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



What's in a Name?

In 2012, I was the Assistant Principal in a Catholic School looking at a sea change. (Or at least a weather change – Bowral's cold climate was starting to make the old bones ache!). I was looking for new challenges and applied for a couple of positions in the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese.

When you apply for positions in new schools and new areas, one of the first things you do is some research. Google gave me a real insight to the schools that had caught my attention. One of the schools was *All Saints College – St Mary's Campus* at Maitland. The other was *St Paul's High School, Booragul*.

St Paul's google search was interesting. I remember typing it into the search engine and the suggestions were wide ranging. It included St Paul's School in London, one in Manly, a couple in Victoria and South Australia and in other places around the world. I found the correct site and was taken aback when I realised that the school had no reference to it being a Catholic school. The Google search, when I included *Catholic*, gave me two sites for Catholic schools in England and one in Greystanes in the western suburbs of Sydney. When I finally got to the correct site, it wasn't until I read the fine print that suggested that St Paul's High School in Booragul was "*proudly a Catholic school.*" As well, this is the only reference to St Paul's being Catholic that appears on the first page of our website.

I remember driving to the school to have a look. I got to the main gate and noticed that there was no reference to Catholic at all. There is a big sign referring to the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese. That could also refer to other Christian traditions.

After I was fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to lead this wonderful school and in a very short time, it was clear that what the website says is true – we ARE proudly Catholic. In saying that, I believe that we need to be more explicit in saying just that. St Paul's is a **Catholic** High School.

The review of Secondary Education in the Diocese recommended that two current schools become Year 7 to 12 schools. As well, two new secondary schools are being built. It is no accident that these schools have either had name changes reflecting their unique Catholic Identity or, in the case of the new schools, they have been named St Bede's Catholic College and Catherine McCauley Catholic College. St Mary's at Gateshead is now St Mary's Catholic College and St Joseph's at Lochinvar will be known as St Joseph's College (its historical name that it began with when it was run by the beautiful Sisters of St Joseph.)

About 15 years ago, every high school in the Sydney Catholic Diocese took on the name "Catholic College." The purpose of this change was to identify clearly the uniqueness of Catholic Education and its foundation, the teachings of Christ. Last year, our Diocese released a new vision statement for Catholic Schools. It says "*At the heart of everything there is always Jesus Christ.*"

I believe that it is time to change our name. I feel that the time is right to proudly profess our Catholic identity. I have had discussions with the previous Director of Catholic Schools, Mr Collins, last year and he has advised me to ask the St Paul's community about a possible name change. To that end, I have constructed a survey that asks the

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following questions.

- Do you feel that the current official name "**St Paul's High School, Booragul**" adequately illustrates that we are a Catholic School?
 - ◇ Yes
 - ◇ No
- Which of the following suggested names do you feel better reflect St Paul's status as a Catholic, faith based community?
 - ◇ **St Paul's High School, Booragul**
 - ◇ **St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul**



The survey can be found by following the link below. I will keep the survey open until Friday 24th February. It is a very simple survey that will help gauge the level of interest in a possible name change. I thank you for taking the time to answer these important questions. If you would like a paper copy of the survey, please contact the office and it will be supplied. I will also need this back by Friday the 24th.

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NAME17SURVEY>

Swimming Carnival

I would like to congratulate all the students and staff who braved the very warm conditions that we experienced on the day of our swimming carnival. We had an excellent attendance rate, possibly the highest thus far and the students had a wonderful time. The willingness to compete and get involved was excellent. The students enjoyed cheering on their houses and it was clear that there is a great spirit of competition and comradery. I was most impressed by the students who chose to dress up and really enhance their house spirit. It was a wonderful day and I would like to publically congratulate Mrs Anne-Maree Shipman and her team on the seamless organisation that made the day so successful. The winning house and the age champions are listed in our Sport News later in this Newsletter.

Opening School Mass

This Friday we have our Opening School Mass. This mass has been traditionally celebrated by Bishop Bill but unfortunately, he is unavailable this year. As a result Fr Matthew Muller and Fr Geoff Mulhearn will be leading the school community in prayer and Eucharist this year.

At the end of the Mass, we will be awarding a number of students with Academic Awards based on the 2016 HSC and RoSA grades. Mr Tony Kelly, our Assistant Director will be here to present our awards this year. We look forward to catching up with some of our past students for the leaving class of 2016.

As you are very aware, space will be a premium in the hall. With a school student population of almost 970, a staff population of almost 90 and the guests that will be in attendance for the awards ceremony, it is clear that we will struggle if we have a general invitation to our parent community. The purpose of the Opening Mass is to celebrate as a Catholic School Community with the students in a real and authentic way. I hope that you understand the challenges that this brings and that you don't feel that you haven't been invited. I just need to ensure that we conduct this major event safely and efficiently.

Strategic Planning

St Paul's has engaged Judi-Ann Abdini from Leading Learning to work with us to develop a strategic plan over the next two terms. This plan will endeavour to develop our strategic direction and intent over the next 5 years. It is early days in the planning but be assured that we will be consulting with the wider community to help inform our direction and planning. So as they say in the world of commerce and finance – "Watch this space!"

Go Gently

Mr Graeme Selmes
Principal

During the next couple of weeks, we will be asking your child to confirm family contact details, including their name, address etc for our records. Could you please assist by letting your child know of any possible changes they may not be aware of.

Thank you to all students and families for making the start of the academic year a smooth transition in each Year level. A special welcome to new parents to our school community and I encourage all parents to make contact with the school if there are any issues or clarifications needed for making life at St Paul's a little easier. Each Student Coordinator is happy to speak to you if there are issues or concerns. Alternatively, the Newsletter is the key source of information of what is happening at St Paul's.

Uniform Issues:

Thank you to all parents and families for their attention to uniform issues and the correct wearing of both the boys and girls uniforms. As a reminder, if there are any temporary reasons why a student is out of uniform please give the student a note explaining this so they are not recorded as a 'uniform deficiency' on our records.

In addition, could I also ask families to consider the options in the girls uniform to either wear skirts or slacks as per the attached uniform requirements in this newsletter.

Transport Issues:

I would like to draw attention to a few transport issues that the School is aware of and is working to resolve. Firstly, we have some Hunter Valley buses which are reaching their capacity of students on the morning and afternoon journeys. Each bus has a legal limit printed on the back of each bus and the company is monitoring this closely. Any family who has concerns are invited to contact the school to discuss the situation.

I have also received a few phone calls from the general public regarding our students and how they conduct themselves in public. I ask all parents to discuss this with their sons/daughters and if there are any concerns I am more than happy to have discussions regarding this matter.

Mr James Furey

Assistant Principal (Welfare)

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It has been a whirlwind start to high school for our Year 7 students, with two very busy weeks already under their belt. Their high school journey began with a warm welcome from Mrs Trish Furey and a liturgy led by Mrs Tracey Evans. Following this, students said goodbye to mum/dad/grandparents and were whisked off to reacquaint themselves with their tutor group (having met each other at the Orientation Day last year) and experience their first high school lessons.

