in the prevalence of major depression among adolescents and young adults in recent years—and the troubling trend may be strongest in teenage girls, according to a new study.

After analyzing the data, researchers discovered that the prevalence of major depressive episodes over a 12 month period increased among girls from about 13% in 2005 to about 17% in 2014. The increase was much lower among boys, rising from about 4% in 2005 to about 6% in 2014.

While it is not possible to determine the reasons for this difference, cyberbullying may play a role. Negative texting experiences appear to be more common in girls than boys and have been linked to depressed mood.

Additionally, adolescent girls may face more interpersonal stress—such as the stress of fighting with a family member or friend—than boys, putting them at a greater risk of depression, according to separate research published in the journal *Clinical Psychological Science* in 2014.....**Jacqueline Howard**

Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner:

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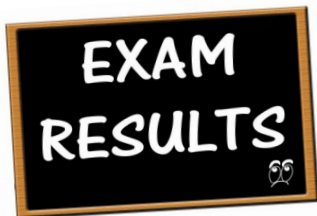
Parent's guide to online safety

Practical, issue-focused information and advice for parents of children of all ages.

Over the next few weeks, students will receive the Federal Government's "Parent's guide to online safety." This publication is aimed at parents and encourages a conversation about cyber issues. If any student does not receive this publication, they can be directed to our Admin Office for a spare copy. Further information can be sought at the eSafety Commissioner's website: www.esafety.gov.au

I would hope that this may be a proactive document, that may also be a handy reference tool for parents.

Mr James Furey
Assistant Principal - Welfare



Students will be receiving their Exam results back with **feedback**. It is important for each student to understand the feedback given and try to use the teacher's advice on how to improve for the next Exam. This is all part of the learning process.

Year 8 have been busy choosing **End of Year Activities** which begin on the 8th December. There are quite a few exciting opportunities for students to avail themselves. These are compulsory school days, and a note before this time needs to be presented to the school if children are unavailable at this time. The last day of school is the 14th December.



I was pleased to see some improvement in the proper wearing of the **uniform** throughout the past few weeks. Again, just email me if any parent would like to know when their child is allowed to wear their PE uniform. I also reminded the students about the **Orientation Booklet** and also the **Enrolment Agreement** that each child and parent signed on entry to high school, where it is clearly stated about uniform requirements and adherence to them, about no facial piercings in junior school and about our 'hands off' policy that applies even if done in "fun", as well as a lot of other issues.



The students were **congratulated** at the Assembly on a number of items over the past few weeks. The **Socktober** event that ran a few weeks ago where Year 8 students were very generous in their support of the event by involving themselves in running fundraisers, supporting others and enjoying the day. Three of the four fundraisers that were held on this day were organised by Year 8's. Again they made me and others very proud. This was expressed last week in a letter that **Mrs Burns** (organiser) read to the students from the recipients of the items and how much it had affected the homeless who received each package. Another cause of congratulations was given by the **PE staff** who took the students on their **Orienteering** experience. The students conducted themselves very well and had an enjoyable time.

I have also been **congratulated** by some parents on the compassion and awareness that some students have for one another, by checking on each other's welfare and informing me if they know that I should be involved. This shows great maturity and honesty. Again it is what we are about – these students live our motto, **"To live as Christ"**.

I was able to inform the students last week, that their tutor group teachers and myself as their Coordinator, will be following the group through to Year 9 2017 by choice. As I continue to tell the students, they are a great group and prove this to the school many times. Sometimes, though, they need to be reminded to continue to **be the best person they can be, and to do this they sometimes need to get out of their own way**.

Please continue to keep in contact with me via email for any issues of concern, celebration or interest.

Mrs Cayte Pryor
Student Coordinator
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Year 8 Orienteering Day 2016

On Tuesday 22 November, Year 8 students from St Paul's travelled to Rathmines Park to participate in an orienteering day. They had the opportunity to put into practice the skills they were taught in PDHPE lessons.