Since then, Year 7s have experienced their first whole school assembly, the school Swimming Carnival, ID photos and Friday afternoon sport. This is on top of the day-to-day operation of reading their timetable, manoeuvring their way from classroom to classroom and meeting new people. There have been a few hiccups along the way, however, students are settling in well and many students have experienced firsthand the caring community of St Paul's as they seek help from staff members and other students in our school.

There is still plenty to experience in Term One, with upcoming events including:

- ⇒ *Opening School Mass, Friday 17th February at 10am*
- ⇒ *Peer Support sessions with their Year 10 Peer Support Leaders, Thursday 15th February and*
- ⇒ *Immunisation, Wednesday 22nd February*
- ⇒ *Year 7 Information Evening, Monday 27th February*
- ⇒ *Brainstorm Production for Year 7, Friday 3rd March*

Year 7 students will receive their immunisation information packs on Wednesday 15th February. Forms need to be returned to the office by this Friday, 17th February. A note regarding the Brainstorm Production performance has been given out.

A recurring theme that appeared throughout the first few days was that of having a go and using challenge and/or failure as a platform for learning. In the welcome speech, Mrs Furey shared some inspirational words from Walt Disney that encourages each of us to keep moving forward. Congratulations to students who have embraced this so far, either through the swimming carnival, being selected as Tutor Group Representatives or the positive way in which they have begun their high school journey.

We encourage all Year 7 students to continue to get involved in the events and life at St Paul's and look forward to working with them as the year unfolds.

"We keep moving forward, opening new doors and doing new things, because we're curious, and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths."

Walt Disney (1901-1966)

Mrs Trish Furey and Mrs Tracey Evans
Student Coordinators

Brainstorm BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS: *Productions* Award-Winning In-School Theatre Performances

On **3 March** Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their student wellbeing program 'Sticks & Stones' for **Year 7**. Seen and enjoyed by over 1.7 million students, Sticks & Stones is a fearless exploration of violence and aggression and its devastating consequences. The play is confronting and performed by two highly-trained actors, who as young role models, can genuinely connect with the audience and make it clear that masculinity and violence are NOT one and the same. The production encourages teenagers to re-think their views about violence, abuse and controlling behaviour. The performance is followed by an after-show discussion that examines student's attitudes, challenges stereotypes and aims to breakdown any pre-conceived ideas about violence being acceptable.

Sticks & Stones is part of our student wellbeing curriculum and the program has been developed in consultation with teachers, psychologists, as well as real-life student experiences. The methodology of the program is safe, supportive and nonjudgmental and designed to provide students with positive and useful tools that they can use in their everyday lives.

Brainstorm Productions is Australia's largest educational touring theatre company. Their programs cater to the specific wellbeing needs of students, helping to create a healthy and harmonious school environment. If you would like to know more about Brainstorm Productions, visit their website at www.brainstormproductions.edu.au

All parents and carers received an email from me on 8 February with an attachment outlining when each child is allowed to wear their **PE uniform** to school. Thanks to the many who commented. Some were confused as to when Week 1 and Week 2 were which is an understandable confusion. It goes off school weeks, so:

- All the odd weeks (week 1,3,5,7,9, etc) are Week 1's
- All the even weeks (week 2,4,6,8, etc) are Week 2's
- We are currently in week 4 which is a week 2 (?!*) Confused?? Good luck!

Could I remind parents, that if your **contact information** has changed from the last time you submitted it to the school, that it is imperative that it be updated with us as soon as possible please.

The students had a great time at the **Swimming Carnival** last Monday. They were cooperative and fun and enjoyed the atmosphere. I was disappointed to see that there were 68 Year 9 students absent from school on that day, thus letters are expected to note and explain this absence please.

Congratulations to our **Year 9 Tutor Group Representatives** for 2017:

Tutor Group 1	Tyra Boyd
Tutor Group 2	Gareth Baynham
Tutor Group 3	Bailey Thurston
Tutor Group 4	Abby Willcox
Tutor Group 5	Claire Hall
Tutor Group 6	Damian Brymora
Tutor Group 7	Nicholas Curran
Tutor Group 8	Madison Freeman

I'm sure they will take up the many opportunities presented to them and offer initiatives to the school. These students will be presented with their badges at the School Mass on Friday morning.

Have a great fortnight

Mrs Cayte Pryor
Student Coordinator
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Romance comes to St Paul's

On Valentine's Day, the St Paul's cupids were kept busy selling and delivering 200 roses to classrooms across the school. This year it was Year 9's turn to run this initiative and they did so with enthusiasm and spirit taking a record-breaking 200 orders! The group raised one hundred dollars and will donate the funds to a charity later in the semester. Keep your eye on future Newsletters to find out which charity they chose!



Thank you to the following Year 9s who helped to bring romance to St Paul's this year:

Grace Shrum, Will Burgin, Riley Webster, Nick Curran, Lara Betts, Jess McNamara, Kiara Davis, Abby Wilcox, Clare Williams, Sophia Wills, Maggie Pickford, Keely Dunning, Aiden Henshaw, Blake Spruce Conn and Tyra Boyd

Mrs Nicole Burns
Organising Teacher



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR AMAZING NEW STUDENTS

Year 10 have had a great start to 2017. We would like to congratulate all the students that nominated to be a tutor group representative or a member of the student representative council. We would have loved to give you all the opportunity but we couldn't. We do encourage everyone to keep putting their hand up for fabulous opportunities as they arise.

Tutor group representatives are:

Tom Fairleigh, Lillie Bowdidge, Thomas Hall, Bethany Conlon, Julian Bishop, Catherine Lerch, Alysha Toomey and Shaila Dube.

Our SRC representatives are **Jack Coyne and Nyah Thomson.**

We would also like to congratulate **Joey Jevtic** who has been selected to play in the Mariner's National Premier League Performance Phase Under 18 Team.

Peer Support leaders were given their badges at assembly last Tuesday. It is lovely to see the leaders wear their badge with such pride. The first session is on Thursday with both Years 7 and 10 looking forward to the first session of 2017.



A reminder that the Year 10 Challenge Camp is on from 3-5 May. The \$50 deposit and permission slip are due back to the Finance Office by Friday 24th February. It is going to be a fantastic experience and we would love to see 100% attendance. Extra notes are available at Student Services if required.

Mrs Blair Brownlee and Ms Kerrie-Lee Guest
Student Coordinators



Ministry News



Year 12 Retreat

Year 12 students are reminded to pay the deposit for retreat as soon as possible if they have not already done so. A note with final costs will go home in the next week. The retreat is a highlight of Year 12 and every student is expected to attend.