Congratulations to all Year 8 students for their excellent behaviour in such a public venue. Also, thanks to staff who worked tirelessly all day to make the day a success.

Medal Winners were:

First Place - completed course in 24 minutes

- Finn Grimes
- Connor Fitzpatrick
- Will Negline
- Max Rankin



Second Place - completed course in 25 minutes

- Blake Spruce-Conn
- Keely Dunning
- James Burton

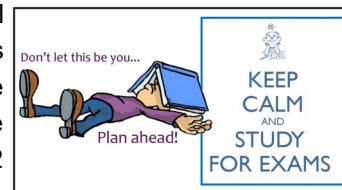
Third Place - completed course in 26 minutes

- Rhys Mason
- Alex Blundell
- Will Burgin



Mr Michael Reville
Organiser

Christmas shopping, carols by candlelight and festive planning indicate that the close of the school year for 2016 is almost upon us. Year 12 (2017) continue in normal lessons until Wednesday 7th December. In-class assessment tasks commence on Monday 5th (English Standard and Advanced) but the formal exam period does not start until Thursday 8th December. Once the exam block has begun, students may attend school for the duration of the exam and then will be granted leave to sign out. All students should closely check the commencement date and time on the exam timetable issued this week. The last day of school for Year 12 (2017) is Wednesday 14th December.



At long last **Jersey orders** have been finalised after payments and confirmation of nicknames. There will be only one order placed with the Canterbury suppliers. It is likely that Year 12 will receive the jerseys late in Term one 2017. It has been made clear to all students that the jersey can only be worn on the Friday of each week.



Mr Doyle (Ministry Coordinator) distributed the **Year 12 Retreat** information at last week's Form meeting. The Retreat (22-24 March) will be held at Elanora Heights in Sydney. The three days away from school provide an opportunity for students to build community, have a bit of 'down time', and most importantly explore the spirituality of life and relationships. I encourage all students to be open to this experience – so many Year 12 students of previous years state that this was a 'formative and memorable experience' for them.

It seems strange that a little more than a week out from exams the common discussion among students seems to be 'Where to book schoolies celebration?' for November next year. I don't usually enter these discussions except for my concern for the safety of the students, however it has become obvious that such planning can cause arguments and rifts in the relationship between some students who have been long term friends. Often feelings of abandonment or exclusion can fester into on-line slander. Parents might wish to offer advice and encourage compromise, as well as occasionally check the on-line language of their son/daughter. The offensive nature of some student communication amazes and shocks me.

A better focus to conclude the year is to generously donate to the St Paul's St Vincent de Paul Christmas hamper collection for local distribution. I recently watched as my grandson spent time with Santa at Charlestown Square. It's wonderful to perpetuate the fantasy and joy of children where Christmas is about receiving gifts, but as we grow older we understand that the real joy of Christmas is in giving – a generosity of spirit, of time, of emotion, and material gifts. Year 12 (2017) students will be responsible at the Christmas Liturgy on Wednesday 7th December for the farewell to staff who will be leaving St Paul's in 2016. Be in attendance and join the last opportunity this year to celebrate as a school community.



I encourage students and parents to read the information provided in this Newsletter on the **Bishop's Award for 2016**. Students can nominate themselves or a friend in relation to "Involvement in Parish, School and the wider Community. **The recipient will be awarded \$1000 to be used towards education and faith formation.** Application forms are available from a Student Coordinator or can be downloaded on-line.



I wish all students and parents a restful family Christmas holiday and look forward to seeing all students on their return on 1st February, refreshed, and eager for a productive and rewarding 2017. God Bless you all.

Mr Ross Wilson
Student Coordinator



Religious Literacy Assessment

The assessment of Catholic Religious Literacy takes place annually across all schools in the diocese.

It focuses on students' knowledge and understanding of key concepts that are addressed in the Religious Education program, the achievement of the outcomes set out in the Diocesan Religion syllabus, and the ability of students to communicate this knowledge and understanding about the Catholic tradition.

The program of assessment was trialled in 2010 and implemented from 2011 onwards. Years 4 and 6 in Primary schools and Years 8 and 10 in Secondary schools are assessed each year. Both Years 6 and 10 are given a comprehensive multiple choice test based on knowledge of the RE curriculum. Years 4 and 8 complete a task based on a particular unit being studied during the year.

All together the data produced from the various testing instruments is designed to give RE teachers meaningful feedback about the students' learning and to assist in developing the classroom teaching of Religion.

Our Year 8 students completed this examination in Term 3 based on the **Sacraments** unit. I would like to congratulate the following students who have been awarded with certificates of **Distinction**:

Nicholas Curran, Wil Negline, William Burgin, Kiara Davis, Courtney Dunks, Sarah Hannan, Ella Kiely, Conor O'Neill, Lydia Philpott, Alexandria Lane, Ashten Mason, Grace Shrume, Abby Willcox

Mrs Sheridan Foye
Religious Studies Coordinator



Ministry News



Vinnies Hamper Appeal and Advent Liturgy

Thank you to all the students who have brought in items for the Christmas Hamper Appeal. The hampers will be presented to members of the St Vincent de Paul Society at our Advent Liturgy on Wednesday 7th December at 2:20pm.

If you have not already done so, students are encouraged to bring in an item for their Tutor Group's hamper. Parents and families are welcome to come along to the liturgy next week.

Praise and Worship event



All students and families from St Paul's are invited to attend the 'Praise and Worship' night at the Factory Theatre, St. Pius X Adamstown on Friday 2nd December. The event will be attended by students and young people from the Hunter Valley and Newcastle.

There will be a free BBQ from 6pm then at 7pm a live set from Spirit & Truth Worship. Amber-Jane Parker, one of the pilgrims from World Youth Day, will give her testimony, then we will hear from Fr Greg Barker, our guest speaker. The night will conclude with Mass.



Advance Notice - 2017 Year 10 Camp and Year 12 Retreat

Notes have been sent home with Year 9 and Year 11 students regarding the Year 10 Camp and Year 12 Retreat next year. These have also been emailed to parents/guardians.

For your convenience payment for these excursions can now be paid via the new QKR App. Please visit our website www.booragul.catholic.edu.au for instructions.



Campion College Summer Program

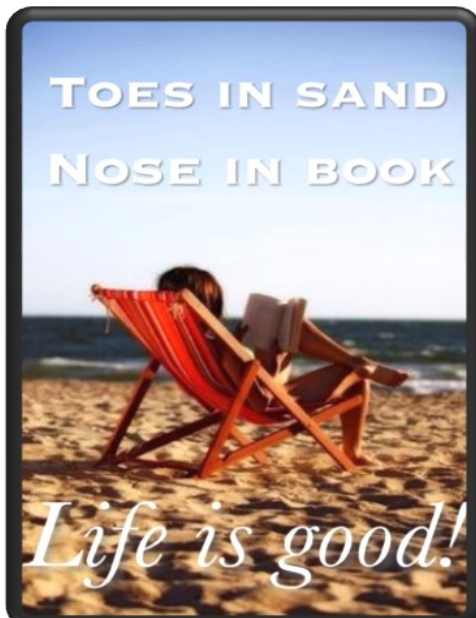
Senior students are encouraged to consider attending the Campion College Summer Program over the holiday break for a taste of college life. See the flyer below or the website: <http://www.campion.edu.au/summerprogram/>



Mr Michael Doyle
Ministry Coordinator

Library News

Are you looking forward to the holidays and the opportunity to read a good book? We have lots of great reads you can borrow for the Christmas holidays. All books borrowed after the 5th December aren't due back until next year.