Opening Mass

The School's Opening Mass for the year will be held this Friday at 10.00am in the school hall. Fr Matthew Muller and Fr Geoff Mulhearn will concelebrate the Mass. At the end of the Mass the student leaders will be acknowledged.

Mr Michael Doyle
Ministry Coordinator

Brainstorm Productions

BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS:
Award-Winning In-School Theatre Performances



On **2 March** Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their student wellbeing program 'Wired' for **Year 11**

Wired is a live theatre performance, based around two teenagers who find themselves struggling with the painful reality of peer pressure, tumultuous relationships, the stress of exams and everyday life. 'Wired' is performed by two young professionally trained actors who engage with the students and explore everything from anxiety, stress, depression, relationships and coping with family problems. Through role-playing and facilitated discussions, the program provides practical tips on what to do if students are feeling overwhelmed and aims to engage and empower students to support each other and themselves.

Wired is part of our student wellbeing curriculum and the program has been developed in consultation with teachers, psychologists, as well as real-life student experiences. The methodology of the program is safe, supportive and nonjudgmental and designed to provide students with positive and useful tools that they can use in their everyday lives.

More than 350,000 Australian students have already benefited from Brainstorm Productions multi award-winning educational theatre programs over the past twelve months. Their programs cater to the specific wellbeing needs of students, helping to create a healthy and harmonious school environment. If you would like to know more about Brainstorm Productions, visit their website at www.brainstormproductions.edu.au

The Jewel Café

The Jewel Café is open for breakfast for senior students (Year 11 and 12) from 7.30am – 8.45am Thursday mornings.

The Café is located in the function room of the Hospitality building. Our Year 12 Hospitality students run the café as part of their Hospitality studies. We have a range of food and drinks available at very affordable prices including **coffee, hot chocolate, milkshakes, fruit smoothies, delicious and healthy yogurt and muesli cups, bacon and egg rolls, hash browns, fresh baked banana bread and muffins** as well as our changing weekly specials.

Parents and carers are welcome to call into our café. Our students would love to serve you!



Mrs Janine Turton

Year 12 students are 'up and running' and have shown a good commitment to their studies. It is important for them to understand that they don't enjoy the easy introduction to the new year that students in other year groups have. The Year 12 return to school was greeted with the return of exam papers from the Term 1 exams held in December 2016.



Year 12 Assessment calendars for Terms 2 - 4 were issued last week. Students should review these carefully and plan all other activities around these dates.

Deposits should be finalised for the Year 12 Retreat at Elanora Heights on March 22-24. Final payment is needed before 24th February.

I encourage each Year 12 student to make the effort to attend this significant event. It provides an opportunity for 'time out' from studies, reflection on life direction, and consideration of all those who have a special place in our lives. This is also the last overnight gathering of the year group. I will also remind students that attendance at the Retreat was part of the contract you signed when you enrolled in the senior school. No lessons will be provided at school during the time that Year 12 are on Retreat.



At our last Year meeting students were given a parent invitation to the HSC and ATAR Presentation evening to be held on Monday 20 February commencing at 7.00pm in the school hall. This evening is designed to assist parents with an understanding of the complexities of ATAR and how the HSC year will unfold.

Quite a few students have begun to make changes to their study program by **dropping subjects or dropping the level of study within a subject** eg 2U English Standard to English Studies. The process here is to complete the paperwork (available from Student Services), obtain Studies Coordinator, teacher and parent signatures, and discuss implications of the move with Mr Wilson. The main area of concern is whether the subject change impacts on eligibility for ATAR, and how it might affect career options eg the dropping of Maths.

A significant number of Year 12 students have a Study period in periods 5 or 6 on one or more occasions in the 10 day teaching timetable. Permission forms are available for Student Early departure once they have finished their course of studies for the day. Parent permission is required for this early departure to be registered as an on-going approval. All students are expected to be in attendance each day for Tutor Group and school assembly. No consideration will be given to late arrivals.



All students travelling to and from school by car should complete student Driver Forms (car registration and parent permission required). Again I remind students that they are not to park within school grounds – this area is reserved for teacher, visitor and parent parking.

Congratulations to those students who were elected Sports House Captains. Your efforts at the recent swimming carnival in encouraging participation were wonderful, especially given that it was a very hot day.

Whatever your field of endeavour, aim high this term, put the effort in, and reap the satisfaction of knowing you tried your best.

Mr Ross Wilson
Student Coordinator

Year 12 Senior Academic Support Program

Due to the positive feedback from students, mentors & parents about our Senior Academic Support Program for Year 12 students, we will again be offering the program to our current Year 12 group for Terms 1, 2 and 3. Interested students will be given application forms at their form meeting in Week 4.

The program aims to promote a culture of aiming for personal academic excellence by providing:

- ◆ academic skill development sessions.
- ◆ supervised after-school study sessions before the Trial exams and towards the end of Term 3.
- ◆ after-school subject specific tutoring towards the end of Term 3.
- ◆ a designated staff mentor for individual students who feel that such support would aid their preparation for the HSC.

The role of the mentor is to:

- ◆ Provide support for allocated student/s as a “critical adult friend”.
- ◆ Provide support to focus & “keep an eye on” aspects such as:
 - ◆ *Stress management*
 - ◆ *Motivation*
 - ◆ *Organisational skills*
 - ◆ *Time management*
 - ◆ *Goal setting*
 - ◆ *Study habits*

Note: Mentor support for individual students does NOT involve specific subject or assessment task tutoring.

A couple of comments about the mentoring part of the program from last year’s students:.....

- ⇒ *“The mentoring was successful for me because it helped me pick up study habits and actually develop a system for organisation and revision for tests, significantly boosting my marks from semester 1 to semester 2”*
- ⇒ *“I always knew they were there for me along the way, and I wish I had taken advantage of it more while I had the chance.”*
- ⇒ *“I believe that the mentoring was the most successful part of the SASP. To have a one-on-one chat with the mentor and learn some key strategies on how to attack my studies benefited the way I performed in exams and assessments”*
- ⇒ *“The purpose of me accessing the mentor program was purely due to just wanting a person that could help me not get overly stressed about the process of the HSC. For me, mentoring was very successful and helped to achieve this for me”*

Mr Phil Ratcliffe
Program Coordinator

Industrial Technology—Timber; Year 12 Industry Visit is scheduled for Monday 20th February from 11:30am to 3:00 pm. The cost is \$10.00 and the visit will include Wildflower workshops at Cardiff and warners Bay. Also, The Australian Guitar Making School at Toronto.

Industrial Technology—Timber; Year 11 Industry Visit is scheduled for Monday 20th February from 9:30am to 11:30 am. There is no cost as the students will be walking to C&L Joinery in Teralba.

Industrial Technology—Timber & Design & Technology; Year 11 are going to Sydney to visit the Power House for HSC Seminars. This excursion is to assist all students in preparing for the HSC. The excursion is on Tuesday 14th May and students will be travelling by train. Students will be notified of the train times and departure from Cardiff, Fassifern and Morisset.

Technology Mandatory—Year 7 Just a reminder that all students are needing to have their laptop in all lessons. All Year 7 TEM classes are doing an ICT Unit and assessment has started. If students don't have their device they may be disadvantaged. If students are having trouble with their device they can contact their Technology teacher or the ICT support staff.



Please beware of speed limit when using the school driveway.

Also, when buses are arriving/departing, please drop off / pick up students outside the front gate.



Targus TANC Laptop Bag

By absorbing shocks, bumps and drops, the TANC bag doesn't just prevent laptop, screen and other damages, it minimises the need for laptop repair.

Will suit 13.3in devices, and Dell Latitude E6430 model. Now available from the school

Cost: \$10, please pay at the Finance Office

Enquiries to Mr Graham Hancock - Technology Support Officer



St Paul's annual swimming carnival was held last Monday at Lambton pool. In searing heat and high humidity, many students braved the day and competed in good spirit in all the events that were on offer. Congratulations to the following students who were named as House Captain and Vice Captains of their respective house colours. These students were introduced at a school assembly last week. These students showed great initiative and encouraged the younger members of their teams to participate throughout the day.



- ◇ **Chisholm – House Patron: Mr Heagney**
- ◇ **Captains – Hayley Carey and Nelson Brown**
- ◇ **Vice Captains – Emily Callinan and Thomas Curran**

- ◇ **McKillop – House Patron: Mrs Evans**
- ◇ **Captains – Zoe Hurtz and Mathew Finn**
- ◇ **Vice Captains – Sarah Gardner and Kendyll Fahey**

- ◇ **Polding – House Patron: Mr Doyle**
- ◇ **Captains – Tahlia McLean and Joshua Phippen**
- ◇ **Vice Captains – Gemma Lawson and Isaac Milajew**

- ◇ **Therry – House Patron: Mrs Lucas**
- ◇ **Captains – Collen Shields and Thomas Stephens**
- ◇ **Vice Captains – Dakota Thomas and Sam Steele**

The Champion House on the day was **THERRY** winning with an accumulated total of 1172 Points. They were closely followed by **McKillop** with 1150 points. **Polding** were 3rd on 782 and 4th was **Chisholm** with 737. Participation points certainly helped Therry secure the win!

Records broken on the day were by:

Caleb Baker in the 12 yrs 50m Freestyle with a time of 32.69, broke a record which has stood since 2000. **Zoe Ingrey** also in the 12 yrs 50m Free with a time of 32.59, broke a record which has stood in 2005. The McKillop U'16 Girls Relay also broke a 2005 record. Congratulations to all of these new record holders and also to the Age Champions listed below.

	Girls	Boys
U'12	Zoe Ingrey	Caleb Baker
U'13	Angelina Joyce	Connor Reilly
U'14	Christine Connell	Flynn Guest
U'15	Brielle Taape/Alysha Toomey	Luke Carroll
U'16	Amber Kelly	Joshua Gesell
U'17+	Sarah Gardner	Jackson Morgan

Diocesan Swimming Carnival

The students will be informed as to who has qualified for the Diocesan Carnival at school during the week. If students wish to participate in the 100m Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly events or the 400m Freestyle events at the Diocesan carnival, application forms must be submitted no later than 28th February. Students are to see Mrs Shipman for nomination Forms.

All Multi Class swimmers **MUST** also fill in an Entry Form listing the events in which they are nominating to compete. The Entry Forms can be collected from Mrs Shipman.

The Diocesan Carnival will be on Tuesday 7th March at Lambton Pool.

Sporting Achievements

Thomas Webster recently competed at the NSW Junior and Youth Athletics Championships in Sydney. Tom competed in six events and came away with an impressive three medals. He won a silver medal in the U'20 Boys Para Javelin and a bronze in both the U'20 Boys Para Discus and Long Jump. Thomas will now compete at the

Australian Youth and Junior Athletics Championships to be held in Sydney at the end of March. We wish Thomas all the best at these upcoming Championships.

Tom and his brother Matthew also played in the Newcastle District Pairs Bowls Championships at Cardiff last week and won their game 27-4. They will now progress to the quarter finals which will be played this week.

Up Coming Competitions

Hunter High Schools Lawn Bowls Competition. This competition is open to all students. Create a team of 4 from any year and any gender combination. Local Bowling Clubs are willing to offer training/coaching. See Mrs Shipman with your team of 4.

Women's 9's Rugby League Competition

Southlakes Roosters are inviting players aged between 12-18 to participate in a League Tackle Tournament on Saturday and Sunday 4th and 5th March at Neville Thompson Oval Dora Creek. Cost is \$30 and age groups are U'14, U'16 and U'18 Girls. Register Now at: bit.ly/SouthLakesWomens9s

Mrs Anne-Maree Shipman
Sport Coordinator

SWIMMING CARNIVAL fun.....





OnStage :

On Thursday, 9th February, I was lucky enough to attend the OnStage Drama Performances with our Senior Drama Students. I had wanted to go on this excursion for a very, very long time as everyone who has had the privilege in the past has spoken very highly of the performances. Despite this, I don't think I was fully prepared for just how talented the Actors, Scriptwriters, Filmmakers, Set and Costume Designers were going to be. It left me in great wonderment how such conceptually deep and well resolved theatre could be created by 17 year old students?

I don't think I was alone in this thought as each one of our students appeared captivated by the drama unfolding before them. However, as the day unfolded and the students buzzed about the performances and began to draw parallels with their own practice, I began to develop a new perspective. We have very talented and dedicated drama students here at St Pauls, and they have a very experienced and passionate teacher. With this combination, I think that our HSC students should feel confident that they can become the best Actor/Scriptwriter/Costume Designer that they can be.

I look forward with great excitement to watching their performances at the end of the year.



Yr 11 & 12 students looking very serious (?) at Sydney Uni



Madi & Hannah, Yr 11 at Central Station, loving the early morning start to our day!



Daniel, Hayden, Mat, Byron & Jordan happy to arrive in Sydney, ready for the day ahead!

Aspire : Attention Visual Design Students

ASPIRE is launching a new Ensemble for 2017. This ensemble is designed for students (Year 9 upwards) in the Diocese with an interest in Visual Art, who will be involved in the design and realisation of this year's set and costume pieces. We are looking for Expressions of Interest from students wishing to be part of this exciting program.

Working under the direction of ASPIRE's set designer Lisa Little and costume designer Lauren Wheatley and directly tutored by Art Whizz Rachael Moore (a Visual Arts Teacher at St Pius X) students will work on areas such as costume creation, set building and painting, make-up and hair design and theatrical design elements.

Interested students are encouraged to complete an application form to register their interest. Selection for the ensemble will be by interview. Applications must be received by Friday 10th March. If you are interested, please see me! Visit the website at <https://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au>

Dobell Art Festival :

The Dobell Art Festival is approaching. This year it will again be held at Wangi Wangi Workers Club, opening on Friday, 28th of April. There is a youth section that I encourage our Artists to enter, you could win \$200!! If you are interested please see me for an Entry Form before the 5th April.