Creative Arts and LOTE News

The 2017 Senior Drama Excursion to OnStage at the Seymour Centre is currently being planned and students in Years 10 & 11 (who will be studying Drama in 2017) will receive a note this week in relation to this excursion. The intention is to take students to see selected Drama works from exemplary 2016 HSC Performances whilst also attending a Playwriting and Film Workshop as part of the Individual Project study. Students will gain invaluable HSC experience, seeing live theatre and exploring projects in written, performance and design. **Cost of the excursion is \$70** which includes both the exhibition, films and performances. Students are to pay their train fare on the day and they may bring lunch or there will be a chance to purchase lunch from the University of Sydney cafeteria. Assessment work will be based on the performances and the excursion content has direct links to the curriculum. Attendance is expected by all students. Please email cathy.ogorman@mn.catholic.edu.au for further enquiries.

Year 9 Drama and Music students are holding an informal gathering for family and friends on **Wednesday 7th December** at 6pm in the Drama Room. Students will perform some of their class devised pieces from this semester followed by a Supper at 6.45pm with Music performances at 7pm in the amphitheatre by the Music Elective students. We welcome members of our Year 9 families to this evening. Students have received this week information relating to the evening. Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Miss Heads for further information.

Mrs Cathy O'Gorman
Creative Arts & LOTE Coordinator



Career Thought of the Week:

“Success is steady progress towards one’s personal goals”



Jim Rohn

The 4 Main Factors Affecting Job Prospects

The world of work is changing and new technologies are emerging all the time, and remaining in steady employment means that we have to change too. We all need to try and stay ahead of the game and look for occupations that have better job prospects than others.

So, how do you find out whether the occupation you are interested in is growing? Although there will always be cases of serendipity, chances are you should be taking these four factors into consideration when looking for a job with a long-range forecast.

1. Number of people employed

In simple terms, the more people employed in an occupation, the more likely there will be jobs in every location.

2. Employment growth

Historical employment growth information tells you how many new jobs have been created. Projected growth information can reveal how many additional jobs there are likely to be in the future.

3. Skills shortages

This may mean there are currently good opportunities in an occupation for people with the skills and experience that are 'short' or scarce. Shortages vary by location and change over time.

4. Job turnover

This is the annual percentage of employees who move out of the occupation into other occupations, retirement or unemployment plus employees who change jobs within the same occupation. Turnover creates opportunities in all occupations when employees need to be replaced.

Sources of information about job prospects

You can explore occupation trends and labour market information on the web. But here are four particularly valuable sources of information about job prospects.

1. myfuture

The Occupations section is a useful place to start researching occupations. On each occupation profile you can find job prospects data under the *Prospects* tab at the top of the page.

2. Job Outlook

Job Outlook provides occupational information including job prospects, occupation size, earnings, age profile, full-time and part-time breakdown, as well as direct links to vacancies and training for individual occupations.

3. Australian Jobs

The Australian Jobs publication by the Australian Government Department of Employment provides information about the labour market for industries and occupations as well as states, territories and regions of Australia. It also provides forward-looking occupational and industry information that will help readers understand where the jobs will be in the future.

4. Labour Market Information Portal

The Labour Market Information Portal provides you with up-to-date information about your local labour market. It provides information at the national, state and regional level on:

- ◆ unemployment and participation rates
- ◆ employment by industry and occupation
- ◆ Centrelink and Job Services Australia customer populations

Having an understanding of your local labour market can be useful if you're looking to develop a career plan for yourself or if you are helping others to make decisions.

Interpreting the trends

Fast growth within an occupation does not guarantee more job opportunities, because the number of people seeking work may outnumber the job openings.

Even occupations with declining job prospects can offer job opportunities, as people move across jobs.

So when you are thinking about a career direction, as well as looking at which occupations are growing, you will benefit from including all relevant issues into your decision-making, such as interests, skills, values, work preferences, and education and training requirements.

Defence Force Recruiting - Information Sessions

RSA & RCG Certification 8-9 November

On Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 5, 22 students successfully completed their certification in the Responsible Service of Alcohol and Responsible Conduct in Gaming courses. Trainers from the BarMax Group conducted the two courses and commented on the diligence and behaviour of our students throughout the entire two-day course. Congratulations to all students that attended.

End of year tips for Year 10 students

For most students, Year 10 is no longer the end of school!!! Statistics demonstrate a clear link between level of education and training and employment prospects and potential to earn. So, make the most of your time in 'junior' school.

1. Carefully consider your final subject selection for Year 11 and 12 – have you chosen subjects you think you will enjoy and do well in? Do they cover any university pre requisites? Check with Mr. McLoughlin if you are unsure.
2. Participate in work experience – try a field of employment you are considering for the future. See Mr. McLoughlin to help you organize the paperwork to do this.
3. Involve yourself in school and community volunteer projects. It's great for the resume and gives you a sense of achievement and pride when you give back to the community.
4. If you don't have part time or casual employment – now is the time to start looking! Apply online to the 'chains' such as McDonalds, Coles, Woolworths, Bunnings, Kmart, KFC and Subway. Drop a resume into local cafes and retail outlets. Most will be experiencing a better trade now the weather is warmer and in the lead up to Christmas and summer holidays! If you need help to do this, please see me.

UAC Key Date Reminders

- ⇒ ATARs released **16 December 2016 (9am)**
- ⇒ Early Round Preferences must be in place by **Monday 5 December 2016 (midnight)**
- ⇒ Early Round Offers released **Friday 9 December 2016 (7.30am)**
- ⇒ Main Round Preferences must be in place by **Friday 6 January 2017 (Midnight)**
- ⇒ Early Round Offers released **Wednesday 18 January 2017 (6pm)**
- ⇒ Check the UAC website for late round offer details: www.uac.edu.au

Important Dates for Term 4

UAC Dates for Yr. 12 refer to UAC BOOK

15th December HSC results out

16th December ATARS released

Casual Positions/Employment Links

These are ready to view on the school site MN Live. Go to News and Events and click on Student News. These are also emailed to students in Years 10-12 through their school email accounts.



The poster features three images at the top: a Navy ship, an Army tank, and an Air Force fighter jet. Below the images are the logos for the Navy, Army, and Air Force. The text on the poster includes:

NAVY **ARMY. CHALLENGE YOURSELF.** **AIR FORCE ACCOMPLISHED**

If you're up for the challenge and would like to find out more, come along to one of our upcoming obligation free information sessions!

INFORMATION SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Date	Time	Session	Location
6th Dec	6:00PM	ADF Careers Information Session	Defence Force Recruiting Newcastle
8th Dec	5:30PM	Engineering Virtual Reality Activity & Information Session	VRXP Newcastle

LOCATION ADDRESSES

ADF CAREERS Defence Force Recruiting Centre Newcastle:
528 Hunter Street, Newcastle NSW 2300

ENGINEERING INFORMATION SESSION VRXP (Virtual Reality Experience) Newcastle:
20 Watt Street Newcastle NSW 2300

Come along and experience VR while finding out more about Engineering Careers in the ADF!

There are limited seats available for these sessions so reservations are essential.
To book call 13 19 02 or email cdnnewcastle@dfrc.com.au

Call 13 19 01 www.defencejobs.gov.au BUY JOIN AIR FORCE

Mr Craig McLoughlin

Careers & Vocational Education Coordinator

Opening Hours for Payments to the Finance Office

Parents: come to Reception from 8.30am to 2.30pm
 Students: mornings from 8.30am until tutor group bell
 all of recess time and all of lunch time

School Fee Payments

1. Qkr
2. BPay through your own home banking via the Internet
3. Eftpos **Minimum payment \$10**
4. Cheque
5. Cash

Excursion Payments

1. Qkr
2. Eftpos **Minimum payment \$10**
3. Cheque
4. Cash

QKR is a great way to pay fees and excursions



For more information about QKR visit our website

www.booragul.catholic.edu.au

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 also download the iPhone app or from Google Play for Android phones. Simply:

Step 1 Download Qkr!