FRANCE/GERMANY APRIL 2018 – MEETING LUNCH 1 A14 Thursday 16 February

Expressions of interest are called for any students interested in travelling on a European cultural tour to Germany and France in April 2018. The trip is open to all students of St Paul's who will be in Year 9 – 12 in 2018. Parents are also welcome to join us and Year 8 students may apply as long as accompanied by a parent. The trip will run for approximately three weeks and further details will be made available in a meeting to be held at lunch time in **A14 THIS THURSDAY 16th February.**

Contact cathy.ogorman@mn.catholic.edu.au OR edwina.pichler@mn.catholic.edu.au for more information.

Miss Sarah Adams
Acting Creative Arts and Languages Coordinator



Career Thought of the Week:

“The best way to predict your future is to create it”



Abraham Lincoln

Career research can help you learn about the world of work and begin your own career journey. While the direction of your career will change over time, research is a starting point which is hard to do without. It should suit your needs, but also include the personal career stories of other people.



Online and offline research using MYFUTURE.

It's common to be unclear about the career direction you wish to take. Finding out what you want out of a career and where your interests lie is a process that depends on many factors.

You can start to develop ideas by completing [My career profile](#). My career profile generates a personalised list of suggested occupations based on your quiz inputs. You can explore your suggested occupations further in myfuture's [Occupations](#) section.

Reading job guides and classifieds both online and in print can help spark your interest in a particular area. You will develop knowledge of qualification and skills requirements, while also learning about job opportunities in relevant occupations.

What's that job really like?

Relevant industry, trade and professional associations are also valuable sources as they can refer you to people who would be willing to give you an [information interview](#).

Information interviews give you ideas and help you decide if you want to research into an industry or occupation further.

If you're interested in a particular occupation or industry, an information interview can provide a personal account of your area of interest.

When seeking information interviews, make it clear you're not looking for a job, but requesting information to help you explore careers and make decisions.

Explain to the interviewer the position you're in, where you're from, and why you're contacting them.

If the contacted person is interested, explain your goals and organise a time for the interview. Outline the length of time required and whether it's an in person or phone interview.

Creating a list of contacts

Through your research and interviews you can also develop a list of contacts relevant to particular occupations or industries. These contacts can be valuable for your career search and for getting further information about career pathways. This list can include:

- ⇒ Recruitment officers
- ⇒ Human resource managers
- ⇒ Friends and family

Careerlinks Employment Links-Reminder



I have had a lot of interest this year from students in Years 10,11and 12 that are regularly checking their emails in relation to junior positions vacant each week.

This has resulted in many students applying and some gaining casual employment. So if you are interested please check your school email account

each Monday for the latest listings. As always please see me if you need help with applications or further information.

Examples this week include:

Interested in the Defence Force? Not sure where to start?

The Australian Defence Force – Army, Navy and Air Force – provides opportunities for study and training leading to specialist trade or professional qualifications. The process of applying to join the Defence Force is a lengthy one, so it is important to start researching and thinking early. You can sign up to receive updates from the Defence Force recruiting division from when you are 10 years old!

Many technical and professional career opportunities

There is a very large number of jobs and careers that you can aim for, including:

Marine specialist, Medical assistant, Metalsmith, Military police, Laboratory officer, Legal officer, Vehicle mechanic, Dentist, Dental assistant, Electrician, Pharmacist, Physiotherapist, Catering officer, Chef, Civil engineer

Find a full list at [Defence Force jobs](#)



Did you know ?????.....that it is also possible for young people to further their interest in music professionally as a musician in the defence forces – and travel all around the world playing in bands.

Career pathways

There are two different career paths in the defence forces, which you can look towards after finishing school:

General entry, which leads to trade-related, team oriented work. You will be paid while you train and earn industry-recognised qualifications. For most of this work, you need to have completed and passed Year 10 English and Mathematics, and be 16 years old.

Officer entry, which leads to management focused work, where you need to demonstrate your potential for leadership and decision-making. You train at the Australian Defence Force Academy, and study a degree at the University of NSW. You are paid throughout your study, and do not have to pay university fees.

When you make a commitment to joining the defence force, you commit to remaining in the service for a set period of time (called an **Initial Minimum Period of Service**), which can vary from 5 to 14.5 years.

You can also apply for a **Defence Gap Year** directly after Year 12 – this is a year's paid experience in the Force, without a longer commitment.

How do I apply?

There is a set series of steps for application. The recruiting takes some time (so start in Year 11):

Step 1 – attend a YOU session at a defence office – Your Opportunities Unlimited

Step 2 – attend an assessment day, with interviews including a psychology interview and medical assessment

Step 3 – for officer entry, there will be other interviews, and application to the University of NSW via UAC.

What can I do now?

- Think about applying for a defence work experience placement
- Work on your health and fitness
- Make sure you are passing your subjects!
- If you are applying for ADFA, you need to be OP or ATAR eligible
- Take up leadership opportunities



BELMONT 16s
Just the way you like it!

Apprentice Chef

Belmont 16s Selling Club has a reputation as one of the best leisure and entertainment venues in the Hunter. With over 30,000 members, we pride ourselves on exceptional customer service and are always striving to improve the customer's experience.

If you are ready to start your career as a chef then here is your chance to join a winning team!

So why do your apprenticeship with us?

Endless opportunities to learn! You will be trained by highly experienced chefs across 6 food outlets offering lunch, dinner, breakfast – a la carte, production, fast paced, high volume, fine dining – you name it, we can teach you!

What do you need to do?

Just bring your positive, enthusiastic and dedicated self, and your passion for food and producing a quality and consistent product.

You must be well presented, keen to learn and be available to work morning, afternoon and night shifts including weekends and public holidays.

A knowledge of HACCP and safe food handling practices would be advantageous.

Don't miss out! Submit your application today by hitting the 'apply now' button or send your resume employment@16s.com.au

Applications close Sunday 5 February 2017.



www.16s.com.au

Garden Maintenance Apprentice

Descas Landscapes is a locally owned and operated commercial landscape construction and garden maintenance company which prides itself on consistently providing an exceptional quality product to our high profile clients.

We are seeking a Parks and Gardens Apprentice to join our team based at a high profile client site in Morpeth, NSW. As an apprentice with us you will be responsible for (under supervision):

- pruning, weeding, fertilising and mulching
- lawn mowing on both push and ride on mowers
- renovation and refurbishment of existing gardens and establishment of new gardens
- weed and pest identification and control
- whipper snipping
- maintenance and cleaning of hard and soft surfaces including sweeping, blowing, raking etc.
- management of green waste
- irrigation system maintenance
- tool, plant and vehicle maintenance.

Attendance at TAFE is a compulsory component of this apprenticeship.