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



Step 2 Register

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

Step 3 Find our school

Scan the QR code or search for our school name. Our school will also appear in "Locations Nearby" if you are within 4kms of the school

Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.

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.

Year	Subject	Date	Venue	Cost	Money Due
7-9	Surf Survival Cert	1-2 December 2016	Nobbys Beach—Newcastle	\$45	Full
11/12	Drama Yrs 11/12-2017 Students	9 February 2017	Onstage—Sydney	\$70	Monday 12/12/16
12	Retreat 2017	22-24 March 2017	Elanora Heights	\$50 Dep	Friday 3/3/2017
12	English Advanced	30 March 2017	Sydney Opera House	\$40	Friday 2/12/2016
10	Year 10, 2017	3-5 May 2017	Broken Bay Sport & Recreation Centre	\$50 Dep	Friday 24/2/2017

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

Years 7—10

Thursday 8 December to Wednesday 14 December

**Booklets have been issued to students
and selections are being finalised**



Mrs Betty Harris - Finance Officer

Four students from Year 11; **Jess Godwin, Robbie Turton, Colleen Shields and Ciaran Parsons** represented St Paul's at the Toronto RSL Sub-Branch Memorial Service at Goffett Park, Toronto on the 11 November 2016.

Each student completed a reading and participated in what was a great and respectful service, including the laying of poppies at the memorial. We were invited back to the sub-branch for a sausage sizzle and chat with the veterans and cadets. The students had a hard time saying goodbye when it was time to head back to school as the veterans were appreciative of their engaging conversation. All four students are to be commended for the manner in which they carried out their roles in the service and their interaction afterwards. They were worthy ambassadors for our school.



Mr John Gallop
Organiser



Sport Update



Congratulations to **Isaac Milajew** who has made the U/16 Wildfire's Rugby Union team for 2017. Isaac will now play in the Country and State Championships in Term 2, 2017.

Well done Isaac. Good luck !!!



Canteen Roster

Monday 5 - Friday 9 December



Mon	Karen Lee, Kath Edwards, Amale Yi
Tues	Vicki Blundell, Maree Adams
Wed	Di Fennell-Fraser, Christine Forrester
Thurs	Kim McManus-Smith, Rochelle Loveday
Fri	Wendy Richards, Samantha Simpson, Julie Lerch, Anne Negline

Monday 12 - Friday 16 December

Mon	Susan Noonan, April Baker
Tues	Amanda Holt, Janelle Haggerston
Wed	Joanne Bower, Pamela Amos
Thurs	PUPIL FREE DAY
Fri	PUPIL FREE DAY

Canteen Supervisor: Carolyn Phone - 4946 3115

Canteen Hours: 9.00am to 2.30pm

If you are unable to come on your day, please try to arrange a swap or contact Carolyn.

Panadol

Panadol is **not available** from the Office. If you think your child may need any - students may bring their own and keep in their bag.



Please be aware that the events and dates listed on this school calendar are subject to change. Please check regularly.

Term 4 2016

Week 8	Mon 28-29 Nov Tues 29 Nov Wed 30 Nov - 2 Dec Wed 30 Nov Thurs 1-2 Dec	Yr 10 Senior Interviews continue Yr 6 Orientation Day Yr 10 All My Own Work Yr 9 Leadership Day Surf Survival Certificate- Nobbys Bch
Week 9	Mon 5 Dec Tues 6 Dec Wed 7 Dec Thur 8-14 Dec Thur 8-14 Dec	Yr 10 RST, Guest Speaker Yr 7 & 8 Indoor Soccer Charlestown Yr 7- 10 Semester Awards Yr 10 Community Day P & F Meeting - 7.00pm Advent Liturgy (TBC) Yrs 7-10 Academic Award Ceremonies Yr 7- 10 End of Year Activities Yr 11 Assessment Block
Week 10	Mon 12-14 Wed 14 Dec Thur 15 Dec Fri 16 Dec	EOYA, Yr 11 Assessment, Last Day for Yr 7-11 P/T Interviews / HSC Results Pupil Free Yr 12 ATAR BBQ Pupil Free Day / Staff Mass
Week 11	Mon 19 Dec Tues 20 Dec	Staff Development Day Pupil Free Day Last Day for Staff Pupil Free Day



Clothing Pool

Clothing Pool Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 8.30am - 9.30am

Location: E Block (near the basketball courts) – students & adults welcome

- ◆ We can sell your near new items on Consignment (must be \$20 and over).
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The Bishop's Award seeks to publicly recognise the efforts of students and young people within our Diocese who have contributed to the community through their Parish, Church group or Church agency.

This may include involvement in groups or agencies such as Caritas, Youth Ministries, St Vincent de Paul Society, Mini Vinnies or similar church groups. This also includes contributions made within parishes eg liturgy and youth ministries.

It is hoped that this recognition will serve as a means of acknowledging and encouraging the continued efforts of these and other young people.

Students currently enrolled in Catholic secondary schools within our diocese in Years 7-11, students in Years 7-11 and belonging to a parish within the diocese, and young Catholics from Year 12 up to age 25 belonging to a parish within the diocese are invited to collect a Bishop's Award Information and Application pack from their schools administration office, parish office or download

the form online at www.catholic.org.au/bishopsaward and discuss their application with their priest, deacon, minister, church leader as well as their school principal (where applicable).

The Bishop's Award comprises three categories:

- Catholic Schools Students Bishop's Award
- Catholic Students Bishop's Award
- Catholic Young People Bishop's Award

In each category there will be an award of \$1000 which may contribute towards the student's or young person's education or faith formation e.g. World Youth Day, diocesan youth retreat, music ministry. Each young person will also receive a Certificate of Recognition. **Applications close 22 December 2016.**

For further information or to request an application form, please contact your parish office, Catholic secondary school (where applicable) or visit www.catholic.org.au/bishopsaward





24 November 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

Each school year the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, through its agency the Catholic Schools Office, reviews the fees for students in our diocesan schools for the coming year. By far the greater part of our schools' funding now comes from State and Commonwealth government grants, but the commitment and continuing financial contribution of parents and parish communities is still essential to fill the gap between the funds provided by government and the actual cost of running our schools.

This letter is to inform you of the fee arrangements for 2017. The following rates and discounts have been reviewed by the Diocesan Finance Council (DFC) and upon the advice of the DFC and the Diocesan Executive, they have been approved by Bishop Bill Wright.

The school fees are comprised of three components:

1. Diocesan tuition fees
2. Individual school resource and service fees
3. Diocesan Family School Building Levy (DFSBL)

1. Diocesan tuition fees 2017

In 2017 the full rate diocesan tuition fees will be:

Kinder to Year 6	\$ 1,206	(increase of \$54 p.a. or \$1.04 per calendar week from 2016)
Years 7 to 10	\$ 1,662	(increase of \$75 p.a. or \$1.44 per calendar week from 2016)
Years 11 to 12	\$ 2,502	(increase of \$75 p.a. or \$1.44 per calendar week from 2015)

In 2017, the family discount on full rate diocesan tuition fees will be:

1 child family	0% - full rate to be applied
2 child family	10% - each child
3 child family	20% - each child
4 child family	40% - each child
5+ child family	50% - each child

2. Individual school resource and service fees

These are fees set by individual schools and can cover a range of costs including the supply of resources such as texts, school supplies, exercise books, subject levies, technology, excursion costs etc. The cost and nature of the fees can vary between schools and they will be set out in the parent handbook provided by the school and itemised in the school fee account from the school.

3. Diocesan Family School Building Levy (DFSBL)

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 and for new catholic schools, and the acquisition of land for school purposes.

The DFSBL rate for 2017 will be \$600 per family. The DFSBL rate is reviewed, recommended and approved in the same manner as mentioned earlier for the tuition fees and discounts.