To apply for this role you must:

- be currently enrolled in Cert III Parks and Gardens
- have your own transport to and from the worksite and TAFE
- hold a WHS White Card (or equivalent).

The successful candidate must be prepared to undertake a national police check and pre-employment medical assessment as required.

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Important Dates for Term 1

- ⇒ 20th February ATAR Information Night
- ⇒ 22nd March-24th March Yr. 12 Retreat
- ⇒ 29th March-8th April-VET Hospitality Work Placement
- ⇒ 3rd April- Year 10 Information Night

Casual Positions/Employment Links:

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

Mr Craig McLoughlin
Careers & Vocational Education Coordinator

St Paul's High School no longer sells Scientific Calculators
The Board of Studies has a list of Scientific Calculators approved for use by students.

http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/hsc_exams/calculators.html

Staff at St Paul's will only support students in the use of Casio fx or Sharp EL calculators from the Board list.

All other brands may not be suitable, and staff will not be able to show students their functions.

Mr Alan Vickers
Mathematics 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
12	IT-Timber	20 February 2017	Cardiff/ Warners Bay /Toronto	\$10	Wed 15/2/2017
7	Welfare	3 March 2017	School Hall	\$7	Friday 24/2/2017
11	D&T, IT-Timber	14 March 2017	Power House Museum, Ultimo Sydney	\$40	Wed 1/3/2017
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	Finalised
10	Year 10, 2017	3-5 May 2017	Broken Bay Sport & Recreation Centre	\$50 Dep	Friday 24/2/2017

Health Care Cards and Pension Cards If you (**the Fee Payer, not the child**) are in receipt of a health care or pension card, please bring it in and you **may** be entitled to a reduction in **tuition fees**.

Please return the "Family Discount Application Form for 2017" that was mailed out to all families.

This form needs to be returned to the Finance Office as soon as possible so that any discount on your fees can be processed before billing.

Please let the School know if you change your email address. School Accounts & Receipts are sent via email.

Mrs Betty Harris

Finance Officer

finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au



Canteen Roster



Monday 20—Friday 24 February 2017

Mon	Narelle Baird, Kristy Weller, Cathy Dutch
Tues	Susen White, Shame Johnson, Worakot Walker
Wed	Candace Way, Sara Ashmore, Alta Jones
Thurs	Nicole Miller, Nicole Ferry, Renae Honeysett
Fri	Tania Egan, Kylie Powell, Caroline Hickey

Monday 27—Friday 3 March

Mon	Karen Lee, Kath Edwards, Amale Yi
Tues	Vicki Blundell, Maree Adams, Sally Joliffe
Wed	Dianne Fennell-Fraser, Christine Forrester, Anneka Rhodes
Thurs	Kim McManus-Smith, Rochelle Loveday, Nadine Steenson
Fri	Julie Lerch, Anne Negline, Chantelle Lakin

Monday 6- Friday 10 March

Mon	Susan Noonan, April Baker, Fiona Wood
Tues	Amanda Holt, Janelle Haggerston
Wed	Joanne Bower, Pamela Amos, Karen Gilmore
Thurs	Michelle Hall, Kylie Smith, Sharon Roberts
Fri	Leanne Maher, Michele Pippen, Cathy Feenan

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.

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

Term 1 2017

Week 4	Wed 15 Feb Fri 17 Feb	Yr 11 Study Skills Opening School Mass
	Mon 20 Feb Tues 21 Feb Wed 22 Feb Thurs 23 Feb	NSWCCC Cricket Boys Selections HSC / ATAR Evening 7.00pm NSWCCC Cricket Boys Selections CCC Softball Yr 7 Immunisations All Schools Triathlon All Schools Triathlon
Week 5	Mon 27 Feb Tues 28 Feb Wed 1 March Thurs 2 March Fri 3 March	Yr 7 Information Evening Launch of Project Compassion Ash Wednesday DIO U/15 Rugby League Trials Yr 11 Brainstorm Production Yr 7 Brainstorm Production
	Mon 6 March Tues 7 March Wed 8 March	CCC Cricket Girls Selections Catholic Schools Week Mass DIO Swimming Carnival Yr 11 Marine Studies & Bio Exc. CCC Tennis Selections P & F Meeting - 7.00pm
Week 6	Mon 13 March Tues 14 March Wed 15 March	CCC Cup Rugby League Gala Day Yr 11 DT & HTT Excursion Sydney Yr 11 Marine Studies Excursion
	Mon 20 March Tues 21 March 22—24 March Wed 22 March	Yr 6 Parent Information Evening CCC Basketball Yr 12 Retreat CCC Rugby League Gala Cup
Week 7	Thurs 30 March Fri 31 March	Yr 12 Adv English Excursion CCC Volleyball CCC Swimming & Diving Champs
	Mon 3 April Thurs 6 April Fri 7 April Sunday 9 April	Yr 10 Information Evening Yr 12 Marine Studies Exc. Dio Football Last Day of Term 2 Way of the Cross—Kilaben Bay

When Leaving School Early

Leaving school without Parent/Guardian:

If students are leaving school early they must bring a note from their parent/guardian to leave class early.

The note should be shown to the class teacher to be dismissed from the class.

The student must then go the Front Office, hand in the note and swipe out.

Leaving school early with Parent/Guardian:

If students are leaving school early during class time with their Parent/Guardian they must bring a note from the parent/guardian (as Students may not be contactable e.g on PE Prac or in a class room without a phone)

The note should be shown to the class teacher to be dismissed from the class.

The student must then go the Front Office, to meet their Parent/Guardian.

A note is not necessary if leaving with a Parent/Guardian at recess or lunch.

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).
- ◆ Please put a label/tag on **each** item with the **price, name, address and phone number** of the person who is to receive payment.
- ◆ When the item is **sold**, a P&F cheque will be issued.
- ◆ 10% commission applies for items less than 3 years old.
- ◆ *Any items under \$20 are donations to the P&F Clothing Pool.*



Catering Uniforms

Available at reduced prices !

Uniforms

All NEW uniform items are available at Lowes Glendale and Verdun Hiles, Toronto.

Blazers

There are a few **BRAND NEW BLAZERS** still available from Clothing Pool .

Normally selling for \$150.00 - **Now only \$100.00.** Please pay at the Finance Office.

Special

LARGE RANGE OF JUMPERS AND SPORTS UNIFORMS IN STOCK NOW

For further information please contact Kathleen Dyett at: kathleend@extrabuild.com.au

Senior Uniforms

Large range of boys and girls sizes.

Shirts, shorts, skirts, ties, blazers.

Cash or cheques only

Uniform Shop - P & F Notice

The Uniform Shop currently has a large number of **uniforms on consignment** and these items in some cases, have been in the shop for some time.

The P & F Committee has recommended that consignment items that have been in the shop for more than 18 months will be reduced in price by 15%. This reduction will begin at the end of March 2017.

If you currently have items on consignment and you are aware that they have been in the shop for more than 18 months and you do not wish to have the priced reduced, I ask you to make contact with the Uniform Shop before the end of March 2017.

School Rewards Program

Next time you are shopping at:

***The Athlete's Foot, or
Lowes***



Please mention you are a member of the St Paul's High School, Booragul Community and the school will receive School Rewards

Simply go to:

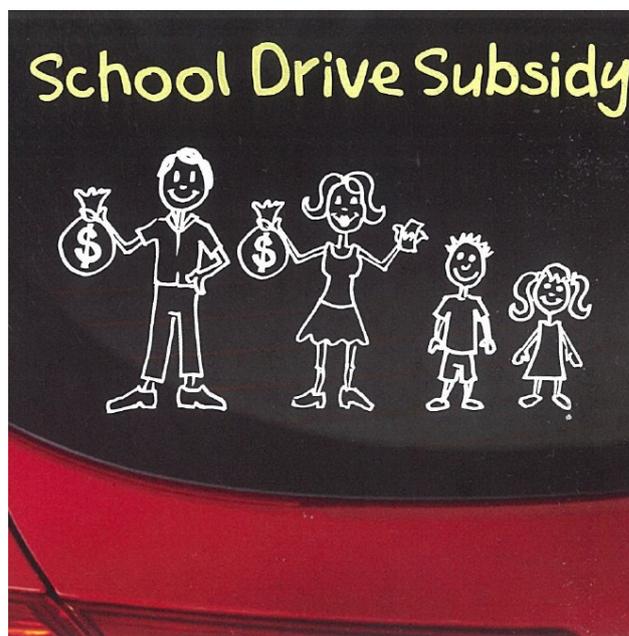
www.torontoschoolandofficesupplies.com.au

Select the school and student year from the dropdown box at the top of the page and you're ready to go!

These packs have been put together in collaboration with St Paul's High School. Year 7 2017 book packs are available now from Toronto Newsagency.

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If you live a long way from public transport and need to drive a student to a public transport pick up point or to school, you may be able to get financial assistance.

The School Drive Subsidy provides eligible parents and guardians twice-yearly payments to help cover some of the expenses of getting children to school.

To find out if you're eligible, and to apply online, visit

transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

Can't get online?

Ask about the School Drive Subsidy at your school, or call **131 500**.

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SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION DAYS

Save the date...

The Special Needs Working Party in conjunction with the CSO Teaching and Learning Unit is pleased to again be presenting an opportunity for parents and carers who have children enrolled in our schools with additional needs an opportunity to hear about the support available to them and their child in our Catholic schools.

These days are to be held as follows:

ST JAMES PRIMARY SCHOOL MUSWELLBROOK

Tuesday, 14 March 11.00am – 1.00pm

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL TAREE

Tuesday, 21 March 11.00am – 1.00pm

ST JAMES PRIMARY SCHOOL KOTARA SOUTH

Tuesday, 28 March 11.00am – 1.00pm

Please RSVP to.....

Cath Garrett-Jones

P: 4979 1303

E: cath.garrett-jojnes@mn.catholic.edu.au

**2017 ASPIRE
Application Form**
Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle
Catholic Schools Office
DESIGN ENSEMBLE

Please complete and return this Application Form to: Miss Anne Atkins, Director's Office Team, Catholic Schools Office, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West NSW 2300 or scan and email to anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au by no later than **Friday 10 March 2017**. **LATE APPLICATION FORMS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

Personal Information

Surname: _____ Given Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Sex: Male/Female (Please Circle)

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Postcode: _____

Email address: _____

Phone (H): _____ Mobile: _____

Name of School/College I will be attending in 2017: _____

2017 School Year: Year 9 Year 10 Year 11 Year 12 (Please Circle)

Relevant Design Experience: _____

I would like to be part of the ASPIRE Design Ensemble because: _____

Area of particular interest if one e.g costume/set/make up: _____

Consent Details

I have read and agree to the conditions of participation in ASPIRE.

Parent/Carer's Name: (please print) _____

Parent/Carer's Signature: _____

I have read and agree with the conditions of participation in ASPIRE.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

ASPIRE DESIGN ENSEMBLE

ASPIRE is launching a new Ensemble for 2017. This ensemble is designed for students (year 9 upwards) in the diocese with an interest in visual art, who will be involved in the design and realization of this year's set and costume pieces. We are looking for Expressions of Interest from students wishing to be part of this exciting program.

Working under the direction of ASPIRE's set designer Lisa Little and costume designer Lauren Wheatley and directly tutored by Art Whizz Rachael Moore (a visual arts teacher at St Pius X) students will work on areas such as costume creation, set building and painting, make-up and hair design and theatrical design elements.

Rachael Moore has been an art teacher for 10 years and worked with Drama ensembles and productions when possible over the last 12 years. She is a designer by heart having done Drama and Art at school and continues to work within these areas both in a professional and hobbyist setting. She looks forward to working with a number of talented young people to research, design and create sets and costumes for the ASPIRE group in 2017.

Interested students are encouraged to complete an application form to register their interest. Selection for the ensemble will be by interview. Applications must be received by Friday March 10. If you require further information please contact Anna Kerrigan, Aspire Artistic Director anna.kerrigan@mn.catholic.edu.au

Students engage with the program in Term 2 and the commitment will be as per the schedule below

TERM 2

Date	Times	Venue
Tuesday 2 May 2017	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 9 May 2017	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 16 May 2017	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 23 May 2017	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 30 May 2017	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 6 June 2017	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 13 June 2017	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 20 June 2017	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 27 June 2017	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown

TERM 3

Date	Times	Venue
Tuesday 18 July 2017	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Tuesday 25 July 2017	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown

WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY REHEARSALS

Date	Times	Venue
Thursday 12 July 2017	9.30am – 4.00pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Sunday 16 July 2017	9.30 am – 4.00pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown
Sunday 23 July 2017	9.30 am – 4.00pm	St Pius X High School, Adamstown

PRODUCTION WEEK

Date	Times	Venue
Sunday 30 July 2017	Bump In 8.00 am – 5.00 pm	Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Monday 31 August 2017	Technical Rehearsal 11.00 – 7.30pm	Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Tuesday 2 August 2017	Dress Rehearsal 8.00 am – 5.00 pm	Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Wednesday 3 August 2017	First Matinee 9.00 – 2.00pm	Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Thursday 4 August 2017	Second Matinee 9.00 – 2.00pm	Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Friday 5 August 2016	Third Matinee 9.00 – 2.00	Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Friday 5 August 2016	Opening Night 5.00pm – 10.00pm	Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Saturday 6 August 2016	Closing Night 5.00pm – 10.00pm	Civic Theatre, Newcastle

School Uniform

Junior School Uniform – Years 7-10

All Students Need To Wear Their Uniform in an Acceptable Manner

Girls

Skirt	Check blue 91876 and of a modest length – as a guide 5cm above the knee.
Blouse	Sky blue (04) Peter Pan collar as Midford style 5045. Top button only to be undone. An all-white or pale blue short sleeved plain T-shirt may be worn under a school blouse as long as it is not seen except for a little at the neck.
Cardigan	Navy school cardigan with school crest.
Socks	White ankle height. Navy stockings may be worn in winter. Socks and stockings should not be worn together.
Shoes	Totally black leather, polishable lace-up school style. Instep must be totally covered. Boots and high tops are not acceptable.
Slacks	Navy tailored slacks.
Sport Uniform	Navy knit shorts with sky piping and embroidery. Must be of an acceptable length. School sports polo shirt with crest. St Paul's tracksuit (optional).