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Diocesan pastoral contribution

From 2017 a voluntary contribution of \$150 per family (\$50 per term) is being sought as a diocesan pastoral contribution. Funds support the ongoing pastoral works of the diocese which include, amongst many initiatives:

- The diocesan pastoral ministries office and the activities of its many advisory councils - the Diocesan Pastoral Council, the Adult Faith Formation Council, the Liturgy Council, the Ecumenical and Interfaith Council, the Social Justice Council and the Diocesan Council of Ministry with Young People.
- The provision of chaplains ministering in the following areas – Newcastle University, Newcastle Port, Prisons, Hospitals and CatholicCare Social Services.
- Family Community Faith Co-ordinators who work to reach out to and connect families with their local parish and school.
- Pastoral Co-ordinators who work in those parishes without a resident Parish Priest.

Special fee reductions

To assist families with limited financial resources, Catholic schools in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle offer a lower tuition fee to means tested low income families such as Health Care and Pension Card holders. This rate is 50% of the diocesan tuition fee full rate for each child. This discount applies only to the diocesan tuition fee, not to the DFSBL or other resource and service fees charged by each individual school.

It is the policy of the Catholic Schools Office and the Diocese that financial hardship should not prevent any child from attending a Catholic school and no child will be denied a Catholic education because of a family's genuine inability to pay the required school fees. Any family experiencing financial difficulties is entitled to fee assistance, your local school Principal will be able to discuss this with you.

Together with parents, clergy and school staff, we are committed to offering the children in this diocese access to schools in which their faith can be nurtured in outstanding learning environments. We seek to assist young people to realise their full human potential, taking into account their unique spiritual, intellectual, physical and social needs. We value the opportunity to work in partnership with you, and thank you for your continuing support of Catholic education in this Diocese.

Yours sincerely,



Ray Collins
DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS



Bishop Bill's Message

The Diocesan Pastoral Contribution support from our school families enables the diocese to contribute generously to the social and spiritual capital of our community.

We are called to be good news and our pastoral works provide us with the opportunity to live out our faith in action.

Over several years the support by school families towards our pastoral outreach has assisted in making a difference to the lives of many who are struggling.

I am grateful for your continued generosity and am proud that the Catholic Church in this diocese continues to provide care and support to the wider community as well as those who are exploring their faith life.

Most Reverend William Wright,
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle

Supporting Pastoral Works

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The diocesan pastoral ministries team led by Vice Chancellor, Teresa Brierley is a hub from which many of the ministries commissioned by Bishop Bill are led, ensuring that the diocese remains a local church on mission.

When you contribute to the pastoral ministries of the diocese, your funds support many initiatives, including:

- ▶ Advisory councils – Diocesan Pastoral Council, Adult Faith Formation Council, Liturgy Council, Ecumenical and Interfaith Council, Social Justice Council, Council of Australian Catholic Women and Diocesan Council for Ministry with Young People.
- ▶ Chaplains ministering in the following areas – University of Newcastle, Port of Newcastle, Prisons, Hospitals and CatholicCare Social Services.
- ▶ Family Community Faith Co-ordinators
- ▶ Pastoral Co-ordinators
- ▶ Aboriginal Catholic Ministries
- ▶ Apostleship of the Sea
- ▶ Natural Fertility Services
- ▶ The Community Care Van
- ▶ Missionary of Mercy
- ▶ Refugee Service
- ▶ Children's ministries, including special religious education, sacramental programs and children's liturgy

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 Apostleship of the Sea
\$47,000

\$240,000 
Refugee Service

 Chaplains
\$123,000

Family and Community Faith
\$112,000 

 Liturgy
\$107,000

\$213,000 
Faith Formation

 Missionary of Mercy
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Community Care Van
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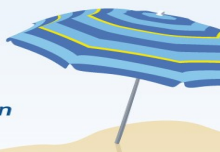
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