Boys

Shirt	Sky blue (04) as Midford style 1010. An all-white or pale blue short sleeved plain T-shirt may be worn under a school shirt as long as it is not seen except for a little at the neck.
Shorts/Trousers	Conventional grey serge shorts or trousers only.
Socks	Grey with trousers. Blue marle long socks with shorts.
Belt	Black belt only – not worn low.
Shoes	Totally black, leather, polishable lace-up school style. Instep must be totally covered. Boots and high tops are not acceptable.
Sport Uniform	Navy microfibre shorts with piping, zips and embroidery. Must be of an acceptable length. School sports polo shirt with crest. St Paul's tracksuit (optional).

Boys/Girls

Jacket	Tracksuit jacket. In cold weather students may choose to wear the school jumper and jacket.
Jumper	Navy V-necked with school crest.
Hat	In line with our Sun Smart policy, students are expected to wear a hat when participating in outdoor activities. Hats can either be the school hat or hats that contain the school colours.
Scarf	Scarf in school colour or navy school woollen scarf is available from Lowes.
Sport Shoes	Conventional lace-up sport shoe/jogger offering adequate support in the arch (not canvas shoes) and white sport socks.
Sport Uniform	It is acceptable for students to wear full sports uniform to school on Friday (Sport Day) and on days when they have a designated practical PE lesson (as determined by the PE Department). NSWCCC 'Hoodies' may be worn only on Fridays – sport days.
Jewellery	The wearing of jewellery is not encouraged but the following items are allowable: a watch, one ring, one bracelet, a simple metal chain, sleepers or studs (no more than two pair). Incorrect or excessive jewellery will be confiscated.

Facial piercings (eyebrows, noses, lips etc) are **not permitted**. However for Year 11/12 only one small nasal stud – not nasal ring, is permitted. Visible tattoos are **not permitted**. If nail polish is worn it must be clear.

Makeup

Must be kept to an absolute minimum.

Hair

Hair for both boys and girls is to be neat and tidy and within reasonable social standards. Multi-coloured hair styles, extremes of unnatural colour and style will not be permitted. Long hair should be off the face and kept in check in some way.

Facial Hair

Facial hair is not permitted in the Junior School. Students should be clean shaven.

Senior School Uniform – Years 11 and 12

Girls Summer

Navy pleated skirt, white blouse with red piping on the collar and crest on pocket of the blouse (smaller than junior size), white socks. The skirt must be of a modest length – as a guide 5cm above the knee.

Girls Winter

Navy pleated skirt, white blouse, school jumper or school vest. Navy tie piece, navy stockings, navy slacks and school woollen scarf are optional. **Navy collarless school blazer must be worn during Terms 2 and 3.** The school jumper or vest may be worn under the blazer for added warmth.

Boys Summer

White shirt (with crest on the pocket), conventional navy shorts, blue marle socks, plain black belt.

Boys Winter

White shirt, navy trousers (which can be worn all year if so desired), school jumper or school vest, senior tie. **Navy school blazer must be worn during Terms 2 and 3.** The school jumper or vest may be worn under the blazer for added warmth.

Shoes Girls & Boys

Totally black, leather, polishable, lace-up school shoes. Toes and instep must be totally covered. Boots and high tops are not acceptable.

Hats

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Jewellery

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Facial Hair

Facial hair is should be neatly trimmed in line with acceptable professional presentation.

Please Note:

Correct uniform is to be worn appropriately at all times. If a student is unable to wear correct uniform on any day they must bring a note of explanation from their parent or guardian. This note needs to be signed by the Tutor Group Teacher. This must only be temporary (a day or two.)

Out of Uniform Day Dress Requirements — All Years

The **Dress Code** on Out of Uniform Days requires an **appropriate sense of modesty**:

- Garments should **not** be revealing – therefore no thin strapped singlet tops, strapless tops, low-cut tops, mid-riff tops or see-through material.
- No offensive slogans or inappropriate language to be printed on any garment.
- Skirts and shorts should be of a **modest length**.
- For safety reasons, footwear needs to be enclosed and as such, thongs are inappropriate.

Other items of clothing and footwear should be appropriate to the day. Students will not undertake practical classes (including PE) if they have inappropriate footwear.

Students who attend school in appropriate clothing will be placed on an **Afternoon Detention**.

“How to P & F”

Are you....

- ✓ A member of your schools P & F Executive or the schools staff Executive?
 - ✓ A Federation Delegate
- ✓ A parent interested in getting more involved in your child's school?

Do you....

- ✓ Want to learn more about running a P & F meeting?
- ✓ Have questions about the P & F Associations Constitution?

THIS EVENT IS FOR YOU!

Come along, enjoy some delicious finger food, meet other interested parents have these and other questions answered.

WHEN: Wednesday, 22nd March, 2017.
WHERE: Victor Peters Suite
841 Hunter Street, Newcastle
TIME: 6.30pm – 8.00pm
RSVP: Cath Garrett-Jones
(For catering) P: 4979 1303 E: cath.garrett-jones@mn.catholic.edu.au
PLEASE RSVP BY 17 March

*Send through your questions about
P & F Issues and Insurance matters
to*

Cath Garrett-Jones.

We can answer them on the night!



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7km ... there and back along the foreshore path to Warners Bay

(Starts at Speers Point Park between 9.30 & 10.30am)

The family charity ride takes place simultaneously with the traditional Loop the Lake event. (Sunday 12th March 2017)

Join us for a fun day.

Morning tea, lunch and a pass to Speers Point Swim Centre included.

Register online for the chance to win some great family prizes.



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Be quick our teams are filling fast!

LOCATION - Neville Thompson Oval, Dora Creek

DATES - Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th March

AGE GROUPS - U/14, U/16, U/18

Southlakes Roosters Women's 9s

This is an open invitation to all Girls in the Newcastle, Maitland, Central Coast, Upper Hunter and surrounding areas aged between 12-18 years of age to play the 'Greatest Game Of All'. Southlakes Roosters Junior Rugby League Club will be holding a Girls Under 14s, Under 16s and Under 18s Rugby League Tackle Tournament on Saturday 4th March and Sunday 5th March at their home ground 'Neville Thompson Oval', Dora Creek.



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